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Campus Engagement: Basketball Game-Day Procedure Meeting

I am on the University of Northern Iowa's Dance team. We always have a meeting before the sports season starts to discuss what is needed to be done at the game that we attend. We had our basketball Game-day Procedure on Friday, November 1, discussing everything that we do at men's and women's basketball games. This meeting was very knowledgeable because we learned a lot about what we do as a team to cheer on the basketball players. We always start with pre-game, going out in front of the crowd and doing some little routines that we learned over the summer while also spiriting to the crowd.

Once the game is about ready to begin, they call the starting line up for the first play of the game. For each person called by the announcer, we do a contagion of moves. Then we proceed to doing the fight song and finally turn to the flag for the national anthem. After the national anthem, we go to the sidelines and cheer on the basketball team. We go out to the court during time outs and perform routines for the audience to watch. If we perform a half time routine, we go out to the court. It is always decided before the game what side we will be facing. After the half time performance, we proceed back to the sidelines. After the game is over, we go back out to the court end with the fight song.

This meeting was very informational and a lot to take in. It was also very helpful because the freshman need to be aware of what is going on at all times. It was a lot to grasp in a two hour setting but it was worth it when we were actually at the game. The freshman knew what was going on, so that really helped a lot. This meeting is really worth two hours of our practice time because it does make us aware of our surroundings at the game. I can relate this back to our class, because when we read the CDA or the IHC we are being informed about the stuff that is discussed in class. This is like the informational game-day procedures meeting because we are getting prepared for all the upcoming games. The books help you better understand what the class will be based around.

I felt that this meeting was very helpful for the freshman especially. I suppose for the upper class men it was a little redundant but also a good reminder. This is very necessary for every year being on the team because no matter what it never hurts to go over something that you might already know.