

# Athletic and Scholastic Honors Won by Hermann

None of those characteristics commonly attributed to the professor mark "Dutch" Hermann as he sits chafing on an Army bench or stands sweat-soaked on the gridiron intently watching every move of his husky and clever proteges. Nor do his history students notice in quiet and spectated Prof. B. M. Hermann any sign of the two-fisted athletic coach. Quiet to a fault, assuming little credit for his many attainments, he has made a marked success in both scholarship and athletics—a combination seldom found.

For the greater part of his life, Coach Hermann has been connected with Penn State as student, athlete, professor and coach. He received his degree in Bachelor of Arts here in 1912 and, after leaving to coach and teach for a time at Wilkes-Barre, was called back in 1915. Except for a break occasioned by the World War, "Dutch" has coached the freshman football and varsity basketball teams each year and at the same time has taught history for the last ten years. All his teams have won success far above the average and his reputation is a well-liked instructor has stuck with him since his first year at Penn State.



**Begins Career at Wyoming**

Born in Snyder county, the versatile mentor received his early training at Wyoming high school from which he was graduated at the age of fifteen. The fact that the school made no provision for athletic teams did not prevent the husky lad from setting his great passion for sport. Pick-up teams from the neighborhood were never complete without young Hermann. His first athletic award was given him by Wyoming seminary where he matriculated in the fall of 1903. While a student there the future Nittany mentor collected nine letters. For three years he played on the football, baseball and basketball teams and captained the latter in his last year.

In the fall of 1906, the Wyoming graduate, already bearing a well-deserved reputation as an athlete, entered Penn State. Although he was called away in his junior year, "Dutch" returned in 1911 and received his degree at the June exercises in 1912. Parental objections forbade his playing football during his first year here, but he played through all the remaining years of his stay at college, serving as quarterback on four varsity teams. The fishing hold general did not confine his efforts to the gridiron but played four years on the varsity basketball team.

**Enters Coaching Field**

While still an undergraduate, Hermann began his coaching career as mentor of the varsity basketball team on which he had earlier played such an active part. After breaking connections with his Alma Mater, "Dutch" went to Wilkes-Barre high school in the capacity of instructor in English and history and incidentally to coach football and basketball. After a year or two he left for Shady Side academy, where he continued to teach history and to coach football.

In 1915 when Penn State first established her three year ruling, it was immediately evident that the coaching staff would have to be enlarged. Ray Smith, then graduate manager of athletics, cast about for a capable man and finally chose Hermann, offering him a post as coach of varsity basketball and freshman football and at the same time allowing him to continue his work in history and obtain his master's degree. In 1916 he received the degree of Master of Arts and in the same year began to teach history at the college.

The outbreak of the war called "Dutch" from his regular duties and he left for the Second Officers' Training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. There he was commissioned as a first lieutenant and sent overseas with the Fifty-fifth Infantry in July 1918. He came out of many engagements, unscathed but was severely wounded on the morning of the day the armistice was signed. The next six months he spent in a hospital from which he was discharged in May 1919 when he left the army.

Without delay the ex-soldier resumed his duties at Penn State. He coached the same teams which had been allotted him before he was called away and again taught history in which department he was advanced to the position of assistant professor, the title which he now holds. Not yet satisfied with his scholastic attainments, Professor Hermann is now taking graduate work at Columbia in preparation for his doctor's degree. The end of his coaching days will not mean retirement for "Dutch"; it will mean only that he may concentrate his great store of energy and his keen mind entirely on the history which now vies with sport for his favor.

## Coach Leonard's Career Reviewed

Lack of space for printed matter made it necessary to run the spot biography of Coach R. G. Leonard in two sections. Herewith follows the conclusion of the article published in Friday's issue of the Collegian.

Although the popularity of lacrosse in the New York district has always been great, Brooklyn Poly never had

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a winning team until 1923 when, under Coach Leonard's tutoring, his young charges won the championship of the New York district. To obtain that honor, they defeated Manual Training High School, a team which previously had gone through a stretch of thirteen years without a defeat.

In the same year Coach Leonard took his champions to West Point to engage the Army varsity. While defeated by a one-sided score the Purple had the honor of being the only school-boy team to meet the Mule for years.

Called to Williams college in the fall of 1923, Coach Leonard found himself located but four miles from his birthplace in North Adams, Massachusetts. At the present time the Purple is represented in the Intercollegiate world by wrestling, soccer and lacrosse teams. The three sports received their inauguration soon after Coach Leonard's arrival at Williams town.

When approached on the subject of accepting a position here as assistant professor of physical education and coach of the wrestling, lacrosse and soccer teams, Leonard, after consideration, accepted, and the record he has established during his brief career at Penn State is well-known to every Nittany undergraduate.

A glance at lacrosse records shows that while Leonard's team won but one contest last season, no other Penn team has bettered that or shown more promise. The last game on the 1925 schedule resulted in Pennsylvania's annexing a win from Penn State only after a bitter battle that went three extra periods. From the quiet, determined manner in which the three sport coach discussed the lacrosse situation, it was apparent that 1926 will see Penn State raise its banners in this sport.

Coach Leonard is a member of the National Collegiate Wrestling committee and less than two weeks ago was elected a member of the lacrosse body. He is also a member of the Society of Physical Education.

A sidelight on the character of the successful mentor can be gleaned from his statement that all his coaching duties are subsidiary to physical education activities. In his words, he added, "Penn State has always been handicapped by lack of the proper facilities for physical education work here."

An investigation of the coaching staffs of several Eastern colleges reveals the fact that Penn State can boast the only tri-sport coach in this section. Probably no other coach in the country has enjoyed a more successful coaching career than that accredited Coach Ralph G. Leonard, as mentor of soccer, wrestling and lacrosse and as an assistant professor in physical education.

## OPENING DATE SET FOR NEW THEATER

Playhouse Will Be Used Solely For Cinema—Pastime To Be Discontinued

SPACIOUS BUILDING TO SEAT ELEVEN HUNDRED

"April eighth has been officially set as the opening date for State College's new theater, the 'Cathaum,' according to its owner, Mr. Maurice Baum. This time has been selected since it is the first day of school following the Easter vacation.

Although no firm has yet been booked for the opening, Mr. Baum promises that an especially good program will be billed for the first week. The same type of pictures that are now being shown will be used thereafter, with popular prices prevailing. Contrary to the rumor that the 'Cathaum' will be used for vaudeville shows, Mr. Baum states that, according to his present plans, the theater will be used to movies only. The size and general plan of the stage is arranged, however, that it is well suited for vaudeville performances should the owner wish to have them occasionally.

**Discontinue Pastime**

The Pastime theater which is to be discontinued with the opening of the 'Cathaum' will be remodeled in order to be used as a storeroom. It may be used for moving pictures for a short time after April eighth, however, but will be closed at an early date," according to Mr. Baum. The 'Nittany' will continue to be used for second night showings.

The 'Cathaum' which compares favorably with some of the best class of large-city theaters accommodates about eleven hundred people, more than the combined capacity of the 'Pastime' and 'Nittany.' The exit space of the building is three times that required by law in order to

avoid commotion and crowding in the lobby, the architects have designed a much more spacious entrance than is generally provided. Furthermore, the ticket booths have been so arranged that three sellers may work at the same time.

The interior of the theater is finished in a walnut stain. A unique lighting effect has been installed. Cushion-bottomed seats so arranged that the screen can be easily seen from any part of the floor will be provided. The balcony has been designed in a colonial style, thus affording a favorable view of the stage as both men and women have been provided.

The second floor of the building will be used for offices, while the basement will contain two small store rooms and a large billiard room. Star's Clothing store is situated at one end of the building, while a stationery store to be conducted by Mr. William Keeler will be opened at the other end.

The 'Cathaum' was designed by Hodgson & Hill, Philadelphia architects. They have just completed the 'Colony' theater of Philadelphia, which has the largest one-floor space of any theater in the world. F. D. Bever & Co., of Tyone, builders of Watts Hall and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house are the contractors. The heating and ventilating system was installed by the same company that the new Stanley theater of Philadelphia employ. The ventilating system is so arranged that a constant supply of fresh air is supplied by blower fans from the outside.

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(Continued from first page) championship meet. At this time the medals gained during the afternoon will be awarded.

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