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The problem of how to control and regulate debating in the University having been satisfactorily solved, it now remains for the student body to do its share toward making these contests successful. The thing most needed now is moral and financial support from both students and faculty.

Students may support this enterprise by taking an active share in the union debating contests, thus preparing themselves for the larger and more important debates. They should abandon the idea that a debate is a mere talking contest and should realize that it is an intellectual test worthy of the brainiest man in the institution. It ought to be considered as high an honor to represent the institution in a debating meet, as in a football game. It is only when it is looked upon in this light that debating can take its true place among college contests.

### JUNIOR LAWS MEET.

The Junior laws met yesterday to transact business relating to the class football team. Mr. Chase was chosen manager of the team. Those of the class who expect to play will begin practice today.

### TRACK TEAM.

On next Saturday at 2 p. m. a handicap track meet will be held on Nebraska field. The different events will be pulled off promptly so as not to interfere with the football game which begins at three o'clock.

Following is the list of those entered.

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### AN ALTAR MORE THAN 6,000 YEARS OLD.

In the recent excavations at Nippur, Professor H. V. Hilprecht, of the University of Pennsylvania, who has made so many discoveries which throw light on ancient Babylonian history, has fully determined that the Semitic Babylonians are not the constructors of the stage tower on top of which was an altar. By personally inspecting the strata beneath the ziggurat or stage tower built by Ur-Gur 2800 B.C., who was supposed to have been the originator of this peculiar form of architecture found in connection with nearly every Babylonian temple, Dr. Hilprecht determined that the stage tower existed long before the Semitic invasion and that it was of Sumerian origin. In an early stratum, belonging to a time eight or ten centuries prior to Sargon, 3800 B. C., was found an altar with several inches of ashes of animal sacrifice.

Around the altar was a low wall or enclosure. Close by was found a bin containing several bushels of the same kind of ashes, and not very far away were found several vases probably used for sacrificial purposes. The altar doubtless was a prominent part of the earliest temple of which at the present there is scarcely a trace. A considerable portion of the temple is yet to be excavated, but from the exact measurements already taken, from the historical inscriptions recovered, which give accounts of the building operations of the different kings who restored, rebuilt and made additions to the temple; and from the contents of the different strata, which have been carefully noted, Professor Hilprecht, aided by his architects, expects to reconstruct the portion of the temple thus far excavated as it appeared in the different periods, and at the same time to give a history of this oldest known sanctuary.

### NO JOINT DEBATE.

There will be no joint debate between the two political clubs this year. The Hayward republican club met yesterday and decided not to accept the challenge of the Jeffersonian club. The reason given was that there is so little time before election. No student would volunteer to prepare a debate on such short notice, so the matter will be dropped.

Preliminary arrangements were made by the Hayward club to send out representatives to the meeting of the state league of republican clubs.

All new students of the University should avail themselves of the first opportunity to visit the State Historical exhibit in the basement of the library. The Indian relics are especially good and well arranged showing samples of many things which the Indians of Nebraska have made.

E. E. Blackman of the Nebraska Historical society, together with M. J. O. Brown of the Minnesota State Historical Society, have gone this week to visit the sites of the old Pawnee reservation on the Loup River.

E. E. Blackman visited the flint mines at Nehawka this week.

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