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Sir,

I, one of the managers for the ball to be given to the present graduating class, have been appointed to write to the Trustees of the University for the purpose of inquiring whether they wish the present Seniors class to have a ball, which we think doubtful on account of the distress of the Confederacy. Now I will just state that we believe it impossible for the present class to have a ball unless the Trustees contribute two or three hundred dollars as there are only about a hundred boys in college and not more than three-fourths of that number are disposed to contribute freely. The present Senior class if course will consider themselves disgraced if we have no ball as they will be the only class that has graduated for a number of years without the complimentary ball.

Yours respectfully,

R. D. B.