

The matter has already created so much unnecessary trouble to all concerned that the evil should no longer exist.

Much greater justice would be shown the students if the notice would plainly state that such a one has been absent from some college exercise three times since the opening of the term, and so not leave the impression that he has been regularly neglecting his work.

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THIS being the last issue of THE FREE LANCE for the year of '88 and '89, the Staff has endeavored to add to its interest by inserting a detailed description of the improvements at our institution during the past year, instead of the regular literary matter. Doubtless, many of Pennsylvania State Colleges' Alumni have not even heard of the rapid strides she has been taken lately, and will appreciate the changes, while those of our readers who are unfamiliar with the College can obtain an idea of what it is.

The Business Manager has taken advantage of this edition to send out sample numbers, thinking that in this way the subscription list of THE FREE LANCE can be enlarged enough to warrant improvements now in view. If all those who receive such copies would but consider the matter thoroughly, we feel confident that our standing would be greatly improved.

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AS the time of our departure draws near, we cannot but look at the great changes that have been wrought during the last year with pleasure and gratification. Not only has our campus been beautified and our facilities greatly increased by the erection of new buildings, but there has been a marked advance in all departments. With this rapid growth of the educational advantages in our State, there cannot but come a large increase in the number of students at Pennsylvania State College, from which arises the question :

How can they be accommodated? Though it may seem trivial just now, we feel sure that it will prove quite a serious matter in September; as it is, the rooms are all occupied, thus leaving no place for the new men excepting the vacancies to be made by the senior class—which is small—and by those *few* who will not return to College in the Fall. If the increase in students for '89 and '90 is proportionately as large as that for '88 and '89 was, and we have good reason to suppose that it will be larger, there will not be accommodations for them unless arrangements are commenced at once.

What better field could some wealthy gentleman find for the expenditure of a part of his wealth than in the erection of a handsome dormitory at this institution of the State? What grander monument could one desire than to know that he was serving his country and his God by helping to add to the learning and morals of future generations. We need not expect much at present, but our college is coming to be known, as she deserves to be, and we hope to see the day when bequests and legacies to the Pennsylvania State College will be as numerous and as bountiful as those made to Yale, Harvard, Princeton and the other large Universities and Colleges that get, is it covetous to say? more than their share.

Be this as it may; provisions will *have* to be made during vacation for more men, and we can see no better way of doing it than to throw fourth floor of "ladies' side" open. As it is there are but sixteen (16) people to occupy as much room as is taken up by the sixty or seventy preparatory students—with the exception of the rooms on fifth floor. Under the present conditions new comers are either required to take such room as they can find in the village or return to their homes to await their chance for better conveniences in the building. With the erection