Buddy Mayes Is Voted As ‘Most Valuable’ By Team

By Dale Nabors

Floyd “Buddy” Mayes, ace guard and captain of the Gamecocks, completed four years of outstanding basketball play as the season ended Friday night.

Probably the greatest honor that Buddy has received during his basketball career came Friday night when he was awarded the Coach Steve Award. This award is given each year to the most valuable player as selected by the ball players and the team manager. The coach takes no part in the selection.

While gaining four straight basketball letters, Buddy has perhaps set a record by starting in 91 consecutive ball games. This includes the exact number played by Jacksonville since he enrolled as a freshman. Mayes broke into the starting line-up against Alabama as the season opened his freshman year, and has started every game the Gamecocks have played since then.

Mayes, who came to Jacksonville from Murphy High School at Mobile, has been an all-round star for the Gamecocks in each of his four years with the team. This season’s official statistics, complete through Feb. 12, show Buddy leading the team in field goal accuracy with a 47.1 per cent average, and in total free throws made with 108 to his credit. Based on a minimum of 77 attempts, Mayes leads the team in free throw accuracy with a 70.5 per cent average as he has made good on 108 of 153 tries from the charity line. He is second in total points scored with 311 points to his credit for an average of 16.4 points per game.

Coach Tom Roberson has the following comments to say concerning Mayes:

“Buddy is an all-round competitor and ballplayer who likes to win. He has been an excellent captain. The fact that the team has continued to fight for victory, game after game, despite overwhelming odds against them is a tribute to the leadership of the captain. He was always in excellent condition—capable of playing all of every game if called upon to do so.”

In addition to being captain of the basketball team, Mayes is a member of the Scabbard and Blade, member of the Phila, and is president of the J Club.

Library Seems To Attract Many Student’s Interest

By Judy Archer

Have you ever noticed all that goes on inside the library? You go to the library after supper to study, sit yourself down and begin to read. Then you look up to see who opened the door. You look over your shoulder, who’s supposing to be going steady with what’s-his-name, who’s the new boy? Everyone gives everyone else a knowing look, as if to say, “Wait till they find out what he’s up to.”

Then you step off the carpet, pick up a magazine and thumb carelessly through it for a few minutes. By this time he’s looked over the crowd and has picked out a girl to give the signal: “I’m here and watch the clock waiting for their boy friends to pick them up, and a few couples sit around and gaze at each other more than they do the book shelves. Every now and then, someone will sneeze or drop a book (Continued on page 3)

Warning!

Cars which are being left parked in the main parking lot in front of Gravez Hall will be moved by the college unless the privilege is stopped immediately.

Notice!

Students who desire to run for any SGA office or for Missions positions must file an application with the secretary of the SGA within the next two weeks. The positions to be filled are for next year.

Then there’s the one about the two octopus sweethearts who swam down the lagoon to gether hand in hand, hand in hand, hand in hand, hand in hand, hand in hand, hand in hand.

As a cracking buoy drawn by a sway-backed horse approaches the shore, the driver was heard to say, “I'll handle the reins, ma. I'll take the whip and we’ll see if we can make it.”
SPOTLIGHT

Senior And Sophomore Share Light's Beacon

By Lynn Dyer

The spotlight climbed the stairs of the library and stopped at a room numbered 220. A list was announced and the name: "Enter at your own risk," and thusly our spotlight came to the office of native Betsy Robinson.

Betsy is a twenty-two-year-old sophomore from Anniston. Betsy attended Amison High School and graduated with the Class of 1955. While attaining a scholastic record worthy of mention, Betsy still found time for many extra-curricular activities. The H.Y discovered her to be one of its most faithful members. The Home Economics Club, Club Club and the Theta Sigma could count on her to be present when their roll was called. She also attained membership in the National Honor Society.

In 1951, his college career was interrupted by his enlistment for a tour of duty with the U.S. Air Force, the majority of which was spent at Craig Air Force Base in Selma.

Completing his military obligation, Horace was again returned to campus life in 1954. This time Jacksonville State was the scene of his continued studies in his biology major and English and history minor. So began the long list of activities and honors bestowed upon him.

Realizing the spiritual needs of a student, Horace became active in the Wesley Foundation and served previously as its editor of publications. It was here that Horace developed a personal, honorary religious society, elected him as its vice-president this year.

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Hence the secret of the Masque and Wig Guild, his secret society, and the Theta Sigma. She also attended every one of his biology classes, and in his spare time, she decided to spend her time working on books that were being read in the library.

When Jacksonville State began its second year, Betsy immediately put her hobbies of music, dramatics, and in a good use. During her freshman year, she was elected the secretary of the Masque and Guild, and could be seen above the footlights in their presentations of "Night Must Fall" and "For Her Child's Sake." She also worked behind the scenes with sound effects in the highly successful "Porgy." Her voice could be heard with the choral group which added their version of "H.M.S. Pinafore" to the list of campus presentations.

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DEAR EDITOR:

What is the policy of your paper?

1. When one wishes to force a doctrine upon the masses, as you have tried to do at regular intervals, he does not use the tactics you are so successfully employing.

Your editorial page has been consistent on only one point: to throw some moral issue upon the student body and the faculty at large. In your study of the institution, you have discovered my brand of spots, and I wonder if your advertising is not a little too strong. A good editor, naturally, wishes to reach a large number of readers. A good editor builds himself within a rigid code of ethics. In your effort to reach every student and faculty member as grades, you have spread your code to include anything you desire.

Why do you strike at the students in so many issues when the source of fault lies elsewhere?

After all, Mr. Creosote, we are only a group of uneducated northern hillbillies. We mean to defend ourselves from your, your friends, and friends of your friends. With your knowledge of the inner workings of this office, you know we don’t know much about what goes on in this office. You are a master at the art of the bombshell. You can be sure that your attacks will be met with a strong defense.

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Second Guessing
By Dale Nabors

Spring Training To Open March 14th

Although graduation took some seasoned stars from the Jacksonville football team, Coach Don Salls has a number of good prospects ready to battle for the vacant positions. When spring drills begin on March 4, Coach Salls will have twelve new players to join the squad and begin battling for starting positions.

These players include: Frank Hixon, 6’2” 215 lb. end from Perote; Dean Akin, end from Dadeville; Akin was slated to start last year but a practice injury forced him to miss the entire season.

Added strength at tackle will come from Ermon H., 6’1” 215 lb. from Union Grove; and Edward King, 6’4” 215 lb. from Jacksonville. Entering the guard picture will be E. G. Taylor, 5’11” 195 lb. junior from Bessemer.

Joining the competition for the vacant center position will be George F. Christian, 6’1” 210 lb. from East Tallassee; and James H. Hawk, 180 pounder from Atlanta, Ga.

New backs who will vie for starting positions are: Joe Danie, 180 lb., quarterback from Alabama City; Jim Kittrell, 5’10” 175 lb. from Dadeville; Oliver Huff, 175 lb., halfback from Alabama City; and Jerry McSlee, 5’10” 180 lb. fullback from Birmingham.

The 38 days training season should produce some outstanding competition among individual players as the starting assignments will likely be decided this spring.

Pannell Hall Still Leads

As intramural basketball enters the final week of the season, Old Pannell is still in first place. They are being pushed by the Moongloas who hold second place a step ahead of the third place Rebels. Fourth place is jointed between the Scholads and Walls.

Final standings including all ten teams, will be published in the next issue.

Intra-mural Softball League Now Forming

The intramural softball league in now forming and the Administration is interested in either forming a team or playing is urged to see Joe Anglin for complete information.

Gamecocks Defeat Georgia
Team By 13-Point Margin

By Hudson Davis

The Gamecocks of Jacksonville State, playing perhaps their best game of the season, overcame a 39-38 halftime deficit to win going away from Oglethorpe, 80-67.

Midway the first half, trailing 33-37, Jacksonville State surged back to tie the score 41-41 with seven minutes remaining. A free throw, missing only to fall behind 43-38 on the strength of a free throw line before the half.

With the score tied 41-41, a hook shot by Laney sent the Gamecocks out in front. In the last six minutes of play, led by the ball handling of Joe Ingram, Jacksonville State went on a 1:1:1 scoring spree for the victory.

Hitting shots of all kinds, Billy Jack Laney shredded the nets for 36 points. Joe Ingram, hitting eight straight free throws in the last six minutes, finished with 22.

Jacksonville State (10)

G. F. T.
Laney, f 12 13-14 36
McNabb, f 0 3-4 3
Durham, c 2 2-3 5
Mayes, g 8 9-10 9
Jackson, g 1 0-0 0
Grizzell, x 0 0-0 0

Totals 23 24-28 60

Oglethorpe (67)

G. F. T.
Sullivan, f 8 12-14 26
Sham, f 0 2-3 2
Starres, c 4 5-8 11
Crosby, c 0 0-0 0
Hacket, g 5 1-2 11
Buck, c 1 1-2 3
Seawell, g 0 0-0 0

MacCee, f 0 0-0 0

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Bill Laney Ends College
Career As Season Closes

By Dale Nabors

Billy Jack Laney, one of Jacksonville State’s top basketball stars during the past two years, completed his scholastic eligibility when the season ended Friday night. Laney came to Jacksonville two years ago after graduating from Northeastern College at Waldy.

Used mostly as a reserve during the early part of his first season with the Gamecocks, Laney soon broke into the starting lineup. Before the season ended, he had developed into one of the best forwards on the Jax team.

This year Billy Jack was outstanding from the opening game throughout the entire season. Laney led the Gamecocks in scoring through Feb. 12 show Laney leading the Gamecocks in scoring a total of 219 points an average of 16.8 points per game. He is second in both free throws, 77-113 tries and free throws made (based on a minimum of 75 attempts) as he made good on 77 of 113 tries from the foul line for a 66.1 average.

Coach Robertson made the following comment concerning his graduation and departure.

"Laney’s success in basketball is a result of his own determination and hard work. Game after game, win or lose Laney always gave basketball his best. With his good sense of humor, he was the wit of the team. His remarks kept the team in a pleasant frame of mind throughout the season. Laney’s basketball experience before playing for Jacksonville included three years with Papah High School; one year with the Peninsula N.C.A.A. Academic, a strong army team that won the district championship; and two years with Southern Union College at Waldy.

After graduating, Laney plans to coach for some high school, either in Alabama or Florida. With his experience, education, and determination Billy Jack should turn out some excellent teams for the fortunate school that gets him.

Jaxmen Fall To
Ga. State 68-64

By Hudson Davis

Although the Emerging State Gamecocks lost a slim 32-31 halftime lead and fell to W.F. (Florida) University 68-64

Behind the first nine minutes of the second period, Jacksonville State bounded back to take the score 15-12 and seconds later take the lead for the first time 19-17. Though tied three times, the Gamecocks never trailed during the remainder of the half and Joe Ingram’s 20-footer just before the buzzer enabled the Gamecocks to leave the floor at intermission with a 3-11 lead.

Five minutes into the second half Jacksonville State still maintained a narrow 45-41 lead when R. L. Thompson hit a hot scoring spurt that enabled the Gamecocks to surge into the lead to stay.

Although never trailing by more than seven points, Jackson State’s full court press enabled the Gamecocks to force the Gamecocks to close the gap to less than a point advantage.

Even with ace forward McCarroll, four of the five starters finished in the double figures, Jeff McNabb led with 13, Billy Jack Laney and Joe Ingram had 12 each, and Buddy Mayes 10.

Jackson State was hit by 21 of 32 field goal tries for a 31.8 per cent average while Georgia State made 26 of 61 for 42.6.

City Sponsoring Activities Contest

College students can win a cash prize by writing a short essay on "What Programs or Activities Best Meet the Recreational Needs of My Age Group."

This is the fourth recreational activities, one for each season of the year.

1. Select one of these activities and suggest ways and means by which this community could best provide it.
2. Limit your essay to 50 words.
3. Indicate in which age group your essay should be placed.
4. Entries will be judged by an independent board of judges. Judges’ decisions will be final.
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6. Mail your entry to Rec. Council, Box 113, Jackson Cave. All entries will be marked by midnight of February 28, 1957.

MOST VALUABLE
(Continued from page 1)

To prove further basketball isn’t his only specialty. Buddy Mayes, who established the starting basketball team for the first time, finished the season with 131 points for the team. He also led the team in free throws, 26 for 35.

After graduating Buddy will receive his commission and serve two years on active duty.

FRIENDLIEST
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Sports Shorts...

It seems Coach Tom Robinson has a lot of planning to do before he can produce a winning season on the hardwood at Jacksonville State next fall. The coach was one of the most loyal season ticket returners (except for Buddy Moxey and Billy Jack Laney) the team's two leading scorers that certainly will be missed. Coach Robinson is getting a game plan for playing a higher caliber of basketball this season produced.

In an effort to overcome this problem, Coach Tom is looking at some of the top high school players in this district and plans to organize a "B" team next fall. The purpose of this year's "B" team is to develop varsity players. Boys playing on this team will receive no financial aid. Games will be scheduled against intra-mural, high school and freshman teams.

Some of the high school players drawing the most attention in this district are: six-foot, five-inch "Lefty" Bollinger, center at Jacksonville High; Ranburn's six-foot, four-inch Gerald Robinson; a couple of boys at Emma Sansen, James Williams six-foot, four-inches and Don Brumit, six foot, four-inch Elowah center; and Harold Smith, six-foot guard at Gadsden. If you'll notice most of the prospects have height, which was certainly one thing our past season's line-up lacked. It has been hinted that Bollinger plans to attend Jacksonville State next fall.

Other players that Coach Robinson will possibly have a chance to look forward to are: Ray Miller, center from Wilson both back from Sneed; Donald Smith, who transferred from Auburn; 6'6" Dave Davis, fair running; and Wilson "Peanut" Sherrell. Old Pannell's intramural star, Jery Dee cup, may be around. If so, that will certainly make the Jax Anita take a look. Nothing much, to be honest'

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