



**BEARS SCORE:** Glenn Wilkes, Mercer forward, attempts a field goal in the Mercer-Georgia battle. Trying to block the shot is Earl Davis, Georgia forward. Georgia won 68-60 in the rough tilt.



**BLOCKED SHOT:** Jim Umbrich, Bulldog forward, blocks a shot attempted by Wilkes. Big Bob Schloss, 6' 8" Georgia center stands in foreground while Nathan Webb (15) and Mayes Dobbins (3) of Mercer look on.

**BEAR DAY**

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"Seasons of Mercer", which showed a freshman going off to college for fall, a couple in formal attire for winter, tennis playing for spring, and then a graduation scene with a senior in cap and gown standing by a silhouette of the chapel.

Phi Mu used as their theme "Hail the Conquering Hero". A teddy bear was used through a basketball goal, and members of the sorority were sitting beneath it raising their arms to the heroic bear.

B.S.U. kept the spirit up with their theme "Don't Let the Mercer Spirit Die". A bear was lying on his death bed with nurses standing over his bed to keep him alive.

**Use Christ Theme**

The Ministerial Association used the theme "Christ for All, Both Rich and Poor". It showed rich people sitting around a table with drinks, while two poor boys dressed in rags were sitting on a park bench. On either side of the float was a preacher standing at his pulpit.

Heading all the floats was the Faculty Float which showed the faculty dressed in graduating gowns riding behind bars on the sides of the truck.

The famous 14th Army Air Force band from Warner Robins, which has played for the President of the United States three times, headed the parade. It was followed by a battalion of the Mercer R. O. T. C., commanded by Colonel Rufus Lester. After them were cars with the basketball players, Dr. Spright Dowell, and the cheer leaders.

**Supper Follows**

A barbecued supper followed the parade, with the game between the Mercer Bears and the Georgia Bulldogs played afterwards. During half time at the game trophies were awarded by Harry Smith, acting president of the Student Body.

Many thanks should go to all those who made Bear Day the big success that it was. Special thanks should go to Harry Smith, members of Student Government, Dr.

**May Day Plans Begun**

June Busbee, Vienna, announced last Thursday at a W.A.A. meeting that plans are being made for Mercer's coming May Day celebration. A committee will be made up of one representative from each of the girls' social organizations.

A recreational movie will be shown at the next W.A.A. meeting on March 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the gym, it was announced.

Spright Dowell, the faculty, Mayor Lewis Wilson, the City of Macon, the organizations entering the floats, and the whole student body who had the spirit.

The parade showed that the spirit of Mercer was not dead, and that the whole student body was back of Mercer and everything it did 100 per cent. Even those who were not able to be in the parade stood along the streets and cheered the parade on as it passed by them.

Indeed the time, trouble, and expense was well worth it, because it showed the people of Macon that Mercer really existed. With such a big success as Bear Day has been, it should certainly be held every year and should become a grand Mercer tradition.

**Bears Bow to Strong Bulldogs 69-60; Wilkes Plays Brilliant Game, Nets 30**

Even though Glenn Wilkes played a brilliant and spectacular game, it was not enough to take the Georgia Bulldogs, as the visitors from Athens emerged out of a rough battle 69-60 Saturday.

Before a capacity crowd of raving fans, the Bulldogs stopped a nine game winning streak for the locals and handed them their fifth loss of the season against 19 wins.

Big Bob Schloss Georgia who fouled out with four minutes left to play, almost controlled the backboards with his 6'8" frame. Schloss led the Bulldogs in scoring with 17 points.

**Wilkes Was Star**

Star of the game was Mercer's Wilkes, who played the greatest game of his career. He showed the people from Athens just what press clippings had been saying about him as he outclassed all individual performers by burning the nets with a sizzling total of 30 points. This was the last game against the Georgia outfit for Wilkes, and he really wanted this one badly. In six games between the two schools he has not scored under 20 points.

Besides Schloss, Georgia had Earl Davis, a good rebounder, E. L. Rainey, who looped in 12 points, and pint-sized Joe Jordan. Jordan was the shortest man on the squad but was one of the best ball handlers.

**Bears Took Lead**

The Bears led off with a quick 4-0 lead, and after five minutes of play the score stood 7-7. The two teams began matching goals, and throughout the first half they battled on even terms. With seconds left to play in the first half, the visitors held a 34-32 margin but Glenn Cassell, sparkling Mercer guard, made a beautiful shot from mid-court to tie the fray at half-time.

With Davis paying the way for Georgia, they began the second half with a fast spurt. He netted five straight points, but Mercer saw the situation and kept close knotting the score at 42-42. Captain Bob Healy and Schloss started banging away at the loops and pulled out in front 56-45. As the

Bears began pulling up, Schloss fouled out with his team leading by four points. The rest of the Bulldogs kept the game under control the rest of the game to clinch the fray.

**Cassell Scores 15**

Glenn Cassell didn't get a chance to show his dribbling exhibition that irritates opponents and can be used as an effective weapon in freezing the ball, but he did turn in a top performance with his floor play. He scored 15 points to rank behind Wilkes in scoring.

Coach Jim Cowan said that his boys played a good defensive game, but that their shooting was a little off. He gave considerable praise to Wilkes, as did Coach Jim Whatley of Georgia. Whatley said that Wilkes was the best player his team had faced all season.

In the preliminary game, Georgia Military College was no match for the Baby Bears as the "Rinky-dinks" defeated the visitors by a lopsided score of 19-30. Bob Burks topped the Bee scorers with 20 points.

**Carpenter, Rouse Are High Scorers On Mercer Intercollegiate Rifle Team**

By J. P. Ward  
Cluster News Editor

Names of unofficial high-scoring students in the Third Army Area intercollegiate indoor rifle matches, held last week, have been announced by Lt. Col. Wiley B. Tonnar, professor of military science and tactics here.

George S. Carpenter, Jr., Milledgeville, was high scorer on Mercer's intercollegiate team. Richard B. Rouse, Macon, followed Carpenter with a very close second.

Four other top place men are listed in respective order below: William P. Hicks, Dublin; George W. Floyd, Jr., Jeffersonville; Henry A. Seaman, Jr., Waycross; and Emmett W. Bowers, Decatur.

Other Mercer students participating in the special indoor contests were: James O. Dorriety, Macon; John H. Ashley, Savannah; Wentworth Spears, Macon; Claude H. Kemp, Jr., Macon; Joseph P. Stallworth, Macon; John R. Calhoun, Macon; George H. Chamlee, Sparta; Williams J. Glidewell, Blythe; and Hubert F. Alexander, Jr., Valdosta.

Each member fired 80 rounds of ammunition during this match. Every record score firing was witnessed by Master Sergeant Leroy Smith of the Mercer R.O.T.C. staff and certified by Captain Robert C. Duke, assistant professor of military science. Sergeant Smith is coach of Mercer's R.O.T.C. rifle groups.

In an interview recently, Col. Tonnar mentioned that George Carpenter had been elected captain of the team for the 1950 school year. Emmett Bowers was named as secretary of the marksmanship organization.



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