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BY THE STUDENTS AND FOR THE STUDENTS.

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NO. 30.

Annual Meeting of the Athletic Association.

The annual meeting of the general athletic association was held in the lower chapel on Friday afternoon. An unusually large number of students was present, and the reports of the officers were encouraging in that they showed an increased interest in athletics on the part of the students in a material way. The financial support, however, is not what it should be.

Several important amendments to the constitution were proposed and adopted. The first amendment made a payment of \$1.00 necessary to become a member and enjoy the privileges of the association. The second, made it possible for a resident alumnus to act as treasurer of the association.

The reports of the officers of the association were then called for. Mr. Lauck, as manager of the baseball team, made a general report, showing that the receipts for the season had been about \$1,425.00, disbursements \$1,323.00, leaving a surplus after the payment of all obligations between \$80.00 and \$100.00. Mr. Bledsoe, as treasurer, in his report showed that the total receipts from the sale of season tickets during the year had been about \$435.00, all of which had been used in the expenses of the association. Mr. McNulty, as president, then made a general report in which he stated that the interest in athletics during the year had been encouraging, and that our past experience demonstrated beyond a reasonable doubt that we must have a northern coach for our football team next year. Mr. McNulty has been untiring in fulfilling the duties of his office during the past year, and deserves the thanks of the student body.

After the transaction of routine business came the election of officers in which everybody seemed to be of one mind and of one opinion. Mr. Livingston Smith was unanimously chosen president; Mr. J. W. Bagley was elevated to the seat of vice-president under the same conditions;

Mr. Wm. Allan obtained the office of secretary without any competition, and Mr. Robert Owen was elected treasurer without a dissenting voice. Under the direction of this able board of officers we may reasonably expect athletics in general to receive an impetus during the coming year.

Commencement Program.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH.

8.00 P. M.—Local talent play in the Gymnasium.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH.

11.00 A. M.—Baccalaureate sermon, Rev. David G. Wylie, D. D., of N. Y.

MONDAY, JUNE 17TH.

—A. M.—Sigma German.

6.00 P. M.—Annual Regatta.

9.00 P. M.—Final Celebration of the Literary Societies.

10.30 P. M.—Cotillion Club German.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18TH.

11.00 A. M.—Address before the Law Class, Hon. Hoke Smith, Ga.

9.00 P. M.—Address before the Alumni Association, Hon. Thomas Barrett, Ga.

10.30 P. M.—T. N. E. German.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19TH.

11.00 A. M.—Closing exercises.

10.30 P. M.—Final ball.

Scrap of Paper.

This dramatic comedy will be presented by local talent, June 16, the night before the Baccalaureate sermon. The performance will be given in the gymnasium which is being fitted up for the occasion, and is under the supervision of Miss Annie White, whose success with such attempts in the past has been marked.

Coming as it does directly after the stress of examination work it should be a pleasant recreation and relief from this burden. The proceeds will be given to the athletic association.

Washington Literary Society.

Considering the nearness of final examinations, Washington society was well attended on Saturday night of the 25th—its last meeting for this session.

The orators and declaimers, except Messrs. McDowell and Jones, were either absent or excused. The question as to whether the faculty of W. L. U. should give to the athletic teams of the University a ten days' trip for the purpose of playing with distant teams was debated by Messrs. Saunders and Hamilton, affirmative; Ott, negative. The judges decided in favor of the negative.

The officers elected at a previous meeting for the first term of next session are: A. M. Hamilton, president; Anderson, vice-president; E. M. Miller, secretary; Lamar, treasurer; T. C. Wilson, critic; A. L. Jones, reporter.

In accordance with a request of Mr. E. D. Ott Mr. Duncan was by vote of the society designated as one of the associate editors of the Southern Collegian with the understanding that he is to be elected to this office next year at the time proscribed by the constitution.

Last Issue of the Collegian.

The last number of the Collegian will be out in a few days. It will contain three stories entitled "The Elopement," "Celestial Romance," "The Story of Hunter's Raid," and two essays, one on a sociological subject entitled "Social Progress" and the other economic, entitled "A New View of Socialism." These will be the chief features, the usual number of poems and the matter of the various departments occupying the remaining space.

Correction.

Through a misunderstanding it was stated in a recent issue of the RING-TUM PHI that the invitation to the Monday morning German during finals was general. We are informed that special invitations will be issued later.

Souvenir Edition.

This number of the RING-TUM PHI completes the volume for the present session, and is the last regular issue of the paper. It is proposed to get out a souvenir edition of eight full pages on the last day of Finals. This is to be printed in the college colors, blue and white, and illustrated with various views of the University surroundings and other pictures, which would prove interesting.

The issue will contain accounts of all the social and University functions which occur during finals, and would be a most appropriate souvenir of the occasion. To get out this special edition it will be necessary to secure a sufficient number of subscriptions to guarantee the financial success of the scheme, as the expense incurred will be much greater than that of the regular issues.

The paper will be sold at 10 cents per copy and all students and others who will take copies are requested to give their names to the editor-in-chief or assistant editor of the RING-TUM PHI, together with the number of copies desired. Those who leave Lexington before the paper is issued can have copies sent them by mail if they so desire. It is hoped that a sufficient number of subscriptions may be secured to warrant the publication of the issue, as it ought to be a most appropriate souvenir to keep for yourself or give to your visiting friends during finals, and will fill a need which has been hitherto unnoticed.

The Trials and Trial of Jefferson Davis.

At Wednesday morning chapel Captain C. M. Blackford of Lynchburg, read an interesting paper on the capture and trial of Jefferson Davis. The address showed research in original authorities, and was filled with sarcastic allusions to, and keen ridicule of the captors and jailors of the president of the Confederacy. A large audience heard the address, many of whom were visitors from out of town.

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