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THE present Editors of the FREE LANCE, though they do not feel that they are to be censured, desire to make some explanation concerning the lateness of this issue.

Owing to the resignation of Editor-in-chief, R. B. Mattern, it was necessary to elect a new man on the staff. This, in the first place caused delay, and indeed was the chief cause of delay, since for quite a time there was in reality no Editor-in-chief, and consequently no one to take a lead in the work. When this had been arranged for, the work being new, was not done so quickly as it

otherwise might have been done. For the future the Editors think they can promise promptness.

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THE failure on the part of a great number of of our students to attend college and other meetings is, certainly a thing that cannot be too strongly criticized. The pervading character of a free college spirit should make every man feel that business to be transacted is business in which he is interested. And as such it should receive a part at least of his time. There is nothing that is so derogatory to our mutual advancement as the easy going habits that we have fallen into.

Enthusiasm is what is needed, and the only way it can be had is to have well attended meetings. The idea that "There will be enough there without me" must be given up.

The Senior should not begin to lose interest already; nor should the Freshman think that he has no voice in College affairs. When meetings are called let every person be on time and ready to give his whole and undivided attention to the subjects under consideration, for college matters are students' trusts, and as such should be taken care of by him.

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PROUD is the position now held by the Pennsylvania State College in the foot ball arena.

Outside of U. of P. she has *shut out* by decisive scores every team of importance in Pennsylvania, except that of Lehigh, and an examination of the standing of Lehigh indicates that P. S. C. would be a certain and easy winner. Lafayette won from Lehigh once, and lost once by a score of 15 to 4. But State College shuts Lafayette out by 18 to 0.

It is hence fair to assume that there are only