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THE above board of editors of the FREE LANCE, has been chosen by the classes to serve through the editorial year '90-'91. The new staff recognizes the good work performed by the retiring editors, during whose services the FREE LANCE was both enlarged and improved in appearance. We trust to keep up the relative standing of our paper and hope during the coming year to make such improvements as will be most beneficial to the paper, which stands as a representative

of the college. Give us your support as students and Alumni, to make all of our departments crisp, readable and elevating. We are merely your chosen exponents.

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THE management of the gymnasium which has been vested in a board of marshals, composed of three members from each class, chosen by the athletic association, and subjected to the orders of the Commandant, is undoubtedly the best mode of governing the use of the apparatus under the existing circumstances. But to keep apace of the times, to maintain our standing among colleges, to give a thorough physical education our college must engage a competent instructor. Military drill, though it gives splendid training, does not give that symmetrical development which may be gained in the gymnasium and can in no way supplant it. If the present endowment of our institution and its desire to increase the professional corps will not allow the engaging of an instructor, why not do as is done by many other colleges, impose a gymnasium fee sufficient to cover the expense? All students who are aware of the value of thorough physical training would favor such an arrangement. A careful and rigid training in the gymnasium is no longer considered a luxury or an elective in a college course but an absolute necessity to the growing student; the nation's future support. The purer and stronger the physical system the grander the intellectual man. Knowing that the faculty and trustees recognize the value of gymnastics