When we are defeated two times in one month in debating contests, it is time to think. When we are defeated four times in one year, it is time to grow vicious. When we fail to win a debate for two consecutive years it is high time to do something.

Our debate has won fourteen consecutive years. Other schools win often enough to vary the monotony. We keep on in the same old rut. What ails us?

No bright young men here? Hardly that. The good state of Iowa has never lacked for men either with skillful hands or with master minds. The University is full of men who can do. Why don't they do it? For the same reason that the Chinaman with a piggish, long clothes and small thousand or more years of tradition to follow, does not keep pace with the American who cuts his hair, wears trousers and regards not the traditions of the elders if they hinder his progress. We are following a system that has nothing to commend it, not even sufficient age. It is old enough to be quite inadequate, however, if it ever was useful, it has outlived its usefulness.

The Zeta and Irving go to Notre Dame, and return upon their shields. The Phi beta challenge South Dakota, and get whipped. The laws get ready to meet Kansas, and a meritorious proviso prevents a meeting which could have furnished an opportunity for another defeat.

The University gets no glory out of this sort of thing, nor do the men get much benefit.

The facts are that our debaters can't be called University representatives. They are properly called society representatives. They are not chosen from the University at large. It makes no difference how good or wise or eloquent they are, they still come short of representing the institution. There is too little sitting.
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