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EDITORIAL.

With the beginning of basketball practice the question which caused so much discussion last year again confronts us. On the eastern trip our team was defeated in six successive games by colleges most of whom would be easy work for our football or baseball squads. Something should be done this year to put our basketball five in the same high class with our other varsity teams. Last year, as well as this, there was no scarcity of good material and yet in spite of the best efforts of Captain Waha and his men the team did not come up to expectations. This was generally conceded to be due to lack of coaching.

Each year the claim is made that basketball is a losing proposition, financially, and that a coach is out

of the question. Experience has shown that coaching is just as necessary in basketball as in other forms of athletics and in spite of all difficulties it must be provided. If the condition of the athletic funds will not warrant the additional burden the expense must be borne in some other way. It might be done by subscription or preferably by vote of the classes from their treasuries. An application to the basketball situation of the same kind of spirit that welcomed the football team home after the Penn game will assure Captain DuBarry of the assistance he so much needs in turning out a winning team.

In another column the announcement is made of the first of a series of free lectures to be given during the year. It must not be thought that the fact that no admission fee will be charged is an indication of the character of these lectures. Each talk will be given by a man high in his chosen profession, and each number is secured only by the expenditure of a considerable sum of money. Members of the faculty, townspeople, and other friends of the college have alike contributed generously to this cause. Let us then show our appreciation of this action by filling every seat in the auditorium on Friday evening.

The issue of November 27, or two weeks hence, will be a special alumni number. The paper will be of extra size, while its general make-up will be somewhat different from the regular issues. More than a thousand copies will be sent to alumni and friends of the college in addition to our regular subscription

list. We wish to urge all who may know interesting items of news concerning alumni to send them in. As was announced several weeks ago, these numbers will be published several times during the year and we wish to make this feature of the paper as strong as possible.

We wish to remind our readers again that the box just inside the main entrance is for the use of all. We find it practically impossible for one group of men to learn of all the happenings, particularly those which scarcely seem to be of sufficient importance to warrant their publication. So we ask the cooperation of every man in this matter, believing that the more closely the paper comes in touch with the actual, everybody occurrences of our college life, the better it will be.

CALENDAR.

THURSDAY, NOV. 14

6:30 P. M. Philadelphia Club, 20 Engineering Building.

7:00 P. M. Wyoming Seminary Club, 532 Main.

FRIDAY, NOV. 15

8:00 P. M. Freelecture, "Through a Barred Window," by Dr. Isaac J. Lansing. Everyone invited.

SATURDAY, NOV. 16

2:30 P. M. Toothpick-Tumbler Game Beaver Field.

2:30 P. M. Football. State vs. Navy, at Annapolis.

SUNDAY, NOV. 17

9:30 A. M. Episcopal communion services, celebrated by Bishop Talbot, in the foyer of the Auditorium.

11:00 A. M. Chapel The Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbert will preach.

6:15 P. M. Y. M. C. A., Old Chapel "The Question of Character."