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The Student Council and Student Board Legislation of this year can be most heartily commended for the progressive legislation they have accomplished thus far. An urgent duty, it would seem, for the two future governing bodies will be to endeavor to find a solution for the financial problems confronting each class annually.

At the present time no class has the word "quorum" clearly defined. Meetings are called at pleasure with no regulation. Whenever a vote is to be taken, there is often a vote taken to decide the method of voting. There is no stipulated time or method in auditing books and no clearly defined rules for levying of dues. These are only a part of the reasons which make possible the chaotic conditions which exist at class meetings.

If the Student Board made an investigation of conditions at other institutions and formed a constitution, it could force incoming classes to adopt it. Thus in four years every class would be governed by the same constitution and some degree of uniformity would prevail. The constitution could take up the question of dues which is the most serious problem of every class. If every man who flunked out paid his dues while he was in school, the sixty per cent who graduate would not find so many bills to pay. Less than half of every class carry the finances of their class until the senior year is reached. At the present time every senior makes up his deficiency and a large sum is left over.

From this fund comes the senior class gift. Could not a method be devised that would empower the treasurer to collect the dues in full each year and thus reduce the ultimate expense. Surely there is a large field of work open for either this year's Student Council or for the one to be elected.

With strains of "Keep Senior off the grass" and "Stay Benches on the walks" we are endeavoring to make our campus beautiful. A well kept green is a pleasant remembrance of any college and of ours this is especially true. Visitors commend us upon it; we are proud of it; its traditions and memories are precious and we cherish it. Custom has made it sacred, underclassmen reverence it, juniors look upon it with pride and seniors take advantage of the privilege it offers and benefit themselves thereby. But one thing has been forgotten. Under the spreading branches of the shapely Norway maples were placed the rustic senior benches. Classes used them, enjoyed them, graduated and left them—the goal of the freshman, the ambition of the sophomore, the dream of the junior and the pride of the senior; to stand through the heavy, wintry storms, amid ice and snow, rain and sleet, and yet expect them to serve their purpose as before. As a result these benches are now in a very bad condition. They have rotted and decayed and show only too well the severe strain of an all season outdoor exposure. Commencement is coming, we are striving as never before to make our campus beautiful, and yet we seem to have forgotten these time immemorial landmarks. Cannot something be done to restore them to their former state or at least make them look presentable? Cannot our senior benches as well as our campus be beautiful?

### Band Prospects

The program rendered last Sunday evening completed the series of concerts played before State College audiences during the past year. At this concert a plea was made for better support financially. It was pointed out that the \$75 appropriated yearly for the support of the band was not sufficient to properly defray expenses; and that after the bare running expenses had been paid, not enough money was left to buy the seniors the little mark of appreciation that it has been customary to give in the past.

Arrangements are under way to give a series of open air concerts for the entertainment of the students. Doctor Sparks has consented to have a band stand put up in the hollow of the front campus, and short concerts will be given there in the evenings. The programs for these concerts will be greatly varied; both classical and popular music will be rendered.

The prospects for next year are bright, since several promising men are coming to State. It is hoped that the services of a retired band master will be secured for next season who will be in much the same relation to the instrumental department that Mr. Robinson is to the vocal. This casts no reflection upon the student directors; the present standard of our band is a testimonial to the leadership of G. L. Sumner, '14, the present director.

### Liberal Art Society Meeting.

The Liberal Arts Society held a very interesting and important meeting at the Ladies' Cottage last Friday night. Dean and Mrs. Weber were present for the last time. A program was rendered, after which the Dean made his farewell address. The Society endeavored to show in a small measure the respect and appreciation the whole school feels for Dr. Weber. The Freshman Quartette was present and gave several selections. The following were nominated for office and will be voted upon at next meeting. For president, Harris '16; for vice president, Miss Wheyland and Miss Good '16; for secretary, Miss McNamara, and for Treasurer, Prof. Barber. Light refreshments were served and the party adjourned to meet at 7:30 next Friday, at the home of Dr. Stecker.

The Penn State regiment will probably be inspected on May 19 by Captain J. P. Robinson of the general staff.

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Professor J. A. Moyer lectured before the Connellsville Y. M. C. A. on Thursday evening, May 7, on the subject of "Latest Improvements in Steam Turbine Machinery".

Mr. Willis Whited, Bridge Engineer of the State Highway Department, spoke before the Senior Engineering Convocation on Friday, May 8. His subject was "Some Unsolved Problems of Engineering Science".

### Eaglesmere

All the problems of our life should be faced in our best moments. Strain and stress in the frequently unnatural conditions of our modern life do not make for clear thought and for clear decision. The necessity for thought and decision on the part of every college man is very plain.

The ten days spent at a student conference should put a man at his best. The life is regular and natural. There is recreation and the best of fellowship. There is leadership of the finest quality.

The program proposes to open up in the fairest way the moral problems of the student, the intellectual basis and practical application of Christianity, and the pressing function of the choice of a life-work.

"Doc" Crawford and "Pete" Weigle spoke Thursday evening at the weekly meeting of the Philadelphia Society at Princeton. About 150 men attended the meeting.

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2.21	7.48	.....	FILMORE	8.28	12.28	5.35
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2.28	5.58	.....	WADDLES	8.20	12.20	5.25
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