

# Girls' Volleyball Tourney Now In 3-way Deadlock

Volleyball action Tuesday night saw MICA stop Chi Omega and throw the women's volleyball tournament into a three way tie for first place.

Each with a 4-2 record, MICA, Chi O and Phi Mu now occupy the top spot. Representatives of each team were to meet with Miss Lucille Pollard, women's IM director Thursday to decide on a method of breaking the deadlock.

Miss Pollard said earlier this week that the tie will be played off as quickly as possible in order that the tournament might be completed before finals begin.

Phi Mu Downed ADPI  
In other volleyball competition this week, Phi Mu defeated ADPI Tuesday, ADPI forcing the match into three games by taking one game from Phi Mu.

Monday night saw Chi O stop Phi Mu and MICA take ADPI, the losers once again forcing the match into three games by winning one.

### SOCCER MATCH

The freshmen women students have challenged the sophomore girls to a soccer match to be played Monday.

The two teams will play on the PE field.

Volleyball All Stars, it was learned, will be selected after the tournament has been completed.

# '58 SEASON BEGINS; BEARS VS. CRUSADERS

## Mercer Boasts Seasoned Crew To Try for Basketball Honors

By John McLean

Mercer's basketball Bears were to get the '58 season underway Thursday in Porter Gym against the Belmont Abbey Crusaders coached by ex-pro Al McGuire.

Sparked by Co-Captains Francis Clair and Bob Stewart who stand 6'4" and 6'1" respectively, the Crusaders consist otherwise of Danny Doyle, 8'7", John Von Bergen, 6'10" and James Crosso, 6'7". Stewart, top scorer, leads the Crusaders in that department with 22 markers.

"We are going to be at a disadvantage due to the superiority in height that Belmont has," Coach Wilder commented prior to game time. "However, we ought to be able to make up for this with speed and sharp shooting."

Against such tall talent, the Bears were to send veterans Bill Finch and Norman Carter standing 6'2" and 6'3" respectively. Carter led the '57 Bears in scoring and was high scorer for the Bruins last year, posting 19.4.

In addition to this pair, the Bruins also boast Tommy Johnson, Doug Harris, Ray Banks, Donnie Veal, and Jimmy Milton, just to name a few.

The Crusader Coach, Al McGuire, was named most valuable player at St. John's, his Alma Mater, and played pro ball for the New York Knickerbockers and was assistant coach at Dartmouth College before coming to Belmont Abbey.

Mercer Coach Bobby Wilder is in his third year here as basketball mentor. Wilder played guard while a student at Mercer averaging 10 points a game. He was former Junior College All State, All-Regional Junior College two years, outstanding player in the

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### The Word

Coach Hackney and his North Georgia College Cadets are rumored to be plotting revenge against the Mercer crew for last season's defeat. The Cadets are headed this year by one of their top scorers last season, Captain Bill Chapman, but the team has lost several players by way of graduation. Look for the Bruins to claw the Cadets.

Both Florida Southern and Oglethorpe lost to the Bears last season, so that's two more teams who are going to be keyed up against the Bears. Looks like a long, hard-fighting winter.

—The Basket Bug

### IM Competition Will Begin Jan. 8

Ministers and Snakes, Willards and MIMA open the intra-mural basketball season on Jan. 8 at Porter Gym.

There will be nine teams in two leagues. The nine teams, which will be placed in leagues later, are Atoms, Big L's, Crescents, Leos, Snakes, Togas, Willards, MIMA and Ministers. Coach Claude Smith, intra-mural sports director, said that any other team that wishes to enter must contact him before Christmas.

The regular intra-mural basketball season will last until Feb. 11 and the semi-finals and finals will be on Feb. 12 and 13. There will be a round robin elimination with the first place winner of one league playing the second place winner of the other league.

#### Furnish Own Referees

As in football each team must furnish its own referee. It is permissible for two officials to referee both games in one night.

Each team can have an unlimited roster and play any boy as long as he is eligible.

In case of a tie between two teams for first place they will flip a coin for first and second place in their league. If there is a tie for second place there will be a playoff.

Any postponed games will be played Feb. 14.

### Second Match

In their second game of the season, the Mercer Bears will invade Dahlonega Saturday to face the Cadets of North Georgia.

The Bruins have three other games scheduled before Christmas. Before Mercer's cagers can earn their visit from Santa Claus, they will have to fight opposing teams from Presbyterian College, Florida Southern and Oglethorpe.

All three of these matches will be played in Porter Gym. (See THE WORD this page.)

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