

DR. HOLMES TO LECTURE

Dean of Faculty, Will Tell How to Study.

For some time past the Registrar's office has been sending out a number of "D's" and "E's" to students who, as one expressed it, have been a little unfortunate at the recent examinations in drawing only 58. The number of such grades is not known, but surely enough to make most of us stop and think, and ask ourselves where-in we have failed as teachers or students. Why is a student who fails not as rare a bird on the Campus as a freshman without his "green lid?" Some will lay their failures to too many outside attractions, some to outside work, some to the difficultness of the subject or inadequate preparations, etc. No doubt all of these elements and others besides are in part responsible for the final results.

We have heard often of the superior intellectual attainments of our German cousins. Whether they are attained at the expense of something else equally vital to a full life is not german to our present subject. Why do they have fewer failures and higher attainments there?

Why are freshmen seldom seen about the campus without their caps or with their hands in their pockets? Why are sophomores as rarely seen with their hands out of their pockets? The answer is obvious: Public opinion forbids the one as effectively as it supports the other. Just so in Germany, public opinion has set its face against failures in studies.

The student there must pass or see the finger of scorn pointing at him wherever he turns. The jeer of his fellow students is a stronger incentive than the appeal of his teachers. No one will admit that the German student has more native ability, will power or that he loves books more and play less than his American cousin; but it must be admitted that he exercises will power more often in connection with his studies.

If this analysis be correct, then failures may be traced in part to a false sense of values. Only recently an honor student admitted that serious study here at State was impossible. Approximately 14 percent of the examinations papers this semester were below 60, surely a low passing mark. In a high school this percentage might be reasonable but in a community of serious men in a college the percentage is entirely too high. Many men in college activities are in a serious scholastic condition. Perhaps they do not know the best methods of study. In order to correct this possible condition, Dr. Holmes has decided to give a series of lectures on "Methods of Study." Every man should avail himself of this opportunity. The time and place will be announced later.

An Appeal.

The Penn State Mission to China, as all students and Alumni know, is a missionary undertaking by the students and Alumni of The Pennsylvania State College. The Directing Committee wish to solicit the help of all students and alumni who are financially able to contribute toward the support of the Mission. Mr. G. Weidman Groff of the Class of '07 has been located at the Canton Christian College, Canton, China, as a representative of the students and Alumni of Penn State. Any contribution, even though very small, will be greatly appreciated by the Mission and by



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GRAHAM ON THE CORNER

Mr. Groff. Encouraging reports come to us of Mr. Groff's work and he is extremely well liked by the Chinese students and all people of our brother country who come in contact with him and his work.

On the night of December 7, Mr. Graybill of the Canton Christian College, gave an illustrated lecture at the College on the Canton Christian College with special reference to the work done by Mr. Groff and the Penn State Mission. At this time \$140.00 was subscribed to aid this work. Will all students and members of the faculty who subscribed at that time kindly pay their subscriptions, either at the local Y. M. C. A. office or to the Secretary and Treasurer, office of the Horticultural Building?

To all those students, faculty and towns people as well as to the alumni, who are not helping the Mission and who can do so, even with very small donations yearly, we appeal for support to the college and also to our worthy and likeable field agent, Mr. G. Weidman Groff of the Class of 1907.

Wrestling Insignia

Since the question of awarding the Varsity S to wrestlers is to be considered at a mass meeting soon, the rules governing the wrestling awards at some of the larger universities and colleges have been collected and are presented below for the convenience of the student body in making comparisons.

Yale, wYa to champions, class numerals to members of the team.

Navy, wNt to not more than six men who have participated in two thirds of the scheduled meets.

Cornell, wCt and a minor sport C to members of a team winning the intercollegiate championship.

U of P, wPt and a P to individual intercollegiate champions.

Harvard, wHa to winners of bouts in important meets.

Lehigh, aLa to participants in a majority of the intercollegiate meets and class numerals to participants in one bout.

Princeton, wPt to participants in the intercollegiate championships and P to intercollegiate champions on a championship team.

Indiana, I to winners of conference bouts.



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Through the courtesy of Mr. Arthur McKee, the School of Mines has received a large working model of an iron blast furnace top. The model is complete in every detail. It is arranged for making quantitative tests of the stock distribution, and will be used by the Metallurgy department for instructional purposes in ferrous Metallurgy.

On Monday evening, February 16th, the members of the Mining Society listened to a very interesting lecture on methods of mining, ventilation, and transportation of coal by Mr. Thomas A. Mather of Tyrone, Mine Inspector for the 18th Pennsylvania Bituminous District.

The student body at Texas owns and operates a moving picture show the proceeds of which go to help the needy men in college.

The students of F. & M. recently adopted the honor system by a vote of 159-25.

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