Tomorrow: Adoration University of Notre Dame Tomorrow; Holy Hour at
for Morrissey, St. Ed's, Religious Bulletin 4:15 (lower church). Mass
and Breen-Phillips halls. May 7, 1958 at 5:10 in the upper church.

What Makes Notre Dame Men Good?

Last summer, we met a young lady just graduated from one of the neighboring state
schools. Poised, refined, intelligent, she confided that her first choice for a
good husband -- no doubt about it -- was a "good" Notre Dame man.

There's something in that tradition handed down to you. People have always noticed
something wholesome about Notre Dame men. You hear it wherever you go. Chaplains
in the Armed Forces spotted them immediately. Particularly do you hear about it in
those isolated cases when a Notre Dame man is not what people expect him to be.

One case in particular -- a graduate who was "ungentlemanly" caused a lady to write
in, inquiring if he had actually attended the school. Her impression was that he
had stolen the monogram; and he had not acted as did other Notre Dame men whom she
had met. Unfortunately, the fellow in question had earned the monogram -- which he
wears day and night, year in and year out. As a matter of fact, he had spent four
years here, and carried off a prize -- without ever getting an education!

The real Notre Dame man, however, is a wholesome fellow. Perhaps the big point
about him is that he takes virtue as a matter of course. The Devil always laughs at
virtue; and since the world is full of cowards, he has always had a big audience.
The real Notre Dame man knows that virtue is not to be laughed at. Many a time he's
told a silly girl to behave herself; or to go home and put more clothes on. And he's
tidied up many a stag session without spoiling the fun (this requires a form of lea­
dership not necessarily associated with politics).

What, do you suppose, makes this young gentleman of God so different from the citi­
zens of the world? Last Thursday night, you caught much of the answer at the Grotto
when thousands marched as do the pilgrims at Lourdes. For the Freshmen, it was a
new and blessed experience. On any evening, if you take a position down Notre Dame
Avenue, you'll spot the illuminated Dome, and the masses of masonry that rise above
the evening mists, to converge on the one central figure, revealing the secret of
Notre Dame. And you'll discover that this whole institution is merely the pedestal
for the statue of the Mother of God. It is a tribute of devoted men to their Queen
who gave us the highest ideals of womanhood.

Is this over-doing it a little? Not at all, if you remember that the Mother leads
us to Her Son. The devotion to the Blessed Sacrament which you observe on this cam­
pus is the natural outgrowth of the love and devotion to the Blessed Virgin. It
explains why your predecessors asked for Adoration during the month of May. Daily
Communion softens the heart to receive the inspirations of grace. And when men have
constantly before their eyes the ideals of womanhood that are reflected from the
Dome, it is a small wonder that a dissolute world looks upon Notre Dame men as dif­
ferent.

Even Freshmen are not too young to grasp these truths, and to make the most of the
aspirations that have brought them to Notre Dame.

This week, when you're thinking of Mother's Day, ideals come easily to mind. Think­ing often enough about your own good mothers, and the Mother of God -- well, it's
easy to form an adequate idea of the kind of wife you will want and need for your­
self -- the kind that will enable you to remain a "good" Notre Dame man for life.

Monday's Bulletin brought letters from six (6) halls, regarding big boys with poor
speech manners, especially on busses late at night when Freshmen are already in bed.

PRAYERS - Deceased: friend of Dick Fremgen of Howard; grandmother of George Mojzisek
of Fisher; grandfather of Bill Brzezinski of Farley. 2 special intentions.