

# IN THE BEAR'S DEN

With Bob Bonner

"Play Ball" is once again being sounded by the black-clad figures out at Willingham Field, the home diamond for the Mercer Bears. Spring is nearing, and that means that four sports will be in operation here at our institution. Two of these sports unveiled their 1950 editions last week and the other two will begin their schedule this week-end.

The baseball team and golf squad opened their season with the strong University of Georgia Bulldogs here at the local field and course. The baseballers looked more like a mid-season nine as they blazed their way to a decisive victory over the larger Bulldogs but the visiting golfers were a little too much for the Bears out at Bowdens Course.

What Coach Claude Smith needs to mould one of the best baseball aggregations Mercer has possessed in a long time is a couple of pitchers who could go the full route and have plenty on the ball.

**Bonner**  
The pitching problem is the No. 1 problem for head mentor Smith.

Returning from last year for mound duties were Gus Pender (top pitcher with the Bears last year.) Otis McKinny, Red Wood. Newcomers are Don Lewis, (freshman right hander who pitched two innings against Georgia.) Red Wiggins, Jesse Hallman, and Joe Mays.

Then Smith's mound worry was driven deeper when Pender was dropped from the squad due to scholastic difficulties, after pitching seven brilliant innings against Georgia. The loss of Pender sure hurt the Bears. With Pender gone, Smith would have to call on Lewis as the number one pitcher, but now two more lads have stepped into the picture. They are D. T. Carowan and Bob Reeder.

Carowan played with the Bears two years ago and earned a letter. Since then he has played with teams in the Flint River league and the Ogeechee league and his pitching has improved a great deal. Smith said that he is a much better hurler now than when he last played for Mercer. Reeder, Mercer's most versatile athlete, may develop into a top moundsman. Smith discovered Reeder's hurling talent and used him in an intra-squad game. Now he plans to start him against Auburn this week-end.

There were many surprised faces out at Willingham last week when Mays Dobbins appeared in the line-up for the local nine. Dobbins, who was the Bears sparkling secondbaseman for the past few seasons, was supposed to have graduated this quarter. In the main office his required courses were not officially straightened out and therefore he was still in school. He turned in a beautiful fielding game against the 'Dogs and the next day he was notified that things were straightened out and that he had met qualifications to graduate. Dobbins signed a contract to play with the Eastman Dodgers in the Georgia State league.

Walter "Butch" Lawry reported to practice late last week. The newcomer reported along with Durwood Davis. Lawry, stocky built lad from Valdosta, is an infielder and catcher but will probably be used behind the plate. He has seen much action in the leagues in South Georgia and is a good hitter. Davis, an infielder, hails from Atlanta.

## Bears Rally in Eight Innings To Take Opener From Bulldogs

Staging an eight inning rally against the University of Georgia on March 23, the Mercer Bears opened their 1950, baseball season in good form by blasting out a 5-2 victory over the visitors from Athens.

The Bears collected a total of eight hits off one Bulldog pitcher. Bob Reeder, Mercer first baseman, clouted a home run in the eighth to clinch the fray. Sid Johnson, Bear shortstop, and Sonny Bivins, Bear rightfielder, collected three hits each for four attempts.

Gus Pender was the starting pitcher for the victors. He went seven innings before Don Lewis relieved him.

The Bulldogs failed to take a victory after three starts, as the Bears played heads-up ball throughout the fray.

# Ga. Gains 10-2 Revenge Over Mercer in Series

## Tennis and Track Season To Begin Today in Florida

### Mercer To Meet F.S.U. Dartmouth Fri., Sat.

Mercer's tennis and track teams raise the curtain on their 1950 season this weekend to place the varsity sports into full swing.

The tennis team, coached by Col. Wiley B. Tonnar, journeys to Tallahassee this afternoon and faces Florida State University Friday. Then on Saturday they will be pitted against a strong Dartmouth outfit in the new tennis stadium at Gainesville.

### Indiana Added

Indiana University was added to the schedule yesterday, according to Tonnar and Coach Jim Cowan. The Indiana squad will stop over April 6 for a match with the Bears that afternoon. Oglethorpe was originally scheduled for the same date but that tilt has been set up to May 8.

Tonnar said his 16-man squad looked pretty good but that the weather was holding back practice. He has an elimination schedule worked out where he can determine the eight boys to make the Florida trip. But so far this has not been completed.

### Parker Sure of Berth

Tonnar added that only Sellers Parker, one of the five returning lettermen, was sure of a definite berth and that he would be the No. 1 man in the FSU encounter.

Tonnar hopes to narrow the squad down to 12 men by the end of next week.

Bad weather has also been a bad blow to Coach Jim Cowan and his track aggregation. So far he has not been able to hold complete time trials. Few events have been clocked and should the weather continue as before, Cowan will have a difficult time in picking his team for Saturday's meet with Florida State at Tallahassee.

### Benson, Kinsaul To Lead

Probably the Bears strongest event will be the middle and long distance runs. Led by lettermen Dick Benson and Aubert Kinsaul, they should not have too much trouble in the 880, mile and two mile.

In the dashes will be Bob Reeder and Charlie Davis, both lettermen and good sprinters.

## Bears To Face Auburn Fri., Sat.

Mercer's baseballers found the University of Georgia nine an improved ball club yesterday in the Classic City as the Bulldogs gained revenge over the Bears by a 10-2 score.

The Bears journey to Auburn, Alabama tomorrow for the first of a two game series with the Auburn Plainmen. Saturday the two teams return to Macon for the second battle.

Playing amidst winds all afternoon, the Bulldogs battered three Mercer pitchers for 11 hits with one of them being a homer in the third by left fielder James Bagwell—his fourth of the season.

Four errors proved costly to the Bears. They did not show up as well as they did in the previous contest and the main weakness in the outfit was in the pitching department.

Charlie Hopkins was the big gun for the Bears at the plate. He collected two hits for three official trips to the plate.

Mercer scored their runs in the third inning when trailing by three runs. Floyd Hoard, left fielder and pitcher, drove in Sid Johnson and Robert Reeder, shortstop and first baseman respectively.

One of the big factors in the Georgia victory was the sharp pitching of Dick Miles. Miles, a left hander, gave up five hits to the Bear batters but struck out a total of 12 with six of the strikeouts coming in the last two frames.

Don Lewis started on the mound for Mercer but was relieved in the sixth by Floyd Hoard who shifted from mleft field. Otis McKinny went to the hill in the eighth for his relief work. Behind the plate was Walter Lawry, playing his first game for the Bears, and Hubert Rawlings.

## PHI ALPHA

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sions of problems familiar to professional fraternities.

C. Cloud Morgan, local attorney and district justice of the fraternity, will preside at the conclave. Frank C. Jones, Macon, is president of the local chapter here.

Carlisle Minter, Eastman, is chairman of the student committee in charge of arrangements for the meet.

Phi Alpha Delta is a national professional law fraternity, having about 70 chapters established in class A law schools throughout the nation.

## 37 Appointed To Officer Posts In R.O.T.C. Unit

Appointments of 37 students as commissioned and non-commissioned officers in the Mercer University R.O.T.C. Cadet Unit have been announced by Lt. Col. Wiley B. Tonnar, professor of military science and tactics.

Included in special orders released last week were assignments of several cadet officers and NCO's in positions of leadership in the various companies and platoons of the quartermaster unit.

To serve as Cadet First Lieutenants are: Michael R. Richards, Macon; Donald D. Smith, Macon; and Henry A. Seaman, Waycross.

Cadets Marion C. Cook, Jr., Macon; Charles B. Miller, Macon; Emmett W. Bowers, Decatur; and John T. Oglesby, Savannah, have been appointed Cadet Second Lieutenants.

The following students have been named Cadet First Sergeants: Robert E. Baynard, Macon; James M. Reid, Macon; Joseph A. Francavage, Warner Robins; and Walter A. Lawry, Valdosta.

Named to serve as Cadet Master Sergeants are: William F. Everitt, John J. McCreary, Jr., Joseph P. Stallworth, Earnest C. Ruffin, Billy L. Thomas, all of Macon; Joseph E. Beck, Milledgeville; George R. Genung, Forest Hills, N. Y.; James C. Moughon, Jr., Gray; and Selwyn D. Pack, Kermit, West Virginia.

Promoted to the rank of Cadet Tech Sergeants are the following: Davis O. Blanks, James O. Dorriety, Milton C. Powell, Owen J. Thompson, Jr., all of Macon; George H. Chamlee, Sparta; Boyd L. Culp, Cedartown; Jack C. Currlington, Cochran; James Hargrove, Eatonton; William P. Hicks, Dublin; James H. Johnson, Jr., Chipley, Florida; James P. Lamb, Jr., Danville.

James W. Morgan, Milledgeville; Francis C. Smith, McIntyre; Grover W. Smith, Hoganville; Ray M. Tucker, Waverly Hall; Hugh K. Wall, Windsor; and James H. Wynn, Jr., Atlanta.

## PERRY, SNYDER

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place of secretary-treasurer of Student Government.

The following students have qualified as candidates for election to the student council: Senior Class: Paul Bobbitt (R) and Ruth Dunwoody (M); Junior Class: Bob Mathews (R) and Margaret Nelson (M); junior college: Sarah Brown (M) and Winkie Harris (R); ministerial: Gene Etheridge (M) and James Lancaster (R).

The six candidates for seats on the Student Activity Committee are: Sarah Carstarphen (M) and Ann Starr (R); Hewlette Connell (R) and Marion Hall (M); Joseph Brown (M) and Jerry Conner (R).

Students athletic committee aspirants are as the following: A. L. Gleason (R) and Julian LeRoy (M); Barbara Castleberry (M) and Nancy Herring (R); Hunter Johnson (M) and Punt Walker (R).

Seeking places on the Cluster Board of Control are: Jackie Means (R) and Lillian Patton (M); George Chamlee (M) and Tommy Perkins (R); Bobby Honner (R) and Sanford Fitzsimmons (M).

Following is a list of candidates for senior, junior, and sophomore class offices. Under each class, the first two names are for president, the second two for vice-president, and the last two for secretary-treasurer.

Senior Class: Lamar Clements (R) and Madden Reid (M); Bob Reeder (M) and Laurie Walker (R); Helen Johnson (R) and June Smalley (M). Junior Class: Glenn Cassell (R) and Jesse Duckworth (M); Robert Baynard (R) and Conite Hall (M); Ree Cunningham (R) and Sue Jones (M).

Sophomore Class: Bobby Bonner (M) and James Hines (R); Grady Kell (R) and Donald Lewis (M); Pat Davis (M) and Connie Smith (R).

Campaigning to serve as cheerleader are Richard Sheridan (M) and Betty Tom Smith (R).

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