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Brockett Will Lead Discussions

Task Force Begins Examining Social Life

By Robert Varnado
Associate Editor

Students and faculty members have recently begun a series of meetings that may play an important role in shaping the future of student life, according to Professor Charles Brockett, chairman of the Task Force on Undergraduate Life at Sewanee in the 1990s.

Brockett described the Task Force as "an opportunity to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of student life here at Sewanee, and to explore together other possible areas for improving the environment in which we live."

The 44 participants in the study have been divided into subcommittees that will cover the four "interrelated" topics of Community Service, Fraternities and Sororities, the Status of

Women, and Alternative Social Activities. Each of the four subcommittees will be chaired by a faculty member.

These sub-committees will report periodically throughout the semester to a Steering Committee. This committee will supervise the study, and it is responsible for submitting a final report to Vice-Chancellor Samuel R. Williamson by March 1, 1990.

Williamson's concern about the quality of extra-curricular student life prompted the creation of the Task Force, according to Dean of the College W. Brown Patterson. Patterson said the study is part of the Vice-Chancellor's ongoing re-evaluation of the University that includes the previous curriculum study and the Task Force on Minority Recruitment and Retention.

According to Brockett, the Vice-Chancellor was also responding to the initiative of two independent groups that were looking into the status of women at Sewanee and the issue of expanding the social opportunities for students. Brockett said that he was approached by the Vice-Chancellor to chair the Task Force because of his participation in the first group.

Fairson commended Brockett as "an excellent chairperson" for the role of chairman and said, "He is a good teacher and scholar, and he is concerned about the community."

"Faculty members are independent of the administration. They are not trying to protect something. If you get the right person, you get a report that is

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Professor Charles Brockett heads social life panel. (Photo by Clair Talmadge)

Colleges Investigated Nationwide

University Not Subject of Tuition Probe

By Ben Zeigler
Staff Writer

In response to questions spawned by the national furor over alleged "price fixing" of tuition by groups of American colleges, University officials have emphatically denied any organized conspiracy between Sewanee and other Southern liberal arts colleges directed at setting and raising tuition rates.

"With the controversy that has been

brewing over the subject lately, the last thing we would want to do is to be involved in such a group," said Dean of the College W. Brown Patterson. "In fact, we have been quite careful to avoid even the appearance of any sort of collusion."

Accusations of such price fixing have been made against several groups of colleges over the past several months and have culminated in a Justice Department investigation in which the

methods of setting tuition, faculty pay, and financial aid of nearly one hundred institutions. Fifty one of these have recently indicted for conspiracy under federal antitrust laws.

"Sewanee was by no means included in these," Patterson added.

Patterson did say, however, that Sewanee has belonged to several organizations of Southern colleges and universities, organizations in which administrators gather to exchange ideas

and organize joint educational programs.

"In the early nineteen seventies we joined the Southern College and University Union, which was a group of broad purposes, mainly for the organization of educational programs at home and abroad," Patterson said. "But we never involved ourselves in any setting of tuitions."

SCU was reorganized in the spring of this year and a new group, the Associated Colleges of the South, was formed. With essentially the same goals as its predecessor, this new consortium is made up of nine smaller schools: The University of Richmond, Morehouse, Centre, Rhodes, Birmingham Southern, Millsaps, Centenary, and The University of the South. The first meeting of this consortium was held in Atlanta on June 15, and at it Vice-Chancellor Samuel R. Williamson was elected chairman.

Patterson said that subjects like tuition and financial aid were discussed informally by various members of both groups, but stated that no sort of conspiracy to fix tuition or any other sort of fees.

"Naturally such things came up in conversation amongst administrators, and information was exchanged, but no sort of organized 'conspiracy' took place," Patterson said. "Our ideas on tuition are no big secret, and besides much of what we work with is tied into a computer system of which these and other schools are a part," he added. "Other colleges naturally have access to such information."

Founder's Day Convocation Monday



In a Convocation in commemoration of the Founders today, honorary degrees will be given to Mrs. Edith McCrady, Ms. Verna Dozier, the Rt. Rev'd Charles I. Jones, and C. Caldwell Marks. The Board of Regents will be meeting early this week as well, and Interim Provost Frederick Croom will be installed as the permanent Provost. (Photo by Lyn Hutchinson)

NEWS

Three-Week Rush Concludes 115 Freshmen Men Pledge Fraternities

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On Friday, September 29, 115 freshmen and transfer men pledged Sewanee's eleven fraternities. Shake Day celebrations included an open house party at the Sigma Nu House sponsored by the Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Nu Fraternities.

Although Shake Day has generally fallen on a Saturday in previous years, it was moved forward by one day due to the Fall Sewanee Experience Week-end. Rushes "shook" at four PM, culminating a rush period of almost three weeks.

Alpha Tau Omega

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Terence Sheridan Clarkston, GA, Richard Hlatki Hicksville, N.Y., Bill Chataukwa Florence, AL

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Trey Hunt LaGrange, GA, Carl Thornblade Scottsdale, PA, Anthony Williams Atlanta, GA, Donald Sexton Columbia, TN, Tom Hay Gaiherburg, MD

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(associate members)
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Sigma Nu

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Chi Psi

Chip Sanford Bradenton, FL, Chip



ECSTATIC FJI PLEDGES celebrate their entry into fraternity life. (Photo by Lyn Hutchinson)

Wallace Fayetteville, TN, Andrew Bouldin Tracy City, TN, Andrew Moser Knoxville, TN, J.C. Austin Atlanta, GA, George Boyd Columbus, GA, Sean Von Schwartz Grosse Pointe Farms, MI, Mike Cass Atlanta, GA,

Tim Grindstaff Lenoir City, TN, Hayes McDonald Shelbyville, TN, Jonathan Webster Shelbyville, TN, Jeff Muench Kings Mt., N.C., Jay Pigford Leeds, AL, Ross Reynolds Griffin, GA, Patrick Moore Norman, OK

Student Elections Run Smoothly

By Brett Kennedy
Staff Writer

In initial balloting on Tuesday, Sept. 26 and run-off balloting on Thursday, Sept. 28, students elected representatives to the Senior Discipline Committee, Senior Honor Council, Freshman Honor Council, and the University's Board of Trustees. Students also voted on proposed three amendments to the Honor Council Constitution. Roughly 50% of the student body participated in the campus-wide election.

Trey Moyer, Chairman of the Election Committee, said balloting "went off without a hitch." A defeated candidate for Freshman Honor Council characterized the election as "wonderfully fair."

After an initial lack of interest that caused elections to be postponed the

four positions were sought by a total of twenty-one candidates, up four from last year's seventeen candidates.

The results were as follows: the new Senior Discipline Committee; Representative will be Hudson Weichsel; the new Senior Honor Council Representative will be Marty Beth Kinney; the new Junior Student Trustee will be Marsey Waller; and the new Freshman Honor Council Representative will be Cameron Tyler.

All three proposed Honor Council amendments passed as well. Now the same paper may not be used in different classes without prior permission from the instructor; a summer school Honor Council will be appointed by the Honor Council. The third requires that a student committing an honor offense be separated from the University for a minimum of two semesters before the student may be readmitted.

Mrs. McCrady Recalls Her 'Tour of Duty'

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When Edith Dowling McCrady first moved to Sewanee a half century ago, there was some doubt the University would be here much longer.

"All my husband's family worried whether Sewanee was even going to survive," Mrs. McCrady said in her Carruthers Road home last week. "But the Doctor loved Charleston, South Carolina, and this place, and I don't think any other place mattered to him."

But the University did survive, and Edward McCrady, who had brought his wife and children here in the uncertain times of 1937, became Vice-Chancellor for an unprecedented 20 years beginning in 1951.

But the history of Edward McCrady-of his vision, his genius, and his unparalleled contributions to the University-is well known. What we are to do today is honor the wife who stood by him all those years, and who has, on this Founder's Day, been awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law.

Mrs. McCrady shakes her head somewhat sternly and looks a little mystified when the subject of her degree comes up.

"There's nothing in the world worth giving me an honorary degree for," she says, still shaking her head slightly. "I just had 20 years, and I was on duty."

That "duty" Mrs. McCrady served included making Fulford Hall the center of life in the community, a place where nearly all the business of daily activity was transacted.

"It was a personal place then, and Fulford Hall was really the center of the community part of the campus," she recalls, listing the Sewanee Chorale, women's clubs, the Boards of Trustees and Regents, visiting firemen, the Military Academy's corps of cadets, and innumerable visiting dignitaries as only a few of the figures who topped in and out of the Vice-Chancellor's house.

Over this parade of bishops and politicians, professors and matrons, presided Mrs. McCrady, a native of New England who met the future Vice-

Chancellor while the two were waiting tables on Cape Cod one summer in college.

She was in Simmons College then, studying Public Health Administration, when McCrady persuaded her to leave after her third year in college to marry. The two moved to the University of Pennsylvania, where McCrady taught biology, and they were then sent to that university's oceanology laboratory at Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

But Sewanee was to call on McCrady, and in 1937 he moved Mrs. McCrady and their two children to the Mountain. The McCradys would raise all four of their children—Edward III, John, Waring, and Sarah—in Sewanee.

"He was the biology department then," Mrs. McCrady recalls with a smile. "There were only 250 students, all men of course, and everybody knew everybody."

Alexander Guerry was Vice-Chancellor in those days, having moved to Sewanee from the Baylor School in Chattanooga. It would be Mrs. Guerry, however, who would eventually play a significant role in how Mrs. McCrady would run Fulford Hall.

"I was just a young housewife and mother, and I watched her," Mrs. McCrady remembers. "If I accomplished anything as the Vice-Chancellor's wife, I learned it from Charlotte Guerry."

The McCradys lived in two houses before finally settling in the Morgan's Step House here Professor and Mrs. Stephen E. Puckette II now live. But before they would make the move to Fulford in 1951, McCrady was called by the government to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to study peacetime uses of atomic energy.

At first, McCrady resisted, but ultimately Vice-Chancellor Guerry granted him a leave of absence, and the McCradys moved to the East Tennessee installation for three years. There, Mrs. McCrady says, they helped to build the first Episcopal Church in the town.

"I think we fought over every stone that went into that church," she says, smiling again. "All those scientists thought they knew what they were

doing."

Yet, the call came again from Sewanee, and McCrady returned to the Mountain to assume duties as the eleventh Vice-Chancellor and President of the University. It was to become Mrs. McCrady's hour at the center of community life as well.

"There was always someone coming and going—a few governors would pass through..." she says.

It was still an all-male college then, and still an intimate place. It became Mrs. McCrady's duty to balance these two factors, particularly on date weekends.

"There was no inn then, so I could put 23 girls in that house (Fulford Hall)," she recalls. "Students would come in about two weeks before the weekend, sign up, and I would tell them where I was going to put their dates

"All of the ladies—there were about 20 of us—got together over a cup of coffee and decided when the curfew would be. It was a different place then," she smiles.

Hospitality seems to have been a hallmark of the McCradys years; Mrs. McCrady remembers baking cookies for a week with Lacy Childress at Fulford during the first week of December to feed the Military Academy's corps of cadets.

"They always came on the first Sunday in December, the same weekend as the S.A.T.," she says. "They were ready to eat cookies by the yard. I'm sure there were some demons among them, but I didn't see any of them," Mrs. McCrady laughs.

There are countless other contributions Mrs. McCrady has made to Sewanee and to the University; she founded the Hospitality Shop, kept a daily photographic record of the completion of All Saints' Chapel, designed the Chapel's Apocrypha Window—there are many others.

Perhaps the best way to say in sum what Mrs. McCrady has done on this Mountain and to the lives she has touched is said in the citation that was read today at the Founder's Day Convocation:

"We cherish your gifts and their



MRS. EDITH MCCRADY at her Carruthers Road home. (Photo by Clar Talmadge)

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as assertive and independent as you would like," said Patterson.

In response to rumors that the Task Force might be biased against fraternities and sororities, Dean of Men Robert W. Pearigen said, "We have chosen to on this campus to work affirmatively with fraternities and sororities."

"What we are doing [in the Task Force] is looking at the part played by fraternities and sororities in the social life on campus and ... for supporting to support that role, if it needs supporting or adjusting," said Pearigen.

Patterson concurred with this view and said the Task Force, "is not intended to be anti-fraternity," but that "people on the Task Force are going to ask penetrating questions" about fraternities and sororities.

The final report of the Task Force is not binding in any way, said Brockett, and he noted that any proposals would have to be acted upon by the governing bodies of the University before they became official University policies. "The Task Force has the function of self-study and making recommendations, but has no authority to make policy," Brockett

said.

"I would hope that any recommendations that were the product of our comprehensive study, widespread consultation, and thorough deliberation...would be taken with great seriousness and lead to action by the University's decision makers," added Brockett.

Brockett declined to speculate whether or not the recommendations of the Task Force would lead to substantial restructuring of student life. "If we are going to be open to all possibilities that could come through campus-wide

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OPINION

In Defense of Our Inheritance

It is unfortunate these days to view the past as anything more than a quaint, faraway, and hopelessly backward era. We are infinitely wiser now, and live better lives, the moderns tell us, and what went before was a regrettable detour on our way to the perfectibility of man.

This thoroughly secular vision of things manifests itself in a thousand different ways in late twentieth century America. We live in an age of unbelief, a world of deconstruction, cultural relativism, and crass materialism; it is a general and universal crisis, one which denies all things noble and good about our past and the lessons we might draw from it. All the old manners of doing things, the ancient conventions, and habits that made our world particular must be swept aside in order to make ourselves "relevant" to the rest of the modern world.

On this Founder's Day, it might be worthwhile to reflect for a moment on the world through which our founders moved and the world they meant to build here for us. The critic Richard Weaver has written that the Old South was the last non-materialist civilization in the Western world: "It is rich refuge of sentiments and values, of spiritual congeniality, of belief in the word, of reverence for symbolism, whose existence haunts the nation." In this Weaver reminds us of the old, theocratic world we have lost.

Yet there are vestiges of this reverence for the wisdom and customs of the ages even amid the disorienting and anonymous world of shopping malls and suburbia. And, in a deep and fundamental way, Sewanee is an important vestigial element of all that. We remain, despite the efforts of some to make us more "attractive" to the outside world, a bastion of sentiment and respect for the University's explicitly religious heritage.

It is in this lingering sense that Sewanee is an heir to the tradition Weaver describes, an inheritance of charity and manners and deference, that our strength as an institution lies. The author Peter Taylor remarked on our way of life on another Founder's Day, saying that Sewanee "has tried, as any institution which is to endure must, to make the world relevant to its own principles and ideas rather than to accept the values of the world."

As campus discussions get underway on the nature of undergraduate life here, we must remember what it is we are and that our own values, just because they are relics of the past, are not intrinsically unworthy and ripe for assault. We owe the founders at least that consideration.

JON MEACHAM

Letters to the Editor

Goldberg Responds to Zeigler
To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Mr. Ben Zeigler's statement that Third World Studies courses "often border on blatant anti-Westernism [and] threatens to undermine the very foundations of the Western liberal arts tradition."

This Third World Studies program at this college is diverse and includes courses in Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Religion, and other departments. The courses emphasize the following ideas: the relationship between tradition and modernization, appreciation and understanding of different cultural traditions, the value of freedom, respect for the dignity of all human beings, and, for our students, the development of analytical thinking. Not one of these concepts is in any way anti-Western.

Indeed, these values are firmly within and clearly serve to strengthen the best of the Western liberal arts tradition.¹⁰

Sincerely,

Harold J. Goldberg
Chair, Third World Studies

Telephone Clarification

To the Editor:

I would like to clarify a few points in

Virginia Perry's article in the last "Purple" ("University Explores New Phone System," 25 September 1989). Although the phone set and dial tone service will most likely be included in the student room fee, there may be a charge for additional features such as voice processing, call forwarding, and call waiting, just as there would be from South Central Bell. We do anticipate that we will be able to offer a service to our students that is very competitive and much more convenient than what they are now receiving from the central telephone office.

On a more technical note, there are two different types of cabling on campus relating to the telecommunications system-telephone trunks which originate at South Central Bell, and cabling which connects the University extensions. We will be laying more cable on campus to connect the various dorms to our system. This cable will be owned by the University, not purchased from South Central Bell. We do purchase trunk lines for long distance both from South Central Bell and AT&T. Since we are charged at trunk rates rather than call rates, we will be able to offer long distance to students at rates lower than normal direct dial rates.

Sincerely,

Hope E. Bagganostoss
Word Processing and Printing
Manager

A 'Christian University'?

To the Editor:

I am greatly disturbed at the recent announcement for the first meeting of the Order of the Gownsmen. I called for comments in the context of this being a Christian university.

When I looked at Sewanee as a prospective, I was blinded by the thrill of going off to college, so I did not have all of my wits about me. Fortunately, my parents did. They frequently and pointedly asked whoever they could "what does it mean that Sewanee is owned by some diocese of the Episcopal church?" Universally, the answer was that there was no real connection, that many private colleges are owned by churches. I was told that nonsense like mandatory chapel was extinct. If I could have seen the direction towards which events point today, I would rather have even applied for admission. Now I am a senior; it is too late for me to transfer.

Although we cannot change past mistakes, we can try to prevent future ones. I would like my degree to be worth something, but no degree from a "Christian university" is valuable. Bob Jones, David Lipscomb, Oral Roberts, and Liberty Baptist are part of that scardid group. I would rather not see Sewanee join them. Isn't there enough hatred and intolerance without a nativist return to mythical roots? Shouldn't a great institution like The University of the South be able to broaden and expand, rather than seek

some medieval religious homogeneity?

I engaged in chemical research this past summer at the University of Chicago. During that time, I often suggested experiments that might be done. My teachers would listen patiently, then ask "why?" I ask the same of those who do not question the value of being a "Christian liberal arts university" -- why? Will we be somehow better if we become one? It is merely the "proud indolence" of which Machiavelli accused Christendom in his *Discourses on Livy*. "Christian university" is a magic phrase which some would use to cure all ills. However, repeating over and over again that "Sewanee is a Christian university" produces a cheap high like that brought on by the use of crack, because one needs more and more of it to produce euphoria, until the dosage is lethal. Tradition and heritage are words which people use when they wish to avoid thinking about the real problems of the present. The fact that the world changes is reason to stride boldly forward, not duck under the constricting comford of the womb of the past.

I participated in the meetings on "what does it mean to be a Christian university," and I cannot adequately express how relieved I was when three of the four groups came down strongly on the side of "Athens," that is, of careful study, as opposed to "Jerusalem," the blind acceptance of what you are told. These discussions

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Co-Ed Dorms to Foster Unity

Nate

Sandstrom

It is time for change at Sewanee. It is time this institution for higher education made higher education the focus of its existence. At present the University does not promote the intellectual life of its somewhat absent University community to the degree that an institution of its caliber should be expected to. Related to this, but not inherent in it, is that Sewanee does not fully recognize its role in the non-academic education of its students. The change at Sewanee should be designed to alleviate these fundamental shortcomings.

Non-academic education is any and all education that takes place outside the classroom. This is a broad and diverse area that the University cannot and should not attempt to influence as a whole. However, I do believe that there

are parts of it that are being unintentionally obstructed by the University. This obstruction has its roots in the basic structure of the university dorm system and could be alleviated by a restructuring of that system.

The current system is a single sex system, and even the coed dorms are so only in name. The dorms are bound by rules barring the presence of members of the opposite sex during the nighttime hours. This ancient system both limits the interpersonal relationships on campus and perpetuates stereotypes of the sexes. These are inherent in one another. So long as the stereotypes exist, honest friendships between the sexes cannot. Those who have friends of the opposite sex have simply found exceptions to the stereotype. The closeness of the community would be strengthened if it were learned that everyone is an exception to the stereotype...because everyone is.

Stereotypes are based on ignorance,

and exceptions to the stereotype are found when someone learns the truths about someone else. It has been said that education is learning to tell the truth. Without knowing the truth, the truth cannot be told. Men are not going to learn the truth about women from other men, and vice versa, but with this system that is their only recourse. Without uncovering and exploring the mysteries of the other sex the stereotypes will continue and friendship will be limited to those few exceptions that are discovered. As a result the University community is split into two by the distinctions made between men and women and the resulting separation: one of women and a separate one of men. That is not coeducational, nor is it healthy to the overall life of the University or its students. The world is coeducational. Sewanee should be too.

Friendships between men and women do exist on this mountain--this cannot be denied--but the current system undermines these as well. The

more time individuals can spend with each other, the more each learn about the other. Sewanee, though, limits students' social time. The strongest friendships are those that continue 24 hours a day, seven days a week; this is impossible while remaining within the confines of the dorm rules.

Coed dorms are a necessary change at this University, but this should be taken further to include coed, communal houses. In addition to intensifying all of the above advantages, this would teach responsibility, cooperation, and decision making as students share the duties required to maintain the house as well as the cooking responsibilities. Relationships would be nurtured and fostered 24 hours a day. By living together with constant contact between members of both sexes, this area of the students' non-academic education would spring to life.

Some have tried to turn this into a

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Ben

Zeigler

Tuition Hikes Not Criminal

A great hue and cry has been raised in recent months by both observers and participants in the world of higher education about allegations of "price fixing" of tuitions by certain groups or "collusions" of American liberal arts colleges and private universities. These heated accusations have stemmed mainly from those who have become angry and frustrated by the steady and substantial annual increases in tuition that have been implemented by these private colleges and universities over the past several years.

Unable to reconcile themselves to the fact that changes in tuition for the most part reflect fluctuations in external economic factors as well as changes in the needs and growth of the institution, many of these disgruntled parties have sought to paint a rather ugly picture of groups of similar colleges and universities banding together, in conspiracies to manipulate tuition rates for greater monetary gain. For a society that believes the institutions that they have created to be constantly working against them it is a titillating prospect, and, as in most such cases, it has gotten completely out of hand.

The controversy all began in the Spring of 1988 when a "confidential" document containing projections of

percentage increases in tuition for certain colleges and universities drawn up by Wesleyan University was leaked to the public. The projections (which were for schools such as Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, and Brown) turned out to be nearly correct. Questions immediately arose as to how Wesleyan was privy to this information months before tuitions were announced, and a full scale scandal, or at least an attempt to foment one, ensued.

At once allegations that certain groups of similar schools (such as the Ivy League schools) had formed secret collusions for the purpose of manipulating and fixing not only their tuitions, but financial aid grants as well. These groups were alleged to be composed of the more expensive colleges and private universities, schools which have been increasingly under fire for their seemingly skyrocketing tuition rates. Charges of "the arrogance of an elite" were leveled, and by the end of the summer an investigation into the matter had been initiated by the United States Department of Justice.

The justification given by the Justice Department for this investigation was that such "collusions" may have violated U.S. antitrust laws. Records of nearly one hundred institutions were examined to see exactly and to what extent interaction with other schools had played in the setting of tuition and financial aid grants. How much of this interaction

constitutes a breach of the law was never clearly specified, but just recently 51 of these colleges and universities were formally indicted for violations of antitrust laws. If convicted of these charges, they face substantial penalties.

Many critics of these "selective schools" have been proclaiming a great moral and ethical victory as of late, but I believe this whole scandal and the Federal indictments that have come as a result of it to be quite ridiculous. It seems quite natural that similar institutions exchange information whether it be of an academic, administrative, or financial nature. Consortiums of like minded institutions have existed for years, and the interaction and exchange that has taken place through them has been the great benefit of their member institutions and the American system of higher education as a whole.

Doubtless information pertaining to tuition and other related matters has been informally exchanged there, but I doubt if the alleged sinister organized "price fixing" takes place very often--if at all. Such financial information is generally made public by institutions and tuition increases, I am told, are usually not very difficult to project. This whole image of secret collusions of colleges and universities meeting behind closed doors in an effort to swindle their students I believe to be a gross exaggeration to say the least, and it seems to have seriously jeopardized the future benefits of meaningful

interaction amongst institutions of higher learning.

But even if tuition rates were regulated by groups of schools instead of tuitions being set by each individual institution, I see more good than harm coming of it. I believe some equanimity of tuitions amongst similar schools is necessary to keep competitiveness in price from dominating the world of higher education, as well as serving as a means by which outrageous increases by individual schools can be checked. Such emphasis on lower tuition amongst essentially similar institutions would, I believe, cause those institutions, and the whole system, to digress.

It is all too painfully apparent that the phenomenal tuitions being charged by many of America's top colleges and universities are causing a great deal of strife in the overly complex world of higher education. But I do not think that these increases are by any means the product of devious efforts of any groups of institutions. This tuition boom is rather a product of many factors caused by an academic on the verge of going haywire, and investigating colleges and universities as if they were corporate trusts only serves to intensify these problems. The issue of tuition is a very important one, and it warrants careful and extensive examination. But those who have been pushing the investigation of the "price fixing" scandal are looking in quite the wrong place.

SPORTS

Impressive Soccer Squad Keeps Up Attack

By Kit Walsh
Sports Staff

Many an avid sporting man has described real champions as men possessing that immeasurable trait known as "grace under pressure." The Sewanee Men's Soccer Team once again exhibited this, along with a little luck, in their victory over Centre College last Saturday in Danville, Kentucky. The Tigers needed more than a few "kicks in the grass" as they struggled with a stubborn group of "Colonels" representing the rival College Athletic Conference opponent.

The victory in Danville brought the Tiger's record to an impressive 8-2 for the season as they continued their quest for that elusive National Tournament invitation. It also capped off a week of good soccer as the Sewanee men brought home two tough road wins along with a big victory over Millsaps College which accounted for their second CAC win of the week.

Furthermore, the Tigers further reinforced their potent up-front, one-two scoring punch of Mark Peters and Jonathan Hawgood as Peters scored a hat trick of three goals against Alabama-Birmingham while Hawgood did the same against Centre.

In the Centre game, Sewanee survived a real scare when, at the end of regulation 90-minute play with the game tied at one, the Colonels missed a penalty kick which, according to numerous observers, including Tiger goalkeeper Jeff Hunt, caromed off the "inside of the post." Following that, into overtime, Sewanee exploded for four goals which included Hawgood's hat trick and a goal from Richard Tyrrell.

In earlier season action the Tiger men completed an unbelievable three day venture as they defeated Covenant College 1-0 on Tuesday, September, 19, for only the second time in 26 years after their historic "David and Goliath" victory over Vanderbilt University the previous Sunday.

Following that, Sewanee traveled to Chattanooga where they fell in defeat to, as Hawgood put it, "a weaker team than we." This provided a real challenge as the Tigers have "usually found it difficult to bounce back and play well after a loss." They responded at home two short days later with a hard fought win over Millsaps College, 3-0. Coach Todd White explained that the match contained a quality 60 minutes with the last 30 being very uneventful and poorly played.

Three days later the Tigers traveled to Birmingham to battle the University of Alabama-Birmingham where Peters had his hat trick, one of his goals coming off a nice assist from Jay Welchel, and Hawgood closed out the scoring with a goal of his own as they "broke the U.A.B. spirit" and cruised to a 4-1 victory.



JUBILANT TIGERS CONGRATULATE Stuart Adam on scoring a goal. The soccer team is off to an impressive 8-2 start. (Photo by Lyn Hutchinson)

Coach White has praised the play of Dennis Darnold, Clement Riddick, Rich Ramos, Stewart Adam, and Glenn York.

Peters has of course been a pleasant addition to the young team with his goal-scoring ability. He had big shoes to fill considering the exodus of four-year legend Sean Gibson. Hawgood, who played up front with Gibson for two seasons remarked of his teammate Peters, "Mark and I work pretty well together. We're starting to work for each other now and I think we complement each other even better than Sean and I did."

Hawgood has also provided surprisingly good production. Those who have seen Hawgood in the last two seasons may consider this a ridiculous statement because he has always been a tremendous offensive player. But the fact is that he suffered a broken arm in the opening game of the season, missed two and a half games, and has since played with his broken arm.

When asked how the arm has recovered, the outgoing Hawgood responded, "It is still most definitely broken and henceforth affects my athleticism. I can't jump quite as high or run quite as well."

He continued on the future of the team saying, "We have room for tactical improvement, but our spirit and fight is at an all time high."

The Tiger soccer program has made great strides over the last few years in establishing themselves as one of the premier Division III programs in the South under the leadership of highly respected Coach White. They are now on a crash course for one of the very competitive spots in the National Tournament.

Field Hockey Off to a Rough Start

The Sewanee Purple
Sports Staff

The Field Hockey team, with three losses in its first four games, has had a rough start to the season. The Tigers opened the season in Sewanee by losing to Vanderbilt (1-0). The weekend of Sept. 30, the team traveled to Danville, KY, for games against Berea, Bellarmine, and Centre. A 1-0 victory over Berea was followed by disappointing losses to Bellarmine (2-1) and Centre (1-0).

"We played well in Kentucky but we had trouble scoring," said Colleen FitzPatrick. Indeed, the offense has been a problem as the team has scored only two goals to this point and has been shut out twice. Lynda Hodgson, who scored the goal to beat Berea, has been the team's main offensive threat.

Goalie Alice Nazro has anchored a strong defense with her stellar play. Senior captains Mollie Dickson, Leanne Mullin, and Loreta Shanley have performed well this season both on the field and in leading the team. The team will undoubtedly improve as the season goes along. Said Mullin, "We just need to get used to playing with each other and get our timing down."

Several good things came out of the trip to Kentucky. Besides getting the win against Berea, the Tigers gave Division II Bellarmine a stiff battle before succumbing. This is more impressive because two key players, Francie Armstrong and Elizabeth Strand, did not make the trip. Ahead on the schedule is a return match with Vanderbilt and possibly a contest with the Georgia club team.

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The National Scene Will Wrigley Field Rock in October?



Will
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1945. The 1969 team is remembered for leading the National League until September before falling to the hated New York Mets. The year that brings tears to the eyes of a true Cub fan, however, is 1984. This was the year that Ryne Sandberg was the M.V.P. Rick Sutcliffe won the Cy Young Award, and the Cubs won the Eastern Division Championship. In the playoffs the Cubs jumped ahead of San Diego two games to none, and the team needed only one more win in three games to reach the World Series. Unfortunately, the win never came and that was the last the Cubs have seen of the postseason—until now.

This year's team is much different from ones of the past. From the 1984 team only Sandberg, Sutcliffe, and Scott Sanderson remain. The 1989 Cubs are built around a nucleus of young players such as Mark Grace, Shawon Dunston, Jerome Walton, and Dwight Smith. Manager Don Zimmer has done a fine job leading the team all season long. The pitching staff, never a Cub strong point, has been excellent. This is indeed a much different team from past editions.

The Cubs surprised many people by outlasting both the Cardinals and the Mets down the stretch. Most experts

expected them to fold as past Cub teams had done. However, even though this is a different team the players still carry the Cub legacy. This is, quite simply, a legacy of losing.

For this to change, the team has to do more than make a good showing in the playoffs. They need to beat the Giants and then beat either Oakland or Toronto to win the World Series for the first time since the turn of the century. Hopefully, this is the year that the Cubs throw off their lovable losers tag and return a Championship banner to the North Side.

The columnist and inveterate Chicago fan George F. Will opens his yearly baseball column in *Newsweek* noting that, with each passing year, the Cubs' rebuilding seasons are continuing. 1989, for instance, represents the 81st rebuilding year since the 1908 World championship. Perhaps this is the year Will can change his lead every spring. And perhaps not.

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moral issue, however morality is a most point. It is not the place of this University to dictate morals to its students. Some may say that this would promote promiscuity. It would not. However, it would make it easier for students to engage in sexual activities. This is long overdue. Sewanee talks a lot about teaching students to make decisions and to learn to cope on their own. Our present set up teaches nothing of the sort. It persists in making decisions for them. Students must learn to stand on their own and to stand by their decisions, but most importantly they must learn to make them.

By exposing the sexes to one another the University would, at the very least, give interested students the chance to unlearn the stereotypes ingrained in us all, and at the most would eliminate, within the student body, the stereotypes and sexism, teach responsibility and decision making, lighten the University community by encouraging friendships between the sexes—not just dates, and it would educate the students in social skills that will be imperative to survival in the outside world.



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SPORTS

Tigers Still Awaiting Elusive First Gridiron Victory

By Michael Raeber
Sports Staff

With one-third of the 1989 campaign behind them, the Sewanee Tigers still await their first victory. The Tigers' record fell to 0-3 with last Saturday's 35-9 whipping at the hands of College Athletic Conference foe Centre College. The loss was the eighth in a row for the Tigers, a streak dating back to the middle of last season.

Head Coach Bill Samko, though disappointed, refuses to throw in the towel. "I still think we're a pretty good team," said Samko. "We've just played some really tough teams so far." The Tigers' three losses have come to teams with a total of just two losses this season.

The Tigers' latest loss came to a team which has been picked by many to win the conference crown this year. Samko called Centre "the best team we've played so far."

The Tigers marched in to Danville, KY, determined to rebound from their early losses. After falling behind 7-0, the visitors battled back to take the lead at the end of the first quarter.

Sewanee's touchdown came on

an 18-yard scoring strike from sophomore quarterback Scott Thompson to split end Kent Jones. Jones was one of the game's few bright spots for the Tigers. The 6'4" junior caught 8 passes for a total of 75 yards. Jones leads the conference in receiving with an average of 6.7 receptions per game.

After Mark Peters' extra point attempt failed, the Tigers still trailed 7-6. But, less than two minutes later, the freshman kicker returned to the field to boot a 30 yard field goal, giving the Tigers a 9-7 lead at the end of the first stanza.

From that point on, it was all Centre. The Colonels scored on a Mike Casey run early in the second period to regain the lead. After Centre's two-point conversion attempt failed, the Tigers were still in striking distance at 13-9.

The two teams battled evenly for much of the quarter until a crucial fumble on a punt returned opened the door for the Colonels. Just a few seconds later, McDaniel rambled 5 yards for a touchdown to give Centre a 20-9 lead and some breathing room at halftime.

With an 11-point lead, the Colonels fell back on their running game to

control the ball in the second half. After a scoreless third quarter, two touchdowns in the final period insured the victory for the Colonels.

Centre's outstanding rushing attack proved to be the difference in the game. Led by McDaniel, Centre outstruck Sewanee by a margin of 315 yards and 49. McDaniel gained 150 yards and scored two touchdowns on the day.

Despite the three early losses, Samko is still optimistic. He cites the team's youth as a big factor in the poor play so far. The Tigers had nine freshmen in the starting lineup for the Centre game.

Samko says he will make "no major changes" for Saturday's game against arch-rival Rhodes College.

Samko did, however, confirm a report that the Tigers have instituted a new grooming policy. The players have apparently made a pact that they will not shave until securing their first victory. Samko believes the policy will "promote unity."

"We won't shave until we win," said Samko, "After that we probably won't shave because we'll think it's lucky."

TASK FORCE FROM PAGE 3
discussion and consultation, far-reaching changes could be proposed. On the other hand, only minor changes might be proposed," said Brockett.

In describing the selection process for the participants, Brockett said, "We were trying to find a balance in terms of opinion, experience and areas of involvement."

Patterson agreed with this assessment, and said the Task Force "includes people with a wide range of views. We are not looking for a particular answer in any case. We are trying to bring people together who have a common concern and to get a consensus," Patterson said.

Members of the Steering Committee include Dean of Women Mary Sue Cushman, Pearigen, Chaplain Samuel T. Lloyd III, Brockett and Provost Frederick Croon, *ex officio*.

The chairmen of the subcommittees are Associate Dean Charles Perry (Fraternities and Sororities), Professor James Peters (Community Service) and Bran Potter (Alternative Social Activities), and Lecturer Leslie Richardson (Status of Women), who, along with President of the Order of Gownsmen Terry Moye and Speaker of the Student Assembly Lane Williams will also serve on the Steering Committee.

Brockett specifically invited any response from students, faculty, or townspeople concerned with the project.

Eager Volleyballers Hanging In There

By Kit Walsh
Sports Staff

Although inexperience has accounted for a good many losses this season, it also has been the driving force behind the continued enthusiasm of the Lady Tiger volleyball team. The vibrant young team has adopted a "never say die" attitude and has shown improvement most notably at the "Kick off" tournament in Maryville, Tennessee, which provided them with only conference play. Complacency and a slightly tougher schedule may have taken over following the tournament as they lost their next four games, equaling their longest losing streak of the season.

The Kick-off tournament, which features only teams from the WIAW (Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Conference), is an early-season preview of the Conference Championship Tournament at the close of the season. The Tigers went into the weekend tournament with a 1-6 record not having played any of their conference foes.

By Sunday, the diligent and determined duo of seniors Anne Moore and Murray Macpherson, both four year starters, had led their teammates to a 3-3 conference record. The performance marked significant improvement and established themselves as real contenders

for the post-season play. Their wins came at the expense of Ashby, Centre, and Berea Colleges, while they went down in defeat at the hands of Rhodes and Maryville Colleges and the Fighting Blue Bulldogs of Fisk University.

Since then the team has slumped slightly although their next four games were played against very tough opponents. They traveled to Atlanta to play Emory University and just came up on the short end of the stick before going to Memphis where their bad luck continued. There they fell in defeat to experienced Rhodes College, University of Arkansas-Little Rock, and Trinity of Texas.

With their fine play in the Kick-off tournament they broke out of an early season slump and are planning on breaking out of it again in preparation for the post-season Conference tournament. As bitter Cameron Lewis remarked, "We are improving each time out."

Fellow hifter and sophomore Lisa Babick candidly remarked, "We will win conference." A bold statement, maybe, but Coach Nancy Ladd is ready to take her young team into the Conference tournament with a good home crowd, as it will be held in Sewanee, and continued confidence and enthusiasm.

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Biology Professor Observes Marine Life Toll Aboard Ship That Discovered Gold

By Tricia Helwig
Staff Writer

The University of the South was being represented on board the research ship *Arctic Discoverer* by Professor Ronald B. Toll, an assistant professor of biology. Toll called it a "tremendous opportunity" for him to be involved in the Columbus-America Discovery Group which discovered the wreck of the *S. S. Central America*.

The *S. S. Central America*, a side-wheel paddle steamer, wrecked off the east coast of America in 1857, carrying about \$400 million worth of gold coins and bullion. The Columbus-America Discovery Group is concerned not only

science and technology involved. Exploration of this magnitude and depth in the sea can cost up to \$10,000 a day, according to Toll.

The group of explorers was put together by a private group of engineers and computer experts to try out the latest underwater technology and to explore the deep sea biologically. NEMO, an unmanned submersible equipped with video and stereo cameras as well as robotic arms, was used for the first time. Toll said that the technology is beyond anything used before.

"I felt like I was seeing the technology of the next century," he said.

Toll, whose specialty is cephalopods (the highest class of



PROFESSOR RON TOLL discusses his involvement aboard the *Arctic Discoverer*.
(Photo by Clair Talmadge)

Everyone learned something from everyone else.

Toll said it was "exciting to see the gold initially but the fascination with it wore off relatively quickly." When the animals first started coming up, Toll said, it was exciting to see people who were experts in their fields of technology so fascinated by starfish and sponges.

Toll considers it a personal honor to be involved in the project and hopes to be going back out on the ship next summer. Right now, though, the whole adventure "seems almost like a dream."

teaching and research." He is very excited about these specimens which are "rare in research and even rarer in teaching." The "hands-on experience will be translated to the classroom" to make the science more exciting, Toll hopes.

One of the "nicest things about the experience" was the people involved, according to Toll. They were "not buccaners, just regular down to earth people involved in a once in a lifetime experience." Each person is an expert in his own field and "there was a mutual exchange of ideas" on board the ship.

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with recovering the gold from the wreck but also with exploring the marine life which inhabits the area around it, the area of the exploration in which Toll is involved.

There is a balance between the treasure seeking and the scientific aspects of the exploration which is one of the neatest things about the experience, Toll said.

According to Toll, "The organizers are as interested in the technological and scientific aspects as they are in recovering the gold." The *S. S. Central America* was chosen because its approximate location was known and because of the large amount of gold on the ship.

"The gold was used to attract the investors," Toll said, while the organizers, though fascinated by the gold, were mainly interested in the

mollusks, including squid and octopus), was there to observe the marine life around the wreck. He said he felt like "a kid in a candy store" as he observed the life one mile below the surface of the ocean. The submersible, in addition to taking very clear pictures of the ocean bottom, was able to pick the best specimens and bring them to the surface. According to Toll, "It was the best of both worlds," being able to observe the specimens in their natural habitat and then to be able to study them up close once they were brought up.

Most of the samples will go to the Smithsonian Institute and become part of a permanent exhibit. Some sponges were sent to be studied bio-medically in cancer and arthritis research. Toll was able to bring back a subset of the specimens which he will "use for

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were a stimulating dialogue among members of the University community as well as an example themselves of the benefits of the "Athens" method. They Moye's declaration of "our" shared heritage, apparently based on his idea of Christianity's monopoly on virtue, runs contrary to any sort of reasonable discourse.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Fine Arts Series Opens for 1989

The Sewanee Purple
Entertainment Staff

The Missouri Repertory Theatre, described by John Houseman as "one of the finest hopes for the theatre throughout the country," brought the comedy of manners *Absent Friends* to Guerry Hall at the University of the South in Sewanee on Friday, October 6.

The Missouri Repertory Theatre opened the 1989-1990 season of the Sewanee Performing Arts Series, a series which offers four different ensemble performances within the next month and two more in the spring.

The King's Singers, a sextet of virtuoso singers equally at home with Renaissance polyphony, with vocal transcriptions of orchestral works, and with folk music, performs at Sewanee on Tuesday, October 10. The six graduates of King's College, Cambridge, have gained overwhelming success since their formation in 1968.

The Daniel String Quartet performs on Wednesday, October 25. Based in the Netherlands, this internationally acclaimed quartet enjoys a special affinity for late Romantic and expressionistic works, but offers a

repertory ranging from Haydn and Mozart to contemporary composers.

On November 5, the Louisville Orchestra, conducted by Lawrence Leighton Smith opens an evening of Romantic music with a new work by contemporary composer John Tower. The program then offers Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2, with piano soloist Sylvia Kersenbaum, and closes with Symphony No. 2 of Johannes Brahms.

The celebrated Swiss Mask-Mime Theater, Mummenschanz, comes to Sewanee on March 2 with a trio of performers who lead their audiences into a world of fantasy through masks and movements.

The 1989-1990 season closes with the Dutch chamber orchestra New Amsterdam Sinfonietta on the evening of April 7. Igor Kipnis, renowned harpsichordist and son of the legendary Russian bass Alexander Kipnis, will play the Haydn Concerto in D Major.

All events are in Guerry Auditorium and begin at 8 p.m. The adult subscription price is \$35.00, single tickets, \$10.00. All events are free to University students with I.D. For further information call (615)598-1201.

Record Review
'Torch and Twang'
Recalls Patsy ClineThe Sewanee Purple
Arts and Entertainment Staff

"Absolute Torch and Twang" by k.d. Lang and the Reclines
Dire Records

She hails from Canada, sports very short hair, and claims conversation with Patsy Cline from beyond the grave (it's not coincidence that her band is named the Reclines). Her music stands between country, rockabilly, and crooning jazz. Perhaps Lang best labels her music with the title of her third album—"Absolute Torch and Twang."

Following the smoothly polished, Owen Bradley-produced "Shadowland" (in many ways a tribute to the legendary Patsy Cline), "Absolute Torch and Twang" retains some of the sleeker elements, but injects a bit more foot stomping. "Big Boned Gal" probably emphasizes best the combination of true country swing with roller coaster rides of Lang's strong voice. In the refrain, she yells, rocks her rs, and lauds the pleasures of dance: "Hey, hey, she's a big boned gal/Ain't no doubt she's a natural/Reclin' and rockin' and runnin' out for more."

Yes, the lyrics are inconsequential, but simplicity is the backbone of some of the best country music. In "Full

Moon Full of Love," Lang ponders the moods of passion with the cry of the coyote: "Coyote, oh coyote, can you tell me why/Every time the big moon shines I sit right down and cry?" Lang introduces a little more rockabilly mood, especially on "Dirt" and "It's Me."

But there's "torch" too. "The Wallflower Waltz" is a plaintive remembrance of social awkwardness, and "Nowhere to Stand" highlights the inability of children to comprehend family mores and traditions. With spare instrumentation of these two tracks, Lang's powerful vocals do all the convincing.

Lang, along with producer Ben Mink, wrote most of these songs, except for a couple like Willie Nelson's clever "Three Days." Even on the songs not her own, Lang gives a fine rendering, paying respect to some of country's classics, discovered and undiscovered. But what stands out the most, past the fine production, the rowdy instrumentation, the background vocals on "Walkin' In And Out of Your Arms," is k.d. Lang's voice.

It is perhaps the strongest and most expressive around today, easily adaptable to many styles, as she proves on this latest album. "Torch and Twang" are key words to describing her music, but "Absolute" comes best to describing her voice.

Cinema Guild Offers
Weekly ClassicsThe Sewanee Purple
Arts and Entertainment Staff

The offerings of the Cinema Guild on October 12 and 19, *Children of Paradise* (Les Enfants du Paradis) and *Twentieth Century*, are notable for their classic status as well as for their sheer enjoyableness. In fact, *Children of Paradise* is rated by many—including a number of professors on this campus—as "one of the best movies ever made;" while *Twentieth Century* has all the ingredients of Hollywood class all the thrills and forties, up there with *The Philadelphia Story* and *Casablanca*: glamorous stars, witty dialogue, a swift and sexy plot, and great class and style.

Both films are great actors. In fact, *Children of Paradise* (1946) is often considered the ultimate theatre film. "Paradise" is what they called the cheap upper galleries in the popular "boulevard" theatres of Paris in the Romantic era, and their "children" were the picturesque and violent crowds of working people that inhabited them. But along with this pop romanticism, the film deals mainly with what happens on and off the stage, with its mime, murderous villains, handsome lovers, and beautiful actresses, all playing similar roles in life to the melodramatic ones they act out before the wild and fickle audiences.

But all the glamor of the film—what leading critic James Agee call "the highest kind of slum-glo romanticism about theatre people and criminals done with strong poetic feeling and rich theatricality" (*The Nation*, 1946)—has a deeper significance. The film's script was written by top French poet Jacques Prevert during the Nazi occupation; he

was a member of the Parisian underground resistance movement, and his villains have a political relevance, as the hated collaborationist government which the official censors—who let the film pass—failed to recognize. His actor-heroes are above all heroes of freedom, freedom in life, sex, and politics, flouting the machinations of the murderous Establishment.

This "one-of-a-kind film" is mainly, however, "a film poem on the nature and varieties of love—sacred and profane, selfless and possessive" (Pauline Kael in *The New Yorker*). Warning: it's close to three hours long so some with short attention spans may get a bit restless. The film has such an exhilarating sweep, though, that the length is not problem. As Agee summarized, "the picture can be guaranteed to make you very happy drunk."

Howard Hawks' *Twentieth Century* (1933), on the other hand, is full of a different kind of romanticism, that of the hard-boiled Hollywood glamor factories of the thirties. Starring the fabulous John Barrymore as a tough film producer with Carol Lombard as his protégée, and written by the great scenarist and playwright Ben Hecht, the film is a fast and funny put-down of the star system, directed in Hawks's usual glib, punchy style (it's the style that he later perfected in *His Girl Friday* and the great Bogie flicks *The Big Sleep* and *Ta Heve and Have Not*). Carol Lombard is smashing in her famous skin-tight satin evening gowns, and her repartee with Barrymore as her egomaniacal big daddy is full of the verbal fireworks we expect from the best "scrubal comedies" of the Golden Age of Hollywood.

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MAN ON THE STREET

By Hudson Weichel
and Clair Talmadge

Q: *If you were a member of the Sewanee Vice Police Force for one day, what would you do?*

ANNE MOORE: I'd make the speed limit in front of the Sewanee Elementary School 65.

LAURA TRABUE: I'd go skinny-dipping with a case of open beer at Lake Cheston.

HAL NOELKE: I'd enroll in school.

BLAIR BEAVERS: I'd give parking tickets to Dean Cushman and Dean Pearigen.

JOHN DOYLE: I'd make it to the truck stop in 37 seconds.

NEILL TOUCHSTONE: I'd get the keys to the handcuffs that Kathy always locks me in.

HEINZ MOLSON: I'd buy a keg and have a party in Night Study.

ANDY CLARK: I'd be on the other side of the bars for a change.

TRACEY SPANG: Do cops take comps?

WENDI VIEBROCK: I'd see if Laura Ashley makes police uniforms.

ED MOSER: I'd take the day off.

KEN GOODENOW: I'd invite them all to a cocktail party with Bishop Tutu.

GEORGE STEVENSON: I'd give Ken Goodenow full reign of the town.

TOM FOLLOWILL: I'd transfer to the Fire Department.

ERIC JOHNSON: I'd find out what my permanent record is and add a few things.

TRACY GILCHRIST: I'd streak down University with only my badge and gun belt on.

MAC LINK: I'd have an Elvis parade down University.

LANGDON MITCHELL: I'd set up a roadblock and make everyone have a drink on me.

PATRICK LIPSCOMB: I'd commit suicide.

THE CHIEF: I thought I was a Sewanee cop every day.

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Louisiana Bishop Chose Location
'The Fighting Bishop:' Leonidas Polk

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"Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us." This lesson from Ecclesiasticus, read at most Founders' Day services, prompts us to ask who were the fathers that begat The University of the South? The traditional canon of the Founders includes the first three chancellors, Bishops James Harvey Oley of Tennessee, Leonidas Polk of Louisiana, and Stephen Elliott of Georgia.

At the University's first public occasion, October 10, 1860, the Laying of the Cornerstone, the date now celebrated as Founders' Day, the orator of the day's two-hour speech concluded with a tribute to "Leonidas Polk: "...when it pleaseth God, your Master, to stay your radiant and strong right arm from His battlefields on earth...the Heavens and your grateful country will read on your gravestone, 'THE FOUNDER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.'"

Leonidas Polk never presided at a meeting of the Board of Trustees, which did not meet after 1861 while Oley was chancellor. He was killed by an enemy shell in June 1864 while observing federal troops at Pine Mount, near Kennesaw, Georgia. Yet his had been the direct impetus for the founding. He had worked in the 1830s with Bishop Oley in plans for a college in West Tennessee that failed to open. In 1856 he addressed a letter to fellow bishops in the south (excluding Virginia, which had its own institutions), asking that they consider establishing a university "of breadth and comprehensiveness," including in the plan a theological seminary and a fine grammar school.

The bishops meeting in Philadelphia at a General Convention in 1856 adopted his plan in a manifesto rewritten by Bishop Oley without essential change and distributed it throughout the south. The plan was confirmed at the first meeting of the trustees of the unnamed and homeless institution on July 4-6, 1857.

Polk immediately assumed leadership in seeking a site for the University, serving as chairman of the Committee on Location, which received inquiries and proposals from fifteen or more localities. He appointed an engineer to study eighteen "enquiries" on each site. The committee actually visited Huntsville, Alabama; McMinnville, Cleveland, and Sewanee, Tennessee; and Atlanta, Georgia, while corresponding with ten other localities. At the time of selecting a site in November 1857 Polk was the only trustee who had actually visited Sewanee and the only bishop voting for it on the first ballot. Seventeen ballots were required before the final choice was made.

Work began on the grounds the next summer, and in the winter of 1859-



Bishop General Leonidas Polk of Louisiana. (Photo courtesy of University Archives)

1860 landscape plans were made for roads and sites for buildings.

Polk and Elliott were appointed Commissioners for Endowment, and their plan was published in 1859 in which capital funds would remain with diocesan treasurers and only the interest be sent to Sewanee for spending. For two months in the spring of that year Polk and Elliott made personal calls in Louisiana on wealthy planters, and more than half of the pledges came from that diocese. One of Elliott's laymen from Georgia made the only promise that after the war amounted to a substantial gift, the Hodgson Library, while one of the Louisiana lands finally paid off in the 1880s.

By August 1859 the requisite \$500,000 had been pledged, and the cornerstone laying in October 1860 brought thousands to the Mountain.

At the same time the trustees adopted a constitution and statutes. As early as 1852 Polk had begun collection of information about the organizations of universities in Europe and the United States. Bishop Green's chancellor's address in 1869 made a clear statement that he considered Polk primarily responsible for the plan, and Bishop John Henry Hopkins of Vermont, who had come to Sewanee in 1859, wrote that Polk brought with him "laboriously and thoroughly digested projects for a southern university which, when completed, was to be the best-endowed in Christendom...I was amazed and delighted at the combination of original genius, lofty enterprise, and

Christian hope with the utmost degree of practical wisdom, cautious investigation, exquisite tact, and indefatigable energy, which far surpassed all that I could conceive in the bounds of human efficiency."

On April 12, 1861, Mrs. Polk and her children barely escaped from the burning of their Sewanee house. The bishop's son and biographer felt that it was then that Polk "entered into the solitary inward struggle which resulted in his taking arms." What experiences had brought Polk to the point that an Episcopal bishop was sought for the post of major-general in the army of the Confederate States of America? We turn to the biography of Polk published in 1962 by Dr. Joseph H. Parks, *General Leonidas Polk, C.S.A., The Fighting Bishop*. It is the source from which these biographical data are derived.

Polk was born in Raleigh, North Carolina, the son of a Revolutionary colonel who owned grants of land in Tennessee. Polk studied a year at the University of North Carolina, and then received an appointment to West Point in the class of 1827, which immediately preceded that of Jefferson Davis. Experiencing a conversion to Christianity unlike any that West Point had seen before, Polk decided to enter the Virginia Theological Seminary to study for the Episcopal priesthood in the face of his father's bitter disappointment. After two years in seminary he was ordained in Richmond in April 1830 and soon was married to Frances Devereux.

He spent a year travelling in Europe

for the sake of his health, fearing tuberculosis as the "family disease." Polk, with eventually four brothers, settled the family land near Columbia, Tennessee. He divided his time with duties on the plantation and in the local parish. In 1838 he was elected Missionary Bishop of Arkansas and the Indian Territory, with the request that he include the Republic of Texas, giving him the first missionary appointment which included a foreign country.

In February 1839 he set out on his first journey that took him by stage, horseback and riverboats to Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and by steam packet to Texas. It was June before he reached home at Ashwood.

From January to May 1840 he made another circuit of his jurisdiction, and in the winter of 1840-41 he crossed into the Indian Territory. He had made plans to move the family to "Leighton," near Thobacox, when in October 1841 he was elected Bishop of Louisiana. He and Mrs. Polk bought "Leighton" with her inheritance of 161 slaves, who were augmented in later inheritances of 10, and 100, reaching a height of slave population in 1848 of 370.

Only about a third were field hands, and more than 70 were children under 10. Cholera struck in the spring of 1849, followed by a windstorm, with damage estimated at \$100,000. In the summer of 1853 and 1854 yellow fever came, and Polk decided to sell the plantation to satisfy creditors and move to New Orleans.

For the first time the diocese promised him a regular salary of \$4,000 per year. For at least a decade he had been collecting material on educational institutions and had visited many colleges and universities. From his plantation responsibilities, he turned to the question of religious education and the Polks moved to New Orleans.

In June, 1861, he was appointed major-general in the provisional Army of the Confederacy. He was particularly needed because of his long experience in the Southwest and because Alben Sidney Johnston, Polk's West Point roommate, was still in the far west and not yet available. In 1862 Polk was promoted to lieutenant general. *Generals in Gray* tells us that in the early months of the war Polk commanded the vast territory of Department 2, including the Mississippi River defenses from the Red River to Paducah, Kentucky.

He also organized the Army of Mississippi, which became a part of the Army of Tennessee. He served as a corps commander at Shiloh under Johnston. After Johnston's death Polk continued as a corps commander at Perryville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, and in the opening operations of the Atlanta campaign. At the time of death he was in command of a corps of the Army of Tennessee.