

# BIG BOWERY BALL TONIGHT

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## BEARS TO MEET NEHI REDS HERE

### Strong Columbus Quintet Appears On Mercer Court

Tip-off Scheduled For 8:30 O'clock; Millsaps Invade Macon Thursday

The Mercer Bears still undefeated in their only two starts will encounter the Nehi Reds from Columbus Tuesday night at Porter Hall, the tipoff is scheduled for 8:30 o'clock.

The Columbus quintet will offer stiff opposition and will help the Bruins for their coming battle with the Millsaps. Suffering from a 10-day layoff after downing the Chattanooga Moccasins the local lads will welcome the competition offered by the Reds.

Davis Leaves School  
Coach Dougherty received a blow when his ace center, Paul Davis, left school early this week. Davis is not expected to return to Mercer for reasons unknown. It has placed the squad at a disadvantage and changes will have to be made towards developing Neal Allen at the center position.

Millsaps College will come here February second with one of the strongest Dixie Conference teams the Bears will meet this season. According to Coach Dougherty, the outcome of this game will tell how far the Bruins can go towards a Dixie championship. Another important factor to consider is that the Nehi Reds defeated the Millsaps earlier in the season.

Advice to basketball fans is don't fail to witness what might be termed as a great and exciting game Tuesday night on the local court.

Bears Down Moccasins  
The Mercer Bears set back a hard playing Chattanooga quintet, 58 to 45, last Saturday night with Doc Kirksey, the only Bruin to play the entire game.

Victory can be attributed to Kirksey's fine performance at guard. Doc held the Moccasins high scoring forward, Frank Kopcha, to no points for the first time in his career.  
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### Preparation Made For Intra-Mural

Pre-Tournament Practice Sessions Reveal Good Prospects

With the annual intra-mural basketball tournament scheduled to start around the first of February, the strong ALT team and the defending champions, Sigma Alpha Epsilon have firmly established themselves as pre-tournament favorites.

Several practice games have been played by the teams expected to participate in the tournament.

ALT Defeats SAE  
The ALT five defeated the SAE in a close contest, and the Phi Delta Thetas were in turn downed by the Mercer freshman crew. The Kappa Sigma were defeated last week by the strong Jeffersonville Athletic Club in Jeffersonville.

Those organizations expected to enter teams in the tournament are: the Ministerial Association, the Non-Fraternity boys, Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Lambda Tau, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Varsity Ineligible  
Varsity men will be ineligible to compete and those having earned letters will be ineligible.  
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### HIGH SCORER



Kenyon Sellers, veteran basketball player and one of Mercer's best, has turned in outstanding performances in the Bears only two games. Possessing a keen eye for swishing them through, he should account for many points in future games.

### Billiard Tourney Will Begin Soon

Awards Offered By Pan-Hellenic Council And Hack Eibel

Plans for the inter-fraternity pocket billiards tournament were made at a recent meeting of the Pan-Hellenic council, Johnny Mattox, president of the organization, announced yesterday.

The council has decided to make this contest an annual affair. They expect to award the winner with a pennant, similar to the one given last year. Besides the pennant award, a two-piece billiard cue will be given by Hack Eibel, to be presented to the winning contestants as a personal gesture. The winner's name will be inscribed on the handle.

#### To Start Soon

A committee made up of D. V. Childs and Joe Rickenbacker was appointed Sunday. The playing schedule will be arranged by the committee acting with Mr. Eibel. Preparations are being made so as the tournament will be under way the first of February.

Kappa Sigma emerged the winner of last year's tournament with Art Barrow and Walter Broach as teammates. It was the first time a contest of this kind was held and indication points to another successful tourney.

Contestants returning from last year are: Raymond O'Quinn, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Walter Broach, Kappa Sigma; T. R. Smith and Quinton Plunkett, Phi Delta Theta; Dan Grahl and Calvin Bell, Alpha Tau Omega; Doc Kirksey and William Kaderly, Pi Kappa Alpha.

## In the Spotlight

With ROD TUACH

### A WRITER'S NIGHTMARE

The Mercer Bears are still suffering from a lull in their schedule with no game to be played before next Tuesday. Several attempts have been made to bring a suitable team here to combat with the local boys, but all efforts have proved in vain.

Lack of competition may prove fatal to the Bruins and a appearance of staleness is evident on the Mercer courts. Coach Dougherty has contacted that little bug, deadly contagious and highly poisonous, better known to coaches as reservitis. Basketball, football, baseball and several other forms of athletics have been brutally defeated by this unseen menace and a immediate remedy cannot be prescribed.

So badly did this insect strike that it left everybody in complete shock as to the sudden disappearance of what could have been a superb athlete. Where is Paul Davis? Why did he leave the team in such a precarious state? The real reason may die with him so let's get back to our little buggie. The "Wonder Five" has dwindled to the "Wonder Four." The Bruins are left without a capable center.

Quoting from a recent ad in the January 35th edition of the Mercer Retrospect. "Wanted, one good, reliable and high scoring center, applicants please apply at local gymnasium."

If it were only Christmas time maybe Santa Claus would bring the needed ability. If prayers would be answered. If Neal Allen were five inches taller. If, if, if. What does it get you? If you've got any ideas, sit on them. If you think the writer's nuts, you are perfectly justified. If you know what the point is, you better write this 100 word column.

Aha, the mystery is solved. Reservitis, you remember? The Mercer Bears lack recruits. It seems that Dougherty must build his squad on expectation that the starting five will remain in a entire game.

Two down and ??? to go. A perfect record, no blemishes in the victory column. Georgia Tech and Chattanooga have bowed to the graces of the determined Bruins. Suspense is great. Will the Bears continue to topple over the best? Have patience and time will tell.

It is a very dubious situation as to the outcome of what might have been a very successful season. Pessimism? On the contrary. Logic and facts go to make up such adversities. Paul Davis's departure has left a bleeding gap at the key position. Plays are built around the center and qualifications of a center are mainly height. The Bears may be deficient in height, but they still have fight and the desire to win. Dixie Conference opponents will be surprised when they meet the "mighty midgets."

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Come one. Come all for tonight is the Bowery Ball. Look in. Look in. Let's take a wee peep for ninety-nine cents a seat. The heat is on! Where are you going? Where are you going? To the Bowery Ball, for it's too bad for those that are left looking in. I'll be seeing you at ten o'clock.



Charlie Evans, native of Macon, and well remembered for his brilliant performances on the clay courts last year will be ready for the coming season.

### Cubs Victorious In Close Game With K.D. Outfit

Freshmen Win 36-34 In Stirring Struggle; To Play Lanier February 2

After trailing for the first three periods, the Mercer Cubs came back in the final frame to defeat a strong Karsten-Denson outfit by the score of 36-34.

The Cubs got off to a slow start, but as the game progressed they started hitting the basket with considerable accuracy. The starting five played almost the entire game.

Coach "Wimpy" Jones announced that a game has been definitely scheduled with Roberta for Monday night. Two games with Gordon Military College of Barnesville are slated, but the dates have not been definitely settled. Arrangements are being made to play South Georgia College of Douglas tomorrow night but they are not definite as yet. Next Thursday night, February 2, the Cubs are slated to meet Lanier High school in a return engagement in the high school gymnasium. In their last encounter the Cubs were defeated 58-43. However, since then the Yearlings have added several newcomers to the squad which will strengthen them greatly. They have been practicing hard lately and Coach Jones is confident that the outcome will be different this time. If the Cubs do succeed in upsetting the Poets they will be the first team to do it this season, as the High School lads have won twelve games and lost none.

In the game Wednesday night the Cubs, although not showing up as well as they have in previous encounters, proved that they are a well-trained scoring unit. The scoring was evenly divided with Ed Cassell carrying away the score.  
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### Charlie Evans Improves Game On Local Courts

By The Flying Scot  
Sunshine means tennis time and tennis time means Evans, Boyle, Davis, Small and Barfield, regulars from last season's net team. Prospects look bright for interest points high towards the making of a star performing group.

Special attention should go to Charlie Evans, one of the most versatile netmen ever to matriculate at Mercer. It might be interesting to know that Charlie isn't waiting for the season to begin, to brush up on winter staleness. When you pass by the local courts on the way to the co-op you will see two or three boys swooping 'em over the net and you can be assured that among them will be Evans.

Game 100% Better  
Besides practicing on the Mercer courts Charlie plays almost daily with his chum, B. P. O'Neal, who is fortunate enough to have a private court. Both play with plenty of precision and accuracy thus, correcting their faults. Evans is looking like number one player on the Mercer squad and when asked how his game was, replied modestly, "should be 100% better over last year."

From all indications there will be a bitter battle between Boyle and Evans.  
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### 'M' Club Alumni Honor Initiates With Gala Affair

Dempsey Tavern Scene Of Activity; Thirty Men Win Awards

January 14, 1937, that was the day of an unforgettable Bowery Ball. A familiar cry! When is the next Bowery Ball to be held? Well, my fine feathered friends your question has been answered. Tonight, the Macon Alumni of the 'M' Club will hold their annual Bowery Ball to welcome old and new members. It is the practice of this group to honor all new initiates into the organization with a whirl, that should be held more than once a year.

Eighteen new initiates and fifteen old members will be honor guests and the public is cordially invited to attend this gala affair held in the Dempsey Tavern from ten til two. Music will be furnished by the hotel orchestra.

#### 30 Win Awards

Coach Lake Russell announced today, the following players won their awards in football last season; Bob Alley, Knoxville, Tenn., Paul Davis, Tuscaloosa, Raymond O'Quinn, Tifton, Bud Love, Stubeville, Ohio, Anthony Mazanek, Vandergriff, Pa., Quinton Plunkett, Unadilla, Jesse Hendricks, Knoxville, Horace Richter, Cairo, Malcolm Thomas, Summerville, Hugh Brady, Canton, Ga., Thomas Slapacy, Albany, Bob Smith, Talapoosa, Alex Tannas, New Kensington, Pa., Frank Pride, Leighton, Ala., Bill Howland, Talapoosa, Ellis Paulk, Fitzgerald, Art Pledger, Akron, Ohio, Bob Hendry, Chicago, Vee Yon, Knoxville, and James Gilbert, manager; Atlanta. These boys will receive sweaters along with; Neal Allen, Albany, Al Gerhardt, Barberton, Ohio, Bill Jones, Waycross, Roscoe Cline, Gaines City, Fla., James Landrum, Statesboro, and Grady Gillon, Macon. Graduating seniors will receive gold footballs which include; Henry Lawrence, Macon, Martin Kumse, Barberton, Ohio, John Mattox, Jesup, and Grady Rainey, Tifton.

THAT DAY IS HERE  
Once again the Mercer University 'M' Club looms into the spotlight.  
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### Co-eds Encounter Douglas Lassies

Mercer Girls Look Impressive In Downing MGC By Two Point Margin

The Mercer Co-ed basketball team, fresh from its victory over the Middle Georgia College girls last Saturday will invade Douglas tomorrow for an encounter with the strong South Georgia College sextette.

The girls making the trip, Coach Ed Cassell said are: Edith Hillman, Ninnette Payne, Louise Grimmer, Veronica Tuten, Jeanette Blanks, Lenna Belle Kay, Dot Kilgore and Mada Brown.

Timmons Leaves Squad  
The services of Voncie Timmons, outstanding forward, will be missed for this game and the remainder of the season. She has been forced to drop from the squad under doctors orders.

The Mercer lassies looked impressive in gaining a 20-18 decision from the MGC girls last week. The Co-eds got off to a good start and were leading the visitors 16 to 8 at the half-way mark. The girls from Cochran staged a thrilling comeback in the last half, but the final whistle blew with the Co-eds leading.  
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