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## NITTANY MATMEN START INTENSIVE TRAINING PERIOD

Penn Wrestlers Open Season Here at Mid-Semester—Present Strong Combination

## COACH LEONARD TO USE SAME SYSTEM THIS YEAR

## Death of Heavyweight Material Still Exists—Jules Prevost Strongest Contender

With a practice session last Tuesday afternoon, the Penn State wrestling team began its first period of intensive training for the coming season of 1925. Led by a schedule of seven events including the Intercollegiate at Columbia on March twentieth and twenty-first, the Nittany matmen open the new year with a big task before them.

The schedule, as approved by the Faculty Committee on Athletics, brings the Penn matmen to State College on February seventh between the first and second semesters. On February fourteenth, the team aggregation travels to Harrisburg where they will finish the season and the following day meets with Lehigh and Scranton at the Nittany Valley on successive weekends.

The fifth contest of the end will take the Blue and White to Annville on March seventh while March fourteenth will bring Thohoklin Polk to the home floor. On March twentieth and twenty-first, the Intercollegiate will be staged at Columbia. Competition here undoubtedly will be keen, with eight of the strongest colleges of the East entered for the event. Two of the opponents listed on the above schedule are enrolled in the Intercollegiate Wrestling Association.

## HELFRIECH SETS WORLD INDOOR TRACK RECORD

## Penn State Star Runs 500 Meters in One Minute Five and Four-Fifths Seconds

Defeating a brilliant field of runners, Alf Helfriech established a world's indoor record of one minute five and four-fifths seconds for the 500 meter run at the Finnish-American games in New York last Tuesday night.

Running in opposition to the Penn State star were four of the best middle distance runners of present times: Vernon Ascher of Georgetown University, former national junior quarter mile champion; James Jones, also of Georgetown, national senior quarter mile champion; Dan Robinson, Boston; and a joint holder of American 400 meter record and Francis Daley, of Boston College.

Helfriech finished to the fore at the start of the race and maintained the lead throughout. Ascher put up a strong fight for the lead and possessed "AY" held for the majority of the encounter, but gave out near the finish when Helfriech's sprint carried him over the line winner by a yard.

The time set by the Lion to claim a not only a world's indoor mark, but comes within one-fifth of a second of the outdoor record for the 500 meter run. Ascher, Daley and Robinson took the remaining places in the order named.

## SEVERAL CHANGES MARK PENN STATE CALENDAR FOR 1925-26

## FIVE DAY THANKSGIVING VACATION IS GRANTED WHILE DATES OF ALUMNI AND PENNSYLVANIA DAYS ARE INTERCHANGED

A five day vacation at Thanksgiving and a full week's recess at Easter are the high points in the new College calendar approved by the Senate at its meeting immediately preceding vacation.

On account of a misunderstanding, with the Notre Dame athletic authorities, a rearrangement of the varsity football schedule was made providing for the game with the Westeros on November seventh, the date formerly occupied by the Michigan Aggies encounter.

The annual Thanksgiving vacation restored at the request of the student committee, will extend from noon on Wednesday, November twenty-fifth, to noon on Monday, November thirtieth, allowing ample time for attending the Pitt game.

Christmas vacation in 1925 will be approximately the same length as for 1924, classes being dismissed from December eighteenth at five-twenty on Tuesday, January fifth, at eight o'clock.

## DISCUSSION GROUP PLANS COMPLETED

## Better Penn State Spirit Is Goal Set by Non-Fraternity and Fraternity Bodies

Under the direction of Dr. P. L. Patton, plans for the fraternities and non-fraternities group discussions of vital problems of the Penn State are well advanced. The group will be put into operation next week.

The new movement has been started with its goal as a better Penn State spirit and according to Secretary Kitchin a questionaire will be circulated to which the student body is urged to respond in order to find the questions most interesting to college men.

## PENN STATE DELEGATES MEET WITH SCIENTISTS

Penn State had a large representation at the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, an organization composed of twenty-five national affiliated societies of natural and applied sciences which convened at Washington D. C. from December twenty-ninth to January second.

The purpose of the conference was to get a general report on the scientific investigations being carried on by the members of the various organizations. Presentation of papers by members of the Penn State group occupied the greater part of the time devoted to the sessions.

## PENN STATE DEBATERS DEFEATED BY TEMPLE

## Nittany Forensic Artists Lose Match at Harrisburg By Close Decision

In a debate with Temple University, December nineteenth at the Harrisburg Technical High School Auditorium, the Penn State Forensic team lost to their opponents by a 2 to 1 decision.

The Nittany representatives had made extensive preparation for the contest but were unable to withstand the rebuttal attack of the Temple team. The Philadelphians argued the negative side of the question. Resolved that Congress shall have the power by a two-thirds vote to declare effective a Federal statute which has previously been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

The Nittany runner displayed the form throughout and his showing in this race makes him a favorite to win the Mileage cup for the third time, giving him permanent possession of the trophy.

### 1925 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

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| April 10—Lancaster—home                         |
| April 11—Southern Trip—pending                  |
| April 16—Open                                   |
| April 21—North Carolina State—Raleigh N. C.     |
| April 23—United States Marine Corp—Quantico Va. |
| April 24—Open                                   |
| April 25—Gettysburg—home                        |
| April 27—Parkersburg—home                       |
| May 2—Carnegie Tech—home                        |
| May 8—Carnegie Tech—Pittsburgh                  |
| May 9—West Virginia—Martinsburg                 |
| May 13—Parkersburg—L. Weisburg                  |
| May 16—West Virginia—home                       |
| May 17—Eastern Trip                             |
| May 20—Franklin & Marshall                      |
| May 21—Parkersburg—home                         |
| May 23—Holt Cross—West Chester                  |
| May 26—Pending—home                             |
| June 6—Open (exams)                             |
| June 17—Scranton—home                           |

## FRATERNITIES PLAN FOR FLOOR SEASON

## All Organizations' Required To Pay Fee Today—Wrestling and Boxing Are Added

## FIRST YEAR NUMERAL MEN MADE ELIGIBLE

With the date for the opening of the fraternities floor season set for next Thursday, January fifteenth, according to Coach Leonard, it is imperative that those organizations which wish to enter teams and have not yet done so, enter their names immediately. All fraternities must report and pay the one dollar assessment to T. W. Aitken, at the Sigma Xi house before four o'clock in order to be eligible for the competition.

At a recent meeting of the Interfraternity Sports Council the members decided to make wrestling and boxing interfraternity sports and a set of rules to govern such sports was drawn up. A copy of these rules together with the regulations governing basketball will be sent to each fraternity.

## Welfare and June Program Committees Seek Solution to House Party Problem

Meeting in daily sessions, the Senate Welfare and Commencement Program Committees of the College Senate are making every effort to work out a solution of the house party problem to present before the Senate at its monthly meeting next Thursday.

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The combined body, headed by Dr. S. W. Fletcher, includes Charles R. L. Watts, L. A. Hobcock, Charles P. Parke, and A. R. Woodcock. Dr. W. S. Davis, Professor W. A. Dennis, and Dr. N. Sullivan. The student representative in the group is W. G. White '25. These men will meet every afternoon until a satisfactory program is determined.

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According to a member of the committee it is probable that the recommendation submitted at the meeting before the Senate will be accepted before it becomes a final decision. It is considered essential that the matter be settled next Thursday in order to allow the Junior Prom and Sophomore Hop Committees to make arrangements for their events.

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## LORADO TAFT TO LECTURE AT PENN STATE TOMORROW

## Entertainment by Noted Sculptor Comes As Fourth Number of Y. M. C. A. Course

## WILL TALK ON STUDIOS AND THEIR STRUCTURE

## Makes Appearance in Auditorium at Eight-Fifteen—Is Graduate of Parisian School

The appearance of Lorado Taft in the Auditorium tomorrow evening at eight-fifteen o'clock in the next number of the Y. M. C. A. entertainment course will give Penn State students an opportunity to hear a man who stands out as one of the leaders in modern sculpture. The talk of the lecture will be on the subject of "How Sculpture is Made," a talk containing a number of interesting and educational facts in sculpture.

Lorado Taft is a graduate of the University of Illinois and later graduated from the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris, where he spent five years studying under some of the best of the "old masters." He is a member of the National Sculpture Society, the National Academy, the American Institute of Arts and Letters and holds honorary membership in such organizations as the Chicago Art Club and the Sculptors' Society of Chicago.



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Y. M. C. A. in easy and fluent English. With human, interesting his audience as he carries them through an evening of the highest educational value. His lectures are full of information and are thoroughly illustrated by actual processes of modeling in clay. The studio of the artist is a study in itself and is well worth a visit to those who are interested in sculpture.

## FOUR EASTERN CITIES VIEW THESPIAN SHOW

## Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Scranton and Wilkes-Barre Visited on Road Trip

Completed its longest eastern trip when a Penn State theatrical troupe returned from the Thespian show held at State College last Wednesday after a successful road trip which extended over a period of six days.

"Wooden Shoes" appeared at the City Street Auditorium in Harrisburg on the evening of January eighth and was well-received by an appreciative audience. The members of the production traveled to Philadelphia the following morning and played at South Blue Hall that night.

The "Wooden Shoes" was at its height in Philadelphia that Friday, the audience although enthusiastic, was small.

Traveling station W. D. R. of Littleton, Colorado, obtained the members of the show that evening at the Art Club where several songs and dance numbers were given by the chorus and pianists. A crowded house viewed the play at its second Quaker City showing and the new sponsor committee of the Thespian show, with the W. D. R. of the University of Pennsylvania which is led as one of the best, if not the best, of such college organizations.

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## PENN STATE FIVE TO FACE CARNEGIE TECH

## Coach Hermann Shifts Blue and White Line-up—Clash Scheduled for Eight O'clock Tomorrow

## E. E. HELM '21 ENGAGED TO PENN STATE CO-ED

During the Christmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Helm of Scranton announced the engagement of their daughter, Frances Hermosa, a former Penn State co-ed of the Class of 1925 to Edward E. Helm '21.

## 1926 YEAR BOOK SHOWS PROGRESS

## Trials for Freshman Candidates for Class Historian Will Be Held Next Week

## ALL SENIORS TO FILL OUT ACTIVITIES CARDS

With several sections of the 1926 Year Book in the hands of the editors and others in completion work on the Junior year book is gradually advancing. The student body as a whole is responding well to the task set it by the staff and the various campus organizations are also helping the work done by their support.

The opening section of the book has been completed and has been sent to the printer. Prints for the class section are also complete and are now in the hands of the printer. The Junior activities have been listed by the National Student Society, the National Academy, the American Institute of Arts and Letters and holds honorary membership in such organizations as the Chicago Art Club and the Sculptors' Society of Chicago.

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## YEARLING COURT TEAM TACKLES PLAID PLEBES

## Contest Stated as Preliminary to Varsity Clash—Faculty Approves Schedule

Coach Killmer's freshman basketball crew will receive its first real test when the Carnegie Tech plebs meet in the seasons opener tomorrow night on the Army floor at seven o'clock. This clash is slated as the preliminary to the varsity game.

The contest, tomorrow night is one of eleven carried for the 1925-26 season. The schedule is approved by the Faculty Committee on Athletics as follows:

- January 10—Carnegie Tech First team—home
- January 17—Dickinson Reserve—home
- January 21—Gettysburg Freshmen—home
- January 26—C. I.—York
- January 31—Catholic University Freshmen—Washington D. C.
- February 7—Pitt Freshmen—home
- February 14—Bucknell Freshmen—home
- February 21—open, pending
- February 28—Scranton Freshmen—home
- March 7—pending—home
- March 13—Pitt Freshmen—Pittsburgh
- March 14—pending—home

The line-up to be sent against the freshman year will probably have Greene at center, Langston and Barron at the guards and Boote and either "Sammy" McLean or Darragh at the forward posts. The left forward berth has been especially bothersome to Killmer with McLean and "Red" Darragh as the chief contenders.

Besides these men, it is possible that several other freshmen will see action as just the Plaid first-year players. Von Niede, Huntington and Vale, guards Zimmerman, center, and Yarger and L. Bechtel forwards are the most likely candidates to take the place of the others. It is probable that the line-up will be made up of the following:

## HEAVY LOSS IS CAUSED BY EARLY MORNING FIRE

## Ten Business Places Destroyed—Total Damage Estimated at 125,000 Dollars

One of the worst fires in the history of State College completely gutted ten business places and an apartment in the heart of the town early Wednesday morning. Destroyed thirty-one buildings an approximate loss of 125,000 dollars.

The fire was discovered at about two-thirty o'clock in the afternoon in the building of the Varsity Store, Kling's Shoe Shop and Hay Grocery Store and quickly spread to the adjoining buildings. The business places destroyed were the Varsity Store and restaurant of W. J. Kellum, G. I. Smith's barber shop, Graham and Sons, Montgomery's clothing store, the Office of Dr. Robinson and Dr. H. F. Fox, Walter Ray's grocery store, Kling's shoe shop and "Shrimp" Taylor's. L. Smith occupied the apartment on the third floor of the Leffel building. All caused insurance except Mr. Kling who suffered heavy loss. Having installed new machinery and a large stock of other.

Fireman Hampered When the fire broke out, attached the pumps to the fire hydrant at the corner. The fire was found to be in motion and lost considerable time in moving to the hydrant at Beaver Avenue and Third Street. For a time the Metzger building was in danger and was saved only by the presence of a metallic partition between it and Montgomery's.

The Collins Fire Company of Harrisburg was appealed for aid and upon their arrival assisted in subduing the blaze in the Leffel building but was not until late in the afternoon that the fire was extinguished. All the buildings were virtually a total loss. The walls of the Leffel building on Allen street and College avenue are standing but the inside of both structures are ruined beyond repair. At the present time no definite arrangements have been made for the rebuilding of the structures, but it is likely that they will be replaced by modern buildings as soon as plans are completed.