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FRESHMEN CAPS

Three More Communications Regarding Disputed Headgear.

The following communication from an alumnus who took a leading part in student affairs while at the University, may have some weight in shaping opinion in regard to the Freshman cap controversy:

Dear Nebraskan, Lincoln, Neb.:

Dear Sir—Having seen the recent discussions over the Freshmen cap idea, I thought it might be interesting to know the customs of the natives here in the wilds of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Here the flowing-haired high school orators and athletic heroes and community somebodies are made to wear Freshmen caps. There isn't any vote on their part about it. There is a recognized Fresh cap, a gray one with a large black cloth-covered button.

Each frat is supposed to see that its men have them and, in fact, the custom has become so well founded in four years of its existence that one of the first things the new man does is to procure his Fresh cap. Anyone can see that it is a good thing. Never have I seen an important fellow with one of the gray caps on. No loud talk or rough manners on the street come from one of these Fresh chaps, because the idea that they are fresh is open to the world and above board.

On the football field or elsewhere the Fresh is quiet and docile. In fact, by spring, when he has gotten over his wise streak and smartness, he has become thoroughly acclimated and don't need his cap. Train your Freshmen right and the rest will go along smoothly. There are many other customs different than ours, but this one is especially noticeable and I believe a good one.

Kindly extend my best regards to my friends, though I would not trouble you to hunt them up. Very truly,

GEORGE SHIDLER, '03.

Ann Arbor, April 19.

The following is written in reply to the communication in yesterday's paper signed by a Sophomore:

To the Editor of Daily Nebraskan: It was not my intention to challenge our "Sophomore" friend to engage in a wordy combat, but since he assumes that attitude I shall meet his argument, which contains many valuable points to substantiate my contention in Wednesday's issue of the Daily Nebraskan.

His first assertion more satiric than plausible, written somewhat with saintly diction, "Consider, alas, the quality," is somewhat amusing, and I presume will be embarrassing to him when a comparison of qualities is made. He admits that we are the largest organization, but plays dog in the manger by depreciating our quality. Now, when he says we have no quality in athletics, it follows as a logical conclusion that they have less, because in every football and basket-ball game we have been victorious over them. When he resorts to mental power, we point with pride to two representatives on the interstate debating squad, while they have none.

Now, if quality is the title that furnishes the head-gear, and unless our friend has a vague meaning of the word quality, I hold, according to his own system of reasoning, we are more worthy to wear the cap than they.

The gentleman further reasons "that the insignia must be symbolical of something done." By this argument he tries to prove that we have done nothing to warrant such action. Does the "Sophomore" who so boldly defends the strenuous life of his class and is so zealous to stifle the spirit of his younger neighbor, wish to place

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himself on record as saying the Freshmen have done nothing when they have shown themselves the superior of the "Sophs" in every muscular tournament and all phases of class competition; if that is the course of his logic, then it must follow that their accomplishments are a minus quantity. Again, I must conclude from the sequence of his ideas that if accomplishments are demanded from those who wear caps, we hold the right preeminently to them.

He says the Sophomores have had years of "strenuous" happenings. In that I heartily concur. It must seem pressing, indeed, to go down to inglorious defeat on every occasion at the hands of younger classmates; and how much more strenuous to engage in class factionalism, Sombrero fights and other political intrigues, if those are the key to the headgear that our "Sophomore" friend wears, may our class fling them like a barb of fire to the four winds of heaven.

He tells us that "we are blind," but our eyes are not bedimmed and we really wonder if our friend sees "the significance of the class insignia as a monument of deeds done." If that be true, our Sophomore friends must have hid the monument away in a napkin, for very few wear them.

Taking the argument of the gentleman then for what it is worth, in no place does he produce any reason sufficiently cogent to draw a conclusion in favor of his stand. We can grant the argument of our friend that accomplishments, deeds of note, quality, or any other of his requisites are the key to the insignia and still claim a right equally as valid as that of our Sophomore friends.

Therefore, our first premises still stand undaunted by the bombastic onslaught of the anti-cap exponent. We hold that it is an existing prejudice that would have us remain in this conventional timeworn custom and we protest and shall override this precedent, demanding at no time anything but justice to all concerned. And I furthermore re-state that it is not so much a question of deeds done as of acting according to our own volition.

A FRESHMAN.

Editor Nebraskan:

It seems, according to yesterday's issue of the Nebraskan, that there is a sophomore who takes exceptions to the Freshman view of the cap question. The argument which he puts forth is in the main rather weak, inasmuch as he states that the Freshmen have done nothing this year to deserve wearing class insignia. He undoubtedly has overlooked some of the things which have placed the class of '07 in high standing as a class that has done something in the University.

Of course, it is natural that the correspondent of yesterday should overlook the feats, accomplished by Fresh-

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GAME TO-NIGHT

Minnesota and Nebraska Girls Will Furnish a Great Contest.

Has Nebraska a chance of defeating the visiting team, and winning back its laurels? This is a question often asked during the past few weeks. It must be admitted that the chances seem bright. The team has worked steadily and gratifyingly the past two weeks, under the eyes of several experts, who have posted it in the men's game, since it is practically by the men's rules that the contest is to be played. The practice has been harder and to better purpose than has been necessary or possible on any occasion hitherto, and has proved very valuable. The comment was made in these columns shortly before the trip north that while the team was individually very strong, it was in concerted play, team play, in endurance and activity, that the showing would undoubtedly be weakest.

Special effort has been made to improve this, and good team organization is promised for tonight, with no loss of old time proficiency in guarding. If Minnesota repeats its victory it must outdo the showing made at Minneapolis last month, when the Nebraska team, playing under adverse conditions, still ran up so good a score.

The Minnesota party will be entertained as follows: Miss Buttner, Miss Frank, at the Kappa Alpha Theta house; Mr. Deering with Dr. and Mrs. Clapp; Miss Johnston by Miss Ella Harper; Miss Cox and Miss Dunn at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house; Miss Van Bergen, Mrs. Van Bergen, Miss Schuyler, at the Delta Gamma house. In addition to the social features mentioned Wednesday, a breakfast will be given by Delta Gamma to the visiting team Saturday morning, at the Lincoln at 9 o'clock.

Seats for the game have gone very rapidly. One organization alone has called for over fifty reserved seats. If the weather is at all favorable tonight, a fine crowd is expected.

Leon Pepperburg, who so efficiently managed the minstrel chorus at the County Fair, has been obliged, because of pressure of work, to decline to act as stage manager and chief musician for the "Ladies' Minstrels." With difficulty a substitute was found to take this important place.

Get into a pair of Sanderson's new tan shoes. They are beauties.

Don Cameron's lunch counter for good service.

Chapin Bros., Florists, 127 So. 13th. Phone 176.

Try an "ice cream soda" or a "nut sundae" at Maxwell's, 13th & N.

The Whitebreast Co., at 1106 O St., is the place to buy coal.

Special rate to students at Hendry's.

A NEW SYSTEM

New Methods Adopted Regarding P. B. K. Requirements.

At its last meeting, the Nebraska chapter of Phi Beta Kappa established the following requirements for eligibility. The new list has the advantage of offering a wider range of subjects, and at the same time requiring a more liberal training. The required subjects are arranged in three main groups. Candidates for election to Phi Beta Kappa must have had at least ten hours in each of these three groups. Members of the class of 1905 must, in addition, present twenty hours, selected from any of the nine subjects. The remaining seventy-five hours necessary for graduation are at the student's option, subject to the requirements of his course. Members of the class of 1906 and of all subsequent classes must present the minimum of ten hours in each of the three main groups, and an additional thirty hours from any of the subjects in these groups. These thirty hours may be taken from one group, from any two, or from all the groups. The remaining sixty-five hours necessary for graduation may be taken from the list of required subjects or not, as the student pleases.

I. LITERARY AND LINGUISTIC GROUP.

1. English and English Literature (including Anglo-Saxon) 10 hours
 2. Modern Language and Philology (including Gothic) 10 hours
 3. Ancient Language: Latin, Greek and Sanskrit 10 hours
- Excluding courses in Greek or Roman History, Art, or Literature, in which English texts or translations are made the basis of instruction.

II. HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL GROUP.

4. History, American and European 10 hours
5. Philosophy and Psychology 10 hours
6. Political Economy and Sociology 10 hours

III. SCIENTIFIC GROUP.

7. Exact Science: Mathematics 10 hours
8. Physical Sciences: Physics, Chemistry, Astronomy, excluding courses without laboratory work 10 hours
9. Natural Sciences: Botany, Zoology, Geology, excluding courses without laboratory work 10 hours

In accordance with an established rule of the chapter, only those seniors are eligible who have had at least seventy-five hours of college work in the University of Nebraska. Election is not, as is often supposed, based upon the recommendations of head professors or of the Phi Beta Kappa members of the faculty. Reports of actual grades are received from all the members of the teaching staff, and the standings are based upon these alone. The standing is figured with reference to the number of hours, not the number of courses merely, i. e., a five-hour course is five times as important for the final average as a one-hour course. From the senior list as determined by final averages, the society is required to take not less than the highest one-tenth nor more than the highest one-sixth of the entire class. In practice, it has regularly been the case that the first sixth of the class have a grade of E, in the present marking system. From this, it is evident that only those students are likely to be elected that have received more E's than G's, while a few M's or P's are fatal to election, unless offset by an otherwise complete record of E's.

COMPANY "B" HOP

TONIGHT  Fraternity Hall.
9:15 o'clock Tickets \$1.