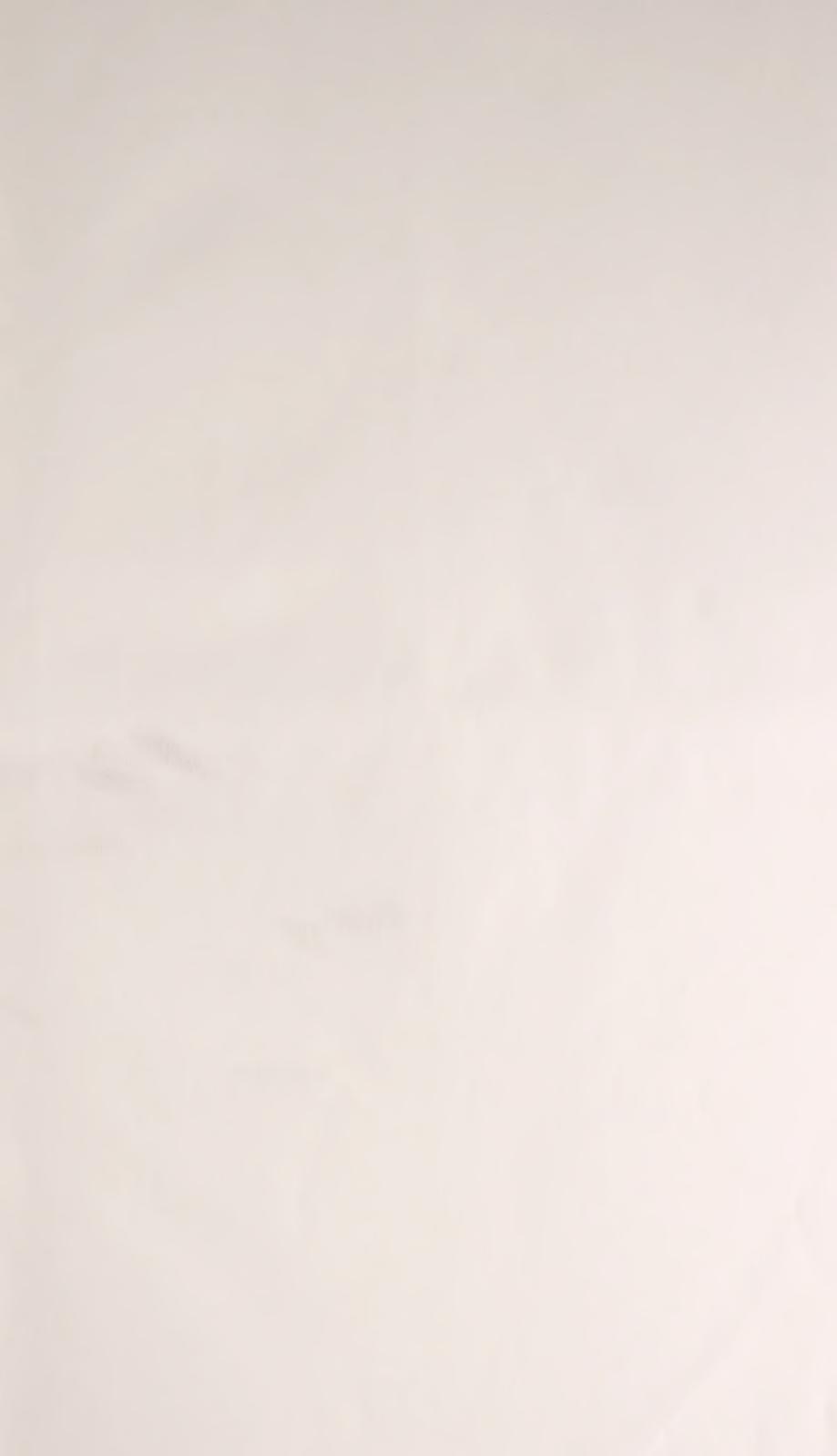


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SEWANEE, TENNESSEE

AmSouth-Sewanee: "no relationship" Camping policy repealed

by Justin Sausville

At the beginning of the 1998-99 school year, the University administration introduced a new financial tool for Sewanee's students. Through an agreement between the University and AmSouth Bank, students may open free checking accounts and link those accounts to a newly added ATM capability on their student ID cards, which are now known as SewaneeCards. The great question in this new venture is whether students will find one-stop but regionally limited banking superior to independent financial arrangements. The longevity of the Sewanee-AmSouth relationship hinges on this question.

In addition to checking accounts and ATMs, AmSouth offers numerous special features to its student account holders, including a free first order of checks, VISA-compatible check cards and overdraft protection. Furthermore, the ATM cards may be used at any terminal on the Honor or Cirrus networks, albeit with a service fee for non-AmSouth sites.

The ATM capability is supplemented by a debit strip, usable at vending machines and laundry rooms to eliminate the burden of carrying quarters in bulk, as well as at point-of-sale terminals at the Book & Supply Store and the Tiger Pantry, among others. The card also retains its functions as a library and meal plan card, as well as a general student ID card. Representatives from AmSouth's Chattanooga branch set up the cards and accounts during the first week of the semester, running the whole carding operation from the EQB Building.

The SewaneeCard is intended to provide a low-cost replacement for a time-honored Sewanee tradition:

charging on-campus expenses against a student account. This practice, while highly convenient for students, presented an unacceptable burden for the University.

"It doesn't make sense for the college to carry all that debt." said Associate Dean of Students Sharon

Before the advent of the SewaneeCard, Spray continued, the "University was acting as a bank," Even though student debts were almost always paid because of the University's ability to deny transcripts for those with unpaid bills, there would be, between charge and payment, significant debt for the University. And debt it would be, for the University was expected to make cash payments to the vendors, such as the Q, the Bookstore, or the Pantry, where charges were incurred. By last year, Sewanee was one of a very small number of American universities which allowed students to charge expenses on their accounts; other schools, realtzing the same debt problems which Sewanec experienced, had largely stopped providing charge accounts.

The problem of providing students, who are notoriously cash-poor, with a simple and effective means to pay their expenses remained. A committee was formed to explore options for solving this problem. The University was reluctant to endorse a credit card for students because of the exorbitant interest rates typically charged by credit providers. The idea of allowing a bank to establish a link to a University-is-



For insight into another non-relationship, see page 3.

sued card was then proposed and accepted.

Several financial institutions were approached as possible service providets for students. These institutions included the local RegionsBank, where many students held accounts and which advertised special offers for student accounts well into the first week of freshman orientation at Sewanee. The negotiators for Sewanee informed Dean Spray that RegionsBank had rejected an opportunity to issue the new Sewanee Card. When this reporter attempted to obtain comment on the subject from the manager of the local Regions Bank branch, he was referred to the company's president, whom lie was unable to reach for comment prior to press time.

Ultimately, Am South Bank accepted the University's proposal. Dean Spray said "there is no relationship with Am South." That is, neither the university nor the bank provide each other with any special incentives. The only incentive for the bank is the opportunity to gain a large amount of business in one place, and the only incentive for the University is the opportunity to provide students with needed financial services without incurring unnecessary debt.

by Ryan Cosgrove

Every year, incoming freshmen rave about their experiences on the Pre, only to discover that for the remainder of their time at Sewanee, the 10,000 acre domain is off-limits to camping. This hypocrisy, according to outing director Greg Allen, has caused considerable protest among students and faculty who feel that the school's extraordinary campus should be enjoyed to its fullest. This year the school's outdated camping policy has finally been brought up to speed.

Effective at the start of this school year, Sewanee students may now camp on the domain whenever they like. Responding to considerable complaint

a committee met over the summer to discuss a change.

Liability concern is the primary reason the school has never allowed students to camp within its 10,000 acres of campus without special permission. However, explained Allen, it was un-

fair to use the campus as a draw for students and then not allow them to camp out on it. Some students did not even discover that camping was prohibited until caught doing so.

The committee, composed of Scott Torreino, Sharon Spray, Greg Allen, Joe Burckle, and headed up by Martin

The committee, composed of Scott Torreano, Sharon Spray, Greg Allen, Joe Burckle, and headed up by Martin Knoll began discussions at the end of the last school year and concluded only a few weeks ago. The new rul-

ing now allows students to camp anywhere they wish on the Domain, with the exception of Lake Cheston, Shake Rag Hollow and the forestry cabin. If students are unsure of the boundaries in which they may camp, they can refer to either the Outing office or the police station, but it is not necessary to check in before taking ii trip.

The new policy should finally put to rest what has been for so long the cause of much student profess.



Minh Stevenson reclaims right to cytap on the Domain

The Tennessee Williams Center

is now complete - complete with

Football team escapes Hampden-Sydney

by Ryan Ivey

The visiting Hampden-Sydney Tigers gave the University of the South a reason to celebrate after Saturday's football season opener. The Sewanee Tigers won 24-14 thanks to two Micah Elliott touchdowns, including one touchdown rush of 25 yards. But the game was ultimately won by the outstanding play of the Sewanee defense.

Elliott made the game's first scoring play on a one yard run in the first quarter. The drive was made possible by a punt blocked by sophomore Nick Dietzen. The game's score, 7-0, remained in place throughout the rest of the first half with rock-solid defense from both teams.

Hampden-Sydney tied the score early in the second half with a monstrous 63 yard pass from quarterback Walt Bondurant. The pass was deflected by a Sewanee defender to receiver Jeff Woody, Picking up without hesitation two minutes later, Sewanee quarterback Knox Vanderpool scored on a one-yard run to put Sewanee ahead 14-7.

It was the fourth quarter that proved to be the best for Sewanee in terms of



Micah Elliot C'99 charges through the Hampden-Sydney line.

offense, and a nice finale for Sewanee's first game of the season. Elliott's 25 yard TD run was initiated by a fortuitous fumble recovery by linebacker Dietzen, With Sewanee up by 14, Hampden-Sydney's Bondurant made a gallant attempt to close the gap between the teams' scores by completing a pinpoint 32 yard touchdown pass to receiver Toby Albright.

This was the end of Hampden-

Sydney's offensive success, Sewance scored again with a field goal from the nimble foot of kicker lan Huff. The score remained in Sewance's favor (24-14) as the hometown Tiger defenders shut down the visiting Hampden-Sydney Tigers' futile attempts, thereby ensuring the victory. In the end Hampden-Sydney proved to be its own worst enemy by committing five turnovers in the game.

Faculty express high hopes

for Tennessee Williams Center

Guerry Auditorium, the home of past Sewanee Theatre productions, offered little room to experiment with stage, as well as much complained-about acoustics. Any student directing plans cante second to main stage productions because of space. Speakers and special guests had to deal with an environ-

and more performance dates

by Robert White

"Flexibility is the most important factor in the design of this new building," said Pete Smith, the head of the theatre department and one of the designers of the TWC. With the black box, directors have complete control over searing arrangements. Lighting catwalks allow

ment not made for professional pro-

black box and the Actors' studio.

Adjacent to the black box (otherwise known as the Proctor Hill

easy movement of lights in both the

Theatre) is the actors' studio, a smaller room that provides a place for students to develop their own work without being affected by main stage productions. With complete lighting system and generous space for small productions, the theatre department faculty hopes students will take full advantage of the space. During the day, it serves as a classroom and is open to individual rehearsal needs.

"I think we are the only ones who built their theatre for the people who use it." Pete Smith said. The theatre faculty didn't buy chimdelicis and velvet seats. Instead, they put their money into the best tools, newest technology, and a theatre giving the play makers complete freedom to do their work.

"Currently, the Tennesee Willhams Center is the best college theatre facility in America," Pete Smith says, "until next week when it's all out of date." The fully computerized design lab and lighting computers will allow students to create professional quality work.

"The theatre will allow us to bring in guest directors, actors, comedians, musical groups, workshops...stuff we never could CONTINUED PAGE 6

Sewanee cracks prestigious Top-25

by Kelly Smith, News Editor

After years of strategic planning, by acade Sewanee has reached its major administrative goal to be listed as one of the cial aid, top 25 national liberal arts colleges by U.S. News &

World Report.

Sewanee is currently tied for the No.24 ranking of 162 liberal arts schools with Barnard College (NY).

Colorado College, Connecticut College, Macalaster College

(MN), and Oberlin College (OH). Sewanee ranks No.10 on the Best Value list for liberal arts colleges, which U.S. News measures both by academic achievement and the cost to a student receiving average financial aid.

U.S. News claims
that its renowned
rankings "are a valuable
part of the information
that helps applicants
make important, expensive decisions—
choosing schools
where they can

Regardless of what effect Sewanee's new ranking will have on future applicants, this year's freshmen class shows that more stu-

dents than ever have chosen Sewance. Of 1,792 applicants, 1,236 prospectives were admitted, and 385 eventually enrolled as freshmen. The average GPA of the fteshmen is 3 53, average SAT is 1160-1320, and average ACT is 25-29. The class of 2001 comes from 36 states and 5 foreign countries. The largest share of the freshman class, 83 students, claim Tennessee as their home. Texas is second with 37, and Georgia third with 35. The profile of this freshmen class could affect the University's ranking

For more information on current college rankings, consult *U.S. News Online* at. http://www.usnews.com

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DOMAIN 2020

The future of the University of the South



by Cole Cottrell

Although the campus renovation project entitled "Domain 2020" has been discussed in campus newspapers and has a web site on the Sewance server, it remains a mystery to ittany students. Even more than the dining hall currently under construction, Domain 2020 will he the hallmark of Vice-Chancellor Samuel R.

Williamson's legacy. At its core, the plan is a land study which attempts to determine the Domain's physical and environmental capacity for expansion over the next twenty years. Domain 2020 will prepare for Sewance's increased enrollment from 1,050 to 1,300, which has already been accomplished this year with the introduction of nearly 400 freshmen, as well as the influx of University employees to replace those who retire. Thirty percent of the University's employees will retire in the next ten years, and more than half would like to retire in Sewance. The problem is already evident, how should the University accommodate all of these people while preserving the natural heauty of the Domain that draws them here in the first place? The vice-chancellor recommended a coniprehensive land study to the Board of Regents in February of 1990.

According to geology professor

basic goals. First, the generation now using the Domain for study, recreation, and living would like to leave the area in better shape for future generations. They also want the Domain to be better understood, which means learning what land to develop and what land to save for study and recreation. With this research and the development of a comprehensive environmental policy, the University can ensure that it will not commit to plans it will regret in the future. A third goal of the project is to include as many voices from the campus and community as possible; this encompasses townspeople, both those affiliated with the University and those not, as well as university employees, students, administration, and the trustees and regents of the college.

To adhere to these goals, the University planned two phases for the project. The first of these is the land study, which has already been completed. Its results can be found on permanent reserve in Dupont Library. The land study separated the Domain into three parts: the Town District, including a University Zone and a Village Zone; the Community District, where many people now live and where families and other people moving to Sewance are likely to want to live; and the Forest District, which includes a large portion of land where conservation will be strict. In the University Bran Potter, Domain 2020 has two Zone, the study mapped out sites for

up to twelve dormitories within a ten minute walk from All Saints' Chapel. These twelve dorms would only be needed if the University decided to increase enrollment to 2,000 undergraduates, a number that was established so that future generations could increase enrollment without damaging the Forest District or building on histoncal sites. There are no plans for such an increase in enrollment now.

This land study also found sites, mostly in the already built-up sections of Sewanee, for townhouses, single family homes, and single family cluster homes. Townhouses could be used for retirees, and smaller family homes would accommodate the families of new professors and the theologians. One of these new "neighborhoods" is the Wiggins Creek establishment, which is already underway. A third of the planned spaces are open, and the rest will be developed as the first spaces are filled. This area results from the strong desire of the Domain 2020 committees to stop building on the bluff; as far as building is concerned, the committees want to think of the mountain bluff as they would a beach which everyone can enjoy and use. The preservation of the Perimeter Trail is an important issue to them

Domain 2020 uses a 1979 land study, coordinated by Charles Barrd of the Department of Forestry and Geology, as a starting point. He provided the "prophetic voice," according to Dr. Potter, that pointed out the need for Domain 2020. This 1979 study catalogued the status of many areas on campus, including historical sites, tecreational sites, and woodland sites. The land study was broadly based, but does many of the same things that the first phase of Domain 2020 does.

The second phase of Domain 2020, which came only after the program had begun, is still underway. This study is much more scientific, and includes an inventory of the flora, fauna, archeological artifacts, and environmental policies on campus. This phase attempts to make the Domain better trav-

eled, better preserved, and better understood, including the history of the area as well as its scientific wealth. With this knowledge, the University can face the future with a deeper understanding and respect for the Domain. In essence, this part of the project looks much further into the future than the year 2020. The ultimate goal of Domain 2020 is to ensure that Sewanee will be prepared for expansion and modernization as it moves into the future; and, at the same time, that our children and grandchildren will be able to visit a place still full of natural beauty for recreational enjoyment and scientific study.



Forestry Survey

by Kelly Smith

Sewance forestry students worked with Domain 2020 and Dr. Karen Ruers this summer to cutalog and analyze the University forests using information on regeneration, disease, and fire susceptibility, and to ensure the continuing vitality of our forests; geology student Liz-Dupley also worked with Dr. Steven Shaver examining ahandoned coal times in the area, focusing on water quality and vegetation.

Mirth Stevenson, PJ Descheifes, Paul Atwood, Andy Ferguson, Erni Grossman, and Caleb Rafuse surveyed about 2,000 of the 6,000 forested agres of the Domain, which are divided into compartments. They sampled eleven compartments for regeneration, the growth that is beginning now. They also counteil debits to see how susceptible each area is to fire and how quickly a torest fire could. spread. Students also log rated trees in the compartments, although the purpose of the study was not to prepare for logging. but to gain information.

"We weren't trying to see what could be logged," said-Stevenson "We were looking

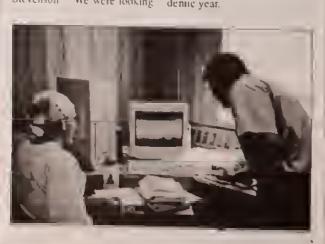


for information for better longterm management in order to keep these forests available for students in the future."

The information gathered this summer was entered into a computer program to analyze the data written by Deschenes and Kners; Stevenson calls this program "the best database of our land." The program uses GPS, Global Positioning System, and GIS, Global Information Systeni. Snowden's GIS lab will make it available to forestry students and the University foresters. The program allows users to view a map of the domain, click on a specific compartment on area, and receive all of the information collected there

The geology department will also make use of information collected this summer. Intern-Liz Dooley stuiled sections of the plateau that have vielded coal in the recent past, looking for distinct water quality and vegetation.

The study is not finished- a rotational study of the areas will see that each compartment is revisited every five years, with students continuing to survey during the summers and acadenne year.



Sewanee's Archeological Treasures

by Edwin P. Gerber

Armed with only a compass, a topographical map, and a spade, Jenniter Donahue surveys the wooded Jandscape. Her eye is drawn to a shaded patch underneath a rock overhang. Dodging a fallen limb, she makes her way into the shadows. To the sound of a ominous crack of thunder in the distance, she kneels down, rising again with a handful of chert flakes and an аrrowhead. Her heart skips a beat she can almost hear the ancient whispers of men and women who once knelt beneath the protective rock above, whispers not heard for over half a millennium.

While it may not he the booby trapped thrill ride of Indiana Jones. archeology on the mountain hrings its own share of excitement, and its own rewards. Under the guidance of Dr. Major McCollough and his assistant Donahue and freshly graduated seniors Jason Emery and Andrew Moremon spent the summer exploring and cataloguing the archeological wealth of the domain. Exploring the bluff line, the team of students and professors discovered approximately fifteen archeological siles last inhabited by native American peoples over five centuries before, adding to the hundred plus sites in the area. When they weren't exploring, the team was busy excavating at previously discovered sites and working to preserve sensitive areas for future generations

Donahue recalled spending a great deal of time at two sites in particular, "Hat Rock West" and "Michael's Shelter." Hat Rock West had been plundered by "pottery excavators," who left the remaining artifacts open to erosion and degradation. The team used sandbags to repel the elements and

David Michaels, junior Jennifer posted "Cultural Resource Management", signs to discourage further damage. While Michaels Shelter had also been partially overrun by artifact seekers, there were still sections to be excavated. Selecting one by one meter squares, the team carefully dug down, 10 cm at a time, collecting pottery fragments, stone points and arrow heads, and animal bones.

> Samples were taken to the Sewanee archeology laboratory and are currently being analyzed under the supervision of McCollough and Michaels. The group of Sewanee archeologists hopes that radiocarhon dating, water floatation, and other studies will tell us more about the indigenous peoples who once made Sewanee their home.

The excitement of the dig rekindled memories of the more recent past for Donahue, "It was as if I were back in fourth grade, discovering my first arrowhead all over again!"

Biology Department research: Domain 2020

by Amy Solo and Mary Getz

In the biology department, Dr. Jon Evans headed the research group for Domain 2020 consisting of professors David Haskell, Karen McGlothlin, John Palisano, and Mary Priestly, as well as student interns Jaclyn Waddey, Jacquelyn Presly, and Sam McLamb.

Each student paired up with a different professor for independent but interrelated projects. Jaclyn Waddey assisted Dr. McGlothlin with work that

provided an indication of water quality on the Domain; together they conducted an inventory of aquatic, as well as some terrestrial, invertebrates on the domain. Meanwhile, Jacquelyn Presly worked alongside Mary Priestly cataloging the plant life of Sewance in linked databases accessible on the Internet. Sam McLamb joined Drs. Haskell and Palisano in researching the ecological web surrounding the life cycle of ticks on the Domain, especially important because of our large

deer population.

The interns and professors hope to amass and organize a database from which they can draw easily in the future. They will then be able to compare their conclusions from the summer's work with those of the forestry, geology, and anthropology departments. This joint effort should provide a plan for all aspects of land management on the Domain, creating an excellent example of ecological pres-

Population 2020: housing is a major concern

by George Georgiev

At present, ninety-nine percent of Sewanee's campus housing facilities are in use. The issue of housing availability has become urgent this fall, as the University reaches its largest student population ever.

The need to optimize all existing housing was not created by the large freshman class alone, according to Director of Residential Life Michelle Thompson. The number of upperclassmen who are not going abroad and are not living off-campus is also unusually high this year and adds to the group of students that need on-campus housing.

For this year at least, the University has handled the situation successfully, "We like having our dorms full," Thompson said, "because there is much more energy and excitement to residential life. This also presents a positive challenge for the dorm staff."

During the summer, the housing office worked on improving the living conditions in some of the old dormitories. Gorgas, one of the largest dorms on campus, underwent a major refurbishment and now looks "much brighter," according to Thompson. The Spanish house received new windows. air-conditioning, and a hardwood

floor, and the German house was repainted and refurnished.

The refurbishing project is going to continue next summer with work on Tuckaway and some of the other older

The problem with housing was partially solved this year by the accommodation of students in the Sewance Inn, which is still being used predominantly as a motel. However, the issue of building new dornitories or adding onto the existing ones is emerging. and is currently being addressed by the University administration. More details are expected later this fall.



Don't Wear My Gown On September first, the

Why I

president of the Order of Gownsmen sent a letter Scott Maule to all OG members urging thent

to accept both the responsibilities and the privileges of membership. In parneular, the letter urged OG members to attend meetings and wear their academic gowns to class. There was little reaction to the first of these requests, since it is often made at the beginning of the year. The second, however, received mixed responses and brought up a very interesting question. Why do some gownsmen attend class without their gowns? Is it possible that some people are not quite comfortable with the "respected tradition" of wearing a gown to class?

Such a suggestion, to the detriment of open discussion, is unfortunately treated as blasphemy by many on campus. Nevertheless, the question about why people do not wear their gowns is important, whether one supports the wearing of the gown or not. Since it is difficult to sum up a diverse group of reasons coming from many different people, I can only speak for myself, and explain why I do not wear my gown to class.

My reasons for not wearing the gown are two-fold. First, while I do not mind others wearing their gowns, I do not feel the need or desire to wear something that essentially ailvertises on a flaily basis that my GPA is above a certain level. Or as the student handbook puts it, I do not feel the need to wear "a badge of academie distinction" in my daily classes. I view information about my GPA as a private affair that is unrelated to my ability to contribute in

Secondly, I fear that people perceive that gownsmen are treated differently than non-gownsmen in class. If such fears were true, the situation would be unfortunate since all students should be treated equally regardless of past academic performances. Past academic performance does not necessarily indicate anything about an individual's future performance. (My experience with Spanish is a testament to this.) Even if such fears of unequal treatment are not true, the perception that they are true is still damaging to professor/ student and student/student relationships.

This does not mean that I do not support the OG. On the contrary, I believe that it makes sense in honor those that work hard and do well in school. Furthermore, I highly value the potential that the OG has to play a positive role on campus. My only objections to wearing the gown have to do with its place in the classroom setting.

Many will reply with the reasons given in the September first letter First, hy wearing a gown, OG members are participating in a respected tradition. And secondly, "if we do not show nur support for this institution by wearing our academic gowns, we cannot possibly expect to receive the respect we desire.

The first reason for wearing the gown is strange, given the fact that the number of members not wearing gowns is apparently significant enough to prompt pleas for more to wear it. Evidently, not everyone holds the tradition in such high re-

But even if everyone did wear his gown, one could still ask why wearing the gown is so essential to life at Sewance. The simple answer that "wearing a gown is a tradition" is nut a sufficient reply. Traditions can be good, bad, or bith. Fin instance. Sewance's past tradition of admitting only men was nut necessarily good (especially for our female OG president). Likewise, the claim that the wearing of the gown is a tradition is a descriptive, rather than evaluative, claim. Calling it a tradition does not, in itself, make the wearing of the gown any more meaningful.

The second reason, that wearing our "academic gowns" is essential for the OG to receive "respect" on campus, is also a bit strange. If it is true that members are just emoying their privileges and not engaged m their responsibilities, then simply pushing members to take part in one of the responsibilities still does not answer the core question of why people are shirking the responsibility in the first place. Why have people not been wearing their gowns?

Some at Sewance would prefer to thrnk that members are apathetic, lazy, or absent-minded on the way to class, rather than entertain the possibility that some penple chose not to wear their gowns for specific reasons. It is time for an open discussion about wearing gowns to class, without people simply being dismissed as anti-traditional. Such a discussion would not only give some people a chance to air dissent, but would also give others an opportunity to support the wearing of the gown. And perhaps innre importantly, such a discussion would provide the OG with the opportunity to fulfill its duty "to serve as a force for channeling student opininn" on an important issue.

Lastly, this is not intended as a enticism of the president of the OG. Her letter and the comments she made last year demonstrate that she is truly committed to promoting an active OG that plays a positive role on campus, which is what will truly increase respect for the OG. She should be commended for such intentions and not held responsible for the existence of gownless members. The decision of whether to wear a gown is and should remain a private decision.

Summer News Summary:

Would Everyone Just Get Off Miss Lewinsky Already?

by Demian Perry, Editor

The president has had enough. And God knows, we've had enough. The story has been beaten into the ground by every once-respectable news agency in the country, and yet, we keep eating it up.

It's a tasteless story, as everyone whn's tasted rt knows and we have all tasted it. Even the British (who aften-revel in their cultural superintity) have enjoyed a heaping helping of the Manica du Jour as English

tabloids - fed up with scandalizing their own hland and overdrawn royal family - have turned to the far sexier cuisine of American gussip. This summer, even the more respectable English newspapers, such as the London Times, managed to fill their front pages with, as it were, the latest blow-byblow account, and one issue of The Economist - once the great intellectual device of Jeremy Bentham featured President Clinton, Monica Lewinsky, and Kenneth Starr, all looking towards each other like some Brady Bunch family portrait. The cover designers had the brilliant idea of drawing lines between them and dubbing it a "triangle." I did not get the double entendre at first. Perhaps they could have been a bit more obvious; a French phrase comes to mind.

We all know why the media dwells The poor woman has had enough. on this issue - they're just giving the public what they want - what I can't understand is why we at the receiving end want what they give us so bad. Americans reacted with horror to Clinton's August 17th address when he suggested that some things that

even presidents "do" are private. Others were angry that, as one political correspondent put it: "He never apologized, he never said, 'I'm sorry,'" (As if the president had cheated on us when he did whatever he did with that woman.) After the president's speech, a USA Today Gallup Poll revealed that only 53% of Americans were "satis-

fied" - whatever that means. The other 47% presumably wanted more. Those of us who tearfully considered that the whole saga might end with the president's address were reassured the next moming by a beautiful, blue-eyed CNN corespondent with perfect hair when she rhetorically asked: "what's next for Start's probe?"

It is comforting to think that the sole purpose of celebrities is to provide entertainment. It is not, however, honest. Celebrities serve another purpose, a much darker purpose; they give us an escape from our own boring lives. What could be more palatable to the American mediocrity than the opportunity to live vicariously through someone with money, power, and all the free sex he wants?

his pleasure, and the only thing we can't understand is why he's trying to ban engarettes at the very moment we all need one



If Lewinsky's oral testimony has erected controversy, it is because the majority is bored with such mundane issues as the U.A.W. strike, the pope's visit to Cuha, the peace in Northern Ireland, nuclear testing in Pakistan, and the side effects of Viagra. Indeed, CNN admitted that they had devoted more coverage to the White House sex scandal than to all those issues com-

True, the media is partially to blame. They should not give us what we want, but what we need. In a nation that defines itself by the free exchange of ideas, the mass-media serves as one of our few intellectual guardians. While they may not shape how we think, they certainly shape what we think about. That they have focused on the Lewinsky sex scandal shows that the media has no concern for our enlightenment, our education, and our progress as a nation.

But we the people are also to blame. We have become fascinated with an issue with no redeening value, no lesson, and no positive outcome. We have jumped into bed with the media and taken whatever they would give us. Now that Monica and Bill have agreed that they had an affair, there is no longer a question of who is trailer He has felt our pain, we have felt trash. Now the question is: who isn't?

"We are all Children of God"

by Sylvester Tan

Sewance is, in many ways, a mountain of seekers. As students return to the Mountain for another academic year or arrive for the Airst time, they continue their quest to determine who they really are. The task can be daunting fur undergraduates in the college, who have to define themselves as individuals in ways they did not at home. Seminarians in the school of theology must also struggle with who they are. Discerning a call to serve God in His Church can be a terrilying but exciting experience with implications to the individual that are every bit as great as those that other stildents face at the college. The quest to find one's sell has become as much a part of the Sewanee experience as any of our other fine traditions

Often, Sewance students, like students everywhere, fall into the trap of thinking that "who you are" is the same as "what you are." When we define ourselves, or other people, we most often define them by what they are or what they do We may look at one person and think of him as an ath-

lete, another person may be a distinguished gownsman, and yet another may be an accomplished actor. Even when we look at ourselves, we may define ourselves by what we do. While labeling people in such a way may be helpful to a certain extent, identifying people solely by what they do can be

I doubt that anyone could have taught me this lesson as well as my father has with his own life. My father studied at a Christian school in Vietnam when he was a teenager, just as I am doing here at Sewanee, My father had many hopes and aspirations, like all people his age, but he had no idea where his life would take him. It was 1956, and it appeared that force would be necessary to resolve a conflict between the democratic forces in South Vietnam and the communist forces in the North. At the age of nineteen, the promising young student answered the call to fight for the democratic principles in which he believed He married his high school sweetheart and headed off to the United States, where the Air Force trained him to defend his country, Vietnam. My father was now an officer in the Vietnamese Air Force, and that would be a label that would define him for the next nineteen years. He was also a father and a husband, with a wife and seven children. My father fought until the last day in April 1975, when advancing communist forces crushed the country he had fought so hard to defend and the ideals in which he believed so strongly.

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The Sewance fencing club has enjoyed an increase in popularity since its inception six years ago. In my quest to determine just what makes fencing so popular, I conducted a brief survey of an assortment of those new to the Mountain and found that almost all at least knew about the existence of the Sewance Fencing Club, which is a step in the right direction. The club owes nearly all of its fledgling popularity to Frank Pratt (c' 97). Pratt was instrumental in establishing a fencing arena in the brand new Fowler Center (Fowler now has three fencing strips and a storage facility in the back gym). Pratt also established two tournaments that are held annually on the Mountain. He was recently asked to take on the role of division chairman of the United States Fencing Association, an honor he was forced to respectfully decline due to his recent move to Georgia. Senior Chris Demaree gives Pratt all the credit for laying the foundations that has started to gain the young club

The club now enjoys the leadership of three seniors. Chris Demarce, James Holyer and Andrew Gallian. But don't dare call them the "presidents" of the club, for as Demaree put it, "we really want to make this club a group effort. We are trying to integrate the [freshman and sophornores] so that there won't be a gap when we're gone." Demarce and Hoyler bring to the club national rakings in cpec, something that has been previously lacking. In addition, Demarce credits Gallian with an "intensity of purpose" that will aid the club. Demarce also speaks of new goals for the club, such as better physical conditioning. Demarce, Holyer, and Gallian are assisted by Dr. Dale Sweeny, a fencer with close to thirty years experience. Sweeny travels forty minutes every week to Sewanee to help the team by teaching the beginning fencing class as well as leading workouts for those more experienced in the club.

I wondered if Demarce could assist me in my aim of finding out exactly what is so special about fencing. He believes it is the intellectual appeal

of the sport that gryes it an undefinable quality. "You have to anticipate your opponent's move three moves ahead," he said, "it's fike a chess

So, I am satisfied, but my research has left me still unsure exactly how to define what it is about fencing that makes it so alluring. But seeing people like Dr. Sweeny so dedicated to the sport that, even as an elderly gentleman, he travels so far out of his way to fence with a young club helps me to understand a little. And hearing about people like Frank Pratt who dedicate so much of their time to the administrative end of the sport helps, too. But it was a single quote that I found from the Toran that put my wondering mind to rest, at least for now. "There is more truth in a single sword than in a thousand words," Indeed,

Women's Soccer begins season

by Catherine Woody

Staff Writer

The 1998 women's soccer team got an early start to the season this summer. The team reported to campus in early this fall for preseason practices, which began on August 18. This year, the Varsity squad consists of twenty talented players. Leading the team is Head Coach Margot Burns. Team captains are Stuart Richards, the lone senior on the team, and Rosalie Stone, a Sophomore mid-fielder, The juniors on the team are Summer Covington, Stephanie Murray, and Liddell Shannon. Sophomores playing are Caroline Barran, Claire Burns, Megan Hintz, Leslie James, Linda Millikan, Kathleen Schmidt, and Virginia Talley. And, rounding out the roster are freshmen Amy Black, Margaret Boone, Danielle Deslauriers, Lily Lowery, Noell Rembert, Cathy Schmidt, Jen Simoneau, Meggie Tujague, and Nancy Wilson. Unfortunately. both Black and Deslauriers injured their A.C.L.s and will be out

for the season. The lineup for the beginning of the season has been Tujague in goal, Murray at sweeper, James and Kathleen Schmidt at defense, Richards, Burns, Stone, Simoneau at mid-field, and Millikan and Cathy Schmidt as forwards.

The team had its first scrimmage on August 22 versus Covenant College. The second scrim-



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On Tuesday, September 1, the regular season began for the team. This game was also Sewance's home opener. The Tigers easily defeated a greatly outmatched Agnes Scott team in front of an enthusiastic home crowd. The fi-

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mess of the popular conception of the sport and ignored the real deal. Fencing is a fast moving, very athletic sport involving two participants competing in a variety of styles. The three styles that are competitively practiced are foil, epee, and sabre (the Sewanee club practices all three to varying degrees) Foil involves the use of a small, flexible blade, used only for stabs, with the target area being only the chest and torso area. This style harkens back to the days of rapier duels; the target area reflects, well, the kill zone that a duelist would aim for to settle his differences with his antagonist on a rather permanent level. Epee, a second style, involves a much firmer blade, also used for stabs, with the entire body being what's known as "on target." Basically, anywhere the point of the sword lands is a valid touch and good for a point. Unlike foil, which involves certain, complex "right of way" decisions to determine who is awarded the touch, in epee, the first touch is given the point. The third style, sabre, is the closest to what the media shows us in movies like Zorro, because not only

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The Sewanee fencing club has enjoyed an increase in popularity since its inception six years ago. In my quest to determine just what makes fencing so popular, I conducted a brief survey of an assortment of those new to the Mountain and found that almost all at least knew about the existence of the Sewance Fencing Club, which is a step in the right direction. The club owes nearly all of its fledgling popularity to Frank Pratt (c' 97). Pratt was instrumental in establishing a fencing arena in the brand new Fowler Center (Fowler now has three fencing strips and a storage facility in the back gym). Pratt also established two tournaments that are held annually on the Mountain. He was recently asked to take on the role of division chairman of the United States Fencing Association, an honor he was forced to respectfully decline due to his recent move to Georgia. Senior Chris Demaree gives Pratt all the credit for laying the foundations that has started to gain the young club

The club now enjoys the leadership of three seniors: Chris Demaree, James Holyer and Andrew Gallian, But don't dare call them the "presidents" of the club, for as Demarce put it, "we really want to make this club a group effort. We are trying to integrate the [freshman and sophomores] so that there won't he a gap when we're gone." Demaree and Hoyler hring to the club national rakings in epec, something that has been previously lacking. In addition, Demarce credits Gallian with an "intensity of purpose" that will aid the club. Demarce also speaks of new goals for the club, such as better physical conditioning. Demaree, Holyer, and Gallian are assisted by Dr. Dale Sweeny, a fencer with close to thirty years experience. Sweeny travels forty minutes every week to Sewanee to help the team by teaching the beginning fencing class as well as leading workouts for those more experienced in the club.

I wondered if Demaree could assist me in my aim of finding out exactly what is so special about fencing. He believes it is the intellectual appeal

of the sport that gives it an undefinable quality. "You have to anticipate your opponent's move three moves ahead," he said, "it's like a chess

So, I am satisfied, but my research has left me still unsure exactly how to define what it is about fencing that makes it so alluring. But seeing people like Dr. Sweeny so dedicated to the sport that, even as an elderly gentleman, he travels so far out of his way to fence with a young club helps me to understand a little. And hearing about people like Frank Pratt who dedicate so much of their time to the administrative end of the sport helps, too. But it was a single quote that I found from the Toran that put my wondering mind to rest, at least for now: There is more truth in a single sword than in a thousand words " Indeed.

Women's Soccer begins season

by Catherine Woody

Staff Writer

The 1998 women's soccer team got an early start to the season this summer. The team reported to campus in early this fall for preseason practices, which began on August 18. This year, the Varsity squad consists of twenty talented players. Leading the team is Head Coach Margot Burns. Team captains are Stuart Richards, the lone senior on the team, and Rosalie Stone, a Sophomore mid-fielder. The juniors on the team are Summer Covington, Stephanie Murray, and Liddell Shannon. Sophomores playing are Caroline Barran, Claire Burns, Megan Hintz, Leslie James, Linda Millikan, Kathleen Schmidt, and Virginia Talley. And, rounding out the roster are freshmen Amy Black, Margaret Boone, Danielle Deslauriers, Lily Lowery, Noell Rembert, Cathy Schmidt, Jen Simoneau, Meggie Tujague, and Nancy Wilson. Unfortunately, both Black and Deslauriers injured their A.C.L.s and will be out

for the season. The lineup for the beginning of the season has been Tujague in goal, Murray at sweeper, James and Kathleen Schmidt at defense, Richards, Burns, Stone, and Simoneau at mid-field, and Millikan and Cathy Schmidt as

forwards. The team had its first scrimmage on August 22 versus Covenant College. The second scrim-



Linda Millikan dribbles downfiled for the Lady Tigers. The Tigers opened with a 7-0 win over Agnes Scott.

29 against the University of North Alabama. The girls split these preseason scrimmages, winning against Covenant, but falling short

against the U. of North AL. Team. On Tuesday, September 1, the regular season began for the team. This game was also Sewanee's home opener. The Tigers easily defeated a greatly outmatched Agnes Scott team in front of an enthusiastic home crowd. The final score was 7.0.

headed for North Carolina. On and Franklin at 2:00 p.m. on Sun-September 5, the team faced day, the 20th. Sewanee finishes Meredith College in Raleigh. Sewanee again had an easy vic- day, September 25 against Rhodes tory, winning 5-2. On Sunday, the

mage came a week later on August Tigers went to Greensboro to play Guilford College, In a very close game, the Tigers lost to Guilford in overtime, 1.0,

The Tigers will play next on September 12 at home in the Sewanee Classic. The host team will take on Principia at 3.00 p.m. On Sunday, September 13, the team will play in either the consolation or the championship game at 1:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m., respectively. Over Parent's Weekend, the girls will face Centre The girls then hit the road and College on the 19th at 2:00 p,in off their long home stand on Fri-College, and on Sunday, September 27 against Hendrix

Sewanee Tiger Scores

Men's Soccer

Sewance 5, Westminster (Mo.) 2

Sewanec 1, Principia 0

Women's Soccer

Sewanee5, Meredith 2

Sewanee 1, Guilford 0 (OT) Volleyball Maryville Invitational Maryville (win)

15-9, 17-15, 15-6

Rand.-Macon (loss) 9-15, 9-15, 15-9, 12-15 Ashbury College (win) 15-3, 15-11, 15-13 Centre (loss) 15-10, 13-15, 15-4, 6-15, 12-15

Field Hockey Mountain Top Tournament Sewance 2, Kenyon 0

Sewance 4, Centre 1

Football

Sewance 24, Hampden-Sydney 14

Sewanee Tiger football at a glance

1998 Schedule Next game: Sept. 5 Hampden-Sydney 1:00 Saturday (24-14 win) Rose-Hulman (0-1) at Sept. 12 Rose-Hulman Sewanee (1-0); 1:30 p.m. at McGee Field 1.30 Sept. 19 Davidsun Sewanee, Tenn. 1.30 Oct 3 @Centre Previous game: Oct. 10 @DePauw 2:00 Sewanee 24 Hamp.-Syd. 14 Oct. 17 Rhodes 1:30 The Tigers were able to steal Oct. 24 @Wash & Lee a win, taking advantage of Hampden-Sydney Oct. 31 Millsaps turnovers. Nov. 7 @Trinity 2:30

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Artist dillema: sell out or starve

by Charles Fiore, Art Editor

This summer I was fortunate enough to see a wonderful production of the musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. written by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Weher. Modernized and sexual, the dancing and the fanfare overwhelmed the audience and kept them riveted throughout the performance. At the curtain call, the audience lept to their feet, the true sign for a performer that his job has been accepted and appreciated

But it made the wonder. Why the standing ovation? No doubt the sheer athleticism which was demonstrated was impressive, and any theatrical audience is a sucker for a revolving set. But did the teason run deeper?

The innicioal's story is one of hope, of die ams achieved, of success after failure, of overenming great odds to rise to the top. The sense of lilimor was quirky, the singing mediocre, but the slinw itself was fact and colorful and ran a light-speed hour and a half.

This show drew the biggest crowds of the summer where I worked. It was happy, escapiet, fun for the whole family. One did not have to cuminit to the characters to enjoy the rock 'n rull musical score, nni did they have to pay close attention to understand bacically where the story progressed. Joseph gets a bright coat, he's thrown in a pit, sold into slavery, thrown into jud after being seduced, interprets a dream, becomes Pharoah's right hand man, avinds a fainine, tricks bis brothers, then hrings his futher to Egypt and everynne is reunited. The audience was in anif out before your dinner really has a chance to settle

Is this then the purpose of art? Is this what today's cociety wants? Breeity, entertainment, light themes which stay on the surface, excitement, and cheery dancing? Is this the sort of thing you, as an artist, really want to produce?

As an artist, you no doubt want to present some kind of meaning in your work, some kind of universal "Truth" which makes people sit back and deal with a part of themselves which is rarely affected or breached You want people to recugnize your gennis, your outlink on the world, ac smuething new and fresh and exciting. You want respect and acknowledgement that you know what's going oir. On the other hand, you want to eat

So what do you do? Surely one answer is to proclaim, as the naise

ating yet somehow entiring musical "Rent" does .."Vie la Bijhenie!" Go ahead and draw your welfare or wash a few windshields every day for handouts and make your life your art Turn you cheeks to society and refuse to go down with The Man Do what you want to do, let the people of America pay for you to do it, and die penniless in a gutter somewhere surrounded by your medinere water colors and found object sculptures.

Or you can sell out. Sell your soul to America. Get swept away by the cupitalism and produce cardboard out outs of South Park characters and sell them to ten-year-olds for sixteen dollars a pop. Produce bland hotel pamiings of trees and mountains that people hang in their kitchen because it matches their silverware and get paid enough to spend your cummiers in Greece year in and year nut. Write a cheeky musical about a well known Bible story, throw in a linte electric guitar and be known as one of the premiere musical composers of the comury Hey, it's the difference between showering underneath a sky light in a marble bath or washing yourself out of a broken fire hydrant.

But maybe not. You can get your master's degree and teach in a cuzy college samewhere, be paid enough to live well (though surely not as much as you deserve - the terrible salaries we pay teachers is a generally acknowledged sur but not subject for an arts column) and have time to do your art in the privacy of your house and maybe get a show or be published now and again.

But you're an artist. You're twenty years old. You don't want to teach right now. You want to create. You want to question the universe and show people beauty. According to Khalil Gibron you, as an artist, are more important than anyone else in the world. Because you show people the things that truly matter. But that won't, in all liklihood, pay your hills. At least not right away.

I'm not suggesting the government subsidize the arte. It would be a colution, but, to insert a rhytne, also a pollution. And whether of not Michaelangelu enjoyed architecture, he still did a helluea job for his King.

Take comfort. The unswer might be to let your "Joseph...Dreamcoats" pay your bills, and your "Hamlets" cutapult you into elemity. As the semester continues, we will continue to hock at art and its purpose. Tapolugize for having no answers, but I too. air an artist, wondering how to make a living and still create beauty without selling my soul.

Movie review: Saving Private. Ryan

by Shap Sweeney

Saving Private RyantA+

The only argument against placing Stephen Spielberg's World War II epic, "Saving Private Ryan", alongside the clite club populated by the greatest films of all time would be that its appeal is himited. Limited, that is, to moviegoers who are interested in challenging themselves with something more than "Batman and Robin" or "Godzilla". Not that there is anything wrong with movies made purely for the cake of entertainment, but every once in a while a ninvie comes along that so profoundly captures a period of history, a people, a way of life, or in this case a war, that it reminds us that even in the liigh stakes movie business there is still sometimes room for true art.

A surviving veteran inf WW II wishing to see a thoroughly accurate and

moving portrayal of the horrors of fighting in perhaps the most terrible human conflict the world has witnessed would have to hope for a Hotlywood dieam team to deliver such a movie. Such a team was created in the pairing of Stephen Spielberg and Tom Hanks. After winning a Best Picture Academy Award for "Schindler's list", a depiction of the Holochust, Spielberg decided in return to the darkest years of the twentieth century for a different perspective. "Saving Private Ryan" depicts the bravery and fear, the gore and glory, and the relationthips and loyalties of American citizens stripped from civilian life to battle the forces of tyranny and oppression in WW II

"Saving Private Ryan" is certainly not the first inovic to expose the dark side of war, as anyone who has seen "Platoon" or "Full Metal Jacket" can attect to. However, both of those were Vietnam movies, and WW II movies have often had a tendency to glorify the conflict at the expense of realism. "Saving Private Ryan" finally brings to the screen the reality of how brutal the so-called "Good War" was. The film is truly unprecedented: never before has a movie been able to make andiences feel so caught up in a battle portrayed on scieen that it actually scems as if bullets are whizzing by one's head.

The battle scenes (particularly the beginning sequence depicting the Dday investor) are truly stunning and

are what most of the hype surround. ing the film's release focused on. However, an equally memorable aspeet of the movie is the character development of an infantry Captain and his squad as they strive to enmplete their mission across the war-torn Normandy countryside.

The add slogan for the movie explains, "The Mission Is A Man." After it comes in the attention of military officials that an American mother has lost three sons to the War and that her fourth is missing in action, Captam John Miller (Tom Hanks) and his men are assigned to locate the surviving Ryan so that he can he safely rcturned home to his mother. Thus they set off on an enormously dangerous mission along with a nulitary cartographer (who has never fought a battle) as their guide.

Tom Hanks' excellent performance as the level headed Captain is so subtle that it is not surprising that the more personality endowed characters that make up his squad often seem to steal the scenes. Indeed, the supporting cast of the film is so strong that it would not be surprising to find all five Academy Award nominations for Best Supporting Actor this year given to members of the "Saving Private Ryan" cast. In a movie genre that often tends to portray alf the participants in a war as either "good guys" or "bad guys", Jereiny Davies's ("Spanking the Monkey") heart wrenching performance as the young cartographer reminds us that

sometimes even the good guys have cowards on their side. Similarly deft performances are given by Tom Sizemore ("Natural Born Killers") as the hot headed Sergeant Horvath, writer/director Ed Burns ("The Brother's McMullen") as cocky New Yorker Private Reiben, as well as Adam Goldberg ("Dazed and Confused") and Giovanni Ribisi ("Suburbia") as fiercely loyal members of the

Sorry ladies, although new Hollywood hotshot Matt Damon plays the title role, his part as Private James Ryan is rather small. However, despite his shortage of screen time. Damon's performance rivals that of anyone in the cast, suggesting that the acting skill he demonstrated in the recent classic "Good Will Hunting" was not beginner's luck. "Saving Private Ryan" succeeds on

multiple levels and is sure to be long recognized as a masterpiece of filmaking. Famed World War II historian Stephen Ambrose and WW II veterans across the country have come forward to acknowledge "Savmg Private Ryan" as the most realistic and accurate cinematic portrayal ever of the war. One only needed to stand outside the doors of the theater where I happened to see "Saving Private Ryan" to realize that the film is truly a unique movie going experience. It is quite rare to see an exiting audience in which just as many men are weep-



Tennessee Williams continued

du before "Professin David Landin can't find schat said, thans for a cuttee hour aint init. Sewance and the provisation shows are already in de-new Tennessee cellopment

Construction started on the theatrelact August and will be finished soon. The Tennessee Williams Center coct Sexuaec four million dollars, a price amazingly his for a state-of-the art theatre. Its low cost comes from its economic use of resources. The Center is the transformed gym from the ald unlitary academy near Quintard The fine good thors throughout the highling are the remnants of the old basket full court.

Most of the money for the Center came from the Tennessee Williams Estate. In his feell, the playwright gave. the royafties of his work to Sewance in lionor of his grandfather, who went to Sewance's School of Theology, Allproductions of Tennessee Williams' plays arms the world contribute about a million dollars a year to the endomment. Funds are also distribnted to the English and theatir departments. The question of where monectrouville invalues will go in the future is currently unanswered.

Theatre students are excited about the chance to perform in a professional theater. "The technology's great," said. one theatre major, Jeremiah Murphy. c'99. "Now I can check my e-moil during intermission "Sonic incoming treshmen based their decision to come to Secumee on the new theatre. "You

Williams Center trave to offer at any other school," David Atkinson, c'02. "That's why I chirse Sewanee? Landan has decided to work hill. time with the the atre department now that the Tennessee Williams Center is com-

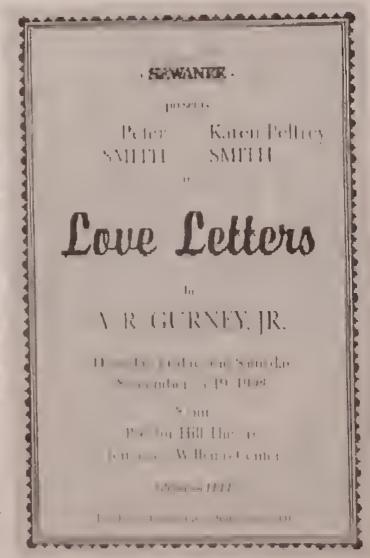
Productions are afready taking place in the neurenter Jane South, a chareographer from New York, is currently holding a workshop in acting mucement and energy Her works include Portrait of

Madonna and Lady of Loyford She will perform her show in the Tennessee Williams Center on Thursday, September 10th. Other up-conning acts are Dionesus & Co 's Per Wars (September 25th - 27th), Theatre Sewanee's Lose Letters (September 17th - 19th).



Constrution on the Tennesse Williams Center began last August and was completed this summer

and a show by Lial Leverich. Theater Sewance will perform this season's first production. A Midsummer Night's Dream, on Nov 12 The center is located near the School of Theology, on the other side of the soccer field behind Quintard



CD Review: I Become Small and Go by Creeper Lagoon

Creeper Lagoon: [Become Small] by Pete Thompsun (100)

When a friend hands me a new CD to listen to, very rarely do I end up saying to myself, "That's some of the best stuff I've ever heard." I tend to listen to it once or twice and then hand it back with no remorse. Honestly, when one of my boys sent me a copy of the Creeper Lagoon CD, I Become Small and Go, I thought it would be just another one of those short-lived indie-rock CD's that would end up on the floor of my car. Absolutely no chance that this bad boy's going to end up

I don't usually give indie-rock a lot of credit. It's evidently a hitor-miss gente: some CDs that I've heard are made by bands who are destined to remain in the depths of poor-quality studios and low-budget production. Some bands truly deserve it. Others are overlooked by the unsuspecting listener solely on the fact that indie-rock is a dangerous and init's happened to you or not, but here's how I'd classify indierock- you go see a band who you have absolutely no iden of who they are, or one or your friends knows the lead guitarist in the band or something, and you either love them more than any

other band you've ever heard before. CD player for a while or walk out of the smoky hole-in-thewall night club praying for the downfall of independent rock. But every once in a while, you'll find a diamond in the rough... so is the case with Creeper Lagoon

Ok... Here's the low-down on the evulution of Creeper Lagoon's CD in two sentences. If you know anything about alternative music, you've heard of Beck. Beck's last album, Odelay, included sampling work done by the Dust Brothers, who are the owners of the label under which LBecome Small and Go was produced. So, from that explanation, you can expect that the Creeper CD is going to be chocked full of looped drum beats and nifty little noises that leave all of the alternachicks of the world screaming in ecstasy. And if you've listened to the radio at any point in the last six months, you know that sampling is becoming a dominant motif in alternative music. It's getting to the point where every band nowadays is using samples of some sort. But Creeper Lagoon isn't riding the band-wagon... they're driving the damned thing.

The members of Creeper Lagoon are not only extremely talented musiconsistent scene. I don't know if cians, but their lyrics fit the songs like a glove. It's incredible. I can't help but enjoy this CD... it's too good. The music is fabulous. It's very optimistic and "life-loving". It feels good to viscours. The construit of smoothly mixed samples and effectsladen guitars and soothing vocals makes it a CD that will remain in my

I Become Small and Go is something that you can listen to in any mood- a very good all purpose album. For instance, the first song on the CD completely sets the mood for the other 12 songs on the CD: "Wonderful Lave". Perfect for those Friday nights with the one you care about. should unwind. It's bed time. Lovely-su sweet to see. Look after me." It's a very powerful song and the best choice by far to open the album And it's not all fast-paced songs either. "Black Hole" is a great nighttime song Then you've got songs like "Prison Mix" which is a mix of synthesizers, drums, and a melotron (a machine popular in the mid-70's that plays a loop of tape for 8 seconds at a time) There are some lines in here that really grab me, too. My personal favorite is in "Second Chance"- "Is there a reason ... You killed your soul. You said you wanted a real life. This isn't real life and no one knows which way you'll go " There's only one song on here that I don't really enjoy 100% and that's only because of the fact that they repeat the same line a comple of times. It's still good, but a little whiny. Aside from that, there's very little wrong with the albiim. Then there's "Dear Deadly"... it's one of those really good songs to listen to while enjoying the fruits of nature with .. if you catch my drift.

Put this CD on when you're throwing a party in your room. Listen to it in the car on the way to class. Go running with it playing in your head-

phones, It works for anything. If you come home upset from all of the busywork that's just been assigned to you, sit back, pour yourself a scotch, and listen. It'll mellow you out a good bit. And it's not the type of "burnie" music you would expect from a band using samples (you know, that ambient experimental minimulist stuff floating around). It's fun, happy, rock-'n-roll with the kind of optimism that's lacking in many bands' repertoire.

I can't emphasize enough how good this CD really sounds. I highly recommend listening to the CD on WUTS on the upcoming album show, on which this CD will be played. Maybe

I'm wrong by giving it four stars, but to me this band is a cool drink. of water in the desert of popular music. Every so often, there comes a band which makes me want to personally thank them for writing a piece of missic that really fits the mind set that I am in at that particular time. Well, here's 12 of those mind sets, and to the members of Creeper Lagoon-Thank you. It's about time that someone put out an alburn which actually means something besides selling a million copies to support the band's evergrowing drug habits or lavish



Jim Ann Howard

niversity galleries

community. Guerry Hall, Stirling's Coffee House, and the Bishop's Common are all currently displaying collections from various types of artists.

The artwork of Jim Ann Howard will be on exhibition in Guerry Hall until October 16. Her postmodernist paintings and drawings deal largely with social interactions and the changes in the contemporary social and economic order Stirling's Colfee House is presently displaying the photograms of Elizabeth Motlow. Her use of this interesting form of photography makes her work individualistic and expressive The Bishop's Common gallery is featuring the artwork of one of Sewance's own art teachers, Edward Carlos, whose watercolors, paintings, and drawings describe religious themes such as Christ's passion and Adam in the Garden of Eden.

Jim Ann Howard was born in Nashville and spent her adult career working as a studio artist in Boston and New York City. She is now living in Pelham Valley near Monteagle and will be teaching drawing courses at St. Andrews-Sewance School, A common theme of her work is the distance between what she was raised to expect from heiself and her society and the late 20th century reality. She purirays such topics as child-bearing versus a career for women in the workforce and the problems men face distinguishing

by Leah Hobbs and Eleanor Fleming self-worth from economic success. She uses humor and wit to take the The Sewanee campus has three edge off these difficult subjects. Above main art galleries that regularly host all else she wants her work to be art shows and artists from around the thought-provoking: "For," she said, "thought, shared experience, and interpersonal dialogue about difficult subjects are crucial, yet often absent, elements of contemporary society."

Elizabeth Motlow, a local resident, began her work with the photographic process called photograms in about 1984. The process was invented in England in the late 1830's by William Henry Fox Talbot. Photograms are created by using light sensitive materials without the use of a photographic negative. Because no two pictures are ever the same, there is an element of chance in the art which is very refreshing. Elizabeth Motlow concentrates on flowers, fruits, and vegetables from her own garden and finds her inspiration in the natural world.

Edward Cartos, also a resident of Sewanee and a professor of drawing and painting in the art department, captures the pain of Christ's passion in his symbolic watercolors by using only blacks and browns. His paintings are being shown in The Bishop's Common gallery along with several drawings depicting Christ's life.

The Guerry Hall gallery is open from 10-5 Tues.-Fri. and 12-2 Sat.-Sun. You can visit Stirling's Coffee House any time between 7-12 and the Bishop's Common gallery holds the same hours as the B.C. Don't miss the opportunity to stop by and see these great shows.

Jupiter Coyote's Crazy Woman rocks Cheston

By J. Douglas Waterman

Fresh off the release of their new album, Here Be Dragons, Jupiter Coyof come to billed the in hand bridge. night ready to roll Kisking off at about ten o'clock and closing at one o'clock, the band cranked out songs from the new album as well as from their older albums in front of a packed house of Sewanee students.

As a band, Jupiter Coyote was formed in Macon, Georgia in 1993. They created their own record label, Autonomous Records, and began attracting other artists to the label as well as releasing their own albums. Band members include Matt Mayes on vocals and guitar, John Felty on lead guitar, Sanders Brightwell on bass, Gene Bass on drums, and Robert Soto on percussion. The central focus of the band is touring and playing for a vari-

ety of crowds. Over the last five years, they have attracted a loyal following of fans, many of whom travel alongside the band for many of their performances. Jiipiter Coyote has grown

into one of the largest independent bands in the country

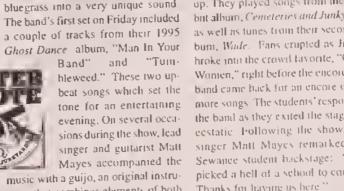
Jupiter Coyote's musical style is often referred to as Mountain Rock, blending blues, rock, country and bluegrass into a very unique sound The band's first set on Friday included

music with a guijo, an original instrument that combines elements of both the electric guitar and the banjo.

Alter a short break, the band again

took the stage with no sign of letting up. They played songs from their debut album, Cemeteries and Junkyards, as well as tunes from their second album, Wade. Fans crupted as Jupiter broke into the crowd lavorite, "Crazy Wamen," right before the encore. The band came back for an encore of two more songs. The students' response to the band as they exited the stage was eestatic Pollowing the show, lead singer Matt Mayes remarked to a Sewance student backstage: "Y'all picked a hell of a school to come to. Thanks for having us here '

The concert was an obvious success for both the students and the band.





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What to do when there's nothing to do on the Mountain

Like to think big, but are too scared to climb Mt. Everest? Let Chattanooga's Tennessee Aquarium Imax Theatre do it for you! Check out "Everest" at 6, 7, and 9 Fri-Sat and 6 and 7 on Sun, or maybe their 3D "Into the Deep" or "L5 — 1st City In Space" is more your style. Call 266-IMAX for more info.

Really bored? Go to www.stampvote.msn.com to vote for your favorite '70s stars! Choose from subjects like "Sesame Street." 'All in the Family," 'The Godfather, " the smiley face, Disco, '70s fashion, Watergate, and the Bicentennial. The top 15 will be a new series of '70s stamps.

Not getting enough hot air from professors? Jordan Fest '98 offers hot air balloons and music on Sept. 11-13 in Chattanooga. Proceeds benefit Make a Wish Foundation.

Hunter Museum is offering the Major American Collection (from Chattanooga, of course) and a Normal Rockwell exhibit up to Sept. 13. Now who would miss that ?!

Can't think of any more ways to try to kill your not-so-perfect roomic? Check out Dead Man on Campus playing all over the state and Atlanta.

For the daredevil child in everyone, the Tennessean is helping to sponsor the Tennessee Aviation Days '98 Charity Airshow on Sept. 12 and 13, starting at 9am. Tickets are only \$8 in advance and \$15 at the gate, available at T i c k e t m a s t c r.

SouthPark Jumble

See if you can unscramble the words, then fill in the last line.

The letters of the final word are printed in Bold.

There's a time and place for everything, and it's called: LLCEEGO

Cartman's mother is a: MERHTDOIPAHER

The Christmas Poo (Mr. ____):

KYAHEN

Mr. Hat's best friend: RGRANIOS

Oh my God! They've killed _____

Need a little Change: The Tennessean Room Tips

Can't figure out how to make your perfect room any better? Here's what the Tean had to

1) Buy Beautiful Bedding
Come on guys, you
know you want pastel pink
flowers and happy suns all
over your hed. Use a lot of
color and see how much your
room brightens up!

2) Cover the Floor

No, you haven't done this if you can't even see your floor anymore due to the mounds of dirty clothes piled 8 feet high! Maybe buy a little rug at the nearest Walmart.

3) Art up the Walls

But not with Crayolas or finger paint. Check out the Bookstore for some colorful posters or get a tapestry to cover the bare walls. Paste pics of friends and family so you don't miss them.

4) Secure Added Storage

Trust me, your room will look bigger once you get all that junk out of your way. Check out dorm storage and dump bags and trunks for the semester, or shove it in your closet or under your bed,

5) Shelve It

Got way too much stuff? Get a little bookshelf or stack up books under your bed. If you've already got shelves and are too lazy to use them, it's not too late!



Babe of the week:

As part of her senior thesis, Latin major Caroline Cheeves (C'99) has been researching assorted toiletries that she excavated from the ruins of Pompey during her soujourn last Fall. Central to her project is "Putresdent" — a predecessor to modern toothpaste. After several trials, she has discovered the correct dosage and is shown here displaying the beautiful smile that it produces. Way to go, Babe!

Answers: College, Hermaphrodite, Hankey, Garrison, Kenney

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