

In The Bears' Den

with George Chamblee

A SALUTE TO THE B-TEAM

There is a saying that behind every great man there is a great woman. With some modifications this proverb can be made to apply to athletic teams. Behind every great team there is a great second team or, as it is more commonly known today, a B-team. Sometimes, as in the case of the Notre Dame or Michigan sub-varsity football squads, there are few other teams in the country that these "scrubs" couldn't battle on even terms and few other teams whose varsity these boys couldn't make. Yet they stick to the thankless, rewardless, and letterless task of battling the varsity day in and day out, nursing bruises and frequently neglecting studies.

Why do they do this? Do they think that they will make the varsity some day? Well, maybe, but the real answer lies beyond that. These are the boys who really love the game. They simply like to play football or basketball in spite of the fact that they will receive few rewards and little glory. And, digging a little deeper, isn't that supposed to be the paramount purpose of inter-school or inter-collegiate athletics?

The Mercer B-team is a good illustration of this. It is of the caliber of the average junior college team. At present it is composed of nine players, most of whom could be playing regularly with almost any junior college five in the state. In its only two starts of the season it has downed the Byron and Eatonton athletic clubs.

Let's examine these martyrs more minutely:

GUS PENDER—Little brother of last year's varsity ace, Bob Pender, who trailed only Glenn Wilkes in scoring. One of the two best offensive men, Gus racked up 22 points against Eatonton last Thursday night.

SONNY BIVINS—The number two man in the B-team one-two scoring punch. A ball hawk par excellence and a remarkably steady player, he scored 19 points against Byron.

CHARLIE BOB REDDING—Tallest man on the squad, Charlie Bob knows how to use his height under the basket, is a hard scrapper and a good team man.

EMORY WILSON—An alert floor man and a good set shot.
BOB CALDWELL—A tricky ball-handler and a sparking defensive player, Bob has a confusing left-handed push shot that is good for points in any game.

CLINT ROGERS—A hard fighting little player, Clint is hard to stop when he gets "hot."

JIM MADDOX—A tall boy who can scrap under the basket. Jim is a rapidly improving player.

SPENCER WALKER—A hard fighter, "Punk" is most noted for his unorthodox southpaw shot.

DWAIN WEST—A steady defensive player, Dwain is a determined ball hawk.

"RAT" RAINEY—Not officially a member of the team. Rainey might be classified as a playing coach, is of much inspirational value.

Carols

(Continued from Page 1)
for a mass observance of the Christmas season.

To open the program, Brewster will lead in the singing of "Jingle Bells." It will be followed by "Joy to the World."

Miss Laurie Shannon of Jeffersonville, sweetheart of ATO, will read a Christmas story and Jim Stertz, director of religious activi-

ties, will give a short prayer. Following the prayer Brewster will lead in singing "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

Next part of the program will be a solo by Buice Wallace. The program will close with the singing of "O Come All Ye Faithful," "White Christmas" and "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Accompaniment for the program will be provided by Justin Hill, either at the organ or piano.

Students and faculty alike have heartily endorsed the program and a large crowd is expected for the sing. It will follow on the heels of a Christmas dinner and program in the men's dining hall.

Phi Delta Theta, SAE, Undeclared In Volleyball Loop

by Bobby Bonner

One week of volleyball has passed and the only undefeated teams so far are the Phi Deltas and SAE. They have won two games against no defeats. Pi Kappa, Ministers, KA, MIMA, ATO, and SN have one win each. Ten teams are entered in the volleyball loop and the tournament will last until January 13.

December 6 saw the SAE's get off to a fine start by defeating a determined KS squad. The Mercer Ministers routed Lambda Chi and KA, edged by ATO. Phi Deltas took the MIMA game by defeating MIMA in the first two sets. The Pi Kappa-SN tilt was postponed until the following afternoon and Pi Kappa spiked their way to victory.

On December 8, ATO defeated KS in a closely fought contest. In the SAE-LXA battle, LX fell to the hard spiking SAE's. SN took their first win by downing KA. Phi Deltas and Pi Kappa battled out the longest game of the season up to date. Phi Delta, behind good teamwork, came out on top. The fast improving MIMA squad defeated the favored Ministers by taking the first and last set.

Tomorrow night ATO battles with MIMA, KA meets LKA, KS faces SN, Pi Kappa goes up against SAE, and Phi Delta takes on the Ministers.

Bears' Rally Beats Charleston, 54-47

The Mercer University Bears were forced to stage a powerful last quarter rally to down a surprisingly strong College of Charleston five 54 to 47 at Porter Gym last Thursday night.

Placed on the short end of a 24 to 19 halftime score by inspired Charleston play, the Bears came back strong after intermission to take a short lived lead. The Maroons, however, refused to give way and, paced by speedy little Bernard Puchhaber, battled the taller Mercer five on even terms until late in the last quarter when crack Bear center, Glenn Wilkes, and forward Bob Reeder dropped in 10 and 7 points respectively.

Wilkes led the scoring with 24 points followed by Puchhaber of Charleston with 14 markers.

For Dependable Taxi Service

Call A
RED CAB
PHONES

500 - 176 - 7121

New Packards and
Plymouths

Jimmy Perkins
FLORIST

600 Cherry Street
Phone 1810

Mercer Drops Third Game To Georgia, 78-59 Bears Hold Bulldogs 34-34 At Half Time

Alpha Psi Omega Honors Performers

by Eugene Hall

During October of 1935, the Mercer Players began making plans for the establishment of a Cast of Alpha Psi Omega, National Honorary Dramatics Society. With the able assistance and guidance of Dr. Wilbur Stout, a member of Alpha Cast of Alpha Psi Omega, the movement began, and by February of 1936 ten members were found eligible for membership. The petition for a charter was requested and a few months later, after 75% of the Casts throughout the country had approved the petition, the group was pledged. Four faculty members were included, with Dr. Stout becoming faculty advisor. Upon initiation the following Sunday night, this group became the charter members of Zeta Pi Cast of Alpha Psi Omega.

The society is designated as an honorary group, and it has been just that at Mercer since the time of its installation. Invitations for membership are extended strictly on the basis of merit and accomplishment. A rigid minimum standard for admission is enforced; in order to be eligible a student must have done extensive and exemplary work in acting, production, or other related dramatic activities.

There are plans underway at the present time which will provide for the presentation of Alpha Psi Omega awards to the outstanding performers in the Mercer Players' productions, both in leading and supporting roles. This should prove to be an incentive to further histrionic excellence, and the society may well be congratulated for its interest in so worthy a project.

Alpha Psi Omega at Mercer consists at present of approximately fifteen members, all of whom have exhibited exceptional ability and resourcefulness. The officers are Charles Bettis, president; John Staunton, vice-president; and Miriam Evans, secretary-treasurer. Miss Mary Brooks Popkins is faculty advisor.

Stertz

(Continued from Page 1)

Missouri. He graduated from William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, and received his B.D. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. He is married to the former Eda Klarer, who graduated from Bessie Tift, then received an M.R.E. degree at the Woman's Missionary Training School in Louisville. They have a year-old son, Joseph Karel Stertz.

Before he came to Mercer, Rev. Stertz was Educational Director of the Immanuel Baptist Church and Supervisor of YMCA Boys Club, both in Louisville. He was then pastor of the Dupont Baptist Church and the Graham Baptist Church of Dupont, Indiana.

It was Healy and Healy that beat the Bears up in Athens last Saturday.

The first half was hard-fought and evenly-matched, with the lead changing seven times during the first half. Big Man Bob Schloss (Mercerians will no doubt remember him as the guy who pulled the Georgia-Mercer game out of the fire for the Bulldogs last year, all 6' 8" of him), took the jump from Lamar Clements, but Clements scored the first point of the game on a foul shot. Mercer's offense and defense worked smoothly and consistently all during the first half. Georgia's chief threat was Bob Healy, whose long shots from way over at the side lines were amazing. The score was tied at half-time, 34-34.

Mercer had a momentary lapse just after the half, and Georgia went ahead by several points; the Bears never recovered the lead. Georgia began to employ the fast break in the second half to good advantage. Making use of their height in controlling the backboard, they clinched the game by a 78 to 59 score.

The Mercer squad showed much improvement over the previous games, particularly in respect to teamwork. Wilkes was the outstanding player on the Mercer team, scoring 24 points in all. Stewart was second scorer with 12 points; Crawford had 10, Clements had 5, Wright had 4, and Reeder and Murdock had 2 each.

Healy, Georgia's outstanding player, had 26 points; Schloss and Davis had 12 each; Fabian had 8, Farr and Rainey had 6 each, Jordan had 3, and Tatum 2.

Miss Mercer

(Continued from Page 1)

Dan Dunwoody, Jeanette Harbin, Charlie Hopkins, Hank O'Neal, and Laurie Walker. Dean Richard C. Burtis, Ray Brewster, Grady Wheeler, and Broadus Willoughby counted the ballots after the polls closed at 5 p.m.

The Miss Mercer election was sponsored by the Cauldron and was directed by the Student Government.

Mercer Players

(Continued from Page 1)

Hughes and Bob Littell. Members of the cast will include Bette Anne Kimmel, Martha Anne Oakley, Mary Jane Smith, Ray Patterson, Charles Bettis and Charles Scholz. Scholz was the director of the Bearskin's "Carousel" radio program last year.

Several rehearsals of this play and tryouts for parts have been held this week and last week, said Bob Littell, but parts have not yet been definitely assigned to the complete cast.

The Players will hold their first post-holiday meeting in the Green room at noon Tuesday, January 4. At that time all students who are interested in working at any phase of radio dramatics will be interviewed by the Players. Original scripts will be welcomed.

The radio programs will last until at least June and will probably be resumed in the fall, Littell added. The series may be continued throughout the summer thus forming a year-round program.

DRINNON, Inc.
Photo-Engraving
Commercial Photography
Phone 6808 621 Broadway



THE J. W. BURKE COMPANY
Printers and Stationers

Phone: 74-75

Macon, Georgia

Paul Matthews Co.

SAVE A TRIP TO TOWN
TATNALL VARIETY STORE

COMPLETE 10¢ STORE 107 MONTPELIER AVE.

Dempsey Corner

Third and Cherry Sts.
FINE TOBACCOS