

# Olym-Pics

By Peanut

At the end of this week two-thirds of this school year will be over. This week Olympics wants to recollect what we have already done and then what we will do in the next eight weeks.

## In Retrospect

The fall sports, riding, golf, hockey, and tennis, gave a very keen spirit of competition and friendliness between the clubs and classes.

Some of the highlights of this quarter were the fall riding show sponsored by Tur'n Tanbark; the hockey and tennis tournaments, which gave many of us our first experiences of playing in a tournament; another bright spot was the inter-hall party (we'll never forget the way the faculty beat us at basketball); and last but not least of the better things was the first Sr.-Sr. Mid day, which turned out to be quite a surprise for some of us.

## Little Things

But just as important, though they were not red letter days, were the little things that were conducive to the spirit of Ward-Belmont. These were the hot-chocolate after the games down in the club-houses, the hockey tests that everyone dreaded, and most important of all, the friendly spirit which lasted through it all.

## Second Quarter

We have just finished the second quarter, and, thinking back, many things stand out that made us particularly happy. Some of these were dances for the Seniors, last minute decorations and then the end of a perfect day topped by a dance in Acklen for the Seniors. All this and more, too, make Ward-Belmont for us.

There is so much this quarter—the archery, softball, and tennis tournament and then the Spring riding show where you sit and hold your breath when the riders take those horses over the jumps.

## Integral Portion

Athletics at Ward-Belmont compose an important part of our school lives. It is one of the things that makes us love it more. It has taken over fifty years and a couple of thousand people to make the program what it is today. Each year adds something more, every person who attended a

gym class in their own way helped to make our program what it is today. What we have added this year by showing the flaws in the program and by showing the good points may never be put to any use. It may be impossible to carry out the program in reality next year, but there are parts of it that will live in the hearts of over 20,000 students and perhaps 100,000 spectators forever.

## CU Is Returned

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Cumberland's college of arts and science to the Ward-Belmont College campus was rejected.

It is not yet known just when the Baptists will withdraw financial support from Cumberland, but Dr. Pope indicated that "everything possible will be done to protect those senior law students who are now enrolled at Cumberland's law school."

He pointed out that "the action of the board of trustees last night determines that Baptists will operate a co-educational junior college on the Ward-Belmont campus."

Selection of the faculty for this school, which will be simply a continuation of the present school except that it will not be limited to girls, will be in the hands of the present six man board of Ward-Belmont.

At last night's session, the university board was unanimous in reaffirming a resolution regarding the contract originally made with the Baptists which stated that, "if and when Cumberland University should revert from control of the Baptists . . . all Baptist funds (about \$200,000) and funds for equipment would be returned to Baptists."

Phillips said he has appointed a committee which will call on Dr. Pope to give the official action of the board.

Dr. Pope said with reference to any doubt that might exist as to the executive board's legal authority in withdrawing support from Cumberland:

"The action of the executive board in acquiring Ward-Belmont and its action as it relates to Cumberland University has precedence in the closing of Tennessee College for Women and the acquisition of the Mid-State Baptist Hospital, both of which were done by the executive board on authority of the convention."

Subsequent to both these actions, the TBC unanimously approved actions of the executive board, Dr. Pope said.

He pointed to the minutes of the Tennessee Baptist Convention as proof of the board's authority.

"The executive board is the convention ad interim (between sessions) and shall have charge of all business of the convention between sessions." This action was passed by the convention at its organization in Murfreesboro April 10, 1874, and has been reaffirmed on several occasions since.

## Prexy Is Elected

Last week elections took place for new officers of Hail Hall. Mary Jane Bumpous was elected president and Marilyn McGhee is the new secretary. Candidates for the presidential office were: Martha Neal, Evelyn Picton, Joan Bogelman, and Mary Drummond. The girls who were nominated for the secretary's position were Susan Wilson, Ann Scott, and Musidore Jordan.

## T.B.C. Makes Plans

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(2) No major faculty changes and no major curriculum changes are contemplated.

(3) Headquarters for the Tennessee Baptist association will be located on the campus as soon as office space can be provided, probably within six months.

(4) Co-educational standing for the college is a good possibility next year, although the change may be delayed until 1952 or 1953.

## President to Continue

The church group has authorized Dr. Robert C. Provine, who will continue as president of the school, to inform prospective students that the preparatory and music divisions will be continued for at least another year.

Beyond this, however, no commitments have been made by the new Baptist trustees who were placed in control of the school last Wednesday.

## Commissioner Appointed

The trustees have appointed an education commission composed of Baptist ministers to survey the school and make recommendations to the board regarding its most profitable use as a unit of the Baptist higher education system in Tennessee. This survey will begin within two weeks and all decisions about Ward-Belmont will be deferred until this report is complete, according to Dr. Henry Hughey of Milan, president of the trustees.

## Sees No Radical Change

Dr. Provine said yesterday he was in no position to predict the future of Ward-Belmont under Baptist jurisdiction but he said he was confident that no radical changes in organization or purpose are impending.

Asked to comment on speculation that the school will be converted to a four-year co-educational college at the end of the present school year, he said, "That is a matter to be determined by the new trustees. I can only say that no such plan has been discussed with me."

Neither Provine nor Baptist officials would comment on rumors that Ward-Belmont may absorb the liberal arts programs at Cumberland university in Lebanon and the music division of Union university at Jackson. A liaison between these Baptist schools and the Nashville institution has figured prominently in speculation on the significance of Ward-Belmont coming under Baptist jurisdiction.

## Says Speculation Premature

Dr. Hughey said yesterday speculation of this nature was premature and without foundation at present.

Observers pointed out, however, that facilities at Ward-Belmont are such that an immediate transition to co-educational use could be effected.

Present dormitories could accom-

# High Life

By Carol n' Eleanor

Hi Pals! Congratulations to the winners of the Sorority basketball games! They were so much fun, and for such a good cause, too! Dee Dee,

Betsy Riddle, Allison, Penny, Madeline, and Emily did some fine cheering while Lee Ann, Marietta, Beth Henderson, and Sandy Travis played madly on the court.

The High School Glee Club will present its operetta with Castle Heights after Spring vacation. The name of the production is "Down in the Valley" and Karin Dale and Gwin Pryor have the leading parts. Everyone is quite excited about this gay event, and we know it will be one of the best.

## Sewanee Beta's

The Beta's at Sewanee really had a party last week-end. The theme was gay Paris, and Allison, Dee Dee Creagh, and Margaret were definitely the cuties in their French costumes! Those Sewanee parties are such fun!

Just think, four more days 'till Spring vacation! Emily, Frances, Betty and Dee Dee Bullard will head for Florida. Oh! What fun! March 30 is the all important day for the DBS's! That evening they will have their annual Spring Dance, which will definitely be a success. Margaret Marshall, Allison Tidman, Mildred Jarman, Sissy Roberts, and Nancy Simmons have really got sly plans up their sleeves which will be revealed on this night.

## Vacation Time

Have a wonderful vacation! Bye!

What with book reports, tests, and the anticipation of going home, ole man Time really seems to have put everyone in a huge hurry. However, the Seniors have reason to breathe a sigh of relief now that the worrisome "Nature Boy" and the others are back of us for good.

## Confusin'

Despite all the confusion and "goings on," W-B's preps can always find time for plenty of fun and traveling. There has been more activity buzzing around than you would ever think possible. Bess C. really spent a "huge-mous" time last week-end in the ole home state. And of course there was a trip to the "ole mountain farm." I would bet my money that Peg B. made a mighty cute Daisy Mae! Fortir, Milliken, and Collings had quite a time, too. I know quite a few who are getting pretty excited about the New York trip and the Derby! Life is so full and exciting.

Everyone was so glad when Bill finally arrived! Mickey had 'bout worn herself out jumping up and rotating all over our campus before he got here! I don't guess there was a doubt in anyone's mind why Fobes was so happy!

From what I can gather from "smoker talk," Black, Carlyle, and Cunningham are going to make a nice, quick, fancy trip up North Carolina way one of these week-ends in the near future! Say, more fun!

Who is the mysterious Roger Taylor? He is keeping everyone, including Connie Webber, Betty Hicks, and Mary Tolman guessing. Linda Deutsch is very mysterious lately. Please tell us about this Bill, Linda. Marcie Lee has been on the receiving end of some very nice letters lately, especially one from Sewanee, eh, Marcie? Mary Tolman went home for her brother's wedding this week-end. Mary Foster and Mary Stockmaster both enjoyed Sewanee this weekend. Barbara Crockett did, too. Bye now!

## KEEP POSTED

### MONDAY

March 19—7:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal for Dance Recital in WB Assembly.

### TUESDAY

March 20—5:15 p.m. President's Council in C.G.O. Room.

### WEDNESDAY

March 21—8:15 p.m. Dance Recital in WB Assembly. Community Concert.

### THURSDAY

March 22—Senior-Senior Mid Basketball and Bowling.

### FRIDAY

March 23—10:00 a.m. Vacation beginning.

modate more than 1000 students and dining room facilities are more than adequate for an enrollment of this size. The dormitories are constructed separately so that both male and female students could be housed.

The American Education council estimated the value of the Ward-Belmont plant at \$1,700,000 in 1948, although locally the value the value is estimated at between \$4 and \$5 million. The Carson-Newman plant is valued at \$535,000 by the American council, and the Cumberland and Union plants are valued in the neighborhood of \$500,000 each.

## Other Schools Merged

Other facts that give some basis for the co-educational speculation center on Baptist policy in regard to its other schools throughout the South which are all co-educational.

When Carson college was taken over by the Baptists in the 19th century it was but a few years until it was merged with Newman College for Women in 1889. Similarly, when Cumberland came under Baptist control in 1948 it was soon merged with the Tennessee College for Women which had been located in Murfreesboro.

Finally, Baptist educational philosophy considers the training of teachers and preachers the principal function of higher education. This was the statement made in 1948 by Dr. C. W. Pope, executive secretary of the state Baptist association, who was instrumental in the Ward-Belmont transaction.



Staff Photo by Martin Sewell

Pictured above are the two soloist, dance majors, in the recital which was presented last Wednesday evening in the North Front Auditorium. On the left is Sally Stebbins, in an elaborate Spanish costume; Frances Wiggington stands poised on the right. Sally is from Pensacola, Florida; Frances is from Evanston, Illinois. Both girls are Osirens.

## Senior Week-end

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Awakened by a cheery word from our sponsor—"gidup you all"—we crawled on hands and knees, supporting the bags under our eyes, to the breakfast table. Silence reigned—except for that disgusting "talk before breakfast" type of person.

Then—back to bed—with the exception of the harder ones who commenced the day with a deep breath of fresh air and returned to the vigorous game of bridge. The bid of a double cardiac was heard (to those unaccustomed to Senior intellect—two hearts!), and gaming tables were in progress.

## Comparison

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has made her adjustments to changing years, and found herself no worse for them; but those standards which she has retained are as worthy today as they were at her founding. She may have found it difficult to weather the strain of economic upheaval but her ideals have never moved.

The small college, the girls' school, the privately operated institution which offers a liberal arts program with emphasis on the arts and individual development—this is what I am grateful for having known, and which I believe should continue, at any cost.