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### EDITORIAL.

"I have been requested to announce that a debate will be held somewhere in this city Friday night."

That is about the way it was announced. It was only a debate, you see.

There was no prospect for broken collars, bones or heads or necks, or things. Only a common debate, where nothing exciting could happen, and no weapons could be used other than brains and tongues.

A football game, as any one can easily see, is very different. Football marks the summit, the pinnacle, the highest ideal and greatest good of university life. Football is

hot stuff. It is intellectual, refining, cultured, "don chaw know," and naturally no student should be allowed to remain in the university who is too poor or too ignorant to attend a football game. In fact, it is the duty of authorities, faculty and students to take up collections and furnish free tickets for poor but deserving students, so they may go and be edified and become better and nobler men and women. Accordingly an interstate football match gets an hour's enthusiastic announcement in chapel; an interstate debate is dismissed in half a minute.

The two events would have about the same relative notice in the columns of *Sporting Life*. "It's a merry world, my masters."

THE HESPERIAN doesn't want to take a bath, anyhow. And if it did, it would hustle around and collect from some delinquent subscriber and pay 5 cents for the glorious privilege. But while we do not wish to hustle in the gymnasium's justly celebrated bath room, and could probably borrow the money if we did, we do not see wherein we are less entitled to the use of bathing privileges than is John Peter Cameron or Billy Hayward.

Seriously, and with all due deference, it seems to us that the new departure is an exceedingly diminutive method of conducting business. Surfied clubs are out of date.

If the authorities wish to force students into physical department's hands, they should be able to find some other method than the one adopted.

"Drop your Greek and study hygiene or we'll make you pay 5 cents for a bath." Doesn't that sound nice in such an institution as ours?

Some shows are always fated to be mangled around in, just as some chairs are predestined to look empty.