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### WITHIN THE ARMY

With the close of the football season the Penn State student's steps turn toward the Army and his attention is directed to the indoor sports. The basketball season opens tomorrow evening with Juniata College as the first of a long list of guests who will be entertained during the season of 1924-25. It is regretted that the accommodations at the Army are scarcely adequate to properly take care of the crowds, and that many are forced to make use of the uncomfortable nooks and corners of the stands. But even these things are momentarily forgotten as the game is in progress, for the students are there to give their loyal support. In order to effect the best accommodations under these crowded conditions it has been requested that the student body refrain from using the locker room exit at the close of the game.

Other and more serious conditions are paramount at this time, however. Within the close confines of the Army, and with enthusiasm running high, there often arises the temptation to give vocal disapproval of a referee's decision or perhaps to disagree with the performance of a player on the floor. Penn State men and women will accept the decisions of the official in charge, they will refrain from directing their remarks to such persons, to the players, or to anyone in the audience.

A bad practice which originated last season was that of tossing pennies on the floor for the evident enjoyment obtained by watching a band of urchins scramble in a mad heap for the copper pieces. Not only does this create antagonism among the young fellows, but it also endangers the safety of the players, for it is easy enough for a man, while running at full speed to slip on such an object and sustain a severe injury. The Co-eds have always turned out in goodly numbers for indoor meets, but when they are subjected to "cat-calls" by the MEN is it any wonder that some of them stay away?

Much fault has been found concerning the conduct within the Army. Last year, long warming-up trousers were obtained for the basketball men and much was the excitement when they appeared in this garb. It was noticed that at no other institution where the Penn State basketball team appeared were any remarks made concerning its outfit. Let there be none tomorrow night.

So important were these offenses regarded by Student Council that it was recommended, and subsequently passed, by the Council that, if any undergraduate, and it matters not whether he be senior, junior, sophomore or freshman, be found guilty of indulging in any of these practices he will be reported to the Tribunal and dealt with accordingly. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

### THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Christmas bespeaks everything that is good. Before many days have passed, Penn State will have closed its doors and the undergraduates, faculty and many of the townspeople will forsake these endeared halls and journey to their respective homes, there to enjoy the pleasures of companionships which for three months have been severed. Home ties will be renewed, books will be forgotten, and hearts and eyes will be brighter. It is as it should be.

Yet in the midst of all this joyous anticipation of Christmas and its Christian teaching, let there be given a few serious thoughts about Penn State. The vacation will be spent far more profitably and with much more enjoyment if the undergraduate realizes that he has observed the holidays in a true Penn State as well as Christmas spirit.

Christmas bespeaks everything that is good, so, too, does Penn State. While the undergraduate is home let him uphold this College with the same reverence that he accords Christmas Day. To do this he will conduct himself in an honorable and gentlemanly manner. A few important observances required of every Penn State man and woman during the holiday periods can be summed up in the following "don'ts":

- Don't use the name of Penn State when participating in athletic contests not sponsored by the College.
- Don't speak of Penn State as "State," say "Penn State."
- Don't refer to Penn State as "school," by all means say "College."
- Don't, under any circumstances, allow anyone to defame Penn State and get away with it.
- And, by the way, why not start adding a "Merry Christmas" to that "Hello" to everyone on the campus?

### WHOLESOME ENTERTAINMENT

Those who were fortunate enough to attend the Thespian show "Wooden Shoes" on Saturday night needed no further recommendation as to the success of the comedy than to observe the audience. Satisfaction was written on every face. Of course the directors and the composers of the vehicle frowned now and then when they saw things which to their experienced eyes could be improved; but that was natural, for it is their business to make the show perfect if possible.

But in all respects, from theme to portrayal, from scenery to costuming and in the rendition of the musical scores, the Penn State Thespian Club has added a good number to its credit. Much favorable comment has been given the organization for its untiring efforts towards the production of clean, wholesome entertainment. Penn State needs more of this type of thing.

## Importance of Psychology Tests for Freshmen Emphasized by Dr. Anderson

The importance of psychology tests for college freshmen is emphasized by Dr. David Allen Anderson, head of the Department of Education and Psychology at Penn State. He deems it has just finished his first paper containing no less than two hundred and thirty questions that were "sprung" recently on a batch of the most able one thousand freshmen at Penn State.

When asked what comparative grades indicated in psychological tests and the actual class grades received by students in their regular college studies, Dr. Anderson declared that usually the college grade did not show a biological test as much below the average.

The highest score made by a Penn State freshman in the recent psychological tests was 141. The lowest score was only 17 and the opinion is ventured that the low score student would not be able to last out the semester.

**De Camp is Author**  
The test questions used this time by Penn State freshmen were made up by Dr. J. E. De Camp of the Department of Education and Psychology. With an exception when the Alpha test was used, the "Beta" examination has been used at the College.

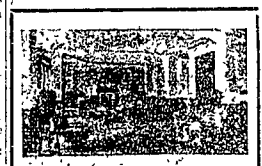
In making up his examination, De Camp endeavored to develop a psychological test that could be used for administrative and advisory purposes with respect to the student's studies and his preparation for the work. It is aimed towards the hope that a test may be devised that will be of aid in increasing the quality of student work. The class grade records of members of the present freshman class as they are compared with psychological results by the test and will serve as a guide for determining the value of Dr.

former being 90.1 and for the latter 91.5. In other words, students averaged 85.1 and those in agriculture averaged 80.8. Those students in education averaged 81.1 (those in liberal arts 84.7 and in special studies 77.5).

The best score, 144, was made by Ray John Lewis, a graduate of the Hanover Township High School. The second highest was a score of 137 made by James R. Keshaw of Silver Springs, N. Y. The third best score of 133 was made by O. P. Meyer of Philadelphia.

### COLLEGIAN CORRECTS ERROR IN GRID STORY

In Tuesday's issue of the COLLEGIAN it was stated that A. V. Hilt won the winning touchdown on the sophomore in the annual interclass football game staged on Old Beaver Field last Saturday afternoon. However, this was a mistake and the name should have read F. W. Wolfand '27.



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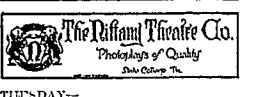
The girls' hockey season has ended with the close of the 1924-25 championship of the ten games played the Juniors won one and tied one and the sophomores tied two and the freshmen won one and tied one.

As is customary at the close of the season a trophy team consisting of the best players from the four classes has been chosen. Inasmuch as the girls have no opportunity to play other colleges this team does not play but its selection is to encourage the players and to give them the motivation to those whose work is outstanding. The team is composed of: Forwards: E. Knox, J. J. Leitch, M. S. Leitch.

At the conclusion of each season, it is also customary for the teams to have a banquet. It is planned this year to have the Hockey Banquet in the University Club on the night of January seventh, when each member of the trophy team will be presented with a pin in the shape of the key stick.

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