

they have decided to abide by last year's Fresh-Soph action and substitute football for the old cane rush. Let this act as a nucleus around which a schedule of class games may form, and let each class do its best so that the games may become so popular that they will become a part of the customary round of each succeeding college year.

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THE success in the chess tournament between P. S. C. and Bucknell was not deserved. That an innocuous chess organization such as we have should win a series from one so well organized and so industrious as is that of Bucknell, is simply an amount of good fortune not to be hoped for again. Let our chess club go to work, for if it does not we shall be forced to occupy a minor position next winter, when there is every reason to believe that chess will occupy a conspicuous place in inter collegiate contests.

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ONE of the first questions asked by new students and men from other colleges is, "why don't you fellows get out a musical organization like other places?" Echo answers "Why?" State College now takes her place in athletic circles as among the best in the State. In general athletics we recognize but one superior, the University of Pennsylvania, and but one equal Swarthmore, for it was by mere misfortune on our part, that the latter place was not compelled to recognize us as a peer last Spring. In football the University is again our only superior, and Lehigh our only equal, while our record in baseball last Spring was on a par with that of any of the lesser institutions of the State. What is there to prevent us extending this proud record into the realms of music?

When we go home to our Christmas vacation, we see advertised, the University Banjo Club, the Lafayette Glee Club, the Dickinson Glee and Banjo Club, Franklin and Marshall, Lehigh, Swarthmore—all on the road having a good time,

advertising their college, and carrying with them the well wishes of the students, the faculty, and the alumni. If a number of alumni are resident in the city they visit, a banquet will most likely await them when the entertainment is over. Or if not a banquet, a reception or a dance will attest the cordial hospitality of the town's people. The boys meet the best people in the town, are lionized, feted, and come back a little tired perhaps, but with a feeling of having passed a most enjoyable vacation and with a fund of reminiscences of pretty girls, delicious dances, gay larks, and good times in general that lasts them through the weary months of grinding that lie before and acts as a pleasant companion in lecture room and study. Add to this the fact that most all of these clubs make money, many of them enough to give quite neat little sums to the members besides providing them all with new dress suits.

Aside from the personal advantages, the college is greatly benefitted. A Glee or Banjo Club advertises the institution, and the better the music the more highly will the alma mater rank in the minds of the large majority of the audience. When the club visits a town, the people are anxious to learn all about the college they represent. The girls, especially in the smaller towns, will want to wear the colors, and the younger masculine members of the audience will try to reproduce the college yell next day. College men are always a little nicer and handsomer than other human beings, to most feminine minds, while they are heroes and demi-gods to the small boys who some day hope to become college men themselves.

In the face of all this what reason is there that we do not turn out a banjo or a glee club? Why was the effort of several years ago allowed to stand out and be accentuated by its loneliness? It was a success in everything but finance, and that was due to bad management. Crowded houses greeted the club, and favorable mention followed it wherever it went, till the last place scheduled was