

## Masque's Richard II Is Judged Success

by CHARLES POWELL

The performance of Shakespeare's *Richard II* by the Seawanee students and miscellaneous feminine thespians was a good one. Briley Rhyne can cover himself with laurels for his struggle against natural and human difficulties. Had weather, impending exams, student apathy, and numerous other obstacles were overcome; and the performance of a difficult play was at least read well, and in a good manner so as to create a dramatic effect was obtained, and during a few moments the play was true Shakespeare. The staging was quite good; kudos to the stage manager, Mrs. Rhyne, and her associates. By the way, for the curious, the casted word and short speech as noted by the playbill were not deleted because of the danger of offending matrons and Girl Scouts, but were necessitated by not having enough words to read all the speeches.

The cast, with a few exceptions, gave a good reading with no really outstanding fluffs. Gray Smith was Richard at times, and gave an overall excellent performance, as did Charles Hoover, John de Gaunt, and Todd Breeck, Henry Bolingbroke. Ed Ethridge gave a portrayal of the Duke of York which might be criticized. His manner was such as to caricature, even to play the buffoon in two scenes. Mrs. Collins, as the Duchess of York, did likewise. These two characters are indeed controversial as to their portrayal, and if the correct interpretation is artistic, then this performance was also quite

good. The prissiness of Ethridge's York was quite amusing, and Mrs. Collins' comic Duchess hilarious. Of the lesser roles, most enjoyable were: Randy Parker's Ross and Abbot of Westminster, small parts excellently played; David Connor's Aumerle, especially in the scene with Richard and the "caterpillars of the commonwealth" (I, iv); Barbara Tins Lee, generally quite good; Skip Quazz as Sir Stephen Scrop; Al Elmore as the Gardener; and Tom Kamahl as Surrey. Others who gave adequate performances: Sterling Ryburn as Norfolk, Ned Moore as Salisbury, Jack Arns as the Lord Marshall, Peyton Bibb and Wentworth Caldwell were perfect page boys.

The first act began slowly with a fair first scene, a high second scene, but then shifted into a poor scene with the third scene, the banishment of Norfolk and Bolingbroke. At that point, Gray Smith became Richard, and Hoover's Gaunt and Breeck's Henry of Hereford several times flashed bright, especially during Bolingbroke's farewell. The fourth scene saw Gray Smith continue brilliantly, Richard and the "caterpillars of the commonwealth" at their iniquitous depths, but withal, a foolish iniquity. The second act began with a suitably stirring scene between York and old Gaunt ("this England"), Hoover doing a good job, and Ethridge at his best. Richard's entrance and the ensuing acrid scene between him and Gaunt was quite good, the crackle of Gaunt's scathing attack on the King coming over Richard's wail fully occurs next in the scene, the seizure of Gaunt's estate, rightfully Henry Bolingbroke's. Swift follows the section of Northumberland, Ross, and Willoughby against Richard, punctuated by the news of Bolingbroke's return. Randy Parker's Ross was well done, rescuing the scene. The second scene contained one of those horrors which is almost inevitable in amateur productions. Friday night there being a total lapse on the part of all three actors on the stage; however, the crisis always passes and rarely disfigures the performance too much. Richard's fall continued.

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## Order Holds March Meeting

The March meeting of the Order of Gownsmen was held at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9, in the Dewey Union Theater.

A report was given by Dennis Thompson, chairman of the constitutional committee. He advocated changes in the Constitution which would strengthen the Executive and Discipline Committee, and make the position of President of the Order of Gownsmen a one-year office.

During the meeting a motion was made and passed which recommended to the administration that exam week be extended two extra days, with no more than one examination per day, and that no papers or quizzes be assigned for the week preceding exams.

Other recommendations were that a duplicate official bulletin board be placed in Gallor, and that the time for Sunday dinner be changed from 1:00 to 12:45 p.m.

The next O. G. meeting will be held April 13, 1960 at 9 a.m. in the Union Theater. At this meeting nominations for officers for the fall semester will be held.



PHI BETA KAPPA initiates are Randy Parker, Frank Fendleton, John Rothpletz, Buck Sells. Pictures for others unavailable. See story, page 3.

## April To See Playground's Help Project

by PRESTON PHELPS

During the first week of April fraternity men and men from the order of Independents will engage in various projects for the betterment of the playground of the Seawanee elementary school. The project period in April is known as Help Week.

Help Week was originally installed at Seawanee as a replacement for Hell Week through the encouragement from the national fraternities. Some eight or nine years ago Mr. Arthur Ben Chitty, Seawanee's Historian, by acting through national, was able to contact a wealthy alumnus who agreed to give the Leon Chock Trophy, to be awarded to the fraternity doing the best work on their particular project for the "Week." Any fraternity winning the trophy, valued at \$150, for three consecutive years was allowed to keep it. At present two fraternities have complete ownership.

This year the playground committee of the Seawanee Elementary School PTA contacted Mrs. Chitty, president of the Seawanee Woman's Club, and asked for the Help Week project to be on the playground. This is to be one step in a program sponsored by the PTA to better the entire school.

Mrs. David Collins, wife of the chaplain of the University, was placed in charge of the Help Week program. On Monday, March 14 plans were submitted to Pan Hall, which in turn will make a list of thirteen projects on which the fraternities will vote. The voting is to be done in the manner of a first choice, second, and so on down the line. The specific project for each fraternity will be known by spring vacation.

The actual work on the project will be on April 7 and 9, because supervision will be needed. The supervision is to be done by a parent assigned to each fraternity on the two days.

The judging on the projects will be based on the difficulty and execution of the work. Besides the trophy desert and coffee will be given to the winning fraternity.

## Magnolia Hall Is Razed By 1:00 Fire

Seawanee's venerable farm work-house, Magnolia Hall, last night sustained its third fire in ten years. Built in 1873 and the university's oldest building, it had been for years thought the logical spot for a total loss blaze.

A prompt alarm, rainfall, and new fire hoses combined to allow the Seawanee Volunteer Fire Department successful efforts. An SVEFD spokesman attributed the department's success largely to the newly purchased hoses.

Defective, rotten hoses had squelched firefighting in the Mountain's last two notable fires, the Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Gamma Delta houses.

Serious damage to the front section of the structure caused the most evident tragedy.

SVEFD officials reported early this morning that damage had been largely to the front part of the building. The areas presently used for classrooms by the language departments was saved from serious harm.

Language professors face the problem of moving their equipment and books back into Magnolia. Quick student efforts had cleared the back section of everything movable almost as soon as firefighting began. Both language materials and band instruments were stored overnight in All Saints' Chapel.

Responsible for reporting the fire was student David Long, who, passing by the building and noticing smoke and flames coming from a second story window, rushed the street to interrupt a Kappa Sig bridge game. From 12:50 a.m. the fire department acted in rapid and effective action, as did

an estimated 300 students who soon assembled to cheer the flames on to greater heights.

Within the hour the flames were under sufficient control for firemen to express confidence of success.

All several points the flames had seemed to the lay eyes very large and vigorous as they ate into both stories of the building. Even the student fire chasers among the less dedicated body were roused into action by the red glow which diffused to all parts of the campus.

With the exception of the costumes used in Richard II, Purple Masque lost its costume collection. A momentary fear that Magnolia might still be the storage place for Seawanee's famous paintings by the Rev. Johannes Oertel, which values are reported to run into thousands of dollars, was quelled by University Chaplain David Collins who asserted that they were in safety elsewhere.

As is usual with Seawanee fires, several aspects of the event were far from good. A student searched frantically through the disordered book piles behind All Saints' altar for the book issues of some obscure religious journal. The Kappa Sig, seizing the hour, did good. A student searching the beer trays, Seawanee Alumni Director A. B. Chitty remarked as the crowd began to thin, "We can go home now. The damn fire department's put the thing out."

## Calendar

### MARCH

- 18-Cinema Guild All About Eve 7:30 Biology Lecture Room
- Track meet here
- 19-Spring vacation begins
- 29-Spring vacation ends. Classes meet at 8:00

### APRIL

- 1-Cinema Guild Comedy 7:30 Biology Lecture Room
- 2-Track meet here
- 6-Carawan, ballad vocalist in concert
- 8-James W. Livingood lectures on Civil War
- 11-Seawanee Woman's Club meet 3:30 at St. Luke's Auditorium

## duPont Lectures To Be Resumed

The duPont Lectures series will continue this year in April. It is the hope of the administration that the Reverend Doctor J. V. Langmead Casseley will return to speak again. As of yet, the date for the lecture has not been settled; but negotiations concerning it will soon be made.

As for next year, only one lecture has been scheduled. This will be the first lecture of the year, and the speaker will be Max Lerner.

## Med Schools Take Nine Local Men

Nine Seawanee pre-medical students have been accepted at medical schools in various parts of the country, it was announced last week.

Robert Anderson has been accepted at the University of Alabama, John Arras at the University of Mississippi, Richard Crowley at Emory, Axalia Hoole at the University of South Carolina, Robert Howland at the University of Alabama, Leonard Johnson at the University of Kansas, Bruce Keenan at the University of Pennsylvania, S. Don Scurter at Emory, and John Campbell at the University of Mississippi.

## Third Lenten Program Set

The third and last of the Lenten programs is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 4. The program will be a TV jazz film to be followed by a panel discussion.

The first two programs have been successful. The Brothers Karamazov played to a near full house in the Union and was followed by an interesting panel discussion. Earlier this week, N. Ertz, a play by Sartre, was read and followed by a panel discussion. Quorum members were Dr. Scott Bates, Bowman Clarke, Mrs. Briley Rhyne, Jerry Johnson, Jack Bush, and Albert E. Moore.

## Draft Testing To Be Given

Applications for the April 28, 1960 administration of the College Qualification Test are now available at Selective Service System local boards throughout the country.

Eligible students who intend to take this test should apply at one of the nearest Selective Service local boards for an application and a bulletin of information.

Following instructions in the bulletin, the student should fill out his application and mail it immediately to Selective Service Examining Section, Educational Testing Service, P. O. Box 186, Princeton, New Jersey. Applications for the April 28 test must be postmarked no later than midnight, April 7, 1960.

According to Educational Testing Service, which prepares and administers the College Qualification Test for the Selective Service System, it will be greatly to the student's advantage to file his application at once. The results will be reported to the student's Selective Service local board of jurisdiction for use in considering his deferment as a student.



DUCHESS OF YORK pleads with King Henry for the life of her son, Aumerle as the Duke looks on. Left to right: Ed Ethridge, Todd Breeck, Ginny Collins, and Dave Connor.



Spring Vacation

## Is National Worth It?

This question is one which has bewildered Sewanee's fraternities for many years. Just what do the various National Chapters provide except the fraternities' names, rituals, and the right to visit any house of your particular fraternity? A recent poll has been made in order to determine the answer to the question. A definite similarity was discovered in the privileges granted to the various fraternities by their National Chapters.

The ATOs for instance have a \$60 initiation fee which \$55 goes to their National Chapter. A pledge fee of \$15 is also required which goes to National. From these fees the ATOs receive a lifetime subscription to their magazine, both their pledge and active pins, and their pledge manual. These fees also pay part of the expenses for a delegate to the ATO Convention. Their National Chapter also provides a fund for new chapters, etc.

The Betas pay a \$75 initiation fee of which \$60 goes to their National Chapter. The Betas receive from this a lifetime subscription to their magazine, both their fraternity pins, a pledge manual, and a song book. Their National also provides a special scholarship fund for outstanding members, and it pays the transportation for a delegate to their National Convention. The Betas were quite lucky, too, in that their National helped a great deal in the building of their new house.

The Deltas Tau Deltas pay \$45 out of their \$75 initiation fee to their National Chapter. From this they receive their pins, a lifetime subscription to their magazine, a pledge manual, and part of the expenses paid for delegates to their Regional and National Conventions. Aside from this, each active has to pay \$12.50 annually as a fee to their National and \$1.50 each month for their loyalty fund, which establishes their lifetime membership. The Deltas are also assessed \$75 from the fraternity and \$1.50 from each pledge for their Regional Convention. All in all, about one-third of their circulating currency goes to their National Chapter.

The KAs pay \$90 of their \$65 initiation fee and their pledge fee of \$25 to their National Chapter. Then, too, each active pays \$2.00 annually for National dues. From these fees they receive their pins, a lifetime magazine subscription, and a pledge manual. The KA National also provides a corporation which will lend out money when it is available. Their National also pays part of the expenses for delegates to their Convention and it provides for two KAs from each chapter to attend Officers Candidate School. Sixty dollars of the Kappa Sign's \$80 initiation fee goes to their National Chapter. The fraternity pays \$5 more annually to the National for each active. From these fees the Kap-

ps Sign receive a pledge manual, a pledge pin, a lifetime subscription to their magazine, and credit on an active pin. They also have expenses for their delegates to National Convention paid for, and they are blessed with several scholarship and leadership awards for outstanding members. Their National has a loan fund, too, which gives a good interest rate for fraternity projects.

The initiation fee for the Phi Dels is \$75, \$50 of which goes to their National Chapter, \$15 to the Corporation, and \$10 to their chapter. This fee to the National provides the Phi Dels with their pledge pin, a lifetime magazine subscription and a pledge manual. The Phi Delt Corporation is separate from their National, and it superintends the management of the house. A \$30 fee is paid by the Phis which sends one delegate to their National Convention.

The Phi Gams pay a \$94 initiation fee of which \$90 is sent to their National Chapter. Five dollars of a \$15 pledge fee is also sent to National plus a \$13 fee for each active member. For this the Phis receive their pins, a lifetime subscription to their magazine, and a pledge manual. They may also use a fund for financial aid, and they have some of the expenses for delegates to their Conventions paid.

The Phi Gams pay \$80 of their \$60 initiation fee to their National Chapter. It is also required that each active pay \$8.50 to the National in November and March. Each active must also pay \$100 to their Province annually. From these fees they receive their pins, a lifetime magazine, a lifetime subscription to their magazine, and the use of the scholarship and loan fund. The SAE's National pays expenses for delegates to their Convention. A separate corporation manages the house.

The Sigma Nu initiation fee encompasses three fees: a \$21 fee from which they receive their pins, a \$30 fee on which they get interest and can use any time, and a \$24 fee which is a tax and which also provides for the lifetime subscription to their magazine. The Sigma Nus also pay a \$15 pledge fee from which they receive a pledge pin and manual. The National, however, helps pay the expenses for delegates to their National Convention. Transportation for the visitation of National and Provincial officers also comes from these fees.

As you can well see each fraternity does pay a great deal of money to their National Chapters, and each does not receive too much in return material-wise. Therefore, the inevitable question is whether the National name and privileges are worth it. Some think so and others think not. Thus, the problem still continues without any fool proof solution.

BOB BROWN

### Editorials

## Richard III, Fine Work

The Purple Masque's performance of King Richard III was superb. Most of the major roles were handled with fine understanding and sympathy.

Perhaps one of the most important factors in the success of the play was Mr. Brinley Rhy's use of strict adoration to the actual Elizabethan stage—with its inner and outer stages. In this era of Sir Lawrence Olivier, and Lionel Barrymore extravaganzas, we tend to imagine Shakespeare dramas only in terms of Hollywood close-ups and honest to goodness cut-throats. Last week's brilliant job of staging shows that long as people have minds imaginative enough to exercise that "willing suspension of disbelief", Shakespeare's stage is most flexible.

The one sour note through the series of performances was the dismal support given through student attendance. That more students attended the Saturday night showing of *Anatomy of a Murder* than saw *Richard* in three nights is a poor recommendation for "Intellectual" Sewanee. Quizzes, papers, and the like must go by the

board at times; first things first.

The next regular issue of the *PURPLE* will be that of April 13. The *PURPLE* wishes every member of the student body a warm and prosperous Spring Vacation.

Each year it has been customary for the freshman class to elect a representative who will piece together one issue called the *Freshman Purple*. This issue serves a two-fold purpose, a) to give the freshmen a chance to demonstrate their ability to vote to their alma mater and b) to give the other members of the staff time to study for finals. This election will be conducted shortly after the end of the recess and the issue will be published on May 4.

Four members of the *PURPLE* staff have been selected to serve as issue editors during the coming weeks. Grover Jackson, news editor, will edit the *PURPLE* of April 13; Brad Russell, assistant managing editor, that of April 20; Warren King, sports writer, is scheduled for April 27; and Don Hudson, managing editor, May 11. (FJ)

## Ten Fraternities at Sewanee?

Of the vexing problems at Sewanee none seem greater times than the plight of the independent men. Because they live at a school where the large majority of the students belong to a fraternity, they often suffer from an impeded social life, as the ones who are not in Sewanee for the student takes place in the lodge houses.

With an ever growing number of independent men, this situation has grown where it now is quite serious. Even though many fraternities men make a point to see that their independent friends are welcome in their houses, the vast majority of them are without "homes" on party weekends, and during the regular course. It is the opinion of the administration and many of the students that something should be done about this situation.

Two basic plans have evolved to take care of this condition. One, create an official organization of independent men, give them a "house" and let them take care of themselves. Two, invite to Sewanee another national fraternity in hopes that with a tenth lodge on campus every student who desired to be a member of a fraternity would have the chance.

The first basic plan is now in operation. Even the most prejudiced observer must admit that it hasn't worked very well. The reasons are not mine to know, and my opinions are not of much importance. The fact remains that it hasn't worked, and a better method must be found.

The second plan has received much thought this year. Although at this time there have been no definite steps taken, there is a strong move on foot to bring another fraternity to Sewanee.

As much as I feel the plight of the independent men, and as much as I would like to see something done to help them, I cannot feel that this is the way to do it.

My argument is based on two assumptions, both of which I feel are of importance.

In the first place, and many others feel that one basic thing has caused this present situation. That thing is that over the past two years the majority of the lodges at Sewanee have during rush week concentrated their efforts on a smaller proportion of the freshman class. In the battle to make each fraternity "tops," rushing ef-

forts have been concentrated on what seemed to be at first glance the most outstanding members of the freshman class. This has led to a situation in which even though more freshmen were coming to Sewanee, the size of pledge classes has not increased greatly.

Why then wouldn't ten fraternities pick up many of these overlooked individuals? To an extent it would, but if the new fraternity was properly created, it would be made up of the best members of the independent men. Under this situation these boys would want to pledge only the "best" freshmen and they would then join the ranks of the other nine in their efforts to skim off the cream of the crop. Within a very few years the present situation would be created all over again. Why then would a fraternity to make a home for the homeless exist?

The above was the opinion of the fraternity and independent men who met with the deans early in the year.

The second reason is that at present there is a strong move on in this school for the nine national fraternities to go local. Since any new lodge would have to be national under the present situation, in order that they would have a national and national money to get started. Obviously they would not be willing in that least to give up their national charter after just getting it. As this movement to go local is strong in many lodges, the opposition to having another national lodge, and a new one at that, at Sewanee would be strong.

I do not think, however, that the situation is hopeless for the independents. Two things could and should be done to help them. First, the lodge would have to demonstrate its ability, in order that every freshman, not just those with the most outstanding high school records, would have ample opportunity to make themselves obnoxious to the lodges. Second, those independent men who want to belong to an organization must take the one which already exists and make something out of it, or else quit crying about the way they are being held back. The good fraternities are good because they have worked to be good. I cannot see why the independent men cannot do the same thing. (DFE)

## Turret Trooping Is Task

Approximately a year ago Sewanee was first subjected to newly renovated Walsh Hall (or more correctly, as is often pointed out to ignorance, it was called the "Wah-Hell"). One of the most improvements were universally acclaimed. Gone were listing floors, dim and narrow hallways, and radiators which dripped

rivulets from floor to floor. Classroom rows were expanded and brightened; professors moved from almost broom closet facilities into adequate offices.

New Walsh was and is a success, almost without qualification. Almost, but not entirely, for (Continued on page 5)

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## New College Students Will Have Tough Time

A prospective college student had better be prepared to face a tough, often frustrating problem. Unless he is willing to accept the challenge with resolution, the average high school senior may well become what one educator calls "a bundle of nerves in a rat race."

In a countrywide survey of college admissions problems appearing in the March 7 issue, Time says that never before has so many Americans opted a college degree—and never before has the competition been stiffer. "By all the evidence," Time reports, "Americans will soon consider at least two college degrees a socio-economic necessity. . . . This June the nation's high schools will graduate 1,860,000 students. In 1964, according to the U. S. Office of Education, the crop will follow to 2,200,000. The prediction: by 1970, college enrollment will nearly double to roughly 6,400,000, and it may go as high as 9,000,000."

### More Than a Warm Bed

In the circumstances, Time's real planning (and saving) for college is essential. Gone are the days when an Ivy League dean could mutter "If the check is good and the body is warm, the student's destiny is assured." Weighed and tested for academic credit, percented for promise by electronic gadgets, harried by word that the student should stand out in a crowd. Little wonder that in his panic to get into college—and in his wild search for a scholarship—his mind goes blank. Real: 60 percent of those who list become freshmen drop out of college. These chase the wrong school—for them—and have to start all over again. The cost to everyone is incalculable.

### When To Begin

When should college planning begin? Some educators feel that parents should start thinking about the problem during the child's early years—the earlier the better. Today, college preparation should begin by twelve at the latest. A college-capable child should begin focusing on his goal in the eighth grade. This is none too soon to visit campuses and to glance at application blanks.

An eighth grader should start at once on the "solids" (English, history, math, science, foreign language), and especially on English composition. English

is the key to college work; by 1970 an estimated one-fourth of applicants may be rejected because they get so little of it. This is why the most important college board exam today is the verbal aptitude test.

### Improve or Perish

While enrollment is on the rise, there is still room for many students at least until 1964—and no one should assume that there will be no room after that. New dormitories are rising, new forms of education are on the way. Actually, the country's 1,800 colleges and universities had room last fall for perhaps 10 percent more freshmen than the \$20,000 they took.

### A Goal To Work Toward

Choosing the right college goes beyond making sure that a department is in vogue, and that the school's diploma is welcome in graduate school. At today's prices, the best college is that of a freshman feels miserable and drops out. Every prospective campus should be visited, even if it takes a cross-country plane trip.

Actually, choosing a college is an education in itself. A high school student is likely to undergo. To make a right choice, he has to analyze his own abilities, temperament and aims. He has to find a campus that makes him feel at home, socially as well as academically.

For thousands of youngsters this is the goal to work toward. College should mean much, and one that does can be found. What it takes is early preparation. It is saving time by choosing, and resolution not to be stampeded in the rat race.

## Phi Gams Choose Keith Cox Prexy

In elections held recently by the Gamma Sigma Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta, officers for the coming year were elected. They are: Keith Cox, President; Wortham Smith, Treasurer; Pat McGowan, Recording Secretary; Ernest Chalk, Corresponding Secretary; and Frank Stevens, Historian.

Officers of Phi Gamma Delta chapters hold their positions for one full year, the terms beginning in mid-March.

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exciting tension-charged act a rags a success. The scene is etched by Carlisle's (Wallington) speech against Bolingbroke's deposition and usurpation. ("What subject can give sentence on his 'King—fine divine rightism!"; then saved by Richard's entrance to give up his throne, although Smith had lost some of his fire before. The fifth act opens with Richard and his Queen meeting and saying farewell, who was fairly well done. The second scene, Abdiridge and Mrs. Collins in a semi-estranged scene (My books!), continued on into the third scene. The last said the better. The wind-up of the play, the murder of Richard by Sir Piers of Exton, including Richard's soliloquies and his groom's visit to tell of the coronation, was played adequately. The climax itself was the last excellent bit, quite good, even in the age of constant television advertising. The last scene, the presentation of Richard's body by Exton, to Bolingbroke's displeasure, served to close the play.

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**LIBRARY ATTIC** demonstrates desperate need for adequate shelving and accessibility. Thousands of volumes are stored in attic as large as the reading room, but weakened floor makes it unusable.

## Dust-covered Library Attic Grave For Outdated Books

by DAVID JOHNSON

A spot which is not visited by students or by guests exploring the Oxonian beauty of Sewanee is the attic of the University Library.

This dust-covered room has become the grave of thousands of books, which the stacks of the library are too crowded to contain.

There is no heat in the attic; only two light bulbs add the sunlight coming through the dormer windows in lighting it. Through holes in the wooden floor, one can see the reading room below.

Rows of rough wooden shelves hold the books which have been condemned to disuse. On these shelves one makes such finds as a set of Carlyle's works and a thirty-four volume set of Balzac novels.

Since the University is a "designated depository of United States Government publications" much of this shelf space contains government records and reports. There are Congressional Records dating from 1849 and outdated United States Codes.

On the attic floor there are neat piles of periodicals such as the Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society. Also on the floor there are boxes of books which have been donated to the University and have not been cat-

## Mr. J. T. Cross Is Awarded Danforth Grant

James T. Cross, Assistant Professor of Mathematics here at Sewanee was one of sixty-one men and women from colleges across the country who have been chosen for the 1960 Danforth Teacher Study Grants, according to an announcement made by Dr. Presley C. McCoy, Associate Director of the Danforth Foundation.

The successful candidates were chosen from five hundred and one nominations provided by the deans of accredited colleges in the United States. The selection was made on the basis of academic ability, personal qualities promising success in teaching, and religious maturity in the candidate's own faith.

The appointments were made by the Danforth Foundation Trustees upon recommendation of an Advisory Council.

This is the sixth year that this program of Danforth Teacher Study Grants has been in operation. The award allows a calendar year of graduate study in a university of the candidate's choosing. The stipend is arranged according to the candidate's salary and number of dependents, and may go as high as \$4,800. Tuition and fees are also covered for under the grant.

The Danforth Foundation was established in 1927 by the late Mr. and Mrs. William H. Danforth to aid able students and teachers in their educational needs.

logued or culled. Included in these boxes is a copy of *The Great Soviet Encyclopedia* written in Russian and a copy of the intellectual gem *Worry Won't Win* by Montague Glass.

There is little hope for a cure for the condition of the library attic, unless the library burns which would be disastrous, or a new library is built, which is unlikely.

## Sopherim To Meet; Tap New Members

The Sopherim, Sewanee's student literary society, will have a private reading on April 5 to choose new members.

Those interested in submitting any creative writing should see one of the members. Lloyd Elko, John Stuart, Dick Harris, Irving Caruthers, Allen Longdon, Bob Greig, Bill Nichols, Allen Satterfield, Tom Meyers and Dick Tillinghast are members.

## Faculty Chooses Whitehead Book

Science in the Modern World, written by Alfred North Whitehead, has been selected as the book to be read by the students this year.

The main idea in selecting these books is that each one chosen must cover one of five subjects: the sciences, social sciences, philosophy, religion, or the arts.

The selection for this year deals with philosophy and covers thoroughly major aspects of our modern age. It is considered by many as being one of the classics of the twentieth century.

Science in the Modern World is available at the University Supply Store for fifty cents.

## Phi Beta Kappa Appoints Nine Students To Order

Phi Beta Kappa, national scholars' fraternity, has tapped nine Sewanee students for membership.

Seniors selected were Jan Nelson, J. J. Slade, III, Bill Craig, and Charles Powell. Juniors tapped are John Rothpletz, Randy Parker, Larry Varnell, Bob Stoll, and Frank Penfield.

Nelson, a French major from Pensacola, Fla., attended Pensacola Junior College for two years. He was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, which is the junior college equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa. He is a member of the French Club, president of Der Deutsche Verein, and a member of the Highlanders.

Slade, Phi Delta Theta, is an English major from Middleburg, N. J. He has been in the choir and scooped gold and is at present in the Spanish Club and Hispanofiles.

Craig, Delta Tau Delta, is an English major from Selma, Ala. He has served as vice-president of his fraternity and

## SAEs Hold Annual Party

Founders' Day Weekend, Sigma Alpha Epsilon's annual party weekend, opened with a formal banquet at Clarmont on Wednesday, March 9, the 104th anniversary of the founding of SAE at the University of Alabama on March 9, 1856.

This year's weekend was the first to be held in the remodeled house, which is a national SAE shrine as the first chapter house built by an SAE chapter. The original portion of the house was begun in 1866.

At Wednesday night's banquet, Will Mims, freshman from Pensacola, Florida, was honored by the chapter as the year's Best Pleader.

Partying began with Friday supper prepared by the chapter's Eminent Chaplain, senior theolog Philip Whitehead. Dancing followed to the music of a local combo.

A Jazz Concert with Andy Goodrich and his Nashville-voiced band was held on Saturday afternoon at the Old Castle Supper and dancing continued at the house until curfew.

After Sunday Chapel, tomato juice was served at the house, eating the banquet or other activities of the weekend are. Eminent Archon (president), Edwin Williamson, the weekend's success was due to the planning and work of Social Chairman Lee Shaffer.

Among SAE alumni who attended the banquet or other activities of the weekend are The Rev. Dr. FitzSimons Allison, professor in the School of Theology, Dr. Maurice A. Moore, English professor, Mr. H. E. Clark, and Mr. Jack Moore, chapter adviser on the staff of the SNA Development Office. Mr. Harding Woodall, a regent of the University and a prime benefactor of the chapter, was on vacation in Florida.

is a member of the English-Speaking Union.

Powell, Delta Tau Delta, is a German and political science major from Northbrook, Ill. He has been president of Der Deutsche Verein, treasurer of his fraternity, and is a member of Phi Gamma Mu, Psi Sigma Alpha and the Porrex staff.

Rothpletz, Phi Delta Theta, is an English major from Dallas, Texas. He is a member of Red Ribbon, the Honor Council, the Jazz Society and Pan-Hell junior warder of the Student Varsity, and treasurer of the German Club. He has served as rush captain and scholar-ship chairman of his fraternity, cop editor of the Porrex and has been a member of the French Club and the Choir. He was also vice-president of the Arnold Air Society.

Parker, Kappa Alpha, is an English major from Charleston, S. C. He is past president of his fraternity and

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## Two Seniors Head Balanced Cinder Group

By HUBBARD MILLER

The Sewanee trackmen started their official workouts on March 1, despite poor weather conditions. The team is coached by Coach Horace Moore, who may be one of the first coaches ever to try to condition a track team indoors for their first meet. Coach Moore has been very impressed with the response from the cindermen and their desirability to work, even under very adverse conditions. The fieldmen are coached by Coach Carter.

This year's team is sparked by eight returning lettermen. Captain Bill Barnwell returns to once again run the 440, broad jump, and be anchor man on the relay. The alternate captain is tall, lanky Jerry Moser, who was the high point man on the 1959 team. Moser is a talented youth who runs the low and the high hurdles, broad jumps, and high jumps. Fred Throy throws javelins directly from the wrestling workouts to the track work-outs, where he will once again throw the javelin and discus. Phil Holland returns once again to be the 800. Walter Chastain will again run the low hurdles and be a sprinter. Bill Stewart, in spite of afternoon classes, has been seriously conditioning so that he can once more throw the javelin. Although Bob Thomas finds the gymnasium rather restricted for running runs, he will again run the mile. Arnold Bush, a letterman from two years ago has returned this year to throw the discus and shot.

Squadmen Bill Griffis and Dave Conner are also returned this year to help the Tiger trackmen. Griffis runs the 880, and Conner is a sprinter and broad jumper.

The 1960 turnout for Tigers has produced several talented new faces on the campus. New men with outstanding high school records are: Ed Nash, Ed Elzey, and Dave Barr. They are all sprinters.

Other new faces, who have looked extremely promising in their first two weeks of practice are: Jimmy Davenport, who runs the 800; Taton Govan, who runs the 880; Hank Bonar, who runs the 440; John Rothgjen, running distance; Carl Clifford, running distance; and Jack Mitchell, who also runs distance.

A great loss to the 1960 team is Chuck Swinhart, who was the leading distance man of the 1959 season. Swinhart is unable to compete this year due to physical difficulties. He is, however, one of the managers of this year's team.

The 1960 track schedule is as follows:  
 March 18—Bryan University (home)  
 April 2—Emory University (home)  
 April 9—Howard College (Birmingham)  
 April 16—Southwestern (Memphis)  
 April 23—Howard Invitational Meet (Birmingham)  
 April 30—Open (to be filled with Home Meet)

May 6—The Tennessee Interscholastic Athletic Conference

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Track Co Captain William Barnwell

## ATOs Win IM Basketball Title; Daniels, Snakes Lead Scoring

The ATOs finished the 1960 intramural basketball season undefeated with a final win over the SAEs which was surprisingly close. The Betas, with only

one loss prior to their game with the ATOs, dropped three in a row thereafter to finish fifth. Having been beaten by the Phi Gams, then beaten in a playoff for fourth by the Snakes, whom they had hardly beaten during the regular season. The Phi Gams, following their win over the Betas, likewise drubbed the Phis, to snatch second place honors.

## Bitondo Gives Water Safety

We often overlook many opportunities that are provided at Sewanee and the capable work that goes into them. Since the first of the school year, Coach Bitondo has been offering various courses in swimming from beginners' swimming to Senior Life Saving. During the winter with ice and snow on the ground we often forget about the summer sports. Swimming and boating are however the number one summer activity for Americans. With this growing interest in aquatic, it is important that life guards be trained to meet the growing demands. The summer jobs in life saving and swimming instruction are very plentiful and the pay is much above average for summer work.

The winter, when the interest in swimming falls off a bit, is thin (Continued on page 6)



In the final statistics, the Snakes almost ran away with everything. Fred Daniels poured in an amazing 229 points for an average of 20.8 per game, and Gary Koch totalled 128 points for a 14-point average per game for runner-up. The Snakes also picked up 465 points as a team, for a 42.3 per game average, which was the league's highest, edging the Phi Gams, who had 420, 42 points a game. High team in free throw percentage was the Kappas Jigs with 56 per cent. Hoot Gibson, who played for the Independents, shot 9 out of 10 foul shots, the highest individual percentage.

Final Statistics:

Team	W	L	P. PTS.	Avg.
ATO	10	0	385	38.5
*PGD	8	2	420	42
PDT	8	2	360	36
*SN	7	3	465**	42.3**
BTP	7	3	418	38
SAE	4	6	212	27.2
KA	4	6	306	30.6
KS	3	7	339	33.9
Theologs	2	8	259	25.6
Independents	1	9	298	29.8
DTD	1	9	246	24.6

\*by-play-off  
 \*\*highest in league

Top scorers:

Player	Org.	Total	Avg.
Daniels	SN	229	20.8
Koch	SN	128	14
DuBois	ATO	119	11.9
Shasten	PGD	118	11.8
Douglas	KS	102	11.3
Parks	BTP	122	11.1
Link	KA	73	10.4
Smith	PGD	98	9.8
Busch	BTP	102	9.3
Wallace	PDT	92	9.2

## Tank Team Captures Alabama AAU Meet

Last Saturday afternoon Sewanee's Tiger Swimming Team ended its season by capturing the Southeastern Amateur Athletic Union Championship. The event was held at the University of Alabama's new natatorium under the auspices of the Kiwanis Club of Tuscaloosa.

The Tiger mermen had little trouble winning the contest as evidenced by their 80-point victory over the second place team. The entire squad qualified in the morning trials and they succeeded in setting four out of the possible ten firsts and earned more than half of the total points possible. Sewanee's team was the favorite from the beginning, but perhaps not favored to win by so great a margin. All of this was possible only through a tremendous team effort.

Team scores in the men's division were: Sewanee, 126; Birmingham Parks Recreation, 46; University of Alabama Aquatic Club, 28; Florence swimming team, 18; Vestavia Country Club, 12; Cascade Aquatic Club, 3.

There were no school records broken in Saturday's contest, but the swimmers managed to swim a good average of fast times after being idle for two weeks since their last dual meet of the season. Captain Tony Veal was high point man for the meet. He splashed to victory in the 100-yard freestyle,



## Tiger Talk

by STU ELLIOTT

Congratulations are certainly due to the swimming team for the splendid manner in which they wound up their season in the Alabama AAU meet. Certainly the mermen have compiled a most impressive record since swimming became a varsity sport four years ago. That first year under the tutelage of Hugh Caldwell the tankers rang up a 6-2 mark with the losses coming at the hands of powerful Georgia Tech and Kentucky. The next season, under Caldwell, Sewanee produced an undefeated record in 11 meets including a two-point victory over the Citadel in Charleston. Last year, the first under Coach Ted Bitondo, saw the mermen have an 8-2 season. This season produced another 8-2 record in dual competition, but the year was marked by many record shattering performances plus the AAU victory. Certainly with the interest being shown in the newest of Sewanee's sports, we can look forward to the day when the Tigers will be able to compete with the very best teams in the South.

One would hardly believe it possible, but this Friday will see the season's first track meet. Harassed by the worst winter this section has experienced in many years, the cindermen have been forced to work out in the gym on all but a few occasions. While it is possible to get unkind in such conditions, the real value of conditioning is not realized until the warm rays of old sol have a hand in the process.

took a third place in the 220-yard distance event, and was a member of the winning relay and freestyle relay teams. Other first place winners were breaststroker, Chuck North, and temporarily converted butterflyer, Dick Wolverton.

Sewanee Results (Times listed are first place times):

- 400-yard Medley Relay: 1—Sewanee A Team (Brown, North, Dean, Veal), 2—Sewanee B Team (Wolverton, Lewis, Robinson, J. Studeman) 4:24.3
- 220-yard Freestyle: 2—Bob Krings; 3—Tony Veal 2:17.7
- 200-yard Individual Medley: 3—Chuck North 2:22.6
- 3-Meter Diving: 2—Ronnie Zodin
- 100-yard Freestyle: 1—Tony Veal; 3—Jim Studeman 53.3

- 100-yard Backstroke: 2—Fred Brown; 3—Dick Wolverton 1:05.5
- 100-yard Breaststroke: 1—1—Chuck North; 2—George Lewis 1:13.8
- 100-yard Butterfly: 1—Dick Wolverton; 3—Charlie Robinson; 4—Jim Dean 1:05.1

- 440-yard Freestyle: 2—Bob Krings; 4—Drew Meulenberg
- 400-yard Freestyle: 1—Sewanee A Team (J. Studeman, Wolverton, Krings, Veal); 3—Sewanee B Team (Lewis, Robinson, North, Meulenberg) 3:49.3

This concludes the Tiger Swimming Season. Coach Ted Bitondo's tank squad chalked up eight victories over two losses during the regular dual meet competition season. They lost only to the powerful Florida State University and Citadel teams while in most of their other meets, the Tigers completely swamped their opponents. At the close of Saturday's contest Albert J. Tulley, President of Kiwanis International, presented the Tiger squad with their first place gold trophy to be placed alongside the many other victory prizes in Julian Gymnasium.

There were several outstanding swimmers on this year's squad, but the entire team's unity and exceptional teamwork were what enabled them to win so many crushing victories.

The first individual standings with regard to points earned during the regular season competition (ten dual meets) are as follows:

- 1. Tony Veal—81.50
- 2. Bob Krings—67.60
- 3. Chuck North—62.75
- 4. Jim Dean—46.50
- 5. Dick Wolverton—44.75
- 6. Drew Meulenberg—41.00
- 7. Jim Studeman—40.75
- 8. Ronnie Zodin—25.00
- 9. George Lewis—25.00
- 10. Bill Studeman—20.00
- 11. Fred Brown—18.50
- 12. Charlie Robinson—15.75
- 13. Buddy Vinyer—6.00
- 14. Bob Hudgins—6.00
- 15. Dick Warren—5.00

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## Politics: 1960

Letter to the editor

## The Top Colleges

To The Editors of THE PURPLE:

In recent months, there has been increased emphasis placed upon the ranking of colleges. The absence of Seawane's fair name from any of these lists tends to disturb anyone who feels he has "invested" time, effort, and money here. The real question is, "Are these rankings significant enough to warrant any anxiety at all?"

Judgment is inevitable, and it is undeniably valid to say that the school is "better" than that when the gap between the two is enormous enough to defy argument. When comparing schools with closer likenesses, however, the question becomes more difficult; the answer more arbitrary and meaningless. Does it really matter if Seawane is "above" or "below" say, Williams College?

Seawane should be as fine a school as Seawane can be. Better educations are gotten than those here, yet . . . some in public libraries. Still, we can't justify a complaint that Seawane has failed us until, (1) she denies us preparation for, and access to fulfillment of our ambitions (e.g. graduate school), or, (2) she stops recognizing the value of the particular and distinctive goals, as embodied in her century-old idea and her day-to-day discipline. The comfortable complacency of a student enrolled at a "ranked" school seems quite dubiously derived if the rolls in the lower third of the list are considered.

Few people believe Seawane to be the greatest university in the world, but few doubt that she is good. Most importantly, we believe Seawane is best for US. If we didn't, we'd be foolish to stay.

BOB GORE

## Cinema Guild

by BOB GORE

Friday evening, March the eighteenth, and April first the Cinema Guild will present two classic movies in the interest of the furtherance of the cinematographic arts at Seawane.

It has been unjustly implied in certain quarters that this is not really the case: Masquerading as a select group of unambitious intellectuals—yes, a veritable elite, the Cinema Guild is actually an undercover organization—vicious, sneaking, ruthless in the core, that its ultimate goal is the installment of vile and wicked tactics foreign to that staid and inviolate sanctum of the Union Theatre.

When one of the high-ups of the Union Monopoly and Capital Pyramid Enterprises, Incorporated was questioned about the effect of the "Guild's" activities on Friday night attendance at F-----'s follies, he replied with a gleam in his eye, "They're in cahoots with 'that race across the street'." There were other references to rumored efforts on the part of the Universal Surprise Sundries Lunch Soda Book-nook and Gen. Midae to transform the Biology Lecture Room into a smoke-filled, ski-die parlor, the objective being an ultimate price-war. "On the whole," said our source, his eyes narrowing, "it's part of a larger (more!) heinous plot," (i.e., the destruction of the feudal timber industry of the Domain and its forced reorganization as an absolute monarchy) "and the whole thing is being given the Mother-hen Treatment by F-----." Shows you what you get for inviting a Rooster into the Race! Now I intend to write a book on the subject of how to relate sunlight through the field barbed and find out where the thorns are. . . . Competition must go! (Eternally activities in this vein were deemed "unrespectable".)

It would be unfair to suggest, perhaps, that anyone brave such overwhelming pressure and criticism and flout the opposition by attending All About Eve and The Golden Age of Comedy simply because they are good films, and enjoyable. But that is our suggestion.

ism has had a colored career in Great Britain and has failed miserably in Southeast Asia, but at least in Southeast Asia it was not the doctor's fault, but the men who tried to put them into action.

My argument has obviously been that Socialism does not necessarily destroy individuality. If you wish to criticize it as a theory or as a practice, find some other reasons; better yet, find out what Socialism really is. Next week I hope to have a much lighter vein to relate sunlight to the contemporary Seawane scene. Think it can be done? Read next week's PURPLE.

Man is hardly aware of his being. He lives only on the surface of his consciousness, moving barely in a world obscured by cloudy vision, barely piercing the film of his everyday life towards his Inner Core—the reason for, and the motivation and goal of his existence. In this darkness he continually tries to find stability; unfortunately the first thing that he takes hold of is his material surroundings. In order to keep his grip secure, he tries to arrest all change; if not able to create, at least to see a stagnant world. Afraid of what he might be found beyond if his shell should crumble, he forgets that this world is a vehicle, attracted to a Force which gives it its meaning and being. Always, in attempting to create the permanent out of the transitory, man's Inner Core makes its presence felt; racks of God peer into a synthetic world, beckoning it back towards the Goal. And, if man does not consciously heed the call, torn, motivated by this Force, he will unconsciously seek the seeds of the destruction of his artificiality.

Such a pattern can be seen taking shape in today's world. Civilization begins when man starts thinking about tomorrow; he organizes his life so as to take advantage of, and, there by, to become free of the demands which nature places upon him. The more man advances, the higher of humanity has been spent in this activity. Personal liberty comes first to the very few; but soon the number increases. Soon the free man, in his newly acquired leisure, grows through his increasing awareness of his true being, and develops a social-consciousness; and the man still chained to nature in a hand-to-mouth survival, becomes aware of his more powerful neighbor's freedom, and demands the same for himself. Through these forces, freedom spreads over mankind.

In the United States of today it is industrialization which allows Americans to spend their time in more worthwhile pursuits. This brings us to a crucial question: what are we doing with our leisure?

One of the themes of Ravel's Mother Goose Suite, which the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra played for us last week, was beauty and

the beat. Beauty must overcome the best—the government will lead us. We must choose through her acceptance of him—if she is to free her prince. This is true of life. Man must first control his environment if he is to transcend it. Often, however, in the effort to control it he forgets his first purpose—to transcend it.

America is having an affair with the beast. She has forgotten the purpose for which her civilization was developed. Emphasis is put on consumer goods, luxury items, on amassing material wealth. Success, by objects, values take a second place in our lives.

In the United States our government reflects our national purpose—or our lack of it. This year we must choose the direction in which the government will lead us. We must choose between carrying on an apathetic administration lacking in foresight and a new administration which will mould a new America and refine old paths lost.

An economic minded administration risks the defenses of this nation, actions with which Joseph Alsop terms as justifying its "guesstimates."

An economic minded administration slashes Federal grants, 500,000 more engineers per year than we do.

The administration of the richest nation in the world denies funds for proper space development, and justifies this action by claiming that the "center" of the western world is not in a space race.

An administration suffering from short-sightedness refuses to adequately support housing development, urban rehabilitation, and bills to keep our rivers.

The government of a thriving democracy refuses to extend that democracy to other countries through adequate foreign aid. Congress remains indifferent for this, but it is a congress pressured by an administration which demands that prices be cut somewhere.

Defense, Aid to Education, Foreign Aid and Foreign Policy, the Space Race, all these are issues which we have decided upon this election. The issue of Civil Rights, it is true, is an issue in which all have an interest; but it is not, I think, an issue in this election because there is

no differentiation between the Democrats and the mobsters on their stance on this particular subject. There is, however, a big difference between the two parties on most issues. In this article, these issues have been barely touched on, and with admitted bias. In future months, however, we shall discuss these and other related subjects fully.

Man has effected industrialization, as has already been suggested, as a means to help lift himself from his primitive state. If we do not use it for the purpose it was intended, it will destroy us. Already we can see in our secular world, becoming more and more brittle as this race to forget goals which will mean motion, a product of an infinitely high degree of all the genius of our industrial and scientific world. It is Atomic Energy. It is our challenge. "Either you take control of me, or I, through you will take control of you," it is saying.

Atomic War is a great possibility. There is no use ignoring it, or trying to reason it away, as some do. It is said that war won't happen because Russia will certainly realize that if she went to war all the satellite states would rise against her; it is hoped by others that if we can stave off war long enough, Russia and China will fight it out by themselves. But one of the first rules of any tyrant is that he unites through fear. If Russia forestalls a possible revolt of her satellites or if she sees a possible split between China and herself, he might easily advocate war, uniting all of the communist world in a great crusade. If the satellite world did not go along, they too would be destroyed. War cannot be reasoned away for the simple reason that war is not fought by reasonable people. Today we talk about "hypertrophic destruction" and "hypertrophic level of war," but this was also talked about in the latter part of the century and during the thirties. We take the danger, and meet the sacrifices which the danger calls for, or we can never hope to prevent it.

The readers who presents the United States with a great opportunity and responsibility. We must take it, or face the consequences.

EWING CABRUTHERS

Pi Gamma Mu: Pat McGowan

## The Evils of Socialism

## Turrets

(Continued from page 2)

There are always turrets to cope with nowadays. From the aesthetic-architectural standpoint, we are in no position to criticize turrets per se, or Seawane turrets in particular. We are (or what it is worth) somewhat less than thrilled with their appearance. However, as we have spent several months stumbling up and down Walsh turrets, we almost feel qualified to speak with some authority on their use.

Turret trooping occurs day in day out under four types of weather conditions: clear, rain, snow, and ice. In the latter stages of most usually appears.

In clear weather progress in turrets is at its best, which is not saying much. Gone are the days when semi-tardy students could hid a wide winding staircase at a dead run and dash to class just in time to answer roll. Today's students are faced with the traumatic experience of plodding second floor ward via slow turrets.

Under adverse weather conditions the turrets are clearly dangerous. This has become very evident the last few weeks. The metal stairs take very well to ice, which combined with narrow, winding steps provide a clear invitation to slip, bump, and fall.

Then, through some quirk of fate, snowfall seems to cause a good sized puddle right at the top entrance—a location hardly suitable for icy swimming hole.

During or after rainfall the matter is not so bad, the danger of falling being reduced; only there is consider risk of mud plugging on one's head from fellow students' shoes.

Most turret trooping occurs during hours of morning classes when the movements of a large portion of the student body tend to create congestion. Combination of congestion with the aforementioned weather conditions creates situations which are at best uncomfortable, and at worst very dangerous.

Whether anything can be done to remedy these conditions at this time or not we do not know. But this condition should be done. We strongly feel that, if matters continue as present, it will not be very long before the university has a student accident on its hands in the form of a broken leg or something worse. DBH

There has been considerable discussion in certain circles recently on the relative merits of socialism as opposed to Americanism, the system of free enterprise. Which is the better system of socio-economic-political organization? A small number of patriotic souls have banded together here on the Mountain in the true American tradition, to meet the Constitutional rights press and legislators, and in general mutually expose and bolster their heartfelt devotion to the "Conservative cause." One wonders what American conservatism is? Does it mean the protection of private interest and the Establishment, the "Establishment" of the "Establishment" and opposition to any form of progress as in the Austrian Empire of the 19th century? It must be exceedingly difficult to be an American conservative in these post F.D.R. days. Good luck courageous patriots! In all truth these students and residents of the Mountain are merely exercising their constitutional right of association, and all true patriots will applaud such action. I do, not you? But to get back on the main track.

As I have said, the question of Capitalism vs. Socialism has been the topic of much heated discussion. First, let's set the record straight. Socialism as opposed to Capitalism is a purely religious issue. The only justification for government is that, as Bentham said, provides, "the greatest good for the greatest number." The rub is, who determines the greatest good, what is it does an aristocracy or does the majority find the greatest good? If we are democrats, and let's all hope we are—there can be no answer: the majority must rule. I have no intention of getting lost in the labyrinth of minority rights as opposed to majority rule. It is enough to note that we are in the 20th century, and we are irrevocably in the era of universal suffrage and all its consequences. I will further my argument by hazarding the statement that, in an era of universal suffrage, socialism in one form or another, as inevitable as anything in history can be. The American people voted in F.D.R. and his New Deal; the British in 1945 voted in the Labor Party. "Conservatives" are in power in both countries. Has the American Constitution or the legislation of the previous administrations been repealed? Has the T.V.A. been sold to private power; has comprehensive health and medical insurance been abolished in Great Britain? Here, if they were, it would be a political suicide for the parties that attempted

such action. If the economy of the U.S. again suffers a severe depression, the more (this is of course a statistical inclination) parties will return to power.

The biggest grip against any form of collectivism in America, it is argued, is that it will definitely cause the loss of personal individuality and liberty in the members of the socialist society. The masses will rule and the individual will be lost. Why shouldn't the masses rule? they have the vote.

Let's be more practical. If you as college men have read any of the Socialists, What's the Organization Man, Packard's The Status Seekers, or, to strike home, have observed the legions of Ivy leaved warriors that trod our college halls, you know the tremendous forces pushing toward conformity and loss of individuality in "free enterprise" America. Individuality is the individual's problem, not society's. We can be "Out" like Jan, or "In" like the inner circle, from South Carolina, but it is our own choice, not society's. The most original and rebellious movement in English literature of late, has been the "angry young men," who began being published and read while the Labor Party was in power in Great Britain.

As you read any of the Greeks, the late professor Harold J. Lasky in his Liberty in the Modern State writes, "Economic sufficiency and leisure for thought—these are the prime essentials for the free man." Socialism claims it can achieve such goals. The essence is to provide a certain amount of security for the individual, economic security, so that he is free from the Darwinian struggle for existence in the jungle of the market economy, and as a human being, may thus be able to achieve true dignity. How many millions of unemployed do we have in the United States at present? I venture it is over two million.

The question is, can socialism provide "economic sufficiency and leisure" for the majority of men in a given society. Socialism has had remarkable success in the Scandinavian countries and in Australia and New Zealand. Is the individual suppressed in these countries? I think not. The answer would be "No." Socialism has achieved amazing results in the Sino-Soviet block, but at a cost that we of course disapprove. But to quote one professor here at Seawane, "Do you suppose that if absolutely free election were held in Russia today the Communists would be voted out of power? Of course not!" Social-



MISS KAY NEELEY IS THE PURPLE Girl of the Month for March. Miss Neeley is a senior from Dallas.

## Pic of Flics

by ED MOORE

Wednesday: *Blood and Steel* and *High Cost of Loving*.  
There is no information available on *Blood and Steel*.

*High Cost* is a T-V type husband and wife comedy, but a pretty good one. Jose Ferrer plays the husband so worried about losing his job that he can't be enthusiastic about his wife's pregnancy. The wife (Gena Rowlands) is rather upset at this seeming indifference, especially since the baby is coming after nine unfruitful years of marriage. The picture does drag a little, but the comedy is good, and the cast is all good.

Thursday and Friday: *Web of Evidence*.

No information is available on this one either; starring Van Johnson and Vera Miles.

Owl Flick Friday: *Paths of Glory*.

This is a non-miss flick. It has its faults, mainly in the mediocre acting and a few bad scenes, but the story is a powerful one, making this picture one of the best war-flicks of all time.

Based on the 1935 factual novel by Humphrey Cobb, *Paths* deals with a French regiment, commanded by Kirk Douglas, that falls in the impossible assignment of taking the well-fortified German stronghold, Ant Hill. Douglas's commanding general, George Macready ("There's no such thing as shell-shock"), is humiliated by the failure, and orders three men to be picked at random from the regiment to be court-martialed for cowards in battle, thus taking the blame for the fiasco. Col. Douglas has the men selected, then defends them at the trial. I don't want to spoil the terrific impact of the ending, so I won't go further, but take my word for it—this flick has power.

## Coach Offers Water Safety

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for instructors and guards to be trained for the following summer. Last year, Coach Bitondo started a Senior Life Saving and Water Safety Instructor program at Sewanee. It was met with enthusiasm by a large number of students, and reports show that these students had jobs for the summer that were not only enjoyable, but highly profitable. Life guarding jobs at Sewanee also include extra spending money, and the instructors have the first opportunities for these jobs.

Many of these instructors came back and taught swimming courses helping increase the ability of the students. One life saving course was taught this fall by Clem Jordan, Frank Cleveland, Bob Krings and Dave Wilson. The second life saving course, taught by Ed Alderson, ends this month.

After spring vacation Coach Bitondo will begin a course that trains Red Cross Water Safety Instructors. These instructors are able to teach and issue certificates in swimming from beginning swimming to Senior Life Saving. To take the course, one must have completed his Senior Life Saving Course. The students should realize the tremendous opportunity that is provided here. We are very fortunate in having qualified men like Coach Bitondo to teach a course of this type. Very few people are qualified to teach such a course, not to mention Coach Bitondo's experience and ability. Most courses like this would normally be taught in expensive aquatic schools. Those who are qualified should certainly take advantage of this opportunity.

The Water Safety Instructor Course will begin soon after spring vacation. It will be taught Monday through Friday from 3:15 until 4:00 p.m. Anyone who is qualified to take the course and is interested should come to a brief meeting Wednesday, March 16, so that they can have the course outlined to them. Students should certainly take advantage of this unique and beneficial opportunity.

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## Phi Beta Kappa Appoints 9 Students

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treasurer of his fraternity, commander of the Arnold Air Society, on the Executive Committee of the Order of Government, Business Manager of the Mountain Goat, and on the staffs of the Peppers and Cap and Gown. He won the Guerry Scholarship Medal last year.

Varnell, a mathematics and physics major from Sewanee, has played on the basketball team for three years and is a member of Sigma Pi Sigma.

Snell, a French major from Lumberton, N. C., is a member of the Acolytes Guild, Debate Council, and the French Club.

Pendleton, Phi Gamma Delta, is a mathematics major from Madison, Tenn. He is a Baker scholar, a member of Green Ribbon, Sigma Pi Sigma, the French Club, and the Discipline Committee. He played football for one year.

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