

# Sports Scope

## Roundballers Reviewed

by John Kidd

Mercer Bears are going to have a losing season this year, but with a few breaks and an ability to shoot foul shots the situation could possibly be different. Coach Wilder has a good bunch of boys; in fact in Jud Roberts he probably has one of Mercer's finest all time players. Nobody would complain about Robert Belloir or Tom Mitchell when he plays.

It was just one of those years and the Bears got off to a bad start and really didn't play together well until a strong victory in overtime over Georgia Southern gave them the impetus; they won with some regularity after that.

There have been those special moments this year we won't forget. Mercer futilely chasing Huntingdon in the first Mercer Invitational only to go down in defeat when the Hawks seemingly never missed from the foul line. The complete frustration of blowing a 14-point lead to nationally ranked Carson-Newman and as mentioned before, the happiness of the win over arch-rival Southern. The Bears tasted their first Homecoming victory in 3 years and avenged a loss to Tampa last year by whipping them 80-79 with native Tampan Jud Roberts doing the honors. It was a season of pluses and minuses; Jud Roberts and Robert Belloir on the plus side, and a lack of spirit and free throw shooting to the debit side.

Individually the Bears had some standouts. Roberts continues his 20 point average into the last game and Belloir is shooting around a 17 point clip. Both these boys' talents are well appreciated by the student body, their ball handling as well as their shooting. The steals these two

have pulled off are an accepted part of their style and their ability to spot the open man is a vital talent. This year Bill Naylor has come into his own. In the last half of the season Bill has had clutch performances consistently and needless to say is one the Bears couldn't have done without. Our subs are coming along, most being freshmen and have all contributed to wins here and there this season. Next year they will be ready to help the Bears more—someone will step into Naylor's spot. Jim Hilderbrandt and Jim Graham are likely candidates or maybe a hot freshman prospect. Maybe Spears Westbrook?

With adequate rebounding and foul shooting the Bears could roar next season. They should be able to run with anybody; Jud and Belloir handle the fast break as good as anybody we've seen. With adequate fan support the Bears should be inspired to a winning season. In fact the Bears lose so seldom at home the fans really should have something to cheer about.

This year was a bunch of maybe's and almosts (maybe they'll sink the free throw and they almost won) next year let's be positive and win.

dove of peace, which got lost in space, the Russians arranged a Sputnik which would not BEEP its old slogan-Better Elect Eisenhower President, but would sing a new tune-Love That Lyndon.

The Viet Cong demonstrated against sending more Americans into space, insisting that they have more room for Americans in Viet Nam.

The first university of space will be jammed with Kentucky basketball players who have learned that you can jump 30 feet in space, along with Ole Miss football players with New Jersey accents who are going to bleach Mars better dead than red. Space University will have a faculty selected from St. Johns, Tuskegee, S.M.U. and Agnes Scott. It will be running its first space debate tournament called the Supreme Transearthly University Planetary Debate, known as STUPID for short, with faculty as debaters and students as judges.

Just as the people in Chicago debate whether there is a hell and the people in hell debate whether there is a Chicago the first debate topic for STUPID will be: Is There Really A District of Columbia?

# Bears Finish Season 9-14; Drop Last Two - Tampa, Jax

by Claudia Young

Friday night the Mercer Bears were defeated at the hands of the Jacksonville Dolphins. The home team was outmatched by the height of the Florida team, and though the Bruins played a fast game, they couldn't stop the rebounding of Rod McIntyre. From the very beginning the game was Jacksonville's game. After the initial minutes, the Bears fell behind by a margin of 5 points. They remained behind until the last minutes, but remained in contention, closing the gap to two points; the half time score was 34-32.

The second half was the deciding factor for the home team. The two Sophomore guards sprang back and showed their true form, form that had previously beaten the Yellow Jackets of Tech, Stetson and William and Mary. The Wilder team was out rebounded, scored and maneuvered the whole second half. Bill Naylor, the only retiring Senior on the team, played one of his finest games, rebounding several shots from the much taller McIntyre.

Jud Roberts led the Bears in scoring, and compiled a total of 19 points. Bill Naylor put in 12 points, to Freshman Jim Graham's 10. The team shot a 45 percent of baskets, or 13/28 attempted points.

The Florida Dolphins were led by the Sophomore, Rod McIntyre. He shot 30 points. The other tall Sophomore, Tom Purvis, poured in 21 points. Kellam and Smith were the other two scorers in the double figures. They had 12 and 10 respectively. The Dolphins shot a remarkable 54.8% or 25/28 baskets.

Mercer closed its season with a 9-14 season. Jacksonville has a 12-12 record with two more games remaining to be played.

Tuesday night in Porter Gym, the Tampa Spartans clearly defeated the Bears by a score of 81-65. From the very outset of the game, it looked as if the Tampa team was determined to reverse the outcome of Mercer-Tampa's previous match.

In the initial minutes of the game, the Spartans lead by Senior Rudy Bradley, jumped to a quick seven point lead, and maintained the margin 'Til mid quarter. With four minutes left in the half, the Bears managed to whittle, temporarily, the visiting team's lead. The effort didn't quell the Spartan's style for long, and by the half had resumed a strong lead with a score of 40-28.

In the second half the Bruins fared no better; training by ten points. Senior Bill Naylor pulled down several key rebounds, and made a fine show against Tampa's Stevens. But the individual efforts of the Bears was not sufficient to stop the Spartan's march. The final score was 65-81.

Jud Roberts led the Bears with 17 points. Bill Naylor sank six free throws, and came out with a score of 12 points. The other Bears in

double figures were Robert Belloir and Tom Mitchell each scoring 11 points.

The Spartans were led in scoring with 21 points. Other top scores were had by Bob Stevens and Luther Henely; each securing 16 points. Jimmy Smith had 15, and John Selencio trailed with 9 points.

Mercer made 28/66 shots, to Tampa's 33/61 points. Mercer's record now stands with a 9-13 season, and concludes with a game against Jacksonville.

	FG	FT	PF	T
Roberts	8	1-2	5	1
Belloir	4	3-4	3	1
Mitchell	4	3-3	2	1
Naylor	6	0-1	2	1
Hilderbrandt	3	0-0	3	1
Seeman	0	0-0	0	0
Porter	0	1-1	0	0
Johnson	0	0-0	0	0
Otto	0	0-0	0	0
Westbrook	0	0-0	0	0
Graham	0	1-1	0	0
Taylor	3	0-0	3	1
Total	28	9-12	18	1

## Poverty Director Speaks On Struggle for Survival

The war on poverty was described Monday by the southern director of the Office of Economic Opportunity as a cosmic struggle for survival.

"Unless we win," Dr. Ralph Phelps told Mercer University students, "We cannot send enough men overseas to win there."

"If we lose the struggle at home, we will create an image that is not going to commend our way of life to the one-third of the world that is not committed."

Dr. Phelps, who is on leave as president of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, challenged churches to "become more than sacred societies for snubbing sinners." He said, "Much of what we are doing in the Office of Economic Opportunity can be done better by the churches. We must with Christian compassion care what happens to people."

Dr. Phelps criticized Christians for not wanting "to become involved in the ugly world" and said, "We must be a servant church or get out of the business."

The basic idea of the OEO war on poverty is to help people help themselves, Dr. Phelps said. He admitted shortcomings and called the OEO "one of the worst implemented programs" but said, "Until we come up with a better program we had better utilize the one we have."

The speaker said, "We have seen the beginning of chaos that we are going to see in this country. We are going to see a long, hot summer because of the bitterness and anger of people who have lived on the sub-human level for so long."

Dr. Phelps told the Mercer students that one of five Americans lives below the poverty line. He described the poverty line as a family of four having an income of \$3,000 a year or less. There are, in this classification, 35 million Americans of whom 70 percent are white persons, he said.

"It is hard to believe that people in this country are starving to death," he said, "but there are many children who eat only one meal a day and that is the free lunch they get at school."

## Notice . . .

Professor Herbert Benaro, Chairman of the Department of Classics at Emory University, who spent last year in Rome on sabbatical leave will deliver an illustrated lecture "Roman By-Ways", Tuesday, February 27, at 7:30 P.M. in Room 101 of the Connell Student Center. The public is cordially invited.

## Satire . . .

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cruiter, a Navy Recruiter, an Air Force Recruiter, a Peace Corps Representative, five stacks of assorted brochures on things as various as Hindu Industrial Practices and new issues of the Mercer Catalogue.

How refreshing the campus will be with the added pigeons. Perched on their lofty heights they will remind me of the high ideals of the liberal arts education as it is at Mercer, as it spots everyone in a particular field.


Oh Mercer! What will you think of next? Perhaps you will purchase a potato farm for the Food Service or build a paper mill to improve the academic atmosphere.

## Politics . . .

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The French asked for American aid to finance their space trips, in gold please, and the dictator of Paraguay threatened to turn red if we did not turn over to him some of the long green.

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