

# IN THE BEAR'S DEN

With Bobby Bonner

Attention, Mercer students—don't forget to attend the pep rally across the street from the gymnasium tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock. It is your duty to be there to get the good ole Mercer spirit into full swing before the opening whistle of the lid-tilting encounter tomorrow night. The Mercer Bears will open up their 1949-50 season against the Florida Southern Moccasins at Porter gym. There should be plenty of fast action, and Mercer should see to it that the gym will be packed for the initial fray.

Coach Jim Cowan will have a hard time picking his starting five. He has six returning lettermen and two varsity lettermen transferring from other colleges, and the two transfers will more than

Bonner likely be included in the first five. Mayes Dobbins (captain of this year's team), Robert Reeder, Rudy Stewart, Lamar Clements, Aubert Kinsaul, and Glenn Wilkes are the Bear lettermen. The two newcomers are Glenn Cassell and Nathan Webb.

Sonny Bivins, Bob Caldwell, Punt Walker, and Tom Colquitt are putting in high bids for varsity action. The first three are boosters from the B team and the latter is a newcomer. Colquitt made the all-tournament team in basketball in the intramural league at Mercer last year.

## FOOTBALL ACROSS THE NATION

A salute goes out to the Southern Methodist Mustangs and their star, killer Kyle Rote. The Mustangs held the mighty Notre Dame eleven to a 27-20 score, the closest game for the fighting Irish this year. Kyle Rote, who has been playing good ball all season, showed the 75,457 fans that he is All-American material and should gain that title next year. The 190 pound senior netted 115 yards rushing while gaining 146 yards in the air. He scored all three of SMU's touchdowns.

Down in Birmingham, Alabama, an underdog Auburn Tiger outfit outplayed the supposedly mighty Alabama Crimson Tide to give them their second win of the season. Alabama was the favorite before the gain 27 points. (On the side—Glynn's fine quarterback, Bill Brigman, ately for that last needed touchdown. The Tide had a chance to tie the ball game up but Eddie Ealem, who has done remarkably well on extra point kicks this year, missed the all-important boot.

Over here in Porter Stadium, fans got the chance to witness the best high school football machine in the state in action. The Glynn Academy Red Terrors stomped the Lanier Poets (favored by some) 55-27 in what someone said was the worst defeat the Poets have suffered. The Terrors showed their skill and power in the first half by easily racking up a 55-0 score. Every time they got possession of the ball they scored. It was just that easy and it looked it. Lanier was not in the game during the first half but the Poets came back strong in the second, mostly against the Glynn second and third teams, to gain 27 points. (On the side, Glynn's fine quarterback, Bill Brigman, and hard hitting end, Bill Moss, both have brothers here at Mercer. Paul Brigman and Judson Moss are the two Mercerians related to these two members of the powerful Brunswick aggregation whom I predict will defeat Brown in Atlanta for the State Class AA crown.)

## HARD-LUCK TEAM

Get out your old violins and squeeze out those mournful and sad songs that you usually do when you hear someone hand out a sob line. One fraternity has gone into the business of changing song titles. Do you remember the song, "That Old Rocking Chair Done Got Me"? Well, the Sigma Nu's are now singing "That old second place has done got us", and it seems to be rightly so.

The only way Sigma Nu will be able to get an athletic trophy is for the intramural commission to give trophies for second place winners. Year before last Sigma Nu tied for first place in the basketball league, only to be defeated by Kappa Sigma in the play offs after having downed the Sigs during regular seasonal play. The same year the Nus took a second in the track meet. Last year in the volleyball loop they tied with Sigma Alpha Epsilon for first place, but lost in the play-offs. As before, the Nu's had taken the E's during the season.

This year history repeated itself except for one team. The Phi Delta took the place of the SAE's. Sigma Nu and Phi Delta tied at the close of the volleyball season and a playoff was required to settle the championship. The Nus dreaded this, even though they had defeated the Deltas in their scheduled contest. They began to look back over last year and the volleyball league. No, that just couldn't happen again, but things don't come out the exact way you predict. The mighty Phi Delta team, with all the spirit any athletic outfit could possess, played top and heads-up ball the whole night to force the Nus to settle with another second place.

Just a few days before that game the Nus were defeated two straight matches in the tennis finals by Kappa Alpha to take their second second place of the year so far. Just how will they come out in the other sports? That cannot be predicted but the highest they can go is next to best, at least that is the way it seems to me.



MAYES DOBBINS  
Guard  
Mercer Basketball Captain

## '89 Footballer Recalls Old Game

Grinnell, Iowa. — (ACP)—Mr. Sam Pooley, 81, mused about 1889 style football for "The Scarlet and Black" of Grinnell College:

"It was a rough game. Back then we didn't have the downs system. We carried the ball to a touchdown or the other team took it away from us. A simple little tackle didn't put the runner down. You had to pin him to the ground to keep him from crawling across the goal line.

"We didn't play quarters, just two 30-minute halves. We furnished our own uniforms: jersey pants, short jackets and Congress shoes. No reserve teams sat on the bench; only a few extras were on hand in case someone was thrown too hard. There were no substitutions except for injuries. Of course we sometimes found it convenient to have a man injured.

"Touchdowns counted four points, the conversion two in 1889. And to get the extra point you had to kick from where the runner went over. I don't think football was quite as rough when we played it; we tackled hard, piled up, developed cauliflower ears from playing without helmets, but we didn't have as many injuries. Even teachers played; Iowa had an instructor named Sampson on their team.

"I can't see any real difference between football in 1889 and now. Different techniques, yes, but the main thing is still to get that ball across the goal."

## Basketeers Open Season Friday Against Florida Southern Here

A well coached Mercer basketball aggregation will raise the curtain on the 1949-50 season tomorrow night with Florida Southern in Porter gymnasium.

The Bears have been practicing since early October and are in good shape and condition to take on their initial foe. This game will be a Dixie Conference encounter. The Southerners have already met three Florida teams, including the University of Florida.

Coach Jim Cowan begins his fourth year with the Bears and has a total of six returning lettermen to boost his squad.

Returning from last year's team are Glen Wilkes, captain and leading scorer of last season's five; Lamar Clements, towering center; Bob Reeder, flashy forward from Charleston, S. C.; Rudy Stewart, high scoring guard; Aubert Kinsaul, scrappy guard; and Mayes Dobbins, who will captain the quintet this year.

Mercer will have two other standouts in this transfer crop. Nathan Webb and Glenn Cassell are the newcomers to the Bears who will see a lot of action. Webb previously starred at Livingston State College and hails from Lannett, Alabama. Cassell lettered at Kentucky Wesleyan, and stands six feet in height. Cassell comes from Winchester, Kentucky, and plays guard, while Webb, with his 6-5 frame will be at one of the forward posts.

Cowan has not definitely decided on the starting line-up as yet, but it will come from Wilkes, Dobbins, Stewart, Cassell, Clements, Reeder, or Webb.

Several Rinkydinks from last year have been boosted and are making strong bids for varsity positions. Sonny Bivins, second high scorer on B squad last year; Punt Walker, forward, from Newnan; and Bob Caldwell, tall heavy center from Gordon, are the boys pushed up to the Varsity.

Expected to lead the B. team this year are Paul Brigman, Alton Childs, Duane West, and Jimmy Hines.

Tom Colquitt and Jesse Duckworth are making their first appearances with the Bears. Both are from Macon and are turning in good work.

A preliminary game will begin at 7:00 P. M. with the Mercer Bees tangling with the Florida-Southern Bees. The varsity game has been set at 8:30 p.m.

Admission for the two contests will be \$1.00 for adults and 50

## Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu, ATO Provide All-Stars

Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Theta, and Sigma Nu dominated the 1949 intramural all-star volleyball team as they placed two men each on the six-man squad.

The managers of the various teams, the two referees, and the Cluster sports editor selected the team from the entire group of boys who participated in the league which Phi Delta Theta won.

Frank Stanley of Sigma Nu, was named captain of the sextet since he was the only unanimous choice.

The team included Bill Daniel and Jesse Duckworth of Phi Delta Theta, Stanley and Ray Flanders of Sigma Nu, and Jerry Conner and J. W. Flowers of Alpha Tau Omega.

## Writers' Contest To End Jan. 15

For the information of Mercer students who may feel creative during the holidays, and for the Press Club members who have taken on a writing project, the 1949 College Writers' Short Story Contest of Tomorrow Magazine will close January 15, 1949. Manuscripts must be mailed on or before that date.

Prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200 will be awarded for the best three stories. The judges will be the editors of Tomorrow Magazine and Creative Age Press.

The prize-winning stories will be published in the spring and summer of 1950. All other stories will be considered for publication at Tomorrow's regular rates.

Entries should be addressed to College Contest Tomorrow Magazine, 11 East 44th Street, New York 17, New York. They must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

cents for students. Mercer students will be admitted with their student activities card. All students are requested to bring these cards or they will have to pay to get in the game.

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