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The feeling for athletics has been aroused. We have had several baseball games this season and they have been successful. In order to arouse enthusiasm and create interest in athletics the students must see that they have a good force to manage this important side of University life. We are to have an election of members for the Athletic Board next Wednesday. There are nine candidates in the field from which five are to be elected. Four out of this number have announced themselves as independent men and five have been put up by a caucus or combine. The HESPERIAN has always stood for democracy and believes that the student body should have some right to say who shall be nominated for members of this board.

It is the duty of every student and member of the faculty to look into this election and help to secure the best men, men who when elected are free to speak their own minds and are not tied down to any clique.

Let merit be the determining qualification instead of political pull.

The Colorado Debate.

The boys who debated with Colorado College at Colorado Springs returned Tuesday morning. They report a very profitable and pleasant trip. They were treated by the students there to a visit to nearly all places of interest in the state. The debate itself had features less pleasant. The decision was given in favor of Colorado College. This, however, was not due to any misfortune or neglect on the part of our boys. They are not dissatisfied with the effort they made. They

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met men older than they are, and higher classmen—men trained in thought, composition and elocution as thoroughly as any. Debating occupies no secondary place in college affairs there.

If the debate is open to criticism, possibly the Nebraska men were not quite thorough enough in their preparation, and the Colorado men may have been too much confined to what had been previously prepared. Awkward sentences, of course, unbecome the dignity that should accompany an inter-state debate, so do speeches that are too much cut and dried. Arrangements should be made to avoid both of these next year. More time for preparation will be a remedy for the first, and a constitutional amendment should obviate the second.

The editor of THE HESPERIAN finds the boys more enthusiastic about other features of the trip than the debate. Mr. Weaver lays especial emphasis on the fact that this is a "co-ed" school. Mr. Bollenbach reports that he enjoyed himself "hugely" at the reception given by the students at the ladies' dormitory. The halls of this building were thrown wide open and for an hour the visitors were monarchs of all. It was here that Mr. McNaughton, a very practical student of constitutional law, obtained some very charming souvenirs through an exercise of the right of Eminent Domain.

A party conducted the boys through Manitou, The Garden of the Gods, Cheyenne Canon and to Pike's Peak. The former grave of Helen Hunt Jackson was pointed out. It is located where she used to love most to visit, in South Cheyenne Canon just above the falls. Of course her present grave, from request of her husband, is in a private cemetery, but visitors still pile stones on her former grave.

Passes were secured to Denver, from which place they returned to Lincoln.

Next year the Colorado College boys come here. Twice they have entertained us. Next year the University of Nebraska must entertain them as successfully in all respects and with as much honor to our institution as they have entertained us this year.

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