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Alumni Come Home

by Heather Platt

Staff Writer

Homecoming Weekend 2001 was a great opportunity for students and alumni to come together and enjoy Sewanee. Beautiful weather and great parties contributed to a successful weekend.

During the football game on Saturday, Greek organizations received awards for exceptional achievement in areas of academics, community service, and overall excellent accomplishment throughout the year. One sorority and one fraternity were selected for each of the three awards. The Award for Academic Excellence was granted to Phi Gamma Delta and Alpha Delta Theta. These groups attained the highest cumulative GPAs among the other fraternities and sororities over the past two semesters. The Award for Outstanding Community Service went to Gamma Sigma Phi and Phi Sigma Theta. These groups showed great zeal in undertaking difficult and fulfilling community service projects. Finally, the Deans Cup Award was presented to the fraternity and sorority demonstrating the most overall achievement and well-roundedness based on an end-of-the-year self-evaluation. The Deans Cup Award is based on 10 areas: service, scholarship, concern for human issues, campus involvement and leadership development, group responsibility, fiscal responsibility, responsible rush, development of alumni support, maintenance of property, and positive contributions to the social life on campus. The recipients of the Deans Cup Award were Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Delta Theta.

Another important award during Homecoming Weekend was that of the Homecoming Queen. This year's title of 2001 University of the South Homecoming Queen went to Liz Barnett. Liz was sponsored by Alpha Tau Omega, Martha Bonnar, sponsored by Beta Theta Pi and Lizzie Reynolds, sponsored by Chi Psi tied for runner up. Each of the women were nominated by a campus fraternity and then interviewed by a panel of three judges consisting of faculty and staff.

In total, Homecoming Weekend 2001 was a great success. Congratulations to the 2001 Homecoming court and to the fraternities and sororities competing for awards this weekend and especially to the winners of all awards.

A Bright Light Gone

Sewanee mourns the loss of Wes Mitchell

by Martin Bonnar

Staff Writer

Exactly one month after the September 11 tragedy, Sewanee experienced first-hand its own tragic event. Whereas the deaths of over 5,000 people left the entire country in mourning, Sewanee suffered directly from its own grief. On October 11, 2001,

Wesley Collins Mitchell, a freshman in the College of the Arts and Sciences, died in a tragic accident at the Templeton Library, slightly off of the Sewanee campus.

Just nineteen years old and from Manchester, Vermont, Wes was doing just what he loved best, enjoying the company of his friends and sharing together in

fun. Furthermore, he loved the outdoors and went to the library in order to experience the incredible view. A natural leader in all that he did, Wes made a fatal decision when he tried to slide down what appeared to him as a laundry chute. Unfortunately, he ended in the bottom of a trash compactor, where he was crushed

to his instant death.

The accident has left family and friends in grief because of its gruesome nature and stunned in sheer disbelief. Thursday night, October 11, students and members of the community packed All Saints Chapel where a prayer ser-

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Is Your Computer Safe?

A walk down the shady world of the Internet, Part II

by Fahd Arshad

Staff Writer

Last time we talked about viruses, worms, and Trojans. But these aren't the only dubious characters you need to be wary of on the Internet. Let's run down some other dangers you face on the Net.

Many of us have seen movies such as *Hackers*, *Sneakers*, *The Net*, *The Matrix*, and *Swordfish*, to name a few. Hollywood seems to be growing more and more obsessed with computers, security, and the players in the field. But Hollywood's portrayal of "hackers", and hacking, is misleading at best. Not even Linus Torvalds (the guy who wrote the earliest version of Linux), much less Hugh

Jackson, can hack 512-bit encryption schemes, with or without the fancy non-existent GUI, mere references about dropping worms in the system, and, uh, unusual pressure on the hacker. How about we set the record straight on "hackers" vs. "crackers" first? Hackers are people whose knowledge of computer systems and protocols extends to the point where they are able to exploit bugs and faulty configurations to their advantage. Of course, whether hackers choose to be Jedi knights or Siths is up to them; those on the wrong side of the law are called black-hat hackers or simply black-hats, and those on the right side are called white-hat hackers. The

struggle between the two camps is very interesting. Crackers on the other hand are just concerned with the ends, as opposed to the means, and usually use means frowned upon by true hackers. One known cracker called up a number of firms and pretending to be various legitimate parties, simply asked for a login and password to gain access. Finally, we have a new addition to the league, called script kiddies. While not all script kiddies are 14 years old, many are young. The title though derives from the fact that script kiddies use well-documented exploits available on the Web to launch their attacks, which experienced hackers find juvenile.

Why is this taxonomy important? Because knowing one's opponent is half the battle. Most of the things you can do to protect yourself against network attacks will be aimed at preventing script kiddies and crackers from abusing your computer. Experienced hackers will usually not spend time on small change like your and my PCs if we take the basic precautions; we hope that they have bigger fish to fry. Don't fall for: "My computer is not important. Why would they hack it?" Any machine is a potential asset for a malicious user, and if it is not protected, it is just an easier, more attractive target.

The singularly most important

thing to do to prevent your system from being compromised is to keep your software, especially your operating system, updated or "patched" as the terminology goes. Mac users, you luck out. Depending on who you ask, either Mac OSs are built perfect or there are just not enough of them out there to justify the effort. The latest statistics from NetCraft <http://www.netcraft.com/> show that Macs form around 2% of the total computers connected to the Internet (Windows and Linux run on 50% and 30% of these computers respectively). Windows users have no such luck. A vast major-

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POLICE

Police Blotter

by Wil Oakes

Staff Writer

In the midst of my busy schedule of waiting around for hours on end for the repairman to come fix my pile of worthless trash that some people call a computer, I took the time to give Chief Parrot a call for an update on party weekend and the most recent concerns of Sewanee's Finest. The Chief was in a jolly mood, or at least as jolly as a man can be after being hardened by a life of blood and gore in the back alleys of Sewanee, Tennessee. He filled me in on what's happening deep within the heart of Sewanee crime fighting.



The victim and his shell of a car.

Richard Wilkens

First, the chief informed me that there has been some concern lately about search and seizure laws. The point of confusion is that some people do not realize that while police must have a warrant to search your residence, your vehicle or person can be searched with what is called "probable cause." Chief Parrot gave me some examples of what probable cause is: a strong odor of marijuana, visible mach clips, or a bong on your passenger seat (if you ever do this, however, you may want to go ahead and turn yourself in now, because you are a moron).

As for party weekend, Chief Parrot thought the event went well and that the students did an excellent job

of taking care of themselves and their friends, and he reminded me that we should always be on the lookout for people having troubles with alcohol who may need medical assistance. The troubles this party weekend, however, did not come from the students, but from the alumni. Apparently, two alumni went to the hospital over the weekend for alcohol poisoning, trying to show current students that they still had that Sewanee spirit. Obviously, they are out of practice.

Speaking of drunkenness, as one Sewanee student was recently enjoying a night of the drink, outside his residence his automobile was craftily re-

moved from its parking place and taken to Cowan, where its captors felt it was no longer needed. To make a long story short, that student awoke to hear that his car had been stolen and burned. No, I am not using a strange slang term. I am in burned. As in his car, flames, and then no car anymore. Yeah.

Other than that, the chief said that the weekend was mostly trouble free, and he thanks the students for that. He has also noticed further decline in parking citations, which he appreciates. With that, I had to let the chief go as my computer began emitting smoke. To tell you the truth, I'm worried it might be anthrax.

Computer Problems

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ity of attacks on the Internet, especially the ones script kiddies use most often, are aimed squarely at Microsoft's operating systems. Thankfully, Microsoft has given us Windows Update. If you go to <http://www.windowsupdate.com/> and click on "Product Updates", a small applet will determine what components of your operating system are insecure and need updating, and present you with a nice little list of patches, which, once downloaded, install themselves with virtually no assistance from you. The items under the heading "Critical Updates" are, well, critical! You must download them.

sometimes separately. It may be a pain the first time you do it, but once you have installed all the available critical patches, you can rest a bit

easier. You will now only have to check back once a week or so to make sure that your system is not lacking any patches released since you last updated your system. Also click on Microsoft Office Product Updates link once in a while to check if your Office applications are up to date or not.

Borrowing from the last article, not keeping your virus definitions up to date is a gourmet recipe for disaster. Leaving your operating system unpatched comes in a close second. Most hacked systems are not hacked because the attacker found a new vulnerability in the system, but because the person responsible for the system did not install the latest updates. With Windows Update, we no longer have any excuses. Keep your system updated. Your ISP or college networking staff can only protect you against certain attacks, which are aimed at the network itself, and some others. While they will gladly lend you a hand if you ask, you have to protect yourself in most cases, just like the real world.

Another way to keep out malicious users from your computer is using a firewall. A firewall is a program that runs on your computer to check what data is going to and coming from the Internet to

your computer. A good firewall will make you invisible to a malicious user who is trying to determine if he or she can attack you or not by forcing your computer not to reply to his or her requests for information. Similarly, if your computer gets compromised by a Trojan, a program that allows a remote user to control your computer without your permission, it can render the attack useless because the firewall will stop the part of the Trojan on your computer from communicating with the hacker, and vice versa. There are free firewalls available from the Internet, including Zone Alarm and Tiny, which your RCC will install for you, or you can buy one from the many vendors, in-

cluding Symantec and Network ICE. It may take a bit of time to get used to the firewall, but once configured, it is a great asset. I use my computer for the same things you

do: writing papers, checking email, and browsing the Web. It is not uncommon for my firewall to catch over 300 scans of my computer every day!

Mac users, worry not. There are a few firewalls out there for you, including Symantec's Norton family, but unfortunately they aren't free (tell me if you know of one). OS X comes with a built-in firewall but no fancy interfaces there; unless you want to risk doing a lot of command line configuration, that's not for you yet. Those of you who will buy Windows XP in the near future also have some luck; XP comes with a one-way firewall that provides rudimentary protection against scans from the Net, but doesn't deal with data flowing out of your computer. Ah, and I can no longer ignore the Linux community, even though it is akin to preaching to the choir. Look up the man pages for ipchains if you are interested in firewalls. As usual, it tends to be hard to set up, but is very robust when it works. And if you haven't checked out the Ximian tool Red Carpet or the KDE Update Tool (v.2+), do so. It makes keeping your system up to date a cinch, a la Windows Update.

Check <http://tw2.sewanee.edu/fahd/security/> for links.

"not keeping your virus definitions up to date is a gourmet recipe for disaster"

A Word On the Honor Code

by the University Honor Council

Special Report

As the semester progresses, the University Honor Council would like to provide their recent activity and reinforce some aspects of the Honor Code.

LAST YEAR'S REFORM

Last year, we had a reform of the Honor Code which involved seven changes. First, the Honor Council previously stated a mandatory two-semester suspension punishment for all academic cases. This was elaborated in order for the punishment to be decreased to one semester by the Honor Council in extraordinary cases based on flagrancy of the violation, year of the student, and cooperation of the student. Second, an Advisory Committee was created in order to advise the Vice-Chancellor, if necessary, in appeals. Third, the size of the summer school Honor Council was increased from three to five members. Fourth, lawyers are now excluded from attending the actual hearings. They can be used for counsel, but are not allowed to be present in the hearing. Fifth, the time in which a case must be reported was increased from three to five days. Sixth, the language of the Code was modified to account for gender, as well as to ensure that the Honor Code and Council are not legal systems, but student-based institutions.

Finally, case statistics reporting the activity of the Council may be disclosed. The reform was passed in April, 2001 and is being implemented this year and in the future.

CASE STATISTICS FROM EASTER 2001 SEMESTER

To update on the activity of the Council in addition to the reform, the statistics for Easter Semester are as follows.

- Six Total Cases
- 1 non-academic, withdrawal
- 2 academic, withdrawal
- 2 academic, full hearing, guilty plea
- 1 academic, full hearing, non-guilty plea, guilty decision

KEY POINTS OF THE HONOR CODE

Finally, we would like to address some key points of the Honor Code. The Honor Code reads "One shall not lie, steal, or cheat."

1. All work needs to be pledged. This means writing the word "Pledged" or "I hereby certify that I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this assignment. (paper, test, lab, etc.)" Either should be followed by the student's signature.

2. The Code reads "Plagiarism is a form

of cheating because the plagiarist copies or imitates the language and thoughts of others and passes the result off as an original work. Plagiarism includes the failure to identify a direct quotation by the use of quotation marks or another accepted convention which delimits and identifies the quotation clearly, paraphrasing the work of another without an acknowledgement of the source, or using the ideas of another, even though expressed in different words, without giving proper credit." All works and sources, including internet sources, conversations with lab partners, text books, etc. must be documented. Any idea that results from looking at any source must be accounted for. If a quotation is used, this must be documented with citation. Consulting with any source or citing another's work or idea demands recognition.

3. Professors should be willing to address what is and what is not autho-

rized aide in their class. This differs from professor to professor and class to class. It is the responsibility of the student to ask professors for further information if this is not clear.

4. Ignorance is not an excuse. Please take the time and careful consideration to report and document all works that are cited or consulted. Do not hesitate to ask what is permitted by each professor.

5. We also work with non-academic cases, including misrepresentation of fake IDs, lying to dorm staff members or policemen, etc. Please observe the Honor Code in both academic and social endeavors.

We are trying hard to take an educational approach to prevent cases. If you have any questions, please ask a member of the Honor Council, your professor, or consult the Honor Code, which can be found in the Student Handbook. We look forward to having a good year.

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Ground Zero: Outreach Aids in the Aftermath

by Kate Cummings

Staff Writer

There are no words. I want to start out by saying this because it is the closest I have come to accurately describing ground zero. The Sewanee Outreach Program, in response to what happened on September 11, organized a trip for fall break to New York City.

Skip Bivens, the main coordinator of the trip, contacted Katherine Avery (a Sewanee alum) who was working as a volunteer at St. Paul's Cathedral within ground zero. Katherine said she could try to provide work for us as volunteers, so we accepted. The trip started out with 10 people but, by the time we left on Friday, October 12, the two vans were crammed with 24 people. We did not know how much our group would be needed, nor did we know how close we would get to the actual site, but we left in anticipation of connecting in some way to what seemed like a far-off tragedy.

By the time we arrived in New York City it was early Saturday morning, and we spent a couple of hours within the vicinity of our hostel before checking in. By noon we were on the subway, making the 45-minute ride from our hostel to Broadway, where Katherine was waiting for us at the roadblocks. The Eastside of Broadway is as close as civilians can get to the site; beyond that point, the FBI had to check our identification for admittance. St. Paul's, the church that serves as the refuge for all of the military and relief workers, is a miracle in itself. It is the oldest church in New York, with a wooden steeple, George Washington's pew inside, and a view of the World Trade Center wasteland out of the back window just behind the graveyard. Every building around the church has been significantly damaged and most have to be torn down, but not a window was broken or tombstone toppled at St. Paul's.

The inside of the church was very dimly lit, with a massage therapist, chi-

ropactor, and podiatrist available at all times for workers that may need them. The pews served as makeshift beds, each one containing some blankets and a pillow. The second floor of the church was overridden with supplies, anything from flashlights to sweaters to teddy bears. Every surface within the church was adorned with letters, mostly from children; huge banners were hung from the second floor and little notes were taped to the pews, each one containing a very personal and poignant message.

Katherine Avery gave us a tour of the church, and told us to return on Sunday in hopes that volunteers would be needed. When we came back on Sunday, there was no need for more workers, so instead our group spent the day working at the Gay Men's Health Crisis center (GMHC), which is where the outing program normally volunteers on trips. Because so many workers on the periphery of the World Trade Center were no longer able to work in their buildings, the GMHC needed help condensing its office space to make room for these displaced workers. On Monday, we met with Jon Meacham, Sewanee alumnus and managing editor of Newsweek magazine, who gave us a very educated and candid perspective on the attacks. That night, we volunteered in ground zero from about 8:30 pm to 3 or 4 am on Tuesday, and left New York at 7 am to travel home.

On Monday night at the church, we volunteered in any way possible: washing pans, making food, delivering coffee to the officers stationed along the periphery of the site. More than anything, we were told to talk to the workers; to ask them about their families and where they've come from, since so many of the workers were from different areas of country. The people that we spent our evening talking to were the most inspiring individuals I have ever met. The policemen were resilient and unflinching; the Marines lining Broadway were thrilled to see us whenever we made coffee runs, and spoke to us as if we were long-lost friends. Early in the evening, Su-

san, the volunteer coordinator for the night shift, offered to take us on a walk down the Westside of Broadway. Passing by alleys along our walk, we could see the floodlights that lit up the world trade center site, and got a glimpse of only sections that constituted a massive wasteland. A haunting cloud of dust and gas, illuminated by the lights, hovered over the site because of the constant bulldozing and excavation.

Susan stopped us by one of the fences, guarding an alley leading to the site, and we prayed. We stood in the middle of Broadway, desolate with only the occasional army truck or cleaning machine whirring by. Behind us, the ghostly walls of the World Trade Center jutted up in twisted pieces, the only recognizable part of the rubble. There was no answer here, as we hoped there would be. Instead, there was the unbearable stench of dead bodies, of burning rubber, and of something altogether too horrific to describe. Meeting the workers themselves made the tragedy immediately more personal. We were working with people who have to spend their days and nights uncovering pieces of lost lives - not putting them together, only sending them away. We were surrounded by families that have only pieces left without the whole; they no longer have their love to look at and hold close, instead they have pictures, phone messages, emails and letters. Each "missing person" sign taped to a streetlight re-



Kate Cummings

The aftermath of September 11th as seen by Sewanee students.

mind us of this - and yes, there are still many missing person pictures.

There was an immediate sense of community among all the relief effort workers at St. Paul's, and our group felt honored to be included, if only briefly, in this community. These people are carrying a weight no human should ever have to endure, and

yet they do it with a grace that evokes a faith in the human spirit that I have not experienced before. There are no words that encompass the tragedy that has happened and, similarly, there are no words for the courageous spirit of these people. We should be truly proud to be Americans.

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vice for Wesley was conducted by Tom Ward and Annwn Myers. The service brought those grieving together to try to make sense of a seemingly surreal situation. His funeral was held in Manchester Center, Vermont at Zion Episcopal Church on Sunday, October 14. Over a thousand people were present at this service.

Despite the following sequence of Fall Break and Homecoming, the atmosphere of the campus has been affected by the horrible tragedy. Students, faculty, and members of the community have come together in supporting his friends and the students that were present at the accident. Wes' mother, father, and two sisters arrived in Sewanee last Monday, October 22. His father, an Episcopal priest, and his mother, a guidance counselor, wished to approach this community with a special gift. With an unwavering faith in God, they gathered with Wes' friends and all shared stories about the times that they spent with him.

Monday night, with standing room only in All Saints Chapel, his father touched the congregation with an incredible message during the sermon. Reminiscing on memories of his son, Wes' father left the crowd in awe of his amazing strength and faith. Describing his son as adventurous as a "half otter and half golden retriever" and as generous as a honeycomb, he honored the tremendous life that his son lived. Both Wes' mother and father participated in the service as eulogists. They both wished to be visibly present and to give to the community who knew and loved Wes in his short time at Sewanee. His father asked for each person to lift his or her hands in communion in celebration for the life of their son and in order for God to

heal their broken hearts. The service followed with a reception in Convocation Hall, where his family greeted people as they entered.

Wes was a genuine asset in the Sewanee community in his short time here. He will forever be remembered by his wonderful personality and as a good friend. His friends and family will remember his smile and the joy that they felt in his company. He was a natural artist, athlete, and enjoyed the outdoors. He especially loved Abbot's Alley, climbing, and eaving. He was very talented in craftsmanship and worked extremely well and creatively with leather. His parents remarked that he lived more in his nineteen years than most do in a lifetime. He lived as a leader and a role model. His character, attitude, and faith are inspirational to all that had the fortune of knowing him.

Wes graduated from St. George's School in Providence, Rhode Island. His amazing character is reflected in the numerous friends that he had there. His younger sister, Christine, is a junior there. His older sister, Chalice, is a junior at the Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida. His father, Rev. John Mitchell, is the rector of Zion Episcopal Church in Manchester, Vermont, and his mother, Linda, is a nurse and high school guidance counselor.

The grief and shock of the death of Wes Mitchell touched every person in Sewanee. Although campus activities have returned to normal, the hearts and lives of every student, faculty, and community member will forever be changed. Many have asked what they can do or learn from this tragedy. It is the wish of his family for all to keep his memory alive by fully living each and every day as Wes did. Both his friends and family would encourage all people to live with a character as generous, faithful, and charismatic as

he had. A memorial fund has been founded in his name, Wesley Collins Mitchell Fund, c/o Zion Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 717, Manchester, VT 05255.



College Democrats pose with former VP Al Gore

Phil Loney

Sewanee Students Meet Al Gore

by Burt Pickett

Staff Writer

The former Vice-President Al Gore graced Decherd with his presence on Halloween. Joe Yorkley, President of the Franklin County Democratic Party, said in his introduction of Gore, "Halloween is full of tricks and treats and Al Gore's visit today is definitely a treat." There was a large crowd of Sewanee students who attended this gathering. The College Democrats took a van and several carloads of students to Decherd. Many more students came on their own to meet the former V-P. One student estimated there to be at least 30 Sewanee students there.

Gore arrived in Decherd at around 11:15 and was greeted by a large crowd of supporters. Nearly everyone was able to meet and shake hands with Gore. He mingled the crowd having pictures

taken and signing peoples' memorabilia from pictures to baseballs. At noon Gore gave a short talk that really entertained the crowd. Gore's comical antics gave the public listening a chance to see a different side of the usually serious politician that he is known as. The former Vice-President is currently teaching at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Fisk University in Nashville, and Motlow Community College via satellite. Gore informed the crowd that he was still undecided as to whether or not he was going to run for President in 2004. He concluded his speech by telling the audience that we must unite at a time like this and help America win this war. After his brief speech, Gore continued to personally talk to the enthusiastic groups of people. Shortly before his departure, Gore posed for many pictures to be taken with the College Democrats and other Sewanee students.



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Opinion

Friday, November 2, 2001

The Sewanee Purple

Cosgrove says:

Cherish the Bubble

by Ryan Cosgrove

Editor-in-chief

Two years ago, I felt the need to criticize the level of engagement between Sewanee students and the outside world, questioning, "Do we live in a bubble." The Sewanee bubble, of course should be familiar to all of us - it is that protective shell that allows us to ignore the drinking problems that arise in study after study at large universities. It is the barrier that seems to block a great array of national news from even entering our local community. Two years ago, I wrote an article asking, "Isn't college supposed to be a hotbed for student involvement in politics and current events?" Despite my insistence that Sewanee students do, in fact, fail to stay in tune with the constant barrage of news that assails the world outside our bubble, I perhaps underestimated the resolve of Sewanee to react to truly important national events.

When I mention the resolve of Sewanee students, I perhaps draw somewhat upon something that David Halberstam mentioned in his Founder's Day address, recommending that we should never underestimate the resolve of the American people to work together in a time of crisis. Sewanee has joined in the truly national effort of coming together as a nation in response to the horrific attacks on our country. Immediately following the attacks, students came forth in droves to attend memorial services at All Saints, joining other Americans in prayer. In the past two issues of the newspaper, we have published articles by students who visited 'ground zero' in New York. The latest of the two, appearing in this issue, describes a university outreach trip that went to help in the recovery efforts in Manhattan during Fall Break.

Aside from Sewanee's response

to the recent attacks on America, I have noticed a heightened participation in outside events over the course of the last year even. Just this week, a fairly large showing of students made its presence known at a speech given by former Vice-President Al Gore in nearby Decherd.

This heightened participation in and awareness of the world around us encourages me, but this is not the primary reason I want to revise the article I wrote two years ago. While I do not feel that Sewanee should ignore the rest of the world, during my time here I have come to cherish the Sewanee Bubble. It has become for me, as I am sure it has for others, a source of comfort and stability, blocking out many of the problems that arise outside of Sewanee.

While the nation, I feel, has really gained a new sense of community since the terrorist attacks of September 11, Sewanee has always enjoyed a thriving community atmosphere. Somewhat uninflected by the trends at other schools or in other places, Sewanee has retained a number of traditions that make it great. Where else can one spend a Friday night wandering around campus by foot (or even better, by Bacchus), finding oneself welcome at three or four different fraternity parties? Where else does an entire school respond to the death of one of its members with such a show of support as we have seen here, when most of the students never even got the chance to know the person they now mourn for?

To end this rambling editorial, I want to encourage students to remain aware of the important events that affect the world around us, but do not take for granted the unique community that we enjoy in our own Sewanee Bubble.

McClurg Report Card

The McClurg Report Card is not designed to criticize or devalue the food or the service offered at McClurg, but it does reflect the critical opinion of the Sewanee Purple Staff as a whole. It is the hope of the staff that by presenting an evaluation of McClurg, we may facilitate improvement in areas that fall short of expectations and continued excellence in areas we find exemplary.

Grade	Service	Explanation of Grade
B+	Breakfast	Still satisfactory. Keep up the good work. Also, our ads manager would really like Wheaties
B-	Lunch	Mexican lunches are becoming more frequent - that's good. Also, the meat selection has seemed to improve.
B-	Dinner	Satisfactory
F	Weekend Dining	With the shameless exception of Sunday afternoon, weekend dining is still horrible. Why is Sunday afternoon shameless? Because we all know that the VC and community members eat at McClurg after church. We're people too - give us better food
B+	Desserts	Brownies have been missing lately. Also, the amount of options has seen a slight decline.
A	Overall Service	Excellent.
B	Intangibles	To-go cups are good. The new glasses, however, are too small.

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Kirk Holtgrew sets up in the pocket while looking down-field to pass.

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Football Hits Hard Times

Tigers Defeat Rival Rhodes but fall to W & L and Millsaps

by Rachel Short

Staff Writer

With starting quarterback Kirk Holtgrew out with an injury, senior Knox Vanderpool was called upon to head the Tiger offense. Vanderpool rose to the challenge stepping in to lead Sewanee to a 21-14 victory over the Lynx of Rhodes College. It was Sewanee's first win against Rhodes in Memphis since 1983 and it ended Rhodes' four game win streak at home.

Starting in the third game of his college career, Vanderpool went 9 for 18 for 160 yards passing and ran for 19 yards. Vanderpool missed all of last year and the first five games of this season because of a foot injury. He had only been through one practice when he made his first appearance of this season in the fourth quarter of

Sewanee's game against Depauw the previous week. Vanderpool did not have any hesitations about playing. "I had a full week of practice before the Rhodes game...I've been playing football all my life so I wasn't really nervous."

Rhodes led 7-0 at the beginning of the second quarter, but Sewanee retaliated with 21 unanswered points to lead 21-7 after three periods.

Highlights for the Tigers included Justin Askew's 75-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. Later in the game, Vanderpool connected with freshman Neko Jones for a 65-yard pass to put the Tigers up 21-7.

For the senior Vanderpool the win against Rhodes was exciting. "It was a great accomplishment to beat Rhodes. Personally it was a great feeling to be back out there playing. I felt happy and blessed."

Homecoming weekend brought in football season's biggest crowd of the year as over 3000 fans arrived to cheer the Tigers on as they faced off against the Generals of Washington & Lee.

Junior Wes Bradley returned to the starting lineup after being out for three weeks with a knee injury. Bradley's two interceptions in the first half and a blocked punt by senior, Tnawski Hunt put Sewanee up 17-0 halfway through the second quarter.

But the W&L responded with three scoring drives to go ahead of Sewanee 21-17 on the first play of the fourth quarter. This charge was led by W&L junior, Chris Sullivan, who later scored the winning touchdown on a 23-yard drive into the end zone late in the fourth quarter.

Sewanee quarterback, Kirk Holtgrew, returned from injury and had a strong performance despite the loss. He led the Tigers 73 yards in

six plays capped by his nine-yard scoring run to re-gain the lead 24-21 with 11:52 remaining in the game. Holtgrew finished with 91 yards on 20 carries to put him at 1,004 yards rushing for his career.

This past weekend the Tigers traveled to Jackson, Miss for their final road game of the season against Millsaps. The Tigers started off strong, taking a 7-0 lead at 7:44 in the first quarter as freshman defensive end Tryell Elston scored his first college touchdown on a 35-yard return of a Millsaps fumble.

But the Majors did not back down from Sewanee and continued to fight back, pulling within four in the fourth quarter and finally taking the lead at 11:18 of the fourth quarter.

The loss puts Sewanee at 5-4 overall and 2-3 in the SCAC.

Sewanee will close out the season this Saturday, November 3, hosting Trinity College. Kickoff time is set for 1:30 pm.

Sewanee Men and Women's Cross Country Teams Compete Strong At Conference

by Margaret Chidhourn

Asst. Sports Editor

Sewanee's sports teams have long-established themselves as worthy opponents, fielding distinguished athletes and high caliber performers in all arenas of athletics. The men's and women's cross country teams continued that Sewanee tradition of excellence this past weekend, competing admirably at the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championship held at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky.

"I felt very good about our performance at Conference," commented second-year head coach Jeff Heitzenrater. "Everybody ran extremely well on both sides, and we had many personal best times

on one of the hardest courses we run in all year."

Individually, the Tigers produced two All-SCAC team qualifiers, making the seventh straight year that Sewanee has had at least one runner on the All-SCAC team and the eleventh season in a row in which one team member placed in the top fourteen at conference. Junior Jed Leonard earned All-SCAC honors for his third consecutive year by placing 8th in the men's 8-k race with a time of 27:13.38, while freshman Liz Lee came in at 19:51 and 9th place on the women's 5-k course, earning her first All-SCAC honors.

Both the men's and the women's teams placed 5th overall against the ten teams competing in the SCAC. Depauw men championed the meet and broke the SCAC record for the lowest team

score, and on the women's side, Rhodes won with thirty-eight points. With only seven points differentiating 3rd through 5th place, Sewanee men were narrowly edged out by their rivals (Rhodes, Centre, and Trinity) as they finished with 115 team points. The women compiled 126 points with their team efforts, coming in behind Depauw, Centre, and Trinity.

Other individual highlights of the day included senior Troy Reme's 15th place performance of 27:38.63, which bordered All-SCAC honors by one spot, and Jack Farleigh's 26th place finish (28:33.86). Coming in second on the women's team was senior Meg Martens, with a time of 20:40 and in 19th place, while senior Liz Hatzenbuehler was right behind her in 23rd place with a time of

20:40

Sewanee will go on to compete at the NCAA South-Southeast Region in

Jackson, Mississippi, on November 10th and most likely will see one or more runners progress to the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championship held in Rock Island, Illinois, on the November 17th.

"I expect the times to drop considerably at the Regional meet, and hopefully with the added competition that we will be up against, the best will be brought out of our team once again," said Heitzenrater. "We have kept in pace with our team goals so far, and we're looking forward to doing what we want to do in terms of our team's performance and individual times and places at Regionals."

Sports Update

Football

Sewanee 21
Rhodes 14

Sewanee 24
W & L 28

Sewanee 7
Millsaps 17

Men's Soccer

Sewanee 11
Fisk 0

Sewanee* 1
DePauw 0

Sewanee 3
Rose-Hulman 0

*This win clinched the SCAC for Sewanee, sending the team to the NCAA Tournament.

Women's Soccer

Sewanee 4
Piedmont 0

Sewanee 0
DePauw 3

Sewanee 0
Rose-Hulman 1

Cross Country

SCAC Championship at Centre College:
Jed Leonard places 8th, Liz Lee finishes 9th, both make all All-SCAC team

Volleyball

Sewanee 0
Centre 3

Sewanee 0
DePauw 3

Sewanee 0
W & L 3

Swimming

Men:

Sewanee 111
Rose-Hulman 110

Sewanee 92
Depauw 150

Women:

Sewanee 147
Rose-Hulman 46

Sewanee 95
Depauw 136

Soccer Earns First Ever Bid to the Big Dance

by Rob Guthrie
Sports Editor

On Sunday, October 28th, the Sewanee Men's soccer team defeated Rose-Hulman by a score of 3-0 to clinch at least a tie for the Southern Collegiate Athletic Association championship. The victory also secured the Tigers an automatic bid in the upcoming, forty-four team NCAA tournament that will begin on the seventh of November. The Tigers completed the season with an impressive conference record of eight wins and only one loss, while maintaining a commendable 15-2 mark for the overall regular season.

"This is the best team in Sewanee men's soccer history," said head coach Matt Kern of this year's squad. "Just look at what the guys have done this season, both at home (7-1) and away (8-1). The guys have worked hard all year and now we prepare for the NCAA tournament."

Kemper Blair initiated the Sewanee assault at the 3:37 mark by scoring on an assist by David Allen. Allen then proceeded to score the remaining two goals for the Tigers, on assists from teammates Andrew North and Andy Leffler. Goalkeepers Paul Roper and Dylan Lane combined efforts for Sewanee's seventh consecutive shutout and ninth of the year. Roper has collected 23 shutouts



Keeper Paul Roper hones his skills in practice.

Lyn Hutchinson

during his career as a goalkeeper.

The win gave Sewanee its first SCAC title and first NCAA bid in the thirty-four year history of the program. This year's squad was also the only Sewanee team to amass an undefeated record in October (8-0). As

if this is not impressive enough, the 2001 team also now holds the Sewanee record for best winning percentage (.882), most consecutive victories (11), and fewest goals allowed (13). Even opposing teams are forced to recognize Sewanee's talent:

"The Rose-Hulman soccer program would like to congratulate Sewanee on winning its first SCAC championship," said Rose-Hulman head coach Greg Ruark. "They will be a great representative in the NCAA tournament for our confer-

ence." The NCAA will announce the sites and match-ups for the first round of play on the afternoon of November 4th. In the meantime, let's all take the opportunity to congratulate the team on their success.



Eliza Colson dribbles the ball down field.

Lyn Hutchinson

Field Hockey Comes to a Close

by Rob Guthrie
Sports Editor

This past weekend, the Sewanee Field Hockey team wrapped up a successful season in Gambier, Ohio, with a victory over the host-team Kenyon College on Saturday and a disappointing, triple-overtime loss to Oberlin College on Sunday. The Tigers concluded the season with a respectable record of 9-6.

In Saturday's contest, Sewanee edged Kenyon by a margin 2-1. Both Sewanee goals came from junior standout Eliza Colson, who scored once

in each half of regulation to lead the Tigers to victory in the opening round of the MKIT/NCAC Regional tournament. The Tigers were competing in the non-championship bracket, but were nonetheless the only MKIT team to win in all of Saturday's contests. Both Rhodes and Lindenwood suffered losses in championship-bracket play, while Centre and Depauw fared no better in the middle bracket. Sewanee had advanced to the Kenyon tournament following their 4-0 shutout victory over Transylvania College on the weekend of the 20th, a contest that decided the

championship of the consolation bracket.

Saturday's victory, the 129th career win for head coach Chapman Kern, brought the Tigers to the next round of competition, and they squared off on Sunday, the 28th, against a tough Oberlin squad. At the end of regulation, the score remained tied at zero apiece, forcing both teams into a sudden-death overtime period. Yet neither squad managed a goal, and a second period of sudden-death was suddenly unavoidable. Again, neither team could put a number on the scoreboard, and so the suspense thickened as the contest progressed into the final period of play, known as "strokes," in which five players from each team are allowed one penalty shot apiece at the opposing goal. In the end, Oberlin outought the Tigers and managed to emerge with a victory, but not after long and tenacious resistance from the Sewanee squad.

"I felt like we finished the season on a strong note," reflected junior Eliza Colson, who suffered an eye injury in the final minutes of the Oberlin game. "But I was sort of disappointed that we ended on strokes, because I don't feel like the final score reflected how hard we played on Sunday. We really played hard during regulation."

As for Colson and her teammates, it's back to the weightroom and practice field for off-season workouts in preparation for next year. Overall, though, the Tigers had a successful season this year, and we all wish them the best of luck in 2002.



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Sewanee Swim Team Starting Strong

by Brooke Hendle

Staff Writer

Over the weekend of October 26th, the Sewanee Men's and Women's swimming and diving teams both began their seasons with wins against SCAC opponent Rose-Hulman. The men's team won the meet after having been down 17 points by winning the final relay, with the final score ending at 111-110. Will Pollard won the 1000 Free with a time of 10:56.82. Matt Martelli and Wil Oakes took both first and second places in the 100 Fly with times of 53.88 and 57.27. Ned Booker took first in the 100 Back, finishing in 54.07, as did Jesse Emerson in the 500 Free with a time of 5:10.41. The final relay that clinched the win for the men consisted of Oakes, Emerson, Pollard and Booker, who completed the 200 Free Relay in 1:33.46. In the 1 meter dive, Edward Roberts won with 237.05 points, and Austin Cox took 3rd with 144.35 points.

The women easily defeated Rose-Hulman by winning 9 of the 12 events with a final score of 147-46. The meet began with Hadley Dempsey, Melissa Habel, Anna Willett and JH Chapman taking the 200 Medley Relay with a time of 1:56.70, Sara Andreatta winning the 1000 Free with a time of 13:16.62, and Lizzi Land continuing to dominate with a 1:58.90 in the 200 Free. Jennifer Carlton took the 50 Free with a time of 27.26, with Burnet McConnell following not far behind in 2nd with a time of 27.44. JH Chapman won the 200 IM in 2:18.35, as well as the 100 Fly with a time of



Sewanee Swimmer's take a break at their meet at DePauw.

Sarah Vandergriff

1:03.49. The 500 Free was won by Katy Davis in 5:38.63, and the 100 Breast was taken by Emily Edwards in 1:14.29. Lexi Cuine won the 1 meter dive with 134.8 points.

The Sewanee teams took on the 2001 SCAC Conference Winning team of DePauw the following day. On the men's side, DePauw defeated Sewanee with a score of 150-92, winning 8 of the events, and breaking the Tiger men's streak of 8 wins that dates back to last season. The 200 Medley Relay, consisting of Ned Booker, Mark Rieker, Matt Martelli and Chase Milner, took the first event with a time of 3:38.82. Matt Martelli won the 200

Fly in 1:59.78, and Wil Oakes won the very close race of 100 Free with a time of 50.05, with Chase Milner nearly tenths behind with a 50.88 in 3rd. Rieker swam the 200 Breast in 2:18.24, winning the last individual race. For the second day in a row, Edward Roberts won 1 meter diving for the men's team.

The Sewanee women swam a hard meet, but the DePauw women took the last few events, winning 136-95 in the end. The highlight of the meet for the Sewanee women was freshman Lizzi Land's setting of a new school record in the 1000 Free with an outstanding time of 11:08.60. Land who also fin-

ished first in the 500 Free with a time of 5:24.41. Chapman took the 200 Free with a time of 2:01.16, and Willett won the 200 Fly in 2:22.25.

"Despite the losses, the overall performance of both the men's and women's team was outstanding," concluded junior swimmer Dana Woods. Sophomore Anna Willett added that the team has high expectations this season resulting from a tougher work ethic. "We've had a lot of morning practices and we have a lot of meets in the upcoming months," commented Willett. "It's a long season, those five and a half months of swim team, but the hard work pays off in the end."

Women's Soccer Hopeful for Next Year

by Beau Cox

Staff Writer

This weekend the Tiger women's soccer team played their final game of the season against a tough Rose-Hulman team. Sewanee fell to the Engineers by one goal scored in the tenth minute of the second overtime. Though the Tigers fell short in this final game, the squad is already gearing up for off-season workouts in anticipation for next year's season. "This year was a slight disappointment, but we can use it as a foundation for next year," remarked Sara Taylor on the season.

Sewanee ended the season with a record of 7-9, but the team will have all but two of its starters return for next year. Maggie Tujague, who had several saves in the final game of the season, and Cathy Schmidt, a noted team leader, are the only

two departing seniors. For both girls, this past weekend marked the end of their soccer careers, and their teammates acknowledge them as both great players and leaders.

The ladies feel that some team characteristics, such as their unyielding defense and strong team unity, will undoubtedly carry over into next year, helping them build a stronger and more mature squad. There are, however, certain areas that need improving.

"When we return, we will be an older, more mature team that will focus on not ever giving up and showing more character on the field. We will try to instill new

leaders that will help us realize our full potential," said sophomore team member Keely Davison.

Although the Lady Tigers do not seem satisfied with the outcome of the season, every team member does seem to recognize that this season was full of great moments both on and off the field.

Such highlights include the huge victory over Rhodes (which may have been their finest moment on the field), and the first half of the Trinity game, when the entire team seemed to totally click. Of course, win or lose, the unity that grows from off-the-field experiences is truly unique.

"The time that we spent on the bus and just hanging out allowed us to grow to-

gether as a team. Hopefully, that will make us better on the field next year," said team member Katie Ritchie.

The squad also learned a great deal of lessons on the field this year, lessons that will be remembered during next year's campaign.

"As the season went on, we learned to fight harder and show more character on the field," says Sara Taylor. "We really learned to play as a team."

During the off-season, the Lady Tigers will look forward to exhibitions with Centre, Hendrix, and Trinity, which will all serve as chances to improve such areas as on-field communication, etc.

"We look forward to working to become better because we really want to see next year be a great year for Sewanee soccer," said Keely Davison.

With nine returning starters and a promising crop of freshmen this year, that seems very much within their grasp.

"As the season went on, we learned to fight harder and show more character on the field"

Volleyball Finishes Off Losing Season

by Rob Guthrie

Sports Editor

Every team experiences the occasional "slumping" period, when the negatives always seem to outweigh the positives and victory suddenly becomes as possible as pigs with wings. If any athletic team on this mountain has a case of the blues, it's the Sewanee volleyball squad. For the past two weekends, Sewanee has suffered losses in every match, some by slim margins, and others by, well, not so slim margins.

Over the weekend of October 20th, Sewanee participated in the #2 SCAC East Divisional Tournament, hosted by Rose-Hulman of Indiana. On the 20th, Sewanee squared off against Centre College of Kentucky, and lost 3-0. The loss forced them into a second contest that same day, this time against host-team Rose-Hulman. Again, the Tigers came up empty-handed, suffering another 3-0 defeat.

On Sunday, the 21st, Sewanee prepared for battle against Oglethorpe of Atlanta, and were

handily defeated 3-0. The Tigers concluded the divisional tournament with a loss to DePauw later Sunday afternoon, 3-0.

Tuesday, October 23rd, marked the final home game for Sewanee, and was declared "senior night" for all of the departing seniors. The Tigers fought hard with visiting Maryville College, but ultimately suffered a 3-1 loss (30-22, 30-28, 28-30, 35-33).

This past weekend (October 26-28), Sewanee traveled to Maryville College to compete in yet another tournament. They began on the 26th, squaring off against Washington and Lee, who defeated the Tigers 3-0 (30-23, 30-18, 30-13). Sewanee then proceeded to compete against Berea College on the same day, a contest they almost won. But Berea had a little more endurance than Sewanee, and they pulled away with a close 3-2 victory (22-30, 30-21, 30-28, 28-30, 15-6).

Sewanee will compete in their final matches of the season November 2-3 at the SCAC Cross Divisional #2, hosted by DePauw University.

Contraction Looming

by Rob Guthrie

Sports Editor

In case you haven't heard, Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig is planning to meet with every team owner in early November to discuss the contraction of the Major Leagues. In other words, not five years after the addition of the Florida Marlins and Arizona Diamondbacks, big-league figureheads are now planning to discard the Montreal Expos and possibly the Florida Marlins because they are, for want of a better adjective, less fortunate than their counterparts. But what does this mean for baseball?

Well, there are several answers to that question. First of all, if one needs an excuse to ridicule modern baseball owners, this is it. The entire situation exemplifies the incompetence that has grown to become the trademark of the modern baseball bigwig. In the mid-nineties, it seemed to be a great idea to expand the leagues to thirty teams, and now, mainly due to poor revenue, a contraction seems unavoidable. As stated earlier, one of the two teams that could face extermination is the Florida Marlins, a five-year old club that reeled in a World Series title in 1997, but then proceeded to occupy the basement of the National League for the next four seasons. If this short-lived club is not a monument to the stupidity of owners these days, then the Pope is Jewish—that's the bottom line.

But if there is a positive to be found in this terribly unfortunate chain of events, it's that the necessary adjustments will finally be made in the Major Leagues. Clubs like the Montreal Expos and the Florida Marlins are so penniless that they are forced to ask for government aid in constructing new ballparks, and some individual ballplayers, like Alex Rodriguez of Texas, are making more money on their own than the Expos have for their entire roster of twenty-five ballplayers. That fact alone indicates a horrid financial gap between various clubs. Thus, it is obvious that changes need to be made, but they should have been made years ago, long before the unnecessary expansion of the mid-1990's.

"Contraction would begin to reverse the damage done by two dumb and dumber expansions that cost nearsighted owners many times more than the relatively few pennies they pocketed," commented ESPN baseball analyst Peter Gammons. I must say that I am inclined to agree with him, at least on this matter.

Another question that owners must face is this: What will become of the players who currently compose the Expos and the Marlins? Will there be a post-contraction draft, or will sixty men be out of jobs? Owners, who spoke to the press later last week under conditions of anonymity, essentially declared that both options are currently under consideration. And, if that is not enough, commissioner Selig is pushing for a contraction that would get underway as soon as possible.

"Can it be worked for 2002? Time will tell. But I wouldn't rule it out," commented Selig last week. Without a doubt, the players on both rosters are squirming in their chairs. After all, no one wants to lose their job, especially knowing that it was a group of owners, and not some uncontrollable force of nature, that collaborated to decide their fate.

In any event, it will be interesting to see how this one unfolds. I can only say this. In the modern world of sports, anything is possible. Anything.



Arts and Living

Friday, November 2, 2001

The Sewanee Purple

Heroes and Other Phenomena

by Krynin Krause

Staff Writer

Unconventional seems to be the word to describe Ben Potter's current exhibit at the University Art Gallery. Potter's subject matter ranges from comic book superheroes to bird's wings encased in glass and he works with flour, pollen, milk and honey along with the more conventional media of ink and paint. A current resident of Vermont, Potter is an adjunct professor of drawing, sculpture, and photography and design at three colleges in that state. He received a B. S. in Biology and a B. A. in Fine Arts from Williams College and a M. F. A. with honors from California College of Arts and Crafts. His studio is in Vermont, and he exhibits in New York and California as well as in his home state. His exhibit, titled *Heroes, and Other Phenomena* will be on display through November 21.

Potter's interest and knowledge of nature and biology is evident in his work. In the artist's own words, "While scientific investigation tends to abstract what it investigates into cross sections, plotted graphs and measured samples, I'm interested in abstractions of a different sort: representa-

tions of wind, organisms and anatomy." His drawings of plants bring to mind a cellular biology lesson, although his depictions of plants at the cellular level are more artful than the sterile diagrams in a textbook. His representations of wind consist of large blue and white swirls in a dash-dot pattern reminiscent of Morse code. As for anatomy, the exhibit includes birds' wings suspended in honey and surrounded by glass and wood. The honey gives the wings a warm, golden tone and distracts the mind from the fact that they were once attached to a living creature.

One portion of the exhibit that strays from the natural theme is the superheroes. Such comic book mainstays as Wonder Woman and Thor are drawn in pollen, adding a sharp yellow contrast to the blue of the larger paintings of wind. Each superhero is posed in a dynamic position, as if caught in the midst of saving the world. They are drawn simplistically, without the detail shown in the drawings of plants. Still, even if one is not a fan of comic book heroes, one can appreciate the use of natural media such as pollen to depict the fantastical forms.

Overall, the most interesting part of Potter's exhibit is his un-



Caitlin Morgan

Ben Potter's *Heroes and Other Phenomena* will be on display through November 21.

conventional use of pollen, milk and honey. One finds oneself staring at his work, trying to figure out what is pollen and what is ink. The thoughts such as, "How did

he do that with flour and milk?" occurred more than thoughts on the aesthetics of the pieces. However, once one gets past the curiosity of the natu-

ral media, one can appreciate the simple beauty of such things as a diagram of a plant cell or a bird's wing.

High Life Column



by Ryan Doolan

Staff Writer

Due to taking a delightful vacation from the rigors of this semester's course work, commonly called fall break, I am sorry to say that this article's adventine does not take place anywhere near Sewanee. Instead, I am going to relive the many mishaps and adventures that my friends and I managed to uncover in and around the booming metropolis of Farragut, TN. For those of you who are somehow unfamiliar, and therefore ignorant, with the lovely township of Farragut, I will try my best to convey in words the sheer beauty and awe inspiring aura that this small suburb of Knoxville offers. Located in the Tennessee Valley roughly twenty miles from Knoxville and God's most beautiful creation Neyland Stadium, and only thirty miles from Sweetwater, which is home to Tennessee's largest flea market, this small community is the perfect melting pot for all of the South's finest cultural traditions. On a side note, I also feel the need to add that Farragut High School has produced some of the nation's best football players including Bill Bates, Fred Reviez, and Sewanee's own Brandon Hackett.

It seems to me that my voyage home was doomed from the start, much like the journey of Odysseus from days of yore. Our problems began on Parents' Weekend when some stupid vandal decided that it would be extraordinarily funny to see how much damage a glass

bottle could inflict upon the driver's side view mirror of my car. Knowing that I could catch a ride with a buddy of mine who was also planning on going to Knoxville for fall break, I sent my car home with my folks to get fixed without having a second thought. Little did I know at the time that this would turn out to be a huge mistake. Everything was proceeding as planned until my friend received a phone call from the police at 1:45 AM on Friday morning. They informed him that his car had been stolen from his driveway and set on fire outside of Tracy City. Although he took this news quite well, it left us without a ride to K-town. Being resourceful college students, my friend was able to convince his sister into driving to Sewanee to pick me up. On our way to the interstate, we stopped in to see what was left of his car.

As we stood, speechless, looking upon the sheer destruction that was inflicted upon this car, I found myself constantly questioning just how did these thieves manage to burn an entire car. Now when I saw they burnt the entire car, I mean everything was torched. The tires, door hicks, door handle, and parts of the wheels melted off, the engine exploded, and all that was left was the scorched shell of the former automobile.

After this comber experience, we began our journey. Once in Farragut, we had dinner with my parents before driving to my brother's apartment for some libation. Growing weary of sitting in his apartment, we headed in the Strip in downtown Knoxville where we proceeded to spend money at bars like it was water. After several hours of bar-hopping, we decided that it was time to call the evening a success and head home. On the way home, we stopped at the Krystal and picked up a sack of 20 spicy chickens. After stuffing ourselves, we went to sleep.

Upon finally waking up the next morning, we decided to take a trip to Sweetwater was in order so that I could introduce my friends to the beauty of interstate commerce, more commonly known as a flea market. Knowing that an afternoon of perusing through absolutely worthless and stolen junk takes a lot of energy, we quickly ate the remnants of Friday night's Krystal feast. Feeling energetic, we departed for Flea Unlimited.

As we entered the air-conditioned building that is home to Tennessee's Largest Indoor Flea Market, we felt the aura of commerce sweep over us. Overpowered by this sensation, we were overcome with the need to blow some more money on absolutely useless things. After searching through the entire building, we were able to narrow our choices to three things: personalized belts and buckles, personalized air-brushed memorabilia, and funnel cakes. Being a fan of anything that is air-brushed, I freely admit that this seemed like the obvious choice for me. However, a truly exquisite leather belt caught my eye, and I decided that I had to have it. This belt was a true work of art in every way. It had Tennessee stamped all around the sides with the back left blank for personalization. Being a Tennessee fan and knowing that the Vols would be playing the sewage of the football world, known as the Crimson Tide, the following weekend, I decided that my personal touch to this belt would be an expression of my disdain for Alabama football. While I cannot write what I had stamped onto my belt in this column, I assure you that it true poetry.

After making our purchases we headed back into Knoxville to watch the Gators get destroyed by Auburn and to watch Mike Tyson my around with some overmatched opponent. Following the fight, we once again headed to the Strip. We pretty much followed Friday night's routine, complete with a Krystal run, and once again had a wonderful time.

Although many more things happened to my friends and me over the remainder of fall break, I don't really feel like writing any more about them. I am fairly certain that none of you will actually care about what has been omitted, seeing as how I have described all of the highlights. As far as money is concerned, I once again spent well over the allotted \$20 and am beginning to question why I continue to write this article seeing as how it is a money losing venture. Anyway, if I am afford to write the next article, I promise that I will write about something around Sewanee.

Another Dimension of Sewanee Dining

by O.J. Reuter

Staff Writer

After testing the particularly informal dining experience of Pop's in my last installment, this week's article seeks to explore the more graceful side of the dining environment in and around Sewanee. Adams Edgeworth Inn, located in the Monteagle Assembly was my destination. My mission: to determine if this isolated Bed & Breakfast is everything it is reputed to be.

Before coming Adams Edgeworth Inn I didn't have the slightest clue it existed and was eager to discover whatever I could about it. Being unfamiliar with the layout of the assembly, finding Adams Edgeworth amongst the dark meandering roads of the assembly was a challenge. However, upon locating it I was pleasantly surprised to find a pleasant and fascinatingly beautiful establishment awaiting me. When my date and I found the front door I was surprised to see that centrally affixed to the door was a message proclaiming Adams Edgeworth to be on the National Registry of Historic Places. When we entered the Inn my attention was instantly drawn to the historically magnificent decorations. The Inn had a wonderful atmosphere accentuated by a seemingly planted family relaxing in the den. It took some time before we were greeted, and when we were I was informed that I had to move my car to make way for guests of the Inn. The Inn is of course of a bed and breakfast, and understandably they are less accommodating to those who are simply dining there for the evening.

When we were seated we found ourselves in a very small but quaint dining room. On this Friday night there were only two other parties there. At Adams Edgeworth there is of course pre-select list of entrees prepared by Chef Jeremy Rollins and price fixed dimers. I had previously chosen Rosemary & Thyme rack of lamb for both of us which my date was not to happy about. However, she did have her choice of salads,

coups, and deserts. Our waitress approached our stylishly decorated table promptly to take our orders for the salads, deserts etc.. I have found that many times when I dine at a good restaurant I am often treated with little care or respect as a young person. Nevertheless, our server at the inn gave excellent straight-forward service.

In only a short time, our soups arrived. My date enjoyed a curry pumpkin soup, and I had Vidalia onion bisque. My snup was excellent and provided a great start to my meal. For our next course I had the Vegetable Ribbon salad. I found this salad to be terribly bland as I gnawed on the greenery like a rabbit. My date's salad, the Cranberry Basil Spinach was excellent. Next we received some fantastic rolls and our cups of sorbet. This was nothing spectacular but offered a good predecessor to my entree.

Continuing to amaze with her promptness, our server brought the main course soon after the sorbet. Both of us had the rack of lamb served with vegetables and pasta. The small morsels of lamb were very tasty and the pasta was a tremendous sidecut for the meat. I did find the lamb a little tough, and my date thought the chops required way too much physical exertion to eat. Our deserts came next and made up for any problems with the previous course. I had the Blackberry mousse, which was spectacular and my date had Chocolate Ganache Torte.

All in all the meal was very satisfactory and the service was adequate. Adams Edgeworth's best attribute is its wonderful environment. It is the perfect date alternative to High Point or Pearl's, and the food was delicious. However, as some of you may know I require a substantial amount of food to feed my racing metabolism, and Adams Edgeworth left me pondering an after dinner trip to McDonald's to get my fill. In addition, if you don't have a fat bank account you won't be able to frequent this establishment so make you visit a special one. Adams Edgeworth might leave your stomach as empty as your wallet, but it is definitely an alternative for Sewanee students and an interesting experience.

Cotner says: Go Back to Hell

A Female's Perspective of *From Hell*

by Lauren Cotner

Arts Editor

Prostitutes, opium addicts, and serial killers, oh my! The Hughes brothers' latest film, *From Hell*, is exactly as the title purports, and only does the movie describe severely twisted subject matter, but it does so in a most disturbing way. As the directors chronicle the life and times of Jack the Ripper in London during ten weeks in 1888, the perverse nature of the film becomes evident.

From Hell starts with the so-called hero, Inspector Aberline (Johnny Depp), as he comes down from an opium high. Even from the first scene, I was repulsed by the film. As the plot unfolded, I tried to keep an open mind; but regardless of my sincere efforts to appreciate *From Hell*, the horrific violence, drug use, and random sex scenes just could not convince me of the merits of the film.

As much as I disliked the plot and cinematography of the film, I was rather impressed by Johnny Depp's capabilities in this role. Depp's character, Aberline, is the good guy, so to speak. He meets with gang members, prostitutes, and other low class dwellers to investigate a series of murders in the Whitechapel area of London. As the inspector uncovers each new clue, Depp is increasingly more convincing. Though he is very effective at playing this dark yet oddly heroic role, the success of Depp's character goes by the wayside after he falls for one of the prostitutes, resulting in a series of predictable events.

Heather Graham plays Mary Kelly, the object of Aberline's affections. Her acting capabilities, or lack thereof, demonstrate that Ms. Graham should stick to roles where she dances alongside Mike Myers. *From Hell* is simply much too dark for the sunny personality of Heather Graham. Despite the lack of success of Mary Kelly, the directors do make excellent cinematographical use of Graham's lovely red locks of hair, an excellent juxtaposition to the dreary London scenery.



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One of my main disappointments with the movie came near the middle where the directors seemed to almost haphazardly insert a lesbian love plot line. If the film did not already appeal to the male audience with the gratuitous gore, obscene prostitution, and hard-core drug use, then the lesbian make-out sessions inevitably grabbed the eyes of the stereotypical man. I'm not saying these elements of sex, violence, and drugs are necessarily crucial themes in a successful gay movie, but they do seem to attract the male audience more so than the female audience. In this way, *From Hell*, seems to be very much a testosterone-filled feature.

Despite my negative opinions regarding this horror film, I do not know if I can honestly review the entirety of the movie. I say this due to the fact that I had my eyes shut and my head buried into my date's shoulder for a good third of the one hundred and thirty-seven minutes of the running time. Perhaps my lack of ability and desire to watch prostitutes being drugged, sexually assaulted, and then disemboweled, is an indication of my overall tastes as a

movie goer as opposed to the tastes of popular culture. I suppose I am just a lightweight, or perhaps the general public is becoming a little too twisted.

I truly strove to find some redeeming qualities of *From Hell*. The story seemed intriguing at first, but the direction by the Hughes Brothers failed to develop the plot to the best of its potential. The cast, despite Depp's worth as eye-candy for the female audience members, did not capture the crowd very successfully at any point in the film. Even after an earnest effort to enumerate some positive aspects of the *From Hell*, I have difficulty doing so. *From Hell* should go back from whence it came.

Starring:
Johnny Depp, Heather Graham,
Robbie Coltrane

Directed by:
Allan Hughes, Albert Hughes

Written By:
Terry Hayes (*Payback*) and Rafael Yglesias (*Les Misérables*)

Drugs, Gore, and Girls

A Guy's Perspective of *From Hell*

by Richard Wilkens

Ads Manager

I'm a guy. Basically, that means I enjoy drinking beer, watching sports (except, of course, for figure skating, which is not a real sport, no matter what they say), playing video games, and watching movies. With that in mind, I went to see what I thought would be a sure-fire winner of a movie, *From Hell*. After all, the film has everything a guy could want: drugs, Heather Graham, and violence. Lots of violence, and lots of gore. Even better, the film was directed by the Hughes Brothers, the duo responsible for 1993's *Menace II Society*. Surely, I thought, this film would blow me away. Some, of course, might question the use of the Hughes Brothers for a nineteenth century period-piece, but I figured that they, if anyone, would be able to direct a movie about inner-city violence.

In this case, the inner city is nineteenth century London's Whitechapel district, an area infested with street crime, drunks, homeless, and prostitutes. The setting is 1888, and a shadowy fig-

ure is killing streetwalkers in a gruesome fashion, slicing them brutally. Heather Graham (*Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me*) leads a group of these prostitutes who are being singled out by the serial killer. Inspector Aberline (Johnny Depp, *21 Jump Street*) and his assistant, Sergeant Peter Godfrey (Robbie Coltrane, *The World is not Enough*), are called in to solve the crime. Indeed, it seems Aberline is the perfect man for the job as his "unique skills" enable him to have prophetic visions of the crimes. These "unique skills" are the ability to ingest large amounts of absinthe and opium. Aberline and Godfrey get closer and closer to solving these crimes filled with political intrigue and scandal while Aberline and Heather Graham's character Mary Kelly get, well, closer and closer. The two detectives, however, face many obstacles in their path, locking heads with just about everyone, including the Masons, before the killer is finally revealed to the audience.

From Hell does have its merits. The movie is a visual carnival, and one almost feels as if they are watching a dream during the course of the movie. The grim and dreary setting provided by the filmmakers hits the mark, making the Whitechapel district look absolutely horrifying. From the black carriages laced with eerie green lanterns to the shadowy alleys, the scene is certainly set for vicious murders. The cinematography adds to the entire tone as well, as flashing knives plunge into lifeless bodies and blood swirls across the screen. The acting throughout the film is consistently good, and Heather Graham does a passable Scottish accent, yet this simply isn't enough to keep obvious holes in the storyline and writing from marring what is otherwise a great mystery flick. It seems as if the filmmakers and writers of *From Hell* wanted to create a strange and mystifying world, yet the take it just a little too far. Instead, the story comes off merely as weird. Unfortunately, there are other drawbacks as well. I found the gore and violence to be over-the-top, to the point where it detracted from the story. Likewise, the love interest storyline was merely distracting. Don't get me wrong, Heather Graham was one of the highlights of the movie, but the relationship between her character and Johnny Depp's was simply boring.

Overall, *From Hell* is a good movie, especially if you're a guy. You might be sitting in the movie theater, wondering what's happening, but at least Heather Graham is wearing a tight, partially unbuttoned corset throughout the greater part of the film. The story is interesting as well, and it keeps you engaged when it is not attempting to be overly mysterious. In the end, I would say that *From Hell* is a renter, and one you should see if you want a film that makes you think. This is definitely not a carefree happy-go-lucky movie, but then again, I could be wrong. Go see for yourself.

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Editor Meets Farrelly Brothers

Special Sneak Preview of *Shallow Hal*

by Ryan Collins

Head Layout Editor

Last Weekend while Gwyneth Paltrow and Jack Black were doing a press junket in Hollywood for the upcoming *Shallow Hal*, Peter and Bobby Farrelly skipped town and came to New Orleans, where coincidentally I also happened to be. I was privileged enough to be invited to a special preview screening of *Shallow Hal*. Immediately following the show, Peter and Bobby Farrelly held a question and answer session re-

garding not only the movie but anything else that they were qualified or not to answer.

A variety of questions were asked of them, from where did you get the inspiration for this film to the likes of what direction do you see your films going to in the future. The answer to the first was "from our friend Sean Moynahan, who actually conceived the idea about ten years ago," and chuckle and something about how they don't know the direction of their films. An insight into the character of Hal might be that the brothers decided on Black after seeing

his performance as Barry in *High Fidelity*, where he played an eccentric, opinionated, record salesman. Gwyneth Paltrow was their first choice to portray what the perfect woman should look like. Unfortunately, the stand-up comedian, Harlan Williams, does not appear in the new Farrelly Brothers film like he has in so many in the past. You might remember him as the psychotic hitchhiker in *There's Something About Mary*.

After the Q & A session we were all invited to attend a closed party on Bourbon Street hosted by the brothers with the lure of free



Richard Wilkens

Bobby (left) and Peter discuss *Shallow Hal*.

beer. Of course, almost everybody went to Bourbon Street. I found the comedy duo to be very personable and willing to answer any questions asked of them. They partook in the beverages provided and proceeded to get friendly with the common masses.

Shallow Hal, the new movie out from the brother who brought you *There's Something About Mary* and *Dumb and Dumber*, provides insight

into the mind of people who only think about things on the surface.

This is a tale about a man whose warped values have led him to only go for girls out of his league. Hal and Mauricio, played by Jason Alexander, scour the club scene only hitting on the most attractive girls and a lot more often than not getting turned down. In a freak situation where Hal is

trapped in an elevator with motivational guru Anthony Robbins, Robbins changes Hal's perception of reality so that he only sees the inner beauty of people not their outward appearance. As he unknowingly sees the people who he has never met before in a new light, his best friend Mauricio becomes increasingly concerned with Hal's decisions. This tale about how love can conquer

what had previously seemed to be the most important facets is very heartwarming and provides a good lesson for many of us to follow, while at the same time providing the laughs characteristic of the Farrelly Brothers and Jack Black. Overall I would slightly recommend this film, since it is not as funny or ingenious as their previous blockbusters.

Starring:
Jack Black, Gwyneth Paltrow,
Jason Alexander

Directed by:
Peter Farrelly, Bobby Farrelly

Written By:
Peter Farrelly, Bobby Farrelly,
Sean Moynahan



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