Prayers: (dec'd) grandm'er of University of Notre Dame ...Driscoll; gr'm'er of D. the Harvey's (How); mother of Religious Bulletin MacDonald (Alu) II; cousin of R. Auld (D11); (pollo) brother of C. J. O'Brien (Cav.)

Good Stuff VS Baloney.

A now supply of rosaries now in at Dillon and Cavanaugh pamphlet racks....Acquire the habit of living with your rosary. It takes practice. But it may save your neck some day....Soon we'll have a special Bulletin explaining the indulgences which may be gained by praying the Rosary and by enrolling in the Confraternity of the Rosary.

Attendance at daily Mass during the past five weeks in three hall chapels has been above average. But the general overall average is nothing to boast about. Hats off to the daily attenders, frequent attenders...but to the seldom attenders--well, we'll keep our hats on.

Late distributions of Holy Communion in Dillon average 192. The highest number was 265--First Friday; the lowest, 155--October 13, a holiday....Off-campus orphans are as regular attending the Dillon 7:20 Mass as Sorin-hallers at night prayer.

More of you are making use of Saturday night confession facilities at Dillon and Cavanaugh. Good. That helps relieve the pressure at sunday Masses....Hats off to Vetville. The busy husbands, fathers and wives say the Family Rosary regularly. Where do they find the time?...Unusually busy people always have the usual time to sing the glories of Mary and to pray for those who don't say the rosary.

Here's where the baloney comes in. Attendance at night prayer is discouraging. Until recent years it was compulsory. Lights went out. If you didn't go to chapel, you simply sat in the dark and "beefed" about Notre Dame discipline. The "beefers" stew tasted like this: "Cut out the compulsion. You'll find out, old Notre Dame, how we'll jam your chapel"....And so--as Notre Dame advanced in wisdom and strength before God and the "beefers", compulsory night prayer was discontinued....(Stage whisper) The present night prayer attendance rate lies between 25 and 50--13% of the student body....(Crescendo) What happened to the popular grade A "beef"? It was transformed into a chunk of old-fashioned baloney.

Lounge Lizards and Dumb Clucks.

With six Sunday Masses no Notre Dame student has any excuse for coming late. We have tried to solve this coming-late problem, but we're stumped. Closing the church doors as the celebrant begins his Mass won't work. There's too much danger the lounge lizards will turn away snarling, take their spite out on Notre Dame, and not go to Mass.

Maybe we should put the finger on doting parents (instead of their lazy sons) who raised their families in a home environment where "being on time" was considered the vice of Kings and the virtue of sluggards.

There are reasons for coming late but no excuses on this campus. The plain reasons are laziness, lack of faith, or ignorance. If it's ignorance, we're plugging the hole in the dumb Clucks' theology.

The Church requires attendance at the whole Mass--from the prayers at the foot of the altar until the conclusion of the Last Gospel--to fulfil the Sunday obligation. We know the Clucks will cut in, implying a distinction. "How late can we come before committing a mortal sin?" The ol' mortal-sin complex. They're the same Clucks who ask a priest how far they can go before they're theologically drunk; how far they can go with a girl before committing mortal sin; how much they can chisel from the University dining hall before committing a grave sin of theft....How many times you hear this one: "It's only a venial sin." Wait long enough and you'll sweat that one out in Purgatory.