

SPORTS

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Long Dry Summer

If there are any hearty souls out there who's somehow wondering what they have missed sports-wise during the summer, I have just one word for them - nothing.

Sports-wise, Mercer doesn't even exist during the summer. I don't know how much thought has been given to it, if any, but perhaps there could be some kind of summer intramural program.

Furthermore on that same line of thought, we (Mercer) could organize a softball team and participate in the summer city league and tournaments.

Of course, all of this would depend on how much participation a summer program would get from the student body. And a new gym! (Of course if you're overweight, there exists on campus during the summer the biggest suana bath since Sherman paid his respects.)

All is not to despair though. The Bears Den, otherwise and other places known as Porter Gymnasium, received a new coat of paint during the summer. It was done up all nice and pretty—and pink! (Sorry about that girls.)

But the dressing rooms are lovely. No, they're done up in a lively green that sure helps the place. One Day.

Mercer's Pro Athletes

Robert Bellior, who was the leading hitter on the Bears baseball team for the past three years and the second leading scorer on the basketball team for the past two years, signed a reportedly \$25,000 contract with the Cleveland Indians.

Bellior played with Monroe in the Class "A" Western Carolina league and was named to the league's All Star Team. He hit over .300 after joining the club in June.

Robert still had a year of college eligibility left, but decided to sign, and is expected to return to Mercer in the fall to complete his degree requirements.

Jud Roberts, who was drafted by the Dallas Chaparrals of the American Basketball Association, decided to pass up an attempt at pro ball. Roberts will continue his studies at the University of North Carolina where he'll attend dental school.

Coach and Athlete

Sports Illustrated has done a series of articles on the problems confronting the present day college coach and offers a very informative look at the problem. Mercer has not had to face this situation yet, but she may well take a look at the problems and some of the suggestions as for solutions to these problems.

I don't think there is any clear cut answer to the problem, but it's going to take some soul-searching on both the coaches' and players' part.

Mercer's not big time yet, but she's certainly making a name for herself. If you don't believe it, ask Georgia Tech. And how about that December 3 game against Charley Scott and his North Carolina playmates.

Perhaps Next Time

There seemed to be some consternation from the Georgia Southern campus over Mercer's selection as an at-large entry in the N.A.I.A. district playoffs. (Mercer finished second to Valdosta State.) There was some discussion of why not a play off?

These same questions were asked around here the year before when Georgia Southern received the invitation to the tourney. It is true that Southern beat Mercer in a game at Southern, but there was still a scheduled game rained out that didn't get played.

However, a "Home" victory for Mercer would have meant a definite playoff. No soap, though.

And no, Mercer did not play Southern last year. Nor can I recall Southern playing Mercer, either.

The I Wish It Wouldn't Rain Department: Coach Claude Smith; Pretty please, refrain from scheduling that much rained out game with Georgia Tech on May 17. Two years in a row now and ... Rain!

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Robert Bellior—Big stick in the Carolinas. Former two sport letterman foregoes college competition for crack at the pros.

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Marriages

Wedding bells rang for several Phi Mu sisters and the rest spent a lot of time on the road traveling to the weddings. The sisters married are:

Donna Ashman	June 14
Ned Hastings	Jacksonville, Fla.
Claire Bowen	August 17
Avery Beal	Augusta, Ga.
Linda Hill	August 31
Doug Taunton	Reynolds, Ga.
Mary McGaughey	September 6
Harry Moore	Macon, Ga.

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Marriages - include:

Claudia Hamrick to Harris Adams (KA)
Teresa Hurt to Carl Prince (Sigma Nu)
Beth Powell to Jody Slocum (Phi Delta Theta)
Carol Mitchell to Eddie Adams (KA)

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