

# MU Bears Defeated By Georgia Southern

Just when it looked as if the Mercer Bears might finally start polling for the first time this season, Coach J. B. Searce and his marauding bunch of Georgia Southerners, stepped into Porter gym and aspirations the Bruins might have had of upsetting the powerful Professors, by a 98-79 score.

Searce, an unpretentious appearing personality, with a hearty laugh, and a team that made Mercer look like a scared bunch of midgets, brought his Profs to town with a lesson to teach, and they taught it well.

Behind the 32 point production "Chester" Curry, no relation to the "Chester" of Marshall Matt Dillon fame, although shooting like the Gunsmoke hero, and a 6'4" guard with the moniker of Joe Burau, the ex Georgia Teachers College club forged ahead shortly after the start of battle, at 28, and from then on held any where from a 11 to a 21 point advantage.

Earlier this season Southern had taken the Bears on in Statesboro, and again behind Curry and Burau whipped Mercer 100-72.

For Mercer, Donnie Veal led the scoring with 20 points to maintain his better than 18 points-per-game average, scoring 16 of his total in the initial half and being stopped cold the second stanza. Frankie Edwards was second to Veal with

**APPRECIATION**  
The Faculty Committee on Social Organizations desires to express appreciation to the various social organizations on campus, and to compliment each of them, for their wholehearted participation in the various events connected with Bear Day weekend.

While general campus participation was excellent, the Committee is especially appreciative of the degree and spirit of cooperation which prevailed among the organizations.

For the Committee:  
H. L. McManus, Chairman  
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15 markers, followed by Joe Dullick and Doug Harris with 13 and 10 respectively.

Both coaches, Wilder for Mercer, and Searce emptied their benches late in the game when there was no doubt of the outcome.

## BBB Elects 5; Dr. Tift Speaks

Dr. Henry Tift, Milledgeville physician, was the guest speaker at last week's meeting of Beta Beta Beta, National Biological Honorary Society. Dr. Tift showed color slides and actual portions of the human circulatory system during the program on the subject of arteriosclerosis.

At the February meeting of the Society, Dr. Clyde Keeler of the

Zoology Dept. at GSCW will present a program concerning color coats in white mice.

The Society has elected three students to full membership and two associate members. Carter Baldwin, Charles T. Jones, and Michael Oxford attained full membership and Maurice Randall and Charles Hamilton became associates.

## Student's Welcome

Any Mercer student may receive one day service—in by 9:00 a.m.—out by 6:00 p.m.—at no extra charge—just show your Student Activities Card when you bring in your cleaning. This applies to dry cleaning only.

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# SPORTS

## RABUN MATTHEWS

Cluster Sports Editor

Earlier in the basketball season when I was in quest of ideas for a column, I happened upon Harry Moody one afternoon in one of the cubicles of Porter Gym.

For you who don't know, Moody is the guardian and custodian of the equipment and athletic teams here at Tatnall Tech. That afternoon he sat in his contour shaped swivel based lounging chair, with his feet propped unceremoniously on the desk he calls home.

Strewed at his feet were the minor parts to the new scoreboards that have since come to adorn either end of the arena. Moody sat there looking happily at the new mess of wires, switches, etc., with a grin like that of a new father with twins.

After extolling the virtues of the contraption for several minutes, he launched into a sermon on the prospects for the upcoming season, and for this point into what he considered a novel idea for a gift to the school in general and the athletic department in particular, by, say, one of the senior classes.

This innovation of which Moody spoke so warmly was a public address system, much akin to the types seen in just about any college gymnasium in the country.

He spoke smilingly of the many advantages that would be offered with the acquisition of such a thing. The biggest boon that a P. A. system would offer of course would be for paging people during the game. This would include doctors for those who can't withstand the excitement of Mercer winning a close ball game, or a lady who suddenly decided to have a baby, or even for scaring opposing players as they attempt to sink the winning free throw. These are only a few of the suggestions brought to mind by the quick wit of Moody.

On the less facetious side however, the P. A. could present a more formal atmosphere to the fans that so faithfully come to the Mercer games. The introduction of players before the contest, an account of the scoring at the half, and the smashing of school records if any should ever happen to be broken, would all prove a welcome addition to the casual observer.

Then of course, for Bear Day activities, freshman Rat Court and the like, people would not have to go through the trouble of setting up a portable loudspeaker that usually doesn't work.

All in all it appears to this corner that Moody came up with a very intelligent idea for a column and for a welcome addition to the school. It is at least worth some thought.

## Bears Down Two Rivals During Bear Day Weekend

The Mercer Bears celebrated homecoming by putting together back to back victories for the first time this season as they beat North Georgia College and Wofford on consecutive nights.

On Fri. night North Georgia met Mercer for the second time this season and went away licking the wounds left by the claws of the big Bear, as the Bruins defeated the Cadets 79-66 in a game that saw the victory starved charges of mentor Bobby Wilder lead throughout the contest.

The lead was as much as 29 points early in the second half before Wilder sent in his substitutes to mop up.

Donnie Veal and Frankie Edwards led the Mercer attack with 12 points apiece, followed closely by captain Doug Harris and Tommy Johnson with 11 markers each.

The big gun for the North Georgia five was Spencer Boyd who entered the fracas with an average that bordered on 30 points. He hit for five field goals and 17 out of 17 free throws for a nights total of 27 points.

Boyd was the only offense North Georgia could muster, however, as the Bruins ran their lifetime record to 12-1 over the Cadets.

Saturday night saw the Bears run into a power-packed Wofford team sporting a 12-3 record, with only one loss on the road. Mercer out hustled the Terriers off the court and led mid way in the second half by 9 points.

The lead soon diminished, until with just 2 minutes left in the contest, Wofford scored to go in front at 60-58. Donnie Veal then hit a jump shot from the corner to tie it up.

The lead changed hands quickly until the Bruins jumped in front at 64-62. Then with just thirty seconds left in the game Tommy Johnson was fouled. He sank one of his free tosses to increase the bulge to 65-62.

The Terriers drove down the court with seven seconds remaining, but it was all to no avail as Veal held the ball out of bounds for the remainder of the time, to give the Bears their longest win streak of the season at 2.

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Charlie Etheridge  
Nancy Anderson

Kappa Sigma, after beating Phi Delta in the first round of the playoff, went on to crush SAE 60-38. After a 24-17 score half, the Sigs pulled away with Phillip Young leading the way with 20. Wallace Bozeman had 10 points for the Leos.

In the semi-final games, Phi Delta and ATO earned the right to play for the championship; but not before two hard fought games.

KE downed EN 44-43; in a thriller. The Snakes led 13-12 at the first quarter, but KE came back for a 23-22 halftime lead. SN went back ahead 35-34, at the third period; but lost the lead in the few minutes as Phillip Young again was high for the Sigs with 17. Dale Patterson threw in 16 for the Snakes.

ATO got a real scare from MIMA before winning 34-24. After building an 18-8 lead at the half the Atoms had a bad third quarter and found their lead now at 21-19. But the depth of the ATO bench was too much for the MIMAS and the league one champion went on to victory. Noel Osteen was high for the winners and Harold Butler had 16 for MIMA.

Kappa Sigma and ATO met for the championship before the Mercer-Ga. Southern game. Kappa Sig, playing without speed demon Tommy Martin, ran up a 16-0 first quarter lead and continued to hold a comfortable 28-22 margin at the midway point of the game.

After losing Silas Read, who led the game in the third quarter with 22 points to be tops for the Sigs, the KS's had begun to melt away as the Atoms now had the height advantage.

The final score, 53-46, found the ATO's on top and found the KS's robbed of a trophy they would have retired after winning it for the last 2 years. Noel Osteen had 18 and Jerry Brimberry had 12 for the Atoms.

### League One

Player	G	TP
Young, KS	7	87
Osteen, ATO	8	56
Read, KS	7	77
Brimberry, ATO	5	46
Thomas, SAE	4	34
Hicks, KS	7	58
Bozeman, SAE	4	29
Martin, KS	6	48
Barker, SAE	4	28
Stone, SAE	4	27

### League Two

Player	G	TGP
Butler, MIMA	3	40
Patterson, SN	4	50
Baer, KA	3	32
Kenimer, SN	4	39
Rogers, SN	3	18
McLaughlin, SN	4	33
Sykes, LXA	2	16
Ballard, KA	2	18
McBryant, LXA	3	32
Willingham, KA	3	31

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