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## THE CHAPEL QUESTION

Since long before the Christmas vacation, the COLLEGIAN has heard muttered rumblings from discontented undergraduates who feel that the compulsory daily chapel question has been entirely forgotten. We trust that the announcement in today's issue will allay their fears, and bring out the fact that the committees from Student Council are functioning as they should.

Following the COLLEGIAN'S two-day poll on the compulsory chapel question, Student Council passed a motion to petition the Board of Trustees for the abolishment of the compulsory feature in the morning religious services. The Council also felt that members of the Trustee body should be informed of every condition surrounding the chapel question here before they were asked to vote on a petition which would be presented to them. As a result, letters which covered every phase of the problem were prepared and sent to the Trustees late last month.

With the preparation of the petition, which will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the meeting next week, Student Council has placed the finishing touches on its argument. Whether the letters that were sent out last month have influenced the Trustees is a question that will be answered within a short time.

It is evident that Student Council has not been sleeping on the job. The COLLEGIAN hopes that the above may enlighten those students who believe that the undergraduate governing body is doing just that.

## VALUE—AND MONEY

Dr. Everett W. Lord, a prominent educator, recently estimated the average value of a college education at seventy-two thousand dollars. His computation, reliable as cold statistics can make them, have commanded wide-spread interest and can be counted upon to encourage many American youths to seek higher education and to startle the hard-headed business man whose comment on college has too often been, "It's simply a waste of time."

It is not unusual that many college students regard the money value of a college education their sole reason for acquiring it. In the present age, wealth is so brilliantly displayed and money seems to accomplish such wonders that there may appear to be good cause for this attitude. Those who hold it, however, are turning their backs upon a reward that dwarfs the financial gain. For the greater value lies in the non-material, intellectual gain.

Wealth cannot buy happiness. Gilded luxury is often but a gaudy cloak hiding a drab life. The man with a full pocketbook and an empty pate cannot hope to enjoy the full life of the man whose wallet is less fat, perhaps, but whose mind is alive to the joys in literature and the arts, alive to the true values of men and things.

Such a mind should be the goal of every student; to produce such minds must be the goal of every college or university worthy of the name.

## BLOWING AT THE LAMP

Poor Horatio Parker should turn over in his grave. Once upon a time he wrote a song entitled "The Lamp in the West," and this year's judges of the Intercollegiate Glee Club contest were so pleased with the piece that they selected it as the prize song for the 1926 competition. However, Harvard's Glee Club has withdrawn from the contest since the boys from Cambridge claim that they could not possibly allow themselves to sing the "sentimental mush."

It is funny that critics of note have declared Parker's "The Lamp in the West" to be one of his best works. They state that the music is dignified and masterly and that the words are poetic and sincere. Nor is that all. They even go as far as to say that it is the best piece that the judges have selected for the prize song in the last five years.

We feel that Parker's friends will not lose any sleep over the fact that Harvard has withdrawn. You see, he was once professor of music at Yale.

## FARM SITUATION GOOD, DEAN WATTS ASSERTS

That the present agricultural situation is better than at any time since 1921 is the opinion of Dr. R. L. Watts, dean of the School of Agriculture. He bases his statement on the fact that prices generally have been good for farm products.

He states that milk is selling at about fifteen per cent above the price of a year ago, eggs, two per cent higher; hogs, twenty-one per cent; beef cattle, four per cent; veal calves, nine per cent; sheep, twenty per cent; and lambs, fifteen per cent. These prices serve to emphasize the importance of the livestock industry, the dean declares.

stances years of high prices are followed by periods of increased acreages and low prices. The best business policy to pursue, he says, is to plant a fairly uniform area each year. The returns over a long period will then be more satisfactory than when there is great variation from year to year in the area planted.

"Knowledge is power" on the farm as well as elsewhere, Dean Watts points out. Successful production is more certain than in the past because of a more thorough understanding of the principles involved. The dean praises good roads as a boon to the farmer. Improved highways are encouraging farmers to provide farm storage facilities for such commodities as potatoes, apples and vegetables, thus assisting them in maintaining a year-round

## Varieties of Schedule Manipulators Revealed by Interview With Registrar

Penn State students have been busy for hours planning the ideal schedule for the coming year. The Registrar has let the cat out of the bag. How Mr. Hoffman succeeded is unknown. At any rate he must have been investigating the cause of so much midnight oil being burned in the College dens. Notwithstanding, the means whereby the statistician came upon the dope he has it in black and white, for here it is:

There are three classes of Penn State followers who always look forward with tense anxiety to the publication of the coveted booklet. Not because they need it, do they so expectantly await its coming. There lies the intrigue! "Shorter and easier schedules" is their slogan but they don't broadcast it, so the duty evolves on the College matriculator.

First there is the extra-curricular class. In order to make more convenient in his pursuits about the market service which is equally desirable from the standpoint of both producer and consumer.

## CRABAPPLE CLUB HEARS GROWER'S EXPERIENCES

Dr. N. Connor '14 spoke before the Crabapple Club at a meeting last night. In talking on the subject "Practical Experiences of a Fruit Grower," Connor dwelt on the application of scientific equipment, its uses and advantages. He brought out many valuable points to be observed by the fruit grower.

## NEW MUSIC INSTITUTE PLANNED FOR SUMMER

Dr. Will Earhart, director of public school music in Pittsburgh, to head the enlarged faculty of instructors chosen with great care and who are noted specialists in music education. Dr. Earhart himself will give a special series of lectures on the principles of music education.

The institute will open with the start of the summer session on July 15th and continue six weeks until the close of the summer session on August thirteenth. Preparations are being made by Director Grant for the instruction of more than two hundred students in the institute.

## Degree Made Possible

For students with sufficient advanced standing it will be possible to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from the School of Education through completion of sufficient courses in the institute which will be conducted only during the summer sessions. The curriculum has been selected with great care and in addition to providing approximately seventy-eight credits in music, it will offer sixty credits in general academic subjects of value to the music teacher.

The reputation of Penn State as an ideal place for summer study is becoming more popular each year. With the demand for efficient music teachers and supervisors, increasing proportionally the College is looking for a successful launching of this musical innovation during the coming summer. Director Grant is preparing a special bulletin on the institute and copies may be obtained by writing him at State College.

## BASKETBALL PROGRAM FOR GIRLS TO INCLUDE SEVERAL TOURNAMENTS

Besides the regular games between the four classes, inter-dormitory and inter-campus club tournaments will be features of the girls' basketball work of this season. A decision to this effect was made recently at a Board Meeting of the Women's Athletic Association, for the purpose of

## THE SPIAN CLUB SET FOR LOCAL DEBUT FEBRUARY

Easter Trip Includes Showings in Six Ohio and Western Pennsylvania Cities

Penn State students will have an opportunity to see the Thespian Club present its initial local showing of "The Kid Himself," Saturday, February thirteenth, the night following the Senior Ball.

In order to precede the fraternity dances, the performance will start at seven-fifteen o'clock. An advance ticket sale will begin on February eighth and will continue throughout the week at James Bloom's store on Allen street. Tickets are priced from seventy-five cents to two dollars.

Students and alumni who saw "The Kid Himself" during its Christmas tour proclaim it an unusual success. Maurice Davey, Waybun representative, declares it to be the best college show he has yet directed. Mr. Davey predicts an auspicious reception for the Thespians on their western trip during the Easter holidays.

The swing through Ohio and western Pennsylvania will consist of showings at six cities. G. E. Brumfield '26, production manager of the organization, has booked engagements in Altoona, Johnstown, Cleveland, Erie, Butler and Meadville.

A performance of the comedy will be given at Tyone in the Pennsylvania Railroad Y. M. C. A. Tuesday evening. In addition to this trip, a February journey to Harrisburg is being contemplated.

For the entertainment of the Rockview Penitentiary inmates part of the Thespian cast will present a program of vaudeville sketches, songs and dances at the prison on February sixteenth.

At a meeting of the production staff Tuesday night the financial report and matters of the Easter tour were discussed. The Club will continue to keep the musical publication on sale. This fall contains all the hits of "The Kid Himself" and may be obtained at the Music Room.

## SUSQUEHANNA PASSERS INVADE NITTANY CAMP

Occasional outbursts of flashy play brought the Lion score up to twenty-one when the half ended with Coach Nunn's men trailing with a total of seventeen. However, the West Virginians were not easily downed and in the second half, the scoring of Lockwood and Hamill threatened to overtake the indifferent play of the Varsity and it was then that Coach Hammann's men put up a strong bid to hold the advantage.

Hammann again led in the scoring with a total of seven baskets, MacDonaki following for the Blue and White with five double-deckers. The Penn State center showed remarkable improvement in tossing the ball through the net. Hamill topped his team mates in tallying by accounting for six field goals and two fouls.

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These sales come as a result of our policy never to carry any merchandise from one season to another. The prices on every Society Brand, August Bros., and Statler Suit and Overcoat, Campus and Schoble Hat, every Florshaim and Crawford Shoe, every Arrow, Eagle and Eclipse Shirt, has been cut to the bottom.

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