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EDITORIAL.

There are some men who spend four years in college and never come to a realization that it is their duty to be interested in college affairs outside of their studies and their pleasures. They never think that they owe it to themselves to get into something that will broaden their characters and help to make them truer college men. They never think that they owe a debt to their college which they can partly repay by identifying themselves with one of the many branches of college activities and endeavoring to make that branch better than it is in other colleges.

"The more you do the more you can do" is a true saying, and the man who is not identified with any interest about college can never truthfully complain that he has no

time for such things. Let him get into something and he will soon find that he has more time for his other work than he had before. He will begin to learn how to make use of his time.

What can a man do to make his education of more practical value to himself? He can try for one of the many athletic teams; he can try for the debating team; he can take active part in the different societies and clubs and in the Y. M. C. A.; he can aspire to high office in the military department; he can go into class and college politics and hold offices that will give him valuable experience; if he has musical ability, the orchestra, glee club, mandolin club, and band offer opportunities for him; the Chespians and Pharsonians will give outlet for dramatic ability; and the literary and journalistic interests need the support of good men. There are enough interests for every man to find one suited to his ability and liking.

It may be dangerous advice for a freshman, especially for a freshman in State College, but there is certainly something for an upper classman in the saying, "Don't let your books interfere with your college education".

Years ago, before the press of public affairs became as urgent as it is today, it was the custom for the legislature of Pennsylvania to visit the college in a body once a year. This day was set apart for the purpose of showing to the people of the state and their representatives something of the work which the college was trying to accomplish. This custom has been kept up, as we know,

although it is no longer possible for all of our legislators to be present on Pennsylvania Day.

We feel sure that there is not a man in college who does not wish to see the institution grow, and its reputation spread throughout the country, and who is not willing to do something with this end in view. Depending as the college does for its support upon the legislature, it is extremely important that our visitors get a proper idea of the growth and the needs of the college. No one thing can impress them more forcibly than our numbers. If at tomorrow's exercises the auditorium is only partly filled, it will be rather hard to convince our visitors that we have more than eleven hundred students, instead of half that number.

We want to urge every fellow, therefore, to do a little serious thinking on this matter. We cannot afford to think simply of our own convenience and take a day off just because there are no classes. We owe it to ourselves and to the college to make the best possible appearance tomorrow, and to show to the visitors our needs and crowded conditions as they actually exist.

A New Instructor.

Mr. O. F. Bouke has been appointed instructor in German and Political Science. He was born in Bremen, Germany, attended the "Gymnasium" there, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1905, where he also took his Master's degree the following year, and last year was a fellow in the department of political science at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Thomas J. Farmer, who spoke in several meetings here last year, has been at Lafayette lately,