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## FRANK FAVORS MEASURE

FORMER FOOTBALL MAN EN-DORSES CAP PLAN AS BEING GOOD FOR THE SCHOOL.

## CITES OTHER SCHOOLS AS EXAMPLE

Thinks Freshmen Will Derive More Class and College Spirit By Wearing the Green Caps.

By Owen Frank.

A few answers to the opinion appearing elsewhere in these columns might be opportune, in fact might serve to raise the ignorant and degraded freshman out of the intellectual mire that the esteemed writer would lead us to believe said freshman to be grovelling in. The question is, will he stick in this slough of despond. Again are the upper classmen going to, in fact, can they act hastily in this matter of foisting the green emblem of servility upon ye unsuspecting freshman. Is the writer of the sort that would characterize himself and his advocates by adversely criticising the actions of a large majority of the schools, east and west. Yea, even Kansas schools, which have unqualifiedly succeeded by this plan in fostering better school spirit than the University of Nebraska possesses. Who is he and what experience in this cause has he, that he is in a position to manifest his learning and confidential advice in this matter? Shall we judge his statements because of his theories, or on account of both facts and theories? We fail to note many salient facts. May he not be one of a number amongst us who are so wrapped up in themselves that they have never had the incentive and hence the inclination to encourage a more unified spirit?

### Advertising University.

But first, do we believe in such a spirit as being a better means of advertising the University and thereby indeed succeed in helping the individual? If there is any plan that will work to this end is there not high time to adopt it? Why is there such unlimited difficulty in selling athletic tickets at Nebraska? Why is it that convocations wherein the best of programs are offered will draw only a corporal's guard? What has become of the old time rallies and rooting? Why should the Cornhusker banquet draw a bare 180 when two years ago 275 of the sons of Nebraska were not coaxed to come? Why is it that the students can not unite in a better support of all University matters, which are declining rather than progressing? These are a few of the questions we may ask ourselves. At the universities of Missouri and Kansas the strictly student crowds at all athletics, the rooting, and the general "pep" make Nebraska's athletes ashamed of our brand of enthusiasm. This is hard to admit, but it is time and should not attempt to deduce the reflection.

The writer was present at the University of Missouri when their large auditorium was jammed full, the occasion being an all university convocation, whereas if the same program had been given at Nebraska one could have counted the audience in three minutes. At Kansas and Missouri season athletic tickets are five and six dollars respectively and are sold to a far greater number than at Nebraska, where a few pay the munificent sum

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## SETTLE CAP ISSUE TODAY

BIGGEST QUESTION BEFORE STUDENT BODY FOR YEARS TO BE SETTLED TODAY AT MASS MEETING OF UPPER AND LOWER CLASSMEN—OPPOSITION OF SOME UPPER CLASSMEN AND PROFESSORS LEADS TO PLAN OF DECISION BY CLASSES—THREE UPPER CLASSES TO MEET IN THE TEMPLE WHILE FRESHMEN MEET IN MEMORIAL HALL AT 11:30 O'CLOCK.

## FRESHMEN GIVEN CHANCE TO ACT ON QUESTION

Whether or not the members of the freshman class are to wear green skull caps will be determined this morning in two big class meetings held at 11:30 o'clock—one of the most vital issues which has ever come before the student body. It remains to be seen whether the present freshman class will establish the tradition of wearing the headgear which will be taken up by their successors of '17, and by the succeeding classes down through posterity.

The "wearing of the green" is not to be the result of the failure of the freshmen to win the Olympics as originally understood. The plan is much more feasible and comes nearer fulfilling its intended purpose of fostering Nebraska spirit, as it now stands, viz., for the freshmen to begin wearing the caps upon their entrance into the University and to continue to wear them throughout the year. The proposition is to be presented squarely to the freshmen in order that they may themselves take action in the matter.

The seniors, juniors and sophomores will meet in the Temple Theater to discuss the matter from the standpoint of those who have been through the mill and have seen the evils of a non-united class spirit in their own classes as a result of not laying sufficient stress upon this matter as freshmen. President Mulligan of the senior class will preside at the meeting. The proposition will be presented by Sam Carrier, and resolutions favorable or unfavorable will then be drafted.

There has been some opposition to the plan, and it is expected that numerous arguments pro and con will be advanced. Speeches by C. L. Rein, Harry Coffee, and other prominent students are in prospect. Numerous students have expressed a willingness to speak upon the subject if the occasion demands. Presidents Dickinson and Meier of the junior and sophomore classes will be on hand to show the stand of their classes in the matter.

The freshman class will meet in Memorial Hall to take up the matter from the standpoint of those who are to be affected by the establishing of the custom at Nebraska. The meeting will be presided over by President Phil Varper. Dr. Condra, "Turp" Frank, Purdy, and others will address the freshmen to get them to take a stand in the matter and regard it from a favorable standpoint, and not to consider that the donning of the green "skypieces" brands them forever as downtrodden serfs.

The green skull cap is worn by the freshmen in many universities, and the plan has met with more or less success in developing college spirit. After the meetings this morning it will be seen whether the system is to be put into effect at the University of Nebraska.

C. N. B.

## WEAKNESS IN ENFORCEMENT

Anan Raymond Opposes Cap Measure As a Poor Expedient for Spirit.

## LOYALTY THE BASIS OF SPIRIT

By Anan Raymond.

Because I believe that the advocates of "green caps for freshmen" are urging the plan without making clear its real relation to University spirit, and at the expense of other and better means of fostering and strengthening that spirit, I am unqualifiedly opposed to compelling the freshmen or any other class or group in the institution to don verdant headgear.

### Asks About Change.

Those who favor the plan declare that they intend merely to "ask," not "compel," the freshmen to wear green caps. A few weeks since we were told that the Innocents had "decided" that the freshmen wear green caps. Now it appears that that body took no such vigorous stand as the word "decided" would imply. I quote from the Daily Nebraskan for December 11, in which, in a news story headed "Caps

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## FROSH SHOULD FAVOR PLAN

Fred Wells, a First Year Man Commits His Class to New Policy.

## WARNER IS BEHIND MOVEMENT

By Fred Wells.

Before the class of '16 is well started on its career a question of vital importance to its own welfare and the future of succeeding classes is thrust upon them and their immediate decision required. Campus discussion turns to green caps, instructors preach green caps to their classes, and the "Rag" is green at times. In fact the entire student body from the dignified innocent to the frosh, talk, think and see green. If some definite result cannot be obtained from all this enthusiasm it will cast a sort of reflection on the first year men. Now is the "Psychological Moment." The majority of the class seem to approve of the plan and the leaders are emphatic in praise

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## PLAN IS UNDEMOCRATIC

C. L. REIN WRITES OF HIS OBJECTIONS TO FRESHMEN CAPS.

## COLLEGE SPIRIT NOT ENGENDERED

Prominent Senior Contends That College Spirit Can Be Instilled by Other Methods—Cap Plan is Wrong in Principle.

By C. L. Rein.

Lest the upper classmen in mass meeting assembled should act before they think, I submit a few objections to the proposed plan of compelling the freshmen to wear green caps. This plan originates in response to a belief that the interest of the students in the University as a whole is dead. By forcing the new students to wear green caps, the badge of ignorance and humility, it is suggested that we ignite the dead embers of Nebraska spirit by rekindling them from beneath.

Four months of personal observation convinces me that in beginning at the bottom the advocates of freshmen degradation are starting in the wrong place. The freshmen do not deserve to be punished for past disloyalty to the institution. They do not need to be degraded to insure their future loyalty to the institution. True enough, more freshmen have manifested disloyalty to the spirit of Nebraska by absenting themselves from class meetings, football games, and the like, than have the members of any of the upper classes. But there are three very sufficient reasons for the freshman's dereliction: (1) many freshmen do not yet know that these activities are indispensable to the University's success; (2) many freshmen are unable to make the financial sacrifice which going to football games and attending dances demand; (3) many freshmen's sole excuse for not taking in these activities is that they need all their time for study. I do not believe that a man or a class of men should be degraded because of their ignorance. I do not believe that a man or a class of men should be humiliated because of their poverty. I do not believe that a man or a class of men should be mortified because of their industry. I do not believe that the University should penalize a man or a class of men because by their conduct they exemplify what the University really is—A PLACE TO STUDY AND LEARN TO THINK.

Rather should we upper classmen hold a mass meeting to inform the ignorant freshmen to subsidize the poor freshmen and to encourage the studious freshman.

### Plan is Undemocratic.

To force the freshmen class to wear green caps is undemocratic. No man should be degraded because he was born to the institution last. The freshmen is not in the University four years later than the senior because of any inherent inferiority. He is not, therefore, a fair object of green-cap persecution. I submit that the democratic way to foster Nebraska spirit is not to create distinctions, but to level distinctions.

Wrong as is the freshmen-cap plan in principle when it is viewed from the standpoint of expediency, it is absurdly ridiculous. How are you going to make a freshman who doesn't want to wear a cap put it on? I suppose you will force him to do it. Failing in that, you will probably call another mass meeting, and in a spirited paper

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