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DEBATE TO THE FORE.

The Daily Nebraskan devotes this issue to the cause of intercollegiate debate. If by the publicity which it arouses, the coming Minnesota-Nebraska contest is put on a sound financial basis, the issue will be effective. If the debate should "go in the hole" as in former years, the issue will still be worth while as a tribute to the men who have worked for the team and for the University.

A debate is primarily an educational event. It does not appeal to the emotions, to the senses. It does not take place amid a blare of trumpets, so to speak, for the rallies which preceded the Minnesota game have not been repeated during this debate season. It invariably attracts a smaller number of people than an athletic event. But the moral result of a victory in debate will go farther over the state than an athletic victory, and the fact that student interest is not always at the proper pitch does not give a reliable estimate of the worth of this line of activity. In that debates do represent intellectual rather than physical effort lies their chief argument for support as a university event, and stu-

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dents only belittle their own judgment by slighting them.

In the past an almost unbroken line of financial reverses has followed the debating teams. The expense attached to managing a debate such as Minnesota and Nebraska, or Iowa and Nebraska is considerable. Coupled with the meager support which the students at Nebraska have given, the business management has been hampered in past seasons. Thru it all the men on the squad have devoted weeks of time, slighting all other attractions, and giving Nebraska victorious teams year after year with a consistency which would be remarkable if the athletic department was the one concerned. Nebraska's reputation as a great institution rests in no small measure upon the record of these debating teams, and upon the untiring work of the coach whose methods are known east and west as effective.

Elsewhere in the paper will be cited reasons for attending the debate. The cultural, educational, even recreational reasons for going are manifold. But under it all lies the reason—Nebraska. Why do the men on the team debate? If it is for self, then the arguments for debating cannot hold. If they spend their time unselfishly, for the sake of the team and the University, then they are living up to the spirit of the law of student activity. Similarly, students asked to subscribe to one of the recognized activities cannot refuse this call without asking the question. Is there an unselfish ideal of all-University loyalty at stake? The answer is apparent to those who will give the matter thought.

NEBRASKA MEN JUDGES.

Two Nebraska faculty men will act as judges in Central Debating League contests Friday night, both in the Minnesota-Wisconsin debate at Minneapolis.

Prof. J. E. LeRossignol, professor of political economy and commerce and director of the School of Commerce, University of Nebraska.

Prof. W. G. L. Taylor, emeritus professor of economics, University of Nebraska.

The other judge at this debate will be F. Shanbough, professor of political science, University of Iowa.

Professor LeRossignol and Professor Taylor leave Thursday afternoon for Minneapolis.

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The much heralded contest between the Junior and Freshmen football teams was played yesterday with the field in a condition that made football nearly an impossibility, and fumbles frequent. The game ended with the question still unsettled, the score showing a goose egg for each side.

The Freshmen were outweighed by their opponents but this fact did not seem to make any material difference as they outplayed their more seasoned adversaries in nearly every stage of the game, their own goal never being in danger, while the Junior goal was threatened in every period. Both teams tried the open game with little success, the ball being too heavy for accurate passing. The Freshmen overcame this handicap by making several

of their passes good, while the Juniors were unsuccessful in their attempts.

Time was called as the Freshmen were about to attempt a goal from placement. The Juniors fell far behind the standard they showed in their tussle with the Seniors while the Freshmen showed themselves to be better than when they met the Sophomores. When the tie will be played off, or whether they will attempt to play off the game has not as yet been decided, as no agreement could be reached by the managers after the game.

The Freshmen performers who distinguished themselves by their play are Captain Doyle, Allen and Ballman. The stellar performers for the Juniors were Meyers, McGurk and Mapes.

The game was replete with objections, the officiating did not seem to satisfy either team while from the side lines it appeared that the referee was doing all that any human could do to maintain some semblance of the game of football in the contest that was before him.

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