

# Sports Review

By Lou Johnson

In a typical hard-nosed battle between rivals, the Stetson Hatters handed the Mercer Bears their second defeat of the season in their home opener at Porter Gym Monday night.

The never-say-die Bears fought back from as much as an eight point lead by Stetson early in the game and it took a 10-foot jumper by the Hatters Steve Hollard with just four seconds left to defeat the surging Bears.

Even after Holland's shot, the Bears were to be reckoned with. They called time out with just two seconds left, and in a vain attempt to get the ball in and the shot off, the Bears bobbled the inbound pass as the buzzer sounded.

The game saw two players go to the sidelines with injuries and 47 fouls called, with two players fouling out on both teams. Actually, the foul line provided the margin of victory for Stetson. The Bears scored six more field goals than their visitors, but the Hatters hit on 24 of 38 charity tosses while the Bears converted only 10 of 27.

Jud Roberts, Mercer's All-America candidate, and Jim Graham were the two Bears to foul out and their loss proved to be costly to the Bears attack. Roberts, on an exceptionally cold night, hit only 10 points, but his hustle was responsible for the closeness of the game. He took a portion of his rebounds and a couple of errant Stetson passes away from his own teammates. Graham scored 13 points, but his absence on the boards hurt. He pulled down 10 rebounds second only to Tom Mitchell, who had 11.

The Bears, showing a balanced attack, put six players in double figures. Robert Belloir led the attack with 19 points, followed by Graham's 13, Marvin Bailey and Jim Hildebrandt, 12 each, and Roberts and Mitchell scored 10 each.

Mitchell, who broke into the starting lineup after his play

against Georgia State in Atlanta, led the Bears in rebounding, and Bailey, along with Graham, had 10 rebounds.

The Bears defense seemed to improve as the game progressed and they forced the Hatters to make a number of mistakes, but in many cases, the ball only changed hands for a few minutes as Mercer failed to capitalize on the errors.

Despite this, and being unable to run their offense anywhere close to what seemed to be the plan, the Bears managed to stay in the game, and even hold the lead on occasion.

Mitchell, playing his final year for the Bears, seems to have gained a lot more confidence and poise. He was also on the front end of the few fast breaks the Bears were able to pull off against a sticky Hatter defense.

Belloir added more spark to the Bears attack as the little speedster stole passes all over the court and once finessed his way through two big men to make a lay-up.

Bailey puts a lot of meat in the Bears rebounding, and this is evident every time he gets a rebound. He clears everybody from under the basket on his way down — and this included teammate Graham on one occasion.

The Bears first defeat came at the hands of Georgia State during the holiday weekend. Coach Wilder said that the Bears really didn't play that bad a game, but Ga. State was ready and Mercer was cold. He said a couple of his Bears just couldn't find the range.

The next home game for the Bears will be after the Christmas holidays in the new Coliseum. Play will begin on January 3 and this will mark the second annual Mercer Invitational tourney. Providing opposition will be Georgetown (Ky.) and Ft. Valley State along with Ga. Southern.

Come out and support the Bears!

# SGA Activities Scheduled

The SGA had its final meeting for this quarter November 25, 1968. One of the highlights of the meeting was on "Homecoming". The Tropics have been chosen for the dance on Friday night, but the really big act for the Coliseum still has not been announced.

Topics such as "approval to social changes in our society" and "urbanology" were discussed for "Insight 1969".

The Food Services Committee announced that several problems have come up concerning the cafeteria. Too many students are forgetting their ID's and are causing many problems in the validating process. Another problem concerned the traffic block in the sandwich line caused by people returning for seconds.

The Student Curriculum Liaison Committee is also working on a new course for non-science majors because they mostly are involved in busy work. This course will try to cover all areas of science instead of the now concentrated study in the various fields. A speech therapy course was also suggested.

The committee suggested that SGA sponsor a "major day" when students can report to the departments of their majors for consultation.

Geology 11 is being added to the curriculum as a 5 hour course.

President Ed Bacon proposed to the SGA that a student steering committee be formed to investigate all facets of Mercer.

In the meeting November 12 President Bacon suggested that the SGA place copies of the faculty position paper, "An Approach to College Study," in the library and Mr. Jerry Stone's office. This paper was used by Dr Otto in Chapel last week.

Hugh Dukes presented a "Thank You" resolution to be sent to members of the Georgia Baptist Convention who voted for acceptance of federal aid, the resolution was accepted and will appear in the Cluster.

Dan Thigpen reported that the Appropriations Committee had voted to increase the Cauldron budget \$500.00 to offset rising cost of publication. Martiel Babbit asked the SGA to respond to questionnaire about Fine Arts Series so the kinds of entertainment the students desire can be brought on campus.

Faculty Course Evaluation Committee report was presented by Melissa McLeod:

- Policies formulated:
- a. Evaluation to be tabulated yearly (in Spring)
  - b. Evaluation to be sent to each professor, the dean, and

copies made available to reserve in library for interested students.

c. Possibility of adding to the evaluation other relevant research done by SGA and other students on Mercer academic situation (e.g. Waverly minutes)

d. Purpose of the Evaluation would be:

1. To offer helpful criticism to professors
2. To offer the Student a record of how previous students evaluated any given course taught by any given professor.
- e. Superficial evaluation of course itself might be possible with the evaluation, but any extensive analysis would have to be done under other jurisdiction.

Decisions:

- a. The Committee will not meet again until next quarter; all necessary correspondence could be handled by mail.
- b. Next quarter the Committee will concentrate on developing an evaluation instrument of some sort (questionnaire) which will be presented to the SGA for discussion.

c. Report shall be made to SGA to inform it of our policies and progress.

Suggestions:

- a. Let the faculty know about what we are planning to do, but let us have enough time to do a good job (we will be writing to other colleges for their evaluations, and will be working on our composite to present to the SGA next quarter)
- b. Let anybody who wants to help join the committee.

Blanche Smith reported that the Curriculum Liaison Committee had selected Gal Gaugh as Chairman and Reid Banks as Information Officer. The group met November 20, in Psychology-Sociology Building.

President Bacon appointed a committee to draw up a petition concerning federal aid to be presented to the trustees at the next meeting. The petition committee consists of: Hugh Dukes, Bob Collins, Ed Bacon and Steve Richey.

A monthly report will be prepared by the President and the secretary of SGA and posted on Student Center bulletin board.

In the closing moments of the meeting Bob Collins, Chief Justice of Honor Council, swore in Linda McNeal as Cluster Editor.

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