

Fly on the Wall

They are checking for tags in the weight room. Two guys—one big, one small—just came in. They each have a small, round, black shoe tag in one of their hands. The tags are to verify that one belongs to the university. People usually lace them up to their shoe. So when the guys from the Phys. Ed. staff check for them, they look at everyone's feet.

If they see the tag they just move to the next person. If they do not see the tag, they will ask "Gotta tag?" The question often either takes one by surprise or is muffled by the clanging and moaning of people using the weights, so the reply to the question is usually "What?" or "Huh?" Then the staff member will say something like "Gotta shoe tag?" to which the respondent will either say "Yep" and reveal the tag, which may be covered by pants hanging over the shoe, or the respondent will say "What tag?" Then the staff member will explain that "You got to have one of these tags to work out here."

Many things can happen at this point. The person may say "Oh yeah, I got one of those" and show the tag. The person may say "Oh, they gave me a green one."

"That's last year's tag," the staff member will say, "you have to go get your new black one before we can let you work out here."

Or, the respondent may say "What?" again. The staff member then repeats, "Do you have a shoe tag?" and the person says something like "Uh, um... yea, uh, but I left it at home." Then the staff member will either ask to see an I.D. card or say that "You can't work out without a shoe tag." If the person really did leave the tag at home he or she will either go home to get it or say "to hell with this" and leave. If the tag is non-existent the person may walk out saying, so all around can hear, "Okay, I'll be back in a minute" and never return. Or, the person may get a little testy:


"Whaddiya mean I gotta have a shoe tag? I've never had one before. No one's ever asked me for one before. Who are you?"

The staff member will say "Sorry, gotta have one" and lead the person out, while laughing, inside.

These staff members are here now, tags in hand; heads down, looking at everyone's feet. We should start wearing the tags around our neck, mix them up a bit.

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