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Local Stars To Perform

Program Will Be Thursday, Friday

Empire Productions' big musical variety show under the auspices of Post No. 51, American Legion, will bring to Sewanee's new auditorium something new and different in the field of local talent entertainment tomorrow night and Friday night, March 6 and 7.

This big two hour show not only features students of the University, SMA, and the ROTC staff, but also the material of some of the University students.

Television Is Theme

As the curtain rises, the audience finds itself in the central studio of Nationwide Television Inc. on the day that the cable is completed, making TV a reality from coast to coast. Backstage the chorus girls, singers, dancers, emcees, and special entertainers are warming up for the big event. Then two Studio Page girls take the audience on a tour of the studios, in which there is an enactment of TV's popular top-flight shows.

In one studio, a group of children enact the famous fairy tale, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Teenagers appear in several scenes where they impersonate the Roxy Rockettes, singing songs with clever lyrics and performing unusual dance routines. In another scene there is an impersonation of Kate Smith, in which the Jubilee Singers, who feature several well-known spirituals, are introduced.

Shows Are Imitated

War and romance have not been forgotten; in the Fred Waring scene the ballads of yester-year and the popular tunes of the day are presented. The Jack Bailey Show gives students an opportunity to have a chance to be "Queen for a Day." Just as on the original radio and TV show, the Queen will receive several wonderful gifts and surprises.

The show will end with a colorful finale, which offers a tribute to entertainment and America's heritage of Freedom.

Miss Kitty Katron of Kansas City, Missouri, is in charge of the directing.

Writing Contest Date Announced

Sopher chapter of Sigma Upsilon announced the preparations for a new type of creative writing contest. The contest will be centered around a slogan, or phrase, which will be revealed in two weeks.

The details of the contest will be presented with the slogan, but this novelty is the idea of the contest: entrants are to write short stories, poems, or essays which will be suggested to them by the slogan. A prize, as yet also unannounced, will be given to the winner; and his work will be published in either the *Purple* or the *Mountain Goat*.

It is hoped that this contest will stir interest in writing on the Mountain; anyone with interest in writing is invited to participate. Watch the *Purple* for complete details.

Of equal importance on the Sophomore scene was the announcement that submissions for membership would be accepted between March 16 and 23. These submissions should be in the form of short stories, essays, or poems. Anyone interested in membership in Sopher should give his submission to a member so that it may be judged by the chapter.



Andrew Lytle, novelist and lecturer in creative writing at the University of Florida, poses for the photographer during the Sopher banquet at Tuckaway Inn. Following the banquet he spoke on "The Image as Guide to Meaning in the Historical Novel."

Andrew Lytle Stresses Role Played By Image

By Charles Jennings

Andrew Lytle, novelist, and lecturer in Creative Writing at the University of Florida, gave a lecture at the annual open meeting of Sopher on *The Image as Guide to Meaning in the Historical Novel*. The lecture, held in the New University Auditorium on February 29, was given before an audience of students, faculty and residents.

War and Peace Is Example

Mr. Lytle spoke of the historical novel, with particular reference to *War and Peace*. He stated that the term "Historical Novel" is an ambiguous one, in that it is impossible to separate history and fiction in such works. He referred to the sociological Puritan Heresy in a secular way. The characters in such a novel lack humanity. To impart a true sense of contemporaneity to an historical novel, he feels that the writer must recreate the pattern of culture which serves as a frame of reference for his story. The identification of the novelist with his research lends a sense of contemporaneity to his work.

In choosing *War and Peace* for his example of the use of a controlling image, Mr. Lytle made a reference to Mark Twain's *Jean of Arc*, which he said "cries out for an image." He stated that this work, in contrast to *War and Peace*, or *Kristin Lavranska*, is a episodic rather than a dramatic novel. He feels that only through a well wrought dramatic novel can the illusion of past time be recovered.

Describes Impression

Mr. Lytle said that his first impression was that the essential separation of the old Russia, as seen in Moscow from the new, Europeanized society seen in St. Petersburg, formed the central image in the novel. He has many examples of this rather vivid contrast. One of the most vivid, as well as the most obvious, is the difference between the French salon of Anna Pavlova, and the Russian festivity of the name day party at the Rostovs.

Mr. Lytle traced the career of Pierre to give a clearer idea of this contrast and to introduce the factor which has led upon as the controlling image, that of the earth as the mother. This image, which persists throughout the book, seems to him to occupy the central position among the many images which the novel has.

Mr. Lytle's speech was of great interest to anyone who is concerned with the novel as a literary form. It was concise, clear, and logical.

Dr. Buck Heads AAUP Chapter

Dr. Stratton Buck, acting head of the French department at the University, was recently elected president of Sewanee's chapter of the American Association of University Professors. He succeeds Dr. Charles T. Harrison, professor of English.

Other new officers are Dr. H. Malcolm Owen, professor of biology, vice-president; Dr. Robert W. Jordan, assistant professor of philosophy, secretary; and Dr. Arthur B. Dugan, professor of political science, Dr. James M. Grimes, professor of history and Dr. C. T. Harrison, members of the executive board.

The Sewanee AAUP chapter was revived last year after a lapse of nearly ten years.

Acolyte Guild Milk Fund Drive Underway Again

The annual Acolyte Milk Fund Drive got underway last night with a plea for contributions from fraternities on the Mountain. This is the first year that the fund has been raised in this manner. Formerly it was done by dormitory solicitors.

A benefit for the colored children of St. Mark's School in Sewanee, the fund has been a great success in the past years. Every day a hot lunch and a bottle of milk is served to each child. This milk is obtained with the funds raised from the student body at the University.

In order to reach the seminarians a supplementary dormitory drive is being held in the School of Theology dormitories: Woodland, Hoffman, and St. Luke's Hall.

Coiled president, Andre Trevathan, expressed the hope that each student would help to supply the milk which is so necessary to the St. Mark's program. He called on the University to respond to this need by liberal donations. The goal for the drive is fifty cents per student.

Faculty Residence To Be Built Soon

Diocese Of Alabama Makes \$25,000 Gift To St. Luke's

By Bob Lattimore

The Episcopal Diocese of Alabama has earmarked twenty-five thousand dollars for Sewanee for the erection of "Alabama House"—a faculty residence for the School of Theology. Dr. Edward McCrady, acting Vice-Chancellor of the University, announced last Saturday. The \$25,000 is the first raised in a \$130,000 advance fund drive launched by Alabama last fall for capital structures within the diocese and at Sewanee.

"While our total advance fund is a long way from completion, it was our feeling that we should give the first \$25,000 to Sewanee for the erection of a greatly needed faculty house," said Bishop Charles C. J. Carpenter, D.D., of Alabama. "Instead of waiting until we had completed our whole fund, we have decided to go ahead and enable Sewanee to proceed at once on the building of this greatly needed home."

Construction In Near Future

The money will be turned over to the University as soon as construction is begun on the residence. The Vice-Chancellor said that plans for construction will be pushed "as fast as possible." "The University is extremely grateful to the Diocese of Alabama for this substantial contribution," Dr. McCrady stated. "It could not have come at a more opportune time, designated as it is for the faculty housing which represents one of our most acute needs at the moment."

Goal Nearing

The \$25,000 will also aid the University in meeting its \$900,000 goal for new buildings by Easter Day, to win a cash bonus of \$100,000 from an anonymous donor, he added.

Last fall a \$45,000 addition to St. Luke's Hall was completed and \$30,000 toward a new deanery is in hand. Plans for both "Alabama House" and the new deanery are being drawn by theological student Hume Reeves for Sears and Shepher, architects, of Chattanooga. Both structures will be of stone.

Other buildings currently under construction on the University Domain are the Gallor Memorial dining hall and dormitory and the Sewanee Military Academy dormitory and dining hall. The stone building which formerly housed the University Press is also being remodeled into a classroom.

Draft Test To Be Given

March Tenth, Last Registration Day

College students are reminded that applications for the April 24 Selective Service qualification test must be postmarked not later than midnight March 10.

National headquarters estimates that almost 100,000 will make application to take this test. It will be the last one given during the current academic year. Applications may be obtained from the nearest local board.

National Headquarters also said that recently completed statistics reveal that 61.3 per cent of the 19,571 students who took the December 13, 1951, test made a score of 70 or better. Of the approximately 340,000 who took the first four tests, 63 per cent made a score of 70 or better.

The criteria for consideration for deferment as a student at the present time is either a score of 70 or better on the Selective Service Qualification Test or class standing in the upper half of the sophomore class, upper two thirds of the freshman class, or upper three fourths of the junior class. Seniors accepted for admission to a graduate school satisfy the criteria if they are among the upper half of their senior class or if they make a score of 75 or better on the test.

Many students have been confused in differentiating between the I-S and II-S deferments. The II-S deferment is considered on the basis of class standing or qualification test and is discretionary on the part of the local board. It may be granted by the local board each successive year, thus enabling students who continue to meet the criteria to complete their education.

The I-S deferment, is provided for by the law. A college student ordered to report for induction while he is satisfactorily pursuing a full-time course is entitled to this I-S deferment until he finishes his academic year, provided he has not had his induction postponed or been deferred as a student prior to June 19, 1951.

Students Urged To Buy Annual

All students desiring a copy of this year's *Cap and Gown* are urged to subscribe as soon as possible. The order will be placed with the publishers soon, and it is necessary to know how many copies are needed.

Subscriptions may be purchased from any one of the following dormitory representatives: Fritz Erschell, Johnson Hall; Drury Cane, Cannon Hall; Woody Wilson, Hoffman Hall; Jim Hoppe, Sewanee Inn; John Cater, Tuckaway Inn; Chuck Zimmerman, Burton Hall; Sanford Helms, Burton Hall; Alan Hetzel, Seldon Hall; John McWhirter, Powhatan; Van Davis, St. Luke's; and John Lodge, Woodland Apartments. The student price is \$1.75.



Jamie Green, like all the St. Mark's children, gets milk with her lunch from the proceeds of the annual Acolyte Milk Fund Drive.

He Wasn't Behind The Door

Reprinted below is a column written by Ralph McGill, editor of the *Atlanta Constitution*, about Sewanee Alumnus Ellis Arnall. Mr. McGill, one of the South's leading journalists, presents a vivid picture of the new price administrator who has recently been viewed in the public press with mixed feelings.

For the last two or three years a frequent question asked here and there about the country has been:

"What is Ellis Arnall doing now?"

That question is now answered. He is the new director of the Office of Price Stabilization . . . familiarly known as OPS.

It is a job currently described as a graveyard, yet those who have held it have proved otherwise. Leon Henderson, Chester Bowles, Paul Porter, Mike DiSalle—each has left it with greater stature than when they went in. And a larger measure of success has been poured into their lives.

Whatever one may say of Ellis Arnall he was not, in the immortal words of the comic strip character Snuffy Smith, "a hint the door when the brains were passed out."

Arnall attained national stature when he became governor of Georgia and was able to bring about spectacular reforms in the fields of education, prison procedures, and election laws (abolishment of the poll tax), which had been so long overdue that achieving them focused national attention on him.

He was for three years perhaps the most popular and respected governor the state ever had and had attained a merited reputation which made him one of the better-known young political figures on the national scene. Educated, cultured, able and persuasive, he was riding the crest.

A man wise in life and politics, in evaluating that Arnall, sums it up tersely:

"Arnall was all right until he began to hear voices."

That is an accurate estimate. He did begin to hear voices. He had done a good job—one of the best ever done for the state in that he had no foundation of reform or social progress on which to build—as has been true since his time.

He was twice persuaded to try to amend his newly (and carelessly) created constitution to enable him again to be a candidate for a second four-year term. There isn't much doubt but that he did break his pledged word to other political leaders whose own ambitions were curbed, thwarted and distorted by Arnall's ambitious

gesture for a second term. They made common cause to defeat him and it was this which smashed in Georgia the long-existing line-up of anti-Talmadge forces. Young Herman Talmadge, early sensing this fact, and quickly moving to take advantage of it, has shrewdly built a political position much stronger than his father's against whom the old coalition, broken by men angry with Arnall, was so often successfully directed. The former anti-Talmadge men who joined his father, are now captive to him, a fact which seems at times to pain them, but there is no escape.

Arnall's star, however was yet in the ascendency. The death of Franklin D. Roosevelt was what put it in eclipse. He then set out on his own as lecturer and author. He made a success of both, setting no woods on fire, but doing well and making everywhere a good impression. But, he was out of the national political picture, largely because Roosevelt had persuaded him to support Henry Wallace for the vice-presidential nomination—a position which Roosevelt himself later abandoned at the insistence of his lieutenants in the key states who demanded someone almost anyone, else and eventually determined on Sen. Harry S. Truman. This Arnall act did not sit too well with Harry S. Truman, though later on he was to forgive it.

In Georgia Arnall's political star dipped below the horizon. It is yet there. He has no personal organization, but he does have a following which is recognized, and feared, even by those who scorn him most.

His acceptance of the OPS job, after a flat rejection, is surprising. Recalling that he was not indeed "a hint the door when the brains were passed out," it must be assumed there is more to this man than meets the eye.

Not being privy to his thoughts and information, one can only assume:

1—Harry S. Truman still has an idea of running if Robert Taft is nominated. (And the Eisenhower boom is not coming up like thunder, as it was assumed it would.)

2—If Howard McGrath leaves the cabinet there would be a vacancy for a fellow who had made a good, hard try at OPS administration. And McGrath must soon remove himself.

At any rate, Ellis Arnall, successful attorney, president of the Independent Moving Pictures Producers Association, and director of OPS is back in national politics.

WILD ANIMALS OF SEWANEE

THE PRAYING MENACE

Pretheologus hypocritus



THIS INSECT IS A DANGEROUS MENACE TO ANY SERIOUS PERSON'S DESIRE TO BECOME BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH THE CHURCH. HE MAY BE IDENTIFIED BY THE LOUD AND IMPASSIONED VOICE HE USES IN RECITING THE PRAYERS IN CHAPEL (TO LET THE REST

OF THE CONGREGATION KNOW THAT HE, AT LEAST, IS RIGHTEOUS). FAMILIARITY HAS BRED CONTEMPT IN THIS INSECT; ALTHOUGH HE LIKES TO APPEAR TO BE PIETY PERSONIFIED, HE DELIGHTS IN CRITICIZING EVERY SERVICE HE ATTENDS, AND HE EVEN MAKES SPORT OF HIS OWN VOCATION.

L.T.

Exchange

Vandy Mock Primaries Elect Ike and Russell

In their first mock presidential election on February 28 Vanderbilt University students picked General Eisenhower to lead the Republicans and Senator Richard Russell of Georgia as the Democratic nomination.

Of the 890 students who voted, only 27 said they wanted President Truman to run again. The Democrats registered 527 voters and the Republicans 363.

Russell defeated Sen. Estes Kefauver for the Democratic nomination by 40 votes. Eisenhower nosed out Sen. Robert Taft by 54 for top spot on the Republican ticket.

Campus election officials attributed the main factor in the Russell victory to a number of students who said they were voting for him "just to make sure Kefauver doesn't get the nomination." Many felt that outside groups were trying to "shove Kefauver down our throats."

Both Kefauver and Eisenhower supporters were distributing campaign

bulletins, and printed placards boosting their candidates but denied that they were using paid political workers to influence the election.

Here's how the votes added up: Republican primary: General Eisenhower, 186; Sen. Taft, 132; Harold Stassen, 17; Gov. Earl Warren, 13; Gen. Douglas MacArthur, 12.

Democratic Primary: Senator Russell, 255; Senator Kefauver, 215; President Truman, 27; Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, 17; Sen. Harry Byrd of Virginia, 8; Sen. Robert Kerr of Oklahoma, 3.

It was generally believed that many voters who normally would have voted in the Republican primary voted in the Democratic instead, in protest to Kefauver's nomination.

Delegates from the campus political parties will support Eisenhower and Russell in the mock national nominating conventions to be held at Lindenwood College in St. Charles, Mo. the latter part of March.

Abbo's Scrapbook

One of the pleasantest aspects of a civilized society is the scarcity of people obsessed with a sense of their own moral superiority; by this we mean a society in which there are very few bores. This partly explains why so many Americans like to live in France. Better than most people the French have obeyed the Socratic injunction: Know Thyself! The term "self-righteousness" is laughable in a land whose people are self-questioning.

It is better to attribute good motives to other people, and be deceived, than to attribute bad motives to people.

A Christian insisted . . . "A good education," says Bernard Iddings Bell, "is not so much one which prepares a man to succeed in the world as one which enables him to sustain failure." This struck us as quite good, but hardly a definition to dangle before the eyes of young people. True, it suggests a kind of compensation, but it pre-supposes failure

which, until we fail, we cannot understand. Some definitions are always changing. Rome's love for Juliet is not Benedict's love for Beatrice. "Thou and I are too wise," says Benedict, "to woo peaceably," easing in the Fifth Act the tension which Romeo overcame in the Second. Experience is never static. Definitions are always changing, and must change if we grow. Perhaps that is what our own great Dr. DuBoise meant when he said, "Truth is not truth when it ceases to be plastic."

"Free societies are those in which people do not have their own lives planned and managed for them by the government." For writing like that, Mr. Walter Lippman has by some people been referred to as a "reactionary."

" . . . in your words is a formal beauty to match the graceful order of your ideas."

Aleious to Odysseus

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Sewanee Student Blasted For Opinion

Chris Brown

Letter To Time Brings Much Angry Response

Have you ever thought of yourself as being one of those "ten cent millionaires who live up on the Mountain in and around snobby Monteagle and look down from your lofty perch on the great mass of the common herd; and like the Pharisee of old, you beat your breast and say, 'Lord, I am thankful I am not like most people'?" James Douglas, of DeQuincy, La., a student in the seminary here, was the object of this denunciation, which, to say the least, is not the usual tribute paid a Sewanee gentleman. This somewhat disapproving attitude, voiced by a resident of Flushing, New York, is only one of the many comments Mr. Douglas has received since he read a certain faithful article in the January 21 issue of Time magazine.

The article, *Let's Get Together*, by Thomas Sugrue, noted Roman Catholic journalist and author depicted the fact that the Roman Church "is mixing in affairs of state, and it has no business there." Mr. Sugrue went on to say that "overemphasis on temporal power led to the Protestant Reformation." The Vatican understands the danger of such overemphasis, but not the (Roman) Catholic Church in the U. S.

The appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican, said Mr. Sugrue, would be a grave mistake. "... The Pope is the bishop of Rome. We have an ambassador at Rome. Can he not call on the bishop of Rome?" And what another, you ask, would Mr. Sugrue do about the situation? He suggests that Catholics and Protestants start coming together in small groups. "Ten or twenty would be enough for a start—five on each side of the Catholic-Protestant fence. . . . There would be no common ground, in fact, than there would be grounds for

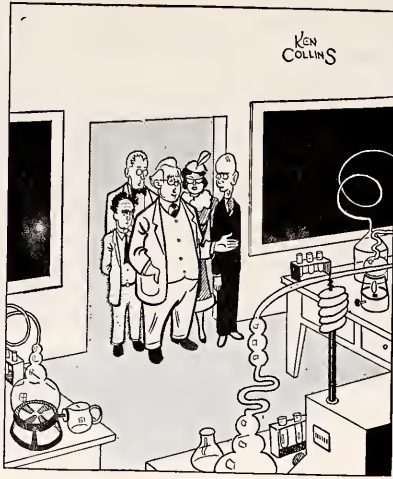
difference. As Americans we are against iron curtains; we should not maintain one between ourselves, which marks a division never intended by God to exist among men."

Mr. Douglas was of the opinion, upon reading this, that such statements were not often uttered by Roman Catholics; so he informed the Time of that fact in a letter to the editors. This letter, published in the February 11 issue, said that he did not know "that there were any Roman Catholics that had enough backbone to dare criticize their ecclesiastical masters."

And then things began to happen. Letters pro and con poured in from readers of all faiths all over the country. The gentleman who made the statement about the "ten cent Millionaires" of Monteagle stated further that he knew the University very well. He was not surprised at Mr. Douglas' "bigoted, misleading letter", for he knew that it was the University which "produced such a narrow, intolerant, bigoted type such as you." We were at Sewanee should "come down off (our) ivory tower and mingle and work with the peasants in the field."

"Your ignorance, sir, is astounding," wrote a Kalamazoo religious bookstore owner. She further informed him that he was a "victim of prejudice. . . . Only ignorance could honestly adhere to your statement in Time." From Minnesota, a gentleman sent a list of "spiritual reasons why Russia will defeat America in World War III," putting the blame on Roman power in conjunction with the Soviet Union.

And so, as Mr. Whitcraft and the boys over at the S.P.O. work far into the night, the mail continues to come in.



... and here Miss Van Zandt is working on a chemical to make people invisible. Oh, Miss Van Zandt! Where are you, Miss Van Zandt?

Jerry Stallings

Lincoln's Pretty Words — Are They Misleading?

When Abraham Lincoln made his now famous address at Gettysburg, he made the statement that this nation "had been conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." Now these are very pretty words, but not completely truthful. Possibly our nation was conceived in liberty. The Bill of Rights guarantees a certain amount of individual liberty, although this section of the Constitution was an afterthought, and not necessarily desired by its framers. Some of the founding fathers doubtless believed that men were created equal. But that equality only lasted a few brief seconds after creation. Certainly very few slave owners really believed that all men were equal, or even that all men had an inherent right to liberty or to pursue happiness, as Thomas Jefferson had written in the Declaration of Independence. Perhaps Mr. Lincoln should have said that this nation was conceived in liberty for certain classes and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal to others in the same social and economic strata, subject of course to differences in color and religious beliefs.

However, Mr. Lincoln had his own ideas which were indicative of a strange phenomenon in American history. A phenomenon which would have been distasteful to men like Alexander Hamilton or even George Washington, perhaps. The words of our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution express such noble sentiments, and were repeated so often, that quite a few of our citizens began to believe them and even apply pressure to government in order to secure for themselves some of the happiness which they had read they had a right to. A lot of men could not understand this movement, and some people still don't understand today. Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt's noted statement "The public be damned," is a good example of the philosophy that long prevailed among a certain class of our people. A lot of men fought to prevent the extension of slavery in a nation supposedly "dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal," and this was a paradox in itself.

Fortunately, things are not as they used to be. Despite the Longs, Bilbos, McCarthys and others, we have managed to progress; and most of our people today are able to enjoy a certain amount of liberty. Unfortunately

for the Republican party, many people associate that party with the forces which have opposed the changes which are now so popular. Men like Senator Taft don't do much to change that impression. It is a waste of time to blast the New and Fair Deals as "radical" or "socialistic" when the only alternative you have to offer is to re-

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Charles Jennings

Whee! I'm A Pseudo

Song to Messrs. Reaney and Trawick: Oh, some may cry for the standard guy And some may wail for the wheel, And some will scream that Buckwheat's team Is really the biggest deal, But we have got what others have not. For pseudos are those who feel.

Chorus:

For it's *sing Ho!* for the pseudo's life! Junior Intellects Sublime! For we're the boys With loads of pose, And we're having a hell of a time!

Though people sneer that we don't drink beer And scoff at the Sacred Nine, We find we sin as well with gin, Or "An Adequate Red Wine." And just a touch of twelve year old scotch Will help us to write a line.

Chorus:

Then, *sing Ho!* for the pseudo's life! We're the lads who won't use rhymes. But alteration In a Freudian creation Keeps us abreast of the times!

We own the men who live by the pen For we understand their words, Kafka is ours, and Baudelaire's Flowers Are for us and not the herds. While Edgar Guest leaves us unimpressed, And Kilmer is for the birds.

Chorus:

So *sing Hey!* for the pseudo's life! We're *gru-ink flames sublime!* We're *sophisticate* And *degenerate*, But we're having a hell of a time!

Bill Austin

Boy Poets Are Punk

She seldom comes; and when she does She is cold.

Slowly she sits on the edge of a chair; as if ready to run on a moments notice

And when at length, she is warm and cordial you, and only you, can make her stay

It's strange that you so cold poured in so useless without me, should be the one who makes her stay.

You are a mere mechanism in my hands you lie at rest until I call, and yet, without you, she is not entertained.

And when you have finished with her, you and I, she rises, hurt, insulted, defamed.

It is a long time till she comes again.

The above is a fair example of college poetry today. It was published in the February 1949 *Helikon*, (now defunct) Anyone can see that the poem is not successful, in fact, we don't even know what it means. True, it creates an illusion, a picture is formed in the mind, but what value is it as an illusion when the reader cannot connect it to some idea that is more or less identifiable? Without standing in relation to or illustrating a further idea, a mind picture means almost nothing. What the author was trying to say is this: the woman is a muse, the man a writer, and the machine his typewriter. The muse comes, he uses her and she goes. Are we supposed to feel all this by reading the poem? Evidently not, because the author immediately writes an explanation to follow. In his explanation, the poet insists that that anyone who thought the woman to be a prostitute is a fool. I think the opposite is so. He is the fool for supposing that such a dangling word picture could be taken for anything else. It is essential that the poet of today assume a good deal of intelligence and imagination on the part of his reader, for this is carrying things a little too far. I think the author knew the work would not be understood because he did write an explanation. Good poetry needs no explanation. One should be able to grasp some inkling of meaning at the first couplet.

Now look at the verse form. Free verse, by something like universal consent, is the hardest of all forms to handle successfully, yet 75 percent of the college poets use this form. There are, of course, many reasons for this widespread adoption of the free verse mode, chief among these is the influence of modern poets. For that instance, but it seems to me that any aspiring poet should have enough sense to crawl before he tries to walk.

I suggest to college poets of today that they "appreciate" themselves to the masters for a time, at least until they understand more fully the difficulty of accurately communicating ideas. Writing is like any other endeavor and the age old maxim, "Practice makes perfect" applies most assuredly. Pearl Buck wrote unsuccessfully for ten years before "The Good Earth" was published. But modern poets want to fly out into the great dark world and pour out their souls. The idea is fine, but they don't know how. Writing requires education, time and practice, all three of which are obviously lacking in college poets of today.

Jim Reaney

Starving Steven Didn't Attend A Prep School

Mr. Floyd Nabors
Magnolia Hall
Sewanee, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Nabors: By writing you this letter, I mark myself as being very uneducated. The increasingly popular trend in Sewanee journalism is to sneer sarcastically or condemn contemptuously, but this note will fall to follow the pattern.

In a letter to the editor which appeared recently in the *Purple*, a student complained that he was slowly being starved to death because the quality of food served at Magnolia Hall is so low that it is nearly inedible. "I am writing to ask if you know what basis he used for making his judgment.

Obviously, it would be unfair if he based his decision by comparing home-prepared food with home-cooked. My indulgent mother knows that any attempt to serve turnip greens, corn bread, or hominy would make her little boy throw a temper tantrum. However, several editions of Mamma's Little Baby who frequently sit beside me at Magnolia Hall, are very charmed by corn bread. Thus, food served by an institution should not be fairly contrasted with that served in a home because it is possible to cater to individual whims in a small group. Also, of course, the quality is often dubious because the flames of a fire prepared for 300 or 400 people cannot possibly match that of a home prepared for the 3 or 4 people in a family.

The only fair basis for judging Magnolia Hall meals, then, would have been to compare the food served to contrast with the food served in other institutions. I do not believe, Mr. Nabors, that he used that criterion. A

survey of students who attended preparatory schools before coming to Sewanee shows that Magnolia food is good. A graduate of a well-known military academy, for example, stated bluntly, "Even though the other school cost about \$1,900 a year, the food here is a lot better."

Magnolia suffered by comparison only whenever the student interviewed could attend a school with an enrollment of 150 or less. Food prepared for only 150 individuals can undoubtedly approach the quality of home-cooked meals much more easily than food prepared for more than 300 students.

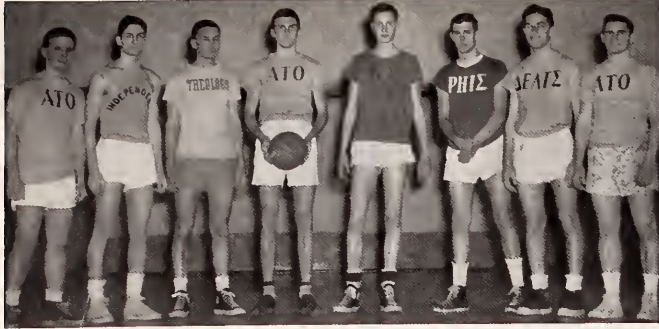
Unquestionably, of course, it would be pleasant if Magnolia could serve a wider variety of vegetables and fewer meat substitutes. Since the use of frozen vegetables and more meat could not be called an actual necessity, it is merely a question of whether or not most students feel they have explained the current allotment of 51 cents per meal, which covers all labor and operating expenses as well as the cost of food, certainly will not permit any great changes in the present menu.

It does not think, however, that it is enough just to say that Starving Steven's complaints are not supported by fact. I know that you work from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week and that the job of roasting the chickens for Sunday's dinner usually lasts until 11 o'clock on Saturday night. On the kitchen floor, you often remain in the parties and breakfasts. To say that you do all that can be expected of you would be misleading. You do much, much more. . . .

Sincerely,
JIM REANEY

The Sewanee Purple Sports

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Standing above are the first and second intramural All Star basketball teams. The players are, left to right, Caywood Gunby, second team guard; Tommy Robertson, first team guard; Van Davis, second team forward; Webb White, first team center and captain; Art Barrett, second team center; Dick Corbin, first team forward; Frank Oxarnt, second team guard; and Hobby Parkes, first team guard. Not pictured are Charlie Wiehrs, first team guard and Dave Jones second team forward.

Keyser Is Top Scorer

- Ten top scorers in intramural basketball through Sunday, March 2 are:
1. Keyser—146 pts.—Theologs
 2. Barrett—143 pts.—KS
 3. Robertson—142 pts.—Independents
 4. Corbin—128 pts.—PDT
 5. Snell—124 pts.—Theologs
 6. White—116 pts.—ATO
 7. Ward—116 pts.—Independents
 8. Wheeler—113 pts.—SN
 9. Davis—112 pts.—Theologs
 10. Hughes—112 pts.—KA

The intramural basketball standings through Sunday, March 2 are:

Team	W	L	Pct
1. ATO	10	0	1.000
2. SAE	7	2	76.9
3. Independents	7	3	70.0
4. PDT	7	3	70.0
5. Theologs	6	4	60.0
6. DTD	5	5	50.0
7. SN	4	6	40.0
8. PCD	4	6	33.3
9. KS	3	7	30.0
10. KA	2	8	20.0
11. BTP	0	10	0.000

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Intramurals

Race Ends

By Gil Marchand

The main note of interest in intramurals this past week has been focused on the close of the basketball season. By handily defeating all prospective contenders, the ATOs have emerged as undisputed champions with an unblemished record of ten wins. The championship was decided last Wednesday when the Alpha Taus downed the heretofore unbeaten SAEs, who although suffering another defeat at the hands of the Theologs later in the week, hold the number two spot in the final standings.

The number three team is yet to be decided, for third place resulted in a tie between the Independents and the Phi Delta Theas. The Independents have, at full strength, been prone to be one of the tougher teams in the league. They can contribute much of their late season success to the return of Jim Seidule, out for some time with an injured knee.

However, it would be unwise to predict a winner for his playoff for the Phi's, too, have greatly improved since the Independents defeated them early in the season. They are considerably strengthened by the addition of a newcomer, Charlie Blackard, who has shown some good stuff in his several starts. The loser of this game will automatically move into fourth place, the last point winning position.

Best among the non-point winners are the Theologs and the Deltas. The Theologs were at times a mighty tough team, having the advantage of a veteran team, but the Deltas, who started off with a bang, fizzled out at the season's close. The Kappa Sigs provided scare after scare, but just were not able to come up on the top end of the score.

The Phi Gams, after their early season player shake-up, were never able to overcome that handicap and finished eighth. Although the Sigma Nus had a consistent scorer in Wheeler, and the KAs a threat in Hughes, neither team could muster a winning punch.

The brand of basketball was ex-

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Cage Stars Are Chosen

By John Malmo

Speed and accuracy are the features of the 1951-1952 Intramural Basketball All-Star Team. Led by the league champion ATOs with two men, Webb White at center, and Bobby Parkes at a guard position, the team is rounded out with Charlie Wiehrs, SAE, at the other guard slot, and Dick Corbin, PDT, and Tommy Robertson, Independent, at the forward posts.

All Are Standouts

White is the honorary team captain, polling 34 out of a possible 40 votes. The leading scorer for the ATOs, White was a pillar on rebound work, and was an all-round standout performer.

Parkes, was the speed in the Alpha Tau's attack. A constant thorn in the opponents' side, the scrappy little guard was a fine play-maker and always dangerous from the outside.

Wiehrs, was the real sparkplug of a well balanced SAE crew, a speed merchant from start to finish, and a real competitor. More than a few times, the 5'9" freshman pulled the Sig Alphas out of the fire, and settled them down when they began to waver. Wiehrs' importance was proved by his absence last week, when due to illness he was unable to play against the Theologs; and the Minervamen lost a heartbreaker.

Corbin, with his accurate shooting, kept the Phi in many games when defeat was almost certain. Despite the fact that he often drew the opponents top de-fensive man, he was able to finish the season among the top ten scorers.

Robertson, playing with a surprisingly tough Independent five, always managed to make better than his share of points. Tommy was also a stand-out defensive performer.

Second Team Picked

The second team, also has two ATOs, along with representatives of the Theologs, Kappa Sigs, and Deltas. Jones, ATO, and Davis, Theolog, at forwards; Barrett, KS, at center; and Gunby, ATO, and Oxarnt, DTD, at guards; make up the second team.

Chuck Keyser, Theolog, the league's leading scorer, is notable in his absence from either team. Everyone will agree that when the man who scores more points than anyone else is not placed on either squad; something is wrong. After all points are what wins games.

The voting was run off with two representatives from each team voting. Two points were given for a first team vote, and one for a second team vote.

Alpha Taus Dump SAEs To End Perfect Season

ATO emerged undefeated in the intramural basketball race after downing the SAEs in the closing week of the season. Featuring some of the biggest upsets of the year, the week began when the strong Phi's defeated the KAs 44-30 on Monday, February 25. The Phi's, led by Corbin and Terry, were ahead from the opening whistle. Earlier in the afternoon the Sigma Nus five won a doubleheader, one by a Beta default and the other by an upset over the Kappa Sigs 42-37 in a make-up game. The big scorer for the Snakes was Wheeler with 16 points, while Barrett tossed in 18 for the Kappa Sigs for individual honors of the day.

Only one game was played on Tuesday. It was a 52-40 victory for the leading ATOs over a fighting Kappa Sig five, who made the game very close for nearly three quarters. White and Jones paced the Alpha Taus, while Barrett, Finley, and Dozier led in the losing fight.

Wednesday was the big day of the season as the ATO quintet trounced the SAEs 47-36 for the championship and the cup. The SAEs couldn't hold back the crushing Alpha Tau attack and succumbed to the classy play of the champs. White, with 16, took top scoring honors for the game. Gunby for the ATOs, followed with 11, and Wiehrs sparked the losers, tossing in 13 points.

The Phi's chalked up another victory at the expense of the Phi Gams to a tune of 44-32 in the day's first game. The Phi scoring ace, Corbin, put in 19 points to be the game's top scorer.

On Thursday the Phi won their second game in two days beating the Kappa Sigs 47-33. Again it was Corbin and Terry with 22 and 12 points, respectively, who led the Phi's. Barrett sacked 14 points for the Kappa Sigs. The powerful Independents, paced by Robertson, Ward and Seidule downed the KAs 59-46 on the same day.

Friday the Theologs overwhelmed the stubborn Sigma Nus 56-48. For the Saints it was Snell providing the margin of victory with 24 points. Wheeler was high scorer for the losers with 21 points. The Betas forfeited to the Deltas.

The Saints came marching in and stunned the second place Sig Alphas 50-44 last Saturday. A final quarter rally gave the game to the Theologs. Keyser made 20 points for the winner and Smith got 16 for the SAEs. On the same day the Sigma Nus downed the KAs 54-27. In a later game the Independents crushed the Phi Gams 60-39. Top scorers in these games were Wheeler, 18 points, and Piccoli for the Sigma Nus; Hughes, 11 points for the KAs; Ward, 18 points, and Robertson, 17 points, for the Independents and Foster for the Phi Gams with 20.

Sunday the Independents staggered the Theologs 73-42. Both Ward and Robertson got 23 apiece. Snell led the losers with 14.

Only two games remain before the season is officially over. One is a playoff between the Phi's and the Independents, the other a make-up game between the SAEs and the Phi Gams.

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Netmen Plan Holiday Play

Team Journeys Thru Carolina

Plans have been completed for the tennis team's trip through South Carolina over the spring holidays. The team, which always boasts one of Sewanee's best records, will leave on March 30, and from there until the return to the Mountain on Monday, April 7, it will be tennis everyday for the netmen.

Toughest competition is expected from Clemson and the University of South Carolina who will field their annual strong teams. Others on the trip schedule will be Furman, Erskine, The Citadel, and the College of Charleston, all of whom will give tough competition to the Purples.

Actual practice for the team got under way today in the gymnasium which will house the hopefuls until weather permits them to take to the outside courts. Five lettermen will be back to fill out the squad this year: Ivey Jackson, a four year man on the team, will captain the racket wielders. Behind him will be John Hooker. Webb White, who was a freshman ace last year, is expected to be a big mainstay in the Tiger line-up also. George Wagner, who was not at Sewanee last year, but lettered the year before, will take his place among the regulars. Jack Gibson fills out the lettermen, but he may be unable to play full time for the Tigers due to a forthcoming comprehensive. Keith Fort, freshman from Chattanooga, will probably fill out the team.

Down in the ranks of last year's "B" team are a number of hopefuls who might easily make the grade. Les Clute, John Carter, and Bill Prentiss will all put in a strong bid for the team.

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Versatile Sewanee

By Byron Crowley
Assistant Sports Editor

ANOTHER CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

The Sewanee track team of 1919 and 1920 appears to have been as fascinating, and as spectacular as the Tiger football team of 1899. Although these postwar trackclads never made a 3,000 mile trip, nor ran 5 meets in 6 days, they were still champions.

In 1919 they took victories over Alabama, Georgia Tech, Mississippi State, and Vanderbilt. They defeated Georgia Tech in the Southern Intercollegiate Meet and then went on to a 28 point victory over Vanderbilt in the S.I.A.A. Meet. In 1920 Sewanee's team once again repeated its performance and took the S.I.A.A. Meet for the second consecutive year.

The S.I.A.A. was composed of such teams as Vanderbilt, Tulane, Southwestern, Auburn, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Nashville U., Central U., Cumberland, and Mississippi State. These victories are all amazing, especially when we consider Sewanee's enrollment of 200 students. The track coach for this great track team was a man named Nicholas, who later went to Notre Dame where he produced more astounding teams.

INTRAMURAL TRACK vs. VARSITY TRACK

A subject of much controversy between the Intramural coaches and captains at present is the matter of declaring all men out for track ineligible for the Intramural track meet. It appears that if such a ruling passed it would hamper not only the individual teams, but also the varsity squad. In fraternities that have relatively few athletes, who go out for the track team, the organization is out of the running altogether. If the proposed bill is passed by the council, these men may see fit to drop from the varsity squad in order to support their organization, thus hampering the school team.

It is a known fact that many very good athletes do not become candidates for varsity teams in order to compete in intramural play. It would thus seem a handicap to both the University track team and the respective Intramural teams, for this proposed bill to pass the Intramural Council.

NEW RECORDS SET

Few world's record holders in 1950 were Patton, 220 yards; Patton, 220 meters; Fuchs, shot put; Rohden (Jamaica) 400 meters; Whitfield, 880 yards; Atlessey, 120 yard high hurdles; Filiput (Italy) 440 yard low hurdles; and Robert Mathias, Decathlon.

At Sewanee record breakers were David Wendel in the 230, and David Critchlow in the high jump, who also tied the T.I.A.C. record in the 120 yard high hurdles.

Last year in the N.C.A.A. Meet, J. Lewis (Pappy) Hall, Jr. (U. of Fla.) caused the world's high jump champion, Les Steers, much concern by clearing 6'9" and barely missing Steer's world's record mark of 6'11". Steers was the official judge for the event.



Relaxing during intermission at the ATO dance Saturday night are, standing, Beth Blackhard and Pep Stuart, seated, Bill Millar, Sally Buck, and Harriet Harris. For the party, which was supposedly given by a psychiatrist for his patients, the couples dressed as mental cases.

Greek Briefs

'Books Are For Birds; Frats Relax At Parties'

By Marvin Mounts

The Beta and ATO houses were the scene of two "tremendously successful" parties last Saturday. Originality of costume and joviality of the group characterized each one. The Alpha Taus delved into the realm of the ego for the theme of their unusual feté. The interior of the house was decorated to simulate a psychiatrist's office and each person came dressed as a mental case. Several members were caricatured as outstanding case histories in pictures with Latin sub titles that hung around the "office."

A skit was presented by Leonard Trawick, Bill Miller, and Jim Boswell which depicted the trials and tribulations of a Dr. Black-Smith, the fictitious host of the party. Jim Reaney was in charge of preparations for the affair.

A Roaring Twenties theme served to enliven the colorful Beta party. A living room resembling a street and a "speak easy" saloon comprised the elaborate decorations which were prepared by Bill Conner, John Broome, and Clay Patty. Music was by the Townsmen of Murfreesboro.

Fraternities Busy
News in and around the Greeks this week was varied.

Jack Nicholas, social chairman for KA, reassured worried Yankees that the crop of sideburns being cultivated by his fraternity was only in preparation for their forthcoming Old South Ball, and not a warning.

The ATOs have received their fourth scholarship trophy from the national organization for being one of the top four ATO chapters in scholastic average.

Recently elected pledge class officers for Delta Tau Delta are: Frank Oxarart, president; Fred Fike, vice-president; Donald Kelly, treasurer; Dave Cole, secretary; and Fred Fuller, sergeant at arms.

More Parties Planned
Three fraternity parties will highlight the Mountain's social life this weekend. Interrupting the pursuit of a higher education for an interlude of relaxation and festivity, the Phi Kappa Sigs, and Deltas have all scheduled parties.

The Phi, following an afternoon

Pic of Flicks

By George Leyden

Wednesday, March 5. The Girl on the Bridge with Hugo Haas and Beverly Michaels. If this place was a girl's school, this flick 'might' sell; but rumor has it that this touching fare will lack appeal to our critical paying guests. The cast offers a single beautiful girl for Sewanee pleasure, but that just ain't enough.

Circle of Danger with Ray Milland and Patricia Roc. The plot bears striking resemblance to 'The Third Man,' and is done about half as well. Milland tries, but the script and support is just down right pitiful. Even 'Snowball' canned this one!

Thursday and Friday, March 6 and 7. An American in Paris. Even the most prejudiced of critics cannot gain-say that no other entertainment medium could come even close to approaching the screen in presenting a subject so pictorially dazzling, and with a production framework so spectacularly beautiful, that it will leave spectators literally breathless. Add to those factors a superbly executed score, stemming from the music of George Gershwin; Gene Kelly's psychoreactive artistry; Technicolor photography that is probably an all-time best for the process; and a supporting cast, one member of which, Leslie Caron, is sure to emerge a top-bracket star. Easily the season's outstanding entertainment treat. . . .

Owl Show. Abroad with Two Yanks. No comment . . . don't know anything about it.

Saturday and Monday, March 8 and 10. Lone Star. Clark Gable fights the Battle of Texas; Ava Gardner fights the battle of sexes. There's a little juggling of history in the theme, but who in the hell cares.

Sunday and Tuesday, March 9 and 11. Invitation starring Van Johnson, Dorothy McGuire, Ruth Roman, and Louis Calhern. The cynic will term this a soap opera and/or a tear jerker, but it is nonetheless first-class entertainment. The subject matter could have easily gotten a little stickier; however, the sensitive and well directed cast make it a drama high-light.

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ROTC Juniors Will All Attend Summer Camp

Colonel Wm. Flinn Gilland, PAS&T of Sewanee's AF ROTC unit, announced today that all juniors enrolled in the AF ROTC unit at Sewanee would be required to attend a summer camp.

The summer camp requirement was waived for the graduating seniors of the class of 1952, but is enforced for the junior class.

All juniors will have their transportation paid to and from camp. Each will receive approximately one hundred and five dollars in cash in addition.

This summer camp program of the AF ROTC is part of the Advanced Course, which means that it is a requirement for graduation of all Advanced cadets.

Those required to attend the camp are Cadets William D. Austin, James A. Elam, III, Standish Henning, Frank Y. Hill, Jr., Charles L. Jennings, Charles D. Little, William F. Low, Jr., Robeson E. Moise, Elvis Lucas Myers, and Edward C. Sharp, Jr.

The camp will be at either of two places, Lackland Air Force Base at San Antonio, Texas, or Sampson Air Force Base in New York State, near Rochester, for a six week duration.

Race Ends For Cagers

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ceptually fine this year. The champion ATOs would have been hard to stop in almost any fraternity league. Parkes, Jones, and Gunby were excellent floormen, keeping the ball consistently on the move in addition to being each a potential scoring threat from any spot on the court.

Webb White was a standout the whole season with his aptness at operating both on offense and defense at the pivot spot. Besides these starters, the Alpha Taus had a flock of able substitutes, capable of filling in sufficiently at any position.

In the other two intramural sports in progress now, the Theologs are well on the way to taking the handball tournament and the Phi Delta Thetas have already won the badminton cup and first place points. Ivey Jackson took top honors in singles and the team of Jackson and Gibson has won the winners bracket in the doubles.

Although the Phis must play the losers bracket winner they already have enough points for the badminton cup. Theolog Bob Snell won the handball singles but the doubles title is still undecided. The Theologs and the ATOs are scheduled to play for the championship at the end of this week.

Jerry Stallings

(Continued from page 3)
turn to the "good old days", which weren't so good after all. Senator Taft has recently become aware of public opinion and has supported measures which he feels are popular, such as public housing projects. But it may be too late for Taft.

As an alternative to Taft the Republicans may nominate Eisenhower, who hasn't deemed it necessary to say what his opinions are. We do know that he is a professional military man, and such men have strong ideas on discipline, commands, and the pseudo officers-aristocracy which must be upheld at any cost. These are not good recommendations, but if Eisenhower has any original ideas, then he ought to make them known. All of this is just a reminder to the Republican party that times have changed. The Republicans haven't won a national election in twenty years, and won't as long as the "old guard" ideas prevail. That is unless the born-a-hundred-years-too-late states-righters can split the Democratic party wide enough. Even Truman relishes the idea of running against Taft, and you can't much blame him.

McCrary Gives Second Atomic Energy Lecture

Did you know that not only is the Atomic age bringing bombs to the world, but also a new cocktail? This modern scientific beverage, while not intoxicating, is very relieving to anyone who partakes of it. This was revealed by Dr. Edward McCrary, acting Vice-Chancellor of the University, in his second lecture on Atomic Energy last Wednesday.

It seems that this tasteless cocktail contains a quantity of radioactive iodine. Since iodine immediately settles in the Thyroid glands in the neck when it enters the body, the radioactivity in it is concentrated there also and destroys any cancer tissue that might be present.

This has been tested with good results, and by the simple process of drinking a glass of this radioactive fluid, cancer of the Thyroid is controlled quickly and painlessly. How-

ever, not every person afflicted reacts to the treatment.

About eight years ago the "cocktail" was given a man at Oak Ridge, Tenn., and when the Geiger counter was applied to determine the location of radioactivity in his body, it was found that the radioactive parts had gone through the bloodstream to other areas of his body, and would also possibly work on cancers there. This however, is not likely in most cases and so far only the thyroid case is definitely established as able to be helped by the radioactive cocktail.

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