



IN THE Bear's Den

... with Bob Bonner

If ever a coach had the right to wring the soaking towel, Coach Jim Cowan has now. With a sort of sad tone in his voice, Cowan related to his physical education classes that "the positions for cross country and distance running this year are wide open". Two boys walked up to Willingham Chapel stage last June and took their sheepskin and also with them went two of the finest and best distance runners ever to don the orange and black.

These two boys were Dick Benson and Aubert Kinsaul. It wasn't very often that Benson was beaten in his mile and two mile runs and in the three mile cross country. Both boys carried the burden for Cowan's one-two punch in these events for the past three or four years.

Cowan found top prospects for this field when Julian Leroy, track star from Marietta; Ebb Kilpatrick, cinderman from Commerce High; and Roddy Busbee of Vienna entered school here. Busbee transferred to Abraham Baldwin and that left only two. Now Cowan needs five more men to make up the usual seven man cross country aggregation and also a few more to take up where Kinsaul and Benson left off in the mile and two mile runs.

This year Cowan's land loving boys will have to really be on the go to equal last year's remarkable record. The cross country squad of 1949 marked the first Mercer athletic team since the war to go through the season undefeated. This team did it with even the University of Georgia on their schedule.

A Bit of Humor

I was reading in a scholastic magazine this summer and my attention was brought to an article on the Chinese theory on baseball. It was written by Howard C. Campbell who was in the service in China and

reprinted from the Baseball Digest. Here, it seems, is the Chinese theory on baseball:

"You wave your bat around fiercely, and the pitcher has to hit it with the ball."

If he does, you are punished by having to run at top speed to four bases, where four of your friends try to stop the man who catches the ball from hitting you with it.

They attempt to catch the ball before you are hit.

If you think your friend may miss the ball, you slide under him and take cover.

Nobody may throw the ball at you while you are on the base.

If, while you're on the base, another bat is hit by the pitcher's ball, you are punished again by having to run at top speed.

The catcher, who is your friend, wears a hideous mask to further disconcert the pitcher's aim at the bat.

If the ball fails to touch the bat in three swings, cheers of "Dink How!" are heard, meaning the batter is shifty, fast, and good because the pitcher didn't hit the bat. (In China I am the most cheered ball player.)

If a player is foolish enough to be caught unaware by the pitcher and is hit by the ball, he is disgraced and is not allowed any more chances at the bat, but must go to first base, in his crippled, painful state, and run like mad when the bat of the next player is hit."

Football Schedule Announced

OCTOBER 2	
SAE vs ATO	Ministers vs P.K. Phi
P.D. Theta vs S. Nu	MIMA vs KA
OCTOBER 3	
P.D. Theta vs P.K. Phi	MIMA vs S. Nu
K.S. vs K.A.	S.A.E. vs Ministers
OCTOBER 4	
MIMA vs P.K. Phi	ATO vs Ministers
SAE vs P.D. Theta	KS vs S. Nu
OCTOBER 5	
KA vs S. Nu	SAE vs MIMA
KS vs P.K. Phi	ATD vs P.D. Theta

Sellers Parker Receives Trophy

Sellers Parker has just received a trophy for taking first place in the City Novice Tennis Tournament held in Savannah two weeks ago. Parker beat Billy Bell, also of Savannah, in the finals, 8-10, 6-0, 6-3, 6-2.

Parker, who is captain of the Mercer tennis team for the coming year, was eligible to play in the Novice tournament since he had never reached the finals in the city championship.

The long finals match between Bell and Parker was played under a hot September sun, and the fatigue which overcame Bell was a large factor in the victory of Parker, who was obviously in top shape.

But Parker, always slow to start, warmed up in the second set, got his service booming, and literally swept Bell off the courts. Parker stayed at the baseline the last two sets, completely out-classing Bell in his beautiful ground strokes which ultimately gave him the match.



"SONNY" THARP



MARY HELEN SIMS

Tharp and Sims Cluster Students

Charles "Sonny" Tharp and Mary Helen Sims have been selected by the Cluster as the outstanding students of the week.

"Sonny" who is past president of Inter-Fraternity Council was Lt. Colonel in the ROTC unit last year. As Lt. Col., he served as the regimental executive officer, which is the next rank to the Col. Also Tharp was captain of the Tennis team, a member of the Alembic Club and a member of the Future Business Leaders. He is a member of the "M" club, past Feature Editor and reporter for the Cluster, Vice-President of Blue Key and vice-president of Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Mary Helen is president of Women's Student Government, and for three years a member of the girl's student council. She is a member of the Glee Club, A Cappella Choir, the B.S.U. Greater Council, Y.W.A., and Cardinal Key. Sims is also personal director of Chi Omega Sorority and has been circulation manager of the Gauntlet and social hostess of Mary Erin Porter Hall.

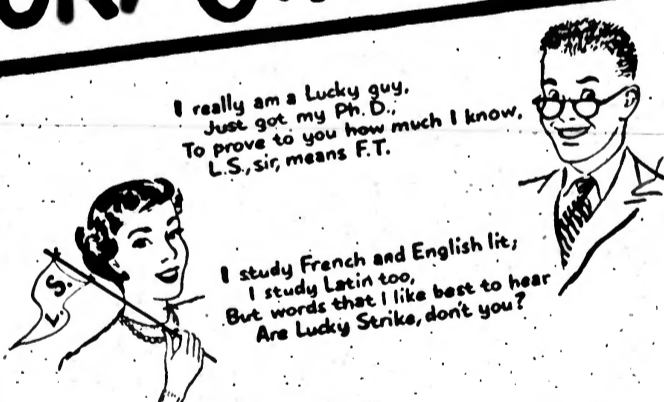
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