Blackbyrds To Perform At Mercer

The Blackbyrds are coming to Mercer for a concert February 15 at 10:00 p.m. in the chapel. The concert follows the Bear’s game with the University of South Alabama.

Donald Byrd, their teacher at Howard University and accompanist on trumpet, will also be at the concert to accent their sure to be dazzling performance. The Blackbyrds got their wings as backup band for Donald Byrd, gained a tailwind through their album with Byrd entitled "Blackbyrd" and are in full flight with their first feature release "The Blackbyrds" and their second “Flying Start.”

According to promotional information, the Blackbyrds are presenting a “new form” of American music. Their innovation is very solid, with a soulful, with a rock-blues base tempered with a jazz expressions. All six of the "Blackbyrds" are full time students at Howard University.

Bonnies Bramlett, of past DELANEY and BONNIE fame will be performing Tuesday, Jan. 28 in the Mercer Chapel.

Ms. Bramlett also gained fame while touring with Eric Clapton, Duane Allman; and Leon Russell.

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The Winter Snow Hope Festival

By David Hoak

On Thursday January 16, a second meeting was held by a group of students interested in the possibility of a more harmonious student community at Mercer. Of the ten people at this meeting, a steering committee of five was chosen and given the task of organizing the WINTER SNOW HOPE FESTIVAL.

As evidence of this, the festival, to be held on February 12, will provide an opportunity for all Mercer students to get together for the purpose of entertainment provided by fellow students. An open platform will be provided for all people who wish to express their views on topics of importance to the student body. Also all organizations and individuals are invited to sell arts and crafts, food, or other useful items in a free market situation.

All individuals and organizations who would like to participate in the festival should contact the WINTER SNOW HOPE FESTIVAL at box 287 or any member of the steering committee.

All members of the Mercer community are invited to come to the Festival which will be held on the evening of February 12 in the Cafeteria, or weather permitting out on the lawns in front of Roberts Hall.

Law School Notes

By Tom Morgan

Rush was held Tuesday night in the Ryals Law Building with freshmen and upperclass law students pledging the three fraternities — represented at Walter F. George. The three fraternities, Delta Theta Phi, Phi Delta Phi, and P.A.D., then retired with their new pledges for a few moments, or a few hours, of tail, foamy soda, to get acquainted better. Class attendance appeared to be down somewhat the following morning.

In preparation for rush, each fraternity threw a party last week. Reports from Phi Delta Phi and P.A.D. indicate that the Wesleyan students who were invited thoroughly enjoyed themselves. As for the fraternity members present, the general consensus was that it was nice to see some new faces.

The American Trial Lawyers Association held a seminar in Atlanta on Friday and Saturday, January 17 and 18. Each field of the law was covered, with authorities bringing those attending up-to-date on the latest developments in their respective fields. The Barristers Club from Walter F. George had a good turnout at the meeting, with many students attending one or more of the lectures.

Players Announce Upcoming Performances

By Marty McGaig

This quarter Mercer Players will perform two different plays, one of which was written specifically for children. The Hide and Seek Odyssey of Madeline Gimpie by Frank Gagliano will be presented by the drama department to approximately 2,000 fourth through sixth grade children in the public and private school systems of Macon. The play will be put on the 10th and 11th of February at 8:30 p.m. in the chapel. Mercer students are invited to attend the opening performance on Monday, February 10th.

The story of The Hide and Seek Odyssey of Madeline Gimpie is the highly entertaining adventure of an orphan, Madeline Gimpie. Madeline strives to triumph over the bad guy, the Balloon Man, but first she must overcome the hazards and dangers of foreign lands and the uncertainties of herself. It is a story filled with adventures, magic and imagination. The lead part, Madeline Gimpie, is to be performed by Jan Jones. The rest of the cast includes Ed Bruce, Joe Jones, Gimple, and Madeline. The cast includes Ed Bruce.

 Mercer University Annex

By Foye L. Tinley, III

After less than a years’ compromising, toil, and paperwork, Mercer University has acquired from the City of Macon more than 37 acres on which to expand and build additional facilities that have long been needed by Mercer students and administrators. The land acquisition was part of a cleanup program by the Department of Housing and Development in 1971 and 1974. Mercer University, although a rather small campus in comparison to others, needed extra land areas on which to expand so the offer was made to acquire the property for some $221,658.00. The offer was accepted by Macon city officials by a resolution made by City Council on December 23, 1974, thus binding a new promise of expansion for Mercer’s complex.

On Tuesday of last week, January 15, 1973, the sales contract was officially signed by Mercer officials thus completing the valid and binding contract between the two parties. The sale contract was drawn up whereby an additional clause stated that Mercer University has to award a building contract for the erection of a Medical Science Building not later than January 1, 1975, otherwise, the property will revert back to the City of Macon for further resale or use. Mercer will be required to build or award a contract for the Medical Science Building before future expansion can be started on the 37.66 acres. Mercer had already, acquired some 5 acres before the additional acquisition from the City of Macon, so Mercer University will be able to build on the 5 acres it had previously owned, but not on the newly acquired 37.66 acres.

Opposition was given to the campus expansion plan, a plan that consisted of construction of a new City, house and auditorium on the 42 acre tract, by City of Macon Officials but was later overruled. Mercer officials convinced city authorities that the medical students would need other areas of activity as well as medical science facilities while at Mercer, thus bringing the disagreement to a quick end. The new area will encompass some 37.66 acres and cover all that land south-west of the Central of Georgia Railroad from Ash Street to Nussbaum Avenue. More specifically, the boundary will start at Ash Street and College Drive and extend down College Drive to College Street where College Street and Plant Street intersect. From Plant Street the property line will continue on a zig zag course from Plant Street and College Drive to Elizabeth Street down to Tindall Avenue, down Prince Street and intersecting Nussbaum Avenue and then back to the railroad thus completing the boundary lines.

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It's Your Fault

By Frank Rosser, Jr.

You know, I'm almost beginning to feel as though I've transformed into some sort of "co-op philosopher". I think anyone that's been here at Mercer for any length of time knows just what type of person I'm referring to, but just in case you don't, maybe it is in order, on my part, to define just what a "Co-op Philosopher" is, so that I might begin my editorial. A "Co-op Philosopher" is a person that spends the greater part of his/her day in the Co-op talking about the variety of rip-offs one encounters while in attendance at Mercer University. Not only will this philosopher tell you exactly where, when, and why you were ripped-off, but this philosopher will go so far as to point a finger at some cloak and dagger figure in the Administration, indicating of course where the bluntness lies. This philosopher of sorts, pretends to be an expert on every facet of Mercer University and the way in which Mercer functions. The "Co-op Philosopher" has plenty of solutions to all the problems one encounters while in attendance at Mercer, but never initiates any of these solutions. At any rate, I firmly have given a somewhat accurate definition of what a "co-op philosopher" is, and now I would like to explain why I feel as though I have transformed into a "co-op philosopher" of sorts. In the last few editions of The Cluster, I have failed about what the Mercer student should do in terms of helping to develop the Mercer community. I have talked about the absurdities one deals with while in residence at Mercer and I have unmasked a strong need for some sort of fiscal reform with regard to the Campus Book Store, and the Snack Bar, and yet although I have written these editorials with concern to their respective matters, not one student or faculty member has inquired via any of the student agencies (The Student Government, Association, etc.) as to what sort of measures or steps can be taken with regard to dealing with these problems. So, in a sense I feel as though I have been some sort of "Co-op Philosopher", blowing a lot of hot air for nothing. It really discourages me to write editorials about problems the student has to deal with here, and petty archaic rules the student has to obey, and yet have nothing new or an editorial suggesting a need for reform of some sort with regard to these problems. I, for one, feel that the newspaper, is the voice of the student, and it's a tool belonging to the students to be used in adjusting and repairing the "University mechanism," whatever that might be. A sounding board. A way in which the students can voice their content or discontent with the University, and a manner by which the students can initiate some sort of legislation or program to achieve the end: and yet a friend of mine facials minimal because he failed to obey one of these petty, archaic regulations that administration officials enforce, that having to do with vacation hours. A regulation that I think is ridiculous. It is unpopular, especially with male students residing in the dormitories, and yet nothing is done to change the vacation hours to conform to the wishes of (and this is a conservation estimate) seventy-to-eighty percent of the male students residing on campus, their expressed wish being that vacation hours be increased to twenty-four hours, seven days a week.

What I would like to inquire of you, my fellow students, in a very blunt, and cliché manner, is just how much crap are you going to swallow? The apathy of the students is a humongous one, as was true in the case of my friend.

There is a great number of regulations and policies here that are unpopular, and yet you, too, my fellow students, are "Co-op Philosophers", because you fail to initiate a move to achieve your ends. You offer only your complaints and your hot air instead of your support for the same basic reforms you feel should take place in the university system. It is your fault that living conditions in the dormitories are occasioned. It is your fault that you pay gross profits in the Snack Bar and in the College Store for items which are essential to you. It is your fault that you find the food you eat in the cafeteria doesn't always agree with your system. It is your fault that you can never find a parking space. It is your fault that you are bored during the weekends. It's your fault and mine, too.

It would appear we're all nothing more than "Co-op Philosophers".

Notice to all Cluster Personnel and any interested persons, regular staff meetings are held Tuesday and Thursday at 4:00. Deadline for submitting material is Tuesday at 10:00.

The Roving Reporter Asks:

QUESTION: Rufus Harris recently stated in a trustees' report that the co-op had operated at a loss, and if this continued the co-op would have to be closed. What are your feelings on this?

Wayne Stubb, Senior.

"The co-op is the only place for students to go, and I don't think that it should be closed, the school is so small and the commissaries would have no place to go."

Laure Wippee, Junior.

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Waldo Johnson, Sophomore.

"A lot of good ideas come out of the co-op, people getting together and talking about things there's no other place near campus to meet..."
The Second Front

Hayden To Give Reading

Robert E. Hayden, well known black poet, will give a reading of his poetry at Mercer University in Ware Music Hall Monday, January 27 at 10 a.m. Co-sponsored by the English department and black studies program, the poet has received several fellowships and prizes, including Hopwood awards at the University of Michigan, a Rosenwald Fellowship and a Ford Foundation grant. He received the Russell Leez Poets Award of the American Institute of Arts and Letters in 1970.


Besides this book, he has also written “Heart-Shape in the Dust,” “Selected Poems,” and “Words in the Mourning Time.” He is poetry editor of Bahia magazine “World Orde.”

A professor of English at the University of Michigan, Hayden did his undergraduate work at Wayne State University and earned his M.A. degree at the University of Michigan. In 1946 he joined the faculty of Fisk University and in 1969 returned to the University of Michigan.

Long interested in Negro history and folklore, Hayden has written poems using materials from these sources. Opposed to the chauvinistic and the doctrinaire, he sees no reason why a Negro poet should be limited to “racial utterance” or to having his writing judged by standards different from those for the work of other poets.

The poetry reading is open to the public without charge.

Fred Waring To Appear

The Fred Waring Show with its general theme of a cavalcade of songs from great Broadway shows will come to the Grand Opera House in Macon for a single performance Sunday, January 30 at 3:30 p.m.

The program, under auspices of Mercer University students, will be a return engagement in Macon for Waring who has brought his Young Americans to receptive Macon audiences a number of times.

The 74-year old Waring is now in his 59th season.

All seats will be reserved for the matinee performance. Tickets are now on sale at the Grand Opera House box office.

Elsewhere:

On Other Fronts - More Rip-Offs

Coral Gables, Fla. - (I-P.) - Explaining that the University of Miami Bookstore takes no part in determining a textbook price, Bookstore Manager George Mitchell said that “the book companies have prices locked in.”

“They send their representatives to each professor and when the student requests the book, the company tells him the price. The biggest hangup I have is the students who complain that they were ripped off from the price of textbooks. We must fight a reputation we are not responsible for. This is the biggest scam. Whenever a student comes to complain, I always pull out the invoice and show him the publishers’ prices. He can’t argue with figures. The student gets the biggest rip off not from us, but from the book company.”

Mitchell said “the 20 cent rise on some books is because of an increase of 3 per cent in freight. We order 2,200 titles. Of these, 75 per cent are new textbooks. This accounts for the rise on some books. Since we can’t really help the students in book pricing, we help them with our other low prices. For example, lamps, pens, and backpacks are a few items currently on sale. These low prices help to make for the uncontrollable textbook prices.”

Iowa-Prg

Ames, la. - (I-P.) - A lobbying program which offers students a learning experience as well as college credit, will open to students at Iowa State University winter and spring quarters as a special problems course.

The lobbying program is sponsored by Iowa Student Public Interest Research Group (ISPIRG) and students may receive a minimum of six special problems credits in the academic department and their choice. Students can register for Special Problems 490 in the field of their choice after receiving sponsorship from an instructor of the department.

As ISPIRG lobbyists, students will spend two days a week at the State Legislature in Des Moines. Research gathered during last Summer will provide lobbyists with background knowledge of past and present governmental action and of citizen and business reactions to these issues. Others were immediately sensitive to the reward structure of the classroom and its rules.

Dr. Ryan, moral education is not something that should be avoided in public schools but something that should be addressed and studied. “Education has historically been discussed in relation to the moral development of the young,” he said.

“But in the late nineteenth century public schools backed away from the traditional role of character and moral education. We do not even teach the intelligence skills needed to reach a moral decision and evaluate one’s own actions.”

Teachers already act as moral arbiters, Dr. Ryan maintained, and now it has come to a point when educators should look into the possibility of taking a more “direct” and “just” approach to a student’s moral education.

Students can be presented with situations involving moral issues, he added, and as they deal with the issues the teacher can also help the student probe the implications of each action, so that he can reach his own decision. The problem, which is said, is a foundation stone of any viable democracy.

Designed to keep freshmem women inside the dorms after hours, they have had the opposite effect. Women who report to the dorm late must face disciplinary action. However, according to the dorm late, a freshman girl stays out all night, she escapes any University action against her. The decision to stay out all night rather than to return late and face disciplinary action is one of course made by the girl, not the University.

Yet the safety and security problem created by some women, who, afraid of being caught, stays out all night, has the campus late at night cannot be ignored. The increase in the occurrence of rapes and assaults on our campus points out clearly that girls must feel free to return to their rooms.

We hasten to point out that we are in no way trying to build the argument that women are not trying to prove that freshman women’s hours should be abolished so that girls can stay out and study after 12:00 on weekdays and 2:30 on weekends, although this might certainly happen.

What we feel is the contradiction that a campus where men and women are encouraged to share common educational and “social” experiences have women who are discriminated against each year by the hours imposed on them and them alone purely because of their sex.

“Honesty?”

Valparaiso, Ind. - (I-P.) - Dr. W.C. Rubke, vice president for student affairs at Valparaiso University, recently told an interviewer here that “we cannot be so naive as to believe that cheating is being eliminated or that students will turn in violators.

He chooses to keep the present honor system and code as an ideal toward which students will strive rather than turn back to a procurer system which gives students moral choice regarding cheating.

Dr. Streitlemeier, vice president for academic affairs, issued the statement, saying that it is the hope of the University that students will try to come to terms with the honor system, and as a result grow morally from the experience.

The experience of the Honor Council is that cheating is most common among freshmen in their required courses. Cheating is virtually unknown among students taking courses in their major field. Dr. Streitlemeier believes that the freshman cannot be excused for cheating the first time because he hasn’t been at VU long enough for the morals of the honor system to have made an impact.

“By the time the student is a senior, it is expected that he not cheat. At least he should feel that if he does cheat he should confer a degree upon him, because he apparently hasn’t acquired a good moral education.”

In addition, students will learn lobbying techniques through workshops and academic readings provided by ISPIRG, or by sponsoring instructors.
Greek Goodies

By Todd Cotton

For the coming weeks, money seems to be the magic word for a few fraternity activities.

The ATO’s will have a car wash Feb. 1 at the 7-Eleven station from 1 to 5 p.m. They have been successful with more than that during the past week. For their Spring Weekend, they planned to go to Florida where they were giving the food for their sweethearts. Several alumni will also be there to share the fun and party. The new other list for this year is Jimmy Jerges, Richard Fyke-v-p, Kevin Kemel treas., and Paul Rutledge-sect.

The 7-Eleven station will be coming up with a car wash. The pledges and other brothers will have it at the interstate station on Pino.

The Mercer Cluster To Go Hunting

By Foye L. Timsley III

Thehog had just lifted and the air was as crisp as a salmine cracker in the middle of June. The call of the woods was in studio of us all. Brother got the guns and I got the shells. Grandmother and Granddad saw us off after preparing coffee and cake for us. She knew that could not move, but not within us for the sun was still sleeping and the birds in the clock had not chirped six yet. The hog went down well with the cake’s sweet icing.

We were not far from the house when I heard a small squirrel scampering across a log near the old oak tree. He was chattering at us for disturbing his work on such a cold morning. We hailed him but he was the faster. It was quite evident that the squirrel was not be caught on this cold and freezing day.

It was not yet seven when we came across the tell-tale signs of a young buck. His front hoofs were spread and his step for that of a young buck. I was not to find that one. He was a winner, for the rubbings on the trees were large and solid and several branches on the thighs in the poplar grove. The apple trees in the bottom ridge satisfied me that he could the deer, but not afraid of the mountain on his hind legs to reach granddad’s apple tree. He would not take a fine prize for the hunter that took him.

Further down the creek we came upon the deer, careful, sat gracefully across the creek. It had seen many years along the bottom and could tell of many hunting tales that it aliveness and well, but now, it could only convey hunters across the creek. I bet it could tell about the 19 years and even the time Granddad shot two ducks on the pond with one shot from his .22 rifle. We crossed the old poplar and proceeded to follow the creek through the briars and thorns down to the sticks where the cane poles grew. This is the spot where we come on every summer to cut cane poles to catch the cat fish and bream in the pond. We cleared the thicket and came upon a small clearing by the creek. We waited patient for the time to pass and about that time

my brother zered in on a bushy tailed squirrel way up in an oak tree. The squirrel jumped almost out of the oak with my brother’s first shot and he missed him before the bullet got out of the barrel. After the next two shots, the squirrel disappeared out of the bottom of the tree like he was shot out of a cannon. He could not even pull the trigger, I was so cold. My brother looked on in disappointment, for, with the exception of this cold morning, he was usually the lead winner.

The morning was still early, but it was getting on toward eight-thirty when out of the creek jumped the noisest old honker you ever heard. I barely got off a shot from him when he jumped nearly into me. I was able to land the gear. We pushed our way further toward the farm and unloaded our guns as we walked. Usually I’ve seen nothing from the road to the farm but in the field and in the woods. All the days, a white tailed buck jumped out in front of us, stared for about a second and ran. I didn’t fire a shot to scare them back out of sight before we had time enough to reload our shotguns.

When we got to the house, the chimney was still wet and the entire room was glowing brightly while grandmother cooked us grits, toast, eggs, and coffee. I knew that the meal would be good and that the eggs were fresh from the hen house. The hunt was not all that successful for we walked, the memories, and the atmosphere of the whole affair was enough to make the hunt a filled one. At last, I talked of the buck, the squirrel and a rabbit, for which I was given that was rotten, and the jump that the deer had made and somehow it all seemed worth getting a story out of the activity. I was so busy in the morning on some cold day in winter, to go hunting.

Up Coming Events in “Sorority”

By Pele Rynott (Our Man In Atlantic)

Frankie Avalon Jethro Tull Liberase Florida State Circus Virgil Grand Funk Max Marath and the Preservation Hall-Jazz Band J. Geils Band Carole Montoya Humble Pie John Gary and Mac Frampton Godspell Lawrence Welk Carpenters


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Mercer community under the direction of Mac Porter. Mac Porter, a senior, is doing The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-In-The-Moon-Mariagiddles as an independent study.

He has been a great asset to the drama department of Mercer and can be remembered in such roles as Aragog in the Imaginary Invalid and Prince Dauntless in One Upon a Mattress. As director, he will do the part in Gamma Rays on Man-In-The-Moon-Mariagilds which consists of parts for five women. Auditions will be Thursday and Friday, February 16th and 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the China.

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The Mercury Cluster Makes the Team

By WILLARD CLUTCHMEYER

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moment, not trusting ourselves to speak. Finally he spoke, "Before this school de-emphasized sports and put the money into a retirement fund for old chapels speakers, I would have gladly booted you out of this office, but now I'm desperate. Only four boys have turned out for baseball this year and three of them are right-handed first baseman."

"Our sporty program wasn't always like it is now," he said, "at one time the name Mercer struck fear into the hearts of coaches from Agnes Scott to Alexander II."

"I'll give you a brief resume..." Mercer was founded in 1921 by Arthur and Katharyn Murray as a dancing school for retarded high school graduates. The school prospered and enjoyed mild success until one day in 1926 Kathryin caught Arthur smiling at a well-turned coed. In a jealous rage she thrashed him within an inch of his life. Legend has it that since that day Arthur has refused to smile at anyone and that dancing has been banned on the Mercer campus.

"But more about MU's sports of days gone by. Who'll ever forget plucky little Claude Guano who was perhaps one of college football's greatest one-legged punters. Then in 1931 we had Wilt "The Stilt" Sforza who holds the SEC basketball record for free throws missed by a lefthanded center in protest games played at night on a dirt court. When Sforza set this record, a group of cheering students immediately retired his jersey by locking it in the trophy case in the library. In their enthusiasm they neglected to take Sforza out of the jersey and he remained there until the summer of 1943 when the case was opened so that the trophies could be given to a war time scrap drive."

"Mercer was also active in aquatic sports in the early 30's. I'll never forget the Mercer-University of Georgia diving meet held in 1934 at the indoor pool in Athens. Mercer's star, Johnny Wisnemiller, raced off the high board over 100 feet in the air and in one spectacular dive did a double somersault, a triple reverse twist, a jackknife and a swan dive. He would undoubtedly win the meet had he not missed the pool by a scant three feet."

"In that very same meet Mercer's LaSala Gouze set a new world's record by remaining under water for four hours and 36 minutes but was disqualified when the judges found he had drowned."

"I'm not bitter though," asserted the kindly mentor, "I know that the financial picture here hasn't been a good one. In 1938 for instance all faculty members received, in lieu of a salary, an all expense paid trip to Beersheba Baptist Campground in scenic Raben Gap, Ga. But enough of this, lad, have you had any experience in athletics?"

"Well," I confessed "I was on the first string basketball team of Bowden High in '36."

"First string?" said the coach in obvious disbelief.

"Yes," I replied curtly, "and not only that, our coach said if I had tried a little harder I might have made the boy's team."

"How is your physical condition?" he asked sadly.

"Jolly good, I exclaimed, "but I have been seeing spots before my eyes."

"Have you been seen an oculist?" he asked.

"No, just spots. I answered, winking my good eye at him.

"I mean have your eyes been checked lately."

"No," I confessed, "they've always been green.

"I give up!" shrieked the coach, running his hand over his smooth dome, searching for hair to pull. "Here take this uniform and report for practice tomorrow."

Crying with joy, I pressed the dirty uniform to my trembling breast and through my tears I read the name of the buyer and sponsor of the uniform. In big orange letters the back of my shirt bore the words WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPELAR UNION.

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**Spring Track Starts**

By Fred Milburn

The Mercer Track team has started practice for the upcoming spring season. The team this year is headed by Phil Gilbert who throws the shot put, and Fuzzy Bryant, Cat Ford, and Paul Fruits in the 440 yd. Larry Wildgoose in the 100 yd. and 220 yd. dash. Bill Bargin will do the pole vault if the school ever gets one. The distance team consists of Fred Milburn in the 3 and 1 mile with Steve Taylor in the 880. The team is young and is in need of people willing to work hard, there are a lot of spots open ready for anyone. If you are interested contact Brady Sigler (Director of Men's Housing). This year there are 13 meets scheduled for the season, not including the Florida relays, for anyone who qualifies.

**Tennis Challenge Rounds Underway**

Challenge rounds to determine the seedings on this year's Mercer tennis team got underway Monday, January 15, on the Bruins' courts. This year's challenge matches are a 16 man round robin with seedings to be based on the highest worst percentages of games played. Three Macoenthes are competing for this year's squad. They are junior college transfer Sterling Smith, from Macon Junior, returning letterman, Terry Price, a sophomore, and Bill Barton, a freshman who was ranked seventh among Georgia junior tennis players last year. Five freshmen including Barton dominate this year's list of prospects. Other freshmen include Bill Steers, protege of world famous tennis pro, Wayne Sabin in Boca Raton, Florida; Jim Rosier of Winter Park, Florida, who is ranked in the top 40 Florida Juniors; David Walker, number one man on last year's South Carolina 4-A championship team from Anderson, South Carolina, and Mike McQueen from Perennial Florida State power Coral Gables High.

Rounding out the list of players competing for voots on this year's team are Tom Wilson and Rajiv Kapur. Wilson, last year's number one Brit is from Ocean Township, New Jersey. Kapur, one of the most sought after junior college players in the nation last year, is from Madras, India.

At the end of last week's four challenge rounds, the rankings for the team were as follows: (1) Smith 823, (2) Kapur 766, (3) Steers 727, (4) Price 599, (5) Wilson 492, (6) Walker 489, (7) McQueen 333, (8) Barton 362, and (9) Hopfinger 166.
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Taylor Sinks West Florida

By Bill Burgin

Team captain Geary Taylor, with fourteen seconds remaining in the game, sank two pressure free throws to give the Mercer Bears a 62-61 win over West Florida on Thursday, January 18. Earlier in the season, the Bears defied the same team 89-86 on the Argonauts' home court in Pensacola.

The Bears led throughout the first half; their lead fluctuating between one and ten points. At halftime the Bears rested on a comfortable eleven point cushion, 49-38.

West Florida came back in the first few minutes of the second half and took the lead, 50-49, but the Bears woke up from their halftime nap, and they swiftly posted another ten point advantage. Everything progressed well until Mercer Coach Bill Bibb lost his temper. After missing Bibb a few technical fouls, the officials hauled him out of the game. This incident almost proved disastrous for the Bears. The ten point Mercer advantage slowly decayed, and a field goal by Jerry Hand with less than 1:30 to play put West Florida ahead by one point. A free throw by both an Argonaut and a Bear preceded Geary Taylor's final points. West Florida brought the ball back down court and tried one last, but unsuccessful shot.

Bears Give Win To Jaguars

By Bill Burgin

The Bears had a chance to put the icing on the cake with four seconds remaining in their game against South Alabama on Monday, January 21, but it was the Jaguars who ended up eating the cake as they walked away with a 92-90 victory. With less than a minute to go, Mercer's Steve Hendrickson and Jerry Thruston both missed the first shot on one-and-one situations at the foul line, while South Alabama dropped in two baskets, the final one winning the game for the Jaguars as time ran out. The loss dropped the Bears to 6-9 on the season.

In the first half it appeared that the Jaguars would run away with the contest when their lead over the Bears increased to seventeen points. The Bears kept coming back, though, and a little more than halfway through the second half they took the lead. The advantage shifted back and forth between the two teams, setting the stage for South Alabama's Albert Gardner's game winning basket with two seconds remaining on the clock.

Teke Wynder was the game's high scorer with 32 points. Geary Taylor followed his teammate with 21 points. South Alabama's leading scorer was Albert Gardner, who contributed 19 points to his team's victory. Mercer now plays Georgia Tech and Samford before returning home for a February 4th game against Georgia State.

Teddy Bears Stun Berry

By Fred Milburn

Mercer's Teddy Bears played one of their better games of the season, defeating Berry College, 77-63, in Rome. The victory put the Mercer girls record 12 to 1 and destroyed Berry's undefeated stance of five and 6.

Teddy Bears Waltz Past North Georgia

By Bill Burgin

Mercer's Teddy Bears, behind the shooting of veteran Sybil Blalock and reserve Dawn Bailey, defeated North Georgia, 77-63 last Thursday, January 16. A half-hearted effort by the Teddy Bears was enough to secure their tenth victory in eleven games this season.

Mercer posted a 31-23 halftime lead and

NORTH GA.        FG    FT   Reb.   PF  TP
Mercury       11-2   5-7   15-7  24-2   120
Berry         5-3   2-4   13-12  14-5   86

Kate M. Taylor

Taylor was an effective offensive force for the Bears, scoring 18 points. Her shooting percentage was a steady 56.2 percent.

Intramural Schedule

The Cluster sports staff unfortunately does not have the power of the time to cover individual games on the schedule. This year there are 24 teams comprising 3 leagues with 60 games scheduled.

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9:00 KS 2 - SN 2
10:00 KA - Phi Kap

February 4

8:00 Ponies - Blackwashes
9:00 Alpha's - Law 2
10:00 Adam's St - OPP

Houston Slips By

By Fred Milburn

The Mercer Bears traveled to Houston Texas to play the University of Houston Cougars losing the game 99 to 98. This has been the story for several of the Bears' games this year. The game was the best effort of the season.

From the start it was strictly offensive with both teams popping the net for better than 60 percent for the night. Teke Wynder and Geary Taylor lead the Bears scoring with 38 and 30 points respectively.

The Bears were behind 97-90 with only two minutes left. Teke and Joe Everett narrowed the score with two quick baskets. But then Houston scored on a foul committed by Everett Taylor was fouled and was fouled but the game was over.

The key to the win was Houston's superior height which enabled them to out rebound Mercer 52-43. Most of Houston's rebounds were offensive which were converted to baskets.

MUA Defeats ATO

By David Quinn

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to shutting down printing for finals and Christmas holidays, we were unable to cover the MUA vs. ATO game in the Cluster. Because of the importance, we are now running the article.

On Tuesday, December 3, The Alpha Tau Omega fraternity regular season intramural champions were soundly defeated by the best team from Mercer of Athens. Alabama. The Bear's were somewhat misleading as the 0's were burned on numerous occasions by long passes and interceptions by a well balanced and superior Mercer of Athens team which was missing a few key players due to injuries.

In fairness to ATO, the game was that of a man flag football which is not what they had been playing all year as had MUA. However, Coach Heyward Foutain (Mercer of Atlanta) and Sid Schwartz (Mercer's intramural supervisor) had agreed previously on playing MUA's type (8-man) since they had to travel to Macon to play at Porter Stadium.

ATO opened the scoring midway through the 2nd quarter with a 20 yard scoring pass from quarterback Jeff Ritchie to Joe Hodefer. MUA then scored on a 4 yard pass play with Rusty Kruegar connecting with Chuck Gillman. Then on the following kickoff Terry Garland of ATO threw a 60 yard spot pass to Howard Nanacek. MUA came right back with a 7 yard touchdown with Rusty Kruegar again throwing a pass for the score but this time to Allin Kruzar. Then on the 14-13, jumped into the lead in the third quarter with a scoring pass, from Jeff Ritchie to Micky Malarey but failed on the point after touchdown.

MUA, trailing 14-14, blew the game open as they scored the first of three touchdowns early in the 4th quarter on a pass to Chuck Gillman, his 2nd score of the game. Mike (the Flawk) Denmark was on the receiving end of both the 2nd and 3rd touchdowns with the second one wrapping the game up on a 30 yard pass from Rusty Kresgar (this 3rd TD toss). Allen Horne paced the MUA defense coming up with 2 key interceptions late in the game which stopped 2 last and desperate scoring attempts of ATO and was thus awarded the game ball.

Many thanks to Coach Fountain, Sid Schwartz, and the two teams who played a good and entertaining game and which both schools can remember and be proud of.
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