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### STUDENT OPINION

Student opinion will come to the fore next week when questionnaires are distributed regarding the present religious situation at Penn State. The questions that will be set forth on the printed circulars will, when answered, determine whether more religious opportunities are wanted and, if so, of what nature. If it is felt that there are already enough opportunities, the individual student will indicate his or her reasons for the thought expressed.

When compulsory chapel was in full swing, the obvious objection to that form of worship was the compulsion feature. That was the sentiment expressed in the several petitions that were sent to the Board of Trustees during the four or five year struggle to remove the so-called evil. Since it was evident at that time that opportunity for religious worship was welcome without the element of compulsion, it remained to find the most suitable substitution. It is student opinion has been altered since last year and the year before, that fact will be evident when the questionnaires are collected and checked over.

It has already been suggested that the last two recreation hours of Wednesday morning be reserved each week for a student gathering where an out-of-town speaker or a prominent member of the faculty would have entire charge of the convocation. Such a meeting would, of course, be non-compulsory. That is only one of the several solutions to the existing situations.

Whatever action is taken will be the result of what the majority of replies to the questionnaires indicate. The entire problem is placed in the hands of the student, for that group to do with it what they will. It is the duty of every undergraduate to answer the questionnaire according to his own way of thinking and after several hours thought. Because no attempt will be made to collect the circulars until three or four days after distribution, will enable each student ample time to give the matter serious thought.

The co-operation of the student body toward determining an honest opinion concerning the present religious situation will go a long way toward reaching a sensible conclusion.

### COMPETITION FOR CHEERLEADERS

It is claimed by experts, who have made a thorough study of the situation, that undergraduate extra-curricula activities should be limited to not more than one year of actual competition. Shorter competitions, they claim, are more beneficial than those that stretch over two and three years. Of course, there are exceptions to this thought depending upon the nature of the particular activity.

Criticism about the length of time involved in the cheerleading competition has been voiced about the campus for several years. Unlike most criticism this has been advanced constructively, because logical suggestions have been offered that might better the condition. The most reasonable solution seems to be that the competition for head cheerleader be limited to the junior year. In this way, all men who lose out in the race for a managerial post could, if they had the inclination, report the very next fall and try for the position of head cheerleader.

It might be that a cheerleader has been lost because he signed-up as a second-assistant manager in his freshman or sophomore year. If the competition were limited to the junior year this conflict would be eliminated, providing of course, that he failed in his quest for a manager's post.

It is agreed that cheerleaders "are born and not made." This is further conviction that a one-year period is time enough for a competition of that nature. Limit competition in the cheerleading activity to one year? There are a number of benefits to be gained in making the change that would affect this important campus position.

### HELLO! AN EFFORT OR A PLEASURE?

Just as certain as the untimely arrival of frost and cold weather, is heard the bewailing from a few students because no one seems to say, "Hello" anymore (upperclassmen stop reading) when passing

one another on the campus. This "Hello" custom appears to have a transitory existence. For the first two weeks after the opening of College, it flourishes in all its outspoken glory and from then on it appears to run into difficulties. The third and fourth week, the passing greetings become spasmodic. Something is usually done about it, to wit, the sophomore class has a meeting, after deciding that the freshmen are altogether to blame for the falling off of the custom, and the result is that the "Hello's" boom forth again for a few days.

Someone has to bear the blame if the "Hello" custom starts to stagger. Which means that the freshmen are found, "Guilty." The sophomore class and the juniors and seniors are really to blame but it is easier to tell a freshman he is wrong than any member of the other three classes. It is unpleasant to address someone and receive absolutely no reply, which is probably the very reason for the falling off of this custom as the year progresses. After a freshman issues one of two cheery greetings and is actually "high-batted" he is unlikely to make further attempts. Oh well, the first year is the hardest.

Unless this "Hello" custom is based on sincerity there is really little use for its existence. There is no one thing that breeds good feeling more than a cheery, well-meant "Hello" accompanied with a smile. If it comes from the heart and is natural, it is a custom that helps add a peculiar individuality to the Penn State campus.

### TRADITION

Tradition was fortunately disregarded this year when the time came to set the dates for the four major dances on Penn State's social calendar for 1928. The Military Ball, previously held in February, will be held early in January. The Sophomore Hop that had always been the sign that Spring was in the offing, will be held in February to initiate the second semester instead of early in March. The Senior Ball, a February function is scheduled for March. The Junior Prom was the only one of the four social affairs, the date of which was not changed, and it will precede the first of May by only a few days.

All told, tradition was given a knockout blow, if it could be called tradition. The four various dates were turned topsy-turvy but it was with good effect. There is now more than ample breathing space between the four dances. It was a wise change.

### WORTHY OF THE NAME

An undefeated football team will warrant respect wherever it happens to go. In the present age of upsets, undefeated teams are indeed a rarity, especially at this late stage of the season. An unbeaten football squad from Washington, D. C., in the form of George Washington university, will wander into the Nittany Valley today to become acclimated before the set to tomorrow with the pride of this locality, the Nittany Lions.

George Washington, besides boasting of an unsullied record, have sufficient defensive strength so that only a total of six points have been scored by their opponents all season. In the vicinity of New York they are highly regarded because of decisions over two teams from the Metropolitan district, City College of New York and Fordham.

The record of the visitors is such that they cannot be taken lightly. If the students gather in the stands tomorrow expecting to see Penn State roll up thirty or forty points, many are likely to be sadly disappointed. The George Washington team is indeed a worthy opponent for any football aggregation in the country.

### The Bullosopher's Chair

"Dancing tonight Smithers?"  
Smithers.—I should say not! And by the way I failed to get you in your regular place at the movies last night, Bullosopher. What's the matter, are you getting the cutting habit too or did you fall asleep before the ticket slots opened?"

"Neither. In fact I just woke up. Two bluebooks yesterday afternoon left me cold and when I regained consciousness I heard another prof say that we'd have a quiz covering the eight weeks' period at the next recitation hour."

Smithers.—Eight weeks?  
"Right! The co-ed across the aisle opened her textbook and I saw that we were one third through the course. So long Smithers. You can sing to yourself tonight—I have to dust off the deany tomes."

### Friday, Nov. 4th Releases

#### Funny Record--Oh! So Funny

If you thought "Two Black Crows" was funny—Hear this one—

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—By Phil Baker 20970

#### Gene Austin's

"My Blue Heaven"  
"Are You Thinking of Me Tonight?"

#### Paul Whiteman

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#### Duncan Sisters

"Dawning"  
"Baby Feet go Pitter Patter"

#### Red Nichols

"Ida, Sweet as Apple Cider"

### Music Room ALLEN ST.

### Hillmen Provide Grid Opposition for Plebes

(Continued from first page)

By scrimmages with the Syracuse varsity, the Hill yearlings have gained experience and toughness, this last week. In their last regular session with the veterans the plebes held the old-timers to a small margin of supremacy.

A probable line-up of the young Orangemen has been announced and places either Obst or Pat Hallaran at right end, Novak or Chester at right tackle, O'Connor at the right half, center Ferris, and Hallie Romano and Ripps filling out the left side of the forward offense.

Dan Fogarty is the probable bet for the quarter post while Gus Hirsch or Bernar, the defense tower of strength, may alternate at full. Ben Bodie and the flashy colored backfield man, Jackson, will fill the half positions.

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### Annual "Y" Campaign Passes Half Way Mark

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To Aid Religious Program

President R. D. Hetzel and the committee which he appointed to make a study of religious conditions at Penn State, are eager to work out an adequate religious program for the students and citizens of State College. The Y. M. C. A., according to Mr. Kitchen, will play an active part in the work, and fulfillment of the budget will considerably aid in this respect.

### Freshman Hill and Dalers Take Victory

(Continued from first page)

As the two led the squad of thirty-four men around the preliminary quarter-mile track run. Sloughing through the water and mud of the course the plebes held the grueling race which the intercollegiate champion set and at the finish but a scant twenty seconds separated him from the winner's mark of fourteen minutes and twenty-nine seconds.

Offenhausser appeared next on the barrier horizon with two freshmen, Reikes and Nichol, following a hun-

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FRIDAY—Nittany—"METROPOLIS"

SATURDAY—Mary Astor, Lloyd Hughes in "NO PLACE TO GO" Fox News and Public

SATURDAY—Nittany—"FIREMEN, SAVE MY CHILD"

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