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EDITORIAL.

Within the past few days the suggestion has been made several times that the equipment of the gymnasium might be vastly improved. The matter has been taken up with those in charge of the department of athletics, who feel strongly that a few words should be said to the general student body in regard to certain athletic matters.

First of all, some students seem to feel that since football suits and equipment are paid for out of the funds of the athletic association, such equipment is therefore the property of anyone who can get his hands on it. To be fair, we must

admit that part of the stuff taken has been by men who are trying for the class teams. Yet that excuse comes far from justifying the wholesale "pinching" that has been going on during the last few weeks. Even a varsity man, after being kept from practice by injuries received in a game, on returning to practice finds that all but one piece of his suit has been taken from his locker.

Men, let's cut this thing out. If we need a suit or a jersey, let's ask a player or the coach for it, and when we are through with it, return it to its proper place. At the beginning of every season, hundreds of dollars must be spent for suits and equipment, simply because the stuff used during the season is scattered throughout the college and can not be gathered together.

The same line of reasoning is true with regard to the gymnasium equipment. Basketballs, foils, and boxing gloves will be furnished, but it is obviously our duty to see that such equipment is properly used and is not stolen by any individual. The man who abuses or carries away any article does a serious wrong to every man who is entitled to its use.

After thorough trials and long and careful deliberation, three men have been chosen to fill vacancies on the staff of the Collegian. They are G. E. Miller, '08, and J. F. Mattern, '10, for the editorial board, and F. H. Berkebile, '10, for the business staff. Some difficulty was encountered in choosing among the large number of applicants, but we trust that our choice has been a wise one and that these new men may be successful in the work.

The announcement of the election of a new president in last week's Collegian was welcome news to faculty, students, alumni, and friends of the college alike. The place left vacant by Dr. Atherton's death has been hard to fill, but we have every reason to feel that the choice made by the trustees was a wise one. Dr. Sparks is eminently fitted by training and experience to direct the future development of our institution and to bring about the highest degree of efficiency in the various phases of our work. Although it is over ten years since he served on our faculty he has kept in touch with affairs here and thoroughly understands the problems which will face him as executive.

With an ever growing recognition throughout the state of the work being done here, increasing provision for our needs by Legislature, and the assurance of a strong executive administration we can confidently expect our Alma Mater to become one of the strongest educational institutions in the commonwealth.

Glee Club Concert.

The combined Glee and Mandolin clubs gave a concert Friday night in the Pittsburg Conservatory of Music. The program rendered was enthusiastically received by the audience numbering about 300 people, of whom a great many were alumni. After the entertainment an informal dance was held in the hall.

Although the proceeds of the entertainment were barely enough to meet the expenses of the clubs, it is generally conceded that the reception accorded the clubs was cordial enough to justify making an annual trip to Pittsburg to give an entertainment after the Thanksgiving game.