



Thirteenth Annual Turtle Derby

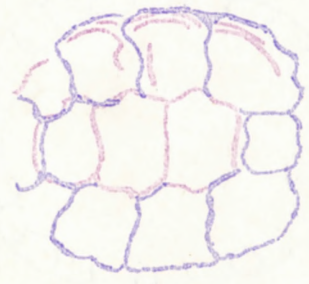
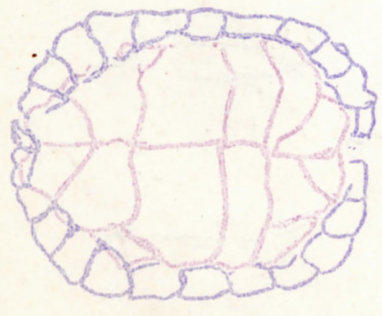


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The Wasmann Society
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Loyola University



Loyola Stadium Sunday, May 4
4 P.M. [1952]





When the world was young, to convey them from place to place, men were dependent on a gift from God, their legs. However as intellects developed, speed gained in importance and thus began the exploitation of beasts, such as horses and jackasses. For centuries, these creatures provided a satisfactory means of transportation. Then the brain of man conceived a new, faster, less expensive (?) substitute, the horseless carriage or automobile. Following upon the heels of this invention come modern trains, planes, and ships. Speed.....always speed was emphasized. In this stonia age, we have V-8 engines, Diesels, and supersonic jets, far surpassing the speed most of us wish to travel. Yet to prove science has not been devoided of her capacity for increasing speed, extensive research is being carried on in our midst, at our own Loyola University. Behind the closed doors of the Wasmann Biological Society, a prodigious new discovery is about to be made which may affect the course of humanity. Because of the immense responsibility involved, the scientists refuse to make the decision which of the several possible greats is really the greatest. Therefore a test will be conducted on May fourth, at which all witnesses and interested observers are welcome. If YOU want to see a modern miracle come to being before your eyes, come to the Wasmann Turtle Derby.

If you have a turtle---and we know you do---submit it---make yourself eligible for the Hall of Turtle Fame. If you are interested see Mr. William DuSold, President of the Wasmann Biological Society. (He is also in charge of Carapaca design this year).



TURTLES IN THE TURTLE TROUBLE

The Loyola Athletic Field will be the scene of the third Grand Finals in the Loyola eliminations for the National Collegiate Turtle Derby, Sunday, May 4, as a dozen turtles go to the post in what may prove to be a new all-time record for the 2143.8 mm. dash. After a season's conditioning in the bayous of Louisiana and Florida, this year's contestants show amazing form and alacrity. No applicants have been accepted whose stride is less than 8 inches. Yet one thing has become apparent, size can no longer be considered a guarantee of speed any more than long ears, and several alleged dark horses who are of diminutive size and unknown lineage are said to hold supersonic ratings with the tank corps.

In case you're now wondering where these splendid examples of reptilian robustness were secured, the Wasmann Society, the traditional leader in such events, has used its technical knowledge to advantage in a nationwide search for a species with intrinsic speed qualities. One dozen individuals were finally found who filled the qualifications. These creatures were purchased at reasonable costs only because the previous owners (a soup company of Southern prominence) were unaware of the very qualities which make them so valuable to us. Now these sprinters are on display in the Tower Office of The Probe, and may be purchased by any official organization of the school for entry into the race at the price of the entry fee---\$1.50.

In spite of the inherent racing qualities of these creatures, the advantages of conditioning must not be overlooked as a determining factor in turtle racing. Chesterton, Indiana has long been the nation's leader in the production of great racing turtles, an honor which they zealously guard. They have nonetheless, shown us that individual capacities vary so extensively that turtle talent cannot be looked for solely as a species characteristic, but as an individual endowment which must be developed as a potency by a system of conditioning. Our turtles have been so picked that the winner is sure to be the result of training. For subsequent information on the care and grooming of turtles, consult the Army Manual on Tank Maintenance.

REMEMBER - May 4th at 4:00 P.M. in the Athletic Field.

WASMANN TURTLE DERBY

SONGS FOR THE TURTLE RACE
- by Ted Carney

TO THE TRACK - (Sung to "De Camptown Races")

We came to see the Wasmann Race,
tur- tle ra- ace.
We went to see a record broke,
in the turtle race.
The terrapins march to the field,
followed by tortoise.
They're not pepped up with adrenalin
through a hy-y-po.
Not Galapagos,
Not a box turtle,
We got the turtles that are built for speed.
We are bound to win.

WE'VE BEEN TRAINING - (Sung to "I've Been Working on the Railroad")

Chorus-

We are loyal to Loyola, loyal as can be.
You came here to see the turtles race and so did we.
We are glad that you could make it,
So glad you honored us.
The turtles want nobody el-se.
To whom to show their stuff.

We've been training our turtle,
training night and day.
We've been training it to wor- rk
work without much pay.
Can't you see the streamlined figure,
Low center gravity.
Can't you hear the turtle whisper,
"For running, just watch me."

Chorus-

We've been coaching our turtle,
coaching the right way.
We've been showing it how plastrons,
in the race should sway.
Carapace tilted downward,
Ready for the start.
When the gun goes off-ff, brother,
Just watch those turtles dart.

Chorus-

