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## State Wins First Home Game.

The home season for 1906 was inaugurated on Beaver Field last Saturday by an interesting game with the Susquehanna University nine, as the Manhattan team of New York cancelled their game here with only three days' notice to Manager Himes. Although for this opening contest a continual drizzle of rain marred the prospects to some extent, still the lively, cheerful music furnished by Director Godard's famous Cadet Band kept everything moving at an interesting gait. This contest lasted only six innings, but turned out a clean victory for State's nine, after some fine playing, especially in the field, by both nines.

As usual, "Birdie" Cree started things for State by getting on base, this time on four balls, and he immediately stole second neatly, and went to third on Kilmer's nice sacrifice. Mason bunted down the first base line for the "squeeze play," Cree scoring, but the ball bounded against Mason, retiring him, and sending Cree back to third. Captain McIlveen drove a hard one at the second baseman who gathered it in and retired the side.

Meanwhile Haverstick was twirling splendidly, and although the Susquehanna boys played well, they never looked dangerous. Their pitcher, Berger, performed in steady, reliable fashion and was well supported. For State, Thompson's playing in middle was a feature, and at all stages the team played well together.

The final score was 3 to 0, State's runs being scored as follows: In the fourth inning McIlveen took first on Stetler's error, stole second, took third on Thompson's out, and scored on

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## State Wins Debating Championship.

On Thurseay evening, April 12, 1906, the State debating team defeated Dickinson College at Houston Hall, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, thus giving to State College the championship of the intercollegiate Debating League of Pennsylvania. The question for discussion was, "Resolved, That American Municipalities should own and operate public plants for the furnishing of light, heat, power, and water." State upheld the Affirmative and Dickinson the Negative. The contest was hot and close throughout, but the Dickinson debaters were unable to successfully refute the cold hard facts brought out by the State men and the judges awarded the decision to State.

The winning of this debate means much to State College for in recent years State had been only among the "also-rans," and debating had fallen into ill-repute here.

During the fall term State defeated Swarthmore in the preliminary contest and Dickinson defeated Franklin and Marshall, so that the final contest was to be between State and Dickinson.

Our debaters rallied to the occasion and for several weeks almost lived in the library and subsisted on "facts," and when the time came they were "loaded." Every man on the team deserves great credit for thus bringing additional honor to State.

The presiding officer was Hon. Fred Shoyer, of Philadelphia, ex-Director of the Department of Public Supplies. The judges were Dr. John Gordon, of Temple College, Joseph P. Gaffney, and G. W. B. Fletcher, all of Philadelphia.

The debating teams were: State,

G. W. Groff, '07, H. M. Braucher, '08, W. F. H. Wentzel, '08, E. F. Palm, '09, alternate; for Dickinson, W. L. Amthor, '07, H. W. Gill, '07, D. E. McClain, '06.

## Senior Prom.

Everything is in readiness for the Senior Prom. tomorrow evening in McAllister Hall. Music will be furnished by the college orchestra which has been practicing daily for the last few weeks. The decorations will consist principally of plants from the Botanical Laboratory.

The programs are somewhat original and unique in appearance. There will be twenty-four dances with four extras, eight o'clock being the time set for the beginning of ceremonies. Housel will act as caterer. The committee in charge consists of Rhoades, Chairman, Clay, Don Mahaffey, Caswell and Foltz.

## Senior Banquet

At a meeting of the Senior Class held last week it was decided to hold a class banquet in the new hotel, the date agreed upon being Friday evening, May 4th. It is rather unusual to have a class banquet in town but the great facilities offered at the new hotel together with the convenience of it being right at hand has favored a local banquet. Housel, proprietor of the hotel, will act as caterer.

## Inspection.

Last Friday morning the annual government inspection of the cadet battalion took place. H. C. Hale, Captain 15th Infantry, on Duty with the General Staff, had charge. He was pleased with the showing made, the manoevers this year showing considerable preparation and care on the part of officers and men.