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EDITORIAL.

We have talked, preached, even raved "college spirit" until some people have opined that we were a little crazy on the subject. Perhaps we are. But here goes again. The way that the students of the U. of N. supported, or rather did not support, the Athletic Association last Saturday night was nothing more or less than disgraceful. It would not have been believed before that night that there were less than seventy-five out of our 1,200 students who had enough energy and get-up to attend a lecture given for the benefit of our most important organization. It wasn't even necessary to attend the lecture, though that was to be desired. If any had heard Eli Perkins before, or didn't care to hear him at all, they might at least have purchased a ticket or tickets. Fifty cents or a dollar is not a fortune and there are few of us who could not have spared it. The typical Nebraska student seems to be, above everything else, selfish. If you give him a two dollar entertainment for a quarter, if the night is balmy and June like, if he has his lessons for a week ahead, he may possibly turn out. If the entertainment is only worth what he pays for it, if it looks as if it might snow next week, or if there is an examination within a month, he turns himself into a regular clam. His shell and his pocket book are closed as tight as a time lock with the combination lost. Will we ever awake to the fact that we are not individual atoms struggling against every other individual atom, but an organization, a being which will thrive only as each part thrives? Some parts may not be interested in the pursuits and amusements that others are. Nevertheless they ought to support those pursuits and amusements to some extent. The help given to the whole University in this way will repay a thousand times any slight personal inconvenience occasioned. Don't be a clam.

The U. of N. is as a rule quite generous in the matter of holi-

days. We get two weeks at Christmas and this year two days at Charter Day. This is probably the reason why it was not thought necessary to leave a vacant day or two between the two semesters. It seems to us that it would have been advisable to have taken a day or so from some other recess and put it in here. To have recitations and examinations going on at once is bad enough, but after a week of this kind, to start out on another semester's work is a good deal of a strain on the running gear of the average student's brain. We predict that the result will be very listless and heartless work for the first week or two of the second semester.

President Schieffer of the University of Iowa made a report to the Board of Regents, showing the total income of a number of State Universities to be as follows:

Michigan	\$400,000
Wisconsin	380,458
California	339,093
Minnesota	302,500
Illinois	227,900
Nebraska	153,825
Iowa	125,000

These figures may explain why we haven't a great many things that we want and need. We rank very low in income. Nearly all the other important State Universities have a great deal more money to work with than the U. of N. Until our revenue is increased we cannot hope to rival our richer sisters. It is wonderful that we have done as much as we have. Considering our income, we think it is no mere boast to say that the University of Nebraska does more than any other University in the west, if not in the country. That, under existing circumstances, the U. of N. should have made for itself a reputation extending not only over the whole United States, but to the intellectual centers of the Old World, is little short of the marvellous. It must be that we have had some master minds among our students. Other schools are known by their faculties. We are known by our graduates. Chicago points to Von Holst and Harper, obtained for the institution by Rockefeller's millions. We point to Howard, Warner and Little at Stanford, MacMillan and Frankforter at Minnesota, and Caldwell, who remains with his *alma mater* in spite of flattering offers elsewhere. These are our own, products of Nebraska's own intellectual workshop. It is to them

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