



## BEAR TAILS

by Marty Layfield

Mercer jumps head first into its spring sports schedule this week and with the following events taking place.

Baseball March 29 Mercer vs. University of Ga. there  
Tennis March 30 Ga. State Coll. of Bus. Admin. here  
Golf March 30 U. of Ga., Ga. St. Coll., Mercer here

This will be our first home match on the courts and the tennis team is counting on the students to come out in mass for their first victory. The team dropped two matches on their Florida road trip.

The golf team will be playing its third match on the home links this weekend after losing to Rollins and playing Warner Robins yesterday. Mercer students are always invited to attend the golf teams' tilts out at the Bowden Golf Course. (This is just in the way of information for those of you who thought that the golf links were restricted to millionaires.)

The baseball team will be up at the center of learning for the State of Georgia this weekend and here's hoping that they come back the winner.

The final game in the intramural volleyball was held last Wednesday night, and there will be a new standing in the All Intramural championship next week. Right now the Phi Deltas are leading with two championships in football and basketball.

It was interesting to note in the FSU paper, FLAMBEAU, that every student at FSU pays a total of \$24.00 for intercollegiate athletics.

Just think, if every Mercer student paid \$5.00 more into a fund for our intercollegiate athletic program, according to my figures, we would have \$7,500.00 to spend. (Don't worry, that was only the coaches fainting down at the gym.) With what we are spending now for our teams, increased by \$7,500, we could really have something. Mercer gets few good athletes; and the ones we do get here, come because the coaches and a few others beg them to.

Oh, well, it was just a thought. Somebody run down and revive the coaches.

## MU Debate Team Places In Match

by Marty Layfield

Mercer University's varsity debate team won fourth place honors at the Forensic Tournament which was held in New Orleans March 8-9.

Marty Layfield and Haywood Day composed one team and Bev Bates and Don Guest composed team No. 2.

The two teams debated both affirmative and negative at the tournament since each team swapped sides every other round.

Haywood Day and Marty Layfield reached the finals and were defeated by Rice Institute of Houston, Texas.

## Mercer Host To Debaters

Mercer University Debate Team was host last weekend to the sixth District West Point Elimination Debate Tournament. Debating teams from colleges and universities over the South were present for the tournament.

The University of South Carolina and Miami University tied for first place and the University of Florida was third, Duke University won the fourth place in the tournament which saw nine schools competing for the opportunity to attend the national tournament at West Point Military Academy in April.

Wake Forest College and the University of Alabama were selected as alternates. Other schools which competed in the tournament were the University of Kentucky, David Lipscomb College, and Vanderbilt University.

Emory University qualified to enter the Sixth District competition, but its team was unable to come to Macon. Mercer University also qualified to enter the tournament, but was unable to do so for financial reasons.

Dr. Helen Thornton, Mercer professor of speech, and the Mercer Debaters advised Dr. Franklin Shirley in conducting the tournament.

Don Guest was awarded a second place medal in the poetry interpretation contest.

Marty Layfield was judged a superior debater and the other three members of the Mercer team were judged excellent debaters in the individual ratings.

The fifteen schools that were present were: Baylor University, University of Houston, Kansas State Teachers College, Louisiana College, Loyola University, Northwestern State College of Louisiana, Notre Dame University, Rice Institute, Hardin College, Southeastern State College of Oklahoma, Southern Methodist University, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Texas A & M College, and Xavier University of Ohio.

Rice Institute, the team that defeated Haywood Day and Marty Layfield in the finals, was the first place winner of the tournament. Southern Methodist University was second, Louisiana College was third and Southwestern Louisiana Institute received fifth place.

Dr. Helen Thornton, coach of the Mercer team, attended the tournament with the debaters.

## Debaters Travel To Georgia Meet

Two debate teams from Mercer University will leave Monday for three days of debate at the Southern Speech Association Debate Tournament in Athens, Georgia.

Milton Gardner and Marty Layfield with Don Guest and Bev Bates will compose the two Mercer teams.

Dr. Helen Thornton Mercer Debate Coach, will address the annual meeting of the Association during the same week.

The Mercer debate team, which has won high honors during the current forensic season, will compete with colleges and universities from the Southern Region during the six rounds of debate.

## Golfers Lose First Match

Mercer University opened its golf season last Friday with a loss to Rollins College of Winter Park, Florida 2 1/2 to 1 1/2.

Jim Curti and Bob Craig of Rollins both shot par 72 for the Bowden Municipal Golf Course and all six of Coach Dan Nyimica's golfers broke 80.

Jerry Joyer, Mercer's number one man, scored best for Coach Ben Griffith's Bears with a 75.

### RESULTS:

Bob Ross—R (74) won 2 lost one to Jerry Joyer; Dick Diversal—R—(75) won 3 from John Thomas; foursome, Rollins 2 1/2, Mercer 1/2.

Jim Curti—R—(72) won 3 from John Binns (77); Ed Dings—R—(78) won three from Benny Woodall (80); Foursome Rollins 3, Mercer 0.

Joe Miller—R—(73) won 3 from Dave Shiptet (86); Bob Craig—R—(72) won three from Hank Chappell (84); foursome Rollins 3, Mercer.

## Bears Lose First Game

The visiting Tennessee Volunteers handed Mercer its first baseball loss of the season last Saturday by downing Coach "Red Dog" Smith's unpracticed nine 12 to 0.

The shutout was made complete in the eighth inning when eight runs blocked any chances for a Mercer recovery. Poor pitching was taken full advantage of by the Volunteers on their even dozen romp.

Caos Zabinaki of the Vols clobbered a 3-1 count pitch in the eighth for a 334-foot grand slam home run. His four-bagger pulled in half the runs scored in that inning.

The Bruins never got in the game as the Vols made double plays and pitched well all afternoon. The Bears had no more than two on at any time in the game. The only Mercer man to reach third was Jim Hannah.

Mercer relief pitcher Furman York held the Vols down until the game-wrecking eighth. York came in for Frank Worthy in the fourth.

Nine of the twelve Tennessee runs were earned, but seven errors hurt the Bears.

Trovorich was given the win and Worthy was charged with the loss.

## Rich Receives RA Commission

Cadet Lt. Colonel Arthur L. Rich, Jr., was commissioned a second lieutenant in the army during a ceremony at Mercer's Military Department on March 15. Col. William D. Smith administered the oath and made the presentation.

Rich has been accepted for the regular army and will attend the basic officer's course at the artillery and guided missile school, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Upon completion, he is to be assigned to the 9th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado.

## Rich Announces Choir Openings

Dr. Arthur Rich has announced that there are several openings in the small competitive choir and the large glee club because of graduation. Anyone interested in the choir may try out Monday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the choir room.

This spring the choir will present a musical comedy on May 8 and 7. The entire cast of soloists and other parts will be composed of members of the Mercer choir.

## Bruins Drop Tilt To Wofford Nine

By G. P. Cronse

The Wofford Terriers overpowered Mercer in the fourth and fifth innings giving the Bears their second defeat of this season Tuesday afternoon.

Wofford scored two runs in each inning against Furman York who pitched nine full innings and gave up eight hits. Mercer took four hits from Wofford's Deland Hutchinson, two of these claimed by Mel Kinslow.

Kinslow doubled in the first inning but was stranded on base. In the sixth he singled and came home on a triple by Jim Hannah. Hannah was put out trying for home, and Bill Lee grounded to Wofford's second baseman for the third out.

The other Bear run was brought in by Drayton Sanders in the eighth inning when Wofford's first baseman dropped a throw from his catcher, then threw wild over the third baseman.

In the ninth the Mercer threat ended. Bill Lee and two pinch hitters, Royce Hobbs and Joe Murray were three up and three down.

The Wofford Terriers were sparked in the fourth as Carl Emery doubled and was sent home by Don Prince's double. Gene Eisner singled and Prince went home for the second Wofford run.

In the fifth Donnie Fowler and Deland Hutchinson raised the Wofford score to four runs. Fowler went to first on a fielder's choice then took third on a single by Hutchinson. Mel Kinslow overthrew second base and Fowler went home. Hutchinson scored on a single by Emery.

The Terriers had only one more hit in the game after two scoring innings, a single by Don Turner, but Mercer was unable to recover.

Terriers made outstanding catches and accurate throws to steal two hits from Mercer's Hannah and Kinslow.

Mercer pitcher, York, gave up four walks and downed two Terriers on strikes. Terrier pitcher, Hutchinson walked four and struck out six. Three of Wofford's runs were earned, and five Terriers were left stranded.

## FSU Downs Bear Netmen

The Bear tennis team lost its first match of the season to the Seminoles of Florida State University 8-1. This was the first match for Florida State University and victory was sweet as they allowed the Bears only one doubles match during the afternoon.

Buddy Moore, number one man, and Bill Causey number two for the Bears defeated Sellers and Maddock 6-3 - 6-2 in Mercer's only victory.

### Summaries:

Hester (FSU) defeated Moore, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Bryan (FSU) defeated Causey, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Sellers (FSU) defeated Smith, 6-2, 8-6.

Crew (FSU) defeated Daniel, 6-3, 6-0.

Tiedt (FSU) defeated Johnson, 6-3, 6-2.

Rollinger (FSU) defeated Nash, 6-1, 6-3.

Moore and Causey (Mercer) defeated Sellers and Maddock, 6-3, 6-2.

Bryan and Tiedt (FSU) defeated Smith and Nash, 6-4, 6-2.

Hester and Crew (FSU) defeated Daniel and Johnson 6-1, 6-2.

## Netmen Bow To Fla. Team

The unbeaten Florida Gators kept their record clean last weekend by downing Mercer's tennis team 9-0 in their sixth match of the season.

Mercer's number one man, Buddy Moore, put up a hard battle against Dick Leslie, Florida's number one player, only to be beaten, 6-1, 7-5. Many claimed that this was the best singles match of the tilt.

The Gators did not lose a set during the pine matches, but in number three doubles, Sam Daniel and Tommy Johnson of Mercer came close to topping Florida's Bill Anderson and Gary Twain.

After losing the first set, 6-3, Daniel and Johnson stuck it out until the Florida twosome finally overcame them, 9-7.

Leslie defeated Moore, 6-1, 7-5; Buddy Husband defeated Billy Causey, 6-2, 6-4; Joe Heyck defeated Carter Smith, 6-2, 6-1; Dave Shaw defeated Daniel, 6-2, 6-1; Dan Guzman-Perry defeated Johnson, 6-1, 6-1; Hugh Waters defeated Bill Nash, 6-2, 6-1.

Husband and Shaw defeated Moore and Causey, 6-4, 6-3; Anderson and Twain defeated Daniel and Johnson, 6-3, 9-7.

### Introducing SGA

## Frosh Prexy Likes Sports

By Tom Johnson

Louie Douglas McLaughlin, commonly known around the campus as "Doug," is the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. McLaughlin of Hamilton, Georgia.

Doug graduated from Harris County High School in 1956 and in the fall of the same year entered Mercer. He says that the overall atmosphere of the students at Mercer is what attracted him.

Doug made an excellent start here at Mercer. To begin with, he became president of the freshman class, and he is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity also. He is going to major in government and plans to minor in physical education. After school, Doug coaches a grammar school basketball and baseball team which has made a good record for itself under his leadership.

Sports in particular is a favorite with Doug, but he also likes political sciences, music, and Mercer chow. But he does not like extremely loud people or compulsory chapel.

Doug hopes to maintain his good academic standing here, and when the seniors walk down the aisle to receive their degrees in 1960, he hopes to be among their ranks. From there he wants to be a coach in some high school in the south.

## BEARS FACE GEORGIA

The Mercer Bears, seeking their first baseball win of the season, journey to Athens today to meet the University of Georgia. Tomorrow the two teams will meet again, this time on Willingham Field, at 2:30 p. m.



McLAUGHLIN excellent start here at Mercer.