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EDITORIAL.

The wisdom of the recently adopted rule requiring the freshmen and subfreshmen to keep on the east side of the athletic field during all games and meets was clearly demonstrated during Saturday's game. For the first time this year there was room in the grandstand for all upper classmen who cared to use it and, more important still, there was a marked improvement in the

cheering. For the latter work and for the good order maintained these latest additions to our student body are to be commended.

A word is necessary in regard to the game to be played at Williamsport with Dickinson College on Saturday. In previous years a large delegation has always accompanied the team to this game. Notwithstanding this support, Dickinson has several times made this game so interesting that only by splendid team work were our boys enabled to win. This year the impression seems to be general that Dickinson's team is weak and that State will encounter no difficulty in winning an easy victory.

We should not allow ourselves to be deceived. We cannot afford to allow even the possibility of a defeat at the hands of the Carlisle boys, since such a defeat will mean an irreparable blot on what will undoubtedly prove to be the best football record that Penn State has ever made. The team needs our support in every game, no matter what the prospects may seem to be.

A Letter Concerning Military Drill.
Editor, The State Collegian,
Dear Sir:—

In order to increase the efficiency of the Military Department of this College and to remove some of the causes of dissatisfaction among students, I propose to recommend to the President some radical changes in the present requirements for military drill. Before doing so, however, it seemed advisable to give the proposed changes publicity through the columns of your paper, in order to permit students who are interested in the matter to discuss them and suggest amendments. The changes

referred to are as follows:

1. To relieve from drill at the end of the present semester, all students who were formerly members of the class of 1909 and who drilled satisfactorily in their freshman and sophomore years; also all special students who have had two years of drill.

2. To make a level requirement of two years of drill, commencing with the freshman year, for all students, whether regular or special. Students whose names appear on lists of athletic squads published in orders by the Commandant of Cadets and whose work has been satisfactory to the Physical Director, will receive credit for the time spent in athletics. Students who have won their 'varsity "S"' will be excused as heretofore.

3. To exempt preparatory students from drill, this rule to take effect at the commencement of the college year 1908-1909 and not to apply to the present preparatory class.

In suggesting the above changes my main idea has been to limit the requirement for military drill to a definite period, thus removing the uncertainty which has heretofore existed.

In order to insure fairness to all, the Commandant of Cadets will, at the end of each college year, report to the Registrar the names of all students subject to military drill, together with their grades in practical work, whether "proficient," or "deficient," which grades will be entered on the student's scholastic record and will be reported to his parents or guardian at the end of the year. Students who, at the end of their second year of drill, have been reported "deficient," will be required to drill for another year.

It is believed that the above changes will, in the end, increase the efficiency of the Military Department and will render the course more satisfactory to students.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Hay, Captain, Tenth Cavalry, Commandants of Cadets.