



Selected for the all-star volleyball team this year are Tommy Knotts, Ministers; Bobby Hill, KA; Jesse Duckworth, Phi Delta; and Hal Boswell SAE. Not pictured are Jack Butler, Phi Delta Theta; and "Red" Roberts, KA.



## IN THE Bear's Den

By Julian LeRoy

It seems as if this part of the sports page has the "new look" or, I should say, experienced a change. I hope the Bear Tracks, along with the other articles, will keep everyone pretty informed on the University sports.

### Highlights from the Georgia game

While watching the Georgia-Mercer basketball game Saturday night in Athens, I was particularly impressed with the sportsmanship of both teams throughout the whole game. There was a mutual friendly relationship all the way through even though the game got pretty rough at times.

Another thing that impressed me greatly was the beautiful aggressive play by Mercer's Bobby Wilder and Georgia's Earl Davis.

Wilder, five feet-eight inches, looked as though he had coiled springs in his shoes, jumping high off the floor to intercept many of the Georgia throws. He was also hot on his set shots, especially in the last half of the game.

The Bulldogs' Earl Davis, highly rated in the Southeastern Conference, played brilliant offensive and defensive ball throughout the game, being very consistent on the rebounds.

Clements looked good against six-foot-eight inch All-Southeastern Bob Schloss, especially out-jumping him at the first of the game and faking him off several times on some beautiful hoop shots.

There was quite a Mercer aggregation at the game also whose spirited yells, led by "acting" cheerleaders Judson Moss and Mimi Thurman, cheered on the team throughout the game.

Bill Shain, an active BSU'er at Georgia, has turned down scholarships from both Kentucky and Notre Dame. He was one of the smoothest players on the team and is only a sophomore.

### All-Stars Selected

Congratulations to the intramural All-Star volleyball team selected by the various team managers along with your sports editor.

The team includes Jesse Duckworth and Jack Butler, Phi Delta Theta; "Red" Roberts and Bobby Hill, Kappa Alpha; Hal Boswell, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; and Tommy Knotts, Ministers.

### Bears Lose Webb

The Mercer Bears will suffer a serious loss when their starting forward, Nat Webb, will have to discontinue school this quarter because of scholastic difficulties.

However, "Dopey" Reynolds, former Bear basketball player, and standout on Glenn Wilkes' All-Stars, will join the squad this quarter which should be a great asset to the Bears for the rest of the season.

### Intramural Basketball Begins

Coach Claude Smith announces that plans are underway to being intramural basketball as soon as possible after the holidays.

Those teams which desire to participate are urged to be ready to play soon after schools begins.

With the Christmas season approaching again, the Cluster sports staff is wishing that each of your holidays be full of "good tidings and great joy" and for a merry Christmas to everyone.

## Wilson, Wilder Are Selected as Basketball Stars

Fort Valley's Emory Wilson and Bobby Wilder have been big boosters on Coach Cowan's basketball squad this season.

Emory, who was an outstanding basketball player at Fort Valley high school for two years, served in the U. S. Army in Japan before entering Mercer.

As a freshman at Mercer, Emory was a great B-team performer. We all remember last year Coach Cowan used Emory to fill the shoes of the fabulous Glenn Wilkes when Glenn was out of the game.

Emory, a Physical Education major, was also a very fine pole-vaulter on Mercer's track squad.

Coach Cowan has high hopes for Emory who is a junior and a very smooth performer on the squad this year.



Wilder, another Fort Valley product, was quite well known among the basketball circles while at Brewton-Parker Junior College.

This past year Wilder led the Brewton-Parker quintet to the State Junior College championship.

He was voted on the All-Southeastern Junior College team for two straight years and was unanimously selected on the All-State team this year.

Bobby, being a new-comer to Mercer, has already proved himself outstanding as we have watched this five foot eight inch lad baffled his opponents with his speed and sharp precision on the basketball court.

## Bears Win Over Oglethorpe 75-38

The Mercer Bears, led by Captain Lamar Clements, chalked up a victory over the Oglethorpe Petrels 75-38 in the first game of the season. Clements garnered eight field goals and three foul shots for a total of 19 points.

The team was a little show getting started, but after the first quarter they began to click very smoothly. Colorful Glenn Cassell, who did some excellent deceptive playing, followed Clements with a total of 18 points.

Much credit is due guards Richard Reid and Bobby Wilder. Wilder, with his fast breaks under the goal was responsible for eight of Mercer's points. Reid, freshman from Lanier, starting in his first intercollegiate ball game, played an excellent defensive game as well as setting up many of Mercer's points.

Another Mercer freshman who made a very good showing was David Harris, Canton star, who chalked up seven points. Nathan Webb, Bear's forward, put through 11 pointers.

The yankee-composed team from Atlanta was led by Warren Debes and Robert Craig with nine and six points respectively.

## Sports Facts . . .

By SEAB MILLER

Last weekend a goodly throng of Mercerites made the trek to Athens to see Bears finish strong against Georgia, but still end up second best. Several times during the contest the Bears were some twenty points in the rear, but each time a rally would wipe away some of the deficit.

The Phi Delta Theta pledges won the first annual football game from the Sigma Nu's 6-0 this week by virtue of an intercepted pass.

The victors of this tilt received the Bird Bath trophy, which may be seen reposing in the Phi Delta suite until the basketball game is decided.

## Bears to Meet Wofford Jan. 4

The Mercer Bears meets the Wofford Terriers, January 4, in Porter gym in the first basketball game following the Christmas Holidays.

Last season the Bears split with Wofford, winning the first 72-64 but dropped the second game in a hard fought contest.

Coach Robertson, beginning his fifth year as the Terrier mentor, says that his team this year is a "slight improvement" from last years.

The team will be led by Captain Fred Powers, fiery hoop shot artist who begins his third outstanding year with the Terriers.

Along with Powers include Ellerbe Neal, six foot-ten inch center; Jack Abell, former three year All-Stater at Jordan; and Bill Moody, Alternate Captain.

## Bears Lose Game To Georgia, 64-51

The University of Georgia Bulldogs defeated the Mercer Bears 64-51 at Woodruff Gym., Athens, Saturday night in a very exciting contest.

The game got off to a very fast start with Mercer's Glenn Cassell receiving the tip from Clements and making a beautiful set shot for the first two points of the game.

Georgia's Bob Schloss and Bill Shain followed up for the Bulldogs the next few minutes with a field goal apiece.

After the first five minutes of the game, with Bobby Wilder and Lamar Clements dominating the Mercer play while Davis made headway for the Bulldogs, the score was Mercer 8, Georgia 15.

Throughout the second half Mercer was quite a bit under par in missing a large percentage of their usual point-making shots.

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## Florida Wins Over Mercer

By Julian LeRoy.

The Florida State Seminoles, Tallahassee, overcame the Mercer Bears in the final minutes of play to win 55-52, before a capacity crowd in Porter Gym, Monday night.

In the first few minutes of play, the Bears, led by speedy Bobby Wilder, with his tricky fast break shots, and by Glenn Cassell, jumped to a comfortable lead.

But the Seminoles came back with "Bud" Scott and Dick Trobaugh, captain, leading the scoring to tie the game, 19-19.

From then on, it was a rough-and-tumble affair, marked by many fouls by both teams.

Two foul shots by the Seminoles All-Florida center, Tom McLaughlin, put them ahead one point after the second half began, but Richard Reid, the freshman Bear's guard, regained Mercer's lead on a beautiful crisp shot on a pass from Wilder.

Mercer's hopes were dimmed, however, when high scoring Bobby Wilder fouled out after eight minutes play in the second half.

The Mercer squad showed much improvement over the previous games, especially in respect to team work. Nat Webb, playing his last game of the season, played a great game, scoring a large percentage of his foul shots.

Leading the Bears in scoring were Bobby Wilder and Glenn Cassell with 13 points each. The Florida scoring honors went to Bob Hartman and Bud Scott, also with 13 points apiece.

Much credit for Mercer's scoring goes to Glenn Cassell with his consistent set shots and his brilliant handling of the backboard rebounds.

One of the main assets to the Seminoles' comeback in the last few minutes was due to the fouling out of Cassell and Nat Webb.

In the preliminary tilt, Bob Burks led the B-team to victory over the Warner Robins Air Base 46-38 by scoring 18 points during the game. Punt Walker allowed Burks in scoring with ten markers.

### FOUNDER'S DAY

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be appointed for the new year.

In addition, the trustees are expected to take up the matters of the endowment campaign for a school of education and a budget revision. This revision will include salary increases for faculty and staff made possible by a recent increase in the Georgia Baptist Convention appropriation or Mercer.

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