

Town-gown conflicts recorded at play, 'scrap'

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George Washington's birthday was the occasion set aside by students for a freshman/sophomore "scrap." Actually, the name was a misnomer. Explained the *Telephone*, "A 'college scrap' is nothing more or less than the two lower classes of freshmen and sophomores seeing by force how many of one class can be tied up and hidden away by the

other class — just because it is Washington's birthday."

The freshman class president and a football star were kidnapped. The outcome caused considerable discomfort to some all-year-round residents. The *Telephone* of Feb. 28, 1914, related, "In the meantime, the freshmen have searched far and wide in the country and ransacked every suspected place here in the city. Late last night the freshmen

searched two houses in the west part of the city from cellar to garret, heedless of the entreaties of the family who were unable to convince the mob that the man was not about the premises."

A sophomore student captured by freshmen and being spirited to a hiding place, narrowly escaped injury when a buggy turned over.

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