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A Communication.

To the Editor:

One of the most striking things that
appealed to the editors of the last
Sombrero during its preparation was
the heterogeneous system of student
publications now in vogue in our
school. To us it seemed unjust that
we should find, in our attempt to pub-
lish a book representing the whole
school, competition rather than co-
operation in so many places.

If there is any truth in the asser-
tion, which we are so often called on
to deny, that the Sombreros of Ne-
braska are inferior to the similar pub-
lications of sister colleges the fault
lies here. The commonly ascribed
causes, such as the appointment rather
than the election of the editing board
and the alleged cupidity of the man-
agers, are eclipsed by the disadvan-
tages of the unique and curious sys-
tem of college publications, that we
fall heir to here at Nebraska. I doubt
if any school in the country publishes
such a miscellaneous assortment of
annuals. One year the Sombrero com-
petes with the Senior Annual, the next
the Senior and Law Annuals fight each
other, while every year the Blue Print
of the engineers comes in for its share
of advertising and contributions.

In short, why not consolidate the
Sombrero, Senior Annual, Law Book,
and Blue Print and publish the book
annually? With the available con-
tributions and advertising the Univer-
sity could publish a book of which
she well might be proud. Five publi-
cations biennially demanding school
support as representative of the Uni-
versity seems ludicrous.

Such a work should be managed by

the upper classes and made thoroughly
representative. Juniors would hardly
have the experience to manage such
an undertaking. As a class the seniors
have too many demands upon them
the last year. Let a senior editor-in-
chief have general charge of the en-
terprise assisted by two junior manag-
ing editors. An associate editor from
the Law and another from the En-
gineering schools could represent those
departments. The ordinary board of
literateurs and artists should be
chosen jointly from the upper classes.
Such details as selection of board and
control of finances might be also left
to the upper classes.

The scope and technique of such con-
solidated books may be admired in
Minnesota and California. I hope that
we have seen the last biennial Som-
brero published in Nebraska.

MASON WHEELER.

A GOOD IDEA.

In another column we publish a com-
munication from Mr. Mason Wheeler,
one of the editors of the 1906 Som-
brero, in which he suggests that the
only sane method of getting out a rep-
resentative annual is to combine all
those now being published into one.
The Nebraskan has always stood for
this move, and we cheerfully second
Mr. Wheeler's suggestion. The plan
he suggests seems to be as feasible as
any that comes to mind, although we
suggest one change. That is in regard
to the chief editorship. We feel that
all the editors should come from the
Junior class. The universal custom
of having the annuals issued under the
supervision of the Junior rather than
of the Senior classes of the various
universities of the country is not the
result of accident, but rather is due
to the fact that for several reasons
that class is the logical one for the
purpose. During the Senior year a
student is invariably crowded with
work, and this is especially true dur-
ing the last semester. On this ac-
count there would be but very few
Seniors who would have the time to
devote to this work and the class as a
whole would be unable to give the
book the necessary support. With
this one change, and the additional
suggestion that the editors and man-
agers be elected by the Junior class
and not be appointed by its president,
we heartily approve of the plan out-
lined by Mr. Wheeler. As he says,
now is the time to effect this consoli-
dation, and we would suggest that
early in the next semester representa-
tives of the Sophomore, Junior and
Junior Law classes meet and draw up
an agreement that only one book be
published in 1907.

A Communication.

A cry for peace, signed by a Junior,
and published in the Daily Nebraskan
of yesterday, prompts the following:
"For years, an attempt has been
made by each succeeding Freshman
class to wear caps, and for just as
many years, the Sophomore class has
taken upon itself the task of preserv-
ing the sacred traditions of the insti-
tution, and preventing the Freshmen
from wearing their caps.

"While the present Sophomore class
has lived up to its promise to live
quietly and tolerate the Freshmen,
still it feels that the dove of peace will
be put to flight if the Freshmen per-
sist in the attempt to flaunt the hated
caps in our very faces. We will be
compelled to rise in our might and
protect our sacred name and the tra-
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