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THE TRUTH, GENTLEMEN

Back in the eighteenth century, a King said to a God-fearing people, "You MUST do this" And the people rebelled, rebelled as no other people have in the history of man They rebelled, not against the King, but against his order Men and women fought and lost their lives in that memorable revolution, and they were victorious So the United States had its inception, not so much because its people refused to be under the rule of a mother country but because they rebelled against compulsion.

If one is to judge from the deluge of communications that have flooded the editor's desk in regard to compulsory daily chapel, he is convinced that Penn State's student body is not opposed to chapel, but the element of compulsion connected with it. And these undergraduates are but re-echoing the voices of their forefathers who fought against compulsion one hundred and fifty years ago They are crying out to their superiors that they are not opposed to religion, but are opposed to having religion forced upon them.

Even those who favor compulsory daily chapel admit that there is something intrinsically wrong. They advocate changes in the time of the services When could it be changed to? Religion is not something to be administered in ten or even fifteen minute doses Others suggest that the course of procedure be changed so as to make chapel more interesting. Very vague, indice. Why? No one knows how to avoid the vagueness Nobody sends forth a sour note against Sunday chapel. Again, we ask why? Because Sunday chapel is exactly what daily chapel should be, inspiring and uplifting. Sunday chapel will always continue as such compulsion or no compulsion

And with this in mind, gentlemen, the COLLEGIAN feels that it cannot dodge the issue. It has not failed to observe that everybody, pro or con, admits that daily chapel at Penn State is not what it should be, is not fulfilling the purpose for which it was originally intended Change the time? With what end in view? Let the time as it is, take away the element of compulsion, and—. Perhaps the Auditorium will not be as crowded as it is now, but at least the original purpose of chapel will be fulfilled with those who do attend. Better to cover a small territory thoroughly than a large field and let well enough alone

As long as we have compulsion in our daily chapel system, we will have inattention, irreverence and antagonism. Those men and women who are forced to attend do not dislike the services, they hate compulsion. With it, there will continue to be this same inattention, irreverence and perhaps, in some cases, an antagonism against religion that will not be cast off at chapel doors.

PIPE DOWN!

During the past week, with the end of the eight-weeks period as an incentive to more intensive study, how many harassed students have lifted their noses from newly-opened textbooks to bellow, "Study hour, you! How do you think I can study with the house sounding like a school of oratory?" It might be more fitting to inquire how many have not so bellowed, for the demand for silence rivals in popularity the demand for food

It must go without question that a moderate degree of quiet is conducive to efficient study; it is not on record that any great thinker has made a shipyard the scene of his meditations. Silence, surely, is desirable But is it essential? What will be the fate of the man who really is unable to work with noise about him when he takes his place in business or industry?

A college graduate may have the finest kind of a brain, carefully trained in the technical points of his profession, but it will be as useless as a moron's unless he can bring it to function on the problem at hand, whenever and wherever the problem arises It is doubtful whether a demand to "cut out that infernal racket, I'm trying to think," would be received cordially by a half-dozen busy stenographers It is possible that the boss of a riveting gang might go so far as to resent it. Any man, no matter how able, must be able to concentrate on his job or the job will be "bust for a little while; for the experience, you know."

Contrary to popular belief, the ability to concentrate is not a divine gift received at birth by a select few. It is simply a by-product of will-power, a quality demanding careful and consistent cultivation The student who, in the midst of a spirited discussion, can sit calmly at his desk and work out an involved problem in trig or calculus is fortunate. But his good fortune is of his own making—the result of repeated and successful struggles to keep his mind on one thing and on one thing alone

The road to the quiet, secluded, private office with gold lettering on the door is long and no study hours are observed on the way!

Grid Gossip

It'll be a successful season however, if we trounce Pitt.

——Plaster Pitt——

When the returns first came in Bailey was named as Bailey Someone said that with Barnum and Bailey in the backfield, the game would be "The Greatest Show on Earth" if the Ringling Brothers were playing ends

——Plaster Pitt——

If he had some bread, we'd have a ham sandwich, if we had a little ham

——Plaster Pitt——

Every time a Penn State back punctured the West Virginia line, the Nittany Lions also suffered a flat tire

——Plaster Pitt——

The Pittsburgh newspapers paint the picture as "the Indian Summer setting for the stadium festivities" We admit it was a great day—for the Mountaineers (And we'd like to know which "come" were "setting?") ' — — ! ! !

——Plaster Pitt——

There's still one great big thing which Penn State can appreciate and that is another 11-0 score "The Pendulum and the Pitt" on sale at any bookstore

——Plaster Pitt——

After the game, Thomas Edison is said to have remarked, "You and me, Mahan, you and me" For Mahan thought up "out of his own head" the literal pass which scored West Virginny's second touchdown

——Plaster Pitt——

At the start of the contest, the Lions had so many breaks they didn't know what to do with them, when the Mountaineers were so kind as to decline a Penn State offside penalty, the Blue and White retaliated by splitting the remaining breaks with the Gold and Blue

——Plaster Pitt——

As the game progressed, the Blue and White rooters became "blue-er", and the wind made everybody become Golder (Read this as if you were a doctor's patient, Alonzo)

——Plaster Pitt——

We hope that Harry Robb, Joe Lightner Jules Prevost, Freddy Flock, Glenn Killinger, Charlie Way and the rest of the boys are taken down with gout by next Saturday

Not that we wish them any hard luck, but——.

——Plaster Pitt——

PLAYER DELEGATES GO TO THEATRE CONCLAVE

Mason and Cloetingh Will Study College Dramatic Training at Carnegie Tech

(Special to the Collegian)

Pittsburgh, Pa, November 16—Arthur C Cloetingh, Director of Dramatics, and David D Mason, Associate Director of the Penn State Players, will represent Pennsylvania State College as delegates to the National Conference on the American Theatre to be held at the Carnegie Institute of Technology on November twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth, President Thomas S Baker announced today

One of the chief purposes of the meeting, which, incidentally will be the first of its kind in this country, is to study the potential influence of the community playhouse movement and to ascertain, also, the nature and extent of the movement now going on in American colleges for the promotion of interest in the serious drama. Whether the movies and other common forms of light entertainment have really "killed" the commercial theatre, and whether or not the American public cares, are questions that will be discussed

Conference in Three Sessions

The conference will be divided into three sessions, the first to be a "general survey of the American theatre," the second to study the extent of "dramatic training in colleges and universities," and the third to consider the movement among "little theatres and community playhouses"

The students of the department of drama of Carnegie Tech, the first department of its kind in this country, will present Galsworthy's "Justice" on one evening during the conference by special permission of the author

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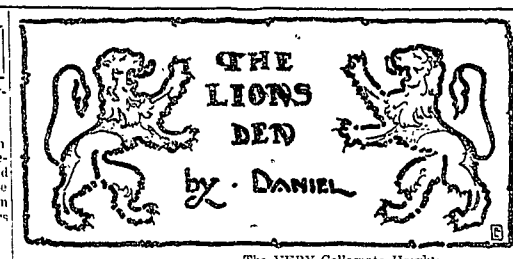

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She Used To Call 'Erself Tilly,
Now Tilly From Philly Was Silly,

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P'st—Oh Goodie, Goodie, Danny, There's Only 32 More Shopping Days Before Xmas

Bruce Curry To Lead Intercollegiate Bible Conference Held at Penn State

MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DELEGATES FROM TWELVE EASTERN UNIVERSITIES TO ATTEND THREE-DAY DISCUSSION GROUP INSTITUTE

Dr Bruce Curry, America's foremost Bible discussion leader will conduct his institute here November twentieth to twenty-second for the benefit of more than one hundred delegates from eastern universities and colleges as well as for approximately seventy-five representatives of local organizations

The conference, which will have as its theme "Life at Its Best," is planned primarily for those students and faculty members who are particularly interested in or responsible for the promotion of Bible study and discussion groups on college campuses

Technique of Teaching

During his stay at Penn State Dr Curry will attempt to teach the technique of leading discussion groups to the students interested and to study with the delegates critical student problems and social issues in the light of the Christian way of living as portrayed in the New Testament

The opening session of the institute will be held Friday evening at seventhirty o'clock in the Old Chapel, to be followed by a meeting Saturday morning The Saturday afternoon session will be limited to one hour in order that the delegates may see the Alumni-Penn State football game On Sunday the entire day will be devoted to discussion of current campus issues, the institute closing at four-thirty o'clock

Large Delegations

Early reports from eastern institutions predict that a large representation of student delegates will be in attendance at Dr Curry's institute The University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Tech and the Pennsylvania College for Women will send deputations totaling twenty-five, while Bucknell will be represented by fifteen delegates, Lafayette by ten, Wilson by seven and Franklin and Marshall by five. Allegheny will have five Y M C A and five Y W C A representatives and Dickinson two women and three men

Deputations from Juniata, Lehigh, Susquehanna and Albright are expected but as yet no report as to their numbers has been received Gettysburg will also be represented.

Campus problems to be discussed during the coming institute were suggested at a joint meeting of the Y M C A and Y W C A Cabinets held day night at seven o'clock in Old Chapel to vote upon the list of questions submitted by the "Y" Cabinets in order to select the most popular ones for the discussion groups to be organized after Dr Curry has conducted his institute

There will be a serious attempt to have at least one representative from every fraternity and boarding club attend the meetings in order that they may later serve to introduce the questions to be discussed

KISKI ELEVEN TROUNCES BLUE AND WHITE PLEBES

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repetition of the first and long runs and forward passes completely bewildered the yearling gridders Substitutions did not seem to help the Penn State situation as Hull, star Kiski back, crossed the line for two touchdowns and Drury added another

In the final quarter the Nittany eleven accounted for its only tally when Wolff tackled Drury behind the Kiski goal posts for a safety. The game ended with the preparator, school team leading by a 11 to 2 count

The line-up

Kiski—41		Penn State Frosh—2.
Hulz	L L	Delp
Edwards	L T	Shultz
Smith	L G	Stevens
Power	C	Prasse
Wolfe Sh.	R G	Hallen
Schlimmer	R T	Moore
Seibert	R E	Lord
Drury	Q B	Mangelan
Bennett	L H	Wolff
Hull	R H	Neale
McMillan	F B	Hamm

Substitutions—Penn State Yost for Schultz, Douglas for Stevens Wolfe for Prasse, Sondheimer for Moore Varesi for Lord Whitmore for Hamm Grimm for Mangelan Lord for Varesi; Touchdowns—Hull 2 Schlimmer Drury; Pennett Safety—Wolff

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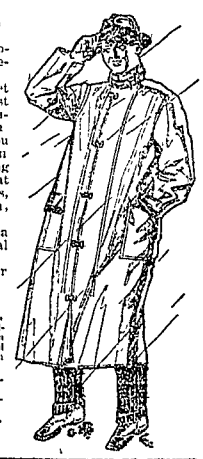

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The Scottish Musical Comedy company directed by John Daniels, the famous Scotch tenor, presented as the second number of the "Y" course, the dramatization of Robert Burns' poem "The Cotter's Saturday Night" last Friday evening in the Auditorium From the opening scene, which was laid in a typical Scotch settlement, to the last strains of the beautiful melody "Auld Lang Syne" the production was warmly applauded

Developed around the cotter's son and daughter, who, together with the land's son and a neighboring peasant, have dropped in to spend Saturday evening with the old folks, the plot is interspersed throughout with familiar and striking songs of the heather The visiting cotter's wit and contorted tales of his various experiences kept the audience in uninterrupted laughter

Concluding the show the love story, which had been secondary to action throughout the entertainment, was brought to a climax by the laird son's declaration of his love for the cotter's daughter

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