

THE FORUM

To the Editor of the Nebraskan:

Inasmuch as a certain few members of the freshman class have assumed the authority to express the sentiments of "the majority of the freshman class" and have under this assumed authority undertaken to berate a portion of their upper classmen, the freshman class in its last meeting formally and positively decided that the denunciatory statements should be disapproved and the insult seemingly contained therein be strongly censured. The statements running as follows are the ones particularly denounced:

"As men we can only feel contempt for fellows who should by all the rules of class superiority set us an example in manliness when these upper classmen lower themselves by squabbling over a class game like small boys in a back lot over an exceptionally good 'pitcher.'"

We want the sophomores to feel that we are ready and willing to cooperate with them in anything that will promote class and school spirit, and would offer the same friendship to the seniors and juniors, did we not fear rebuff from some of these supercilious upper classmen who have no more school spirit than 'a rabbit.'"

These statements are censured by the class for the reason that, in the first place, they introduce a sentiment that is decidedly bad, and in the second place, because they are by no means the authorized sentiment of the class. It is no wonder that a letter signed "A Senior" has appeared in the Forum, expressing surprise that the freshman class should display such an attitude. Such a denunciation of our upper classmen is not only a deplorable circumstance, but it is false. We can never gain anything by back-handed slams and babyish bickerings. If any members of the

class man to express a dislike to the senior or junior classes publicly, let them sign their own names and make it a personal affair, instead of dragging the whole class into a quarrel. Besides, it cannot be said that there is no spirit in the upper classes, after such splendid victories in debating and forensic work have been brought home, very largely through the efforts of the upper classes.

The freshman class in general feel that they have been for the most part justly and fairly treated by their upper classmen and that the denunciatory statements are neither sanctioned nor approved by the class. In taking the above action the class entertains no malice or ill-feeling of any sort to the persons publishing the statements, outside of entirely censuring the statements and disapproving the spirit with which they seem to have been written.

Respectfully yours,
THE FRESHMAN CLASS,
Per Committee.

To the Editor of the Nebraskan:

In the Wednesday issue of the Nebraskan the freshman class, in considering a challenge from the sophomores to an interclass indoor track meet, takes a "dig" at the senior football team which recently was awarded the championship of the university on a technicality. The "dig" might be justified, but it came from an unwarranted source.

The freshman team was outplayed and defeated by the sophomores, but was given that game because only a small proportion of the players on the second year team were members of the sophomore class. The justice of this decision cannot be disputed in light of the fact that the season was so advanced that to have played the game over would have meant the extending of the season past Thanksgiving day. Then the freshmen entered the game with the seniors with two men in the line-up who had been pre-

viously protested by the senior captain as not legitimately entitled to play under the rules of the interclass board. The freshmen decided to take chances on playing these men, and did so, losing the game on exactly the same ruling as that which had given them a right to meet the seniors in the final contest. Considering the fact that the seniors did not play three of their strongest players, one, Woods, probably as able and versatile a player as any in the university, by the same eligibility rules which were supposed to debar the freshmen, it does not seem that the seniors were as lacking in true spirit as the freshmen, who played ineligible men, and then protest because the natural consequences ensued.

Respectfully yours,
A SENIOR.



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