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Regents Halt Dimmick Developing for More Study

By Ashley Logdson and Alex Pappas

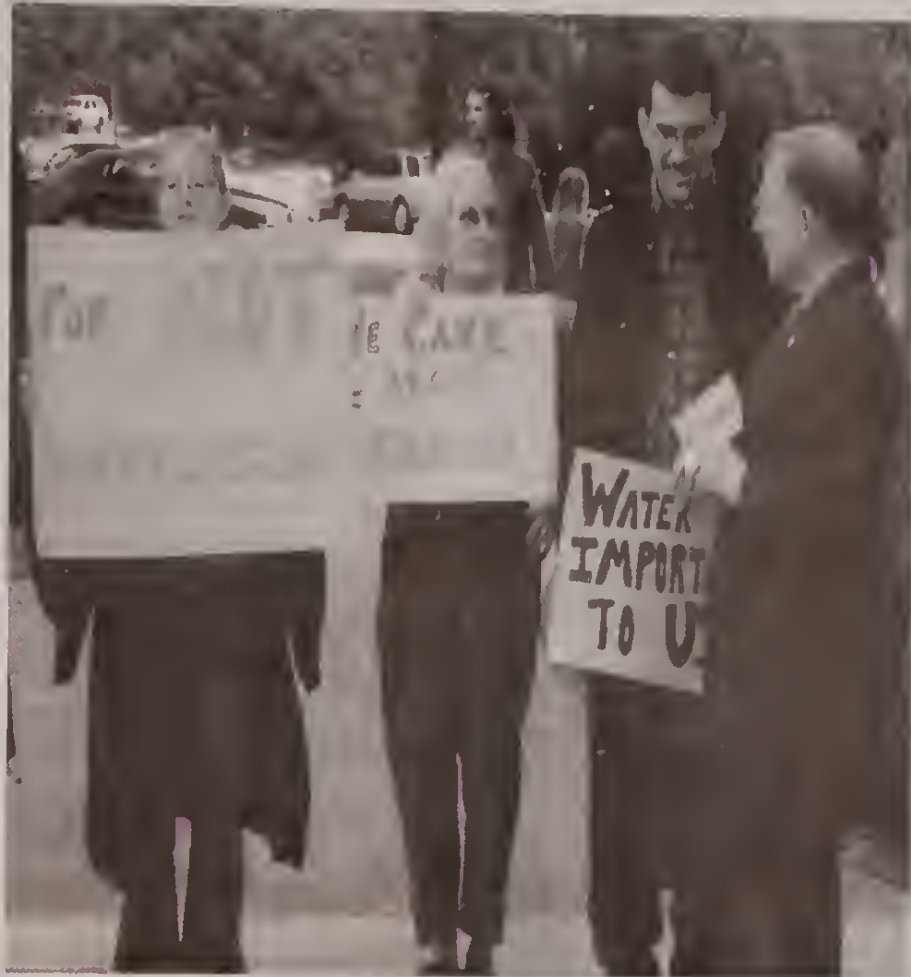
After much debate and activism among Sewanee students, including a silent protest, the Regents of the University decided during their October meeting to halt the development plans of Lake Dimmick in order to conduct more research and study.

According to a document obtained by the Purple, "no development will proceed at this time."

The first of three points outlined in the document said, "The University will participate with the Sewanee Utility District to engage in a full hydrological study to consider the impact of all known potential developments in the Sewanee Utility District (and off the Domain)." The second point of the document explained that "the property and finance committee will continue to address, in an expanded scope, related environmental concerns, impacted wildlife flora, and economic and community issues." And the final point of the document said that "Alternatives will be considered which will permit the University to fulfill the wishes of the donor of the Day property (Lake Dimmick), namely to fund a program to reward excellence in teaching."

Controversy has surrounded the plans for development of the land donated to the University for just that purpose. Opinions surrounding the development vary.

One student in favor of the development said, "People at the University are really stuck in their ways. If the rest of the United States had the no-growth mentality that Sewanee has,



Members of the Silent Protest

we'd have a stagnant economy."

Another pro-development student said, "I have a feeling that a few students at Sewanee have lake houses. How do they think theirs got there? How is this any different?"

"Members of the non-University community support the development of Lake Dimmick. Think about all

the jobs that will surface. We need the work and we want the business. And it won't be a one-time thing. Those homes will need upkeep, they'll need groceries—they'll bring more money to our local economy," said another student in favor of the development.

"There is nothing wrong with progress. There's nothing wrong with

development, if it's done tastefully, which it will be," said one student.

"It will really help the economics of Sewanee and Monteagle, and it will create more jobs for the local people. It'll bring more money to the area and support the local businesses," said a pro-development student.

Likewise, the anti-development students have strong opinions. "The best-case scenario is not so great, and the worst case scenario is pretty bad".

"It's a foolish and greedy way for the University to make money. When it comes down to it, all they want is to increase the endowment. I think there's better ways to do it than destroying our forests and knocking down our acreage to 9,000 acres," said an anti-development student.

Another student said, "Why develop the land on Lake Dimmick as opposed to someplace that we don't have to destroy a lake? The view? It's an important ecosystem for wildlife and scenic reasons. But it also provides our water."

One student claims to use the area for recreation: "I want to be able to go swimming and fishing and canoeing out there; and I want to enjoy the lake as it is. I love Lake Dimmick. Save it."

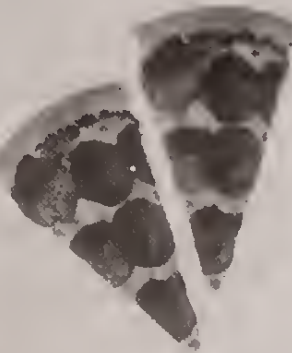
While students have a multitude of opinions on the issue, the anti-development voice seems to have achieved a small victory in that the development is suspended for the time being.

The Crust

By Jacob Moore

Since the closing of the Q, a pall of pizzalessness fell over the campus. Where would we find our delicious cheese-and-topping-covered food stuffs to satisfy the subliminally established desire to emulate the Ninja Turtles? Out of the pizzaless dark, a hero arose: The Crust.

"We thought about calling the place Cheesus Crust, but thought that might be more appropriate for a T-shirt," explained part owner Susan Paden. She, along with Greg Beairsto and Jeff Brakebill have formed a trio of hunger-destruction that is proving to be deliciously effective. Having opened Lupi's Pizza in Chattanooga about ten years ago, Greg brought his pizza-making know-how to the operation. Susan, a folk artist, brought the atmosphere and sense of hospitality that is so crucial to their work. Lastly, Jeff, also owner of Aretha Frankenstein in North Chattanooga, brought his graphic abilities to the place, helping to create the distinctive style of The Crust,



with its retro posters on the walls and screenshots from Saturday morning cartoons on the tables.

"Jeff also had the best credit," joked Greg. The place would have opened up sooner, had Aretha Frankenstein not burned down three weeks after they signed the lease. "It really slowed us down, getting everything together, but I think it turned out to be a blessing, because opening in the year really let us get to know the student body as we opened," said Susan. As is so often the case with a local store, the owners have noticed to their delight a great mix of student and local involvement, from the courteous employees to the swarms of hungry customers.

Comfort is crucial for the customers and employees alike, as Greg and Susan stressed that their formula for success was great atmosphere, great food and great service. One happy employee praised his bosses, "On the first day of

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Rugby Fever: A New Sewanee Tradition

By Jacob Lewin and Ashley Logdson

Another Homecoming weekend has come to the University, bringing with it that undeniable sense of festivity that somehow seems to shine through the wintry winds and grey-clouded skies, illuminating this tropical weekend oasis amidst the frigid tundra of midterms and research papers. Just the thought of "Fall Party" evokes Bacchic images of pimps'n hoes cavorting with drunken alumni at the traditional frat-lawn red-eyes, the smell of roasting pig mingling enticingly with other psychoactive odors in the crisp autumn air (for those in doubt, roast-pig-smell is definitely psychoactive). Atop it all, Led Zeppelin and Grateful Dead covers blast from stages in every corner of the campus, setting arms to swaying and feet to shuffling. Yes, these are all the customary symptoms of a campus consumed with Fall Party Fever.

This Homecoming weekend, however, on the opposite side of campus from traditional football game and the herds of alumni, bounded by woods and framed by two towering silver goalposts, a slightly different crowd will be gathering for Sewanee Rugby's match against MTSU.



In this arena, the game flows continuously from the field to the fans and back to the field again: the action occurs on eye level, barely three feet from the flimsy rope line separating the student body from the pitch. Forty minutes one way, a five minute break, and then forty minutes the other way: no waiting for huddles, time-outs, "special teams" or pre-game announcements, just rugby, pure and simple.

This comparatively recent Sewanee tradition has been going on for decades, rarely garnering much attention from the majority of the school. As a club sport, the team doesn't receive lockers in Fowler for its members,

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work, Greg talked to all of us and told us that he was just a pizza-maker and Susan was just a waitress. I've never been so comfortable in a kitchen around my employers ever before." Their signature thin crusts are designed to give as much emphasis as possible to their made-from-scratch sauces and home-grown herbs.

Even the architecture has a home-made feel, probably because they built much of the furnishings themselves. "We put a lot of work into this place, we didn't really have the funds to hire a contractor," said Greg. With benches and lights salvaged from old Chattanooga businesses, Greg and Jeff built the huge wooden bar themselves, and meticulously adorned

the walls and ceiling of the men's room with bottle caps. The women's room is even more elaborately furnished, with a French-inspired motif, more indication of the owners' dedication to a happy customer experience.

Ok, so the big question that everyone wants to know: will they deliver? According to Greg, they want to prioritize getting all the kinks worked out of their new business before adding that feature, but it's not entirely ruled out, and customers do have the carry-out option. Having only been opened for a couple weeks, The Crust is seeing a lot of business, and the owners are excited to be the new addition to the Sewanee community.

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laundry service for back-to-back games, or coach buses for long away trips. What's more, the team cannot even engage in the under-handed recruiting common to D-III varsity sports programs; most players join as freshmen with no playing experience.

As recently as three years ago, when the team's current seniors were freshmen, the showing for a typical practice was around eight people (fifteen are needed for a full side). For games, it was considered a good turnout if anyone other than the players' relatives showed up to watch. That spring ('04), the team lost every game. The next fall was equally discouraging. In the spring of 2005, however, something changed; the Purple Haze had their first big season, advancing to the Mid-South Rugby quarterfinals in Athens, GA. Dubbed by rugby club alum Matt Farr (C'05) as the "Sewanee Rugby Revolution," the team started drawing

more interest from big-name programs like UGA, Vanderbilt, UT-Knoxville, and the Citadel. Since then, relying mostly on word-of-mouth, skillful play, and their own good looks, the team has managed to carve out an ever-growing niche within both Sewanee and Mid-South Rugby as a whole, drawing greater and greater numbers of both spectators and team members than ever before.

A variety of factors contributed to this remarkable turnaround in the team's fortunes, not the least of which is the continued tutelage of Coach Brian Stringer, a former high-level rugby player himself. By bringing his knowledge of the game (and British humor) to the team, Stringer has contributed enormously to the team's success.

Born in Torquay, England, Stringer has been playing first-class rugby "since [he] was ten years old," sharing

the pitch with some of the best players in England. He played while getting his Master of Arts in Sculpture from the Royal College of Arts; he played for London Clubs and then in Atlanta, Los Angeles and Houston before coming to Sewanee, "to give [his thirteen-year-old daughter] Zoey a better education at Saint Andrews, to get away from the city and to have a quieter life," Stringer said. But Stringer's life is not quite as quiet as he anticipated.

Upon his arrival to the Mountain, Stringer became good friends with the late Alan Greeter due to their common interest in rugby. Greeter loved the sport and was fascinated by Brian's experience with the game. Stringer recalled that "Greeter invited me to go to the rugby club's meeting to just listen and observe. So, I went with him, and as we walked in the room, the team captain turned in my direction with a big smile and said, 'We've got a coach!' I turned around to see who they were talking about, and there was no one else. I looked at Greeter, and he had a big smile on his face. He had already told the team that he'd found them a coach—and it was me".

That was the evening that Bryan Stringer, unwittingly, became the Sewanee Rugby coach. "I couldn't just say no," Stringer said. "I didn't really want to coach, but when you've got a room full of forty guys screaming 'we've got a coach', you can't really turn down the job".

The team, at that point, was hopeless. "We endured six games of horrendous losses before we won our first game against the Chattanooga Men's Club. Granted, they were undermanned—but a win was a win." The Purple Haze won four more games that season, but the team was mostly seniors, and, after they left in May, Stringer struggled for a year-and-a-half just trying to field a full side.

Coach Stringer also points to the 2004/2005 season as the turning point for the club: "The few dedicated [players] I had were finally joined by a number of enthusiastic freshman who really wanted to play and also make the game important to Sewanee." That year, they went to Tennessee Tech and played "in freezing conditions, with a field half full of water and ice," coming out on top. Western Kentucky was scheduled at home the next day, so Stringer had to stay up half the night washing shirts, socks and shorts (remember: no laundry service). Western Kentucky was a tough side (the reigning Mid-South champs), and things looked dismal as Sewanee trailed 10-3 halfway through the second half, but the Purple Haze came back to win 11-10.

In the spring of 2006 the Rugby team finally "brought home silverware," Stringer remarked. In American English, that means they got a trophy—and a second place title in the Mid-South regional championships, losing to the Citadel by only two points (22-20).

This season Stringer reports that "membership of the club is so strong that we are able to field two very competent sides. We've even been

able to establish a B team development program, which further underscores the popularity of the Rugby program at Sewanee." Refugees from other Sewanee (varsity) sports like football, soccer, track, swimming, and baseball now play important positions and provide crucial depth on the roster. Freshmen, propelled by a curiosity in this alternatively brutal and beautiful sport, continue to sign up in droves and come out to practice hoping for a spot on the "A" squad. Stringer said, "I owe as much to [the players] as they do to me. I have such a wonderful group of young men with a great sense of purpose and team spirit. They work hard in practice, and are very focused on the championship this year. I'm just the conductor. I try to help the players to understand the game of rugby and I teach them to be imaginative and how to make the right decisions at the right time—but during a match, they decide on the plays."

Creativity and improvisation are essential when you're being bum-rushed by fifteen other guys intent on smothering you as fast as possible. Should you pass? It can't be forward. Kick? Run? Is there support? Should you take the tackle? Keep your feet and drive? All these options flash through your head in a heartbeat: a single breast-thump that seems to take hours. There is nothing in rugby that is comparable to route-running in football; nobody tells you where to go, you just have to know and go there...immediately... without hesitation. And if you screw up and get tackled (although the two may not be synonymous all the time), you have to bounce right back up again and go about fixing your mistake. Also immediately. Also without hesitation.

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Rugby is fluid and constantly shifting. In order to play, or even to watch appreciably, one must be willing to use his/her mind. This aspect of rugby seems to be the most crucial in understanding its popularity at a place like Sewanee. We don't go to class, write papers, take midterms or study hard for nothing; nor is it solely so that we can get a good job and make some money after graduation. Sewanee students, after a full week of mental calisthenics, still find themselves discussing high-handed political theory at a frat party, getting a band together and playing a weekend gig, or quoting William Blake in reference to weekend debaucheries. These things are part of our wonderful traditions, bound up in our school the same as the Highlander/Wellingtons and the OG. So, this Saturday, put on your kilts, your capes, your overalls, flannels, North Faces, boat shoes, banjos, or yes, even your gowns if you so desire, and stroll down to the IM field across from Trez at around 2:30 and catch a different kind of fever. The rugby kind.

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The Facts:

Information Concerning the Development at Lake Dimmick

AN ANALYSIS OF THE DOLAN, POLLAK, AND SCHRAM

PHASE III DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

*Prepared by Robin Gottfried, Jon Evans, and Ken Smith
for the Natural Resources Advisory Committee (NRAC)*

Our analysis suggests that the Plan presented by DPS is flawed in several major ways. The DPS Plan looks like a risky and uncertain means to raise funds for the construction of a new Sewanee Inn and Conference Center, beginning a Conservation Fund, and establishing the Clarence Day Fund. Other colleges and universities like Sewanee typically have chosen more tried and true routes to raise funds for amenities and construction projects like these.

Based on our analysis of the DPS Plan, this faculty committee (appointed by the NRAC) believes that the true value of the Lake Dimmick water supply and Jackson/Dimmick watershed needs to be explored. We see these investigations as both urgent and vital to the long-term interests of Sewanee. We also see an opportunity in the use of Lake Dimmick and the watershed for developing creative interdisciplinary teaching programs that can attract funding and new students. This committee believes that such conservative and protective actions on the part of the

University will generate more funds for the Clarence Day Trust at much lower risk than the DPS Plan and enhance Sewanee's reputation and competitive position with other private liberal arts colleges. We believe that this more conservative approach is both fitting and proper given the missions of the University, the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Theology.

*The following resolution was passed by the Order of Gownsmen
unanimously on March 8, 2006.*

A Resolution Concerning Development at Lake Dimmick - Haley M. Merrill (approved)

WHEREAS the University of the South has hired the development firm Dollan, Pollak & Schram (DPS) to conduct a land use feasibility study of the Lake Dimmick tract on the Domain, and

WHEREAS the mission of the University of the South is to prepare students "to search for truth, seek justice for all, [and to] preserve liberty under law," and

WHEREAS the University maintains its historic affiliation with the Episcopal Church, which "is dedicated to the increase of knowledge, understanding, and wisdom" and which allows "students [and faculty, staff, alumni, and residents of Sewanee] to live with grace, integrity, and a reverent concern for the world," and

WHEREAS the 2003 Management Plan from the Office of Domain Management specifically recommends that the reservoir of Lake Dimmick, which serves the University as a backup water source, be protected "from housing developments or any other activities that might endanger the sources of drinking water," and

WHEREAS Lake Dimmick is a local hub of biodiversity for rare plants and animals and provides the Domain with a wetland laboratory and a major recreational amenity,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the development of the Domain, specifically the Lake Dimmick area, is in keeping with neither the mission of the University nor the best interest of the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and members of the Sewanee community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Order of Gownsmen recommends that the Board of Regents suspend all work by DPS related to a "active-lifestyle-type" residential development, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Order of Gownsmen recommends that the Board of Regents immediately cease any consideration of commercial or residential development on the Lake Dimmick tract.



2003 Management Plan

Beyond Sewanee's Central Campus: A Ten-Year Strategic Plan for the Domain Prepared By: Office of Domain Management Joseph Burckle, Domain Manager Ken Smith, University Forester

Lake Dimmick is the third lake in this series of water supply lakes. It was constructed in 1971, and was originally named Day Lake for Clarence Day who donated much of the land around the lake. Since the development of this system of reservoirs that provide Sewanee with a secure water supply, a water shortage due to drought that required pumping water from Lake Dimmick has only occurred once. This took place in 1987, the driest year on record...with only 42.8 inches of rainfall. Rainfalls of less than 45 inches have only occurred twice since records were kept beginning in 1957, and annual rainfall totals of less than 50 inches have only occurred four times. This suggests that Lake Dimmick is important to the overall water security of the University, but that pumping water from this lake will only be required every 10 to 20 years under current levels of water usage and historical levels of rainfall.

Significant growth of the university or the Sewanee Utility District could change these conditions and make use of Lake Jackson and Lake Dimmick for water a regular occurrence.

The final watershed is that of Lake Dimmick. As mentioned above, this lake has only been used once for water supply, however, the likelihood of relying on this lake in the future is high, especially given the growth of the water district. Preserving this land is desirable not only for the aesthetics, but also in terms of preserving Sewanee's rich biological and cultural heritage. This also helps maintain valuable teaching and research areas, something that puts Sewanee ahead of many of its competitors in terms of environmental studies and sciences.

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OG Proposes Professors Add a Clause Encouraging Wearing Gown to Class

By Zach Gerth

President Eric Wilson and the administration of the Order of the Gownsmen have submitted to the Deans a proposal to survey professors about how they feel regarding gownsmen in their gowns and students in formal class dress. The object of this survey is to determine whether teacher's look favorably upon Gownsmen, or those wearing a tie and blazer. If the survey indicates that professors hold Gownsmen and well attired students in higher esteem, the Order will propose that professors add a clause to their syllabi encouraging gownsmen to wear their gowns, and other students to dress accordingly.

"We live in a world where there is a prejudice by teachers of someone in a suit over someone in a shirt."

Eric Wilson, President of the Order, says "We live in a world where there is a prejudice by teachers of someone in a suit over someone in a shirt." Other reasons for this motion deal with the Order's responsibilities within the school. The Order is required by its charter to help maintain the traditions of the University. The gowns are a long standing tradition of Sewanee, helping to distinguish it from similar Universities, and the Order, citing recent drop-offs in gown-wearing Gownsmen amongst the 486 members, hopes to rectify this problem. Although Gownsmen are supposed to wear their gowns and teachers are supposed to encourage students to dress in a shirt and tie, the Order hopes that by adding these dress requirements to the syllabi, these encouragements will "take on more teeth."

(See page 9 for a letter written by Eric Wilson on this issue)

STUDENT MAKES FIRST SOLO FLIGHT

By Rebecca Gibson



Merrill Stewart is seemingly giddy after his first solo flight.

Merrill Stewart made his first solo flight in an airplane from Winchester municipal airport on Saturday the 7th of October. Stewart has been taking lessons from Certified Flight Instructor Rebecca Gibson at the Sewanee/Franklin Co. Airport since January. Says Stewart, "It was one of the most incredible feelings I've had while here at Sewanee. I was really nervous right up to the moment I took control. From that point on, for some reason, I felt totally fine. I realized that I was the only one flying this airplane and being nervous wouldn't do me any good, so I simply did what I had been taught and everything just sort of fell into place. It wasn't until I got back on the ground

for the final time that I realized what I had done and I started to swell up with pride and satisfaction that I had gotten that far." Stewart is a Senior at the University of the South from

Birmingham, AL majoring in Art with intentions to go to medical school after a few years out of college. He plans on continuing his flight training while a student here, hopefully attaining his private license by the first of next year and then onto instrument certification in the Spring. He hopes to continue flying privately after leaving Sewanee, and maybe make it part of his medical career. In addition to flying planes, Merrill is the President of the Sigma Nu fraternity, on the discipline council, senior interviewer with admissions office, and in the Order of the Gownsmen for three years. Wherever he lands after leaving the mountain, KUOS at Sewanee will always be his favorite runway.

University Announcements

INSTALLATION OF UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN

Your presence is requested on All Saints' Day at a Festival Eucharist celebrating our Patronal Feast Day and the Installation of Thomas E. Macfie, Jr. As University Chaplain for The University of the South Wednesday, November 1, 2006 4:30 p.m. All Saints' Chapel. Reception following in Convocation Hall

MUSIC AT STIRLINGS THIS WEEKEND

Friday, Oct 27, 9:00 - 11:00 PM: Acoustic rock and blues with SANDY GREGG CONNOLLY C'86. Known as "The Tune Chic", this alumni performance is a great alternative to the typical Sewanee scene.

Saturday, Oct 28, 8:00 - 9:30 PM: Live music with MICHAEL JARRETT C'95. Check out some early music & then call it a night - or fill those evening hours with music in a relaxing setting before moving on to something else... either way, you're sure to enjoy Michael's guitar & voice!

*live music brought to you by the Alumni House

MOUNTAIN GOAT SOLICITING SUBMISSIONS

The Mountain Goat, Sewanee's biannual student-run literary magazine, is currently accepting submissions for its Advent 2006 issue. We are looking for poetry and short fiction, as well as photography or photographs of larger pieces for the art section. We welcome submissions from students, faculty, staff and members of the Sewanee community.

The deadline for submissions has been extended until November 7th. Please SPO all writing submissions to Charlotte Seaman-Huynh (executive editor); art submissions may be SPOed to either Charlotte or Katie Volz (art editor).

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A Mountain Goat staff meeting/info session will be held Thursday, November 2nd (location and time TBA). Please email Charlotte Seaman-Huynh at cseaman@sewanee.edu if you are interested in attending.

Aiken Taylor Internship at the Sewanee Review

Do you find yourself correcting signs on the roadside?

Do the misused possessive apostrophe and the much-abused quotation marks for "irony" really get you steamed?

Most important, are you a senior interested in how great writing reaches the people?

If so, the Aiken Taylor Internship might be for you. This postgraduate internship at the *Sewanee Review* will be an exceptional opportunity for a student from the University of the South to gain invaluable experience through assisting the editor and managing editor at all levels of editing and production of the nation's oldest continuously published literary quarterly. If you are a senior, not only interested in learning the art and business of literary publishing, but also in staying in Sewanee for one more year, please go to TigerNet to read more about the Aiken Taylor Internship and to fill out the application form.

Deadline for application: November 1, 2006

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Athletes of the Issue: Mary Hankin & Tab Wood

By Cory Woodworth

Mary Hankin: Soccer

The Sewanee Women's Soccer team beat Agnes Scott on Saturday 4-0. Mary Hankin (Canandaigua, NY) started off the Tiger scoring with a sixth minute goal. Hankin then went on to have 2 assists in the game.



1. How long have you been playing soccer?

"I've been playing since I was 5--16 years.

2. What has been your most memorable moment about soccer?

"My most memorable moment was one of my most embarrassing moments. It was last year at home and I fell on my back right in front of the fans.

Someone kicked up a ball and it started coming down for my head. I look like a scared cockroach flipped on its back."

3. What is your favorite thing about Sewanee Soccer?

"Getting to know a group of great girls and guys so well. We all love to play and have a great time together."

4. What is your least favorite thing about Sewanee Soccer?

"That Austin College just joined our Conference."

5. What is the coolest name of a team you played for when you were young? "The Smerfs."

6. How often a week do you practice and work out for soccer?

"Normally 6 days a week including games."

7. What do you like to do in your free time?

"Watch Two-a-Days, have waterballoon fights, play outside."

"I'd like to give a shout out to Coach Bootz and Coach Large-toe!"

Tab Wood: Soccer

The Sewanee Men's Soccer team grabbed their second win this weekend in a very physical game against Rust College, with a score of 1-0. Tab Wood (Richmond, VA) scored the only goal on the day with a first-half



score.

"Thank you, thank you so much, first and foremost I've gotta thank God, through Him all things are possible...I want to thank my parents for putting me here...I want to thank my brother for always playing outside with me in the yard...I want to thank Abby for being my rock...I want to thank Old Spice Deodorant for making a stick that lets me play without inhibition due to stench...Most of all I want to thank my fans..."

1. How long have you been playing soccer?

"I don't know, since whatever age that kids traditionally start playing sports. When can a child run and play sports?? Interesting to think about..."

2. What has been your most memorable moment about soccer?

"Losing in the State semifinals my senior year in high school. It sucked. But it is also funny how one tends to remember only the times that suck because if one is good he does not remember the times that are good because he always thinks there will be more."

3. What is your favorite thing about Sewanee Soccer?

"The routine 4 day road trips (i.e. during Fall Break) that force players to write term papers on the bus, move mid-terms up/back, miss classes, and arrive home at 2 in the morning only to have to go to class the next morning at 8, which almost without fail leads to a sub-par 1st semester GPA."

4. What is your least favorite thing about Sewanee Soccer?

"Our 2-10-2 record."

5. What is the coolest name of a team you played for when you were young?

"The stinging homets."

6. How often a week do you practice and work out for soccer?

"6 days."

7. What do you like to do in your free time?

"Sleep."

"I would like to give a thanks to my parents who have come to almost every Sewanee Soccer game since I have been on the team."

The Athletes of the Issue are chosen by Sports Editor Cory Woodworth

Theology Football Team

'getting ready to go Old Testament on the fraternities'

By Jason Shelby

For the last three years, the Sewanee Theologs' Football team has had one goal in mind: to win a game. Not counting the three wins due to forfeit in the '04 season, the Theologs have yet to win a game, though they have come close several times. As one player said, "What we lack in physical ability, we make up for in spirit." Never were truer words spoken.

Before and after each game, the Theologs pray, but so far their prayers for a win have gone unanswered. Perhaps the Holy Spirit is a frat boy at heart, or perhaps it would take the prayers of Moses himself to garner a win for the always underdog Theologs, but they are hopeful nonetheless.

Team captain and quarterback Will McQueen said this, "Our first year was a building year. It was mostly T'07 out there on the field, and that's how it's been since then, for the most part. Last year we were plagued with injuries. Nearly all the players we picked up from T'08 suffered season ending injuries, which really brought the morale of the team down. But this year we really know ourselves. We picked up some good players from T'09, and we have our secret weapon in Andrew Fraser, who was out the last two seasons with injuries."

Secret weapon indeed. In his last appearance on the field, Fraser scored three touchdowns, running for an estimated 250 yards. And in what has become Theolog legend, last year Fraser caught his own fifty yard pass for a glorious touchdown.

When defensive powerhouse Joseph Smith was asked why the Theologs had not won a game yet, he said, "We're old and fat."

But the times they are a changin'. This year the median age on the Theologs squad has dropped from 43 to 32, a gain of eleven years. In every appearance this year the Theologs have scored at least two touchdowns, a feat unmatched in the last two years. The seniors on the squad are focused on a win, and quarterback McQueen, with his always present playbook, says he might just have the plays to bring them that win. "I don't want to give anything away, but let's just say that we're getting ready to go Old Testament on the fraternities. The time for being nice is over...Papa needs a win!"

Indeed, Papa does need a win. This year's starting lineup includes: Will McQueen, Joseph Smith, Andrew Fraser, Ann Fraser, Ken Saunders, Jason Shelby, Matt Wise, Victor Hailey, Wil Keith, Michael Caldwell, Robert



The School of Theology's prayers for a win in football have been unanswered so far. "I don't want to give anything away, but let's just say that we're getting ready to go Old Testament on the fraternities. The time for being nice is over."

Professor Wentz recollects student Meacham upon Promotion to Editor of Newsweek

By Alex Pappas

Religion Professor Herbert Wentz sat in his chair in front of my Old Testament class in Guerry and told his students one of his most memorable stories about Sewanee alum and regent, Jon Meacham (C'91). He told the class the story in response to my request for an interview with him upon Meacham's, one of his most cherished students, promotion to editor of *Newsweek* in October.

Wentz told the story of Meacham, who told his fifth grade teacher, "Why would I want to read the Chronicles of Narnia, when I could read John Dean's memoir?". John Dean is of course the man made famous during the Nixon Watergate scandal.

Professor Wentz continued by telling the class about how as a young boy, Meacham worked tirelessly for Reagan's presidential campaign, to the point of being invited to Reagan's 1980 inauguration. Professor Wentz smiled as he told the stories, telling his class about the childhood passion of a boy who would become the editor of *Newsweek*, covering the nation's most important political stories (including the scandal of our generation- the Clinton/Monica Lewinsky affair).

Wentz recollected back to Meacham's days as a student, where Meacham first had Wentz for the required Introduction to Religion course. After having Meacham in class and realizing his great intellectual capabilities, Wentz became a great mentor to Meacham by serving as the professor for his one-

on-one Oxford-like tutorials for three semesters in Religion.

Through these one-on-one tutorials, Wentz and Meacham became great friends. "We became very close," Wentz said. Today, Wentz and Meacham still keep in touch. Wentz is the godfather of Meacham's child, and is even listed under Meacham's Wikipedia.com biography as an influential mentor.

Signs of Wentz and Meacham's relationship are visible in his office. As Wentz talked about Meacham's work at the Washington Post, he held up a letter opener lying on his desk with the words "Washington Post" printed on it, a trinket Meacham gave him during his tenure at the Post.

Wentz applauded his former student who, according to a September 5th *Newsweek* online posting stated that "Meacham will have responsibility for all day-to-day editorial operations of *Newsweek* and Newsweek.com and will work with [the *Newsweek* chairman] on the long-range editorial direction of the magazine."

Listening to Wentz recollect about Meacham should make all Sewanee students proud that they go to a University where their professors not only serve as teachers, but also as mentors and caring friends. The Wentz/Meacham relationship is evident of that great pillar of a Sewanee education.

Alum incorporates Sewanee into Fiction

By Alex Pappas

Imagine driving down the road to the cross on a foggy Sewanee night. As a result of the blinding fog, it takes a moment to realize that the large white blur in front of you is actually the illuminated cross, overlooking the mountains of the Cumberland Plateau. No, this is not just any night at The University of the South. It happens to be the setting for a chapter in a book of fiction described by one reviewer as "John Grisham meets C.S. Lewis."

This piece of fiction, the *Soulbane Stratagem*, is the work of Sewanee alum Norman Jetmundsen, who has combined his personal experiences as a student of both Sewanee and Oxford (and as a reader of C.S. Lewis) into a fast paced novel.

Jetmundsen introduces the reader to an American student named Cade Bryson, who is doing graduate work at Magdalen College at Oxford. Perhaps Jetmundsen modeled Cade after some Sewanee students he knew during his education or even himself: Cade is well versed in English literature, played lacrosse in college, and enjoys a good conversation over a pitcher of beer with his buddies.

As an intellectual, both he and his pub friends dismiss Christianity as another religious myth. However, Cade's life turns upside down one night in an Oxford library, when he happens upon a set of letters that appear to be between two devils. Along with the help of a college friend

and an English vicar, Cade realizes that the letters are strikingly similar to former Oxford professor C.S. Lewis' work, *the Screwtape Letters* (the controversial compilation of the correspondence between two devils that gave insight into Christianity through their conversations on how to infiltrate society with evil).

The letters lead Cade on a page turning quest around the world, even bringing the reader to Sewanee, where the traditions of the school add to the developing plot. One such Sewanee tradition is seen through Jetmundsen's writing: "We drove up a winding mountain road, as the trees put on a spectacular display of autumn color. Just as our car passed between two tall, stone columns marking the entrance to the University, Elizabeth put her index finger to the roof of the car."

Jetmundsen's book would be of particular interest to Sewanee students who have studied at Oxford, participated in the British and European Studies program, or those who enjoy C.S. Lewis. Along with reading about familiar places, the reader may also gain a religious insight to the world we live in.

A must read for all connected to the Sewanee family, the *Soulbane Stratagem* will both intrigue and enlighten the reader. It is available in Dupont Library and in most online bookstores.

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Fact or Fiction: Gowns, Big Brother, Video Cameras, and a Dancing Dean

By Whitney Lehr Ray

Lets face it - we go to a freakishly small school in the middle of nowhere. Hence, we all know everything about this tiny world we live in...or we think we do. The purpose of this column is to clear up a few of the common rumors around campus. No, not Billy Bob and Susie Q getting it on at Viking Saturday night, but things that actually affect our lives here. The following is a list of rumors along with the facts that either prove or disprove them.

Rumor #1: Eric Wilson, President of the Order of the Gownsmen, is on a power trip and is trying to totally get ride of gowns! If he can't get rid of all of them, he wants to at least take them away from leaders around campus like Proctors and the Honor Council.

FICTION: Eric does not want to take gowns away from anyone! He loves the tradition but believes it is fading away. He pointed out that from an admissions standpoint the tradition is deceptive because there are 486 gownsmen and on a good day about

30 people actually wear their gowns. Eric further explained that most people don't wear their gown because no one else does, which is a cycle that needs to be broken. He thinks if people think it's a worthwhile tradition we should start wearing our gowns, otherwise he could see why people would want to give up the tradition. However, he is still taking no action to get rid of them.

Rumor #2: Sewanee will soon become the next Big Brother with surveillance cameras at every entrance to dorms. The police will watch out for outsiders and keep an eye on all students living on campus. Students will need to censor what they say near to doors to avoid incriminating themselves as well as follow all policies more strictly to avoid getting in trouble for having open containers among other illegal substances.

FICTION: The idea of video cameras at doors is under consideration but only for security purposes. These

would be motion-activated DVR cameras focused on who is going in and out of the buildings. With this kind of technology we could have caught the "Sewanee Creeper" more quickly. Also, police could safely let students in the dorms who have forgotten their keys by checking the video with their ID picture. This technology would not be used watch students constantly and in turn write up those who are breaking the rules, but instead as a means to easily track strangers lurking around the campus or find those who have vandalized the property. If you have any suggestions or thoughts about this please contact Katie Steele. Keep in mind this is merely being discussed and the school would like feedback from students about how we feel.

Rumor #3: Prior to becoming Sewanee's Dean of Students, Eric Hartman was a professional singer and dancer.

Fact: His talents helped him advise Perpetual Motion last year, which

drama and summer stock show while at The University of New Mexico. He was first hired as a singer, and when one of the dancers became injured they asked him to learn the part. From that point on he kept dancing. He had a passion for ballet mostly. He danced throughout college in a variety of University ensembles and in two professional companies, the New Mexico Ballet and the New Mexico Umbrella Company. His wife and his two children are also avid dancers. Hartman was the Advisor of Perpetual Motion last year, following Phoebe Pearigen, the founder of Perpetual Motion. Hartman had tentative plans to choreograph a piece for the show last year and who knows, maybe we'll see him dance this year! Lastly, Hartman stated, "one important side note: No one should mistake being paid to perform as having too strong a correlation to having exceptional talent."

Kyle Kaiser '07 Becomes First Recipient of the Pearigen Award for Commitment to Community

By: Dean Katie Steele

The Pearigen Award for Commitment to Community was created in the fall of 2006 to recognize outstanding student contributions to the Sewanee community. It is named for Robert Wesley Pearigen '76, currently associate professor of Political Science and Vice President for University Relations, and the former dean of students. After graduating from Sewanee and earning a Ph.D. from Duke University, "Dean P" returned to the Mountain in 1986 to serve as Dean of men. In 1994, he was named Dean of students and served the students, faculty, and staff in that capacity until July 2005.

As Dean, he believed strongly in the concept of community, and his goal was for each student to "find their place" here on the mountain. Pearigen spent the majority of his time, whether in the classroom or in one-on-one conversations, engaging with students and challenging them to make Sewanee a stronger community. He was particularly committed to the ideals of scholarship, integrity, leadership, and civic responsibility and he approached each student with care, concern, and respect. The relationships that Pearigen built with students are indeed his most significant contribution to our community. Other highlights of his contributions include the creation of the Student Life Cabinet, the development of the

Career Services staff and facility, the building of McClurg Dining Hall, the expansion of housing facilities for sororities, the fraternity restoration project, a new facility for the University Counseling Center, and the building of Humphreys Hall. His commitment to the Sewanee community continues today and is now carried forward by

the positive contributions made by the recipients of this award.

The Pearigen Award for Commitment to Community will be given monthly to an undergraduate student in the College. The idea of this award is to recognize a student for their contributions to the community, whether behind-the-scenes, in a leadership capacity, in or outside of the classroom. Mostly, it is designed to give regular recognition to amazing Sewanee students.

Below are some guidelines to consider when recommending a student for this award:

- There is no minimum GPA to receive the award
- Nominations can be submitted by any faculty, staff or student
- 3-4 prizes will be awarded per semester
- An individual student may only receive one award per year

The award will consist of the following:

- Lunch with Dr. Robert Pearigen
- An award certificate
- Recognition in the Sewanee Purple

Members of the Student Life Cabinet will choose the award recipients each month. All student nominees will receive a letter indicating that they were nominated for the Pearigen Award. To nominate a student, please visit <http://www.sewanee.edu/pearigenaward>.

For his work as the PRE Orientation Intern, Kyle Jackson Kaiser '07 is the first recipient of the new Pearigen Award for Commitment to Community. Please join me in thanking Kyle for his efforts to organize and lead a successful



PRE experience for 167 new students and for the 75 leaders who helped to make this program possible. A Senior, Natural Resources major from San Antonio, Texas, Kyle has been involved with many aspects of campus life. He has been particularly active with the Sewanee Outing Program, spread his enthusiasm for the outdoors by leading countless trips, served as the caving director, the co-leader of a

snowshoeing trip to Colorado, and has been a three-year member of the PRE staff. In addition, Kyle has studied Theater and Art in London, has been a resident of the EcoHouse, a participant on the Costa Rica spring break outreach trip, a member of the cast of Dark of the Moon, and has biked the MS 150 twice! Kyle has also recently given the Stephen Elliott Puckette Award. Congratulations Kyle!

News in Brief

Seagal breaks neck, world record

World renowned martial artist/actor/musician/sex symbol Steven Seagal recently broke the 7,320th neck of his career in his highly acclaimed hit mini-series "Man on the Run." The breaking of that neck (using the traditional 'praying mantis of death' approach) has thrust Seagal into the history books past rival martial artist Jean Claude Van Damme. Van Damme has held the record since his appearance in Bloodsport 10: Arkansas Mob, in which he broke an all time high 158 necks (and brought his total up to 7,329). Seagal has starred in over 23 million movies, and, when asked how he was going to celebrate this milestone, he promptly ripped out the interning reporter's trachea.

'Increasing number of leaves on grounds suggests inevitable War' says conspiracy theorist

Conspiracy theorist Tad Dixon has noticed a horrifying new trend that *leaves* him with only one conclusion: the leaves that are falling off of the trees as we speak are forming some kind of ruthless leaf-army that is going to try to take over the greater Sewanee community. Having spent the last three or four years formulating this theory, he explained, "When leaves are in the trees, they are virtually harmless. Attached to limbs, they are imprisoned by their host tree. However, during the last few weeks, I have noticed a HUGE increase in the number of leaves that are now on the ground, and therefore potentially mobile. I see this sudden increase in mobile leaves as a deliberate

clue that war will soon be upon us. At this point, the leaves outnumber us nearly 50:1, and in order for us to put up a good fight, we'll have to find some way to decrease their numbers." When introduced to this theory, local yardman Lamer 'Mar' Butler replied, "I got a damn solution for that wacko, I'll rake 'em all into a pile and burn the **** out of 'em. I'd like to see them try to start a war when they're burning in a pile of 4,000 of their leaf brethren." Dixon remains concerned.

Roommate's interest in heavy metal beginning to raise concerns

Junior William Pryor is beginning to become concerned about his roommate's interest in heavy metal music. Pryor said, "I mean, he plays that crap all day long. It sounds to me like a bunch of angry kids that hate their parents yelling into a microphone and thrashing on instruments. I just don't get it. It's starting to freak me out, not to mention the fact that he put his Slayer poster right over my Horse Whisperer poster." Pryor's roommate Matt 'Shady' Brady would not discuss Pryor's concerns, although he did mention that Pryor "is about as cool as a box of ****." He said, "So what if I love rocking out to the killer jams of Pantera and Slayer. It's better than that Bob Seger crap he listens to. Seger can go to hell." Brady then turned on his stereo and, looking around, grabbed Pryor's "#1 Nephew" coffee mug and threw it against the wall, shattering it to pieces all over his Bee Gees poster.

Rust Goalie calls defender bad name, gets uninvited to his birthday party

Saturday afternoon at the soccer game, the Rust team quit with 20 minutes left in the second half. The problems started when the Goalkeeper, forced to make a save after an error by a defender, called his defender a naughty word. In the scuffle that followed, the goalie was uninvited to the defender's upcoming birthday party, and the whole team walked off the field, leaving Sewanee with its second win, and the first win in SCAC history caused by someone being uninvited to a birthday party. Leading 1-0 at the time of the scuffle on a goal by Tab Wood, the Rust goalie commented that he 'didn't want to go to his [defender's] crappy birthday anyway.'

Drunken visionary proposes flex dollars for gasoline, Wal-Mart

Weekend visionary Ron Woodward has proposed, in his latest Saturday night knowledge-spitting session, that flex dollars be redeemable at the gas pump near the Chi-Psi Lodge, Wal-Mart, and Pearls. He exclaimed, after four hefty glasses of red wine, "I mean, come on man, think about it, we've got \$100 bucks for the pub. But I can't eat that many breakfast wraps. *What if*that money could be used at other places...like that gas station near Chi-Psi, and Wal-Mart, and Pearls. That'd be totally awesome dude. I could get stuff like gas, food, and sweet meals. I'm so going to talk to the VC on Monday. I think he'll listen to me. It's a logical argument dudes, ya'll know it." Later on in the night, Woodward suggested that senior apartments should be opened the upstairs of McClurg because 'that place would be nasty to party at!'



Figure 1: His seemingly kind nature is simply a front. Immediately after this picture was taken, Seagal broke the Panda's neck

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The Spirit of Sewanee Column

By Barlow Mann

Last issue a Union soldier praised the pristine beauty of our Domain. This issue, I present an excerpt from an essay in the 1913 Cap & Gown. In this piece, Dean Walter Hullahen captures the classic quality of collegiate life at Sewanee, and his description holds true today just as it did almost one hundred years ago. When I read this piece, I was startled by how similar its spirit and even language were to many late-night conversations I have had with friends singing praises of our institution:

"A comradeship exists in the Academic Department [i.e. Undergraduate College, as opposed

to School of Theology] which cannot be duplicated after one becomes the possessor of a sheep-skin. There matchless friendships are formed. It is there that the Academ learns to be the most admirable of men—'A good fellow.' Just what qualities constitute one is difficult to say; but genuineness is the keynote. That is the reason the good fellow is so appreciated. The Academ detests sham and is apt to becaustic until he is convinced of its absence. Once persuaded, his esteem is unmitigated.... His philosophy is Epicurean with a touch of the Stoic. He regards life as something with great possibilities for enjoyment."



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Theta Pi to Sponsor 5K "Turkey Trot"

By Whitney Lehr Ray

Theta Pi's service project for this semester will be a 5k run and 1 mile fun run, with all proceeds going to Blue Monarch. For those of you who



have not heard of Blue Monarch, it is a shelter for women and children who are suffering from emotional and physical abuse.

Since 2003, when the organization opened, it has treated 18 women and 28 kids. This shelter helps end the cycle of abuse by making these women self-sufficient. They do educational support, job training, counseling, etc.

The women go through this program for one year and have a large ceremony where they receive diplomas in the end. They are entirely dependent on outside donations to fund their program, which is why Theta Pi hopes to raise \$5000 or more as a gift to help these women. So please, join in on the fun and help support women in our community.

Here are the details:

When: November 18th

Where: 10am at the Theta Pi house

Who: Campus wide

How: Everyone will receive a registration form in the SPO.

Prices:

•\$18 to pre-register (by November 3) with a t-shirt included.

•\$11 to pre-register under age 13

•\$14 to register the day of the race regardless of age

For those who do not pre-register,



t-shirts will also be for sale the day of the race. There will be an awards ceremony following the run at 11:30 at the Theta Pi house. Contact President Lauren Palmore at x2966 (email

Palmo0@sewanee.edu) or Elizabeth Etherton at x2043 (etherton@sewanee.edu) with any questions.

Is Sewanee Crossing the Line Between Tradition and Stagnation?

By Ashley Logsdon

I overheard some students complaining about the possibility of the installation of a new cell phone tower. They were upset, because they said we didn't need the tower. Sewanee students don't use cell phones! The girls were worried it would disrupt our quiet, courteous community.

My first thought: are you kidding me?

Yes, we are not heavy users of cell phones here at Sewanee: the University of the South. We don't whip them out at a party, they're not ringing during class, nobody's sending texts during football games. But what if you have a lost out-of-town-guest? It's a pain in the butt when they don't have service and they can't find Quintard. And who wouldn't enjoy making a call home from their dorm room bed instead of having to go outside?

Now, I will be the first to judge those who don't understand cell phone etiquette. And back home, if somebody has a long, involved conversation when it's just the two of us at dinner, you bet I'll pitch a fit. But they're not on the phone because they had service and their phone automatically answered itself and latched to their ear—it's because they're just rude. And if it's an important call that they really need

to take—I'd probably understand.

So here's the point: I don't think exposing ourselves to the ugliness of cell phone service is going to change the way Sewanee students treat each other and interact as a community. And if it does, maybe we are giving ourselves a little too much credit. If we need to be cut off from our phones to be courteous to one another, isn't that just as bad? I'd almost prefer to let everybody have the option to be rude so I can better weed out the bad eggs.

Oh, and here's another thought: I bet *all the other people* who live here would probably appreciate the service. Cell phones are pretty necessary these days. They're also a safety precaution. Everybody knows that the primary reason people get their kids cell phones is safety.

But the problem here goes deeper than the cell phones. Sewanee sometimes has trouble distinguishing between the wonderful, special traditions we have here and the need for innovation. This is the greatest place in the world, but this is an institution responsible for educating future leaders. We need to be able to respect and value tradition, but we really need to look forward as well.

A Brief Op-ed Article on North Korea

By Harold J. Goldberg, Professor of History;
Chair, Asian Studies Program

The morning after the report of North Korea's recent nuclear test, I walked into class and asked my students what they thought. "That guy [Kim Jong Il] is crazy" was a common reaction. I asked what made him crazy and how everyone knew that he was. No answer. I asked if everyone who thinks differently than we do is crazy. Heads shook. One student volunteered: "maybe crazy like a fox." Got it!

Maybe it is ok to laugh at a foreign leader because he is short, wears funny glasses, and likes cartoons. It is quite

another to underestimate his craftiness (see fox above).

The last five years are a kind of blur for many of us. Which came first: nine-eleven or the Iraq war? When did North Korea and its weird leader (see above) get the bomb? And what about those crazy guys in Iran? Our government has done a good job of confusing us by conflating issues and slogans. Now we are paying the price, and it is going to be expensive

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Order of Gownsmen President's Letter to the Student Body

By Eric Wilson

When I was elected President of the Order of Gownsmen, I had no idea that I would become the chief gown evangelist. Nevertheless, I find myself pondering ways to spread the good news of gown wearing more effectively. I am even writing what seems to be the annual OG President's plea to gownsmen in *The Purple*.

Most people I talk to are surprised to learn that, at the beginning of the Advent semester, there were 487 gownsmen in the college. Although we don't have any numbers to support claims about gown wearing trends, casual observation would lead one to conclude that it would be unreasonably optimistic to suggest that even ten percent of gownsmen actually participate in the gown tradition on a regular basis.

I have grown accustomed to this unfortunate fact about Sewanee's most distinctive tradition, but I am, in all honesty, puzzled by the present situation. In September, at the University's Opening Convocation and Investiture of New Gownsmen, friends and families filled the chapel to capacity to celebrate the induction of the more than 170 new gownsmen. It would seem that the level of participation at the gowning ceremony indicates some interest in the gown tradition.

This interest in the gown tradition, however, has not translated into participation in the gown tradition during my time at Sewanee. As far as I can tell, I can only control my actions, and efforts to control other people's decisions have proved fruitless thus far. So I will continue to wear my gown, and the best that I can hope for is that my fellow gownsmen do the same.

At this time, I would like to extend my gratitude to those few, brave gownsmen who continue to wear their gowns on a regular basis. These bastions of tradition are rarely appreciated for all that they do. I know the Office of Communications and Ms. Hutchinson appreciate the photo ops.

The Order is currently taking steps to promote gown wearing amongst students. Included in the plan is a faculty survey about gowns, a request for encouragement of gowns in course syllabi, a gown loan program, and special "Gown Days." I am confident that these are steps in the right direction to resuscitate our ailing tradition that seems to be in a permanent vegetative state.

I am also confident that, despite all efforts by the Order, people will continue to make excuses about why they don't wear their gowns. From what I have gathered, the number one reason why gownsmen won't wear their gowns is that they don't want to be in the very small majority of gown wearers. Upon further query, most people say that they would wear their gowns more often if others did the same.

It doesn't take a logician to see the problem here. All we have to do is start tipping the proverbial dominoes and the vicious cycle of gown-phobia will be vanquished. I am reminded of my mother's warning about peer pressure, "If everyone jumped off of the Empire State Building, would you do it, too?" My response, which indicated my failure to grasp the advanced rhetoric employed by my mother, was that if everyone on the planet jumped off, by the time my turn came there would be a dog pile of people to cushion any fall I might have.

Ergo, I would like to encourage all of my fellow gownsmen to take the leap and start wearing the gown again. If it would help, we could even have a Gown Day for all of the gowns to come out of the closet. I hope to see you in your gown sometime soon.

Have an opinion?

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N.Korea cont'd

in money, lives, and sleepless nights. The Bush administration has made it difficult to sort through the rhetoric: terrorism, brutal dictators, weapons of mass destruction, axis of evil, which one is which, who hates us, and which one is trying to destroy us and in what order??!!

In September 2001, the United States was viciously attacked. Everyone agreed that the danger was Al Qaeda, led by Osama Bin Laden, who lived under the protection of the Taliban in Afghanistan. The issues seemed clear, and the mission of the American military, supported by a strong national consensus, also appeared obvious. International support was solidly behind the US.

Then everything got confusing. In January 2002, in his State of the Union address, George Bush named three countries as part of an axis of evil: Iraq, Iran, and North Korea. What about Afghanistan? A year later (March 2003) the US invaded Iraq.

This is where I tell my students: yes, you need to know the dates because chronology matters. You cannot understand the events unless you actually know the sequence itself.

First pretend you are the leader of North Korea or Iran. The president of the US labels Iraq a member of the axis of evil and then orders an invasion of that country without international or United Nations support. Iraq does not have nuclear weapons and cannot defend itself. The regime quickly crumbles.

Ruling elites in North Korea and Iran calculate that they could be next on the American invasion list. But if they can develop nuclear weapons fast enough, maybe they could use them as a threat (North Korea against Japan and Iran against Israel) to force the US to back down. They move quickly to acquire these weapons. For the US their nuclear programs are a reason for attacking them; for North Korea and Iran, obtaining the weapons is the only way to shield themselves against an American attack.

OK, let's go back:

One of the most closed societies on the planet, North Korea was governed from its founding until 1994 by Kim Il Sung. Kim Il Sung was a true believer in Stalinist-style communism, and he developed a strange and quirky ideology called "Juche." While the term means something like self-reliance, it has various submeanings in the areas of economic development and military defense. For our purposes, its military application is probably most significant. Here is what the official web site of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) says on the meaning of Juche (yes, I visited that site for this article and learned about all the pins I can order with the Dear Leader's image): "In the defense area the Juche Idea means Self-Defense, it is a basic point to warrant the protection of the country using an invincible military power that will protect the motherland and revolutionary achievements from the aggressive Yankee imperialism and

its servants."

Yankee imperialism is the US. So we are their axis of evil, only without the axis!

But I digress. Several American administrations, including Republicans (going back to Reagan and Bush the First) and Democratic (Clinton) were well aware that North Korea was difficult to deal with and might be interested in acquiring nuclear weapons. In all cases, American leaders treated North Korea carefully, without inflammatory accusations, but with a watchful eye always targeted on the Korean peninsula and with American troops strategically stationed. Reagan, Bush the Elder, and Clinton all seemed to understand that needlessly antagonizing North Korea might provide short-term political gain while bringing long-term problems.

An opportunity for American diplomacy opened in 1994. Kim Il Sung died, and he was replaced by his son, Kim Jong Il. Combined with the collapse of the Soviet Union just a few

"So we are their axis of evil, only without the axis!"

years earlier, the possibility existed (and signals from the North indicated) that North Korea might be seeking a way out of its international isolation in exchange for economic benefit. The Clinton administration took the opportunity to send a delegation led by former President Jimmy Carter, along with several Korean experts, to the North for talks. The results were positive and a Framework of Understanding between the US and the North was signed in October 1994. Briefly the deal included five points:

1. North Korea would freeze its existing nuclear program and agree to enhanced International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards
2. Both sides would cooperate to replace the North Korea's graphite-moderated reactors with light-water power plants.
3. Both countries would move toward full normalization of political and economic relations.
4. Both sides will work together for peace and security on a nuclear-free Korean peninsula.
5. And that both sides would work to strengthen the international nuclear non-proliferation regime.

While this agreement was not a perfect resolution to an international trouble spot, it contained the core elements for building trust (slowly) on both sides. Shortly after the agreement was signed, Kim Jong Il loosened trade restrictions with South Korea, and economic contacts gradually began to develop.

In January 1995, the American government responded to North Korea's decision to freeze its nuclear program and cooperate with verification efforts by easing economic sanctions against North Korea. The measures were small in terms of overall trade, but they again fit into the category of small steps toward confidence building.

Of course there were problems,

as the North was touchy about implementing the accords. But one basic point held through most of the 1990s: while North Korea often made relations difficult, it also generally responded to negotiations that treated the North as equal partners and also treated Kim Jong Il with respect. When the North refused South Korea's offer of light water model reactors, talks in 1995 that included American and North Korean representatives resolved the dispute. And so it went throughout the decade: North Korea was petulant but ultimately willing to compromise. After 1995, six more protocols were reached with the North, and most experts indicated that while the North did have uranium/plutonium, it had put its nuclear weapons program on the back burner.

The situation began to change in 2001. Bush the Second adopted a different approach from that of the Clinton administration. Bush refused to talk with countries he considered enemies of the US, and North Korea (as well as others) was on his list. Of course September 11, 2001 traumatized the US (for good reason) but also allowed Bush to create paranoia in the US that mirrored North Korea's distrust of the outside world. As indicated above, in January 2002, Bush Jr. labeled North Korea part of the "axis of evil," perhaps forgetting that Kim Jong Il (and Saddam Hussein) had nothing to do with 9/11.

But Bush got his wish. Like the Sorcerer's Apprentice who conjures up forces he cannot control, Bush's rhetoric, combined with the invasion of Iraq, put North Korea (and Iran as well) back on the path of acquiring nuclear weapons. How many Americans remember that prior to Bush's speech Iran actually had a moderate president

"In the defense area the Juche Idea means Self-Defense, it is a basic point to warrant the protection of the country using an invincible military power."
-DPRK Website.

(although his powers were constrained by the clergy), and that the current president of Iran was elected after Bush labeled that country as part of the axis. Anyway, the intransigence of the Bush administration clearly pushed these countries into more extreme positions. That is not to say that either North Korea or Iran was (is) easy to deal with, but diplomacy broke down as Bush pursued his aggressive agenda. North Korea feared an American attack and wanted nuclear weapons to prevent that possibility. While we may not intend to invade North Korea, for Kim Jong Il the evidence is not so clear. After all, the US invaded Iraq without direct provocation and based on false evidence.

In October 2002, North Korean officials acknowledged the existence of their clandestine program to enrich uranium for nuclear weapons. While this program started before the invasion of Iraq, it picked up speed after Bush's "axis" speech and during the run-up to the Iraq war. The North's nuclear program violated the framework of 1994, but from North Korea's view, it had few options that would restrain the US and force the US to treat the North as a power to be reckoned with.

Our options are now quite limited. We have put ourselves in the position of relying on China and Russia to pressure North Korea. These countries may or may not be very helpful (although they both have their own reasons for wanting to contain North Korea), but also important is the moral leverage we lose by depending on those regimes. Every time we ask China for a favor we have to back off our legitimate human rights issues concerning Chinese treatment of its own citizens. And we have to give Russia free reign in Chechnya because criticism might lessen Russia's willingness to cooperate with us in other areas. So our failed diplomacy comes with costs that make us dependent on repressive regimes.

We face a similar situation in regard to our dependence on Pakistan in the struggle against the Taliban, as Pakistan continues to play both sides (receiving aid from us and allowing the Taliban great latitude along the border). Further, Pakistan and North Korea have long shared nuclear information, creating an unholy alliance that we are forced to ignore because of our failed war in Afghanistan. Our failure to deal with North Korea ourselves has thus put us in a difficult situation throughout Asia. Where we go from here is uncertain. Our diplomatic record so far ranks between shabby and pathetic, and the question now is whether the situation has deteriorated beyond the point of diplomatic solutions.

So we can try to starve North Korea with sanctions. The population is already living on Spartan rations, and whatever we do to cut off trade will only squeeze the average person harder (you can be sure the elite will continue to feed itself). In the meantime, Iran is watching. If we can't stop North Korea from having a bomb, what will stop Iran (besides, if we accepted Pakistan's bomb, why is Iran different—many experts consider the Pakistan-India conflict just as dangerous, not to mention again the ties between Pakistan and the Taliban and Pakistan and North Korea). Is it complicated enough yet?

Kim Jong Il—crazy like a fox. He now has something to trade with us. He is now a player. We (even the Bush administration) can no longer ignore him. He got his way. And in the meantime we have so destabilized the Middle East by removing the one country (Iraq) that could provide some balance against Iran that we now face nuclear proliferation on several fronts at once. We just don't have enough National Guard soldiers to handle all of this ourselves! So diplomacy matters. But diplomacy is in the hands of the very people who got us into this mess. Sleep well!

JOIN THE MYRIAD THROGS OF SOUL-SEARCHERS AND ANCIENT SCRIBES AS WE AT THE PURPLE

Ask An Epic Poet

A Fruitful Discourse Between Samuel Marion Currin and Arthur Barlow Treadwell Mann, IV

SC: So, Mr. Mann, how are you today?

ABTM IV: The changing of the seasons and the termination of midterm examinations has ushered my spirits into a seemingly eternal state of awesome mirth and gaiety. Each morning Apollo's fiery chariot awakens me to joy as great as Ulysses must have felt when to Ionia and fair Penelope he did return.

SC: What does an average day in the epic life of Arthur Barlow TreadwellMann IV entail?

ABTM IV: From the Day of Rest until Apollo's chariot hath five times pierced the celestial firmament, one might find me delighting in the sublime verses of William Shakespeare or sifting through some Lucan. For physical improvement and gentlemanly

recreation, I prefer the beautiful game of football. And when time's slothful arm hath five days peeled back, and Aurora's harbinger hearkens on Friday morning fair, I traditionally engage in several days' revelry, quaffing from the finest cups late into the evening and wooing the ladies of the land.

SC: Isn't the domain beautiful?

ABTM IV: As our Indian summer wanes into Autumn proper and all the woods susurr as playful Zephyrus and Eurus fair scatter the grounds with golden and auburn leaflets, I cannot pass a moment without succumbing to the supreme beauty of our lands. The coarse but refined sandstone structures enhance the natural elegance of the place, and I suspect Venus herself did craft our handsome homestead.

SC: What is your favorite season up here? I personally love the Spring. What do you think?

ABTM IV: Indeed, lovely Spring does me well. I revel in the delicate rituals of rebirth and fertility, with all the maidens gravitating to the ancient Maypole, and my Calliope prospers, frolicking in the mountain springs and inspiring dulcet phrases in my eager mind. However, to the gay, concupiscent rites of spring I must prefer the crisp stillness of Autumn, whose cool days and tranquil beauty I esteem the greatest of times.

SC: Chocolate or Vanilla ice cream?

ABTM IV: These delicate flavorings titillate my astute palate equally, and I cannot be brought to choose one above the other. Like Frost's two fabled

paths, lying equally, these frozen creams always stop me in my tracks as I must decide which I shall take. I often rely on the cruel caprice of a coin, trusting in fate to deliver the most appropriate flavor.

SC: Thank you for your time and wisdom Arthur, and I hope your days are full of mirth.

ABTM IV: Samuel of the receding ringlets, you must know how much I esteem our philosophical exchanges. The sultans in Mongolia rejoice in our ramblings, sending fair tidings and antelope hides as tokens of their adoration. May our advices guide our colleagues through the mercurial fortunes of our ethereal world. I eagerly anticipate responding to your queries ever more. All the best, scribe.

Stop: It's Hammered Time

A Few Seniors Provide 50 Tips for Underclassmen to Most Fully Enjoy Fall Party Weekend

Humbly Compiled By Bacchus and his tricky son Comus



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1. Nothing beats a cold beer in a warm shower
2. Goody's and Alka Seltzer Morning Relief – do it
3. Bloody Mary's immediately after
4. Flows cure hangovers as well
5. Join the Bacchic Revelry and wave your thyrsis throughout the wilderness
6. Frat Goggles must be upright and in a locked position for the entirety of your flight
7. Keep on schedule for multivitamins, Metamucil – you will be rewarded Sunday
8. When under extreme duress, the human body can perform great feats of consumption
9. Avoid guns, save ice cold Colt .45
10. There are no Governor's at the Governor's Ball, just a bunch of hos and tricks
11. Your boyfriend/girlfriend/roommate will not forgive you. Your parents might.
12. That "beer before liquor" thing is a bunch of bull, drink up
13. It may not be spring, but fertility and rebirth are always in
14. Befriending alums yields top shelf liquor and delicious chicken fingers
15. Be sure to remind alumni of their impending mortality
16. Also remind them that no one does acid anymore, and they probably can't relate
17. Steer the conversation away from your hemorrhoids
18. Not everyone shares your prejudices
19. Remember – the smell of Scotch is essentially the smell of money
20. Highlanders, keep the kilt on for 48 hours
21. Don't wear underwear
22. Tabletopping happens
23. "Wait, how much did you say you've had to drink?" "... 'F' you"
24. Take that golf cart, you deserve it
25. Franklin County jail is half an hour away, so make sure to pee before you go
26. Parliaments are not just for smoking
27. A bird in the hand is better than two in the bush (no one likes bushes)
28. Write her name on your hand
29. Go to your room, it's too cold to do it in Abbo's Alley
30. Avoid that dude from the Britney Spears movie
31. Creepy is no longer the new sexy
32. If your hand is bigger than your face, you have cancer
33. Nick Rogers is partying harder than you
34. Dick Lodge is bigger than you
35. Rob Keith will win, don't try it
36. Don't pass out in Lynn Hutchison's yard
37. Don't pass out in a graveyard
38. Don't pass out because then you're probably not getting laid (unless he/she/it really loves you)
39. If you take your shoes off, you can't get drawn on. It's a gentleman's rule.
40. Inhibitions are for tools
41. Bacchus drivers love drunk naked idiots
42. Zack Leskosky is trying to hook up with you
43. So is Web Barr
44. The Women's Center does not sell women (and why the hell isn't there a Men's Center, dammit?)
45. Go to class Friday, you will know all the answers
46. Make sure that's pig in your mouth, not charcoal
47. Skinny Dip, and guys, embrace acorn penis
48. If you don't remember it, you don't have to explain yourself
49. Keep in mind that the class of '56 drank only PGA and Diesel (yeah, the fuel)
50. We're already too wasted to think of #50! WHOOOOOOOO!

BUT SERIOUSLY, FOLKS, WE AT THE SEWANEE PURPLE REMIND YOU TO ENJOY YOUR WEEKEND SAFELY. EAT THE STANDARD THREE MEALS PER DAY, KNOW YOUR LIMITS, AND FOR YOUR OWN SAKE DON'T DRIVE, EVEN IF YOU THINK YOU ARE OKAY. YOU PROBABLY AREN'T.

NB: The commentary expressed herein is in no way representative of the views of the Purple Staff, except for that last part.

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HOMECOMING WEEKEND—(Extreme left) Henry Arnold, Blue Key president, presents flowers to 1956 Homecoming Queen, Miss Nancy Cline, escorted by Mike Veal. In center of picture is runner-up, Miss Tanya Graef, escorted by John Wilkinson. (Next picture) Dick Hughes, representing S Club, presents cake to Clay Farnham, winner of the freshman cake race. (Center) AP-ROTC University Marching Band, conducted by Bill Hamilton, performs before game. (Extreme right) Parade Marshal Jack Talley caresses his gallant steed, Rusty.

THE STAFF OF THE SEWANEE PURPLE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ALL THE ALUMNI BACK ON THE MOUNTAIN FOR HOMECOMING!

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Sewanee football

by Katrina Nelson, sports editor

It's time to get dressed up in your best attire, wear a cape, find a date, grab your flask, because Sewanee football is about to begin. Sheer excitement is the source of motivation for this year's Tiger football, and they are out to excite Sewanee with wins—lots of them. How do we know? Because, contributing to the strength of last year, they have some fresh faces, both coaches and players.

Part of the Tigers' excitement is due to a complete re-organization of the team, starting from the top with the new head coach, John Windham. Windham brings Sewanee his playing experience as a four-year starter at Vanderbilt and coaching experience at Colorado College. Al

Logan, Darren Shuler, and Shap Boyd familiar names that Sewanee is proud to boast. But two that we have not heard are Mike Summers and Jay Davis, and we look forward to seeing their impact. These changes in coaching staff have altered the mood and make-up of the team. As offensive co-captain James Spriggs said, they have "changed the chemistry of the team, and rearranged things so that now we have an attitude that will work." Judging from the players on the team, Spriggs is right on target. Tiger football boasts several returning leaders, with Spriggs and Louie Caputo heading up the offense as co-captains, and Alex Hartz and Mike Fulkerson as co-captains on the defensive end. A few others to look for are Zsoft

Takaes, John Stroup, Joe Phifer, Jon Trussler, C.P. Paullus, Seth Pajcic, and Jeremy Whitman. Watch out for some fresh faces, too. Robert Holly, Jason Taylor, and Mike Burns are only a few of the new players padding up for the field. The combination of the new and old should make for a surpassing season. Come on Tigers, dazzle us with your stuff. Alex Hartz proves that he is ready to strut his stuff when he said, "We're looking forward to bringing some acknowledgment to Sewanee football." So, Sewanee, look forward to the next *Purple*, when you can get more feedback from the players and more info on the action, but most of all, look forward to September 12, when you can become a part of the excitement in the first showdown.

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Senior Susan Little was crowned Homecoming Queen at the half-time ceremonies of the Rose-Hulman game on November 1. Her escort was Fox Johnston of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Credit: Lyn Hutchinson

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