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## EDITORIAL.

The week of study is on. Next week come exams and consequently there is at present an unusual demand for kerosene. Many a freshman is "shaking in his boots" while also some of the sophs are "in the same boat." The average upper-classman has been here long enough to regard his exams in a philosophical manner. If he flunks, why of course he flunks, and if he gets through,—well such are the fortunes of war.

The Varsity basketball squad is improving rapidly in the daily practices in the Armory and Captain Heaton feels encouraged at the good showing of his men. The biggest game of the season will take place February 3rd in Philadelphia with the University of Pennsylvania five. Last year State's five was successful in this contest, but Penn's team this season is exceptionally strong, and State will have to play a remarkable game. No basketball game has been scheduled with Dickinson owing to the fact that the Carlisle collegians have annulled this

sport. Last season State won twice in decisive fashion from the Dickinsonians.

How about Bucknell? This is a question which in all probability will be brought up before the Athletic Association for decision within a week or so. To any reasonable mind the renewal of friendly relations with our old rival at Lewisburg will certainly prove beneficial. Bucknell is our nearest college neighbor with whom we should certainly learn to live on terms of friendship and intercourse. It is true enough that both State and Bucknell must enter upon this new compact with a spirit of high-minded fairness and sportsmanship, in order that the coming regime may prove a benefit to both institutions.

Bucknell has made the first move towards reconciliation in a straightforward, manly fashion. At a meeting of their Students' Athletic Association it was almost unanimously voted to re-open athletic relations with State, and shortly following this action Bucknell's baseball manager opened up a correspondence with our manager J. H. Himes. Mr. Himes immediately placed the matter in the hands of the Faculty Committee on Athletics for decision, but these gentlemen deemed it wisest to turn the affair over to our Athletic Association, the members of which will now have the opportunity to show their appreciation for the recent broad-minded action on the part of Bucknell's students.

We might mention here that State's Alumni seem unanimously favorable to a renewal of athletic relations with Bucknell, and it seems fitting that our present undergraduates should follow the wishes of our Alumni in such an important matter as this. If friendly relations are re-established, it does not necessarily mean that Bucknell will be included on all our schedules for the coming year, which idea seems gen-

erally prevalent; but only where the various captains and managers decide that their schedules can stand the addition of another hard game, will Bucknell be added.

It is hardly necessary to state that the actions of several students in front of the Armory after the basketball game last Friday evening are condemned unanimately by the students. It was probably lots of fun—for the fellows—but it is a pity they had to place themselves in such an unenviable and culpable position.

Next week being examination week the editors are unable to put the required amount of time on the paper; consequently the next issue will be omitted.

### The Skating Pond.

The skating pond which the Athletic Association authorized to be built near Lemont is now finished, and all that is now needed for good skating is the continuance of the cold weather we have been having. The committee of the Association, consisting of Caswell, '06, chairman; Stamm, '06, and Kerr, '07, secured the services of "Andy" Lytle to build the dam. The contract called for a water-tight dam for \$190, and since the contract has been broken in several respects it is entirely probable that the full amount will not be paid. It requires very cold weather to freeze the warm spring water and since the dam is not water tight, the chances of skating are accordingly not the best. Nevertheless, a number of fellows have been willing to risk the ice, and already there is talk of a hockey team. There are a number of good hockey players in college and we do not doubt that State's hockey team would be up to "State Standard."

Nebraska Central College has abolished football.