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To Fund Quintard, Telephone System

University Considers Offering Bond Sale

By Jon Meacham
Editor

The University will likely offer a \$6 million bond issue to fund the renovation of Quintard Hall and the installation of a new telephone system, according to administration officials.

"We are in the process of exploring this as one way to fund a series of projects which have incoming streams of revenue," said Vice-Chancellor Samuel R. Williamson last week.

According to both Williamson and Provost Frederick Croom, the estimated \$4.2 million dormitory renovation on Tennessee Avenue and the estimated \$2 million telephone installation that will put a telephone in every dormitory room on campus, among other services, will actually generate revenue in the coming years.

That money, derived mainly from more students' paying tuition and room

fees, would then be used to retire the bonds sold now, officials say.

"The things we want to fund with the bond issue are things that will generate revenue," said Croom last week. "With plans to increase the size of the undergraduate student body in the coming years, more room fees and tuition will be that revenue, as well as the telephone fees that will be charged students."

Under law, bonds can only be sold for a specific, bona fide purpose, and Croom says that these two projects meet those criteria.

"We want to keep it (the bond issue) as conservative as we possibly can, and keep the amount relatively low," he said.

One of the stated reasons for selling the bonds would be to avoid taking away from other University funds and resources to pay for these projects now.

"We can invest our money in very

safe investments at a certain rate," said Croom. "We can borrow money through tax-exempt bonds at a lower rate than that." Croom noted that only those projects that they expect to bring in revenue will be paid for with the bonds.

"We would not think of funding a gymnasium that way, for instance, because a gymnasium would not produce revenue," he said.

In 1975, the University took similar steps to fund the building of the current Emerald-Hodgson Hospital on University Avenue, and the bonds sold to pay for that facility were retired in 1985, Croom said. This bond issue would be of basically the same nature, but Croom says that the dormitory renovation and the telephone system will generate more income than the hospital did.

According to the Vice-Chancellor,

the University is "unique" in that the institution is virtually debt-free. And Croom noted that, nationally, an average 4 percent of university budgets pay for debt service. "That (the 4 percent figure) is considered normal."

Should the University decide to sell bonds, then, with an estimated 6-7 percent interest rate on those bonds, Croom speculates that 1.2 percent of the University's budget would therefore go into debt service.

"If we do this, we would still be extremely, extremely conservative," Croom said.

Any final action will require a special act of the Board of Regents, whom Vice-Chancellor and Provost said requested that the bond issue be explored. The Board, which is the executive committee of the Board of Trustees, next meets in Sewanee in May.

Historic Chapel Little-Used

St. Luke's Chapel Future Is Still Uncertain

By Ben Zeigler
Associate Editor

University officials are still uncertain as to the future of St. Luke's Chapel, according to Strategic Planning Committee Chairman Frederick Croom.

"We're still in the process of exploring several possibilities for the Chapel's future," Croom said. "We are nowhere near making a decision as of yet."

The chapel, built in 1904 as memorial to the late dean of the seminary, Telfair Hodgson, served as the seminary chapel until the School of Theology moved out to Hamilton Hall on Tennessee Avenue in 1984. Since that time it has remained largely unused, and no regular services have been held there since the Advent semester of 1988.

The Strategic Planning Committee has been looking into possible uses for the chapel since the fall of last year, and at present is "examining several options," Croom said.

"But we would like to make it clear that we wish to proceed slowly and carefully in this matter, as there are

many considerations to which we must attend," Croom added.

The Parker family of Charleston, South Carolina, as the descendants of Dean Hodgson, would have to approve of any action the University decided to take.

Chief among these "considerations" expressed by Croom is preserving the chapel for its aesthetic merits. Built in the gothic revival style, the chapel has been long considered by many as one of the most beautiful structures on campus.

"The Committee is well aware of the chapel's architectural merit, and we have in mind preserving its beauty and character while exploring possibilities for its future use," Croom said.

Croom said little of these possibilities, but did say that the prospect of turning the building into a music recital hall was being considered. Croom went on to say that he did not feel that under any circumstances would the chapel need to be deconsecrated. "As far as we're concerned, it will always remain consecrated ground," he added.



ST. LUKE'S CHAPEL, once the center of seminary worship, sits unused in the center of campus (Photo by Clair Talmadge).

NEWS

Proctor Appointments For 1990 Announced

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Proctor appointments for the 1990-1991 academic year were recently announced by Deans of Students Mary Susan Cushman and Robert W. Pearigan.

Head Proctors are Michelle Marie Thompson and Rondal Keith Richardson, both rising seniors in the College.

Under them will serve the following: Stuart Charles Adam; Carolyn Elizabeth Anderson; Frances Campbell Armstrong; Elizabeth Ann Bell; Bradley Allen Boone; Mercedes

Robinson Boyle; Norman David Bruce; Lee Daffron Coghun; Laura Elizabeth Currie; Brannon Padgett Denning; Cynthia Ellen Elledge; Gregory Scott Esslinger; Leslie Trayte Gassenheimer; Louise Owens Glenn; John David Gross; Mark Dayton Herron; Gregory Hayden Hill; Michael Ross Lewis, Jr.; George Burroughs Mann; Mary Alice Nazro; Theresa Jane Nixon; Ashokvardan Rao; Donald Kellum Redmond; Merri Evelyn Shaw; Jeffrey Elliott Tipps; Marsena Loring Waller; Charles Lambert White, III; Virginia Humphrey Wilson; and Marshall Jay Woodall.

Charles Curran To Speak Here in April

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The Rev'd Dr. Charles E. Curran, a visiting professor of religion at the University of Southern California and one of America's leading moral theologians, will speak at The University of the South on Thursday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. in Convocation Hall. Sponsored by the Arrington Lecture series of the School of Theology, Curran will speak on the topic "Tensions in Contemporary Roman Catholicism."

A Roman Catholic priest of the Diocese of Rochester, New York, Curran is well-known for his dissonance with the Vatican regarding the range of topics open for discussion within the church. He has called publicly for open dialogue on several issues considered controversial by the Vatican.

Curran holds a B.A. from St. Bernard's College, Rochester, New York. He has both a Licentiate and a Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the

Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and holds a second doctorate degree from the Academia Alfonsiana, Rome, with a specialization in moral theology. He taught at St. Bernard's College before his 12 years of service at Catholic University of America, 1965-1987. Curran was visiting professor of Catholic Studies at Cornell University in 1987-1988.

Currently president of the American Theological Society, Curran has served as president of the Catholic Theological Society and the Society of Christian Ethicists. In 1972, he was honored as the first recipient of the John Courtney Murray Award of the Catholic Theological Society of America for distinguished achievement in theology. Curran is also the author of numerous books and hundreds of articles.

The Arrington Lectureship was established by Mrs. John White Arrington, Jr., of Greenville, South Carolina, "in appreciation of the four John White Arringtons."

Dunn Class Attends D.C. Seminar

By Ashley Heyer
Staff Writer

22 Sewanee students recently represented the University at a Model Organization of African Unity conference in Washington, D.C. It was Sewanee's first appearance at the conference, which has been sponsored by and held at Howard University for the past eleven years.

The conference aims to teach students about international relations, the workings of the real Organization of African Unity, which is located in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and also public debate skills. Each attending school represents one or more countries at the conference.

"Sewanee represented three countries, Egypt, the delegation that I was head of, Cote'd'Ivoire, more commonly known as the Ivory Coast and Guinea," said Elena Soto, freshman.

At the conference, the first day was spent visiting the embassies of the countries the delegations were representing. The second and third days were spent in small commission meetings, where delegations attempted to pass resolutions in the areas of Social Welfare, Economic Policy, Liberation, Consolidation, Mediation and Arbitration, and Defense. The final day was spent in an entire body session.

"One of the greatest benefits of the conference was learning what diplomatic skills are all about and having to bargain

Regents Approve Fee Increase for Activities

By Bill Hamner
News Editor

A request to increase the student activity fee by \$20 per student was approved by the Board of Regents at their winter meeting last month. At the request of the Student Assembly, the Regents increased the fee from \$115.00 to \$135.00.

Lane Williams, speaker of the Student Assembly, proposed that an increase in the student activity fee would more fully fund student organizations. Some 51 organizations petitioned for money from the Student Activity Fee Committee last year, and 12 of those were given the full amounts they had

requested.

"The University needs to continue financial support of these organizations because they play a vital role in Sewanee life," Williams said.

The funds pay for a wide variety of student organizations including student publications, WUTS, and all club sports, among many other things. The appropriations process is controlled by the Student Activity Fee Committee, chaired by Rondal Richardson, a junior in the College.

Student organizations submit proposed budgets to the committee each spring, and allocations are decided by that student-run board.

Poet Andrew Hudgins Opens Petee Lectures

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Arts and Entertainment Staff

Andrew Hudgins, poet and professor of creative writing and English at the University of Cincinnati, was in Sewanee to deliver a lecture and a reading of his poetry on Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Hudgins is the author of two volumes of poetry, *Saints and Strangers*, published in 1985, was a runner-up for the 1985 Pulitzer Prize in poetry. His last volume, *After the Last War*, in which Hudgins assumes the voice of Georgian poet Sidney Lanier in creating his narrative, won the Poets' Prize for the best collection of poetry in 1988. A new volume of poems, *The Unpraised Land*, is forthcoming in 1991.

Hudgins was born in Texas, but

reared in Montgomery, Alabama. Besides his roles as poet and teacher, he has also written several short stories and contributed critical reviews on modern poetry to various literary journals. Currently, he holds the Alfred Hodder Fellowship at Princeton University.

In a lecture sponsored by the American Studies Department and the Student Forum, Hudgins spoke on the Southern autobiography in a lecture titled "An American and Southern Autobiography: A Practitioner's Perspective From the Halfway Point."

It was the first event in the Arch Petee Memorial Lecture Series. Mr. Petee, a 1929 alumnus of the College, was a longtime friend of the University and farmer of his family land in the Mississippi Delta. Professor of English Thomas M. Carlson announced the series' founding and introduced Hudgins.

A Correction

The editors of The Sewanee Purple regret a rather serious error of design in the 19 February 1990 issue.

We inadvertently conflated two separate stories when we continued them from their original page to a later one. In particular, the story headlined "Regents Meet, Discuss Budget and Costs" that was published on page one of that issue should have concluded on that same page. That we referred readers to an inside page was an error, and we regret any confusion this may have caused.

The story headlined "Students and Regents Discuss Various Issues" on page two was correctly continued on later in the paper. Our error was to use a portion of that story to attach inadvertently to the other Regents story. Again, we regret the error.

your position to get a resolution passed," said Michelle Thompson, a junior in the College.

The students attending the conference are enrolled in Professor Elwood Dunn's Political Science 444 class, one devoted entirely to the conference.

"The conference made as much more aware of African issues. For the first time attending a conference of this type, the Sewanee delegations did very well," said Adrienne Paul, a senior.

"These types of conferences provide a great chance for our students to be with other university students and discuss world issues," said Currie Weaver, a freshman.

All-Student Board Possible Revisions Restructure IFC Judicial Board

By Ashley Heyer
Staff Writer

As the result of a recent Inter-Fraternity Council retreat, a complete restructuring of the I. F. C. Judicial Board is expected to create an entirely student-run board.

A constitution for the new Judicial Board, which will be comprised of all fraternity presidents, is scheduled to be approved on April 4, according to Walter Tyree, I. F. C. Convener.

At the retreat on February 9, attended by the president, vice-president and social chairman of each fraternity, a variety of issues were discussed, including the role of fraternities at Sewanee, hazing, and the problems with the current Judicial Board. Recommendations were made to the regular I. F. C. for changes in the hazing rules and the goals of the fraternity system at Sewanee, and a committee was formed to re-structure the Judicial Board.

"In examining the process and composition of the current Judicial board, there is a sense that it does not work well the way it is currently composed," said Dean of Men Robert W. Peanigan.

The current Judicial board is

composed of three fraternity members, each from different fraternities; the current faculty advisor of one of the fraternities, and a faculty member not currently advising a fraternity.

"The whole reason we are doing this is because we want to police ourselves and prove that we are capable of policing ourselves," said Tyree. "The board will consist of all fraternity presidents not involved in any infractions."

While the Dean of Men and the I. F. C. convener will sit on the board, neither will have a vote. The board will have its own officers: a chairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary.

"We basically modeled this on the Honor Council and the Disciplinary Committee," said Tyree.

Under the new system, any fraternity infractions will go first to the Judicial Board, which will decide whether the case involves the fraternity as a whole, individual members of the fraternity, or both. Cases involving entire fraternities will be heard by the I. F. C. Judicial Board, cases involving individuals will be heard by the Disciplinary Committee, and cases involving both will be heard by both.

Once a case has been decided to be under the I. F. C.'s jurisdiction, a

student investigator will be appointed to interview all parties involved and present the case to the board. The appointment of an investigator will be made on a case-by-case basis, and male and female candidates will be considered for the post.

"In some cases we may want a Greek (student), but in other cases we may want a non-Greek (for the investigator)," said Tyree. "We want someone who will be independent (in investigating the incident), but we also

want someone who knows (the parties involved in the case well)."

In 1989, five cases were heard by the current Judiciary board; the cases involved a total of four different fraternities.

The committee to re-write the I. F. C. Judicial Board Constitution included Alex Goldsmith, who was its principal author, and Pcter Hill, Steve Jordan, Doug Mook, Sumter Tisdale and Walter Tyree.

S. A. OKs Alliance Organization Charter

By Michael Cass
Staff Writer

The Student Assembly unanimously approved the charter of the Gay/Lesbian/Straight Alliance at the Assembly's March 6 meeting, giving the "Alliance" official recognition as a student organization.

The Alliance was founded by All Saints' Chapel in 1988, "but students in the group don't want the community to think the Chapel is administering it," said David Bearden, president of the group. "We (the students) want to be known as an independent, student-run organization."

Bearden presented the Alliance's proposed charter at the Feb. 20 meeting of the Student Assembly. The charter was then sent to the Student Life Committee and the Financial Aid Committee, which by unanimous vote recommended that the Assembly approve it.

Since alumni of the College support the group, the Alliance will not apply to the Assembly for funds, said Bearden. Such funds would be culled

from the Activity Fees paid by each student and would allow the Alliance to have a budget with which to work to carry out its programs.

The Alliance is made up of members of the local community who "are interested in issues of sexual orientation, primarily, but not exclusively, those concerning bisexuality and homosexuality.... The Alliance is committed to educating the entire Sewanee community and to raising collective and individual consciousness concerning these issues," according to the charter.

The Alliance, advised by Professor of Spanish Thomas Spaccarelli and Lay Chaplains Peter Gudenais and Matilda Dunn, meets weekly in the Bishop's Common. The group shows films about issues of sexual orientation each month, and, occasionally, graduates of the College speak on their experiences as homosexual students at Sewanee. The Alliance is also working on a "Names Quilt" which will incorporate the names of Sewanee alumni who have died of A.I.D.S.

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OPINION

A Confusion of Hierarchy

On this page and the one opposite, we have published a number of letters regarding the current "Task Force on Undergraduate Life in the 1990s," an extensive committee of students, teachers, and administrators which is examining how we go about living our lives here. This is only the latest in a number of such "self-studies," as they are called; the others that immediately come to mind include the Strategic Planning process, the "Christian University" discussions last year, the daylong "retreat" of students, teachers, and administrators last fall, the various curriculum revision committees, and numerous, more informal investments of time at Student-Faculty Dialogues and the like.

To recall these things puts them in a perspective that is telling when one considers the self-importance of some here who see themselves as the consummate arbiters of what Sewanee should be, without reference to her history or particularity. "It is out of fashion in these days," wrote John Crowe Ransom sixty years ago, "to look backward rather than forward." A look back, and a look at what we should be doing in the present, seems worthwhile.

It is significant that the letters in this newspaper are exclusively from undergraduates, responding to an editorial written by another undergraduate, all about the task force and its potential ramifications on social and academic life. There are 22 students on the task force and its four subcommittees; I, for instance, am assigned to the Subcommittee on the Status of Women, along with four other undergraduates. We have met a dozen times, always for at least one hour, often for a hour and a half, and, on one notable occasion, for nearly three hours. This does not count the time spent in separate, smaller groups that wrote reports on various things like women in the curriculum, or women's athletics.

That undergraduates should have better things to do with their time—reading books, for instance, comes to mind—than participating in exhaustive sessions on issues like University hiring policies, as though the typical student has the least idea in the world about how a teacher should be appointed, seems clear. This is a fundamental perversion of the role of students, and turning undergraduates into political players in a bureaucratic game is particularly repugnant.

In 1965, Vice-Chancellor Edward McCrady, responding to student demands to eliminate compulsory chapel, offered a vision of hierarchy that is well to recall. Beginning with the Founders, he listed, in order, those who should have a voice in defining the nature of the institution. After the Founders, the original benefactors, the alumni, and professors who have been here for decades, only then do we come to "the students of the moment, who have certainly not founded the University, or supported it...or guided it, or yet lived long enough to judge its effects in the light of encounter with the realities of their careers."

Students are here to learn, to read, to play, to spend four years in the leisurely pursuit of information and manners that are generally absent in the world outside this place. We are not here to help effect the transition of one university administration to another, or to provide cover for radical changes in the institution.

What we require now, in the thick of this intramural chaos, is for men and women to return to their proper offices, and perform those duties expected of them. Students should go to class, play games, remember their manners; teachers should teach; administrators should administer.

Only then, it seems, will the pervasive sense of "busy-ness" that is talked about so much here go away, and we will all turn our attention to the more important things. The busy man hath no time for love, said Donne, and this place is full of busy men right now.

JON MEACHAM

Abbo's Scrapbook Revisited

We move ahead a year in time this week with the scrapbook of Professor Abbott Cotten Martin, but the messages remain, it seems to us, apt and eternal.

October 8, 1953: Almost as an afterthought, the radio announcer one August night added at the end of his broadcast: "Oh, yes, we were asked to tell you there would be lots of shooting stars tonight." This might have been handled a bit differently if the Greeks and Egyptians had

had the radio.

October 14, 1953: In our early days at Sewanee, talking with old Dr. Wilmer, we were unfortunate enough to use a word in the wrong sense. "Sir," said the kindly old Doctor, "I am accounted a wise and learned man, and I am; and much of my wisdom comes from knowing the meaning of words."

November 18, 1953: "A university degree is not a constant value, fixed at the time of graduation; its worth rises or falls with the fortunes of the university that bestows it." —Dean McCarter at Ole Miss.

November 25, 1953: The Enlightened Liberal and the Noble Conservative are not always talking about the same thing; they are not necessarily on opposite sides of the question. The Liberal is mainly concerned with eradicating old evils, while the main concern of the Conservative is the preservation of the good. Perhaps the main difference is one of method. The Conservative would remove a dead tree slowly, limb by limb, rather than fell it at once upon his house.

December 2, 1953: Students who neglect the etymology of words are always astonished if they happen to look up the word *school*. It comes from the Greek, where it means *leisure*. Thus a student in college may rightfully be said to be at leisure. In this sense leisure is not idleness, nor time off from work. It is an opportunity and occasion for growth; it is scope for development...To be free to work out one's own destiny, to be exempt from a planned society, this is the highest form of leisure.

January 20, 1954: My crusty old Scottish landlady once asked me, "How can you love your country. You have no king!" A Southerner who loves Lee understands very well the basis of the British monarchy; he knows what it rests on, and needs no metaphysics to explain it. "What kind of man was General Lee?" This question General Jervey, of sweet memory to his friends at Sewanee, once asked an old Confederate soldier. After a pause the Virginian who had fought with Lee replied simply, "He was a kingly man."

March 3, 1954: The people who best understand what you say will always seem to you to be the most intelligent.

April 21, 1954: As government becomes more like a huge octopus it becomes more like the weather: everyone complains about it, but no one can do anything about it.

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Letters to the Editor

Task Force Not a Crusade

To the Editor:

"With so much controversy surrounding the ongoing efforts of the 'task force' appointed to examine undergraduate social life, it seems that some people have taken it upon themselves to create obstacles at every corner in an attempt to impede progress. Obviously it is necessary that certain misconceptions be cleared up. We feel that the best way to disclaim such accusations, as the perception of Sewanee's having "serious shortcomings in extracurricular life", is to present some sections from the reports that have been compiled during the months of work of the Task Force; for example, from the original mandate from Dean Brown Patterson: "It is our [Dr. Williamson, the Deans of Students, the Associate Dean] conviction that the University will only reach its potential as an educational institution if the extracurricular life here is rich, varied, and wholesome, in accordance with Sewanee's heritage and mission. Some areas of campus life need to be affirmed and encouraged; some need to be changed and improved." Furthermore, from a report from the Subcommittee on Alternate Social Activities, "Sewanee prides itself on being a center of intellectual and social activity. We can be justifiably proud of much that we have accomplished in these spheres...we have made a number of recommendations that we believe will encourage some positive changes in the social activities on campus and in the intellectual and cultural stimulation of students outside the classroom."

This Task Force does not deserve condemnation; rather, it merits encouragement for the commitment made to the endeavor of questioning the problems and pursuing the solutions. There are many people who have given much of their time to this effort, not only in weekly to biweekly meetings, but also in gathering useful information from comparable schools, fellow students, surveys, faculty and administration. Sewanee is a good place to be, but as with anything, it has its faults, as well as its attributes. The Task Force's purpose is not to undermine the present student life, but to express the good that is already here and to recommend additions that would improve what is lacking. This Task Force was created with students in mind and the force behind the recommendations comes from extensive student input, namely the twenty-two student members on the Task Force, the responses at the Student-Faculty dialogues, and the information from the campus-wide and alumni surveys. We believe that the Task Force is and has been doing an excellent job with the project of looking internally at

undergraduate social life and has greatly valued and used student input.

Sincerely,

Lane Williams
Speaker of the Student
Assembly
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of the Task Force

Marcy Waller
Junior Student Trustee
Member, Steering Committee
of the Task Force

Clearing up Misconceptions

To the Editor:

In response to Ben Zeigler's concern in his article, "An Open and Affable System," we would like a much more broad and realistic view of the very promising efforts of the current task forces to be understood. The task forces have been charged to analyze multiple facets of the intellectual and social life at Sewanee, including women's issues, community service, coed dormitories, a coffeehouse, a new student union, the role of fraternities and sororities and alternative social activities. Obviously, the role of fraternities and sororities is key to almost all of the issues. But it is also obvious, if one were to look more closely at what these committees are seeking, that there is no crusade against our present Greek system. In all of our proposals as members of the Alternative Social Activities Task Force, we have acknowledged the prevalence of Sewanee's Greek-dominated social life and have worked to enhance it. Starting an ideal coffeehouse, increasing awareness of women's issues, or enhancing community service do not seem to be attacks on our "open and affable system."

These task forces are not stacked by a "powerful minority," they compromise a very representative sample of the student body. Also those who "express their grievances" come from a wide array of students, not just a disgruntled "few," as reflected in specific surveys taken by different task forces. And above all, the "few" students and faculty that are on these committees exert so much effort because they do care about Sewanee.

If people desire alternative social activities, should we not try to provide something? These activities are not destructive to the Greek system. They are merely alternatives to the existing student life that will continue to hold its position. Mr. Zeigler also assumes that "alternative" means something from the "populous areas." No one is trying to change Sewanee's character as a rural campus.

The so-called "months (actually month) of tiresome student-faculty dialogues" and research have yielded

much information and great promises that are endorsed by the majority of the campus. After seeing so much potential arise from our efforts, we find Mr. Zeigler's love it or leave it attitude toward Sewanee very frustrating.

If there were such threats as removing fraternities and sororities and changing the uniqueness of Sewanee, Mr. Zeigler is justifiably defensive. Indeed, we ourselves would feel terribly threatened. By these are not the goals of the task forces; we are not out to change the traditions of Sewanee, but we do believe that we can further improve the place we love.

Sincerely,

Aaron Priest
Amy-Beth Kelton

In the letter that follows Miss Holly Patrick responds to my editorial that appeared in the last issue. In her second paragraph she states "I attended three of the four student-faculty dialogues sponsored (sic) by the task force, and did not see Mr. Zeigler at any of them." Indeed, although I did attend one of these dialogues, the one dealing with the role of fraternities and sororities, it is quite possible that Miss Patrick did not see me there, or that she was not there herself.

Miss Patrick, however, goes on to write that "It is interesting that he would characterize the dialogues as 'tiresome,' since he was not even there." Upon this sweeping and completely false assertion Miss Patrick bases what develops into her attack on my position in the editorial.

As I told Miss Patrick in a letter asking her to clear this matter up (one to which she did not respond), I do not mind being attacked. Quite to the contrary, I have come to expect and anticipate at least some form vilification in every issue. All that I ask is that these attacks have some factual basis. Miss Patrick's, it is quite clear, does not.

—Ben Zeigler

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to Ben Zeigler's editorial concerning the Task Force on Undergraduate Life in the 90s.

First of all, I attended three of the four student-faculty dialogues sponsored (sic) by the task force, and did not see Mr. Zeigler at any of them. It is interesting that he would characterize the dialogues as "tiresome," since he was not even there.

It would seem that if Mr. Zeigler were interested enough in the subject of undergraduate social life to write an editorial about it, he would at least be interested in hearing the opinions of his fellow students on the subject. If he had, he might have discovered that there are more than just a "vocal and apparently influential, few" students and faculty members interested in improving the social life at Sewanee.

There are, in fact, many people who recognize how beneficial some changes in, and additions to the extracurricular life could be.

Mr. Zeigler would like us to believe that anyone who shows a sincere desire to do what he or she can to improve the social life—which anyone with any insight whatsoever can see is limited—is really out to abolish the fraternity system and force everyone to "become friends." It is unfortunate that this irrational fear, plus a hostility toward any kind of change (without considering that the change might be for the better) has made Mr. Zeigler so defensive toward those who are really concerned about the value of life for all students.

Mr. Zeigler's argument is that anyone who would like to enhance the social life at Sewanee can say what they want; however, they should not do anything about it because, "Not everyone likes it, but not everyone has to come to Sewanee." I'm sorry that anyone has this attitude, one that basically says, "If you don't like it, get out."

Sewanee is a unique place, and it is a great place in many ways, but that does not mean it cannot be better. Fortunately, there are people who care enough about Sewanee to stay and work to make it a better place for those who come after us. Those people should not have to contend with a vocal, yet apparently non-influential few.

I believe that despite what Mr. Zeigler says, concrete recommendations will be presented, and real changes will be made as a result of the task force's work, and anyone who is truly concerned with Sewanee life outside the classroom should appreciate those who are making those improvements possible.

Sincerely,

Holly Patrick

Plea for Tolerance

To the Editor:

The Sewanee Gay/Lesbian/Straight Alliance has displayed posters in order to inform the campus of its presence, its purpose, and its availability to the entire Sewanee community. Our poster centers around the "inverted pink triangle" which is the international symbol of gay and lesbian pride, as originally homosexual persons were forced to wear the "inverted pink triangle" in the Nazi Holocaust in order for them to be distinguished as one of the least worthy of human beings (simply because they were homosexual) in the work and death camps. Most bulletin boards in the academic

SPORTS

Women Defend #2 Ranking Both Tennis Teams Off to Impressive Start

The Savanee Purple

Sports Staff

Both the men's and women's tennis teams returned home last week from Memphis after a very successful weekend. The two teams chalked up impressive victories, although they came at the expense of teams not considered serious threats in the South region. Nonetheless, the men continued their unequivocal domination of the College Athletic Conference with a 7-1 win over rival Rhodes College (both teams decided to bypass the number 1 doubles match due to time) while the women ran their record to 9-0, defending their #2 ITCA/Volvo national ranking with three easy victories.

The men's team cruised through

most of the matches against Rhodes except for a tough loss at the number three doubles spot and a hard-fought, nail-biter at number two singles. In that match, David "Pookie" Dye struggled with the bolder some "Omnicovert" surface, and fired himself up in the third set, enabling him to come back from a 5-2 game deficit. Using a mental game which appeared to rattle his Rhodes opponent, he pumped out three straight victorious games and then held serve after losing at 5-5 to force a tiebreaker. In the tiebreaker his serve and volley arsenal proved too much for his opponent, as he won 7-4.

Doubles partner Tim Lufkin said of Dye's performance, "It was a tremendous effort by the big guy to come back like that, he maintained his composure

enough to keep himself in the match."

Later that afternoon, the Tigers continued their winning ways as they blasted Rust College 9-0 despite a two-hour rain delay, winning all but five games, total, in all the matches.

Number five singles player Scott Hudson said of the matches, "we played tough."

While the men were putting away Rhodes and Rust, the Lady Tigers ripped apart a struggling Rust team and then equalled their fine effort against Rhodes, compiling the sweep of the day.

In all nine of the Rust matches, the Tigers lost but two games, bringing the overall score to an easy 9-0. Of all these matches, most noteworthy was Lauren Hagen's number six singles

match in which she lost only one point the whole time. It was the same story, although a little bit more difficult, against Women's Interscholastic Athletic Conference foe Rhodes, as they once again waltzed their way to a 9-0 victory.

After a convincing win at the number two doubles position, freshman Cameron Tyer remarked of playing with partner Laura Middleton, "We've been playing very well together as we approach the game in the same way. She's a lot of fun to play with."

Coch Colchies Shackelford echoed the sentiments of the players, saying, "We've got some much tougher matches coming up, but, if we continue to play at this level, we should be in great shape."

Raeber, Walsh Also Named All-Conference

Richards Sets New NCAA Shooting Record

By Will Bannette

Sports Editor

Savane's John Richards put his name in the NCAA Men's Basketball Record Book recently by converting 16 consecutive three pointers over a span of five games. The mark, which covers all divisions of the NCAA, broke the previous record of 14 that had been held by Chris Babcock of Upper Iowa College.

"John is very unselfish, and his shot selection is outstanding," said Tiger Head Basketball coach Tony Wingen. "Richards did not get to shoot as much this season as he will in the future, but, when he did, he was effective," Wingen added.

The record-breaking streak started against Fisk University on Feb. 10, a record-breaking night for the Tiger team, as they routed Fisk 123-71 and set a school mark for most points scored in a game. Richards was three for three against Fisk, followed by two for two against Oglethorpe, four for four against Trinity, and two for two against Trinity.

The streak ended Feb. 23 against Fisk, but only after Richards hit his first five three-point attempts to set the record.

Richards, a freshman from Charlotte, North Carolina, averaged 9.2 points per game on 49 percent shooting from the field for the 11-14 Tigers.

On another basketball note, junior Kit Walsh and senior Mike Raeber were selected as All-C. A. C. players last week. Ten men were elected to the All-Conference team by the conference's coaches.

This is Walsh's second election to the team. The Atlanta averaged 17.5 points per game this year, as well as 6.6 rebounds per game. Already in the top ten on the All-Time scoring list, Walsh shot 47 percent from the field and 72 percent from the line.

Raeber, who is also from Atlanta and was captain of the team this year, averaged 11.1 points per game and 5 rebounds per game, shooting 45 percent from the field and 70 percent from the line.



FRESHMAN JOHN RICHARDS here shows the 3-point form that enabled him to set a record (Photo by Lyn Hutchinson).

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Seven Starters Return

Baseball Team Off to Slow Start This Spring

By Michael Raeber
Sports Correspondent

An early season schedule laden with top-notch competition has Sewanee's boys of summer off to a rugged start. After dropping both ends of a double-header to N.A.A.A. foe Cumberland College last Sunday, the Tigers' record stands at 2-8.

"We're struggling right now," says Head Coach Bill Samko. "But I think we're definitely improved since last year."

The Tigers return seven starters from last year's squad, including its entire outfield and two top pitchers, David Bruce and Adam Carlos. Carlos, who returns to Sewanee for a fifth year to take advantage of his remaining eligibility, is currently second on the team in hitting at .306 and leads the team with 7 RBIs.

In addition, the Tigers have added some talented young players. The newcomers are led by Frank and Lyle Greer, a brother combination, who have both broken into the starting lineup. Frank, a freshman third baseman, is fourth on the team in batting at .226, while Lyle, a sophomore transfer from Chattanooga State, splits time with sophomore Ted Pina behind the plate.

The Tigers have struggled both at

the plate and in the field to this point. The Tigers have been out-hit by their opponents by a margin of .329 to .193 over their first 10 contests and outscored 69-29.

Samko feels these statistics are emblematic of his team's troubles so far. "Baseball is a game, unlike some other sports, where statistics really do tell you the story," he says.

The Tiger bright spots this year have come in its two victories against College Athletic Conference rivals Rhodes and Millsaps. Against Millsaps in the team's second game, Carlos pitched a three-hitter, leading the Tigers to a 4-1 victory. The next weekend in Memphis, Bruce had a strong pitching performance to beat Rhodes 9-5.

There have been bright spots individually as well for the Tigers. The team has received an unexpected boost from junior John Shoop, who has returned to the team after sitting out his sophomore season. In limited action, Shoop is leading the team in hitting at a .333 clip. In addition, centerfielder Sean Gibson, who was a leading Tiger hitter last year, is batting .265 to place him third on the team. Nick Albanese has been solid at shortstop after moving over from his second base position early this year.

Samko is still optimistic about this



FRESHMAN DOUG MURRAY pitches in the Sewanee v. Cumberland game last week (Photo by Lynn Hutchinson).

year's squad and looks forward to the conference tournament at year's end. "I had hoped coming in that we would win at least 10 games, and I still think we're capable of doing that," says Samko. "I

think we'll be ready come tournament time."

The ever-optimistic Shoop agrees adding, "We've got a good ball team, a good ball club."

Softball Team Looks For Successful Season

The Sewanee Purple
Sports Staff

The sound of softballs slapping into glove leather has been echoing in the intramural gym over the last several weeks as the women's softball team trains for the coming season. With a new coach, a longer schedule, increased commitment, and a half dozen talented newcomers, the team is projecting a much different image than in years past.

Part of the new talent available to this year's team is found in John Heck, who replaces Berkeley Ford as head coach. Ford graduated from the seminary last May. Heck has had quite a bit of experience both in playing and coaching slow pitch softball, but his greatest credential is, in his own words, "A genuine love of the game." As to his feelings about coaching, Heck says, "I'm just happy to be here, I hope I can help the ball club." Heck, an alumnus of the College, is Coordinator of Outreach Ministry for All Saints' Chapel.

On the field this year, defense will be the key. Freshmen Cindy Gentry, Tammy Haston and Melissa Hartley are among the new players that will fill the holes left by the departure of Francis Clay, Diane Farrar, and Lisa Babick. Carrie Ashton, last year's batting leader, will also be missed on the field, though

she continues to act as the team's manager. Other freshmen sure to see action are Linda Motes, Melanie Gordon, and Margaret Knight.

The real strength of the team lies with the returning starters. This year the team will find captain Laura Splichal, senior Kathy Rogers, and junior outfielder Michelle McMullen all in leadership roles. Other vital returning players are sophomore Kathryn McDonald, last year's starting shortstop, and junior pitcher/outfielder Stephanie Woodham. Sarah Booth, defensive specialist and the team's home run co-leader, also returns to anchor the team.

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Planning for Regatta Students Re-establish Sewanee Crew Team

The Sewanee Purple
Sports Staff

The Sewanee Crew is a sport that has not had a strong history here, has been recently started again by some students in the University.

Crew is a sport well-known in the Oxford-Cambridge tradition. Teams in rowing can consist of two, four, or eight person teams and coxswains or eight coxswains contain a coxswain, the person who steers and directs the actions of the rowers.

The Sewanee Crew team was started by Donna Sharp, a freshman, and Samantha Fields, a sophomore. A boat was given to the University by the Oak Ridge Rowing Association, where Fields and Sharp both rowed in high school. The University of the South was given an eight person boat and oars by the Oak Ridge Rowing Association in the fall of 1989.

The students feel that they have had a difficult time in getting this far with the team because of many factors. "We've had a hard time getting it started because we don't have the money it takes to have good equipment. A good fiberglass eight can cost \$10,000," Sharp said.

Because the Mountain lacks a lake large enough for rowing, the boat has been taken to Arnold Air Force Base, where practices now take place. The team is now associated with, and receiving help from, the Sewanee Outing Club, but eventually hopes to become a separate club, members say.

Of the 50 or more students who have shown an interest in the Crew team, only two have had experience with the sport before. Sharp said that "This year, what we mostly want to do is to teach the people how to row." The team hopes, however, to be able to attend a regatta in Oak Ridge this year.

Swimmers Finish Up Outstanding Season

The Sewanee Purple
Sports Staff

Sewanee's swimming team ended its season in fine fashion with a strong finish by both the men and women at the Liberal Arts Swimming and Diving Invitational. The men, coached by Cliff Afion, placed fourth at the conference meet while the women, coached by Mary Kay Samko, claimed second place. 26 of the 29 swimmers at the conference meet achieved personal best times and several school records were broken.

"We really did well at conference, and I'm happy that the season ended well," said senior captain Hudson Weichsel. "It's great that we were able to set so many records," Weichsel added.

The record breakers were led by Suzy Cahill, the all-time point scoring leader for the Tigers, who set new marks in the 400 I.M. and the 1650 freestyle. Cahill already held records in the 200, 500, and 1000 meter events. Senior captain Vicky Sparks, second on the all-time scoring list, set a record in the 200 breaststroke.

The men's 200 free relay team, composed of Hayes MacDonald, Hal Noelke, Jeff Ray, and Adam Adams, set a record with a time of 1:32.62. The men's 200 medley relay team set two records, first in preliminaries and then in the finals. Adams, Brad Adams, Jeff Ray, and Andy Clark swam in the preliminary race while Scott Payne,

Noelke, Ray, and Clark swam in the finals. Noelke, although only a sophomore, is ranked third on the all-time points list. In the diving competition Katie Kluck placed third for Sewanee.

The Tigers will be losing several key performers to graduation including Sparks, Jennie MacGregor, Tracy Spang, Meredith Stoever (fourth in all-time scoring), Cahill, Weichsel, and Payne. However, Afion thinks the team will continue to improve because of the people returning.

"We will certainly miss our seniors and the leadership they provided but I believe our returning swimmers are talented and will lead us to a good season next year," said the coach.



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**Will Barnette's
"The National
Scene"**

By Will Barnette
Sports Editor

Quite some time ago the administration of this University decided to deemphasize athletics, thereby placing Sewanee in competition with schools similar in size and academic standing. Recent developments at North Carolina State and Florida show just how corrupt major college athletics have become and demonstrate why it is better for a school to compete at the Division III level as opposed to Division I.

N. C. State has been hit with charges ranging from illegal payments to players to point shaving. Coach Jim Valvano's players have had little concern for academics, as evidenced by the fact that nearly the entire team was on

Greed and Big College Athletics

academic probation by the end of last season.

The situation at Florida is not much better. Coach Norm Sloan was forced to resign prior to the beginning of this season amid charges of illegal payments to players. Don DeVoe, former coach at Tennessee and a man known for his honesty and integrity, was brought in to straighten out the program. Unfortunately for DeVoe, he was met with rebellion from the Florida players, particularly star center Dwayne Schintzius, and this season has turned into the worst in several years for the Gators. The turmoil experienced by the basketball team followed the suspension of several Florida football players for gambling on college football.

Sadly, the situations at N. C. State and Florida seem to be the rule in major college athletics today rather than the exception. College athletics once brought prestige to a university and

were a source of pride for students. Today, athletics more often bring shame to an institution. Schools such as Tulane, Kansas, Kentucky, SMU, and Maryland are just a few of the names that come to mind when thinking of universities that have been damaged by their athletic programs.

The reason that so many schools cheat to get ahead athletically is, simply put, money. Television contracts provide schools with vast revenues—so long as schools field winning teams. This increases the pressure on coaches to get the best athletes to come play for their team. Unethical recruiters, seeking any way to get ahead, will resort to offering illegal inducements to recruits ranging from cash to cars. The "win at any cost" attitude that has been created in major college athletics has led to several institutions being damaged by the actions of their athletic programs.

Division III regulations do not

allow for schools to give athletic scholarships to prospective students. Schools that compete at this level also do not appear on television and are therefore unaffected by the money that television showmen on Division I programs. These factors take away the incentive for Division III recruiters to cheat. Athletics at this level are conducted the way they should be, with student athletes competing against each other for their enjoyment of their particular sport.

Division I athletics offer schools a chance for greater financial reward than do Division III, but there is also the greater chance that a school will suffer damage to its reputation and its integrity. Increasingly, Division I athletics demonstrate what is wrong with society today while the Division III level allows schools to compete while still maintaining their integrity.

LETTERS FROM PAGE 5

buildings, the Bishop's Common, and DuPont Library had our poster displayed. Only very few of our posters remain displayed. They not only have been ripped down from the bulletin boards but have been stolen and defaced as well. Members of the faculty have

displayed our posters outside of their offices but also have had our poster ripped down, stolen, or defaced.

Ripping down our posters is not going to make Sewanee's gay, lesbian and bisexual students disappear. As a gay Sewanee student, I am saddened that an academic and intellectual community, such as our's claims to be, has members which are intolerant of sexual

orientations other than their own. Ultimately, Sewanee must be tolerant of all opinions, thoughts, and sexual orientations. The administration and the faculty of Sewanee may try as hard as they wish to make this university a successful community, but until the students are tolerant of each other, Sewanee will remain a less successful community than it could be otherwise.

assessed. No one can continue to pay \$10.00 several times a week in addition to the frustration of our pets when they are taken to the pound.

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Record Review

By Curt Cloninger
Arts and Entertainment Staff

"Steamroller Doggie" by The Lee Harvey Oswald Band off of the E.P. *The Lee Harvey Oswald Band on Touch & Go records*.

I don't know anything biographical about The Lee Harvey Oswald Band except that they are on the Butthole Surfers' label. I've never heard any of their music before and I don't know anyone else who has. They all have stupid pseudonyms and generic faces. This Lee Harvey Oswald Band might just as well be Peter Frampton's newly reformed rock squad for all I know. And who cares who they are anyway—if a piece of art can't stand on its own without eighty billion biological references to its creator, then it is probably not that hot.

Here in academia-ville, where little-known facts are good, many folks will disagree. After all, if Joe Blow from down the road can appreciate a work of art as well as Dr. Bright from up the road, who needs Dr. Bright? Hmmm. Why are Walt Whitman and Carl Sandburg so regularly scorned by contemporary learned types? And why have lawyers complicated our legal system so much that now lawyers need their own lawyers? If a train leaves Boise, Idaho at three-fifteen traveling west at 300 miles per hour, and it arrives in Reykjavik, Iceland at...oh, I'm sorry, that's the bell, we're out of time. I'll see you all again on Tuesday.

I realize I'm not the first person to question the importance of authorship in works of art, but I will be the first person to do it while reviewing a song called "Steamroller Doggie." Best to just come right out and say it—"Steamroller Doggie" is ultra-mega-monster-head-face-felch-fest-slay-your-idea-with-a-chainsaw-at-your-earliest-convenience-run-on-adjective-song-of-the-epoch ROCK, emphasis mine. First consider the hefty lyrical content, "You know your head is too big for your body/ That's why I call you my sweet steamroller doggie/ Whoa oh, whoa oh oh." Yes, probably.

Next, consider the tune. I count maybe five chords. Anyone could have written this song. Many bands have written similar songs. Does this fact diminish "Steamroller Doggie's" super-coolness one iota? No. I used to be bothered by the fact that rap music is merely a group of people talking while a tambale plays the beat to a song that someone else wrote. Then I heard the Beastie Boys' album, *Paul's Boutique*. Are the Beastie Boys great musicians? No. Isn't *Paul's Boutique* just one big rip-off of other people's music with three juvenile lyrics tacked over it? Yes. Is *Paul's Boutique* still the second best album of 1989? Yes.

If the product pleases, then it pleases. This explains why so many Grateful Dead fans get excited about other, lesser bands that play Grateful Dead songs. I think that jazz-man on the Levis 501 Blues commercial said it best, "Who cares where it comes from, as long as it keeps on coming." Of course, the great and unanswerable mystery to me is how anyone could like the Grateful Dead in the first place, but rather than risk being powerfully hexed by thousands of crystal-wielding groovers, I'll move on.

There is an important difference between a real rock project like The Lee Harvey Oswald Band, and some asinine cover group like The Flower People. Whereas The Flower People take old pop songs and reproduce them for profit, adding absolutely nothing to the rock and roll tradition, the Lee Harvey Oswald Band borrows from the past, breaks out the blender, and returns what they've borrowed in an entirely new and generative way.

"Steamroller Doggie" may sound like a Stogies song, but it's not one. Which brings us to all the important issues of sound. There are certain genres of music which, for some inexplicable reason, please one's ear. There are other genres of music which drive one crazy. I think The Dead Kennedy's could write the best song in the world, and it would still be unbearable due to the peculiarly heinous timbre of Jello Biafra's voice. Likewise, my own personal Hell equals listening to anywhere over five minutes of Bob Dylan's pseudo-intellectual drivel-whine-single-chord-acoustic nausea which some have mistaken for music.

While I'm slamming, I might as well throw down on Hank Jr., Tone Loc, and company. Country boys make fun of rap music and some boys make fun of country music, but the truth is, it's all just a bunch of egotistical males bragging about how macho they are. At least rap music doesn't put you to sleep.

But I stray from the matter at hand. "Steamroller Doggie" will peel the walls off of your paint. This is the genre of music which pleases me. This is demolition rock. In the song "Stonehenge," by Spinal Tap, Nigel Tuffnel says of the Druids, "No one knew who they were, or what they were doing/ But their legend lives on, hewn into the living rock of Stonehenge." The Lee Harvey Oswald Band have no idea of what they're doing themselves—

3/4 rhythms driving muffledly, steadily into oblivion; a dull, furry undercurrent of sound-mass like some prehistoric mastodon steadily vomiting red lava beneath a dying sun, eacchinaphonic shards of clumsily sporadic fenderbashes spunkily sprinkling the entire eac' mad. The lyrics are fuzzy, probably sung from through bullhorn (a la Butthole Surfers). The singer sounds like a guitar. Hey, it's new. It's new. It's rockin'." We are out of the wilderness and into the promised land.

And now, a few closing over-generalizations: The unrefined sublime rarely makes good art. Yet it rarely fails to make most excellent rock. I am a sucker for good physical grunge, and will eternally support any group of unknown idiots that can loudly,

energetically, and monsterfully spill their souls into a rocking lurch which deserves to be played at eleven. Saddy, many are called, but few can rock. Anyone can play a Grateful Dead song well, but you don't see too many good Jimi Hendrix cover bands around these days. You simply cannot counterfeit that feeling, my friend; you cannot recreate the soul of a Druid. "Steamroller Doggie" comes about as close to Druidism as any song last year did. "And oh, how they danced, the little children of Stonehenge."

But who needs some fool music critic and his quasi-sensical musings to decide what he/she/it likes? Go figure yourself. I think the word rock should be around here somewhere. Rock. There it is.

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Book Review

By Thomas Mavor
Arts Editor

The Floaplane Notebooks
 by Clyde Edgerton
 Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, 1988,
 \$16.95, 265 pages

Along with Kaye Gibbons, Clyde Edgerton is the star of the North Carolinian "renaissance" in literary works. His two earlier novels, *Raney* and *Walking Across Egypt*, introduced Edgerton's precise, Southern voice and his ability to portray hilarious episodes in the lives of the mundane. But a darker side stretches through his fiction as well; he deals with issues of sexism, racism, and the problems of aging and family loyalty. In his latest work, *The Floaplane Notebooks*, Edgerton continues tracing the plight of the contemporary Southern family.

The story in *The Floaplane Notebooks* concerns the Copeland family of North Carolina, and centers around their traditional yearly cleaning of the family cemetery. Also framing the narrative here are the trials of Uncle Albert Copeland, who, throughout his life, attempts the operation and flight of a homemade floaplane. The notebooks he keeps concerning the progress of this project become a personal diary of his family. The major event which draws Albert's attention away from his plane is the departure of Meredith and Mark, Copeland cousins, for duty in Vietnam during the war. Mark survives the war physically intact, but Meredith is severely wounded, losing both an arm and a leg; the resultant paralysis also causes him to lose his young wife and mother of his son to a singing career in Florida.

Throughout these "current" happenings, the elderly Aunt Scrap keeps alive the family's past through storytelling at the family's great picnic and grave cleaning. At the novel's end, after excursions into past family burials via Aunt Scrap and repeated attempts to fly his plane, Albert tries his homemade device once again, and this time, with crippled Meredith securely enclosed, the plane soars from the water's surface.

The story is told through multiple viewpoints over a twelve-year period by various members of the family, from the youngest Copeland, Noralee, to Meredith, frustrated by his disability. Edgerton also grants speech and perception to a wild wisteria vine which, through its continual proximity to the family cemetery, becomes the only objective viewpoint from which the evolution and story of the whole family can be expressed.

With such a technique (somewhat too silly and contrived), Edgerton

stresses the importance of family ties and loyalty, and the importance of the past as shaping and sometimes even overpowering the present. The novel, unfortunately, suffers from too much material compacted in too little space; the various speaking characters contain unique voices, especially Noralee, but never are they allowed total independence and vigor. The plot also contains a wealth of activity, but Vietnam war wounds, homemade planes, picnics, grave cleanings, as well as the ghostly conversations of dead family members, seem an overabundance for a novel under three hundred pages in length.

Louis Robilliard To Perform Organ Recital

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French organ virtuoso Louis Robilliard is coming to The University of the South on Tuesday, April 3, to play a recital in All Saints' Chapel. Robilliard has been acclaimed as one of the most exciting performers in the world. He is now professor of organ at the conservatory in Lyon, France, where University Organist and Choirmaster Robert G. Delcamp once studied with him. Robilliard equally displays the utmost skill in performing works from German Romantic composers and French Baroque composers.

Robilliard has been hailed by the critics: "From Bach's fugues to Tourenne's chorales, he unfurled a display of grandeur with an overwhelming mastery." (*Le Monde*, Paris). "...breath-taking, energetic, exotic." (*Journal-Herald*, Dayton). Indeed, the recital in All Saints' Chapel on April 3, will be nothing short of excellent. He will perform works by Cesar Frank (1872-1890) and the Suite *Opus 5* of Maurice Durufle. Moreover, he will perform an improvisation on a submitted theme. Louis Robilliard is a part of the Easter Term Organ Recital Series sponsored by Robert G. Delcamp.

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World-Renowned Igor Kipnis To Perform

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Igor Kipnis, world-renowned harpsichordist, will accompany the New Sinfonietta Amsterdam in an 8:00 p.m. concert in Querry Auditorium on April 7, and he will give a lecture in Convocation Hall at 4:00 p.m. on April 6. Kipnis has played in recitals both as a soloist and with orchestras throughout the world since his debut in 1959. *Keyboard Magazine* named him "Best Harpsichordist" in 1978, 1979, and 1980, and "Best Classical Keyboardist" of 1982. Hailed as being the best harpsichordist of the day, Kipnis is given the credit for the renewal of interest in the harpsichord and the literature which is idiomatic to it. Critics have praised Kipnis for decades.

The New Sinfonietta Amsterdam was founded in 1987. It first played a concert for the public in 1988, where numerous Dutch concert agents heard them and immediately offered them numerous contracts for the next concert

season. The group is made up of musicians who have extensive experience in the playing of chamber music. They differ from other ensembles in that they play music from a wide range of periods, including some contemporary work.

Kipnis and The New Sinfonietta Amsterdam will perform a Haydn concerto, The Mozart Symphony in A, and other works. Kipnis is managed by Joanne Rite Artists Management, Inc.

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MISSY

Q: How do you define eccentric?

CHARLOTTE THOMAS: Unusual, Peculiar, Odd.

STEVE JORDAN: Fuzzy wearing a hairnet.

JODIE AMES: Going to the Smokehouse just to window shop.

CAMERON LEWIS: Riding the tiger in the Pub.

POE MILES: A chinchilla toothbrush.

PAGE SHURGER: My underwear collection from countries and cultures around the world.

MARSHALL McGEHEE: Ripping holes in my jeans on purpose.

ROBBIE GILCHRIST: Dr. Chapman's haircut.

HUDSON WEISCHEL: Julie Fowler and Heather Howell.

DAVID KING '89: Driving 1000 miles to sit in the Pub, drink Falstaff and play spades.

WADE WALTER: Giving Brooks a roll of quarters for the video game in the Pub.

JEFF RAY: What is eccentric?

TRACEY SPANG: Jeff Ray.

DALLAS AND VAL: Stephanie Woodham staying on the Mountain for a weekend.

HELEN DAVIS: Eating bran because you like the taste.

BECCA CRUMRINE: No pitchers in the pub.

EMILY JENNINGS: Dying my hair from brown to blonde so people won't think I'm a bimbo.

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