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The Christian Question

by Rasheid Light

"Ecce Quam Bonum... Behold how pleasant it is when brethren dwell in fellowship" (Psalm 133:21). This Latin phrase quoted by Vice Chancellor Williamson at the end of his campus wide talk on "Sewanee's Christian Identity and Future as an Episcopal University" last Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 in Convocation Hall indicates the recent open-ness and spirit of reflection overtaking the mountain. Since the death of our well-loved English professor, Dr. Ted Stirling, the Sewanee community has had time to reflect upon the value and meaning of its citizens. The Vice Chancellor ended his talk in a tone which was hopeful for the growth of the future. The talk was an introductory conversation beginning discussion on the future of Sewanee as an Episcopal University, to be followed by a week-long series of small discussion groups open to the campus. Most of the audience were students from the School of Theology and members of the faculty. There was also a small number of students and some administrative representatives.

When asked, "was the address publicized to students", Vice Chancellor Williamson replied, "an e-mail message was sent out to the campus and signs were put up." The question made me think: Would I have come to this talk if I were not there as a reporter? To be honest, I don't think so. Like many students, I don't think most issues pertaining to the church concern me. But, this is the problem!

it does! Too many students at Sewanee are unaware of the issues which are significant to the future of Sewanee. Why would Sewanee as an Episcopal University have any importance in the future?

Vice Chancellor Williamson sees Sewanee's Episcopal approach to education as a competitive advantage for the future. "Because we approach higher learning from a Christian context, we create an approach and justification for open-ness and the promotion of academic excellence." The University can also design ways to utilize resources and create opportunities for interaction in the community and other surrounding areas. The Vice Chancellor emphasized the importance of the School of Theology and the University Chaplaincy Outreach programs. Not only do the programs designed by the Seminary and Chaplaincy contribute to the community at large, but they also provide students with opportunities of fellowship and share their benevolence.

There were three discussion groups held last week while two sessions still remain. One of these discussion groups will be held Wednesday, February 15, and the other, next Wednesday, February 22. In addition to the discussion groups, the Vice Chancellor also said the University will invite some speakers during this semester and next semester who will lecture on issues concerning Christian Universities.

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Thirsty Theta Psi celebrate Shake Day. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson.

Sorority Rush

Separate but Equal?

by Mercedes McDunle

"Why isn't it more like the guys?" This is an often heard phrase at the return from Christmas Break, and now that all the festivities are over, the time has come to look at the system more closely. Although the Intersorority Council reviews the rules yearly, many people express dissatisfaction with the system. Do the women like the sorority rush system? Are the rules intended to torture the freshmen? Or has it been blown out of proportion?

The first issue that probably should be addressed is how the system currently works. The rush rules are evaluated and voted on yearly by the ISC. When we return from Winter Break the rules go into effect, and two weeks later the rushees attend House Visits and Return House. After Return House, each rushee fills out a bid card with her top choices for sororities, and the sororities make lists of their top choices for pledges. The ISC encourages the rushees to list all sororities that they are willing to receive a bid from. In bid sessions on the Saturday morning of Shakedown the matching occurs. To simplify this I'm creating a rushee named Mary Smith. Mary's name is called; all the sororities who have Mary down on their first choice list raise their hands. If Mary's first choice is one of these sororities then a match is made. If not, then Mary's name will continue to be called until her sorority of first choice has a full pledge class, then she is eligible to be matched with her second choice in the same manner. If Mary had only listed one sorority, then she would fall through. If Mary lists three sororities, and they all fill their pledge class before Mary's name comes up on their list, then Mary falls through. The sororities are limited by the ISC to give out only 30 bids, though the individual sororities may set lower bid limits if they desire to do so.

With 130 rushees all required to return house to at least three houses, some sororities will have over one hundred women return house. The sorority is then faced with the difficult task of determining which

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Shake, Rattle, and Snow

by Edward Flowers

The opening ceremonies, in the form of what seemed like 800 screaming banshees, began several minutes before the designated 2 o'clock "shaking". The term shaking seems quite appropriate since it describes the condition of the campus as it vibrated to the surrounding celebrations. The shuddering trees burred newly fallen snow in my direction as I pondered what fate might befall me on this infamous afternoon known as "Shake Day."

In the halls of men's dormitories all over campus the boys covered themselves in cologne and attention-grabbing fashions with hopes that Dame Fortune might grant a wish or two. In other areas of campus the sororities assigned each member her duties and reviewed their game plan for shielding this army of cheese. Amid all this commotion, the freshmen women sat impatiently in their designated prisons awaiting a bid card followed by unlimited revel.

The time eventually arrived for my comrades and me to venture out into this wilderness to the Fiji house, our first destination. The less than moderate temperatures limited the amount of outdoor activities and I felt pity for those houses where damage would be concentrated on the interior. Armed with only the barest necessities (all of which fit snugly into a small cooler) we waded through the melted snow to the center of the room. I immediately recognized the new pledges by their green jerseys and lack of motor skills. They engaged in the usual tribal dance of bouncing up and down with interlocked arms supporting each other. Even with these distractions

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The Sewanee Canoe Team will be beneficiaries of the new endowment for the SOP. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson.

Endowment Fund for SOP

by Cole Tufts

An endowment fund has been established in the name of Dr. Hugh Caldwell to help fund the Sewanee Outing Program. Caldwell, who died in late 1994, came to Sewanee with a degree in physics, a doctorate in philosophy, and a passion for the great outdoors. To honor and remember his love and knowledge of nature, close friends and students established an endowment in Caldwell's name to benefit the Sewanee Outing Program.

Dr. Caldwell founded the program, formerly called the Sewanee Ski and Outing Club (SSOC) in the early 1970s. His program mainly allowed students opportunities to ski, canoe, and rock climb. It was especially beneficial to women on the newly co-ed campus, for there were no sororities and campus en-

tertainment was not easily available at first.

Caldwell's program benefited all types of students. "That is why an endowment is appropriate," said Beeler Brush, director of The Campaign for Sewanee. "It benefits all students whereas a scholarship tends to aid only a selected few." The funds will probably go towards the purchase of new equipment and possibly the funding of some off-campus trips. However, according to Mr. Brush, one idea is to use a small sum of the money to renovate the old boathouse and dedicate it to Hugh Caldwell. Joel Welsh, director of the Outing Program, is pleased that the Program now has a "leg to stand on that it didn't have before."

For more information on how you can contribute to the Hugh Caldwell Endowment contact The Campaign for Sewanee office at 1-800-367-1179.

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Sewanee Shorts



Sewanee students spent another week shivering as temperatures stayed below freezing and snow and ice fell regularly every other evening. With more winter weather on the way, residents are advised to bundle up before going outside. It may be the University of the South, but the weather has been positively arctic in character. So wear your mufflers, Sewanee—and watch your step on the steps!

Purple Picks

"What to Do When There's Nothing to Do on the Domain"

February 23-27. Mardi Gras. Well it's time again to road trip with your friends, sleep on the floor of a hotel/dorm room, fight your way through the mob of cheeseballs on Bourbon Street, and hurl in a strange dark alley. Amazingly enough it's still a blast and you might get to catch beads from Harry Connick Jr.'s Bacchus parade. You have to go at least once if you haven't already made it an annual pilgrimage. New Orleans.

Weekend. The favorite of those who hate crowds and imports, this party weekend is quieter although still fun.

20-22 February. Sewanee Conference on Women. This conference is not only about successful women themselves (the theme is "Women United in Achievement") but hearing and learning about their roads to great accomplishments (worried about your future?). Helen Thomas, whose prestigious journalism career led her to be the only press correspondent on Nixon's historic trip to China, will speak on Monday at 4:30 in Convocation. Laura Pederson began at 18 in entry-level job on the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange and at 22 was a self-made millionaire (and retired at 24!). She will speak on Tuesday at 8:00 in Convocation. If you have any ambition or simply want to hear and see wonderfully intelligent women come and hear them talk.

February 14 and 15. The IMPACT of Quayle and Cuomo:

Two unre-elected politicians, Dan Quayle and Mario Cuomo, are speaking at Vanderbilt's IMPACT Symposium. Cuomo is on V-day (forget going to a nice restaurant!) and Dan will speak on the 15th. In the past IMPACT has hosted MLK, Bobby Kennedy, and George Bush. \$5 at TicketMaster!

17-18 February. Winter Party

Fraternity Pledges & Associates

Alpha Tau Omega

- Daniel Batts
- Scott Fosgate
- Ben Jennings
- John Ness

Chi Psi

- Ian Cross

Jonathan Glascock

- Andrew King
- Gavin Kohler
- Ronald Oman
- Billy Ray

Brian Spurlock

- Scott Womack

Kappa Alpha

- Bert Emerson
- Scott Matthews
- Campbell Walker
- Aaron White

Lambda Chi Alpha

- Jeff Hagler
- Jason Nail
- Thad Thompson
- Bru Wallace

Phi Delta Theta

- McCoy Darby
- Nate Harold
- Ryland Moore

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

- Joe Baker
- Ward Cole
- Ryan Epley

Sigma Nu

- Sam Backfield
- Jud McIntosh
- Sam Robbins

Sorority Pledges

Alpha Delta Theta

- Elizabeth Blanton
- Katherine Clemens
- Catherine Coleman
- Katie Creecy
- Mallory Dummit
- Catherine Evans
- Jan Garrison
- Madeline Johnson
- Carolina Lugo
- Sarah Martins
- Carrie Miller
- Cynthia Norman
- Wendy Orlow
- Clara Orner
- Amy Jo Perigo
- Emily Richardson
- Chandre Sergent

Ashley Stafford

- Tiffany Tani
- Sara Taylor
- Leigh Van Rij
- April Varn
- Lindsley Wellhorn
- Catherine Wiesener
- Lindsay Young

Alpha Tau Zeta

- Cathy White

Delta Alpha Phi

- Laura Elliot

Gamma Tau Upsilon

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- Kelly Grey
- Abigail Johnston
- Elizabeth Olson
- Kelly Ranke

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- Abby Blackwell
- Erwin Byrd
- Katherine Cameron
- Elizabeth Cunningham
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- Bessie Gant
- Sheridan Gilkerson
- Nicole Glover
- Leah Hegwood
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- Presh Killebrew
- Beeba Peek
- Mandy Peuler
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- Kate Roseman
- Chris Sloemaker
- Anne Spear
- Jennie Sutton
- Angela Ward
- Mary Welsh
- Stephanie Wenpe

Theta Kappa Phi

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- Lizzie Collier
- Susan Conner
- Liz Cook
- Molly DuBray
- Lacy Dunwoody
- Amy Fannon
- Liz Getten
- Christuane Ginther
- Charloite Gregory
- Katie Hines
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- Beverly Logan
- Jenny Long
- Alex MacKinley
- Claire Mealy
- Errett Neil
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- Jodi Pinch
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Tru Pressly

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- Kate Shealy
- Erin Simpson
- Annie Strickler
- Sloan Strong
- Hayes Swinney
- Sarah Wheelless
- Alana Williamson
- Elischia Williford

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- Karrie Burnham
- Hannah Calvert
- Leslie Green
- Mimi Hedgcock
- Ashley Johnson
- Jen Kirk
- Amanda Kuruc
- Megan Lomax
- Elizabeth Mayo
- Adrea Mondelli
- Michelle Nakutsuka
- Ashley Osburn
- Amanda Plauche
- Kellee Ryan
- Danielle Seliano
- Boo Shepard
- Shannon Smith
- Cole Tufts
- Wendy Watterson
- Louisa Weathers
- Martha Webb

Newly Elected to Omicron Delta Kappa

JUNIORS

- Lisa Ackerman
- Peter Dillon
- Kristine Erlewine
- Elizabeth Harris
- Kevin Hiers
- Catherine Rafferty
- Paul Randall
- Robert Rhoden
- Stowe Ruff
- Andria Warren
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New Committee Formed to Aid Second Semester Rush

by Julian Bibb

Second semester rush: three words which bring a frown to the members of many fraternities. The decision to drop first semester rush and move rush to the second semester in the 1996-1997 academic year met great opposition during its proposal, and members of the IFC are still growling along with most fraternity men. However, the decision has been made, prompted mostly by faculty and staff who think freshmen men would fare better academically without joining a fraternity and becoming involved in pledgship. Now the campus is waiting until 1997 when second semester rush becomes a reality.

The University, however, is not just sitting back and waiting for the unknown. Already a committee is being formed to investigate the effects of the new rush on our campus. I had the pleasure of speaking with Lisa Manley on the subject. The new committee is going to be composed of Dean Pearigen, Dean Guerry, Lisa Manley, about three faculty members, the IFC president, the ISC president, one representative from each fraternity/sorority, and perhaps a few alumni. The committee, Lisa Manley stressed, would be pro-Greek, and designed to study the "rippling effects" the change will have on the Sewanee campus.

Several aspects of Sewanee life will change with second semester rush, the most obvious being the freshman experience. Freshman men will now have complete freedom in their first semester on the mountain. They will not be subject to the confines of pledgship. With this free time, the freshmen might allegedly suffer from a lack of activities and possible

boredom. However, the Student Activities board has already begun planning special events to fill their time. Lisa Manley said that the board would probably pick up their programming and provide more revenue for such activities. In addition, she added that special attention would be paid to residential life and increasing the number of activities involving dorm staff.

Obviously, these types of activities would be available to freshmen women, as well. In fact, the overall effect of these changes would impact everyone, making new opportunities for every student a reality. The Outing Program will play a role in these activities, perhaps providing more trips or even receiving additional revenue to allow for more trips off the domain.

When discussing the possibility of fraternities having rush functions before the second semester, Lisa Manley noted that the sororities were allowed to host events designed to get to know the freshmen women, and that the fraternities would probably be allowed to have similar activities. In fact, the University might even provide certain funds to the fraternities for such activities.

Although the decision made to switch rush has upset many, the University is doing much to prepare for the change. The administration seems to be taking every facet of our school lives into account in reviewing our situation, a task Lisa Manley rather humorously termed both "big and broad." The quality of our student life as a whole looks as though it may be improved if the school remains serious about their desire to smooth over the ripples caused by this dramatic change.

New Study Abroad Program In Costa Rica

by Tania Samman
News Editor

Costa Rica. A country two-thirds the size of South Carolina, and home to about five percent of the known animal and plant species in the entire world. A place where alpine meadows, humid jungles, high mountain cloud forests, densely populated temperate zones, and dry tropical forests lie within hours of one another. Such a rich country is the perfect laboratory for a new interdisciplinary study-abroad program sponsored by the University. Following the belief that people learn most effectively by seeing what they study, Costa Rica is open to a maximum of fifteen students who wish to brave the austere conditions and study the complex relationship between managing resources and sustaining adequate living standards.

The program revolves around two main questions: the impact of humans on their natural environment, and the way these ecological impacts affect the long-term well-being of these people and their descendants. It provides participants with the opportunities to study tropical rain forest destruction and preservation in the forest itself while examining projects working to improve the lives of poor peasants while living in their communities. Up to 27 percent of the country is protected under an advanced system of national parks and reserves in the Third World. While gaining more and more reputation and admiration for its dedication to environmental protection, the country still displays social and economic

problems which may interest students of political science and economics.

Although translation will be provided, a knowledge in at least some Spanish is recommended. Accordingly, the first month of the course will be spent studying Spanish intensively at the Central American Institute for International Affairs in San Jose. Continual immersion in situations demanding listening and speaking skills will help to refine the participants' speaking skills. Students will receive four semester hours credit for this course.

The rest of the semester will be divided into three three-week segments located in very different ecosystems of Costa Rica. The dry lowlands of Guanacaste in the northwest are the location of a critical experiment in the regeneration of tropical dry forests. They are valuable in attempting to prove that wildlands preservation can contribute to the sustainable development of local peasant communities. Some time will be spent examining ecologically-sensitive commercial agriculture.

The mountain cloud forests of Monteverde will provide the opportunity to examine regional planning efforts and the benefits and costs of ecotourism. Time will be spent in field stations in adjacent valleys where important projects are underway to assist local peasant community efforts to improve living standards through more diversified and sustainable economic activities.

The last three weeks will be spent in an ecologically rich tropical lowlands and foothills of the southeastern Caribbean coast, where tourism is inducing fundamental changes in the

Meet Ken Haynes, the New Man on the Mountain

by Angela Ward

For those of you who have yet to hear the abundant exclamations of approval and praise about Sewanee's new English professor, meet Ken Haynes, a 28-year-old graduate student from Boston University who arrived in Sewanee two days before classes began to replace the late Dr. Ted Stirling. Dr. Haynes teaches an English 101 class, British Modern Poetry, and British Romanticism, and says that it is "great to teach small classes."

Dr. Haynes grew up in New Hampshire with a strong interest in science and studied physics at Cal Tech in Los Angeles. He then won a Watson Fellowship, which allowed him to study in Paris, Rome, and Berlin. When his fellowship money ran dry, Dr. Haynes, who had discovered a passion for classical literature, decided to pursue his graduate degree at Boston University. Dr. Haynes' studies have been concentrated "roughly in comparative literature." He confesses a deep interest in classical literature, and is fascinated by "how Greek and Roman myths take new meanings and new importance for different ages, different countries, and different times." He claims that he "always wanted to do physics," which he thought would enable him to do many things, but he realized that with a career in physics, he could only "do one thing over and over." Whereas in the humanities, where he found his calling, he says that one can "ideally move around in many different areas."

After living in so many big and bustling cities, Haynes admits that Sewanee is quite a change. "It takes some getting used to, after coming from a big city. I have to live in walking distance of everything since I don't have a car. I love to walk, but I can't walk anywhere without someone offering me a ride. Everyone is always offering to take me places." Dr. Haynes confesses that while he really likes life here on the Mountain, he would never have guessed that he'd end up here. He says, "It

traditional indigenous and African-Caribbean communities. Students will examine sustainable development projects, and the region serves as a valuable study of historical and contemporary roles of the multinational banana companies.

The program will conclude with several days of rest, relaxation, and reflection in the temperate mountains above San Jose. The cost for the semester, based upon airfare from New Orleans, is comparable to a semester taken at Sewanee.

Throughout the semester, students will have the opportunity to meet and discuss sustainable development issues with Costa Rican policy makers, academics, professionals, peasants, entrepreneurs, and many others. The program boasts total immersion in the lives of Costa Ricans for first hand experience on the effects of resource development on the people and the land. And in Costa Rica, these issues can be studied in an atmosphere of political stability, a societal commitment to a decent life for all of its citizens, and of civility and friendliness. For further information, contact Charles Brockett, Robin Gottfried or the Dean of the College.



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was the last thing I expected. I didn't know where it was. I would have never been able to find it on the map." Apparently, he couldn't find his way around when he arrived here either. When asked about his first impression of Sewanee, he exclaims, "Fog! I was completely lost when I arrived. It was impossible to get my bearings."

Nonetheless, he seems to have gotten on track. So far things have been going pretty well for Mr. Haynes. His students have nothing but positive things to say for him. According to Alice Grey Odom, a student in his 101 class, "He is a good teacher." Odom confesses that although his attendance policy is "a little cruel," he is nonetheless "funny" and "open for help." "He leaves a lot up to the student; he doesn't thrust his interpretation on you."

Boo Shepard, another student in Mr. Haynes' 101 class, agrees with Ms. Odom. "I like him. He's kind of laid back, and he's really open to discussion in class." Ms. Shepard says that his lectures are not very formal. "We sit in a circle, and he encourages lots of participation." According to Ms. Shepard, Dr. Haynes is "really interested in the way languages change over time. He's going to have us transcribe a passage from one of Shakespeare's plays into modern English."

Even students that aren't in his classes have good things to say about him. According to sophomore Dan Little, "He's cool." So what does the future hold for this bright and likable professor of English? Dr. Haynes seems a bit unsure. He says, however, "I do have a list of the next ten books I want to write." While Mr. Haynes is not positive about his plans for the future, he says he has a clearer picture of what he wants to do than where he wants to do it. "The job market is so bad, you might as well be doing what you want to do the most." Mr. Haynes certainly seems to be doing what he enjoys best, and doing a fine job of it, to hoot.

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Letters to the Editor

ECC Response

The Ethnic Crossroads Committee worked devotedly for several weeks planning and organizing the visit by Dr. Andrew Hacker. We asked him to speak in the hope that his speech would encourage serious discussion and debate through a healthy and necessary acknowledgment of the complexities and subtleties of racism. Unfortunately, Dr. Hacker has come and gone and much of Sewanee seems to have missed the point. This misunderstanding is perhaps best reflected in two articles which appeared in the January 31 edition of the Purple responding to Hacker's speech.

With relentless negativism and disturbing avoidance of the substance of Hacker's speech, these articles focused primarily on Hacker's method of presentation rather than on the content of his message. Both articles concentrated criticism on the weight Hacker gives to anecdotes while ignoring statistical evidence presented in the lecture and book (which apparently his detractors have yet to read). In fact, the Purple's front page article reduces the lecture to one anecdote about monetary compensation for a change of color: "He had some rather stunning anecdotes to back up his theories." The authors proceed without presenting any other evidence offered in the lecture, and in doing so, indicate a failure to understand the content of the speech.

Hacker's anecdotal evidence and statistical generalizations elucidate a type of racism more insidious than the overt prejudice of racial slurs and bad jokes. Dr. Hacker intentionally presents the subtleties and complexities of white racism as deliberate and obvious actions. This process is meant to bring into consciousness many covert and institutionalized

aspects of racism of which we are ignorant or unwilling to confront. Ironically, neither article in the Purple felt it necessary to present a minority student's perspective on the evening. Furthermore, neither author noted that the "heterogeneous" crowd of nearly 400 people was segregated along racial lines—a subtle irony of the evening that was obvious from the perspective of the podium.

Another editorial entitled "Serious Issues" claims that "all [Hacker's] evidence was anecdotal" and that he "lacked documentation." In an attempt to challenge Hacker's charge of institutional racism, this article argues against itself and serves as "documentation" of institutional racism. The History Department's hiring of a minority professor in the fall is indeed the first step of affirmative action initiatives undertaken to acquire minority faculty. The fact that this policy change comes only recently to Sewanee indicates that we have not taken these issues seriously enough. In fact, this professor will be the only African American on the faculty.

Hacker was hired to facilitate discussions about issues of race. As is evident by the monetary support from numerous sources, many groups and individuals believe this dialectic process to be valuable and necessary to arrive at racial understanding here at Sewanee. Although each article concluded the funds were poorly spent, the articles themselves represent part of the dialogue that ECC had hoped to generate. Their very existence, though critical, proves the effectiveness and poignancy of Hacker's visit.

Both articles unfortunately articulate an unrealistic, overly-simplistic expectation that Dr. Hacker would somehow provide a solution to centuries of inequality. This "luminary"

by Jonathan Melburg
Editor

The sight of a policeman lighting up a large bowl of marijuana at a dorm staff meeting last week was enough to set campus buzzing, which I'm sure was the idea. The catch-phrase of "zero tolerance" and the prospect of drug-sniffing dogs roaming the halls of the dormitories set more than a few students on edge. Why? Because, as the administration has correctly deduced, the use of pot and other illegal drugs is on the rise at Sewanee. Since the extinction of kegs, in fact, pot has become a new sort of 'common source'; one doesn't have to look very far at most room parties on campus these days to find an ample supply of the weed. At a recent meeting of Wilkins and University scholars, a poll showed that a fifth of the students attending had smoked pot, at Sewanee.

It is probably not in the institution's interest to be known as a 'pot school'; while the excessive and illegal abuse of alcohol by students and alumni has become venerated by time (and by William Faulkner) and accepted as a Sewanee tradition, the national rebound of pot as reflected first in the counterculture and now in the mainstream is something new. It's also something with rather undesirable social implications, especially to the University's rather conservative donor pool.

The purpose of this editorial, however, is not to extol the virtues of smoking marijuana versus alcohol abuse, although it is interesting to note that Sewanee tends to lose a student about every year or so to an alcohol-related accident while pot-related accidents are nearly nonexistent. I'd like to look a little further into a question raised by the Vice-Chancellor in his 1990 Convocation

should rightly feel skepticism towards the possibility of solution if peripheral issues surrounding covert racism are allowed to (mis)direct discussion. Hacker's message is that no progress can be made in the process of ethnic understanding unless the culture in power is willing to critically evaluate the inherently unequal institutions in this society. This process represents a challenge so complex that no one individual can perceive its enormity. The expectation of simple solutions will slow our progress even further. Indeed, Andrew Hacker began his speech by stating that "we all have stories to tell." The authors of the Purple article offer similar wisdom in asserting that "it is time for us to do the talking."

Kevin Hiers 'C96 and
Cotton Bryan 'C95

Hacker Speaks Truth

I would like to begin by thanking the Purple for covering the Andrew

In Loco Parentis

address: "What should be the college's stance toward the renewed calls for the University to become a new *in loco parentis* for our students?...Should an institution monitor an individual's outside-the-class activities if they impinge on the operations of the enterprise?"

Sewanee students enjoy a rather cushy situation currently, one that hardly resembles "the real world"—theft is uncommon, meals and rooms are paid for, and, for those who are fond of the fruit of the vine, underage alcohol consumption is practically smiled upon. In fact, drunk driving isn't even regarded as a very serious offense; those apprehended careening down University Avenue

not exactly desirable, one wonders what they were doing digging under the laundry. Living in the dorms also means mandatory adherence to the meal plan to the tune of about \$1000 a semester. Given these factors, is it odd that the number of students living off campus continues to rise each year? Off campus, kegs are legal, meals are cheaper, and what you keep in your room is your own business. The Deans, of course, are trying to discourage this sort of thing. This is not to suggest that they are engaged in some sort of Orwellian surveillance plot, but that keeping as many students as possible in University-owned housing is certainly more convenient in terms of

"What should be the college's stance toward the renewed calls for the University to become a new *in loco parentis* for our students?...Should an institution monitor an individual's outside-the-class activities if they impinge on the operations of the enterprise?"

under the influence can expect to receive a very stern wrist-slapping from the Dean, without the crime going down on their permanent record.

In matters of personal privacy, however, students are in a more uncomfortable position. When a student agrees to live in University-owned housing, he/she also agrees to allow the University to search his/her room for any reason deemed necessary. Apparently, they are quite willing to exercise this right. Most students will remember firemen storming the dorms looking for candles; apparently the AP's weren't to be trusted. Recently University personnel searching a student's room for knives discovered a hunting rifle *underneath a pile of dirty clothes*. Now, while firearms in a dorm are

keeping a watchful eye on their behavior. The old Hodgson Hall was closed because the administration felt uncomfortably removed from its residents; with no matron and its refuge for the more avant-garde students on campus it allowed, perhaps, a bit too much freedom.

If this is the University's idea of *in loco parentis*, it certainly is bizarre. These are strange parents who would deny their children the right to privacy while ignoring their flagrantly dangerous behavior. The administration should be above bending the laws to the social norms of the school's alumni and donors. What we keep in our rooms should be our own business. Drunk driving should merit an evening in the Franklin County Jail.

Hacker lecture sponsored by the Ethnic Crossroads Committee. After reading your front-page article, "Speaking Frankly", (January 31) I had a few thoughts I wanted to share.

Because we are divine creations, I believe in the perfectibility of humankind. I have learned that the process of self-improvement requires that we face truths that may not be pleasant. Failure to face the truth can be costly if the result is a failure to grow in knowledge and humility.

I would like to think that students who attended the lecture recognized that Dr. Hacker's remarks were not

devoid of truth. Among the things he suggested, it seems to me that it would be liberating for us all if we could leave our "old friends" (racism, sexism, and homophobia) behind. The process cannot begin until we are willing, truly, to be honest.

I would like to recognize the students on the Ethic Crossroads Committee for their excellent effort. We will work to help continue discussions around this and other topics.

Eric V. Benjamin
Director
Minority Student Affairs

Errata:

The letter entitled "Serious Issues..." run in the last issue of the Purple was written by Dr. Arthur Knoll. The Purple does not print unsigned letters.

In addition, Kevin West's article regarding the new Purple staff neglected to mention Freshman Wendy Watterson, business manager and work study student. Wendy puts in many long hours each week keeping the Purple in sound financial shape and the office in order; we wouldn't survive without her.

OPINION

You Won't Read This Column

by Walter Huhbell

I have been accused recently of being a muckraker, of being a bitter old senior who can't see all of the wonderful things about Sewanee because my mind is filled with visions of leaving for greener pastures in May. This may be the case. I am bitter about what I see as an administration that is more interested in increasing its bankroll than improving the quality of life for students in the here and now. There are many people at Sewanee, though, of whom I think very highly. They are working toward making Sewanee better, whether the administration likes it or not. I'd like to change the bitter focus of my article this week and give some of these people the credit they deserve. This isn't an effort to kiss up to anyone and I'm not a fraternity president anymore so kissing up wouldn't help anyone anyway. I just want to give credit where credit is due.

First off, there is Lisa Manley. Lisa has now been student activities director for two years. She was put into place during a time of great social unrest on campus and has done a remarkable job. She was given the task of coordinating a student activity program the same semester that kegs were

taken away. This was no small job. Whatever your opinion of the new alcohol policy, you must agree that for someone like Lisa to pilot the course of the future without kegs was a daunting task and she has performed meritoriously.

Next, we have Matt and Chapman Kern. This pair has always done a superior job coaching their respective sports. Soccer doesn't get much airplay in Sewanee, but we have a winning tradition and the Kerns are a big part of it. The big difference however, has been the reinvigoration of the intramural program under their watch. Perhaps only the seniors can remember the old days in IM's. There were no refs, schedules were poorly designed, facilities were horrible, and no one wanted to play. This year, with the Fowler center, IM's are better than ever. Games are matched fairly, with refs and equipment well supplied. Just take a look at the IM bulletin board outside the BC desk. We never had anything like that three years ago.

Finally, kudos go to Seth Eaker and the Food advisory committee. This group of students with Seth at their helm is making a legitimate effort at improving the quality of food at Sewanee. Unlike other groups, who sent threatening E-mails, or waste University time on trying to get a University sponsored

coffee house on campus, (something that would do nothing to alleviate the overcrowding in the dining halls, but would merely turn into a place where the wealthier class of students could sip coffee and desserts in privacy, while everyone else who can't afford it still suffers in the massive lines at Gailor and the BC.) (Anyone remember Caldwell's?)

The food advisory committee is trying to help. They got the yogurt machines fixed, a new toaster in Gailor, the stir fry table at the BC, cheese on the right side of the salad bar, closer to the Chili. It's the little things like this that make a difference. The group is also trying to find a legitimate solution to the overcrowding problem. Such as an inexpensive sandwich and salad place, or a snack bar at the Fowler center that is part of the meal plan. These are good ideas, not the coffee house dreams of a minority of students. Anyone can join the committee, the more the merrier I'm told. Meeting times are posted in the hulletin.

So hats off to these people and many more who are doing something for Sewanee. The endowment isn't the issue, the students are, everyone should remember that. Now Seth, how about those pitchers in the pub?

Close to the Finish

by Scott Evans

With only a week left in their season, the Sewanee Swimming Tigers are anxiously anticipating the Championship meet at DePauw University in Greencastle, IN. The long season is finally coming to a close for most in the much anticipated Championship meet, but there will be some members of the team to qualify for Women's and Men's National cuts. For those swimmers, the season will continue into the middle of March.

The Men's team finished with a 7-3 record. They defeated six teams, including Centre College, in the second part of the season, losing only to Trinity College by one point. Many pool records have been set since Christmas, three of which came in the Tigers' most recent meet against Centre. The 400 Medley Relay, consisting of Smith, Frazier, Vinton, and Lugar, finished off the dual meet season for the seniors with a great win. Freshman Brian Sparlock set, not only a new pool record, but a new school record in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:46.95. Another newcomer, John Cline, swam for the record in the 200 Individual Medley with a time of 2:03.93 and took first place in the 500 and the 1000 freestyle. Freshman Gregg Shepard took a first in the 100 freestyle, and Jason Smith readily defeated all competitors in the 200 backstroke. Freshman diver, Bill Baker, won the three meter diving event against Centre's best diver.

The Sewanee Women's team performed equally as well as the Men's team this year. Losing only to Grinnell and Trinity (by 3 points) after the break, the women finished

with a 6-4 record. Against Centre, there were five new pool records set and three new school records set. Caroline Powell swam an 11:44.19 in the 1000 freestyle to take home the pool record and a first. Caroline also swam on the record breaking 400 freestyle relay team (3:57.59) with captain Serena Vann, Errett Niel, and Robbie Spruill. Robbie had her own fame when she won the pool and the school record in both the 200 and the 500 freestyle. Nicole Noffsinger continued to break her own school record in the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:21.30. Freshman Anja Sammler took a first in the 100 breaststroke and Liz Greenfield brought it home in the 50 freestyle. Earlier in the season, Melissa Lykins established a new pool record in the 1650 freestyle; the relay team of Greenfield, Dimmitt, Noffsinger, and Powell set a new school record in the 400 Medley Relay and Greenfield, Dimmitt, Noffsinger, and Vann established a new school record in the 200 Medley Relay.

When Coach Max Obermiller was asked how he felt about his new team's successful year, he replied, "It's exciting to see the hard work paying off in all the personal best times that have been swum this season. We just keep swimming faster as our enthusiasm and belief in ourselves gets stronger. Before the season is over, the Men's and Women's teams may leave their mark as two of the best swimming teams we've ever had at Sewanee!" Coach Obermiller's words seem to tie the end of the season together. The team has worked hard, played hard, swum hard, and now the benefits are showing.



Both Men's and Women's teams are having outstanding seasons and breaking numerous records. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson.

VILLAGE VIGILANTE

NEWS BULLETIN!!!

DATLINE - UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH
By DIRECT ORDER OF THE "NEW"

ETHICS COMMITTEE (O.J. Simpson, Ted Kennedy, Saddam Hussein), FREEDOM OF SPEECH &

The following "secret memo" was found at the Sewanee Market as part of a series of postings by the self-proclaimed "Village Vigilante." It appears to have something to do with the editorial regarding confederate flags which appeared in the last issue of the Purple)

NEWS BULLETIN!!!

Dateline - University of the South
By direct order of the "new" ethics committee (O.J. Simpson, Ted Kennedy, Saddam Hussein), freedom of speech & expression is hereby declared illegal on the grounds of the University. All Sewanee residents will obey this rule or suffer the consequences. Failure to obey this law will result in the termination of your lease. Any questions or complaints should be directed to my Palace Headquarters!

Sammy "Der Führer"
Vice - Dictator

(Secret memo from Ethics Committee Chairman)
Courtesy of the Village Vigilante

Varsity Schedule

Date	Sport	Opponent (H/A)	Time
February 16-18	Swimming	L.A.S.D.I. (A)	11/6 est
February 17	W. Basketball	Trinity (H)	6:00
	M. Basketball	Trinity (H)	8:00
February 19	W. Basketball	Southwestern (H)	6:00
	M. Basketball	Southwestern (H)	8:00
February 22	W. Basketball	Emory (H)	1:00
	M. Basketball	Emory (H)	3:00
February 24	M. Tennis	Rhodes (H)	3:00
February 25	W. Basketball	Centre (A)	1:00 est
	M. Basketball	Univ. of N. Alab. (H)	2:00
February 27	M. Basketball	Centre (A)	3:00 est
	W. Tennis	U.A.B. Huntsville (H)	2:00
February 28	M. Tennis	Lee (H)	2:00

SPORTS

Men's Basketball Looks For Consistency

By Robbie Griffith
Sports Editor

With a roster of talented upperclassmen and a number of freshman contributors, it is no wonder that the men's basketball team looks to different leadership each night. The team has a number of people who can step it up on any given evening. The only problem is bringing it all together in the name of the 'W' in the win column. The Tigers still have not found that one missing ingredient.

Since the end of November, the men's team won one, lost one, won three, lost one, won two, lost two, and the trend has continued to the present. There has been no winning streak greater than three games since conference play began. Again, the answer lies in the youth of the team which will do nothing but work together and build a stronger program with each passing year; consistency will come.

If the Sewanee Tigers want to improve in the not-so-distant future they need to get all they can from Seniors Eric Ochel, Keith Minnifield, and Lee Willis and Junior Hunter

Connelly. Eric Ochel, Honorable Mention All-S.C.A.C. last season, currently leads the conference in points (18.2, career high 27 on 1/2/95) and free throw performance (86.1%) as of 1/29/95. Hunter Connelly is 11th in the S.C.A.C. in scoring (12.6), 8th in rebounding (5.6), and 4th in steals (2.0). Pete Dillon is 5th in the league in assists (4.0) and second in free throw performance (81.6%). What all this constant flow of various stats means is that Sewanee has a wonderful foundation on which to build a top team in the S.C.A.C. in the coming years. Time is on their side.

As of late Sewanee has beaten conference rival Hendrix (74-65) and lost to Millsaps and Oglethorpe (see scoreboard). Eric Ochel scored a double-double against Hendrix with 23 points and 12 rebounds. The end of the season brings intense conference play and the Juban Gymnasium will play host to a number of these vital games in the coming weeks: Trinity (2/17), Southwestern (2/19), and Emory (2/22). Come out and witness this transitional, yet very impressive, Sewanee basketball team this weekend.

Sewanee Standout: Robbie Spruill

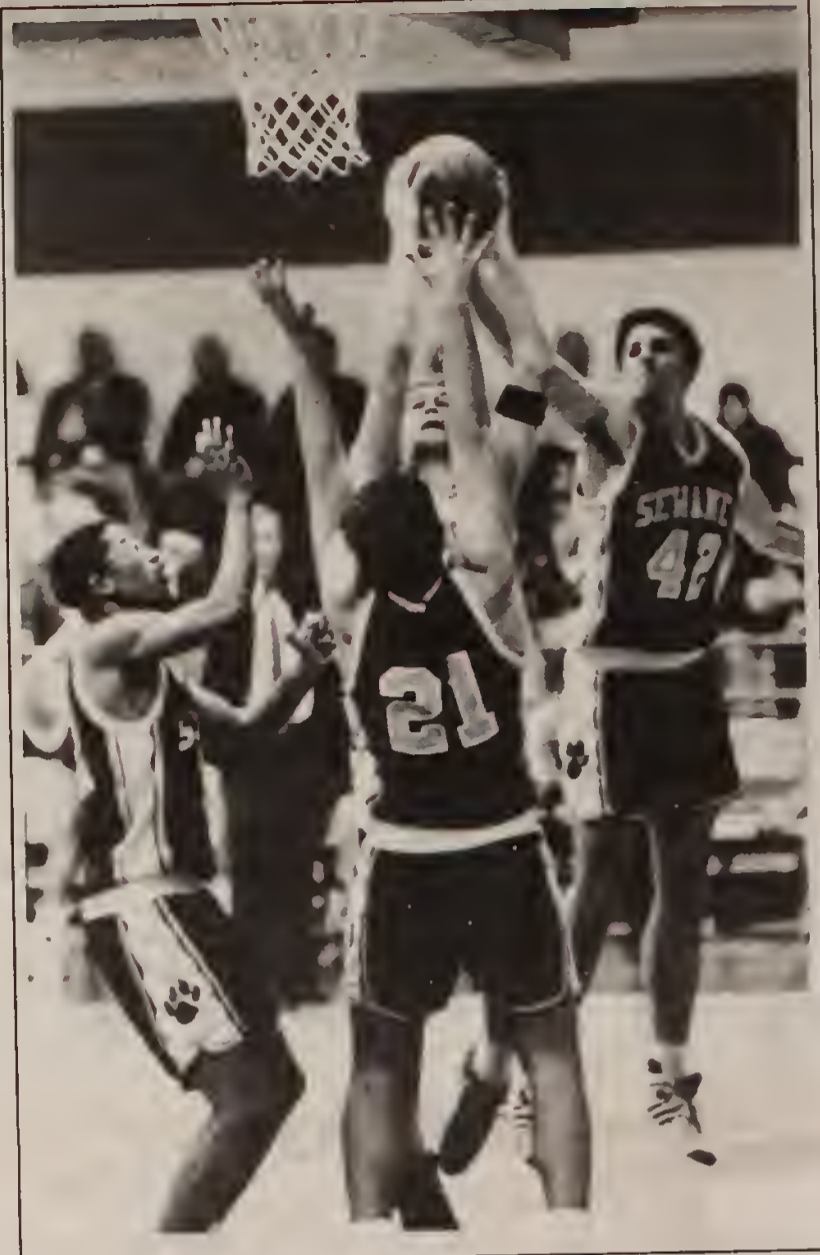
By Robbie Griffith
Sports Editor

With a season as good as the swimming teams are having this season, it is hard to single out any one individual who has gone above and beyond what is normally expected of him/her. The team has put together very impressive victories including a home victory over conference rival Centre, but one particular member of the women's team has demonstrated an outstanding ability in the water and that individual is sophomore, Robbie Spruill.

Robbie Spruill, who is relatively new to real competitive swimming, has come in as a dominant member of the impressive Lady Tiger squad. Robbie has already broken two records in the 200 free style and the 500 free style. The 200 freestyle record has already fallen

three times this season (all to Robbie). Her final record time stands at 2:03.28. Robbie also broke the 500 record with a time of 5:33.28 at the Centre meet this past weekend. The interesting thing is that her numbers don't even begin to tell the whole story.

Head Swim Coach Max Obermiller sees what he calls a "physical gift" in Robbie's in-water performances of the season as she "overcame her fear of success." Coach Obermiller likes to point out that Robbie has not even faced real competition up until this, her inaugural season, at Sewanee. Her previous experience was made up of mainly summer competition, but now she stands to improve on her already impressive track record. Coach Obermiller wouldn't be surprised to see five or six more records fall before the end of the season.



Sewanee Tigers look to shut down the competition off the triple team. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson.

I.M. Corner

Men's IM Basketball 'A' League Schedule

Sun. 2/19	Tues. 2/21	Mon. 2/27
6 A ATO-A vs. KA Gold	7 A Bus Dri. vs. KA Gold	7 A ATO-A vs. Bus Drivers
6 C Bus Drivers vs. Phi Blue	7 C SN-A vs. Chooths	7 C Theologs vs. KA Gold
7 A SN-A vs. Staff	8 A Theologs vs. Phi Blue	8 A KA Crimson vs. Chooths
7 C Theologs vs. KA Crim.	8 C KA Crimson vs. Staff	8 C Staff vs. Phi Blue
Chooths -> Bye	ATO -> Bye	SN-A -> Bye

Men's IM Basketball 'B' League - Western Division

Wed. 2/15	Mon. 2/20	Thurs. 2/23
8 C DTD vs. Sabotage	7 A SAE vs. Sabotage	7 A DTD vs. SAE
9 A SAE vs. KA PPJ	7 C DKE vs. Phi Scrub	7 C Sabotage vs. SN-B
9 C SN-B vs. DKE	8 A SN-B vs. KA PPJ	8 A KA PPJ vs. Phi Scrub
Phi Scrub -> Bye	DTD -> Bye	DKE -> Bye

Men's IM Basketball 'B' League - Eastern Division

Wed. 2/15	Mon. 2/20	Thurs. 2/23
7 A ATO-B vs. Ball Hawgs	8 C FIJI vs. Ball Hawgs	8 C ATO-B vs. FIJI
7 C FIJI vs. LXA	9 A Phi Exp. vs. CP Gold	9 A KA Red vs. Ball Hawgs
8 A Phi Exp. vs. KA Red	9 C KA Red vs. LXA	9 C LXA vs. CP Gold
CP Gold -> Bye	ATO-B -> Bye	Phi Exp. -> Bye

* Note that the IM Ping Pong and 8-Ball Tournaments are in progress
* If you are interested in participating in the swim meet on Feb. 22 at 7:00, you must sign up by 4:00 on February 15th.
Questions? - IM Hotline #1730 or Matt Kern #1582



In her first series of Intercollegiate competition sophomore, Robbie Spruill has made a big impact on the team's overall performance. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson.

Kayak Rolling Sessions

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Tigers Remain Optimistic, Despite Frustrations

by Katrina Nelson

In late January and February, the long winter season tests one's strength and perseverance. While these difficult months are merely a topic of complaint for many disgruntled students, for others, January and February serve as the important and trying second half of the athletic season. Though suffering from several losses and frustrating injuries, the Lady Tigers remain optimistic and continue to improve their overall game. In their late January contest with Rhodes, Sewanee challenged Rhodes during the opening minutes of play, however, the team went into half-time down sixteen points. Despite out-rebounding the Lynx in the absence of aggressive forward, Marla Marcum and shooter Kim Fauls, several players rose to the occasion. Janie Taylor chipped in seventeen points, including two three-pointers. In addition, Brandi Poole, with sixteen boards, helped the Tigers to out-rebound the Lynx. Despite these attempts, Rhodes went back to Memphis with a 83-47 victory.

At the outset of the February 1st game at Millsaps, a similar situation appeared to be taking place. The first half concluded disheartedly for Sewanee with a score of 55-20. However, when they returned to the courts after half-time things began to change. Shots began to fall, adding to game totals of 23 and

22 for Brandi Poole and Kim Fauls, respectively. Millsaps only outscored Sewanee by four points in the second half (as compared to the first half differential of thirty-five) to lead the Jackson, Mississippi team to a 103-63 win.

Sewanee next traveled to Georgia to confront Oglethorpe. The game looked promising at the half as Sewanee led 28-27. However, strong offensive performances by Janie Taylor who contributed four three-pointers and team assist leader, Amey Maybank, could not contain Oglethorpe in the latter portion of the game. The Lady Tigers headed back up the Mountain to prepare for their final six games of the season.

Team captains, Kim Fauls and Brandi Poole, had optimistic remarks of the last three games as well as the season as a whole despite their 6-12 record. "This is definitely a building season...We've improved a lot since the beginning and we continue to concentrate on working up to playing an intense forty minute game and reducing turnovers. We hate losing...but the team is cohesive and no one ever gives up," states sophomore forward/center Poole. Fauls later adds, "...everyone plays an important role. No one gets upset that they are not getting as much playing time as someone else. When they go in, they really do get the job done. It helps a lot."

The Sewanee Tigers return to the Fowler Center on February 17th at 6PM against Trinity University.

Physical Ed. Opportunitites at Sewanee

By Robbie Griffith
Sports Editor

In a school as small as Sewanee, one might be led to believe that the class offerings are going to be extremely limited. I thought so. As a transfer from a school of 27,000, I thought that for sure Sewanee's physical education department would consist of soccer, basketball, tennis, and the other big name sports and that would be it. I did not expect too much. When I picked up the class schedule sheet I was surprised to see the number and variety of courses that Sewanee has to offer. During a time when diversity is a issue on this campus, it is clear that the physical education department has addressed the needs of the student body. One can take any of a number of classes from Yoga to cricket, from soccer skills to fencing, and even from beginning riding to scuba and lifeguard training. There is no underwater basket weaving class like there was at N.C. State, but then again "only at a state school..."

Aside from the varsity sports offered, there are also a number of club teams that count towards the physical education requirement as well. There are club rugby, cycling, and lacrosse teams on the mountain that are listed under the department. The opportunities are unlimited.

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of the entire physical education department is its ability to directly address the needs of the students. If there comes a need for a specific course, then it is brought to the attention of department chair Cliff Afton who addresses the problem directly. The need is assessed over a period of about a year as the department checks around for instructors and for opinions and comments as well. One might say that the physical education is run only for the benefit of the students. This is true, but only to a certain degree. In some cases the physical education department is run by the students as well.

When the need for a new class has been established, Afton begins the search for an instructor within the 20+ pool of physical education instructors. When no instructor can be found who is licensed in the particular area, Afton looks to the student body. For the upcoming spring term, there are already at least two courses that are going to be taught by Sewanee undergrads. Sophomore Ariel Bennett will be teaching two fencing classes in the Aerobics' Gym and Senior Katie DePree will be two Aerobics classes as well. Perhaps more students will follow suit and further broaden the horizons of the physical education department, but I don't know if Sewanee is quite ready for a floor hockey class...



Senior Amey Maybank looks to put the moves on the Rhodes defenders. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson.

Sewanee Scoreboard

Women's Basketball

Date	Score	Top Contributors
1/29	Sewanee 44 Hendrix 49	Kim Fauls 15 pts., Brandi Poole 10 reb.
2/1	Sewanee 63 Millsaps 103	Brandi Poole 23 pts., 13 reb., Kim Fauls 22 pts.
2/5	Sewanee 62 Southwest 78	Kim Fauls 23 pts., 9 reb., Brandi Poole 19 pts., 10 reb., Janie Taylor 15 pts., 7 reb.
2/10	Sewanee Rhodes	

Record as of 2/8: 6-12 (1-9 SCAC)

Men's Basketball

Date	Score	Top Contributors
1/29	Sewanee 74 Hendrix 65	Eric Ochel 23 pts. 12 reb., Turner Emery 12 pts., Jason Porter 10 pts.
2/1	Sewanee 67 Millsaps 86	Hunter Connelly 19 pts. 9 reb.
2/5	Sewanee 72 Oglethorpe 84	Pete Dillon 14 pts. 4 ast.
2/10	Sewanee Rhodes	

Record as of 2/8: 11-8 (5-4)

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LIVING ARTS

A Valentine's Day Observation

by Jennifer C. Fuqua

Yes, boys and girls, it's that time again. The holiday that strikes fear into the hearts of men all over the world, fills single women with depression and the urge to consume massive quantities of Ben and Jerry's, and attached women with a combination of longing for their significant other to recognize the holiday and the fear that recognition will bring them oh-so-romantic-yet-practical jumper cables and deluxe tool sets. Valentine's Day looms on the horizon, a force to be lauded and despised.

For those of you who do not know the history of St. Valentine, here's a thumbnail sketch: St. Valentine was a Christian priest in Rome who was martyred in about 270 AD. Traditionally his association with love stems from the near coincidence of his feast day, February 14, and, appropriately enough, with the ancient Roman fertility festival of Lupercalia on February 15. The modern practice of sending Valentines dates only to the nineteenth century, but I noticed in the hookstore the other day that Hallmark has more than caught up.

I suppose that once again I will find myself surrounded by the deluge of Sewanee men in what I affectionately refer to as "girlfriend presents". You know the red tie with cute white hearts that you got from your sweet Miss Thing? Well, if you don't wear it, I doubt she will speak to you for the remainder of the month. You will protest that your fraternity brothers will make fun of you, she will say fine. You breathe a sigh of relief and then she looks at you and says, in that way, "I just thought because it's Valentine's Day [implying that V-Day is somewhat like Christmas in that it has certain immutable properties as a holiday that make it immune to the rules of everyday life] that you would wear it". And so, Sewanee men all over the campus will be saying, "yes, dear", and wearing their girlfriend-ties, girlfriend-shirts, and girlfriend-sweaters.

For the pain and humiliation of this sacrificial rite, Sewanee women will allow their near-and-dears to hold the remote control the whole

Separate, continued

women they would like to offer bids. In a large sorority, a lot of disagreement may arise and no one woman can guarantee a bid, since the entire sorority must vote. Thus, to eliminate mixed signals and confusion, the rule of no talking about sororities. The rule was specifically designed to protect the rushees from falling through after they had been supposedly "guaranteed" a bid by a sorority member. It was felt that if sororities were not discussed then no confusion would arise. Contrary to popular belief, sorority members and rushees can talk about anything else they like; they can sit together, study together, and otherwise mingle, as long as sororities are not brought up.

The rest of the rules are actually similar to the guys', except that sorority members may not buy meals or other gifts for the rushees, and they may not meet off campus. These derive from a fundamental difference between the fraternity system and the sorority system, because there are more fraternities, they must compete for the freshmen. The sororities, however, annually turn away many women and have no incentive to "bribe" rushees to join their organization. Most sorority members also feel that the ability to spend money on rushees could not be fairly controlled because of the vast difference in the sizes of the sororities.

There are 154 freshmen women this year. During this spring's rush, due to the

time they watch TV together and make a sort of Valentine's Day Resolution to not yell at him for changing the channels every time a commercial comes on or for muting the programs he doesn't like instead of turning the TV off. The remote, I have astutely observed, must be either in a man's hand or resting on his stomach so one doesn't have to grope around to make sure that it has not walked off. However, if the remote is morally insulting to men, i.e. it is small, then they do not care where you put it. You could probably even leave a small remote on the TV, and he would not care. I thought those confused by the whole remote control/television would like to get it straightened out for Valentine's Day.

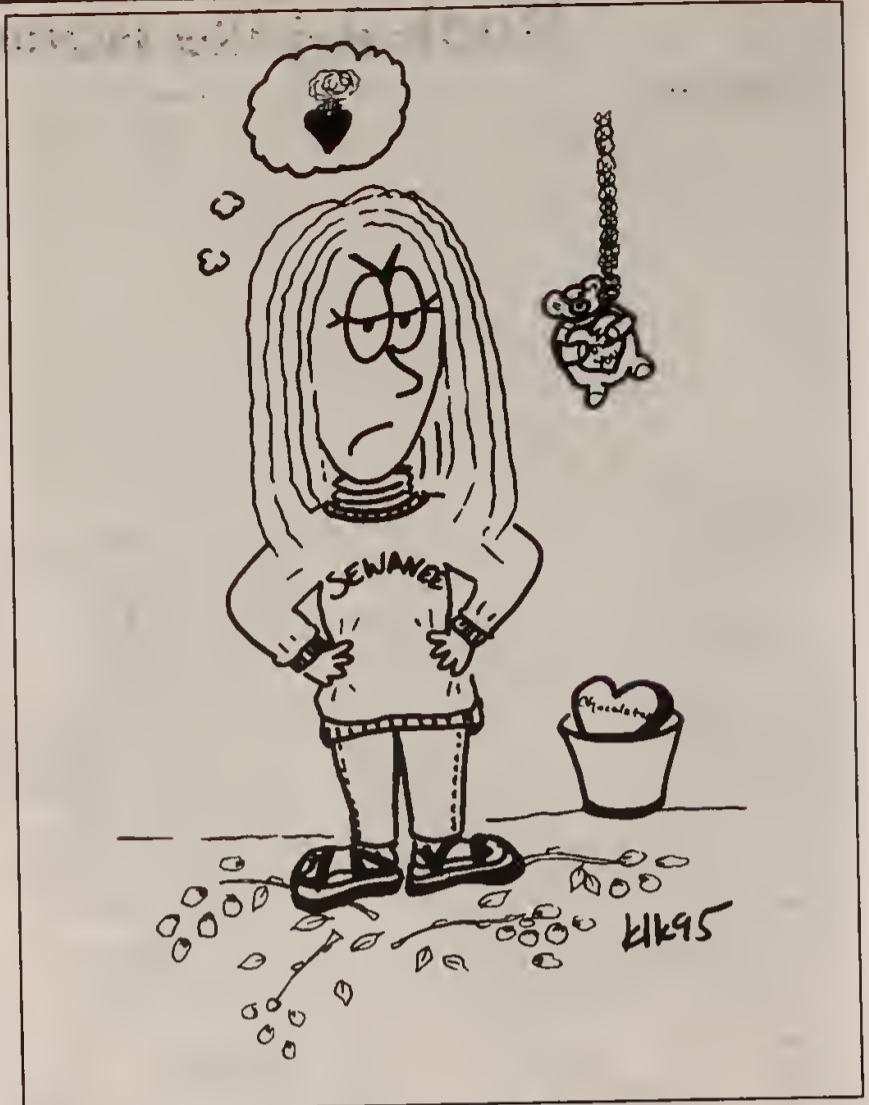
Having no significant other in one's life leads one to contemplate the material aspect of Valentine's Day particularly wryly. I have come to the conclusion that those little candy hearts with messages like "Hot Mama!" inscribed in contrasting etching were composed by none other than the construction workers who dot America's cities. Because I have been to New York, I seem to think they are written by, specifically, New York construction workers. And, really, if you got a pre-composed card that read along the lines of, "You are the light of my life, the one that makes the sun shine bright" would that inspire you to undying love? I didn't think so.

I urge you to look upon Valentine's Day differently this year. Instead of seeing it as a level of Hell that Dante missed, look for the small joys to be had. Wearing head-to-toe red, candy message hearts, the panic-stricken look on the face of the boy across from you in English class wearing the red and white hearted tie can all get you into the spirit of the day. Since I am *into kitsch*, this year I plan to send out Charlie Brown valentines like I did in second grade and maybe a single perfect black carnation. And, you know, perhaps Valentine's Day is sort of like Christmas—when else can you shamelessly gush, send anonymous cards, eat your weight in chocolate, and know that there's at least an outside chance that you will get roses?

University's requirement of a 2.0 GPA, 138 freshmen were eligible to participate, and 10 upperclass women signed up to rush. 132 women attended Return House; 112 women received bids, and 109 accepted. Nineteen women fell through this year compared to 13 last, and about 70% of freshmen women are now Greek. Combining both rush periods for the men, there were a total of 186 freshmen men. 137 men joined a fraternity, and twelve men fell through, giving the men a 74% Greek population. These statistics suggest that both systems serve their respective organizations and the rushees equally well.

However, the increasing fall through rate for sororities has many people alarmed; a change needs to occur to curtail this trend. Likewise rumors this year about dirty rushing among the sororities leads many to believe that these rules are not working effectively. Finally, there are complaints that the freshmen's freedoms are limited mostly for the convenience of sororities. In the next article, I intend to look more closely at some of these issues.

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**Rattle and Snow, continued**

tions some of the pledges found time to answer a few routine questions. When asked how she felt about becoming a pledge one young lady replied, "Yeah-he, woooooo!" Others appeared overwhelmed by the question as their only response consisted of falling to the floor and laughing. On a higher note, a poll taken from the room revealed that 70% believe O.J. did it, 29% say he is not guilty, while 1% replied, "I don't know. . . where's the bathroom?"

When the sorority decided they had wreaked enough havoc on the house, the band leader of the pledges thrust her gloved hands into the air and announced that the party was moving to the K.A. house. The Fiji's let out a small sigh of relief while the Tasmanian she-devils spun out the door leaving 2 inches of water on the house floor.

As we headed toward the K.A. house, we felt the thundering of sneakers coming from the Women's Center. Upon approaching the front steps the doors flung open from the sounds of the screams inside. I must say that I've never seen the Women's center so trashed before, and I never knew pretzels or pizzas could be thrown at those velocities. The entire room looked as though a snack machine had exploded. Judging by the white jerseys of the pledges, they had stayed out of the mud but not out of the pizza.

My comrades quickly mingled around the

room in hopes of finding pleasant conversation, but they each left the house empty-handed. One of them claimed he only asked a girl for her name to which she retorted, "You're not getting laid tonight." My roommate believed he was dreaming when several girls charged toward him, but it turned out that they only sought after the pizza delivery behind his back. Eventually, we all strode out again to face the weather as we headed to the K.A. house.

At this final stop we witnessed the true effects of shake day on these newly shook women. Reason and consciousness were on vacation. The floor quickly turned to mud with the melting of tracked in snow, and this resulted in various "wipe out's" all about the room. The restrooms remained constantly occupied forcing others to search for alternate locations. One clever girl found a nice spot behind a parked car where no one could see her. . . except for the several cars driving by behind her. However, she did manage to remain conscious through the entire process, unlike one girl found face down in the snow with her pants at her ankles.

This gala continued well into the night; however, the limits of my body forced me to retire early, missing the latter portion of the evening. As I drifted off to sleep, it occurred to me that I had survived another shake day with no major injuries.

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Rock-A-Like Rocks Sewanee Campus

by Kathryn Ingram

Entertaining inebriation and raucous revelry once again marked the annual Jamaican Outreach Benefit, Rock-A-Like. This year the Rock-A-Like moved to a new location in Lower Cravens and despite the spartan atmosphere, the show proved to be a wild rumpus of sorts. There were a total of 14 entrants in this year's competition, all of which were of "much better quality than the previous year's" as one judge noted. The competition was stiff, with all the groups vying for the first, second, and third place prizes of \$ 50, \$40, and \$30. All the groups were outstanding and above all hilarious, but in the end, some groups just stood out more in the mind of the astute judges than others. "XTC Returns," sponsored by DAP, stole the show winning first place. They were, once again, the only group who could really dance to the groove and get the crowd movin'. In second place was ADT's version of "Couch Potato," marked by tunes from t.v. greats of the 70's and 80's. Their renditions of the Jefferson's "Movin' on Up" to the Love Boat theme song coupled with superb choreography kept the crowd (and the judges) in awe. Finally, the "Gorgeous Gamma Girls" thrilled the show, perhaps by accidentally mooning them.

Rock-A-Like, however, would not be complete without a recap of all the great groups that strutted their stuff. The TKP pledges opened the show with bathrobes, buns, and

boobs and a lot o' rappin. The ATO's, with the Beastie Boy's "Fight for Your Right to Party," left much to be desired, but consider-

Chi Psi group, were a grotesque mixture of padded jog bras and tight skirts, but the second Chi Psi group greatly improved when they

as women getting sexy with a man - is this a joke of some sort?" I think the joke, rather, is on the pledges. We were all saved, however, by the "Blues Brothers Triumphant Return," which did indeed prove to be triumphantly better than the previous act. Jake and Elwood saved the day once again. The remainder of the show was dominated by drunken revelry of pledges. The scantily clad ADT pledges performed the Bangle's "I Want to Make Love in Your Room," in which they had more fun just being on stage and dancing with each other than anything else. The second TKP pledge group displayed their sisterly love for each other by rushing on stage and screaming their chant. Once the yelling was over, however, the TKP pledges really kept the crowd laughing with their motley outfits and boisterous behavior. Theta Pi group two followed with an equally hilarious display of sisterly affection and drunken revelry. Their version of "Screech" was a great idea, complete with redneck, hoe-down tunes. The Sigma Nu pledges, Rafe and Judd, capped off the show with a rockin' good time with The House of Pain. Several of the pledges from the previous act liked being on stage so much



ing their previous year's performance of rap in spandex, I can safely say that their most recent performance was a vast improvement. The Chi Psis had a large turn-out for Rock-A-Like, with three groups performing for the Jamaican Benefit. The "Salt Shakers," the first

decked out with Village People outfits for "Macho Man." "Macho Man," however, could not possibly make up for the utterly astounding display of homo-eroticism of the Chi Psi pledges version of "Simply Irresistible." As one bystander questioned, "Men dressed up

that they stayed along to be back up for the bouncing and groovin' Rafe and Judd. The stage diving was great (who thought we'd ever see that in Lower Cravens?), and it was an entertaining and energetic end to an evening full o' fun.

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The Parthenon: Like a Greek Goddess...

Editor's Note: Mr. Eaker rejoins the staff of the *Purple* as the resident food and wine critic. He is the Student Director for Marriott Food Services here on the Mountain, and is well versed in not only fine dining but catering and wine tasting as well. He will be a regular columnist during the semester.

by Seth Eaker

Food Quality: ****
Atmosphere: ***
Service: ***+1/2
Prices: \$\$\$
Overall: ****

The Parthenon, located just off the 81B exit from I-24 west (headed toward Nashville) has been recommended to me by a variety of people, most notably by my boss at Marriott Food Services at the University, Tom Shoemaker. When a career food service man suggests a restaurant, you don't wait around for an invitation, you just go to check it out. I was not disappointed.

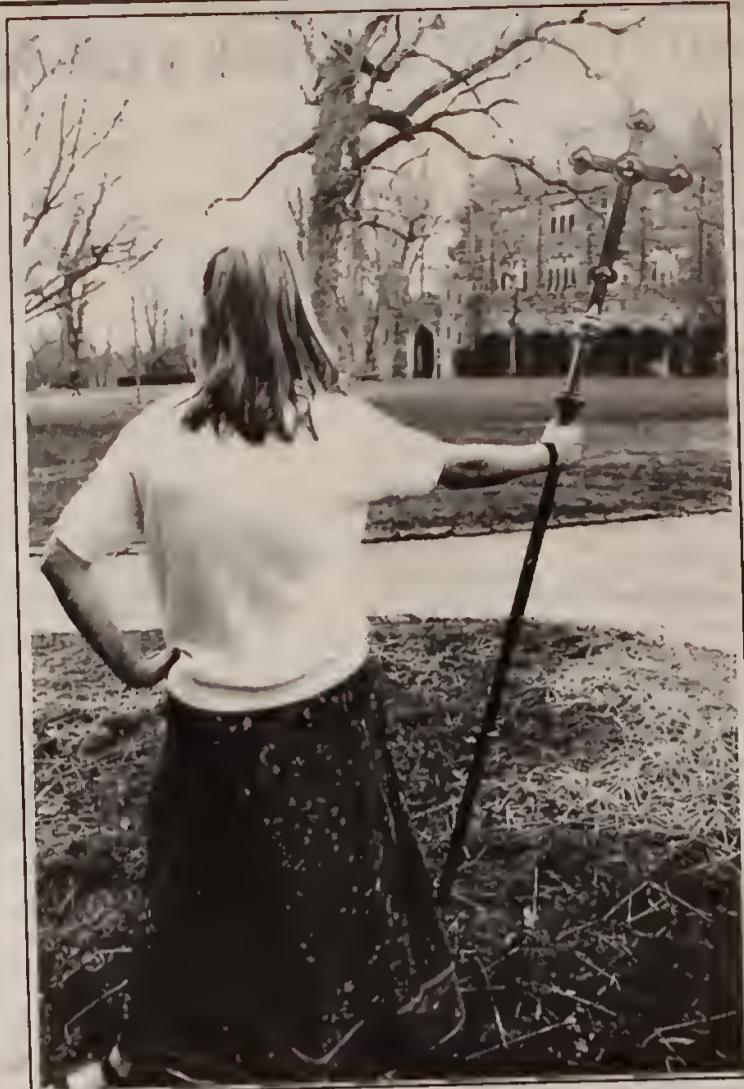
The interior was comfortably laid out, nothing fancy, but nothing glaringly out of place either. From the outside, the restaurant isn't anything special, but, like a well-done piece of meat, behind the charred exterior is a delicious center. The service is dressed in black tie and is definitely suitable for a formal date, or just an evening out with a special someone. I have gone there both with a group of friends, and also with just two, but irrelevant of the number of people, the service is always good.

The menu offers a wide selection, ranging from traditional American to a more Greek flavor. They do have a salad and soup buffet

which was fresh and appealing both times I was there. The salad bar is somewhat limited. I was delighted by their flaming oupa cheese (a Greek favorite) and by the spinach and feta pastries as an appetizer. The traditional Greek salad is very generous in its size and flavorful as well. I would strongly recommend the mouth watering "Filet Oscar," a delicately seasoned and tantalizingly cooked filet mignon, smothered in crab meat and cheese. The sauce bernaise is equally satisfying as a complement. Finally for dessert, the traditional Greek dessert, baklava, was amply covered in honey and layered flake pastry with the interspersed walnut layers. Delicious. In terms of prices, for two, your cost should not be much over \$30.00-40.00. For this area, such a meal is still a steal.

The wine and beer is available, these prices are fairly reasonable as well. In addition, the selection, at least of beer, is present. Their wine list is very limited, but not totally undrinkable. Perhaps the greatest benefit of the Parthenon is that it is the best food around for the price, and it is a perfect stop over on your way back from the Nashville airport. Try it: you will not be disappointed.

Mr. Eaker rates from 0-5 stars in each category
 0 = Not worth the land it's built on.
 1 = Barely considerable.
 2 = Average: think Gailor on a good day.
 3 = Above average, bringing home a doggie bag won't scare your roommate.
 4 = Worth an hour drive with your formal date that you don't like, just to go.
 5 = Why take a Sewanee Angel, you will never want to leave.



What does it mean to be a Christian University? Photo by Lyn Hutchinson.

Christian University, continued

Chancellor Williamson in his address was taken from George M. Marsden's article "The Soul of the American University." In this article, which was made available to the audience, Marsden points out that "until the Civil War era, the vast majority of American colleges were founded by churches, often without state or community tax support." Because of this phenomenon, Marsden attributes the control of most private institutions in the early 1900s to a Protestant heritage. They set the standards for American universities with some exception to Catholicism. He also points out that "Protestant colleges were not only church colleges, but also public institutions." He does, however, make a distinction between state and private schools. Private institutions, which still typically had clergy for presidents in 1890, were more "rigorously Protestant."

Marsden feels that Protestant leadership today has forsaken the commitment made to higher education during the earlier part of the twentieth-century. Marsden justifies his assertion by admitting that "many of the Christian dimensions of the older institutions that were lost were part of tradeoffs that seemed necessary to meet the demands of modernity." The role of Christianity in higher education today has become peripheral and almost "alien to the educational enterprise." Marsden is addressing a contemporary problem: a problem he calls secularizing (the removal of some activity of life from the influences of organized religion) in the United States. He advances secularizing in the modern world by identifying one major way: methodological secularizing. Methodological secularization "takes place when, in order to obtain greater scientific objectivity or to perform a technical task, one decides it is better to suspend religious beliefs."

In relationship to Sewanee, some of Marsden's insights have serious bearing. For

example, if Sewanee remains a Christian University, how will this affect its ability to incorporate an international world view? The Vice Chancellor believes that "in order to understand contemporary issues, like the civil war in Bosnia, we need to understand religion." Not only do we need to understand religion, but the implication of Dr. Williamson's example of Bosnia is that we need to also understand how to integrate and "unravel" the complexity of bringing together different religious disciplines and practices.

Vice Chancellor Williamson was vehement in stressing how important the church's role will be in building bridges for ethnic diversity. When asked about issues like women and sexual preference in the church, he simply replied, "we don't have a problem with women in the clergy" and that the discussion groups would be applicable in terms of handling complicated issues like sexual preference.

The address served two purposes: one was to re-affirm Sewanee's commitment to Christian ideals, particularly in terms of their approach to higher learning, and the other was to create an atmosphere which communicates exactly what this commitment is and how we can accomplish this vision together as a collective community.

Policy and order are being set for the years to come. The administration is doing their part to include students on the agenda. What will you do to make the future of Sewanee inclusive of all religious, cultural, and personal perspectives? If you are Christian or support Christian values, how may we as a collective community represent the message of Christ? Amidst the chaos, turmoil, and competitiveness of modernity, how may we dwell in a spirit of brotherhood and love? These are questions I think students and the Sewanee community as a whole must begin to answer as we move towards the 21st century.

WUTS New, WUTS Up, and WUTS Going On?

by Bessie Gantt

Perhaps the extent of your experience with WUTS is listening in your car between Gorgas and the BC. Or maybe you are *finally* sick of listening to your "Pulp Fiction" CD, so you're just spinning your radio dial around and around in hopes of an audible station and happen to land on 91.3 FM. Perchance you run across it in search of that easy listening station you just know is in the 90's. Oh well, it doesn't really matter how you have come into contact with WUTS during your time at Sewanee; what matters is that these days it really is worth tuning in.

WUTS is Sewanee's own radio station broadcasting live from its own little cubby hole on the second floor of the BC. It boasts about 120 licensed disc jockeys who have all been trained by the station's staff. These radio personalities keep the music going all day until 2:00 AM. As a whole, the repertoire of shows is diverse. It ranges from blues specialty shows to contemporary variety shows. John Molinaro, a disc jockey as well as a staff member, is currently working towards producing a show devoted to regional bands who haven't hit the big time yet. New brainstorms like John's show are becoming realities at the station. Already Dr. William Cocke of the English department can hear the results of his idea to feature a show comprised of alternatives to music. This "WUTS" hour, organized by Benjamin Stevenson, is broadcasted at 8:00 PM on Sundays and includes such things as

poetry readings and interviews. Last week the hour was devoted to an interview with Emmet Swimming, the band that rocked the Delt house on women's shake day. An upcoming hour to await will feature the poets published in *The Mountain Goat* reading their own work.

Don't stop reading yet if none of this seems to spark your interest. There's something for everyone at WUTS. Glad tidings for those of you who like to be informed even when you're out the mountain: you no longer need feel in the dark about Newt's latest plan or Los Angeles's latest disaster. Everyday at 5:00 PM tune in to WUTS and hear all the latest happenings around the world. By the end of February, the news segment will also include a listing of all the concerts on schedule to play in the surrounding area.

An exciting event WUTS is planning is the annual WUTS Fest. The big day is April 22 on the grassy hill overlooking Lake Cheston. After an afternoon of local bands, the festivities will move inside to Cravens for an evening of shake, rattle, and rollin'. Rumors are still flying around campus as to who the lucky headliner will be, but there's no doubt it will be the best thing Sewanee's seen in a while.

WUTS is up to good things, and it's definitely time for Sewanee to start paying attention and tuning in. If you have any comments or ideas, or are interested in playing for the local segment of WUTS Fest, the staff is glad to listen. Just call the office at extension 1206. In the meantime, enjoy what WUTS is doing to add to the quality of life on our campus.

Road Trip? Throw the Muses, Take Love & a .45

John Molinaro

Various Artists- music from the motion picture *Love & a .45* (Immortal/Epic Soundtrax)

If the movie *Love & a .45* was ever released, it quickly faded into the netherworld of Blockbuster Video's Action/Adventure section. The soundtrack, however, deserves a longer life span than the movie. The film appears to be a fairly conventional, violent road-movie, and the soundtrack complements the idea perfectly. From Kerouac's *On the Road* to Thelma and Louise, road trips have always included an element of "cool" and of danger, and this soundtrack is no exception. These songs seem custom made for open roads, six packs, and no destination, combining bad boy punk, country classics, and hip alternative acts. For the most part, even the mediocre tracks are enjoyable if only because they fit the tone of the album so well. The overall effect is similar to picking up weird AM transmissions while driving in the middle of the night, except that no AM station in America is cool

enough to play both Johnny Cash and the Butthole Surfers.

The only songs that do not work are an awful polka-ish instrumental by FSK with David Lowery (of Cracker) and a maudlin country tune by Courtney & Westem. The album opens with four tracks of mood music provided by a bizarre collection of "alternative" bands. The Flaming Lips offer their off-kilter brand of lyrics and noisy pop on "Turn It On," followed by the Meat Puppets doing their standard stoner blend of Zeppelin and power-pop. The testosterone gets toned down a bit as Mazzy Star and the Jesus and Mary Chain deliver their dreamy tracks, "Ghost Highway" and "Come On," respectively.

From then on, *Love & a .45* only gets better. Kim Deal and Bob Pollard (of the Breeders and Guided By Voices) transform the Nazareth power ballad "Love Hurts" into a beautiful acoustic ballad. The center pieces of the album, however, are the two punkabilly tracks, provided by the Rev. Horton Heat and the Butthole Surfers, which combine the elements of country and alternative

found on the rest of the album. Even "Black 14" by the normally dull band April's Motel Room sounds good here, blending the droning noise of the J&M Chain with the hard rock riffs of the Meat Puppets. *Love & a .45* closes with two country standards that seem oddly at ease on an otherwise alternative dominated soundtrack. Johnny Cash's classic "Ring Of Fire" and Roger Miller's "King Of The Road" both have the same elements of "cool" on which the soundtrack is trying to capitalize.

So grab this CD before you get in the car for spring break, take off heading nowhere, and enjoy the ride.

Throwing Muses- *University* (Sire/ Reprise Records)

Signing with a major label and losing Tanya Donnelly (to her new band Belly), does not seem to have affected Throwing Muses too much. The only difference between *University* and their previous efforts is that they seem more focused and more accessible. The Muses have always created noisy-pop accented by vocalist Kristen Hersh's nightmareish

lyrics, and *University* is no exception. In fact at times, the music is indistinguishable from countless other hands littering the "Alternative" racks at the local mall's record store, but the Muses have been critics' darlings for some time, mainly due to Hersh's lyrics which are the sole saving grace on this album.

The first single and the best track, "Bright Yellow Gun" opens promisingly like something off the Breeders' *Last Splash*. "Bright Yellow Gun" appears to be a love song of sorts ("I have no secrets, I have no lies, I have nothing to offer but the middle of the night"), but like all the other songs the meaning is clouded by the odd images Hersh employs ("With your bright silver grin you own the sun and I think I need a little poison"). "Start," another good track which sounds more like Belly than the Breeders, also appears to be a love song ("I start at his knees, and I'll end in his dreams") which eventually ends up submerged in the surrealistic lyrics. "Snakeface," aimed at a faceless and nameless lover ("Move me... Snake, snake... One more button undone"), begins with honning bass line and sing-song vocals and is transformed into a cool, passionless recollection.

With the exception of these three tracks, *University* is a fairly in-noteable album. It is not bad; fans of the Muses should not be disappointed, yet there is little to differentiate it from hundreds of other albums released since alternative music went mainstream. The Muses are a good band; they are just not great, and it shows.

Recently Released...

Portishend- *Dunno* Portishend samples everything from James Bond themes songs to techno beats to create "modern lounge music." Although the music can easily fade into the background, don't let the disturbing lyrics escape you. There is more to this band than a trendy retro lad.

Moby- *Everything Is Wrong* More spiritual techno from one of masters of digital pop music.

Belly- *King* On Tanya Donnelly's sophomore effort, Belly finally hits the jackpot. Where *Star* was dreamy and ethereal, *King* straight out rocks. Perhaps, Belly will join Veruca Salt and the Breeders as the queens of alternative music.

Slash's Snakepit- *It's Five O'Clock Somewhere* Uh, yeah... it is Slash from GNR on his first solo album, and it sounds exactly like you would expect it to, which is not that surprising since Axl is the only member of GNR not on the album.

Stone Roses- *Second Coming* Fans of British alternative music have been waiting for this album for several years. The Stone Roses led the "Manchester scene" but then disappeared due to legal troubles. *Second Coming* is a leaner and more rock oriented album than their debut, but fans should not be disappointed.

The WUTS Schedule

Spring 1995		WUTS 91.3 FM					Spring 1995	
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
7:00a								
7:30								
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9:00		Jan Garrison				Duncan Vinson		
9:30	Rachael Jensen	Jason Price	E. Byrd & A. Bennett		Bill Baker & Clara Omei		G Shepard & J. Frazier	
10:00								
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11:00	Niklas Hultin	Catherine Carruthers	Craige Hoover	Billy Ray	Gwen Weien & Katherine Harrison	C. Clements & C. Holton	P. Morris, W. Holt & John Ness	
11:30								
12:00p	John Inman & John Wallace	Tom Hay	Michael Jarrett	Steve Shale & Dode Gladders	Angela Ward & Dan Little	Sebastian Dubreil	Armstrong, Long & Miers	
1:00		E. Goodall & Serena Vann						
2:00	Mike Cooke & Chris Cudabac	Keller Foster & Will Kelley	Bessie Gantt	Langdale, Fulto & Anderson	E. Wright & W. Willse	Stephanie Gilbert & Leah Smith	White, Martin & Marler	
3:00				Mason & Cathey	Richard Nash		Justin Sonfield	
4:00	Greg Col. Ben Klein	Shoemaker & Wheelis	Rinne Allen	Leigh Behrens	Christina Viat	E. Steinmehl & K. Greene	Lowrey & Grey	
5:00	Rich Bracken	Cathey Herman	Coleman Rose	A.H. Rico & D. Richards	Bobby Mosca	Danille Lanca	Nelson, Smith & Sneary	
6:00	Will Bedford	Ron Hill	M. White & B. Kempf	John Molinaro	W. Hastie & Milo Ryan	D. Thompson & B. Joyner	C. Lugo & C. Norman	
7:00	Boucher M. McConnel	Amanda Morrison	Dr. Clark	Allison McGlothlin	Jason Balogh	J. Neibich & Jeb Bridges	Ken Williford & S. Simill	
8:00	WUTS	Jay Kelly	Pradip Malde	Caren Triubey	Schmidt & Nail	Justin Adams	Amanda Wolfe & Beth Monkman	
9:00	Benjamin Stevenson	L. Smith & D. Hunter	Ramsey Moss	Jefferson Parker	Adam Miller			
10:00	Franklin Sames & George Stevenson	David Roark	Tim Snider & Tom Hutto	Brian Costilow & Matt Koren	Barbara Clark & Benjy Seals	Amy Swepston	Thad Thompson	
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1:00	Johnny Walker	Chris Cargill	Greg Pond, Chandler Collins & Tim Daroin	Chase Kopecky & Matt Hunter	Christian Cutler & James Acken		Neill Prewitt	

Babe of the Week



Caddy Truitt, Sophomore Chad Cunningham and Paul Reynolds share a tender moment along with Sophomore Hope Atmore's former plant Phil. Truitt and her babe Paul can't stand to be apart.

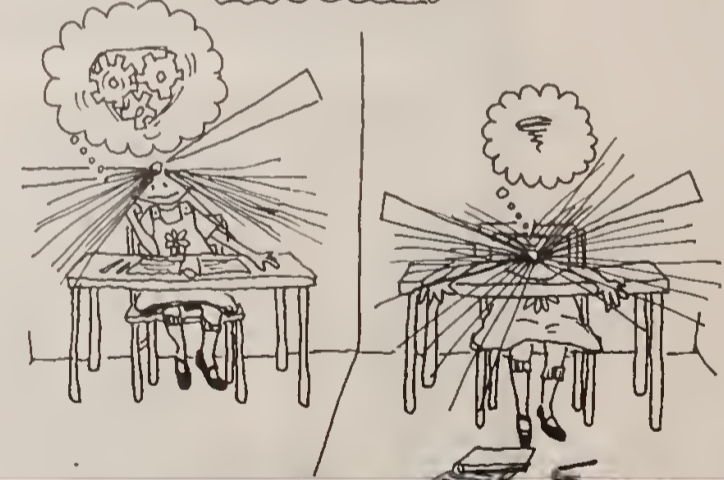
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FACTOIDS: Valentines Day (val'an tinz'),
 1. February 14, a day for the exchange of valentines and other tokens of affection.
 2. Deer hunting season begins and Cupid officially in season for 24 hours.



BRANAN

ANNA CLAIRE EXPERIENCES A "Brain Fart"



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Marijuana (how it is smoked), Apathy, and the College Experience

by Trace Roquemre

First, it has been brought to my attention (surprisingly) that e-mail is privy to scrutiny, and is certainly not the place to disclose one's innermost latent sexual fantasies, plots to kill, or mere orders for drug shipments. Apparently, both voice-mail and e-mail can be lawfully and physically surveyed (checked) by the University. I figure that the e-mail will be checked if some ambitious accessor really wants to do it. There is no use in trying to overthrow the incumbents, so... Conclusion: Don't write anything incriminating about yourself on e-mail - unfortunately, few of us have anything incriminating to write anyway. So—all you daredevils currently "sucking the marrow out of life" beware of the audits.

Secondly, it appears that the Cannabis family, or *Cannabaceae*, has been incorporated into the Sewanee community. Marijuana is usually a weed which is smoked in the form of a "joint," eaten in brownies, or inhaled through a "bong" (most preferred method). The active ingredient is *tetrahydrocannabinol*, or THC, a hallucinogen. Rumor has it that the Dean (one of them anyway) had a big meeting, a huge one, with all of the APs and Proctors (you know, those darn enforcers who constantly run our lives...that was, and is, a joke) concerning the use of MARIJUANA on campus. From what I gather, if one dispenses with all of the rhetoric, THE MAN wants to crack down (pun intended) on the use of this particular illegal substance.

There may be some merit to this dream. Perhaps, marijuana is BAD for us after all. From the research I have done, long-term use seems to decrease short-term memory in *some* users. It has been speculated that the sloughing off of brain cells is accelerated by marijuana use. Some reports indicated a genetic change in long-term users. However, the conclusion is that studies are inconclusive. Hence, it appears to be left to the individual to determine how harmful marijuana use may be. Here are some opinions produced when your affiliates were asked, "How harmful do you think marijuana is?":

"Hey man, I don't know!" said Dennis Prater, reflecting the inconclusive studies.

"Ummm...I don't think it causes apathy because it did not make me apathetic...I still care about stuff," said an anonymous, yet well-known individual.

"I'll have to think about that," said Jeff Ridner, a senior history major and philosophy enthusiast.

Finally, "I think the drug problem is grossly understated, both in America and on this campus," said Greg Bautista, who was doing his own interview at the time and gave his quick and humble opinion—provided that I answer one of his questions.

The Observed

Casual Remarks

Mrs. Malaprop and Friends

1. Health care systems must continually examine their attitude toward youth in Asia.
2. I am glad that he was not beheaded for his crimes for even today's surgeons cannot recapitulate.
3. Students often ask their classmates if they have class. Some reply, "Well, my parents have always thought so."
4. A woman once sought medical advice for the merging of some very close veins.
5. Some people posit that genetic colas are as refreshing as more expensive brands.

(For the random minds only)