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## Dr. Joseph L. Parsons Dies After Steeplechase Accident

Dr. Joseph Lawrence Parsons, Jr., 38, died at 8 PM last Tuesday at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga. He was chief surgeon at Emerald Hodgson Hospital in Sewanee, president of the Middle Tennessee Medical Association and former senior warden of Otey Parish and founder of the Senior Center for retired persons here. Death resulted from complications following multiple fractures in the right leg sustained in a steeplechase accident at Tryon, North Carolina, on the afternoon of April 3.

Dr. Parsons was taken by ambulance to Chattanooga for surgery Sunday morning. Evidence of infection necessitated a second operation Tuesday. Blood transfusions from donors driven from Sewanee were

not effective and death was ascribed to massive infection.

Dr. Parsons was born September 17, 1932, in Birmingham, the son of Dr. Joseph L. Parsons and the late Ethel Ellis Parsons. He graduated from the University of Alabama at Tusculooa, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, and received his medical degree at Alabama Medical School. In 1957 he married Anne Stewart Atrial, finalist from Alabama in the Miss America contest, then he interned at the University of

Virginia and served two years in the Air Force. Immediately before coming to Sewanee in 1963 he was surgeon and orthopedist at Monterey County Hospital in California.

Funeral services were held last Thursday afternoon in Otey Parish Church. Burial followed in the Sewanee Cemetery.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by four daughters: Lauren, Heather, Ariel, and Jolie. The family suggested that memorial gifts might be made to the rector's discretionary fund at Otey Parish.

## D. A. Backs May Moratorium, Approves 3 Amendments

by Glen E. Ennett

The main business of last week's Delegate Assembly meeting ranged from the passing of several Student Government Constitution amendments to discussion of proposed changes in the requirements for graduation of next fall's freshman class.

Clendon Lee presented the three constitutional amendments, two of which concerned the Delegate Assembly. The first stipulated that DA members be elected only once every year, rather than each semester. This change will hopefully provide for more cohesion and better organization in DA meetings. The second provides for a Secretary to be elected by the Assembly and from the Assembly at the first meeting where the new Speaker presides. The Secretary's term of office will be for one year regardless of whether he is reelected the following year.

The third amendment calls for the Secretary of the Order of Gownmen to be a member of the Executive Committee. The Secretary of the Delegate Assembly has in the past been a member of the Committee.

The proposed CURRICULUM CHANGES will be presented to the College Faculty for discussion. The new plan provides for distribution requirements, permitting some choice of courses. The

only new requirement would be one 3-hour course in the area of fine arts, music, and drama. One semester would be eliminated in the area of English literature and foreign literature, and another would be eliminated in the area combining economics, history, political science and religion and philosophy.

In other action the DA unanimously approved a motion providing for the Assembly to elect with the approval of the Sewanee Community Council, one student to the Council. The Council would decide if this student would serve in an advisory or voting capacity.

## Saga Improves Pub

by Jim Cameron

Saga Food Services is working to improve the atmosphere of the Pub Room at the Sewanee Inn to attract more students. Tod Shelton, who is organizing the undertaking, explained that the Inn has a great potential as a gathering place in the evenings for the student body. The initial action by Saga has been a "special night" featuring entertainment.

Two of these special nights have already taken place with Jim Chickering and Sunny Menewether providing entertainment. As of now, Monday nights have been chosen for this program, but other

The Assembly also approved a motion supporting the May 5 moratorium on the Southeast Asian situation. Classes will be suspended and students will be encouraged to participate in the day's activities.

Another motion encouraging the Student Activities Fee Committee to give unallocated money to the student radio station was passed.

It was also agreed that a committee will report at the next meeting on the possibility of opening discussion to all in the community on the subject of where money is being invested to support the University of the South.

arrangements for special nights can be worked out according to student interest. Plans include opening in the afternoons, bargains to wait on tables and possibly returning the television to the Pub. Later this week the terrace will be opened.

The aim is to provide more cordial surroundings for the whole student body to serve as a sort of rendezvous. Shelton said that the cooperation and consideration of the students will be necessary to realize the unlimited possibilities of the Pub. Anyone interested in assisting with the program should contact Tod Shelton.

## Ecology Committee, EPF Make Plans

### ECOLOGY ACTION COMMITTEE

Mike Wallens, a member of Sewanee's Ecology Action Committee, has released a tentative calendar of activities for this year's Earth Week.

Though the week's activities will begin officially next Saturday with an organic food bake sale in front of the Supply Store, the Sewanee Ski and Outing Club will jump the gun a bit by having a clean-up at some of the more scenic spots around campus this Wednesday (tomorrow).

Two events are now scheduled for Monday, April 19. One activity will be a general, organized clean-up of the campus, with special attention paid to planting trees and trying to revive the grass on the quadrangle. Monday night will see a discussion between a Dr. Nummy of the Dow Chemical Company and Dr. Camp of the Chemistry Department on use of defoliants, especially in Vietnam.

Lectures and panel discussions on problems of protecting the environment will be held on Tuesday, the 20th of April.

On Wednesday, in addition to showings of various films on the subject, there will be a lecture by a guest speaker on air pollution.

Many other projected activities for the week, such as limits on automobile traffic and special services, have yet

to be worked out. A complete calendar of the week's activities will be placed in student mail boxes during this week.

### EPISCOPAL PEACE FELLOWSHIP

The Episcopal Peace Fellowship met Sunday night to discuss plans for the forthcoming March on Washington. Presently an estimated 50 students, twelve of whom are from MTSU, will make the trek to Washington on April 24.

The EPF will provide transportation for anyone who wants to go. Contributions are needed to defray the cost of transportation, which may involve chartering a bus. More information about the plans for the march are available from Law Wilson and Chris Blakelee.

### PEACE SERVICE

A peace service will be celebrated in All Saints' Chapel at 12:10 PM Friday. The public is invited.

### DRAFT COUNSELLING

Two classes of draft counselling will be sponsored soon by the EPF. Contact Smokey Oates for more information.

### PEACE TREATY

The EPF also endorsed a peace treaty between North and South Vietnam and the people of the United States. The treaty calls for the end of the war to be brought about by the peoples of the two countries since the governments refuse to do it. The treaty can be signed in front of the Union Wednesday, April 14.



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## Will Students be Listened to?

In the past few years the Administration of the University has become much more responsive to the wishes of the motivated student body than it had ever been in the past.

A new student governing body, the Delegate Assembly, was formed at student initiative to create a means for the increased action and has worked to organize and focus the increased student interest in the workings of the University. At the same time, the Order of Gownsmen, with a more selective membership than before, has continued to serve as a working governing body and for the students.

The increased student interest and initiative in affairs concerning the student body, the University as a whole, and the Sewanee Community and the world beyond has been met with more and more openness and responsiveness on the part of the administrators of the University.

Students (and faculty) now have direct representation on the Board of Trustees, the Student Activity Fee Committee and the special Trustee's Committee working to nominate a new Vice-Chancellor to succeed Dr. McCrady upon his retirement.

Two matters of special concern to students are now before the administration. These are the plans for the conversion of the Sewanee Inn and the plans for the new union, the Bishop's Common. Both student governing bodies have unanimously resolved that the Inn's dining room NOT be converted into a student dining hall, and the D. A. has resolved that more planning is needed on the Bishop's Common because the preliminary plans presented are not totally acceptable.

It will be interesting to see the action taken by the Administration on these two matters which have been of so much concern to students. Of special interest will be the actions of the Board of Regents, the Vice-Chancellor and the Provost.

Donald Fishburne  
Managing Editor

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chattanooga Bicycle Club is coming to Sewanee on Sunday, April 18. The Club members, with their cycles, will assemble in front of the Union at 2 PM. Those interested in touring or racing are urged to be present.

The annual dinner of the Sewanee Economics Club will be held at Bairnwick on Friday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m.

The dinner will feature remarks by Dr. Werner Baer of Vanderbilt University on "Import Substitution Industrialization in Latin America." Dinner reservations may be made through Club president Randy Love.

## On the Bench

by Jim Cameron

Most of you are aware of the controversy which arose earlier this year between the Student Activities Fee Committee and the Athletic Department. Since that time several meetings concerning the problem have been held and I have personally remained in touch with Coach Bryant. Not all of the things that different students have voiced as complaints to me concerning the department have been resolved, but for the most part Mr. Bryant has shown considerable interest for athletic activities involving the whole student body. For example, in the last few weeks the swimming pool has been opened every Wednesday night for students to use, and last week between 30 and 40 undergraduates filled the tank. It is possible for virtually all the gym facilities to be opened at night since Mrs. Chitty has students on aid who need to work. Mr. Bryant said that these could be made available to all students at night if enough interest is shown. The

department has gone out of its way to help the Lacrosse team. At present, the possibility of building a larger sauna is being explored.

With the concern the Athletic Department has shown in the recent past, I believe that the students should take advantage of the opportunities which are now available and work to expand the program. Printed below is a schedule of times the pool and tennis courts are open.

Tennis Courts — Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri.  
Swimming Pool — Mon-Fri. from 2 until 3 pm. Wed. night students only — 7:30 until 9 pm. Sat. and Sun. from 2 until 5:30.

Mr. Bryant has voiced his willingness to meet with the Student Activity Fee Committee to present a budget and request. Anyone with constructive suggestions is urged to speak either with Mr. Bryant or myself.

## D.A., O.G. Election

## Smallwood gets ROTC Honor

Elections for Speaker and Speaker pro tempore of the DA and for members of the Discipline Committee, Honor Council, and Student Vestry will begin next Tuesday.

Candidates for Speaker and Speaker pro tempore must turn in nominating petitions bearing 50 names to the Registrar's office no later than 1:00 p.m. Friday, April 16.

Nominations for members of the Discipline Committee, Honor Council, and Student Vestry will be made orally and in writing at tomorrow's meeting of the Order of Gownsmen. In addition, nominations will be made for proctorships.

For the Discipline Committee, three rising juniors will be elected for two-year terms; in addition, there are two one-year seats for which all classes are eligible.

For the Honor Council, three rising juniors will be elected for two year terms and one rising sophomore for a one year term.

Two rising juniors will be elected to the Student Vestry for two year terms as well as one rising sophomore for a one year term.

Rising seniors and juniors will have to be Gownsmen to hold these offices next year. Rising sophomores will not have to be Gownsmen.

Clay Smallwood, a Cadet Major in the ROTC squadron, was honored recently when the Air Force awarded him a medical school scholarship. After he receives his commission as a second lieutenant in June, Clay will become a member of the Medical Service Corps of the Air Force Reserve. He plans to go to the Medical College of Georgia for training.

Normally, it takes four to five years to complete the Medical Education Program. Each student receives full salary and allowances, as well as payment of all tuition and fees covering books and supplies, medical equipment, and doctoral dissertations. In addition, students are required to perform duties at an Air Force teaching hospital during the school year and over the summer months. In their senior year they must again apply for sponsorship of their intern training in either a military or civilian hospital. Upon completion of this training the graduate accepts reappointments as a first lieutenant.

Smallwood, a senior psychology major, has ranked in the top twenty of his class and has been active in intramural sports. He is a member of the Arnold Air Society and as Deputy Commander for Operations in the ROTC program, he organizes and plans each Thursday corps training session.

# Baseball Squad Sets Record Even at 5-5

BY JOHN DAVENPORT

The Tiger nine had a mixed experience with three double-headers held this past week here as Sewanee and their record has evened out from 3-1 to 5-5.

The first contest was with Covenant College of Lookout Mountain in which the Tigers eased through the first game 11-3 and ended on the losing side of the second, 6-3, in the rain. Sophomore Dee McMillan showed strength in the pitching department, striking out nine batters and allowing only five hits. Danny Sain and Randy Love led the offensive with a home-run each while Gary Sims had three RBIs and two hits.

The second game was called because of rain five minutes after Covenant had a three-run rally in the top of the fifth, to lead 6-3.

The following Thursday a strong team from Millikan College in Decatur, Ill. swept a double header from the Tigers. They exploded for five runs in the sixth inning of the opener to win it, 8-6, and then coasted behind the one-hit pitching of Ron Laws for an 8-0 triumph in the night-cap. The victory boosted Millikan's record to 5-6 while Sewanee squared its record at 4-4.

Gary Sims, who took the loss for Sewanee in the second game, led the Tigers in the opener with two hits and two RBIs, but Bob Brown and Jim Raulston of Millikan combined for four RBIs in the sixth to put it on ice for the visitors. The only Sewanee hit in the second game was a double by John Popham.

The following day it looked as though Sewanee would avenge its double defeats of the day before by winning the first game, 6-5, on a triple by Big John Popham. But in the second game, the Millikan squad came back to stop a seventh inning rally and nailed down a 5-3 victory.

Popham's triple in the first game plated George Horton, who had doubled, with the winning run. Sewanee had scored three times in the sixth to tie the game 5-5. In that inning, Popham opened with a walk and moved to third on Danny Sain's double. After Mike Ledford drew a walk, Chip Ferris brought home a run with a single. Trey Yarbrough brought Danny home with a sacrifice fly and then Danny Byrd brought the third run of the inning in with a single. George Horton and Danny Sain had the only homers of the games.

Millikan won the victory in the second game by scoring three runs in the first inning and by adding runs in the fifth and sixth for a five run lead. Dee McMillan slapped a single in the bottom of the seventh, driving in two runs, and Danny Byrd singled in another, but the Millikan pitcher induced Mike Ledford to pop out with two to end the game.



## Lacrosse Loses First Game

BY DAVID VOORHEES

The Sewanee lacrosse club failed to win its first game but made a fine showing as they went down before the stickmen of Vanderbilt last Sunday afternoon by a score of 13-5. The game was played on artificial turf at Vandy's Dudley Stadium.

High scorer for Sewanee was Bayard Snowden, who contributed two goals. Other scorers (with one goal apiece) were Jeff Peabody, Woody Forsythe, and David Voorhees. Hatchman for the team was Noel Rush with five minutes in the penalty box.

Coming games and scrimmages will be announced.



Photos by Dick Clark

# Bryan, Wisconsin State Fall To Fierce Sewanee Harriers

Preston Hicky, Steve Swanson, and Bobby Newman led the assault on Bryan last Saturday as the Tigers won 16 out of 17 events to annihilate Bryan 117-28. Four days later, Sewanee showed very little "Southern hospitality" as they edged the Northern boys from Wisconsin State 81-64. Steve Swanson broke his own school record in the triple

jump as he leaped 43'10". Hicky maintained his unblemished record in dual meets by winning the 100 and 220. His time of 10.0 in the 100 was only 2 off his school record of 9.8.

Sewanee 117, Bryan 28

100 — Hicky (S), 10.1  
220 — Hicky (S), 21.8  
3 Mile — Boggs (B) 17:17  
120 HH — Hodges (S) 18.9  
440 — Mayfield (S) 91.1  
Mile — Palmer (S) 4:18  
Phets (S) (tie)  
880 — Palmer (S) 2:07  
440 Relay — (S) 43.3  
440 Im. H. — Frantz (S) 1:00.9  
Mile Relay — (S) 3:32.5  
High Jump — Knight (S) 5'6  
Discus — Newman (S) 128' 1/4  
Shot — Newman (S) 42' 11 1/2

Sewanee 81, Wis. St. 61

100 — Hicky (S) 10.0  
220 — Hicky (S) 22.2  
440 — Mayfield (S) 60.9  
880 — Rozak (WS) 2:03.9  
Mile Rozak (WS) 4:10.2  
440 Im. H. — Krueger (WS) 59.8  
120 HH — Graham (WS) 16.6  
3 Mile — Desparlais (WS) 15:37  
440 Relay — (S) 43.3  
Pole Vault — Drexler (WS) 12'6"  
Javelin — Rote (S) 186' 11"  
Shot — Beer (WS) 45' 1/2"  
TD — Swanson (S) 131' 0"  
BJ — Swanson (S) 21' 1"  
HJ — Offt (WS) 3' 10"  
Discus — Gudt (WS) 129' 5"  
Mile Relay — (S) 3:31

# Ski & Outing Club Eyes the Smokies

The Sewanee Ski and Outing Club will sponsor a trip to the Smoky Mountains on Tuesday, Wednesday (Study Day) and Thursday, April 27 to 29. The trip will begin on Tuesday, April 27, after classes. The expedition will drive to Gatlinburg and spend the night in a motel. Rising early, the hikers will take to the Appalachian Trail the next morning and hike to the summit of Mt. LeConte, elevation 6,593 ft. The group will spend the night

Wednesday in LeConte Lodge atop the mountain. On Thursday, the group will hike down and do some rock climbing before returning to Sewanee. Cost of the trip will be about \$14. For more information and to sign up for the trip, please drop by the Ski and Outing Club office in the basement of Walsh Eilet Hall. It is open from 11:30 to 12:30 daily, and from 2:00 to 5:00 most afternoons.

The SS&OC now has two tandem bicycles to loan. If you are interested, drop by the office at the above hours.

Color slides of all Sewanee Ski and Outing Club trips taken since last spring will be shown 7:30 pm. Sunday night, April 18 at the EQB House. Included will be ski trips and last October's hiking trip in the Smoky Mountains. Everyone is welcome, whether a member or not. If you have never been on an S.S. & O.C. trip, you are invited to come and find out about some of the Club's activities.

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# Sports Schedule

## TENNIS SCHEDULE

|                |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Apr. 13        | Tennessee Tech                |
| Apr. 15        | Emory                         |
| Apr. 19        | David Lipscomb                |
| Apr. 21        | U.T. Chattanooga*             |
| Apr. 27        | Vanderbilt*                   |
| Apr. 29        | Southwestern*                 |
| Apr. 30, May 1 | T.I.A.C.                      |
| Apr            |                               |
| May 7, 8       | C.A.C. Spring Sports Festival |
| *home games    |                               |

## TRACK SCHEDULE

|          |                               |
|----------|-------------------------------|
| Apr. 13  | Austin Peay                   |
| Apr. 16  | Maryville                     |
| Apr. 20  | Emory*                        |
| Apr. 24  | U.T.C.*                       |
| May 1    | T.I.A.C.                      |
| May 7, 8 | C.A.C. Spring Sports Festival |

## WOMEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE

|          |                              |
|----------|------------------------------|
| Apr. 15  | David Lipscomb               |
| Apr. 16  | GPS                          |
| Apr. 19  | UT                           |
| Apr. 28  | Westminster                  |
| Apr. 30  | Vanderbilt*                  |
| May 2    | Peabody                      |
| May 7, 8 | Tennessee Women's Tournament |

## BASEBALL SCHEDULE

|          |                               |
|----------|-------------------------------|
| Apr. 13  | Northwood Institute*          |
| Apr. 14  | Northwood Institute*          |
| Apr. 16  | St. Bernard                   |
| Apr. 19  | Tennessee Temple*             |
| Apr. 22  | Montevalo                     |
| Apr. 23  | Birmingham-Southern           |
| Apr. 27  | Birmingham-Southern*          |
| Apr. 28  | St. Bernard*                  |
| Apr. 30  | Columbia State                |
| May 1    | Lambuth*                      |
| May 3    | Montevalo*                    |
| May 7, 8 | C.A.C. Spring Sports Festival |

## GOLF SCHEDULE

|             |                        |
|-------------|------------------------|
| Apr. 14     | Northwood Institute*   |
| Apr. 16, 17 | T.I.C. Championships*  |
| Apr. 19     | St. Bernard            |
| Apr. 30     | Vanderbilt             |
| May 6       | Washington University  |
| May 7, 8    | C.A.C. Sports Festival |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sophomores must declare majors on or before Saturday, April 17. Information for the process is available through the Office of the Dean of the College.

Room reservations for next year may be made during the period from April 19 to 23. A \$100 reservation fee must be paid to the Treasurer in order to secure a Pre-registration Permit and Room Card. The schedule of priorities for room reservations is available from the Office of the Dean of Men.

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# On Film

By Herbert Reynolds

## Antonioni's Height and Depth

*I want the audience to work. I ask them to see the film from the beginning and devote their full attention to it, treating it with the same respect they would give a painting, a symphony or any other work of art. I treat them with the same respect by inviting them to search for their own meanings instead of insulting their intelligence with obvious explanations.*  
—Michelangelo Antonioni

When *L'AVVENTURA* was first shown at Cannes in 1960, the film was subjected to booring and derisive laughter from that Festival's philistine audience; and despite a group of critics' subsequent protest to its inconsiderate reception, the despairing director, Michelangelo Antonioni, could never have suggested that his film soon was to make him the vogue among European filmmakers. *L'AVVENTURA* is his sixth feature film (he has now completed eleven) and though it is neither particularly obscure nor vague, it does address itself to a perceptively audience.

The film's plot is simple: a girl disappears mysteriously, and in their ensuing search for her, her lover and her best friend become lovers, continuing to look for the girl whose discovery could only be disastrous at this point. Antonioni is actually less concerned with plot than with his theme, which is the aimless disposition of Italy's haute bourgeoisie. While it is generally the plot and virtuous directing which maintain the viewer's interest as this theme is developed, there are several great sequences which set forth the milieu of emptiness and ennui without advancing the action whatsoever.

Antonioni's style here is closest to Bergman; the comparison is a tribute to them both. Antonioni photographs the starkest blacks and whites in utter, stunning contrast. So severe and defined are these tones that they can assume symbolic thematic value in their striking beauty. Furthermore, literally every frame in the film is carefully composed. In his long shots, Antonioni places shapes on the film like a

painter skilled in arrangement. Faces fill his close-ups in brilliant variations of proportion and position. Characters walk into medium shots from all directions; groupings and movement of his actors are beautiful and suggestive. Indeed, the director's sense of "choreography" in the successive frames within sequences is magnificent. The sound track, combining natural sounds with an intelligent use of music, fits the film wonderfully. Pictorial symbols represent meaning and irony in the action.

The flaws of *L'AVVENTURA* are few; though Antonioni's pacing represents actual time quite effectively, the film is somewhat long containing some unnecessary scenes. I think, however, the film is certainly a masterpiece, equalled by perhaps only a dozen or so others. If we fail to appreciate *L'AVVENTURA*, it is our own fault, not Antonioni's.

The director's latest effort, *ZABRISKIE POINT*, is his third in color. I had the occasion last week to see it and *L'AVVENTURA* on the same day; it is largely by compar-

ison with that great work that *ZABRISKIE POINT* is interesting at all, while all the more disappointing. It contains Antonioni's typically simple plot and familiar motifs such as travel and emptiness, and it is exciting visually. Otherwise, it seems wholly unlike *L'AVVENTURA*. The explosive ending seems silly, but it could have been more powerful, I think, had Antonioni substantiated his use of common contemporary themes of orgasm and apocalypse rather than merely alluding to them. In *L'AVVENTURA*, he stressed boredom and used his plot and style to avoid the film's becoming boring itself; however, in *ZABRISKIE POINT*, his plot is facile and unmotivated its characters. In defense of the picture, Antonioni called it a fable; but fables are built upon character, and characterization here is so poor that we can neither adequately understand the personalities involved in the plot nor see clearly how their diseased society has affected them. Therefore, *ZABRISKIE POINT* fails particularly on the points on which *L'AVVENTURA* has been made strong.

# Tennis

BY PHIL ESCHBACH

Mike "Lefty" Harris is the feature player this week of the Tennis Team. He is undefeated in four starts. He is from Florida, of course, (all Florida players are good). Mike is the fourth of five Florida players that the team has in the starting line-up.

The team bettered their average last week by beating Tenn. Wesleyan and Meramac, while only losing to Indiana State 8-1. Mike was the hero in the Indiana match with the only win, defeating his opponent 7-5, 6-7, 7-5. The netters then went on to defeat Meramac and Tenn. Wesleyan both 9-0. This means that the team so far has a winning season at 3-1. The team will travel to Tenn. Tech Tuesday and travel to Atlanta Thursday to play Emory and travel to Nashville Monday to play David Lipscomb.

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