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GIRLS TO PLAY BASKET BALL

Young Ladies Varsity Team Will Meet Team From Council Bluffs

FIRST GAME PLAYED IN PUBLIC

Big Event Comes Off Next Friday—Luncheon Served in the Armory After the Game—Other Elaborate Arrangements

On Friday evening, March 4, in the University armory will be played the first game of girls' basket ball open to the general public. On that date Mrs. E. G. Moore of Council Bluffs, their chaperon, will bring down a crack Council Bluffs team, and there will be a "meeting at Philippi" with the varsity first team. A hotly contested game, and no end of fun, are looked forward to. The Lincoln ladies who will serve as patronesses or chaperones of the event are Mrs. Chancellor MacLean, Mrs. W. J. Bryan, Mrs. G. M. Lambertson, Mrs. A. S. Raymond, Mrs. L. C. Richards and Mrs. W. B. Ogden. The latter is one of the crack centers on Miss Anne Spurek's team of ladies, who play basket ball in the Y. W. C. A. gymnasium. After the match a luncheon will be served to the players and patronesses on the floor of the armory. Mrs. Ogden, assisted by Misses Helen Harwood and Lena Devesee, will have this feature of the match in charge.

As to the game, the Nebraska girls are not likely to find an easy way to victory or, indeed, to find victory at all. Director Barnes of Omaha has referred a game between the Council Bluffs players and reported excellent playing. The Iowa girls have been organized since November, and have more leisure than the University girls. They may play every day in the Council Bluffs armory, while Thursdays, from 4 to 4:30, half an hour, represents the only time the Nebraska girls can secure the gymnasium for practice. Hence, though they are all good in endurance, they are weak at good throwing, noticeably in throwing goals from the foul line. Further, the Iowa girls play strictly by the men's rules, while the University team has put in all its time working up plays and team work according to the woman's game, in which it is not allowed that the ball be knocked out of the hands.

Wednesday the girls tried playing by the men's rules and found the game transformed, giving no room for their "science." It proved much less aesthetic to watch, resembling a football scrimmage, and involving a deal of tumbling and free-for-all hitting. Some compromise will have to be effected as to styles of play before next week, for the players got hurt often enough before. Black eyes, bandaged ankles, bruised chins, noses and knees were common enough before, with the less "scrambling" style of game. The Council Bluffs girls wrote to ask if they couldn't bring two substitutes instead of one, for their players are often hurt; and the necessity of two substitutes in stock is now well appreciated.

At the opening and between "halves" the midget teams will play a game, and do their best to repeat their Charter day successes. Probably no players on the basket ball field enjoy themselves more than the "midgets" or prove more enjoyable to watch.

The girls are not sure but that they are as much worth seeing as the football boys, and in view of these facts, that in actual playing time, the program will be as long or longer than a football game, and the players will be always in motion, not lining up or arguing, and that the girls would hardly like to play before a closely packed or promiscuous crowd, it has been decided to charge football prices for the event. Any lady will be admitted, and any gentleman who is accompanied by a lady. The girls, considering the style of game basket ball is, have to discriminate about their spectators, and whether single gentlemen will be admitted remains to be seen.

Many out of town have already signified an intention to be on hand, and

tin horns and colors are to be in evidence. Several girls are now at work on an appropriate yell. It was suggested that the literary societies be asked to adjourn in the girls' honor the evening in question, as they did for the boys on the evening of the glee club concert, but the management did not see fit to do anything about this, because they realize the frequent pressure brought to bear on the societies to give up their evenings. Without doubt, however, there will be enjoyment and excitement on Friday evening in Grant hall, and the game will prove sport to the players as well as to spectators. Doctors and a "dead wagon" have already been engaged. Thanks to the excellent discipline of their director, Miss Barr's players may be expected to have proper field department, and to show due respect to the officials. Miss Barr herself will look after the seating facilities, and may, perhaps, have to serve as an official. She is the best umpire that the girls have had experience with, filling that difficult position with prompt decision, equitably and to the satisfaction of all, so that it is to be hoped that she will consent to serve.

The "Midgets" consist of the following: Captain Pentzer's team: Centers, Jennie Pentzer, Nettie Henry; guards, Mabel Dempster, Mabel Erford; forwards, Minnie Smith, Grace Wheeler; Captain Whiting's team: Centers, Rosa Hess, Grace Broady; guards, Edith Schwartz, Anna McCrosky; forwards, Adeloyd Whiting, Lucy Griffith. The players in the Varsity team are: Guards, Marie Beach, Marie Kennedy; forwards, Bertha DuTeil, Helen Welch; centers, Louise Pound, Harriet Cook. All-around player and substitute for first team, Rose Long. The names of the Council Bluffs players will be given out later. They will be entertained during their stay here at the homes of Mrs. J. H. McMurtry, Mrs. F. M. Hall, Mrs. L. C. Richards, Mrs. A. S. Raymond and Mrs. G. M. Lambertson. Tickets will probably be on sale Monday. A number of demands for reserved seats have already been received.

Oratorical Affairs.

The officers of the debating association are still conducting an extensive correspondence in the interests of their organizations.

Arrangements and dates for the debate with Colorado are at last agreed upon. The debate will occur at Colorado Springs on April 22, Colorado paying the expenses of the representatives of Nebraska in return for similar treatment next year when their debaters come to Nebraska.

The Iowa-Nebraska contest is still in a somewhat indefinite condition as the Iowa association has accepted our challenge in behalf of one of their debating clubs. What they mean by this is not exactly clear but the officers of the local association will probably accept their challenge on behalf of the Maxwell club, and thus pay them back in their own coin.

It is hardly thought proper to send out a team representing the University debating association to compete with some one debating club of the University of Iowa.

All arrangements for the debate with Kansas have been completed except the debate itself, which will be in charge of our association.

Negotiations with Missouri are still in progress, but as yet final arrangements have not been made.

Christian Association Reception

The Young Men's and Young Women's Christian associations of the University held their annual reception to the students and faculty at the Phi Kappa Psi house last Saturday evening. An unusually large number of University people together with friends from the city, enjoyed the hospitality of the two associations.

The committee in charge were Misses Farnham and Cushman and Messrs. Hall and Gilman. Ices were served by Misses Hagey, Rushton and Davis. Altogether it was one of the most pleasant receptions ever given by the two associations, which are noted for entertaining their friends in the proper style.

OVERCOMES ALL OBSTACLES

Difficulties in the Way of a Successful Baseball Team Fast Disappearing

PERSONNEL OF THE TEAM

Many Old Men Back and Plenty of New Material—Pitching Department is Exceptionally Strong

A university or college baseball team is essentially different in character from a league team. The latter is composed of experienced players—men who have trotted in fast company and know the tricks of the trade. Then, too, the players of such an organization are under contract and can be made to play ball as the manager or captain says. If a player becomes afflicted with too serious a case of enlargement of the head the manager has power to administer a remedy with certainty of cure without fear of seriously injuring his team.

A college team, however, is subject to none of these regulations, or has none of the characteristics mentioned above. In the first place the majority of men who go to make up the college team must be amateur players who came from surrounding towns. Sometimes they have had experience in fast company, but more often this is not the case. They must be developed and coached. Many of them are fair fielders, but wretched batters, and this especially must be overcome.

Then the captain is hampered by not having power to compel the men to come out to practice. He must also handle some players gently in order that he may arouse no opposition.

But notwithstanding the difficulties confronting the developing of a strong college team, the University of Nebraska promises to have a company of ball tossers this year that will capture the admiration of all the fans both in the city and among the students.

Captain Gordon's good work of last year will be remembered. He is in better form this year than ever, and we shall see some excellent work done by him. He has already put forth great effort to get everything started well and has succeeded admirably. Moore, who played first base last year, will be out again for that position. His hard hitting was a feature of his work.

Cowgill, who did some good work at third last year, will be on hand again. We expect better work from him on account of his experience of last year.

Reeder, who presided over the left garden last year, will probably be seen again in the same position. Although a little weak at the bat, he makes up for this by sharp fielding.

Deacon Kindler will be remembered for his sharp work at second base. He is a sure, earnest, hard-working player who plays ball for the love of the game. He was a great favorite with the fans and will be received with enthusiasm when he trots on the field this spring.

Dutch Wells, who was in only a part of the games last year, will be with the team from start to finish. He is fast on his feet, a hard hitter and a good base runner.

There are a great many new men who are untried, but who promise to show up well. Catherwood, Bliss, Halstead, Hyde, Kring, Swartz, Campbell, Rhea, Cake and Williams are working hard in the cage every day under the direction of Coach Barnes. From this aggregation of pitchers the coach expects to get some good ones. Coach Barnes' excellent work is to be highly commended.

Burr is a candidate for backstop, and many Lincoln people who know of his work speak very highly of his ability behind the bat.

Chapel Address.

Washington's birthday, while not celebrated by closing the University, was duly observed in the chapel last Tuesday. Rev. W. M. Hindman, of the First Presbyterian church of this city, led the chapel exercises and then delivered a short address on the subject of the day. He said in part:

Today we honor the name of Washington. What benedictions would fall on this country if we did as he did. He did not know how the struggle in which he was engaged would end, yet he marched to the call of duty, he won the victory and therefore we love him, we adore him as patriarch, citizen and father.

This country today is full of patriarchs of the battle field, but the students of the University of Nebraska should remember that there is a higher type of heroism than that of the battlefield. It is true heroism which leads us to fight for what we believe to be right and true.

If there were a call for troops today to march against Spain there would be an immediate response from thousands of men, and yet the greatest enemies of this country are not to be found outside our boundaries, but within.

It is against halfheartedness, indifference and lethargy that we must strive.

We all owe a certain duty to our country and our God and for the sake of this government and the privileges derived therefrom, let us render unto the republic the things that are the republic's and unto God the things that are God's.

Chase and Wheeler Contest.

The annual Chase and Wheeler contest of the Palladian society was held last Friday, Feb. 18. Only two contestants entered, Mr. H. L. Sams and Mr. H. J. Tucker. Although lacking in the excitement which a larger number would have caused, there was a deep interest taken in the event. Mr. Tucker's production, "The Coming Statesman," showed careful and deep thought, and was delivered with spirit and enthusiasm. His rapid utterance and uneasiness upon the platform were the adverse features of his delivery. Mr. Sams followed with "Our Defense." His oration, though probably less popular in nature, was treated earnestly and thoroughly, and was delivered in a manner that carried his audience with him. His position and gestures were easy and natural. A slight unnaturalness of voice tended to detract from the force and effect of his oration. Mr. Tucker was awarded first place by a small margin, and Mr. Sams second place. The judges on manuscript were W. O. Jones, J. A. Barrett and Prof. Hill; on delivery, Prof. H. K. Wolfe, Mr. J. W. Searson and Mr. F. A. Williams.

Ladies' Minstrel Show.

Preparations for one of the most elaborate minstrel shows ever given by University students are now under way. The show will be for the benefit of the base ball team and will occur on the night of March 11 in the armory. One of the original features is the fact that all the "coons" will be girls, and this in itself should be enough to attract the curious minded.

Preceding the minstrel part of the performance there will be a short play given by the best talent in the University. The whole show is in charge of Miss Stotenberg, assisted by Lieut. Stotenberg.

Miss Stotenberg has had much experience in such affairs and promises one of the most enjoyable events of the year. Everything will be new and original, even the jokes, so a large crowd will doubtless enjoy themselves, and incidentally help out the base ball treasury.

Baseball League With Iowa.

Arrangements for a base ball league consisting of the Universities of Iowa and Nebraska have been completed and a series of three games will be played this spring between the two teams. A \$50 solid silver cup presented by Herpolsheimer & Co. is the trophy which goes to the winning team. It will become the permanent property of the team winning it twice in succession, and is to be in the possession of the college during the year it is won.

Better Library Ventilation.

During the last week the improvement in the library ventilation has been very noticeable. This is due to a new ten horse power motor which has just been put in the attic of the library.

UOFN CLUB AT WASHINGTON

Nebraska Alumni Have an Organization at the National Capital

ELECT OFFICERS CHARTER DAY

Congressman D. H. Mercer is President—Other Officers are Elected—Club Consists of Fifteen Active Members

The Nebraskan is in receipt of a letter from Mr. R. A. Emerson, '97, now holding a government position at Washington, telling of the election of officers at the third annual meeting of the University of Nebraska club of Washington, D. C.

While this organization has been formed for some time, yet comparatively few of the University students have known of its existence. It is interesting to know that while the students of this University were celebrating Charter day last week, that a band of alumni were assembled in Washington to elect officers of the organization which has for its object the renewing and perpetuation of old University acquaintances and memories. The officers chosen are as follows: President, Congressman D. H. Mercer; first vice president, Miss Thomas; second vice president, H. W. Olmstead; secretary, R. A. Emerson; treasurer, Miss Charlotte H. Andrus; executive committee, E. C. Wiggernhorn, J. G. Smith, H. J. Webber, E. E. Gillespie and W. H. Wheeler.

The membership of the club is somewhat larger than would be expected, numbering in all twenty-three members, eight of whom are associate members. Following is the roll of the club: Miss Cora D. Thomas, '79; Hon. D. H. Mercer, '80; H. W. Olmstead, '84; E. C. Wiggernhorn, '87; J. G. Smith, '88; T. A. Williams, '89; E. E. Gillespie, '90; W. H. Wheeler, '91; D. A. Haggard, '91; F. C. Kenyon, '92; Miss Charlotte H. Andrus, '92; Adam McMullen, '96; R. P. Teele, '97; R. A. Emerson, '97.

The following are associate members: Miss Mary H. Williams; Mrs. Lucina Hardin Webber, Mrs. Effie M. S. Williams, Mrs. J. R. Covert, Mrs. Mary Hazard Teele, J. T. Kemp, Gayland Tait, J. R. Covert.

The Junior Prom.

Notwithstanding the unprecedented social activity of the year, the Junior Promenade has succeeded in holding its recognized position as the principal event in social circles at the University. The fact of a driving snow storm without served but to heighten the comfort and cheer of the scene within the walls of the "Lincoln." The decorations were profuse and tasteful. Scarlet and cream, as was fitting, were in prominence everywhere, wound from top to bottom of the pillars in the vestibule, and hung in graceful, voluminous festoons in parlors and refreshment room. Flags and colors ornamented the walls of the ball room itself, while in the parlors and refreshment room the glare of the electric light was subdued to a pleasant glow by means of crimson tissue shades. As usual, on such occasions, the music and floor were all that could be desired, and seventy-five couples of University students, Lincoln residents and visitors from out of town enjoyed both to the utmost till a late hour.

Cycle Skating Party.

Miss Louise Pound gave a cycle skating party to her friends last Tuesday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Gerrard of Columbus, Neb. The party was composed of about seventy-five people and the skating academy was consequently well crowded. The novelty of the affair was very pleasing and everybody enjoyed skating to the rhythmic cadence of the excellent music furnished.

The Misses Ellen and Frances Gere, Williamson and Harley served refreshing ices in one part of the room. Mrs. A. S. Raymond and S. B. Pound chaperoned the party and Misses May Whiting and Helen Harwood assisted Miss Pound in entertaining her guests.