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NOT A LOST CAUSE

Compulsory daily chapel must stay at Penn State was the edict of the Board of Trustees when members of this body met in Harrisburg last Monday. An overwhelming student vote against compulsion and a strong petition from Student Council failed to convince the Trustees that this objectionable feature in the daily chapel services should be abolished, and for the time being, Penn State undergraduates must continue to grace the Auditorium every morning against their wishes, awaiting the time when religion will not be forced upon them, when they may absorb it voluntarily.

While the Trustees agree that compulsion is necessary, they evidently believe that there is something to the clause in the Student Council petition which mentions "an inadequate, inefficient service to which attendance is grudgingly given," for they have decided to appoint a committee which will confer with the Council group in an attempt to better conditions. And therein is the one ray of hope.

In the opinion of the COLLEGIAN, however, it is almost impossible to better conditions as long as compulsion is present. And perhaps, when members of this committee from the Board of Trustees visit Penn State, they will realize this fact. If they fail to comprehend the situation after they have studied it themselves, then the undergraduate faction must be prepared to show them.

When the news of the Trustees' action first reached the campus, there were shouts of disapproval and murmurings of "paternalism." It is useless for anyone to make any rash statements or threats. It would avail them nothing. The student body believes it is justified in attempting to do away with compulsion. The Board of Trustees no doubt feels that it is justified in refusing to abolish compulsion. The only way for things to be settled once and for all is through the medium of a meeting between members of these two groups.

For years, Penn State undergraduates have cried out against compulsory daily chapel. For years, then, pleas have been turned down. In all fairness to the students who demand only an even show, let this committee from the Board of Trustees, be appointed at once. The matter must not be allowed to slide!

BLAZING THE TRAIL

At one of the first 1927 class meetings this year, a Blazer committee was appointed, its primary purpose being to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of inaugurating a new and distinctive class custom, that of wearing blazers. Members of that committee have communicated with students of other colleges and universities in regard to the prevalence of this custom at their institutions, and have also attempted to sound out members of Penn State's junior class as to their feelings concerning the project.

The findings of the committee reveal the fact that with the exception of Brown University, every institution in the East has accepted the idea unreservedly. Princeton is to give junior blazers a trial this spring; Yale is another university which has signed its order for a premium delivery of the striped coats in the spring; Pennsylvania last year had her senior class adopt the custom of wearing blazers after the classes "move up" in the spring, and was so satisfied with the idea that it is to be retained as a university custom. And so on through the list, if the colleges have not already started the custom they will do so this year.

The plan is ripe for discussion. A junior custom of wearing blazers from the spring of the third year until graduation should meet with approval. When class hats were cast away, it was a step in the right direction. The adoption of blazers by a class near the end of its junior year would be another good step, a sort of "pace-keeping" with the larger institutions of higher learning. However, to assure the proposed custom success, it is necessary that every junior back the movement without hesitancy. If 1927 men desire to blaze the trail, let them do so at once, but not without a majority sentiment expressed.

OPPORTUNITY

What value do Penn State students place upon the work of "Daddy" Groff at the Canton Christian College? What would they give to send a Nittany graduate to China for the purpose of extending the work of the College in the East?

The answer of the campaign committee is, "Less than one hundred dollars!"

Last Sunday when the drive was launched to finance the founding of an extension department in agriculture at Canton, there seemed not the slightest doubt of its success. It was felt that the interest of Penn State undergraduates in the work that has already done so much for the College needed only an opportunity to express itself in generous pledges.

The fate of Penn State's outpost in the Orient hangs in the balance. And the opportunity is still open.

Letter Box

To the Editor, Penn State COLLEGIAN, State College, Pa.

I should be very glad to see published in your paper the three following paragraphs from an article in the *Proctor's Review*, January eighth. I think that they are of interest to your readers.

"The Morrill Land Grant Act passed in 1862, gave land to the states of the Union on condition that the proceeds obtained from the sale of the land be used for the 'maintenance of at least one college where the object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, in such a manner as the legislature of the states may respectively prescribe, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrious classes in the several parts and professions of life."

"Nothing in the above clause compels the student to take military drill, only the college must offer a military tactics course in such a manner as the legislature of the states may respectively prescribe. The university of Wisconsin, a land grant college, changed its compulsory military course to a voluntary one in 1923, and the provisions of the Morrill Act have not been violated.

"Nor does the National Defense Act provide that a school shall establish compulsory military training. Said Secretary of War Weeks on November 18, 1921 in a letter to a Philadelphia lawyer, 'I am pleased to inform you that the National Defense Act does not make military training compulsory at any of the institutions which receive the benefits authorized by the act. So far as the war department is concerned, it is optional with the authorities of the school, college or university whether military training shall be elective or a compulsory course in the curriculum.'"

Respectfully submitted, Innocent Bystander

To the Editor, Penn State COLLEGIAN, State College, Pa.

Since the COLLEGIAN has so kindly undertaken the task of enlightening the college and exposing the about the mysterious "Shock Absorber," upon which we are told appear the magic words to make us each Venus, perhaps a little true light on the subject might be appreciated. The article which appeared in the COLLEGIAN for January nineteenth, entitled "Gulies Winkle Brows," etc., was obviously written by someone very poorly acquainted with the object of the Shock Absorber.

Perhaps a little closer investigation of the same Absorber might prove helpful to the writer of the article. The idea of such a device was adopted by the Women's Student Government Association from one of the large women's colleges. With the approval of the Senate, girls may place upon the bulletin board in Mac

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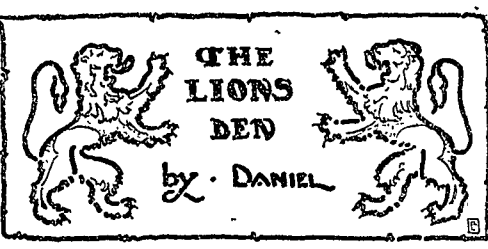
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Dear Daniel

I have not been in State College very long, being just a freshman, but in the short time I have been here I have learned the following ten facts which I thought might interest you

- 1 If you get to chapel before they finish the hymn you are safe
- 2 Mac Hall lines (telephone and otherwise) are usually busy.
- 3 It is not difficult to "fix" the speedometer on a "drive-it-yourself".
- 4 About once in three weeks some two of the faces of the Old Main clock say the same thing at the same time
- 5 Freshmen shall—
- 6 Freshmen shall not—
- 7 Kid sister shouldn't have given you those garters for Christmas.
- 8 Edison is right—you can live quite well on very few hours of sleep
- 9 As a whole, Sophomores seem to have adopted the policy of the great Roosevelt—'Sav little, and carry a big stick.'
- 10 A fur coat and a dink make a very ludicrous combination, but still worse is a knee length fur coat worn over R O T C regalia, especially if the wearer is bow-legged!

Yours truly,
Alanspy York.

Hall suggestions which contribute to the welfare of the women of Penn State. Whether these suggestions are meant for individuals or not depends upon the circumstances, at any rate, the name of the person for whom it is intended never appears on the suggestions.

Although it seems to me that the COLLEGIAN is not the place for a discussion of this topic, if it must find a place in the columns of the paper, which is supposed to be one of high standing, the subject might be treated in a more fitting way. Disrespectful as it is, we might overlook all else had the article retained from using the word "garters." That is unforgivable in anything but the *Public Gazette*.

Very sincerely,
A Junior

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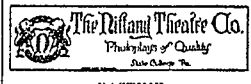
FYE'S ON THE AVENUE

Alumnae Install Pittsburgh Club

Thirty-eight Penn State alumnae representing classes from 1895 to 1925 under the leadership of Miss Dorothy Mitchell '21 met at the Fort Pitt hotel in Pittsburgh, last Saturday and organized a new branch of the Penn State Alumnae Club.

Judge Mitchell representing the Board of Trustees of the College and Miss C. E. Ray, dean of women, also were present at the meeting.

The officers elected were Miss Dorothy Mitchell '24, president, Miss Adelaide Mitchell '20, vice-president, Miss Helen Buckman '21 secretary, and Miss Lois Bravces '18, treasurer. The next meeting which is scheduled for February sixth will be in



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in "The Marriage Whirl"

Monday and Tuesday—
NORMA TALMADGE
in "Graustark"

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