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By A. C. H.

President Alexander Humphries
New York City,

Dear Sir,

I want to write a few
facts to you recommending
Wilder G. Penfield, of Princeton,
a candidate for the New Jersey
Rhodes Scholarship.

I was manager of the wrestling team in 1911 and we had no good heavy-weight. Penfield, who was light for the light-heavy-weight class, tried for the place, made it and did some remarkably good work. I will cite one instance not only as an athletic feat, but to show a characteristic mental trait.

The Lehigh heavyweight outweighed Penfield by nearly sixty pounds, an almost insurmountable handicap, and everyone thought that it was merely a matter of how long the match would last.

Not so to Penfield. When the large man happened to get on top of him, he simply stood up, shook him off his back, grabbed him and actually threw him!

I have been asked to write as wrestling manager, but I feel so strongly his suitability that I can not help adding more. I graduated in 1911,

but am still at Princeton studying Electrical engineering and therefore am

still in touch with
undergraduate affairs.

Penfold came to Pompton
from a small western town
and did not know a soul,
but sophomore year he became
class vice-president and, junior
year, president and box-ball
manager. He is quiet and

absolutely unpolitic and at that time his athletic ability was not prominent, therefore these honors were due simply due to admiration of his character and lovable nature.

His athletic career has had its climax in his making the varsity foot-ball team, — the lightest varsity tackle

I have ever heard of at Princeton. He is very active in religious work, both in the college and town. He is a

hard worker and a faithful student, while working to make money to put himself through college wholly or in part (I do not know which). He has another side too, that I think is very essential in a man to represent us in England. He is a gentleman from start to finish, not only in the essential meaning of the word, but also he has savoir faire and knows what fork to use. In a word, I can honestly say that in my six years at Princeton I have never known a more all-round and representative man.

Sincerely yours,
Donald M. Smoris