

Bear Feats

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No school spirit!
This seems to be the cry of everyone around the Mercer Campus these days.

School spirit is one thing that is not going to be drilled through our heads by teachers or rained upon us unexpectedly like summer rain. We are going to make it ourselves. I say "we are" because we are and one organization that is making many plans to help us is the "M" club.

"Our main objective now is to stir up student interest in school sports, and by so doing help develop school spirit," M club president, Tommy Knotts, stated. This club took one step along this road called "spirit", by sponsoring the first annual Orange and Black game. This game proved to be one of the much cherished traditions of Mercer with a little student cooperation. I was very much enthused to see much interest displayed by players on the bench Tuesday night. Seemingly much more than the representation of the student body was there.

CHRISTMAS CARDS TO ADVERTISE

Other than this, for their first project of the year the Monogram weavers plan to send Christmas cards to alumni, signed by each member—which will be more advertisement of student interest at Mercer.

An alumni banquet to be held on Homecoming Day, some time in February, is another M club drive for more interest in the school activities. Club faculty adviser, Coach Nymiec, has many ideas that would help to create interest and I'm sure he would be glad to "dish" them out, if anyone would dare try to help.

Mercer should have school spirit! It has much to be proud of—students say the fact that we have no football team has killed student interest. That should not be so. Has this student stopped to realize the Bears won five of six Dixie Conference Championships last year? Incidentally, one fine start toward the goal of school spirit was displayed last year as a few interested students gathered in front of Porter Gymnasium to welcome back the Conference Champs as they returned with these five trophies.

Let us, the students, stop talking, stop wishing, quit wondering why we don't have school spirit, and get behind the M club and other organizations on this campus—help to make school spirit, and lots of it!

BEAR BITS

Coach Nymiec seems to think this year's hoopers will be stronger, although win-lose column might not look as good, since they have a rough, but interesting schedule.

Whatever happened to the proposal of a Christmas Basketball Tournament to be held here?

Co-ed sports are much more interesting this year—more ways than one.

Who was the fall guy that went in for crip in Tuesday night's Orange-Black game and missed entire hoop?

Praises and thanks are in order for the girls participating in preliminary game Tuesday night.

Co-ed volleyball reaches climax Monday night, when ADPI meets Chi Omega for the championship. Each now have four wins.

Will be glad to hear how the Bears come through toughest scrimmage up toward "Hotlanta".

Why don't we have a bonfire pep rally just before the game with Furman Dec. 4?

Managers Pick All-Star Seven

Each year the Mercer Cluster presents gold footballs to the seven members of the intramural football team. These players are selected by the managers and three referees in their ballots for the All-Opponent All-Star team.

Here are the players who have received the most votes and therefore are entitled to the awards.

Members of the mythical team are: Dub Flowers and Jim Thompson of the winning A.T.O., Tommy Huckaby and Homer Nelson, Sigma Nu; Re: McDaniel and Joe Watson, Ministers; and Jesse Duckworth of the Phi Delta Theta.

This is Duckworth's fourth year as a member of the All-Star team.



The ATO football team, intramural champs, pose before the all-star game. Front row: Bill Lane, Boyce McKinney, Dub Flowers, Mack Thompson, Dan Hammock. Second row: Jim Thompson, David Brown, Allen Williams, Latimer Farr, Bob Braswell, Jamie Buckingham and John Grenga.

Reid, Schwartz Veal Score High In Orange-Black

Mercer Bears exhibited potential greatness in the first annual Orange and Black game sponsored by the M Club Tuesday night.

The Black team, captained by Richard Reid, finally came out the victors, 61-54.

In the first public scrimmage the Bears showed a few rough edges that should be smoothed before the starter of the season December 4.

All in all play was good. Individualism hampered both teams in this first exhibit.

Auburn transfer, Inman Veal displayed good floor work, under-the-basket shots, and two-hand set shots for a total of 19 points, and placed himself as the leading scorer of the game. Veal will help the Bears greatly this season.

Reid came in second place on the scorers chart with 14 points. The Black captain's floor play, change-of-pace dribbling, and improved set-shot placed the little man near the top.

Bert Schwartz, Orange captain, also showed fine form in long shots and his familiar jump shot around the circle. Schwartz ended the game with 13 points.

Tommy Mixon playing guard for the Orange team, showed improvement in set shots and seems to handle himself better around the circle.

One of the standouts from the last season's second squad was guard John Hughes. Although Hughes finished the night with only 5 points, he proved himself to be a steady floor man and play maker. Hughes made his two field goals from behind the key-hole.

Tall men Harris and Jewett will aid the Bears much under the boards, although neither could seem to get in full swing Tuesday night. Harris shows potentials of being hook-shot man. Jewett looks good on rebound and tip-in shots.

Second stringers Brown, Young, Hoffich, and James Hughes also showed much improvement over their efforts of last season.

Opening Game
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All-Stars Explode in Second Half To Overpower Intramural Champions

Mercer's intramural football All-Stars, with a dazzling display of power in the second half, routed a fighting A.T.O. team by the margin of 30-0, last Tuesday afternoon.

Held to a 0-0 score at the half, the All-Stars, led by the passing prowess of Joe Watson, Lynn Fowler, and Jesse Duckworth, and the receiving of Sterling Sexton, Homer Nelson, Bill Woodward, and Red McDaniel, completely wore down a gallant but outnumbered A.T.O. crew in the remaining quarters.

First Half

The first half was nothing less than a series of punts and pass interceptions. In this half there were no less than eight interceptions and six punts. Both teams were credited with the same numbers of each.

Three times the All-Stars were on the move and all three times were stopped within five yards of pay-dirt by interceptions.

Twice, the A.T.O.'s were in All-Star territory, early in the first quarter and again late in the second period. Both times pass interceptions stopped them cold.

Score, half: All-Stars 0, A.T.O. 0.

Second Half

The second half was an entirely different story, with the All-Stars racking up five touchdowns while holding the Alpha Tau's scoreless.

Woodward kicked off for the Stars and booted into the end zone. From the twenty Flowers hit M. Thompson with two quick passes, advancing the ball to the thirty. A.T.O. was forced to kick.

On the second play Watson heaved a 25-yard spiral to Duckworth, who scampered the remaining fifty yards for a touchdown.

All-Stars 6 . . . A.T.O. . . .

From this point A.T.O. played without the services of two stellar backs—Lane and Flowers.

The All-Stars kickoff was blocked and A.T.O. took over on the Star thirty-five. Here they were held for three downs and kicked. Later in the quarter, All-Star defensive back McCue intercepted a pass on his twenty and scampered down the side lines fifty-five yards only to be called back. Watson immediately began to hit his receivers—first Woodward for 15, then Sexton for another first down. On the next play, Watson, finding his ends covered ran for twenty up the middle, and another first down. With the ball on the fifty, a pass was tossed to Sexton who managed to catch it among two defenders for a touchdown.

All-Stars 12 - A.T.O. 0

The Stars were rolling—after a

nice runback of the kickoff by Mack Thompson, a pass was intercepted by All-Star John Peterson on the fifty and run back to the Tau's thirty-five. A pass from Fowler to McDaniel was nullified by a penalty, but a razzle-dazzle pass from Fowler to Duckworth to Woodward paid off for six more points.

All-Stars 18 - A.T.O. 0

The A.T.O.'s were unable to advance after kickoff and punted. Peterson gathered it in on the 20 and returned 25 yards. A pass from Fowler to Sexton up the middle then went for twenty yards and Sexton scampered the rest of the way for another score. Excellent broken field running and down field blocking was seen on this play.

All-Stars 24 - A.T.O. 0

An end zone kick plus a five-yard penalty placed the pigskin on the A.T.O. 25. Huckaby broke through the defenses to snare Thompson for an 8-yard loss, which he proceeded to regain on the next play. The Stars again held and four plays later, after a pass from Watson to Woodward good for thirty yards, scored on a pass from Watson to Duckworth to Nelson.

Final Score—All-Stars 30 - A.T.O. 0

Not enough can be said about the great play of Jim Thompson, who time after time broke through All-Star defenses to rush the passer. Seldom was he stopped. Baggott, Huckaby, Baggs, and Kushinka were terrors in the All-Star line.

Harper Nets 16 In Prelim Game

The girls proved varsity men are not the only ones who can hit the bucket in Tuesday night's preliminary game of the annual Orange-Black contest.

Without a great deal of practice, Miss Pollard, women's athletic director, put on the court two very evenly matched teams.

Teams were divided into Orange and White sextets. The girls with the Orange markers won 39-21.

All-stars of last year's team again were standouts, along with new co-eds to give those of last season a run for a berth on this year's honor team.

High school all-stars Maxine Hunt, Teeny Moody, and Carolyn Hayes demonstrated much spark on the court Tuesday night.

High scorer of the night was Roma Gene Harper with 16 points.

Pat McKinnon and Sylvia Smith netted 10 and 7 points respectively, for the second and third scorer positions.

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