

# Bear Feats

By GEORGE DUNCAN

A tough schedule, an excellent coach, five returning lettermen, and hopes for another Dixie Conference championship are number one items for Mercer University's basketball Bears.

Furman University, rated "the most improved team in 1951", will be the first of several dangerous teams to invade Bear territory. Florida State, Rollins, Georgia, Stetson, Southwestern Tennessee, Florida Southern, Mississippi College, and Wofford are the more outstanding teams slated to face Mercer.

Coach Dan Nyimicz, in his first year at Mercer, coached the Bears to the Dixie Conference championship. Nyimicz is an excellent coach and a fine fellow. He is well liked by all the boys and will come up with another great team if his material pans out.

Capt. Bert Schwartz, Co-Capt. Richard Reid, Tommy Mixon, John Jewett, and Emory Wilson are the five returning lettermen. Each of these boys has plenty of experience and basketball know-how.

Little Richard Reid at 5 ft. 8 in., swished the nets for a 13.4 average to lead the Dixie Conference champions through a near perfect season.

Bert Schwartz, a rugged defensive man, led the Bears in rebounds and had a point racking average of 11.4. Among the leaders in point gathering last year was Tommy Mixon, an excellent ball handler as well as a good shot. John Jewett, the tallest member of the squad at 6 ft. 5 in., is a very fine floor man and works smartly around the pivot post.

Emory Wilson, the other member of the quintet is a smooth working floor man and a team man in every sense of the word.

The Bears walked away with the championship last year, but will have plenty of trouble keeping in the running this season. They are much smaller than any other team in the conference and will sorely miss the brilliant performances of guards Glenn Cassell and Bobby Wilder.

Coach Dan Nyimicz has his work cut out for him in finding capable replacements for these two spark-plugs of days gone by.

Twenty-three new faces on the Mercer campus are fighting it out for the privilege of being on the squad, and some of these will be top contenders for the vacancy left as the result of Wilder and Cassell's graduation.

For the next few days these freshmen and transfer students will be showing their qualities to Nyimicz.

Monday, Oct. 13, the returning men from last year's squad will don basketball togs and the real sessions will begin.

It's going to be a long hard journey to the top this year, and the opening contest on Dec. 4, will really be a test trial. Coach Nyimicz has promised that the Bears will be ready, and the contest should prove to be a fast and interesting tilt.

Coach Nyimicz has scheduled the best teams possible this year to provide better games for the fans.

With the hard fighting boys Mercer has, they deserve the support of their fellow students. Each and every student of Mercer University should attend every game possible and enter into the spirit of their alma mater.

## 23 Added to Basketball Team; Nyimicz Pleased With Outlook

Nineteen green freshmen and four seasoned transfers started practice for the Mercer University basketball team last week.

Coach Dan Nyimicz seemed well pleased with the turn out, and is busy getting the boys in shape. Nyimicz said, "The boys are small but are showing a lot of life, and some of them may shape into pretty good ball players." He continued, "Most of the boys have a good deal of experience, and I am hoping to find several that will fit into my varsity plans."

The boys that have reported to date are: Bobby Brown, Billy

Green, Bubber Wolfe, Steve Wolfe, and Richard Thontas of Macon; Jimmy Carnes and Ray Humphries of Eatonton; Bobby Holliday and Clark Standard of Rochelle; Glenn Joyner, Neil Evans, and George Duncan of College Park.

Derrell Herrington and Maurice Hilliard of Atlanta; Bobby Green, Douglas, Edgar Gallops, Pine Mountain Valley; Keese Perry, Brinson; Richard Draper, Hugo, Okla., and Frank Bullock, Livingston, Ala., all freshmen.

The transfers are Juniors Neal Hubbard, Douglasville; William Roberts, Clarksville, and Sophomores Jant's Jordan, Macon, and Jack Mansville, Cartersville.

## Intramurals for Season Commence

The 1952 intramural football season began Tuesday as six of eleven teams put their titles at stake in the openers.

Fraternal loyalty of many men was tried in three hard-fought, high-spirited first games, played in an unusually hot fall sun.

Bruises, cuts, and dampened spirits resulted from this afternoon of unconditioned, not-top-well-organized, football by all teams participating. Although, considering that this was the first game of the season, all teams have, potentially, stronger teams than any who have participated in intramurals in several years.

Many teams have more material than can possibly be put to best advantage.

New faces looking toward the all-star teams at the end of the season were seen in each game. All seem to be looking for a winning season for their team—each with Monday night's pledging still fresh in their memory.

When the smoke had cleared and referees had reported results, they turned out as follows:

- Phi Delta Theta—6
- Sigma Nu—0
- Ministers—12
- Kappa Sigma—8
- Kappa Alpha—36
- Lambda Chi—0

The game between the Phi Delta Theta boys and Sigma Nu was a grueling offensive game, featuring long booming kicks by both teams. Two brilliant goal line stands by the Phi Delta Theta kept Sigma Nu from capitalizing on opportunities to score.

Kappa Sigma played a good hard game, but was unable to cope with the short pass offense of the Ministers. Both teams showed good material and excellent spirit.

Kappa Alpha ran wild over the hard-fighting Lambda Chi Alpha crew. The Lambda Chi Alpha just couldn't seem to get moving, while Kappa Alpha showed a brilliant passing offensive, with fine protection for the passer. Everything went right for the Kappa Alpha boys, and it just wasn't Lambda Chi Alpha's day.

## Atlanta Is Site Of BSU Conclave

The State Baptist Student Union Convention will convene October 24-26 at the First Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Tentative program plans include Jack Noffsinger and Jackie Robinson as speakers; seminars on vital religious matters, intercollegiate recreation; fellowship, and usual organization procedures.

A Negro choir from one of the Atlanta churches will sing for the convention after a barbecue supper on Saturday night. Mercer students will be in charge of the Sunday morning worship service during the Sunday School hour. Terry Pate, past state B.S.U. chorister, is planning to conduct a statewide choir during the convention program.

Transportation from Mercer will be provided by the B.S.U. bus, "Lucy", plus several cars. The Atlanta Baptist W.M.U. will entertain out-of-town students in their homes Friday and Saturday nights. Many students will visit in the homes of relatives and friends.

For registration contact George Deadwyler, or Ray Brewster. Registration fee is \$1.00 and the barbecue supper is \$1.35, making an expense total of \$2.35.

Neal Hubbard, Bob Abel, and Bill Middlebrooks from Mercer are state officers in the B.S.U.

## Basketball Opens With Furman As Mercer Gives Schedule

The Mercer Bears will open their 52-53 basketball season with Furman University, of Greenville, South Carolina. Furman was rated last year, "The Most Improved Team of 51-52". The game is scheduled for Dec. 4, and should prove to be quite a contest for the Bears.

This will be the first time Mercer and Furman have met on the hardwood court, since Dan Nyimicz has been coach here. There are two other changes in this year's schedule. Florida State and Southwestern Teachers College of Memphis, Tennessee will take the place of two weaker teams, Millsaps and Piedmont.

The feature of this season will be double-headers on consecutive nights: Mercer will meet Mississippi College and Southwestern will face Florida Southern on Feb. 2. The following night will find the Bears facing Southwestern and Florida Southern colliding with Mississippi College. In a single game on the fourth Mercer will meet Florida Southern.

Thirteen out of the 23 games will be at home and nine will be Dixie Conference games.

Coach Dan Nyimicz says, "This is a very outstanding schedule and perhaps the toughest the Bears have ever played. We will have a hard time winning any of the games this year, and I would be satisfied to win half of them."

### THE SCHEDULE

- Home Games—
- Furman—Dec. 4
- Florida State—Dec. 5
- Rollins—Jan. 3
- Birmingham South—Jan. 5
- Wofford—Jan. 8
- Presbyterian—Jan. 10
- Mississippi College—Feb. 2
- Southwestern—Feb. 3
- Florida Southern—Feb. 4
- Howard—Feb. 13
- Georgia Teachers—Feb. 17
- Georgia—Feb. 19
- Stetson—Feb. 21

- Away Games—
- Georgia—Dec. 9
- Florida State—Dec. 13
- Presbyterian—Jan. 16
- Wofford—Jan. 17
- Stetson—Jan. 24
- Rollins—Jan. 26
- Florida Southern—Jan. 27
- Georgia Teachers—Jan. 31
- Howard—Feb. 7
- Furman—Feb. 11

## Rat Carl Wilson Cops Cake Race

Carl Wilson, of Macon, won the annual Mercer Cake Race to lead off the ridding festivities. This was the first event that the frosh were compelled by the sophs to enter into.

Cakes were awarded in Rat Court to the first six boys to cross the finish line. Following Wilson across were George Duncan, College Park; Glenn Joyner, College Park; Allen Williams, Thpmaiston; Zackie Bridges, Bainbridge, and Al Ring, Atlanta.

The race covered about two miles of rough terrain and a grueling pace was set by Billy Bonner, the sophomore in charge. The Bear half-miler saw that the freshmen did plenty of fast running to keep up with him.

### Wednesday Football

- ATO 18
- SAE 0
- Phi Delt 6
- Kappa Sig 0

## New Mercer Students Explain What They Miss Most at Home

"Have you been homesick yet? Don't feel disloyal to the folks back home if you haven't, because a student poll reveals that most students have found adjustment here at Mercer fairly easy. But they all point out immediately that they have had plenty of help and that the friendly atmosphere of the campus community has made them feel right at home already. There are, however, a few things that even Mercer can't supply.

Mary March, a junior transfer, who recently moved to Georgia says Mercer's hospitality is tops. The only things Mary really misses are her white-angora cat and reading the morning paper at the breakfast table.

Rafael A. Roure, a freshman from Puerto Rico, misses the gay Spanish fiestas, his speedboat and the "real nice" seacoast weather. But he says that he is really enjoying living here with his new fraternity brothers.

Jorge Toro, also a freshman from Puerto Rico, is the nephew of two former Mercerians now practicing law in Puerto Rico. Jorge misses his native tongue

most of all. He thinks the best solution to some of his muddled problems is for everybody just to break down and spiel off Spanish for a little while. Jorge likes the people here too — especially the girls who are "very pretty and nice."

Wilma Mendoca, a sparkling female from South of the Border, also commends the friendliness here which is very different from the class distinctions and other stilted social customs so prevalent in her native Brazil. Wilma doesn't miss a thing—except the chaperones when she's dating.

Faye Clyde, who claims she is a misplaced Texan from Missouri, misses the Texas brogue in our southern drawl. But what she really likes are the trees and grass all over the campus, which is so different from the barren Texas plains.

Bill Wingfield, a junior transfer from Tech who hails from Avon Park, Fla., says he doesn't miss the Tech coeds as much as his slipstick (known to non-engineers as a slide rule). He likes the beauty, friendliness and compactness of the campus.

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