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The death of the FREE LANCE predicted in an editorial last year was not long in coming. That magazine expired with the stroke of Number 1, Volume XVIII. The case could not have been pronounced other than an incurable one when such alarming symptoms as a very irregular publication, weak stories, and an almost complete disintegration of the board, a very delicate organ, appeared. The publication might have recovered had there been a change of literary climate but under the existing state of financial collapse this was impossible. With scarcely a friend to take an interest in its welfare the LANCE has gone out into the realm of the past.

Its successor—and one is necessary to keep us in the rank of colleges—is the STATE COLLEGIAN, the first number of which you now hold in your hand. We claim that with proper care and loyal support this publication can be made as interesting and newsy as the other was dry and stale. It will be regular in its habits, coming out on Thursday of each week. The pages will contain official news, notices of meetings and reports of the actions of all clubs, societies and organizations of the college, alumni notes

that will be of interest to all graduates, athletics, and all matters of interest concerning colleges in general and State College in particular. We have tried to cover these points in this issue but it will take some time to get them well in hand. The LANCE failed as literature because State has a practical and technical atmosphere rather than a literary one. Fact and not literary effort is to be the basis of this publication.

The old method of selecting a board was not a satisfactory one. When a class elected its members little thought was given to fitness. Men recommended by the English department were not always chosen. The new board will be self-perpetuating and when completed, will consist of two Seniors, two Juniors, one Sophomore and one Freshman. A business manager will be selected by the board from the Junior class and two assistants from the Sophomore class. This board will need the hearty co-operation of each student of the college and his subscription. See to it that your name is on the paid list.

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The comparatively small Freshman class entered this year can be accounted for to some extent by the fact that the preparatory schools, especially the High schools, have not had quite time enough to prepare for the raise in the standard of entrance. Also the hard times prevalent at this period in business circles has also had its influence at such work in keeping down the enrolment of a record-breaking class.

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The Sophomores seem to be a little more anxious in their care for the verdant new-comer than has been the custom for two years past. There is such a condition of affairs as "running a good thing into the ground." "A word to the wise is sufficient.

The rush between the Sophomores and Freshmen on the afternoon of Sept. 16th, after the Freshman class meeting, was a deplorable affair. One freshman, Heaton, had his collar-bone broken. It seems that the Sophomores had agreed among themselves beforehand not to molest the new men, unless they misbehaved. The Freshmen however, acting under the advice of a few light headed upper class men marched over the campus in a body and were there attacked by the Sophs. It would be more in keeping with the traditional dignity of upper classmen if the Seniors and Juniors would take a less active part in the hostilities between the two lower classes.

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The college has been particularly unfortunate during the past few months in the loss of two of its best friends, Senator Patton, of Clearfield, and Col. Wilbur F. Reeder, of Bellefonte. Both were very popular among the older students of the college and their loss, particularly that of Senator Patton, will be severely felt in the very near future.

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That time worn as well as much trodden topic "Paths Across the Campus," is again up for discussion. The routes that are being slowly but surely marked out, especially the one down the front campus, are eye-sores, but if the evil is to be stopped, it must be by more vigorous methods than have been used in the past.

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### QUERY.

Now that the students have returned to State College, in how many Pennsylvania newspapers did the following or its equivalent appear.

Mr. ——— who has been spending his vacation with his parents returned to Bellefonte where he attends the Agricultural College