

nearly everyone among the student body who was ever known to have written anything or who was ever heard to say that he thought that sometime he might write something. We think that this state of affairs should not be repeated another term.

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It has been brought forward as an argument that the reason why State did not win the recent debate with Franklin and Marshall was that one could not expect a technical school with practically no instruction in oratory to compete with a classical institution whose students have all the facilities in that line. While this instruction certainly is an advantage, how little it really counts was shown in that debate. F. and M. did not win that contest on form. They were all experienced men and knew exactly what points to touch on, which would influence the judges. Had the State team, by means of a scrub, been able to get some practice on rebutting, the result might have been different; but, as usual, the men had practically no help or encouragement from the student body. When a man enters here he usually takes an interest in debating affairs. He did it in his prep. school, and thinks it is the proper thing here. He makes his class team, perhaps in his Sophomore year he makes the college team and participates in an inter-collegiate debate. Then he gets the notion that he has too much college work to do to permit him to participate in any more debating, and thus when he has become a valuable man, flunks out. That has been the way it has gone in the past, and it is up to the present Freshman class to see that it does not go on in the future. There can be no question but that the men in State College have lots of work to do. But what training can be of more value to an engineer, a chemist, or any professional man, in fact, than to be able to think connectedly and express his thoughts logically on his feet? Few things are more so. Cut out some of the card playing and other time-wasting amusements and go around to the Debating Club on Friday evening for an hour or so. It is being reorganized. Get to work there and train a debating team systematically. State is in this debating