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## AFTER THE STAGS

Presence at So Many University Functions Severely Criticised.

The presence of so many stags at the various University social functions this year and the unwarranted height to which the practice has attained, have aroused anything but a kindly feeling against these individuals. In view of the forthcoming social events of the near future, there is a strong belief that something can still be done this year to at least lessen the number of those who are thus wont to put in an appearance by their lonesome. The decree has already gone forth that the stags will have to pay double at the Senior Prom, if they choose to attend as such, and this is quite likely to reduce the number of those belonging to the genus who will see fit to come out to this event. The practice has in fact been severely criticised and even ruled out at many institutions.

The proximity of several social events has aroused comment on the subject, and in view of the action of the officers of the Senior Prom. committee, this is more frequently to be heard and also more representative than heretofore. In a number of instances we have heard them bitterly criticised, but we have made no use of such interviews. However, we have seen fit to present a few interviews that are couched in moderate language and which seem to be representative of the popular feeling.

One man said:

"The presence of stags at a dance simply means that someone else who has brought his girl must be crowded out of one number at least, if not more. The chief objection to this is the principle of the thing. They go and enjoy themselves at another's expense. The main bunch of fellows go to a lot of expense while the stag buys his ticket and crawls in. Every stag that comes causes someone else to sit a number out. He can get around and fill his program in two minutes, while this matter occupies some time for those who have girls to look after. If anyone happens to have a popular girl he can get her program filled quickly, but if the case chances to be otherwise it takes longer. The stags have no one but their own selfish selves to look after, and this I should think they would feel."

This seems to be the ethics of the case. The stags mix in and soon lose their identity as such; for no one is able to point them out even if he desired and they never proclaim the fact themselves. Another man who seems to have suffered from bitter experience said:

"It is honestly to be regretted that stags intrude at all the dances; for they detract from the pleasure of the others. At the Band Informals especially, they make their presence felt quite unpleasantly, although they are never conspicuous by their absence at other dances. At the Officers' Hop when the couples lined up to march around and get their programs, the last nine or ten couples were made up of stags. This ought not to be, and I think that the fellows are justified in kicking."

In another interview another point was brought out, which was not to the credit of the stags. The man making the statement said:

"These stags are chronic offenders. They make a regular practice of coming unaccompanied, which simply means they are out for pleasure on a cheap plan. No one objects if a man should be obliged to come because his girl is sick or for some other good reason, but when a man comes alone without any excuse, having no other intention in view than of stalling it, it seems to me to be rather poor form. I wouldn't have the nerve to try it, my-

## NON-COM-HOP

TONIGHT, - 9 o'clock

FRATERNITY HALL

TICKETS \$1.50.

Eddie Walt's Orchestra

self, and I can't admire those who do."

This opinion seems to be entertained by many, and there are few who find reason to speak in a complimentary fashion when referring to the subject. One man spoke quite candidly and with a lack of self-consciousness when he said:

"A stag is a social parasite. He is there to enjoy what others pay for. If he can't get a girl to go with him, he could find no better way of admitting it. He gets in and hides himself in the mob and no one can spot him. In this manner he roams around and monopolizes the best advantages. With no one but himself to look out for, he can fill his program without any effort. The Senior Prom. officers made a good hit in soaking them double; for they would be too cheap to come if they had to pay a decent price. I would like to see the same plan adopted in every social event that we have. That would be the most effective way of teaching them how they ought to be regarded."

Some heat is displayed here, but the grounds seem to be justifiable. There is need for a change in the manners and customs of many of these stags, who have earned and received the innuendos of their fellows.

Practically every social event this year has witnessed an affliction in the person of the stags, who are said to be so many detractors and dead members. We have been minded to speak of this matter by the current popular feeling that is now running so strong and which was indicated by the action of the Senior Prom. committee in announcing its intention of charging the stags a double price. It seems that this plan will be effective and while this is a specific instance in which action has been taken, it is well to speak of others where action has not been taken. We believe that there is room for serious consideration here on the part of the stags, and it is time now they should realize the fact.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL.

Midgets vs. Academy and First vs. Second Team Tomorrow

Several matches in girls' basket-ball have been planned for Saturday afternoon. No effort has been made to advertise the games, or to bring a crowd, but a number of tickets have been sold already, principally to the enthusiastic supporters of the Lincoln Academy team, which recently scored a victory

over the local Y. W. C. A. team. The University "Midgets," with whom the chief match of the afternoon is to be played, expect to rely for their support chiefly on the members of the two other University teams which are to take part. The redoubtable "Midgets" have always been favorites in University circles, and whether they win or lose will have ample sympathy and appreciation.

On this same afternoon the University first team will make its first public appearance of the year. It is struggling hard to get into shape for the Minnesota trip. So far it has met for practice three times this week, and this is its first real playing of the season. It will have a practice game Saturday with the second team, which is reorganized for the occasion, and draws on several new players, owing to the defection of several of its most experienced players to the "Midget" team. If the first team wins, as it should, it will play the winners of the Academy-"Midget" match, while the second team will play the losers. By this method the teams expect to have most fun and greatest variety in experience.

The teams to take part are made up as follows:

Academy—Misses Cameron and Lute, forwards; Bonekemper and Le Gore, centers; Blanchard and Lyman, guards. "Midget"—Misses Mitchell and Pillsbury, forwards; Everett and Adams, centers; Schlesinger and Koch, guards. Possibly Miss Edna King or Miss May Miller will play in place of some of these.

The varsity first team consists of the following five players: Misses Minnie Jansa, Emma Shinbur, Cora Scott, Ina Gittings, Eva Sly. There are the five who will play the Minnesota team of five in about two weeks. Miss Alice Towne will be sixth varsity player for the afternoon filling her old position a guard.

The order of matches will be, first half, Academy-"Midget" match; first half First Team vs. Second Team match; second half, Academy-"Midget" match; second half, First Team vs. Second Team match; fifteen-minute contests between winning teams; fifteen-minute contest between losing teams.

The officers of the day will be Miss Clara Fowler, referee; Miss Helena Woodsmall, umpire.

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

Big Reduction.—Sanderson's Sale.

## SCHEDULE READY

Baseball Dates are Arranged for Coming Season.

Manager Bell has nearly completed the baseball schedule for the year, and a glance will show its exceptional strength. The team will have to be extra strong which can win even a majority of the games signed for the year. Nearly all our old friends are on the list, Beloit, Knox, and especially Notre Dame, who has managed to show us how to really play the national game for several seasons past. Only one trip will be made, starting the last week in April, and including ten or eleven games. The home schedule is not very extensive, owing to the fact that the famous physics building will be in course of erection during May, and the grounds will be so torn up at that time that it will be impossible to play home games on the campus, necessitating the use of F. & M. park. The usual series will be played between the Omaha Western league team and the Cornhuskers, and Captain Townsend is certain that his colts will be able to pull at least one of them. A new addition to the schedule is a team composed of native Cubans, who are touring the country this year, and are said to be a very fast aggregation. One date is open on the trip, May 2, and it is possible Monmouth will take this. A game or two may be played with Creighton also, on the way home.

As completed the schedule is as follows:

April 23—Drake, at Des Moines.  
April 25—Grinnell, at Grinnell.  
April 26—Iowa, at Iowa City.  
April 27—Luther, at Decorah.  
April 28—Minnesota, at Minneapolis.  
April 29—Beloit, at Beloit.  
April 30—Chicago, at Chicago.  
May 3—Notre Dame, at Notre Dame.  
May 4—Knox, at Galesburg.  
May 5—Lombard, at Galesburg.  
Home games are:  
April 5, 6 and 7—Omaha League.  
April 15 and 16—Nebraska Indians.  
May 19—South Dakota.

Home games will also be played with Grinnell, Iowa and the Cubans, the dates not yet having been set.

Iowa and Minnesota have joined in a vigorous protest against the "high-handed" methods of Wisconsin in her athletic relations. Iowa claims that the Badgers had signed a game of basketball with her on the late western trip, and that the Wisconsin team not only passed through Iowa City without stopping, and played Grinnell instead, but that the Badger manager failed to respond to any of the urgent messages sent him. Minnesota has the same grievance. There was a track meet scheduled at Madison between the two teams, and Wisconsin called it off at the last minute, after the Gophers had undergone the trouble and expense of a thorough training.

The Minnesota manager has refused to sign a game with the Sioux City Giants, who recently defeated Nebraska and Wisconsin so badly, on the ground that Minnesota teams were not permitted to meet any but college teams, and that besides this the Sioux City team was semi-professional.

Mr. Lane, the assistant in gymnasium work, is just out of the hospital after a week's seige with the grip. University people will be glad to see him back again, not only because of his efficient service in floor work, but also because his absence has seriously cramped the department. During his illness Mr. Grayes has taken his place and has proved himself an excellent gymnastic instructor.

## CONCERT.

Miss Martha Tyler  
Of St. Louis

Chapel, Saturday, March 12.

Auspices of Uni. Y. W. C. A.

Tickets, 25 cents.

8 p. m.