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# SPORTS

## Gordy Improving, But Bears Still Lose

The Mercer Bears, who really aren't related to Gentle Ben, will try to revenge an earlier loss to Georgia Southern Monday night as they brace for a Homecoming '70 contest with Columbus College Saturday night.

The Bears dropped two more games recently, falling to Carson-Newman, 88-53, before LaGrange College stopped them, 83-76.

In the Carson-Newman contest, the Bears found themselves at the tail end of a race-horse offense and never posted much of a threat to win.

Bruce Gordy was the leading Bear scorer with 14 points, and he received much-needed help from freshman Jack Scott who had 11. Gor-

dy has been the most consistent scoring threat for the Bears during the last month. His recent play has been more indicative of what was expected from the last year freshman sensation at the beginning of the season.

"Perhaps we've been expecting too much of him," said coach Bob Wilder. "He had a lot to carry at the beginning of the year, and he is finally coming around now and he's more confident of his ability."

Scott's efforts marked one of the "up" points in his less than consistent scoring this year. However, the big freshman's play has merited him a starting role throughout most of the season. Scott has been one of those players switched

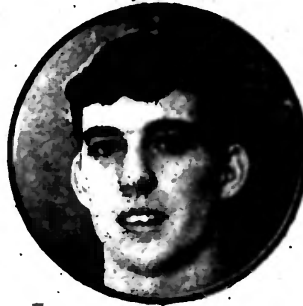
from guard to forward and vice-versa this year. When opponents throw a press at Mercer, Scott's usually the man assigned to bring the ball across mid-court. Wilder called the 6'2", 200 pounder "One of the strongest men on the team - he has great strength on those boards."

The Bears dropped a battle to LaGrange on the Panthers homecourt to set their record at 4-12 for the year. The victory by LaGrange revenged an early season route on Mercer home court when the Bears scored over a hundred points for the first and only time this year.

Again, Gordy was the leading scorer for Mercer with 20 points.

### Starting Line Up

# HOMECOMING BRUINS



Gordy



Graham



Brabham



Boler



Bailey



Scott

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## Intramurals Half Over As Davis, ATO Ahead

Davis and Sigma Nu are still on top in League 1, but ATO has moved out front in League 2 in Men's Intramural League Play.

Davis, ATO and Sigma Nu each picked up two wins during the week to grab the top spots.

Davis stormed over Pi Kap, 53-15 and edged KA, 51-44. In the win over Pi Kap, Pigott gunned in 23 points for Davis, with Rodney English popping the nets for 14 and Jerry Hicks hitting 14. McManus led the scoring for Pi Kap with 8. Fernando Olivencz was the top gun for Davis in the KA contest with 18 points, and Hicks hit again for 15. Kent Curley was KA's sharpest shooter with 25 points in the losing cause and Alexander hit 6.

Sigma Nu picked up two easy wins, a 61-34 romp of Phi Delt and 53-11 trouncing of Pi Kap. Julian Pafford hit for 11 in the PDT contest, with teammate Lay Kerr hitting 10, but those efforts were not enough to hold SN's Ed Bagley's 18 points, Richard Jacob 12, Vernon Greene 11 and Mike Chichini 10. In the PK contest, Bagley again was the top scorer for SN with 15 points, and Richard Jacobs hitting 14. McManus was again the high scorer for Pi Kap with 8.

Before dropping a game to Davis, the KA's trounced the Pi Kap's, 63-15. Kent Curley tossed in 20 points for the

K's, and teammate Frank Barron fired in 16. As usual, McManus was the high scorer for the courageous PK's with 12 points as his team went down to it's third defeat of the week.

SAE picked up it's first win of the season after an earlier loss with a 43-33 victory over Kappa Sig. Sutton McGehee hit the nets for 18 points for the E's, with Parks and Bedingfield hitting for 5 points apiece. Mike Shaw hit for 14 for KS, with Unruh hitting for 6.

In League Two play for the week, the Tau's humiliated MIMA, 80-25 and toyed with Lambda Chi, 38-14, for their two wins. Four men hit for double figures in the ATO-MIMA contest with Chester Pierce leading the way for Tau's with 25 points, equaling the team effort of MIMA. Bill Conner had 16, Stu Mervis 14 and Ronnie Bennett 13. Bill Crooks scored 6 points for the frustrated MIMA squad.

Mervis topped all scorers in the ATO-LA match with 15

points, and Bill Conner hit 7. Paul Baldwin scored 7 for Lambda Chi, and Mik Noell hit 4.

Johnson won it's only game of the week as the UA team whipped another UA squad, Ingram, 59-36. Ricky Massey led all scorers with 14 points for Johnson, with Swain hitting 11 as 12 players got on the scoreboard for the UA team. Bill Ingram led his team with 11 points, but Foster tossed in 11 to tie for scoring honors.

Ingram rebounded in a later contest with a 37-29 win over the Lawyers. Foster took scoring honors for Ingram this time with 16 markers, and Ingram hit 9 for his team. Sanders scored 13 for the League Eagles, and Tom Hawkins tipped in 7.

This week's intramural play will be highlighted by a faculty-intramural all-star contest on Thursday night at 8 p.m. Come out and cheer your favorite instructor into exhaustion...and enjoy a Funderful Friday.

League One		League Two	
Davis	4 0	ATO	3 0
Sigma Nu	4 0	Johnson	2 0
Kappa Alpha	2 1	Ingram	2 1
SAE	1 1	Lawyers	1 2
Pi Kappa Phi	0 3	MIMA	0 2
Kappa Sig	0 3	LXA	0 3
Phi Delta	0 3		

## Baseball Is Coming

All baseball candidates are urged to attend try outs for the Bears baseball squad each day at 3:30 p.m.

Coach Claude Smith, who's in his 26th year at the helm of the Bears, said he is taking a long look at this year's prospects as he attempts to improve on his 21-5 record from last season, which included a trip to the NAIA District Playoffs.

"We'll be looking for pitchers," Smith said, "and especially righthanded pitchers." "I'm hoping the weather will turn out all right, it has been beautiful some this week, and if it does we'll do some hitting. Of course, we'll be doing

some running on the inside if the weather is bad."

Coach Smith, who has never had a losing season and only two where he broke even, has only seven lettermen returning from last year's squad but has a couple of good looking freshmen.

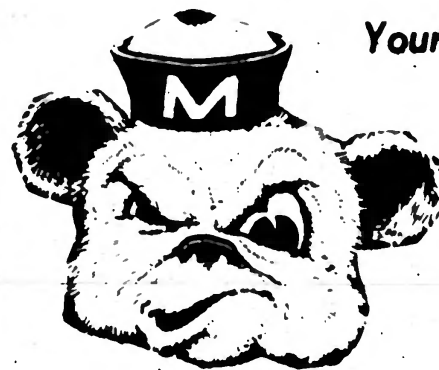
Returning lettermen include Lou Johnson, Chester Pierce, Mark Steinbeck, Bill Conner, Chuck Brewer and Richard Jacobs.

The Bears schedule includes games against Georgia Tech, Auburn, Stetson and arch-rival Oglethorpe. Instead of taking it easy during spring break, the Mercer baseballers will open the season against Taylor

University of Indiana, on March 21. The Bears will take a couple of days off to register for the spring quarter, then reel off an unbelievable string of nine ball games in five days, with four straight days of doubleheaders.

Freshmen to look out for, according to Smith, will be Don Peyton, Ricky Massey. "Peyton looked real good in fall practice," said Smith, and he will certainly be an asset to our ball club."

"Massey has the potentials to be a great hitter, and he is really strong," he said. "He has strength, and real good speed, even though he doesn't look fast when he takes those easy strides."



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