

**In The Bears' Den**

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Cluster Sports Editor

The Mercer track team made a good showing in the opening meet with Florida State last Saturday afternoon. There were several incidents which impressed the spectators in the 82 to 49 victory, but the one that really caught my attention was the mile run. Representing Mercer in the race were Dick Benson, Julian Leroy, and Buster Gaines. Florida State was represented by one lone Seminole.



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Benson is captain of the squad and a letterman from last year. After the starting gun sounded everyone found Leroy leading with Benson and the Seminole running even in the second slot and Gaines back in the third position. Benson could have easily gone ahead of Leroy and won the race in good time, but instead gathered more points for Mercer by keeping the Seminole to the outside. When the Seminole would speed up, Benson would speed up; when the Seminole slowed down to get into the inside rail, Benson slowed down. This made the visitor run a lot farther than the Bears.

On the back stretch Benson was still running "neck-n-neck" with the Seminole. He kept turning back and motioning with his hand for Gaines to come up and pull ahead of them. Just around the last curve Gaines passed the two and then Benson left the Seminole to hit the finishing line ahead of him. The result in the mile run was Mercer 1-2-3.

A lot of praise should go to Benson for this fine strategy and good thinking. Benson's comment on the race was, "It was just a good warm-up for the two mile run". Later he captured first place in the two mile event.

Another sparkplug on the track team is the versatile athlete Bob "Lefty" Reeder. Bob turned in a marvelous performance as he captured first place in the 100 and 220 yard dashes, broad jump, and tied for first place in the high jump. Reeder will be of great value to the team this year with his speed and jumping ability.

**BASEBALL ROAD TRIP**

Members of the baseball team seem to have enjoyed their trip to Florida even though they only played one of the four scheduled road games. The Bears left the campus early Thursday morning and arrived at the Florida State University's campus that night. The next day they met the Seminoles in a baseball game and came out with a 8-3 victory.

Saturday found them at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida. The game was rained out and the boys did as they pleased. Some went into Orlando and went fishing, some to the show, and others went to a ball game between two professional teams. The team spent Sunday in Deland. In the afternoon the boys went swimming at Daytona Beach. That night they visited the churches in Deland.

Monday's game with Stetson was rained out so the boys went back to the beach and played miniature golf. Coach Smith, besides being a good coach, is a good golf player. He shot a 45 and got a hole-in-one. They all went back and played more golf on Tuesday and early Wednesday morning the tired bunch of boys and coach began their journey home. On their way they stopped in Marine-Land to view the very interesting scenes there. At Jacksonville they witnessed the game between Boston and Cincinnati.



OVER THE TOP: Ray Brewster, Student Body President and letterman for the Mercer track team, goes over the top to break the Mercer pole-vault record with a first place win by clearing 11 feet and 6 inches.—(Cluster Staff Photo by Harriet Rankin.)

## Track Team Runs Over FSU, 82 to 49; Reeder Leads Scoring With 18 Points

Coach Jim Cowan's Track team ran over the Florida State Seminoles last Saturday by a score of 82 to 49. The Bears were led by Bob Reeder in their opening meet of the season.

Bob Reeder captured first place in the 100 and 220 yard dashes, broad jump and tied for first place in the high jump for a day's total of 18 points. Running second to Reeder in individual points was Hunter Johnson who took second place in the high and low hurdles and placed third in the javelin for a total of seven points.

Ray Brewster, president of the Mercer student body and letterman from last year's track squad, broke the Mercer pole vault record as he captured first place in the event with a jump of 11 feet and 6 inches.

Dick Benson is captain of the 1949 team. Benson is the star distance runner for the Bears and proved this by taking first place in the two mile run and third place in the mile. In the mile run he kept the only Seminole entry from coming in early and allowed the other two Mercer milers to take first and second places.

The next home meet for the cindersmen will be April 23 with Oglethorpe College from Atlanta. The Bears journey to Davidson, North Carolina, this week-end to meet Davidson College.

A rundown of events in Saturday's track meet is as follows:  
 100-yard dash—Reeder, Mercer; Davis, Mercer; Harden, Florida, 10.6.  
 220-yard dash—Reeder, Mercer; Davis, Mercer; Harden, Florida, 23.6.

440-yard dash—Mahoney, Florida; Miller, Mercer; Cason and F. Davis, Mercer, tied for third, 54.6.

880-yard run—Grosskopf, Florida; Kinsaul, Mercer; Hanson, Mercer, 2:08.6.

Mile run—LeRoy, Mercer; Gaines, Mercer; Benson, Mercer, 5:10.

Two-mile run—Benson, Mercer; Wilkes and Kinsaul, Mercer, tied for second, 11:11.3.

100-yard high hurdles—Eubanks, Florida; H. Johnson, Mercer; J. Johnson, Mercer, 16.8.

220-yard low-hurdles—J. Johnson, Mercer; H. Johnson, Mercer; Eubanks, Florida, 28.15.

Pole Vault—Brewster, Mercer; Weisgel, Florida; Geer, Mercer, 11' 6".

High Jump—Reeder, Mercer; Colquitt, Mercer, and Folsom, Mercer, tied for first place, 5' 7".

Broad Jump—Reeder, Mercer; Thombleson, Florida; Milan, Florida, 20' 11".

Shotput—May, Florida, Lunsford, Mercer; Yost, Mercer, 38' 6 1/2".

Discus—Fox, Florida; May, Florida; Lunsford, Mercer, 110' 9 1/2".

Mile Relay—Florida State (Wells, Grosskopf, Harden, Mahoney), 3:40.5.

Javelin—Rodger, Florida; Clements, Mercer; H. Johnson, Mercer, 157' 4 1/4".

## Oglethorpe Edges Mercer Bears, 7-6

The Mercer Bears, playing a tied-up ball game going into the ninth inning, were edged out by the Oglethorpe Petrels 7-6 on April 8, on the Petrel diamond.

Coach Smith used three pitchers against the opponents who only collected a total of nine hits from the three. Hurler Dil Barnett started on the mound for the Bears. Relief work was done by Bob Murdock and Gus Pender.

The Bears got nine hits off the Oglethorpe pitcher, Ronnie Sinkway. Rudy Stewart, rightfielder for Mercer, was the spark-plug for the losers. He collected four of the nine hits. His four hits for five times at bat included two triples, and he drove in three runs.

## Tennis Team Bows To Oglethorpe

A hard fighting Mercer Tennis team bowed to the Oglethorpe netmen by a score of 6-3. This was the third loss for the Bears, and the first win for the Petrels.

The winners took four of the single matches with Mercer taking the other two. Mercer took one of the three double sets.

A summary of events is as follows:

Singles: Scott, Oglethorpe, defeated Sellars Parker, Mercer, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.

J. R. Smith, Oglethorpe, defeated Chralie Andrew, Mercer, 6-2, 6-4.

J. E. Smith, Oglethorpe, defeated Harry Smith, 9-7, 6-1.

Carmen Trevitt, Mercer, defeated Backes, Oglethorpe, 9-7, 6-2.

Stroller, Oglethorpe, defeated Ben O'Neil, Mercer, 1-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Sonny Tharpe, Mercer, defeated W. Smith, Oglethorpe, 7-5, 6-0.

Doubles: J. P. Smith and Scott, Oglethorpe, defeated Sellers Parker and Charlie Andrew, Mercer, 6-0, 4-6, 6-3.

J. R. Smith and Stroller, Oglethorpe, defeated Sonny Tharpe and Carmen Trevitt, Mercer, 6-3, 6-2.

Harry Smith and Ben O'Neil, Mercer, defeated Bishop and Slack, Oglethorpe, 6-4, 6-2.

The Bears face the Florida netmen tomorrow on home grounds with Florida Southern as their opponent on Saturday, April 16.

## Election

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**Vice-President—**  
 (P) Fay Allen ..... 69  
 (R) Carlyle Sullivan ..... 63

**Secretary-Treasurer—**  
 (P) Myra Gaddy ..... 70  
 (R) June Busbee ..... 62

**Sophomore Class Officers**  
**President—**  
 (R) Punt Walker ..... 74  
 (P) Elwood Cline ..... 44

**Vice-President—**  
 (R) Joan Walthall ..... 60  
 (P) Emory Clay ..... 59

**Secretary-Treasurer—**  
 (R) Anne Mintz ..... 65  
 (P) Elaine Meeks ..... 54

**Student Activities Committee**  
**(Three Elected Members)**  
 (P) Laurice Walker ..... 417  
 (R) Anne Starr ..... 413  
 (P) Johnny Andrews ..... 406  
 (R) Carlisle Minter ..... 381  
 (P) Ann Black ..... 358  
 (R) Billy Leggett ..... 343

**Student Athletic Committee**  
**(Three Elected Members)**  
 (P) Rudy Stewart ..... 442  
 (R) Bobby Bonner ..... 402  
 (P) Marion Barfield ..... 372  
 (P) Sonny Rivins ..... 375  
 (R) Julius Johnson ..... 367  
 (R) Junice Jordan ..... 366

**Cluster Board of Control**  
**(Three Elected Members)**  
 (R) Garrett Thornton ..... 438  
 (R) Irene Jackson ..... 431  
 (R) Willard Chason ..... 400  
 (P) Dee Gardner ..... 376  
 (P) Bob Ivey ..... 371  
 (P) Sanford Fitzsimmons ..... 306

**Convention**  
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choose officers with more care and better ways to elect them.

Laurie was asked to lead one of the panel discussions on Co-ed schools. Honor systems in dormitory life, and ways of improving dormitory life to include each student were some of the ideas brought forth.

Laurie returned to Mercer with many new plans and ideas for the improvement of dormitory life and student government.

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