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STUDENT TAX.

There has been considerable discus-
sion lately in regard to a levy of some
sort upon the students for the sup-
port of athletics. If such a tax should
be made it would be a means of plac-
ing athletics in this University on
more stable grounds. This fee would,
even if placed at a very low figure,
make enough to meet any deficit that
might be incurred by any athletic
team during a school year.

Kansas is at the present time figur-
ing upon a student tax of three dol-
lars for each student in the Univer-
sity. If this is carried through Kan-
sas will have enough money, with
outside support, to carry on every Uni-
versity enterprise to an extent that is
bound to bring success. Yale has
solved this problem of a student tax,
and consequently the success and sup-
port has been so great that they now
have a surplus of \$96,000. We do
not claim that Nebraska could reach
such a state of financial success as
this, but we do urge that such a tax
would be the means of placing us in a

twelve and one-eighth cents a game.
Think of this, paying twelve and one-
eighth cents for a Thanksgiving foot-
ball game.

Now, to make this a permanent af-
fair and a reality, instead of "hot air"
the students should not wait until
those in authority urge such a fee, but
take it upon themselves to place ath-
letics on a sound financial basis. All
this needs is some one to start it, and
the proposition will be a go.

Freshmen Caps.

Softly, guiltily, like the gentle snow
that falleth. So have the Freshman
caps descended upon the heads of the
fair Freshmen. Whence they came
and whither they go no one has been
able to tell, but the outraged Sopho-
more strides to his class with fear
and trembling. As one poetic Soph
expressed it, "Unhappy world that's
born to war and strife; I feign would
leave thee now." But evidently the
Freshmen boys believe that discretion
is the best part of valor, or perhaps
they deem that little red caps with
white '09's on them are not proper in
a Nebraska blizzard. At any rate, no
martyr has yet been found to lead
the grand hurrah. The caps are very
pretty and such that any Soph would
be proud to have hanging beside his
father's picture, but even the most
critical will admit that a green cap
would have been far more becoming
to a Freshman than for them to have
usurped the college colors and placed
the red and white on their unhallowed
heads.

Several '08 caps were seen peace-
fully talking to an '09 cap, but that
is the exception. Yesterday at chapel
time one Junior girl, unaided and
alone, attacked four Freshman caps,
and if there had been some one around
to utter the screams for her those caps
would now be drying in her wigwam.

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Let us consider the advantage of
having such a tax. Suppose we would
make a student tax of four dollars for
each student, the paying of this tax
would, of course, give the student a
season ticket for all University ath-
letic contests. The University Ath-
letic Board give to the public every
year an average of ten football games,
eight basket-ball games, twelve base-
ball games, two track meets, a gym-
nasium exhibition; in all this makes
thirty-three contests. With thirty-
three contests a year and a tax of four
dollars the students would be paying

We do not know what the morrow will
bring forth, but Armstrong wires us
that he has just placed on sale a large
assortment of blue shirts.

The Non-Com Hop, which is to be
given Saturday night at Fraternity
Hall, is expected to draw a large
crowd. Extensive preparations have
been made and Walt's orchestra has
been secured. The affair is in charge
of C. D. Slaughter as chairman and
D. C. Wilson as master of ceremonies.
Notwithstanding the fact that the
Non-Coms have usually given their
hop during the Lenten season, they
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