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EDITORIAL.

The proposed production by the recently organized New Pharsonians should prove to be a welcome addition to the social life of the college if properly supported and efficiently managed. This particular field of activity has been unfilled since the old organization disbanded several years ago. The new committees will endeavor to avoid the mistakes which caused the downfall of its predecessor, especially the matter of offensive personalities. With this feature eliminated and active interest aroused by open competition, a very creditable performance should result. If only considered as an added attraction to

visitors during Commencement week, the movement would merit general support.

On account of examinations there will be no issue of the Collegian next week.

Soon after the opening of the second semester another Alumni quarterly will appear. Items of interest concerning State graduates and their activities are desired for that number. Alumni, faculty, and students will contribute to the interest of these special issues by sending in notes which may not be obtainable in any other way.

The new code of regulations affecting students which was recently issued conveys the definite announcement that after this college year no person will be eligible to compete on athletic teams representing State in intercollegiate contests who has not attained a collegiate standing of freshman or over.

This new ruling is one more step in keeping with the growth of the institution. While it may have been advisable up to the present time to play men of lower rank than freshmen, the continuation of such a practice, with a student body of over one thousand to draw from, would secure for us only the severest censure and criticism from outside sources.

Although the rule may discourage some men of superior athletic abilities from coming to State, yet it will not affect those men who desire to play for the good of the institution and not for merely selfish motives. Moreover, men of the right type will readily realize how

much more valuable they will be to both their college and their teams as seniors than as "preps" who have not yet attained to collegiate standing. In addition they will prize their athletic honors more highly after they have won them.

Besides, this rule, if strictly adhered to, cannot help but raise the athletic standing of the college in the eyes of the general public. Within ourselves it will lead to a more careful search in our student body for men qualified to fill the positions on our athletic teams, and will raise the value of the varsity "S."

The innovation of publishing the examination schedule in the Collegian brought forth numerous expressions of approval. The uncertainty and confusion of former years has been entirely avoided, to the satisfaction of all concerned. This is in line with our policy of working for the interests of the members of the student body, individually and collectively.

The handbook for electrical engineers which has recently appeared from the press of the McGraw Publishing company, of New York, contains two chapters written by A. S. McAllister, '98. The first is on transformers and the other on electric motors. Dr. McAllister is also the author of *Alternating Current Motors*, one of the most highly recommended texts on the subject, and already in its second edition. He is associate editor of the *Electrical World*, and has an enviable reputation as an electrical engineer.

Another State man, G. C. Shaad, '00, now Professor of Electrical Engineering at Tech., collaborated with C. C. Beardsley in the chapter on Central Stations.