

Sports of the Day

By B. J. JOHNSON

The soccer season is well under way with twenty-six people out for practice. There are twelve freshmen, six sophomores, five juniors, and three seniors. The tournament will be played this week if the weather permits. Look for a list of the soccer varsity that will appear in the next issue—after Christmas!

Basketball will soon be popular again. Miss Phyllis Cunningham reports that there will be practices every night at 9:30. Two nights a week practices are to be scheduled for the classes; one night is for the freshmen and juniors, and one night for

the sophomores and seniors. The remaining nights will be left open so that anyone who desires can play in the hopes of getting a school varsity team to bring victory when Meredith competes with neighboring schools.

Bette Linney and Martha Davis, riding the Mighty Marvel and Tommy, two of our five gaited show horses, led the Christmas parade that started from Saint Mary's to the Memorial Auditorium last week.

Have you been up to third floor social room in Faircloth to see any of those ping-pong experts in action? Go up to visit and to play, for ping-pong is a great sport!

Christmas Bells and Belles

By ELLA MAE SHIRLEY

Here it is Christmas again. Doesn't it seem only last week that we had last Christmas? Wonder what we will be doing for this year's holiday? Let's take a quick glance around and see the plans.

Listen! hear those bells? they aren't all "jingle bells" either! Jean Maddrey is listening to the wedding bells on December 20. In case you still don't know—the lucky young man is Hugh Wilson, Jr. Then we have other students not quite so lucky, but still lucky enough to be within reach of the wedding bells. Marjorie Joyner is going home to a wedding; her sister Jean (class '47) is to be married. And Le Grace Gupton really isn't just "going to sit at home and corrode." She's going to participate in the wedding of one of her friends.

Down in the Chemistry Department several people have plans for Christmas. Miss Mary Yarbrough smiled and said she wanted to "sleep for days." Then Harriet Neese came by and said she was going to have a "big time." (Her definition of a "big time" is seeing Jason, having time to sleep, and having no term paper due.) Rosa Deans is planning a "big time" too, but she wouldn't say what her definition of the term was. Then Cathe Wishart practically shouted—well, not really!—that she was going to spend all of Christmas "seeing Austin!" and you should have seen the glow in her eyes when she said it.

Martha Hooks declared that she was going home to Georgia! and that in addition to "catching up" on her sleep that she and her sister, Nancy, were going to have company for the holidays. Among their guests there is an English bride who will be celebrating her first American Christmas. It is a good thing Ann Tongue won't be there! She might disillusion the poor girl. Ann has said (jestingly, I think—or was it?) that she was going to tell all the little children she knew that there "ain't" no Santa. Shame on you, Ann! You'll never get enough sleep if you do a wicked thing like that.

Kathleen Perry said she hadn't planned to do anything special, but that she was going to work at Fine's. Margaret Morris is eagerly looking forward to December 18; she's got a new little niece at home. Marcelene Penny has already gotten her orders—from husband James—for a 25-pound fruit cake. She's going to make that and clean off an inch of dust on her Venetian blinds. Don't work too hard, Marcelene. Edie Camp is planning to sleep, eat, and read. Doris Concha and Elva Gresham both said "We're going home, and we're going to sleep late and eat." Then Doris added that she was going to read a book "for pure unadulterated pleasure!"

Frankie Ward has a boy friend home from the army, so she's going to make up for last year by seeing him frequently. Too, she's

going to play with her two dogs and her cat. Lois Simmons is planning to go to dances and to date four nights a week without a chaperone. Maxine Bissette has big plans, too—several parties, good food, sleep, and spending some time at home with her family (a good idea for all of us!!)

Yes, this Christmas season will probably be a wonderful one for all of us, but the best one is the "Christmas in the Heart."

*It's Christmas in the mansion,
Yule-log fires and silken frocks.
It's Christmas in the cottage,
Mother's filling little socks.
It's Christmas on the highway
In the thronging, busy mart;
But the dearest, truest Christmas
Is the Christmas in the heart.*

—UNKNOWN.

B.S.U. GIVES PLAN FOR STUDENT NIGHT

In anticipation of the Christmas holidays, the Baptist Student Union gave in the rotunda last week a demonstration program of Student Night at Christmas. The purpose of this demonstration was to inform students of the possibilities and manner of planning student programs for their own home churches.

The demonstration program opened with special music by Billie Hart and Emily Pool, followed by a congregational hymn. Gloria Mayer said that the objectives of Student Night are to keep pastors informed, parents reassured, and high school students inspired concerning the worthwhileness of college life. Following this brief explanation, Emily Stacy read the Scripture from Colossians 1:3-5; 9-18. A solo, "The Lord's Prayer," was rendered by Nancy Hall. The main portion of the program consisted of echoes from B.S.U., led by Frances Alexander. Ella Adams, Elizabeth Colvard, Marjorie Tripeer, and Louvene Jordan revealed the work of the B.S.U. on the campus, in the church, in community service, and in the convention.

"By observing Student Night at Christmas," the group was told, "an opportunity is provided for us to give expression to the meaning of the spiritual life of our college, and the people in the home churches are given an insight into the spiritual activities of our campus." With this idea in mind, the B.S.U. is encouraging unanimous participation in the programs. At the conclusion

*There's something
in the wind —
The Christmas Spirit*

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DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

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Love,

The Student Body.

P. S. We'll leave you a bag lunch on top of the dining hall.

Weddings Planned During Holidays

The ringing of bells during the Christmas season has an added significance for three members of the Meredith family. Jean Maddrey, Eleanor Jane Andrews, and Mabel Baldwin will return after the holidays with a second ring on the third finger, left hand.

Mabel is the first of the three who will say the marriage vows. Tomorrow afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Raleigh, she will become Mrs. Claude Rutledge.

When Jean steps to the altar on December 20, she will become Mrs. Hugh Wilson. The ceremony will take place at the Baptist Church in Seaboard.

The following day, on December 21, E. J. and Gene Hewitt will become man and wife in the Pittsboro Baptist Church.

of this final explanation those present joined hands while Miss Billie Ruth Currin led in a prayer of dedication.

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Home Ec Students Present Program

The Meredith home economics students presented the program for the December meeting of the Raleigh's Woman's Club last Wednesday afternoon and today for the State College Woman's Club. The same program was presented last night as an open meeting of the Meredith Home Economics Club for faculty and students, using as the subject, "Keeping Christmas — A Heart to Heart Talk with Our Kitchens." Mary Virginia Warren as narrator stressed the importance of avoiding the usual confusion of the season by making preparations far in advance, by using good tools and techniques for the work, and by encouraging participation of all members of the family in the kitchen chores. In keeping with world conditions this year, the idea of economy and of sharing food was also stressed.

JAMES WRAY SPEAKS IN CHAPEL SERVICE

"Thanks Be to God for His Inexpressable Gifts" was the topic of the message of James D. Wray, who spoke to the Meredith student body during the regular chapel period last Friday. Mr. Wray, who is now executive secretary of N. C. student work, formerly held a pastorate in Spindale. His message, which was in keeping with the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, was well received by the students.

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FURMAN CHOIR SINGS HERE

On Wednesday morning, December 3, the Meredith College student body was favored in chapel with a selection of music by the Furman University Choir, which was then on tour. The choir, under the direction of Arnold E. Putnam, presented the following program:

- Glory to God.....Davis
- Ave Maria.....Bach-Gounod
- Now Let Every Tongue Adore.....Bach
- Where'er Your Walk.....Handel
- Spirituals
- I'm So Glad Troubles Don't Last Always
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