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EDITORIAL.

Now that varsity baseball practice is well under way it is not inappropriate to take up the question of interclass baseball games during the coming season. There seems to be no good reason why a series of interclass games may not be played here as in most other colleges. If men on the varsity squad were barred from these contests by common consent they would not be interfered with by the intercollegiate games and trips, and interest could be maintained throughout the series.

At any rate there should certainly be a sophomore-freshmen game. Since the new flag scrap rules have gone into effect this affair need oc-

cupy attention for one day only, whereas a series of clashes on the diamond would serve to keep class spirit aroused throughout the spring. Plenty of material is available, some of which might develop into good varsity timber under the stimulating influence of interclass contests.

In connection with the many interruptions which have this year broken in upon the work of the technical societies it has been suggested that all agree upon a common meeting night. If this were done no games, lectures, or entertainments would be scheduled for this evening and meetings could be held regularly. Joint meetings of related societies could then be held without great trouble. The Mechanical and Electrical Engineering societies have taken the initiative by appointing committees to confer with this end in view and it is to be hoped that all will join in the movement.

INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE.

The final debate of the Intercollegiate Debating League will occur in April between Swarthmore and State on neutral ground at Dickinson College. Unusual interest is attached to this contest because of the fact that Mr. E. A. Cottrell, instructor in economics, will help train our team, while Dr. R. C. Brooks, head of the department in which Mr. Cottrell specialized at Swarthmore, will assist the Swarthmore debaters. A friendly rivalry between the two departments will doubtless be the outcome.

The question for debate will be "Resolved, That in Pennsylvania a commission system of municipal government founded on the Des Moines plan is better than the

Mayor and Council." Swarthmore will take the affirmative side and State the negative.

The Swarthmore team consists of Louis F. Coffin, '09; George F. Dilworth, '08; William L. Jenkins, '10; and Simeon Jester, '08.

State will be represented by W. F. H. Wentzel, '08, M. Smith, '11, A. A. Borland, '09, and W. R. Lams, '10, alternate.

AN OLD CUSTOM REVIVED.

The senior class, at a recent meeting, decided to revive an old custom of the senior classes, that of wearing their caps and gowns in chapel on Sunday mornings during May and June. All classes previous to 1905 followed this custom very closely and made quite an imposing appearance among the Sunday congregation, but for some reason or other the class of 1905 discontinued the custom, and it has not been taken up since.

By this means the seniors expect to become accustomed to the wearing of their commencement costumes, and also to pay respect to their Alma Mater during their last few weeks with her. It is intended that the class shall assemble Sunday mornings in the lobby of the Auditorium and march to their seats in a body preceded by their marshal.

The Chess Club.

A number of new members were enrolled in the chess club recently and Prof. E. R. Gage was elected president and T. R. Butler, '09, secretary. Great interest is being shown and an effort is to be made to develop a team worthy to represent State against other colleges. The club meets on Saturday evenings in Room 130 Main at 7.30 p. m.

The concert by Victor's Venetian Band will not begin until fifteen minutes after the close of the State-Delaware basketball game.