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Editorial Remarks

This is Washington's birthday. It's a shame to be compelled to bring this fact before the student body in this manner, but we ought to give this fact at least a momentary thought for the monotonous grind of the educational machine hasn't stopped to allow us to ponder over it in a fitting manner. And we've earned the holiday. Working under the high pressure with which things are done here we earn every day off which the powers see fit to grant us, and then some. But whether we've earned it or not he, in whose honor this day is generally observed, has won the right to a day of universal remembrance. The annual recurrence of the birthday of the Father of his country should, as was intended when the holiday was established, carry us back to the time when America's sky was not so rosy and beautiful as now, to the time when clouds, seemingly blotting out forever the sun of liberty, hung, low and threatening, to the time when, but for the superhuman efforts of the men whom Washington typifies, the storm which broke would have carried the struggling few before it to destruction. More than the Fourth of July, now the day of the small boy and his noise, more than Thanksgiving, the day of the large as well as small boy's appetite, Washington's birthday has come to be the true patriotic holiday.

In their false, acquired meanings other national festivals are now looked forward to and their true spirit, their deeper significance too generally lost. From the very nature of the event it represents Washington's birthday has been subject to none of these abuses. It's spirit is now the purest of any of our national holidays and therefore the day should be more generally celebrated, and in state institutions like ours, especially.

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COMMUNICATION.

Editor Daily Nebraskan.—Sir: Strange apathy has overtaken the members of the Sophomore class. They seem to have lost their wonted class spirit and interest. Of late two calls for meetings, both to consider important matters, which should have aroused the interest of every classman, have resulted in failure, because a mere quorum of fifty could not be induced to attend. Contrast such apathy, with previous, history of the class of '07. Do you remember the crowded meetings of the Freshmen year? Do you recollect the wonderful esthusiasm displayed in the class scraps of last year? Have you forgotten the noble stand we made against the Sophs. at the Freshmen May party and how we carried victory with us?

But we need not go back to our Freshmen year to find instances where class spirit was displayed. Only last semester the loyal and admiring classmen supported with unrivalled esthusiasm their victorious football team. Are we now with such a glorious record behind us to allow the other classes to surpass us? This will surely be the result if we do not brace up and attend our class meetings.

Tomorrow a meeting has been called to consider very important matters in connection with the basketball game the Sombrero and to complete election of officers. Let no loyal Sophomore be absent. Every member can afford to lay down his books for half an hour in behalf of his class. Let us show the other classmen among whom criticism of our lack of spirit has not been wanting, that we still possess the same interest, spirit and esthusiasm that has characterized our previous career.
A SOPHOMORE.

Republicans Again.

The Republican club of the University will meet tomorrow at 1 p. m. in Memorial hall. The committee on banquet and a delegate to Washington will report and the plans for the same will be discussed. A strenuous effort is being made by the committee on a delegate to Washington to secure funds for the transportation of a man to the capitol city.

The banquet committee will present figures on the proposed banquet to be held by the club in the near future. Two different plans are being considered by the committee. The first, that of having the banquet just for the benefit of a "good time" for the members, and the second that of having a more formal affair with one or more noted republicans to speak. The object of the former seems to be just "good time" while the latter, if successful would help to keep up the interest and esthusiasm which is so desirable a factor in all such organizations.

The matter of bringing the influence of the student body to bear upon the members of the legislature in an effort to make more probable the passage of the bills now before the legislature for the various improvements for the University will also be presented to the meeting. The leaders of this movement feel that our legislators do not give the University the consideration that it deserves and that a little systematic work on the part of the students would help matters considerably.

The club now has a membership of two hundred and forty-six and new names will be received at the meeting today.

Chas. D. Hurrey when seen at the state convention at Grand Island last week expressed himself as looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to his meeting with University of Nebraska men at the banquet to be held at the Lindell hotel on the evening of March 3. He says Nebraska's record during recent years has brought her favorably before the eyes of the college world and he is anxious to meet her men personally. Tickets will be put on sale immediately and every man who is in any way interested in the University association should make his plans for attending an "A No. 1" banquet at a reasonable and moderate price. The banquet will begin promptly at 7:45 o'clock and will be over in good season.

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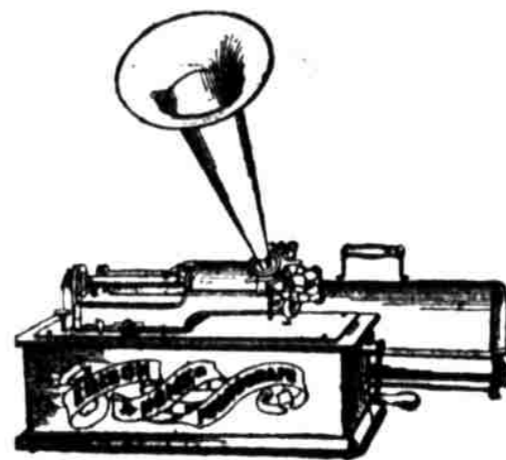
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