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"THE KID HIMSELF" MEETS UNRIVALLED SUCCESS ON TOUR

Thespians Produce Show Before
Packed Houses in Six of
Eight Performances.

MANAGER PREPARES FOR
SECOND TRIP AT EASTER

Play Will Make First Local Ap-
pearance Night After
Senior Ball

Presenting "The Kid Himself," a musical comedy that proved even more popular with Pennsylvania audiences than last year's production, the Penn State Thespians completed their first trip of the year and are now working to perfect the show for its initial staging in State College and for the spring tour during the Easter vacation. Judging from comments made upon the holiday performance, the club will continue to play to crowded houses for the remainder of the season.

Having coached the players to the point where he was satisfied with their production as the best college show that he has directed, Maurice Earey, of the Ned Wayburn studio, has left the group to continue its work under the guidance of G. E. Bumfield '26. Plans are now being made for the first performance here in the Auditorium on Saturday February thirteenth, the evening after the Senior Ball. The ticket sale will begin soon at the store of James Bloom on Allen street. Prices will be from seventy-five cents to two dollars.

Spring Tour
With engagements for the spring trip now booked in six cities, the Thespian organization will travel through eastern Pennsylvania and also go into Ohio during the Easter recess. Without those dates which are yet indefinite, "The Kid Himself" will be staged in Johnstown, Erie, Butler, Meadville and Cleveland.

ANNUAL MILITARY BALL SCHEDULED IN FEBRUARY

Widener's Orchestra To Furnish
Music for Affair—Several
Innovations Planned

After completing plans for the annual Military Ball to be held February twenty-sixth, Student Colonel A. C. Miller '26 has announced that the affair this year will be more elaborate than ever before.

Appearing in full military uniform, "Russ" Widener and his band of musicians, will furnish the music for the occasion. The scheme of decorating has not yet been decided upon but the committee have several novel plans under consideration. The program and favors for the mid-winter function have been selected and the order placed in the hands of the printer. Something unusual will be given as a souvenir of the dance and the committee promises that the favors will be unlike anything which has ever been given at a Penn State dance.

An attempt will be made this year to reform the methods of holding dances which have before marked all functions held in the Army to eliminate crowding on the dance floor the committee has arranged to keep the crowd away from the main doorway. There will be no indiscriminate exchanging of tickets, and pass-out checks will be given to those who wish to leave the dance at any time. This will be done with the idea of insuring the pleasure of those who attend the dance.

Fraternity booths will be scattered along the sides of the Army and checking privileges for the affair will be sold. Students interested in checking privileges are requested to see A. C. Miller at the Delta Psi house. The concessions will be sold with permission to charge a fee for checking wraps and articles.

R. B. WRIGHT WILL SPEAK

R. B. Wright, vice-president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and managing editor of the Railway Age, will deliver the engineering lecture next Friday afternoon in Old Chapel.

Knotty Ropes Tangle up Penn State Professor With Novel Championship

Upon the waste stretches of agricultural fields the faculty elite swell with justified pride. And why not? One of their number, one Prof. R. W. White, familiarly known as "Famer," has just thrown a coup de half litch and a double canister around national championship. Professor White accomplished this feat by tying no less than two hundred separate and distinct varieties of knots, hitches, brands and splices and mounting them upon large exhibition boards in such a way as to show how they were assembled. Each is numbered and named and the whole collection tacked to twin panels now hanging in the Agricultural Experiment Station.

Some of the more intricate knots and splices are woven in rope with colored strands to enable laymen to follow the various bights and loops. Included among these are the Japanese knot, the masthead, the Turk's head, and log and eye splices. Displaying skill in artistry as well as aptitude in fashioning hempen puzzles, the rope artist wove a symmetrical vase from common barn straw and put the work of Indians to shame.

YEARLING TOSSERS RESUME PRACTICE

Coach Experiments With Various
Combinations—Material
For Team Is Excellent

PLEBES TO MEET BISON
FRESHMEN IN FIRST TILT

Experimenting with a different combination each night, Coach Killinger is giving every man on the freshman basketball squad an opportunity to show his ability before the opening game with the Bucknell plebes March twenty-third.

Practice was resumed immediately after the vacation with about twenty-five men reporting. Hamas, who had been playing regularly on the temporary first team, sprained an ankle during the holidays and has been unable to begin work.

Good Material
With a wealth of material from which to choose, the coach is finding it difficult in selecting a first team. All the candidates are showing good form and competition is strong at each position. Various combinations are being worked with, but as yet no team has been outstanding.

At the center berth Downstein and Reilly have been alternating, neither seeming able to gain the upper hand. Competition at the forward positions is proving to be fast with many accurate shots fighting for the call. Hamas, Monohan, Jackson, Saylor and Benschold are outstanding among the forwards.

Help at Guard
Delp who prior to the vacation was playing at forward has been returned to guard where he will probably remain. Other guards who are showing good form are Horn and Dym. In addition to these many good players are still in the running.

Police Force Hounds Newfangled Burglar As Delta U's Worry

Members of the Delta Upsilon fraternity are seriously considering bringing a house detective to clear up an mysterious robbery. During the Christmas vacation the chapter house was the victim of a theft that has, the local police detachment completely baffled.

No clues have been uncovered, it is not even known how many participated in the theft. At present a feeling of gloom pervades the house on Locust Lane. The faith of the local chapter in the honesty of man and incidentally in the protection of locks has been rudely bruised if not shattered.

Several of the brothers returned to college last Saturday and noted nothing amiss—at first. Then they decided to play the victrola, but found no records. A frantic search revealed that all except two discs were gone. For some reason the thieves left "Yes Sir, That's My Baby" and "Stumbling All Around." Probably they were tired of hearing them.

Scholarship Owners Must Get Deferments

All holders of scholarships must report at the President's office for deferment slips as far as the incidental fees is concerned before they can be registered for the second semester and pay their other fees.

BORDER DESIGN OF LA VIE COMPLETED

Final Dummy for 1927 Annual
Made by Editor—Several
Sections Finished

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS ARRANGED FOR PRINTERS

With the border and cover designs completed and the junior section well under way, the members of the 1927 La Vie staff are now turning their attention to finishing the work in the various departments of the annual. During the Christmas holidays a final dummy for the junior book was completed by Editor R. D. Dundore and with this arrangement to work on the material for the various departments is being turned into the hands of the printers. The senior section is also finished.

INTER-CLASS MAT SCRAP DATE SET

Movement Started To Change
Intercollegiate Ruling on
Third Place Bout

MEET WITH UNIVERSITY OF OHIO IS SCHEDULED

Opening the wrestling season at Penn State the annual inter-class scrap will be held on the Army mat Saturday, January sixteenth. On the following Saturday the Varsity grapplers will meet the representatives of Alfred university in their first match.

Resume Practice

The Varsity wrestlers resumed practice immediately after vacation and are now ready to work under the tutelage of Coach Leonard. No effort has been made as yet to line up a team which will represent the College in the first match.

Art Work Progress
Over thirty sketches have been submitted by the art staff of the book, headed by R. M. Gibbs, and are (Continued on last page)

COMBINED GRID ELEVEN SCHEDULE ANNUAL DANCE

Penn State's varsity and freshman football squads will hold their annual social celebration at Varsity Hall in a formal dance January twenty-second from nine o'clock to one.

Decorations offered will also be brought up and a discussion will be held as to whom the contract shall be released. Although a subsidiary item to the music, the methods of beautifying the Army will not be overlooked and the Committee already promises something unusual for the dancers.

COLLEGE SENATE APPROVES TENTATIVE 1926-7 CALENDAR

For the past few weeks the Committee on the College Calendar has been working on the 1926-27 roster and the tentative yearly program as formulated by them follows:

	1926
Freshman Week	Sept. 9-11, Thurs-Tues.
Examinations for Admission, Advanced Standing and Removal of Conditions	Sept. 9-11, Thurs-Sat
Registration Days	Sept. 12-15, Wed-Sat
First Semester begins 10.30 A. M.	Sept. 15, Wed.
Alumni Home-Coming Day (Holiday)	Oct. 23, Sat.
Scholarship Day	Nov. 4, Thurs.
Thanksgiving Recess begins 12.10 P. M.	Nov. 24, Thurs.
Thanksgiving Recess ends 1.20 P. M.	Nov. 29, Fri.
Christmas Recess begins 5.20 P. M.	1927
	Jan. 1, Tues.
Winter Courses in Agriculture begin	Jan. 6, Thurs.
Registration of Students in Residence	Jan. 12-15, Wed-Sat
Registration of New Students	Feb. 4, Fri.
First Semester ends	Feb. 5, Sat.
Second Semester begins 8.00 A. M.	Feb. 7, Mon.
Mid-Year Graduation 7.30 P. M.	Feb. 8, Tues.
Winter Courses in Agriculture end	March 4, Fri.
Easter Recess begins 5.20 P. M.	April 13, Thurs.
Easter Recess ends 8.00 A. M.	April 28, Thurs.
Scholarship Day	May 7, Sat.
Memorial Day (Holiday)	May 30, Mon.
Second Semester ends: Election of Trustees	June 10, Fri.
Alumni Day, Annual Meeting of Board of Trustees	June 11, Sat.
Baccalaureate Day	June 12, Sun.
Commencement Day	June 13, Mon.
Entrance Examinations at the College	June 15, 16, Wed, Thurs.
Young Farmers' Week	June 15-17, Wed-Fri.
Farmers' Field Day	June 16, Thurs.
Summer Session Registration	June 25, Sat.
Summer Session begins	June 27, Mon.
Summer Session Commencement	Aug. 1, Thurs.
Summer Session ends	Aug. 6, Sat.
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Who's Dancing

Friday
Ho-Sho Dance—Army
Culcoo
Beta Chi Sorority—Country Club
Saturday
Delta Psi
Chi Upsilon
Sigma Chi Club—Phi Delta Theta

WARSITY-PASSERS RESUME PRACTICE AFTER LONG REST

Mike Hamas Absent From Squad
Because of Illness—Greene
Also on Sick List

WELKER AND ROEPKE CONTENT FOR BERTH

Hermann Faced With Problem
of Reconditioning of Men
for Coming Battles

Faced with the problem of reconditioning his men after an idleness of over two weeks, Coach Dutch Herrmann put the Blue and White basketball squad through active practice sessions during the past week with the paramount purpose of toughening his men for the approaching engagements. Little attention was paid to form or plays, although the points of the game in the final practice periods preceding the clash with Bethany Tuesday night.

Considerable anxiety was expressed when Mike Hamas, probably one of the flashiest courtmen on the Nittany squad failed to report back to school on scheduled time. Hamas suffered a slight illness during the last few days of his vacation and for awhile it was thought that the Blue and White passer would not be able to don a uniform for some time. However the former Passaic star returned over the former Passaic star returned (Continued on last page)

Orchestras Studied By Prom Committee

Taking advantage of the opportunities offered during the holidays, members of the Junior Prom Committee personally inspected the performances of several of the orchestras under consideration and will report on them at a meeting to be held either tonight or Monday evening.

A number of bids have been received from nationally famous musical organizations and several have been asked to play at the early spring dance. Among these was the "California Revelers," an organization which met with great favor at Penn and Princeton. All bids will be considered at the meeting, it being desired to secure the best music possible for what is recognized as Penn State's greatest social function of the year.

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THIBAUD APPEARS IN AUDITORIUM TONIGHT

French Master Violinist Includes Visit
Here on Itinerary of Third Trip
to American Continent

French Violinist

Reserving a part of his world tour for a visit to the United States, Jacques Thibaud, the French master violinist, has included Penn State on the itinerary for this third American trip. He will appear tonight at eight-thirty o'clock in the Auditorium under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and the College music department. Tickets may be obtained at the "Y" Hut for \$1.50.

JACQUES THIBAUD

Thibaud was born in Bordeaux in 1880. He studied first under his father, and then at the Paris Conservatoire, where under Marcell Schmitt he gained a "premier prix" for financial support he played at the Casino de Monte-Carlo and the Casino de Colonne.

DRAMATISTS PLAN NEW PRODUCTION

"The Seventh Guest" Is Drama
Filled With Mystery And
Unexpected Events

CAST TO BE SELECTED IN TRYOUTS NEXT WEEK

Replacing their former production of light farce, the Penn State Players are holding try-outs for "The Seventh Guest" by Louis Soborn and A. J. Aubrey. The thrill production atmosphere of this play should score a success similar to that of "The Seven Keys to Baldpate" when it was produced in 1921 and again last June.

The effect of the latter play was to prove conclusively that a melodrama has a great appeal to Penn State audiences. "The Seventh Guest" is a modern, mystery-melodrama dealing with murders and ghostly apparitions, supplemented by mysterious sounds and unexpected happenings, which always bring the play-goer to the edge of their seats, tense with expectation.

Dr. Foster Gives Scranton Speech

Having as yet assigned none of (Continued on fourth page)

Dr. Tompkins To Speak at Chapel

Dr. F. W. Tompkins, noted educator, author and lecturer, who has addressed Penn State students several times in the past, will be the chapel speaker Sunday morning. He is the rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Philadelphia.

After preliminary work at the Clarinet French Institute in New York, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree at Harvard university. He then attended the general Theological Seminary of New York and following his graduation in 1875, earned the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology at the University of Pennsylvania. His college education was completed at Temple university where he acquired the degree of L. L. D. and at the University of the South in Tennessee.

Dr. Tompkins is widely known as an exceptionally well versed lecturer. He has occupied the pulpit in many leading cities. Light years of his life were spent in traveling in the west and the middle west.

Mr. S. Claus Gives Timepiece to Bank

Bells now peal forth with special regularity on Allen street where silence had reigned before vacation. No, gentle reader, it is not the sound of Santa Claus, making a belated State College appearance. Even a Co-ed can detect that the chime blended into a familiar tune, associated with clocks of a musical nature.

The cause of the strange music is the installation by the Peoples National Bank of a large-sized clock of stately men. Students, fatigued perhaps, but with hearts beating fast in anticipation of an approaching vacation, had an inkling that something was about to happen when workmen were busily engaged placing the pedestal on December eighteenth. Upon returning in January the attractive looking timepiece that repeats soft strains of music every quarter of an hour greeted their eyes as well as ears.

1929 Reporters Will Have Meeting Tonight

All freshman candidates for the editorial staff of the COLLEGIAN are requested to report to the office tonight at six-thirty-five.