

service. The students are addressed by the president of the school and ^{then} take the oath of ~~allegiance~~ allegiance to the flag.

The traditional dinners at Ward-Belmont are many including the formal ones on Halloween, Thanksgiving, Valentine's ^{Day} and St. Patrick's ~~Day~~ when the decorations carry out the spirit of the holidays. Washington's birthday with the costumed seniors forming a court for the elected George and Martha, the elaborate birthday dinners, and the All-Club Banquet the closing night of school are other occasions which have grown with the years.

One of the most popular traditions is that of the Servants Program held annually the evening before the students depart for Christmas vacation. At this time every servant employed by the school appears upon the chapel platform and in a program prepared by them entertain the students and show to them and to the school their appreciation for their annual holiday gift.

The day which is marked by the greatest amount of class spirit is that of Senior-Senior-Middle Day held in the spring between the members of the two college classes. The activities begin in the early morning and extend until dark including within their scope parades, decorations, cheering sections and inter-class athletic contests in baseball, bowling, archery, and tennis.

May Day is by far the most colorful and attractive of the annual traditions. Featuring a queen ^e elected from the senior class and two attendants from the student body, dances are held upon the main campus ⁱⁿ which the entire student body participates. Particularly colorful is the court formed by the queen and her attendants and the members of the senior class dressed in ^{are} pastels.

Closing both the traditions and the school year ^{are} the Step Singing exercises held two ^{different} evenings on the steps of Academic Building. At this time the members of the college graduating class sing their farewells to the campus, ^{are} formally inducted into the Alumnae Association, and ~~give~~ finally give over the steps to the graduating class of the coming year.