

## SPORTS

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## A REVIEW

"Association News Service."

They've packed the old pigskin away until the fall of 1928. The "Turkey Day" farce at Salisbury was a fitting climax to what has been the Bulls' most disastrous season in decades. Farce we call the "Turkey Day" clash, because we can find no better name to fit it, unless we dub it comedy. As proof of our stand we offer only one play of that sad game. And that is this: in the third period the Bulls attempted a punt from their own thirty yards line which was blocked by an L. C. lineman, the ball rebounding outside the playing field behind Smith's goal line, there to be covered by an L. C. player. Spaulding's Official Baseball Guide plainly gives the said play as a touch back and no score. Yet on this occasion officials ruled it a touchdown for L. C. As a result the L. C. Followers went home rejoicing that their team had won by the close score of 27-26, whereas, in reality, Smith had won by the score of 26-20, without considering that other questionable play when an L. C. lineman openly took a ball out of the hands of Smith's quarter back and raced for a touch down, which was ruled by officials as an interrupted pass. In the second period an L. C. guard received a forward pass and took it across for a marker, which no kind of explanation can justify according to the rules of foot ball, yet officials permitted it in this particular game.

May the gods of sportdom forgive us if the above resume appears to them as an unjustifiable alibi, for to us it seems quite honorable. We only hope that next season, instead of paying real money for such officiating we will authorize Coach Meeks, of Livingstone, to act as referee, because Coach Meeks knows foot ball.

## LETTER MEN

Although no official statement has been made to date, we, relying upon certain records which we have at our disposal, dare predict that the following men will soon be admitted to the Exalted Brotherhood of Wearers of the Big S, namely; Jordan, Williams, Hall, Walker, Fowlkes, Lyerly, Henry, House, Bryant, Coleman and Bogel. This means that the Bulls will be able to start next season with around eighteen letter men rearing to go.

## PROBLEMS OF 1928.

Since Thanksgiving Day played "finale" to the foot ball careers of both T. Steele and G. Dockery, the Bulls' dependable wing men for the past several seasons, coaches will face the problem of replacing them in 1928. Yet with such a wealth of back field material, we see no reason why "Red" Williams could not be shifted to end, for which position he seems naturally adapted. Then there is House who shows unusual speed and tackling ability and could be well moved from guard to end. Again, there is Davis, from Berry O'Kelly, who bore up well against the Sophs in the recent Sophomore-Freshman clash, which the "Freshies" won by a score of 47-21.

It is rumored that one of the State's best centers is considering matriculating here next fall. We do hope that athletic authorities will encourage him to do so. With a sure fire center, Blue could be sent back to his old home in guard and with Henry on the other side, Leon Steele and Massey or Coleman in the tackles, Williams and House at the Wings, it would be up to the back fields to strut their "Tufts," I mean, stuff.

## Basket Ball

Of this great indoor game we can say but little. There is an overwhelming wealth of material for this sport going to waste around Smith. With the danger of "flu" and the like we would rather not see them attempt any real play out doors. Let us instead wait and hope for an indoor court and the joys which accompany it.

## ENCOURAGING GOOD ATHLETICS

We mentioned in an above paragraph something about encouraging an athlete to matriculate at Smith. This, if followed, will be a brand new venture for Smith. No athlete can say that because of his ability as such he has received any encouragement to enter here. We do not know whether to say we are proud of this record or not. We do say, however, that if we are to keep pace with other schools of our rating in athletics, we must fall in line with other schools and offer special inducements to good athletics. They are all doing it and so must we or "lose our ventures."

## ATHLETICS

James O. Ellis

To connect yourself with the athletic life of your school insures for you many things that you will otherwise necessarily miss. Athletics are fundamentally necessary to a successful school and are hence and integral part of your school course. The sooner you establish yourself in this athletic life the better returns you will receive. Too many delay any active participation until it is too late to derive the richest benefit. Your returns are many. First, perhaps, is the development of your physical being. The care of your body is, of course, a necessary thing, if you are to be at all successful. The benefits of a good all round physical development are enough in themselves to warrant any effort you may give. There are, besides, almost innumerable other benefits that go hand in hand with your athletic life. The friendships you make on athletic teams are closer and dearer to you than any other you make. They are the kind you cherish in after life. The team spirit, the joy of closer contact with others in supreme physical effort is one you can never forget. The lessons you learn in your discipline become so ingrained in your character that they can't help but stand you in good stead in your life after leaving school. They are sacrifices that you must make that plant a germ of manhood in you that grows and grows until it flourishes into good citizenship. The sportmanship and spirit of fair play teach you how to play the game of life as nothing else can. You involuntarily learn how to accept victory gracefully and defeat generously.

These things you are taking from your school; it offers them to you for the taking and encourages you to accept them. It demands of you some things in return and they are reasonable demands. It asks that your ability along athletic lines be expended for your school to make it a power among the other leading universities of this country. It needs every ounce you can give it to keep it in the foremost rank in competitive games. It asks that in your games you always keep first and foremost Smith's son and as such you are directly in your mind the fact that you are a loyal responsible for keeping the name of Smith unallied and clean. Smith University has always stood for the very highest ideals in athletics and this standing has been due to boys who have gone before you playing the game fair and square and hard for Smith.

For all the things you have received are these too much to ask in return? As much as you can do, never forget that you will always be in debt, but that your creditor is a generous one and asks but small interest, comparatively, on its investment.

Smith realizes as well as you who are

reading this that all cannot represent her in athletics, but she does not recognize that all cannot represent her morally. So you who cannot look forward to a stellar athletic career never forget that every minutes or every day you can in spirit, do much in and receive much from, the athletic life of the school, and push! Yes, but get out in front and pull too, for dear old Smith.

## ALPHA PHI ALPHA

By Thos. E. Gilliard, Jr., '28.

All is well! These words may be well taken from the mouth of the ancient town crier of early American days. The year of 1927 is drawing to a close and the crier of Alpha Omicron, cries, All is well! The year for Alpha Omicron has been in keeping with the trend of our national affairs—Prosperity, success.

The Go to High School-Go to College campaign, conducted by the chapter in and around Charlotte last Spring well accomplished its purpose, and the annual social event of last May will well be remembered by those whose good fortune it was to attend. Letters from different sections of the community have brought back news of success and attainment accomplished by individual members who have removed their residences from the seat of the chapter.

Once again, and this time on November 22, the great Sphinx softened its solemn and rigid features to smile upon four tried and true neophytes who had groveled in the dust at its feet for many a day beneath the baking rays of a tropical sun. Almost exhausted from the long and tiresome vigil, but with hearts still true in devotion to the Sphinx, V. Henry Chavis, Baxter E. Lowe, Henri L. Marshall and Otis J. Taylor were ushered into the city of enlightenment where the dust, sweat and scales were removed from their eyes and the great principles and secrets of the Sphinx revealed to them. Alpha Omicron feels proud in knowing that these new brothers will carry on the good work of the chapter when the brothers of the present senior class will have passed away from the scene of action.

"On to Cleveland" is the watchword now when from December 27-31 the General Convention of Alpha Phi Alpha will be held.

## KAPPA ALPHA PSI

W. A. Perry, '28

On the evening of December 10th, the Alpha Epsilon chapter of the National Greek Letter Fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi, was installed at Johnson C. Smith University, for use and service. The formal initiation, being conducted by the Provincial Polemarch of the Southeastern District, Brother Deaver P. Young, brought into the fold of the great Klan, Bros. A. S. Powe,

J. A. Blount, J. A. Jones, L. L. Blakeney, J. H. Justice, and W. A. Perry. For the past four months these newly made Greeks have been carefully supervised, by our Elder Brothers J. H. Alston and T. S. Jackson in the principles of moral courage, development of irresistible influence for good, and the resistance of temptation toward vindictiveness.

We have talked much of the brotherhood to come; but brotherhood has always been the goal of our life long before it became a modern and insipid sentiment. Only have we been brothers in slavery and torment; brothers in ignorance and its perdition; brothers in disease and war and want; brothers in prostitution and hypocrisy. What happens to one of us sooner or later happens to all; we have always been inescapably involved in a common destiny. Since men never have been able to separate themselves from one another's woes and wrongs; since history is fairly stricken with the lesson that we cannot escape brotherhood of some kind; since the whole of life is teaching us that we are hourly choosing between brotherhood in suffering and brotherhood in good, it remains for us to choose the brotherhood of a cooperative world, with all the fruits thereof—the fruits of love and liberty.

Our great thoughts, our great affections, the truths of our life never leave us. Surely these principles shall not separate from our consciousness, but shall follow us wherever we may go and possess their nature divine and immortal.

The officers elected are as follows:

J. H. Alston, Polemarch.

A. S. Powe, Vice-Polemarch.

A. Blount, Keeper of Records and Exchequer.

J. A. Jones, Strategus.

W. A. Perry, Historian and Reporter.

## OMEGA PSI PHI

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We are glad to hear from our former members who are now working in various activities of life. Brother A. H. Prince and J. T. Douglass are now studying at McCormick Theological Seminary. Brothers "Turkey" Russell and D. D. Wilson are now in the medical school at Harvard. Brother Roy Thompson is teaching at Selden Institute in Brunswick, Ga. Brother "John Doe" Forbes sends word from New York City that he is now making preparations for the Conclave. Brother James Pope is expecting to return to school the next semester. Barileus Dowson will represent at the Conclave this year a chapter which has fulfilled all of its obligations, and we are looking forward with deep interest to the annual gathering.

Phi extends a hearty welcome to Alpha Epsilon of Kappa Alpha Psi and wishes her a bon voyage.

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