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EDITORIAL

Spring's accompanying necessary evil, spring fever, has swooped down upon us and almost before we are fully aware we have allowed the above mentioned malady to tighten its grip upon us. It is "any old recitation" these days. Perhaps we flunk it; perhaps we don't; perhaps we don't care very much whether we do or not. It is too nice outside. What is the use of studying, we ponder. What in our rooms can we find so coaxing as the trees, and the grass, and the birds, etc, etc, etc. The editorial staff is seized with a violent attack of spring fever. Hence this rambling. We don't know what to write about; we don't feel very much like writing about anything. At present our desire is to lie on the campus under a large spreading shade tree and sleep, and sleep, and sleep. Our ambition is on a vacation.

There is a small matter to which the STATE COLLEGIAN begs to call the attention of its subscribers. We really hate to speak of it, but some have seemingly allowed it to slip their mind. To us this is necessary in our business. We won't speak further on the subject, "nuff said." Perhaps you have already guessed the drift of our remark.—Ex.

Although several new tennis courts have been constructed this spring there still appears to be an insufficient number to satisfy the large body of students who take an interest in the sport. Some have proposed putting the matter into the hands of the A. A. and have it stand the expense of building more courts; but here trouble would arise pertaining to privileges for playing on them. Nor would it be practicable to have the college construct them. About the only feasible plan is the old one; that is, let a party of fellows obtain privilege from the correct party and then build the court themselves.

Why not keep off the grass until commencement? At the mass meeting held some time ago every one agreed to keep off the grass but now the old practice of cutting campus is beginning again. It is true that the grass is grown up pretty well by this time, but just as sure a few keep up their habit of cutting the campus the paths will reappear before commencement is here. It is simply a repetition to state that the coming commencement will no doubt bring more visitors to the college than any yet held, and at the same time it is a fact worth considering. And remember that our campus is, or should be one of the prettiest features of the college. Let the yelling begin again, it is good sport and it does more to keep the campus clear than any other precaution.

Keep off the grass.

In a celebration of the under-

graduates at the occasion of the "Senior Ride" in a neighboring institution, through some carelessness the grand stand of the athletic field was burned. Besides sustaining a severe loss, the college has received a great deal of unpleasant notoriety in the papers from an act which could not possibly have been more than an accident arising from a recklessly built bon fire. This incident should, however, serve as an object lesson to us and teach us especially at college celebrations to be very careful for fire. It is natural for students to be carried away by the enthusiasm of the crowd and, forgetting all thought of safety, in many ways run into dangers to life or property.

Right along this line a word as to care with matches, cigarette stumps, etc., in the dormitory rooms would not be out of place. It is true the Old Main was not built under the most modern fire proof design but how often do we find that those who are the loudest in their cries that the building is unsafe, are the most careless in this particular. An incident happening just last week will serve to illustrate. A fellow threw a box of matches across the room and they ignited. He succeeded in getting them into the tin lined waste box in the hall, which luckily was empty and no harm was done. This is only one thing which shows the spirit of carelessness at this school. Let us hope that we need never have such a hard lesson as our neighbor college to teach us reasonable carefulness in regard to fire.

Oberlin College has now an "assistant president" whose business is to look entirely after the money raising necessary for the institution.

Not a single candidate taking the qualifying examinations for the 1905 Rhodes Scholarship from New York state succeeded in passing.—Ex.