

# BEAR TAILS

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**Tuesday**—The Bears were really hot last Monday night as they ran over the Rollins Tars who are coached by former Mercer head Dan Nyimicz 104-78. The Bears seemed to want to win and win they did.

The Bears travel to Winter Park today for a return match with the Tars and on to DeLand Saturday to meet Stetson and try to redeem the 99-91 loss they handed us February 1. Monday the Bears will meet Tampa down there and then return home for a return match on the 22nd.

Several car loads of students are traveling to DeLand to cheer the team to victory against Stetson. All the cheerleaders are going and anybody who has a car and would like to go is asked to see one of the cheerleaders. Maybe this will be the end of our road game jinx.

Coach Mel Mayfield will begin formal tennis practice Monday at 3 P. M. and anyone interested in coming out for the tennis team is asked to please see him as soon as possible. Five lettermen are returning this year. They are Buddy Moore, Bill Nash, Don Lash, Carter Smith, and Bill Causey. There are many excellent prospects and the court picture looks promising. The Bears had a 4-7 record last season.

Coach Ben Griffith is working on the golf team schedule and will be ready to announce it in the near future. Out for the golf team so far this season are John Binns, Benny Woodall, Jerry Joyner, Hank Chappell, Danny Daniels, Reid Donaldson and John Thomas. A bright prospect, Elvin Yarbrough, will enter Mercer next quarter. Yarbrough was No. 1 man on the last year's Lanier team.

The first match will be on March 22 with Rollins, followed by a match on the 14th with Warner Robins. On March 30 there will be a three-way match between Mercer, the University of Georgia, and Georgia State. There are 14 matches on the proposed schedule which will be announced later. If you are interested in going out for the golf team, see Coach Griffith.

The Mercer baseball team has begun practice with better than five lettermen returning. Coach "Red Dog" Smith is looking for recruits and anyone interested is asked to see him in the gym.

The season will open with a game on March 18 against the University of Tenn. On March 26 we will battle Wofford and the University of Georgia will meet us on Saturday, March 30. The Bears practice and play home games on the field behind Lanier-Senior High School. The student body is urged to attend all the games and anyone is welcome to watch the practice sessions. The Bruins had a good season last year, ending with a 16-4 record.

Coach Wilder has announced that formal track practice will begin as soon as basketball season ends, but anyone who would like to try for the track team is asked to see him. Several fellows are already getting in shape over at Porter Stadium.

Intramural basketball is winding up this week. The playoff games were held last Tuesday and Wednesday night. Last year Sigma Nu fraternity captured the title and Phi Delta Theta was second. The Ministers followed and ATO was fourth.

Girl's intramural basketball has been rather slow, but they are again on the move and you had better go down to the gym and watch. It is more confusing than Einstein's theory of relativity.

That about does it for this week. A look at the present and also several notes about the future. Don't forget to carry your toothbrush with you on the trip to Stetson.

## Phi Delt Downs Jets by 70-38

The Willards of Phi Delta Theta turned a basketball game into an Olympic marathon January 31, as they chased the Jets off the floor by the score of 70-38. Thus, Phi Delta Theta has a 4-0 record for the current season.

The first half was not even close with the Phi Delt leading, 30-17, and the second was a free-scoring, track-meet affair. The third quarter ended with the Willards ahead 54-25. The Jets never threatened or came close as Phi Delta Theta steadily and swiftly pushed their lead to 33 points at the end of the game.

Bill Jago of Phi Delta Theta was high man for the evening with 20 points, and Royce Hobbs followed with 14. Moore and Brown of the Willards and Martin of the Jets had 10 each.

TOTALS:	
Phi Delta Theta	70
Jets	38

Totals: Halftime Score: Phi Delta Theta 20 Jets 17. Officials: Archer and Whitley.

# Phi Delt Down Kappa Sig To Take Basketball Crown

By Winston Leonard  
Phi Delta Theta won their second intramural championship of the year and their first basketball championship since 1954 by defeat-

ing Kappa Sigma last Wednesday night by a score of 49-41. In the semi-final games Tuesday night Kappa Sigma left the Jets on the short end of a 55-47 score to

become eligible to meet Phi Delta Theta, who defeated SAE on the same night, 53-48, in the Finals Wednesday night.

Phi Delta has had to be content with second place for the past two years. Wednesday night, they showed an hysterical mob of fans what basketball was-basketball played under pressure from the start of the second quarter to the very end of the game.

The first quarter started slow with the Phi Delt being the aggressor, and the quarter ended 11-1, in favor of Phi Delta Theta. The second quarter saw an explosive beginning, with the fastest ball-playing of this entire season coming to the fore.

Within 4 minutes of the second quarter Kappa Sigma scored 17 points, while the Phi Delt scored 6. Kappa Sigma picked up 5 more points as Phi Delta Theta hit for 8, to leave the score at the half, 25-23, in favor of the Phi Delt.

The beginning of the second half was back and forth, with Kappa Sig tying the score at 29-29 in the first 4 minutes. Kappa Sigma pushed ahead in the fading moments, 34-35, but a last second lay-up by Bill Jago of Phi Delta Theta moved the Phi Delt in front once again, 35-34.

The last quarter was the most hectic ever seen this season. Mike Garvin of Phi Delta Theta hit from the outside to shove the Phi Delt ahead 37-34. Sam Daniel helped matters along with another shot from the circle. Royce Hobbs sank 4 points from within the circle, and Bill Jago layed one in to make the score 45-38 and one and one half minutes to play.

Maynard Chambers of Kappa Sigma came from nowhere to hit three straight field goals to pull Kappa Sig to within 4 points of Phi Delta Theta, making the score 45-41. A free throw, coming from a technical foul, by Hobbs eased the Phi Delt a little more in the lead. A field goal by Daniel and a free throw by Jago iced the game with only a few seconds remaining to play.

Jack Moore of Phi Delta Theta was climbing all over the backboards, pulling in 11 rebounds. Bob Canady and Alton Childs contributed more than their share of rebounds for the Kappa Sig.

TOTALS:	
Phi Delta	49
Kappa Sig	41

Totals: Half Time Score: Phi Delta Theta 25 Kappa Sig 23. Officials: Warren and Raffield.

## Bears Drop Road Game To Howard

The Mercer University Bears lost their 11th game of the season last Saturday night to Howard College in Birmingham by a score of 91-77.

Hitting 39 of 42 free throws, the Howard Bulldogs counted their 11th win against 12 losses. Louis Doss, 6-5 center, strengthened the Bulldog team under the backboards and also accounted for 14 points. Bill Landford was the high scorer with a total of 27 points.

The Mercer team was feeling the loss of center Max Smith who was out was an infected leg. Woody Richardson and Lamont Craft also were missing from the court during the last five minutes because of the foul rule.

The Bears hit 30 of 71 field goal attempts for an average of .423, while Howard hit 26 of 57 for .456. Howard hit 39 out of 42 from the foul line for an amazing .905 and Mercer bucketed 17 out of 24 for .708.

Howard gained a 23-12 lead in the early minutes of the game and at half time the score was 49-39 in favor of the Bulldogs. After the half, Howard never let their lead get away from them.

Bobby Graham was the Bear high scorer with 22 and Roger Bolton was tied with Woody Richardson who had 12. Richardson had 16 rebounds.

Mercer (77)		G	F	P	T
Richardson, f	11	6-9	5	12	8
McGriff, f	4	0-1	1	5	5
Graham, f	11	6-2	4	22	8
Banks, f	2	4-4	1	2	3
Craft, c	0	2-5	0	2	2
Whitely, c	0	0-0	2	0	0
Bolton, g	5	2-3	0	12	2
Khalow, g	2	2-5	4	7	0
Johnson, g	0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	26	29-42	17	77	24

Score by quarters: MERCER 39, 35-77 HOWARD 49, 45-91

## SAE Team Defeats KA

The Leo's of SAE put the Toga's of Kappa Alpha to rout by defeating them 52-34 on the 29th of January. Kappa Alpha has lost three, while winning one.

SAE had a 15 point lead at the end of the first half, leading by a score of 28-13. The second half was a riot as SAE pulled further out in front, and held their lead to the end of the game.

John Binns was high scorer for the night's work with 14 points. Gibson took second place honors with 11 for SAE.

TOTALS:	
SAE	52
Kappa Alpha	34

Totals: Half Time Score: SAE 28 KA 18. Officials: Vanderhoof and Hodson.

## ATO Downs Lambda Chi

The Atoms of ATO won their second basketball game of the intramural season by bouncing the Big "L's" of Lambda Chi, 49-27 on Jan. 24. Lambda Chi lost this one to make their record 1-2.

At the end of the first half, ATO led by the score of 31-19. The scoring holiday by ATO continued on into the second half as they held their first half lead, and widened the gap between them and Lambda Chi five.

Taking first place individual scoring honors was Brantley of Lambda Chi with 12 points. Ken Hudson of ATO was second with ten, and the third high man was Freeman of ATO with 8.

## Crewcuts Take Independents

The Crewcuts collected their first win of the basketball season by defeating MIMA, 47-33 on Jan. 29. This was the fourth loss for MIMA.

The score at the end of the first half was 25-14 in favor of the Crewcuts. MIMA never got into the ballgame as the Crewcuts pushed out more and more into the foreground to lengthen and retain their lead to the end of the game.

High scorers were Warren and Gray of the Crewcuts, and McLean of MIMA with 10 points each. Hartley of MIMA took second place honors with 8 points.

TOTALS:	
MIMA	33
Crewcuts	47

Totals: Half Time Score: Crewcuts 25 MIMA 14. Officials: Vanderhoof and Hudson.

## Bruin Team Defeats NGC In Close One

Mercer University Bears edged out North Georgia College on Saturday, Jan. 26 by a score of 64-63.

Woody Richardson led the Bears with 20 points and 23 rebounds. Bobby Graham was right behind him with a total of 18 points.

The Cadets led at halftime 36-35 after shooting 14 of 33 for a 42.3 percentage. Mercer had a .379 percentage for the first half with 11 of 29.

The Bears did better at the foul line with a total of 18 out of 26 for a .692 while the North Georgia Cadets hit 17 of 36 for an average of .472.

The second half saw the Bears continue to move the ball like lightning with their fast break. They shot 10 of 33 for a .303. The Cadets dropped below their first half average with a .290 hitting only nine of 31.

Mercer's average for the game was .371 as they gave their coach his fourth win and a 6-0 season record.

In the preliminary game, the Bees lost 56-54 to South Georgia College in a three minute overtime. Tommy Johnston led the Bees with 13 points and Doug Harris had 12 points.

## ATO's Fall To Kappa Sig

The Crescents of Kappa Sigma chased the Atoms of ATO off the floor January 31, in a rough and tumble basketball game by the score of 55-32. This was the fourth win for Kappa Sig against no losses.

Thirty fouls were committed, 20 of these by the Crescents.

The first half was closely contested and pretty nearly a tie, as Kappa Sig emerged one point to the good with the score 14-12.

In the second half Kappa Sig turned on the power to pull far out in front of ATO, and stay there.

Childs took first place scoring honors with 11 points. Following close behind with 10 each were Lindsey and Jones of Kappa Sig and Lovette of ATO. Canady of Kappa Sig had 9 points for Kappa Sig to move into third place.

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