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A Nation in Shock



Photo by Raghav Virmani

Sewanee students watch in horror as reports continue to flow in concerning the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C. Groups like these have huddled around televisions in dorm common rooms, the Bishop's Common and many other places, hoping to comprehend the tragedy that occurred just days ago. See Page 4 for more complete coverage of the events.

Wave of New Staff Hits Campus

by Nicole Lawrence

Staff Writer

Over thousands of applications to sort through, students to accept and some to reject, outings to plan, several students to listen to in that time of need... along with hundreds of lives to help sketch out, so that an education worked on for the past few years isn't wasted. These are a just a portion of the duties attached to the positions of the new directors and faculty members entering Sewanee this year.

"Sewanee has always been a central place for me," said Catherine Swearingen, the new Director of Career Services. This year, in addition to the Grad School Fair, the office of career services has also planned a number of lectures, job fairs, internships, and excursions to help students find a career that suites them.

"Bubble blowing contests and sandwich making" said a teasing John Benson, new Director of the Sewanee Outing Program, were the some of the activities the SOP was going to coordinate this year. "The SOP is planning more linking, caving, canoeing, and rock climbing trips throughout the year. Benson said that the "caving lectures in Tennessee are truly incredible," and he would like more students to "explore the outdoors."

In addition to the new Career Services and SOP directors, Sewanee has also gained a new Dean of Admissions, David Lesense, Lay Chaplin, Wallace Maish, and many new faculty members who are either working towards tenure or working only for a year or two.

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Student Forum Unveils Plans for New Dormitory

by Ryan Cosgrove

Editor-in-Chief

At a recent forum, the architectural firm of MacLachlan, Cornelius and Filoni (MCF) met with Sewanee students and community members to unveil plans for a new residence hall. The new dormitory, which planners hope will provide housing for students in all four classes, may begin construction as early as June 2002.

The architectural firm only recently completed work on the university's Campus Master Plan, which called for the construction of a new residence hall. Despite earlier indications that the university would hire separate firms for the campus plan and any resulting renovations or construction proposals, it has maintained the employment of MCF for the designing of a new dorm.

Based on recommendations made by the Campus Master Plan, MCF has designed the new dormitory for the lot situated on the corner of Georgia and Mississippi Avenues, next to Courts Hall. Unlike its neighbor, however, the new dorm will not feature a courtyard, and its design will offer a greater variety of living spaces than any existing dorm on campus.

To fit the increased housing needs of the university, the hall will stand three stories high, have two separate wings and should accommodate roughly 100 students. All of the rooms will be laid out in the form of suites with shared bathrooms.

The left wing, which will stretch out towards Mississippi Avenue, will consist mainly of apartment suites similar to those in Hodgson. Most of these will contain singles

with shared bathrooms and common areas, and they will hopefully accommodate more of the needs of

upperclassmen. The right wing is the concept of a four-person loft. The bottom floor of the loft will contain a common area

will be connected by a narrow stairway located near the entrance of the suite, unlike the ladders used

of variety to the dorm and give more options to underclassmen who now face very limited options for housing.

One of the most appealing aspects of the new dorm to the planners as well as students in attendance at the forum is the mixture of upperclassmen and underclassmen suites. Because the left wing consists of apartment suites, the upperclassmen (mostly seniors) will have the isolation and privacy that many older students desire. Likewise, the freshmen halls in the right wing of the building will facilitate a much more social atmosphere.

Despite the separation of the classes, however, a large common room and entry hall will connect the two wings. Hopefully, placing the main entrance and common



This sketch shows the proposed new dormitory from Georgia Avenue. The firm of MacLachlan, Cornelius and Filoni presented floorplans and perspective drawings to a student forum last week.

upperclassmen.

The right wing of the building should offer an even greater amount of variety. Many of the rooms will resemble the Benedict suites, with separate bedrooms and study areas. However, unlike Benedict, the desks and shelves will not be built-in to allow for more flexibility.

Also, upon recommendation by students at the forum, MCF has begun to explore the possibility of inverting the bedroom and study room, placing the smaller space at the back (exterior) of the room and the larger space at the front (interior). This change may encourage some students to use the smaller space as the bedroom, most likely with the beds bunked, opening up the larger space for a more social area.

Another more radical living arrangement that MCF has considered for the far end of the right

and bathroom while the top floor with provide bedroom space and sinks. The two stories of the loft

in the Elliot lofts. These lofts will be limited in number, but they should add yet another dimension

Freshmen Class Sees Decline in Numbers But Not in Potential

by Benjamin Cobb

Asst. News Editor

The freshmen class of 2005 moved into the dorms on August 25, beginning their undergraduate studies at the University of the South. The new students bring a strong academic background and an element of enthusiasm to the campus as newcomers. All the freshmen now face the timeless adjustment of moving out into college life, as they begin to learn the true importance of budgeting time between fun and academics

at a fast-paced and challenging college.

The class of 2005 consists of 355 students, including 7 degree seeking international students. This group now brings the college's total enrollment to 1,320 students seeking undergraduate degrees.

While Sewanee remains a small liberal arts school, it successfully provides for an entertaining and eventful community that hopefully caters to the needs of all students, particularly the needs and interests freshmen. The freshmen

male to female ratio is 47% to 53%. The class represents forty-seven states and several foreign countries including Sweden, Bulgaria, Spain, Kenya, Pakistan, Germany, Japan, France and Zimbabwe.

It seems the general consensus on Sewanee is positive for these new students. One student noted that "everyone is really friendly, and it has made my experience at Sewanee much easier." -Christie

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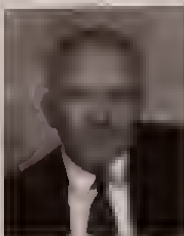
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Police Blotter



Life and Crime on the Streets of Sewanee

by Will Oakes

Staff Writer

Lately there have been several changes in policy for the Sewanee Police Department. I sat down and had a talk with Chief Parrot to hear about some of these policies and about some of the Police Department's recent incidents with violators. According to the chief, we have had an excellent start to this year, and he feels that it is mostly due to the new policies that have been put in place.

Last year, over seventy sets of keys were taken up by the University, and over two thousand parking tickets were written. Of course, most people have already heard about the new fine policy, which states that a first parking ticket will be just for the amount given on the ticket, but the second will have an extra fifty dollars tacked on, the third an extra hundred, and so on. Chief Parrot says that the rate at which tickets have been issued thus far this year has dropped dramatically. A more pressing issue on his mind, however, is drug and alcohol violations. The chief said that "if drugs and alcohol are a part of your life, your behavior plays a big part in whether or not the police become a part of that." He also took the time to relate a few stories from last semester illustrating that point:

- Two people were out at natural bridge, which is in a state forest where it is clearly posted that alcohol is not permitted. The two people were drinking, however, and they were discovered by state forest rangers. This violation would have been bad enough, but the rangers were in for another surprise upon further inves-

tigation—the two were carrying cocaine in their pockets

- There was a person who had refused to register his truck and was circling around behind Tuckaway, Sewanee police officers, upon seeing he had no registration sticker, came over to see what he was doing. What they anticipated would be an uneventful stop turned out to be something more when they discovered two iced down kegs in the bed of his truck.

- Two people at a store near Sewanee had bought beer underage, and as they left the store they decided to "whip 'em out and urinate" in the parking lot of the store. Just then, the local police came by and came over to inform the two that they could be stamped as sex offenders on their records for what they were doing. Of course, seeing that the two had just bought alcohol, the police checked and found that they were also not 21.

- Two people drove out to Lake Cheston and began doing donuts in a field. Someone saw this and called the police. The police came out, expecting that the people would be long gone, only to find them sitting at the horse barns, smoking marijuana.

Eventually, the chief got a call and he was off once again to fight crime on the streets of Sewanee, but not without reminding me that everyone needs to register their cars, keep in mind that central campus parking is reserved from 2:00-4:30, and that the parking spaces in front of the book store and the Q are for customers only, not for people going to McClurg. He did say that he has hope for a good year and he hopes everyone at Sewanee will be safe and responsible.

New Additions to the Domain

- Dr. Robert Bachman, Assistant Professor of Chemistry
- Dr. Charles Bradbury, visiting Assistant Professor of Economics
- Dr. Andrew Cohen, Brown Foundation Fellow and visiting Professor of Art History
- Dr. Rebecca Frost-Davis, visiting Assistant Professor of Classical Languages
- Dr. Douglas Drinen, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science
- Professor Carolyn Fitz, visiting Instructor of Chemistry
- Professor Daisy Foote, Tennessee Williams Fellow in Creative Writing
- Dr. Steve Ford, visiting Associate Professor of Environmental Studies
- Dr. Ann Fraser, visiting Assistant Professor of Biology
- Dr. Sharon Gregory, visiting Assistant Professor of Art and Art History
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- Dr. Beth Huniphreys, visiting Instructor of Chemistry
- Dr. Cynthia Irvin, visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science
- Dr. Regis Miannay, visiting Professor of French
- Dr. Elizabeth Outka, Assistant Professor of English
- Dr. Werner Picck, visiting Professor of Political Science
- Dr. Emily Puckette, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science.
- Professor Richard Schmitt, Tennessee Williams Fellow in Creative Writing
- Professor Philip Stephens
- Dr. Richard Summers, Assistant Professor of Chemistry
- Professor Tomoko Tsuji, Instructor of Japanese
- Dr. Jamie Warner, visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science
- Dr. Kun Wang, visiting Assistant Professor of Chinese
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Freshmen

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Peeler, '05.

Another freshman commented on her least favorite part of the school, being "the lines at McClurg and the parking problems." Perrin Dent, '05. Although these seem to be freshman concerns, many upperclassmen also share the same sentiments.

A strong academic freshman class also maintains Sewanee's tradition of academic excellence. Fifty percent of the entering class has SAT scores between 1160-1310, and ACT scores of 24-29. Also, the average GPA on a 4-point scale is a 3.5. These successful high school students seem prepared for the challenges of college academics, and are bound to further promote the excellence of Sewanee students in the real world.

One controversial matter concerning the incoming freshman class is the 30-student decrease in class size compared to previous classes. The office of admissions believes this decline to be slightly

blown out of proportion, claiming that it will not noticeably affect class size or student budgeting issues.

Many reasons could have contributed to the loss of enrollment.

nity to move students out of the Sewanee Inn for a semester until the abroad students return.

The admissions office has taken this information to review their policies under the new director of admissions, David Lesesne. It will be implementing a new program called "Territory Management." Next year the office hopes to increase the number of applicants to Sewanee, rather than compromising the academic standards of the college. Even though the change allowed some breathing room for the residential life department, the financial loss of decreased class sizes could create a problem if the issue persists.

Overall, the freshmen have an unforgettable experience to look forward to here on the mountain. The students are prepared to share an integral role in the leadership of our community and carry on the torch of the Sewanee experience. Welcome to the domain Class of 2005!



Source: Sewanee Web Site

Freshmen fight off boredom during wait for class picture.

Although it is hard to confirm the causes, some likely reasons include the trend of students desiring urban schools and the strengthening of financial aid packages at other private liberal arts colleges. The small decrease in size is not only viewed in a negative way. It has also provided the school with the opportu-

New Dormitory

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area at the center of the building will facilitate interaction among all residents of the dorm.

In accordance with the architectural style of the rest of campus, the new residence hall will be stone, although most likely not the cut stone used for McClurg. Rather, MCF envisions a style similar to that of the Women's Center, with stone and a small amount of brick mixed in.

MacLachlan, Cornelius and Filoni has met several times with a steering committee of undergraduates to hopefully ensure that the new dorm represents the needs of today's students. Because this building will be the first completely new dorm that the university has built in over three decades, the designing process represents a unique opportunity for students to leave a lasting mark on life at Sewanee.

The university hopes to raise the funds for the new building by late October, at which point it will then



Shown is the proposed floorplan for the first level of the new residence hall, including the entryway (left corner) and a back patio.

employ a construction company. If everything goes according to plan, construction on the new dorm will begin early next summer.

The new dorm reflects one of the first steps called for by the Campus Master Plan. While several of

the projects that the university hopes to undertake, such as the renovation of Gailor, may lie further down the road, this new residence hall should provide viable housing options for at least two of the classes here at Sewanee today.

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Nation

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Sewanee Copes with National Crisis

by Jamey Lowdermilk

Staff Writer

On Tuesday, September 11, as the rest of the world recognized horrific terrorist acts unfolding in New York and Washington, the bubble of Sewanee was harshly pricked as well. Students and faculty anxiously awaited the news of relatives and loved ones. Commons rooms were crowded with nervous viewers and story after story was passed from one classroom to the next.

Though some families are still hopeful for the assurance of safety, our community was not directly damaged. In fact, two Sewanee graduates, Libba Alison and Donny Rinoldo, Class of 1999, were scheduled to have interviews at 9:30 on Tuesday morning at the World Trade Center but luckily

enough, both were unable to arrive because of traffic and road hlocks.

Despite our isolation, our community, like many around the nation, sprang into gear. A successful networking system continued a supply of messages and e-mails to keep everyone updated. The Alumni office pulled the names of all students that lived in and around the target areas so that head residents could continue to be of help. Dorm staff returned to the dorms and members of the Chapel continued to walk through the commons rooms in an effort to provide some emotional relief. The Chapel opened for a prayer service at 12:30 on Tuesday where as many as 200 people showed up to pray for the events of the day. Chaplain Ward gave a beautiful reading and Dr. David Spalding introduced some of the advice from the counseling services.

That same ceremony was held again on Wednesday and will continue to be available until there is no longer interest. Following the Chapel's prayer service, Dr. David Spalding and the counseling service conducted a "Critical Incident Response Team" that entails discussing the students

needs with the administration, providing education on stressful events and ultimately being available to individuals in need. At 5:00 on Tuesday evening, students were invited to discuss the emotional repercussions and positive coping methods. The counseling service also trained a psychology course in developing a "Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Group" to be of service on campus.

B.J. Harden Jones made donating money easily accessible and Skip, and Dixon Myers in the Outreach Office headed up blood donations in Tullahoma on Wednesday night. They will also continue to be in contact with familiar trip organizations in New

York in the hopes of helping. Televisions were opened in the Bishop's Commons and in the Women's center among other places, and even Stirling's had a staticky radio station giving the few bits and pieces of the story.

After the initial shock, students are mostly confused and frustrated with a piece of history that they, nor anyone

else, will ever forget. Years from now we will be the source of knowledge for younger generations, and yet up to this point the only tangible feeling is watching the scenes of destruction on the screen, listening to the stories of body parts in the street, or hearing the last "I love you" from a cell phone on a hijacked plane. For this very reason, Eric Hartman has been working with professors and local experts in an effort to create an open forum on Monday at 4:30 to academically discuss the attack on America and the aftermath. Students and faculty are all encouraged to attend the panel in hopes of making some sense of an unbelievable tragedy.

At best, we can remember what we are truly grateful for such things as our own lives, our own safety, and as Professor Brackett relates, the "strong National Security Team" that Bush has assembled as he and his coworkers rise to the occasion... God bless and good luck America. There is one lesson beyond thoughts of erasing terrorism and rushing to aid - the brevity of life and the lack of guarantees. So, pat your angel on the back and make the most of every moment. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me" (Psalms 23:4).



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New York City engulfed in a sea of smoke following terrorist attacks.

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Opinion

America Must Think Before It Acts

by Ryan Collins

Head Layout Editor

Since the fateful attack on September 11, there have been reports that US Intelligence officials claim that there are "strong indications" that Osama bin Laden was the mastermind behind the mass destruction which took place on September 11. CNN reported that intelligence sources told them that two phone calls were intercepted between two members of an organization connected with suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden mentioning that two targets had been hit. Former Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, warned the nation that to blame Osama bin Laden "might be too glib, too easy." Furthermore, we need to remember that in 1993 when the Oklahoma City Bombing took place, Islamic fundamentalists were at the top of our list of suspects then, too. Instead, the culprit turned out to be the domestic terrorist, Timothy McVeigh, but during the time after the bombing until McVeigh was arrested, many Islamic groups and individual Muslims throughout the country were unjustifiably threatened.

It is important that the people of America remain focused on helping the survivors rebuild their lives and the city of New York, as well as help those who lost loved ones in the four flights cope with their losses. We must not rush to judgment as to who the perpetrators of these heinous acts were, but instead leave that to the government, that has the resources and manpower to thoroughly investigate the matter. If Osama bin Laden is responsible for the acts of terror which took place last Tuesday and whose reverberations are still felt today, we cannot, in good conscience, hold the entire Muslim community responsible for one group of fundamentalists actions.

The American response to these actions needs to be very calcu-

lated. If we make a rash decision on how to exact our vengeance, it could endanger thousands of innocent lives, very similarly to the actions of the terrorists who caused so much death and destruction last Tuesday. A friend of mine expressed his desire for the US to carpet bomb the entire nation of Afghanistan. This kind of reaction would likely kill many innocent civilians and probably fail at executing the desired effect on the perpetrators. If the President follows through on his threat to "hold no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them," and if the US goes in with their guns blazing, then many innocent people will most likely die, just as happened last week. We will have acted no better than the terrorists themselves. We will have lowered ourselves to their level. The high must be the path followed by this nation. We are the world's leader, and we must set an example to be followed. Our response must be delivered calmly, coolly and calculated.

It was recently discussed in class that these terrorists were willing to kill themselves along with countless others because they had nothing left to lose. If we retaliate indiscriminantly, as suggested above, then we run the risk of inciting more people who have nothing to lose and loathe the US to stage more terrorist attacks. As we all know, these missions were very simple in nature and seemed to have been carried out with 75% accuracy. It can be expected that air security will be much tighter in the near future and beyond, but nothing is foolproof, so we need to respond with the authority that our global position dictates and the finesse that prudence allows. This is the first big test of President Bush's term in office. His response should set the tone for how terrorists will continue to act against America.

Feature

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Dallas Fed Boss Tests Economic Growth Limits

by Raghav Virmani

Executive Editor

Occasionally, The Sewanee Purple has the opportunity to interview figures of real national and economic importance. In a talk with Robert D. McTeer Jr., the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, McTeer gives a unique insight into the leadership of one of the most observed federal institutions in the country, as well as a personal perspective on life as a top central banker.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas represents the Eleventh Federal Reserve district covering Texas, Northern Louisiana and Southern New Mexico. In this position, he also serves as a member of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) that is the nation's monetary policy conducting body. The FOMC is a coterie of some of the most influential and adept policy makers in the United States, and is headed by the Chairman of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan. A vociferous proponent of Laissez Faire capitalism, McTeer, since his inception in 1991, has led the Dallas Fed into the twenty-first century as the "Free Enterprise Fed" or the "New Paradigm Fed". McTeer is a firm believer in stretching the economy and testing its growth limits, and successfully observing unconventional yet non-inflationary rates of productivity growth and unemployment.

Having grown up in rural Georgia, it's probably no striking revelation that McTeer's drink of choice is Jack Daniels. However, he is often quoted for this rather candid and interesting analogy that he has professed time and again: "Monetary policy is like drinking vodka. It sneaks up on you. I neglected to mention that my brand is Absolut," he told an audience in Stockholm, Sweden recently. "You think it has zero effect and then, suddenly, you're a little bit tipsy." This paragon of free market dynamics calls himself a "good ol' boy," and is a self-proclaimed Buddy Holly fanatic.

I gained the interview with Dr McTeer at the end of my ten-week summer internship at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. The Dallas Fed gave me the tremendous opportunity to research monetary policy, and create and examine economic models under the supervision of Vice President and Senior Economist, Evan F Koenig. My sincere gratitude towards Dr McTeer and Dr Koenig.

RDM: Robert D McTeer Jr

RV: Raghav Virmani

RV: There is always so much speculation about the Federal Reserve's leadership. What is so distinctive about the Fed that in spite of its unique and rather efficient public-private structure, the presence of formidable leadership is almost necessarily warranted?

RDM: Well, to start with, I think the Federal Reserve has been very lucky with its leadership over the years; I don't know if there has been much more to it than luck. Recently Paul Volcker and Alan Greenspan have been extraordinary chairmen, just couldn't have been more appropriate or better prepared for the job. Looking back a long way, you had other good chairmen, William McChesney Martin, Jr. was there for a long time and did an admirable job.

The Fed is analogous to a constitution in itself; when the latter is drafted, certain checks and balances are fitted to keep any one part of the government from becoming too powerful or abusive, and to protect the minorities from the majority. In a way that's what the Fed is - a check on the power of the government to abuse the money creating privilege. Without a Fed or a central bank similar to the Fed, governments might find it too tempting to finance themselves with newly created money; consequently, the fed becomes a good check on this predicament.

RV: It has quite clearly been observed that effective leadership has been one of the key factors behind the tremendous success of the Federal Reserve's policies and its influence on the economy, especially in the last 25 years.

RDM: I think that's right. Sometimes when people focus on the personality at the top and emphasize that, it's because they are sort of generically against the idea of a central bank, so they are forced to admit that it's been doing a good job because of the leadership. Therefore what they fall back on is that there won't always be a Paul Volcker, and there won't always be an Alan Greenspan, and I don't have the answer to that, but I believe that this sys-

tem itself engenders good personalities to lead it at some point in time. Frankly however, I don't worry too much about that. RV: Assume that you are to choose your successor. If given a choice between five persons with like credentials but each having one of the following qualities as their sole strongest character trait, which one would you choose and why?



Photo provided by the the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

A nighttime view of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

a. Person of caution; b. Person of reason; c. Person of foresight d. Person of strong impulse and instinct; e. Person of hard work or tenacity

RDM: Well I would never want to play this game for real if I were to choose my successor, but based on what we have here, I would choose a person of foresight. The world is changing very rapidly, and with this scenario in mind, I think a man of caution or reason might be sort of reluctant to change. On the other hand one wouldn't want them to have too much impulse either, since there must be at least some element of reason. Hard work is good, however, if you are not working on the correct things and not moving in the right direction, it's of no advantage. So I think I would want someone who would anticipate change and where that change ought to lead us. One who would help us move in the right direction - person of foresight.

RV: I had pondered one of either reason or foresight, while contemplating hard work and subsequently making myself aware that in the modern capital-intensive economy, labor has assumed a truly channeled form of itself. Raw work has been replaced by calculated professional endeavors, let's say.

RDM: In management classes and seminars, a topic often discussed is working smarter, not harder, and I've always understood that intellectually, but it hasn't meant too much to me until recently. Now I find myself needing to substitute smarter for harder, because for one I travel quite a lot, and don't find the sheer hours to put in here at the bank, so making sure that everyone is working on the right track and toward the correct objective becomes more and more important. I once read that at the CEO level, there is virtually no difference between a forty-hour week and an eighty-hour week in terms of accomplishment. I really believe that and I feel that one can get so busy at times that hard-work actually detracts one from working smarter and showing leadership.

RV: If Bob McTeer were to be appointed ambassador to any country of his choice, which one would he choose and why?

RDM: Well, the language question is a practical matter, there are a lot of countries I'd like to go to, but if I were to become instantly fluent in the local language, I think I'd pick Mexico, because really great strides can be made in the next few years towards making the United States and Mexico strong friends and trading partners.

RV: Would you consider India in your decision, because matter-of-factly, India has got the largest non-native English speaking manpower in the world, a factor that would possibly steer your preference?

RDM: That wouldn't be bad; India I think represents a great opportunity for rapid movements forward. The problem is that this has been true for long time and it's frustrating that it hasn't quite got going yet. In fiction, Tom Wolfe is probably my favorite author and my favorite all-time book was *The Bonfire of the Vanities*. RV: In Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meetings, are you a: a. Diligent observer, b. Vociferous point-maker, c. Rebellious maverick, or, d. Obsequious courtier

market policies.

RV: As an undergraduate student at the University of Georgia, what topics in Economics did you hold a liking for?

RDM: My decision to get into economics and get an advanced degree in the field was entirely influenced by a money and banking class and the professor that taught the class. I found that I was interested in the material and for some reason I was good at it as well. The professor was sort of an impatient person and he started using me as a tutor and an assistant, sort of reinforcing my bond with the subject. Interestingly, he was the person who introduced me to my wife, who was also in that same class. So I'd say everything grew out of money and banking. The part of money and banking that I seemed to be particularly good at was "T-accounts" or Balance Sheets. There is an old Chicago Fed workbook called *Modern Money Mechanics* that is the heart and soul of T-accounts, so that's it right there. Not sexy, but good!

RV: Who have been some of your favorite authors, and which are the books that you seem to derive inspiration from?

RDM: In the field of economics over many years, I'd say Milton Friedman has been my favorite author. He writes so clearly and simply about tremendously important subjects that always keep coming up. Seems like the government is about twenty years behind Friedman and they take up all his causes one by one and agree to them. He's been very instrumental.

I really liked Peggy Noonan's *What I Saw at the Revolution*, which is a book about her experience as a speechwriter at the Reagan White House. I liked it in part because it was simply a great book and in part because I was interested in the topic. In fiction, Tom Wolfe is probably my favorite author and my favorite all-time book was *The Bonfire of the Vanities*.

RV: In Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meetings, are you a:

a. Diligent observer, b. Vociferous point-maker, c. Rebellious maverick, or, d. Obsequious courtier

RDM: Hmm... well if there are no vacancies it's a committee of 19 people. In the number of things we do there, we are all expected to have some say in everything, so we end up going around the table two or three times. And you get to play

more than one role; during most of the time, I'm a diligent observer. When I talk, I try to limit the time, I'm very brief and I try to make what I consider as an important point. Often times my little point might be a little different from others, so there is an occasional maverick streak in there, I wouldn't want to use the word 'obsequious' in any of those, so let's strike that one out. I think that a lot of times one's point gets lost in the verbiage, so I've always trained myself to be fairly direct and to the point. I'm not sure if it serves me well in FOMC meetings, but it does in speeches. Often in FOMC meetings if you make your point fairly rapidly, maybe sometimes it is missed, and people who talk on and on and wear people down get more attention, so there's a dilemma.

RV: I guess we can christen you "Diligently Vociferous, Point-making Maverick"

RDM: Right, you got it.

RV: What has been your significant contribution to or through the Federal Reserve, especially in the New Economy period?

RDM: I think I played a small part but nevertheless a part in the Fed not tightening monetary policy too soon in the new economy period. Not long ago a lot of people thought that an unemployment rate under 6 percent was inflationary, and a growth rate above 2.5 percent was inflationary. But we really tested those limits, and because we tested those limits, we got the unemployment rate down to 4 percent (30 year low), we got growth for about five years at 4 percent plus, and we did all that without a significant increase in inflation. And we did it against the advice and encouragement of a lot of very knowledgeable people who were looking at the old paradigm and looking at the old rules of thumb and thought we were making a mistake. I argued vociferously to keep testing the growth limits of the New Economy and not tighten prematurely. In fact, that's what happened, tightening eventually came about beginning in June, 1999, while it could have come about a lot earlier, and we could have missed a lot of good growth in the process. Now whether I had much influence on our collective decision, I'm not sure, but I know I was trying hard to have that influence.

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Dining Policies Equal Highway Robbery

by Richard Wilkens

Ads Manager

McClurg Dining Hall looks great on paper: a brand new multimillion dollar dining facility serving the entire campus; a breakfast menu catered by Aramark, which offers students a wide range of choices, from a main line of typical breakfast fare to a full bread line with cereal, bagels, toast and waffles, with everything in between; a hot lunch buffet that includes all four food groups plus a salad bar, sandwich line, Asian stir-fry, and a grill; and finally, the extravagant dinner menu, which includes ... everything you just had at lunch, for only a \$1.50 more! You see, once you look past the glossy exterior of McClurg, you realize that it is not the Dining Mecca the administration would have alumni money, and us, believe,

McClurg's critics are many, and the normal gripes are heard loudly and often. Everyone complains about the bland, unhealthy food that Aramark brings to the table. Fare that tastes more like cardboard than anything else, salads composed of nutritionally worthless iceberg lettuce, and foods that are often undercooked, if not downright frozen (as was the comdog a friend of mine bit into the other night). Then there are those who bring up the money issue. An eight dollar dinner buffet that is hardly worth the money, especially since the spread is no larger than it is for the cheaper lunch buffet. The unspecified portion of each student's \$2900 board fee which goes to McClurg and Aramark for three meals a day, seven days a week, despite the fact that most students eat at McClurg twice a day, at best. But the list just goes on and on. How about the fact that though the meals

on weekends serve considerably less food, they cost the same as meals on weekdays? Or the fact that Aramark has done away with the much-missed takeout orders for dorms, Greeks, and other organizations. Then there are the incredibly strict rules regarding entering and leaving McClurg. If you don't have your Sewanee ID, you don't eat (yet every student living in a dorm is paying for meals anyway, so...). Finally, there is the ridiculous phallic imagery of the architecture, but I suppose we can't do away with that.

The University needs to end its totalitarian regime and give the power of choice back to the students. The administration should reenact the meal plan system it had in the early nineties, in which a student could choose to pay for an entire plan (21 meals), or a plan based on 14 meals a week, etc. For example, at a comparable small liberal

arts university with an Aramark run dining hall (Rhodes), students have two meal plan options from which to choose. In one plan, they pay for a full 21 meals a week, while in another they may only pay for 15 meals. On top of that, this university's meal prices are drastically lower, only \$3.20 for breakfast, \$3.70 for lunch, and \$4.40 for dinner, approximately half of what we pay now. This is a plan that would be seemingly easy to implement, as Aramark already uses it on another campus. No student should have to pay for the entire meal plan if they only eat one or two meals a day at McClurg. It is extortion and it is wrong. Also, prices should reflect the service being offered. If breakfast costs five dollars on Monday, which I believe is a fair price, then it should be considerably lower on the weekends when breakfast consists only of cereal, eggs, sausage, biscuits, and gravy. Some claim that our prices are set at certain levels because

we have what they call "continuous dining." If this were truly the case, we would be able to eat a full meal after the printed dining times, yet in actuality we are often left with only cereal and pizza as an option once lunch or dinner hours are over. McClurg and Aramark should also look into providing better, healthier, and tastier food, as well as bring back the takeout orders for burgers, cheese and crackers trays, and other options of old Gaylor, which only serve to enhance the social life on campus. The students of this campus need to demand the service and respect they deserve from this institution, and the alumni who support grand buildings like McClurg need to know exactly where their financial support is going. Does Sewanee want to look good on paper, in a brochure, or does this University want to do its very best to serve the students, both in the classroom and in the dining hall?

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An Outsider's View of Sewanee

by Debbie McVitty

Staff Writer

Everyone is probably aware of the volume of correspondence it is judged necessary to send you before your arrival at this college. At home in Ireland it was a matter of great excitement when something new came in the mail from the USA. Before I came here I could keep my family entertained for hours on the topic of bizarre traditions. Coming from a city (Belfast), the concept of a university stuck in the middle of nowhere with not so much as a McDonald's in sight was a completely alien concept to me (in fact it still is). We were told that the campus comprised 10000 acres, giving each student an average of seven acres to play with. I thought that sounded fairly lonely, and I guessed that I would not be allowed to uphold the pioneering tradition of my forefathers and build a log cabin on my portion. The people to whom I mentioned the Sewanee Angels remarked that it sounded like I was headed for a country retreat for those who found it hard to cope with modern society. I imagined being handed an angel along with my orientation pack and name badge. If Sewanee sounded harmlessly lunatic, imagine also having to deal with the US Immigration Office, and its vagaries. Combining a transatlantic flight,

innumerable highly important bits of paper and a burst suitcase left me with no desire to go anywhere but back home.

On arrival at Sewanee my first question was why there were so many ducks quacking. Of course, the ducks in question turned out to be cicadas and I was embarrassed. My initial impression was of a lot of trees. I can't really remember when it was exactly that Sewanee stopped being a compound for crazies and started feeling like home. Perhaps it was sitting in an orientation talk being told by an assortment of reassuringly normal looking people how much we were cared for and the importance of the Sewanee community. It might have been when I eventually managed to settle into my dorm and work out that the taps were labeled backwards in the shower. It might have been at any one of the hundred or so picnics (I had never seen a red checked cloth until that day). Whatever it was, Sewanee grew on me (or I was brainwashed), to the point where I now find it hard to imagine not going to sleep to the sound of ducks quacking, saying hello to anyone and everyone and going to class feeling like I've forgotten to put on my jeans. I was especially impressed by the all-you-can-eat mentality in the cafeteria (only in America).

Living in a foreign country, it is inevitable that the occasional 'separated by a common language' situation is likely to arise. I miss living in a country where 'crack' (craic) is the word for harmless amusement and not something for which the college has a zero-tolerance policy. I am also developing a tendency to say 'y'all', much to the amusement of my Irish friends and family. It has also become apparent that in the South the average speed of anything is 'slow'. So my normal fifty words a second just won't wash here. Being asked, 'Belfast - is that in Hungary?' was also something of an experience. But overall, here in Sewanee I feel as if more people are looking after me than I ever had before. Coming from a university of 10 000 people, and not too many acres I never felt like I had much of a role to play. Here as far as I can see, you have no choice but to play a role because getting involved is pretty much the only social activity available. My one huge problem is getting to the shops. Unlike everyone else on campus, the international students can't drive anywhere at the drop of a hat. I have been dreaming at night about going shopping. When I was taken into Chattanooga the American bureaucracy conspired to defeat me by not letting me use my brand new Visa card until I had activated it. If you see me around campus you should be able to recognize me. I'll be the one going for a third helping of dessert, dressed in rags and complaining about all the noise the ducks are making.

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Sports

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Tigers Cross Country Teams Start Off Strong

by Margaret Chadbourn

Asst. Sports Editor

Sewanee's men and women's cross country team has had a strong start to their 2001 season, running at the Belmont University Opener on August 31st and the Sewanee Invitational on September 8th. The women placed sixth at the Belmont opener, while the men came in seventh. Top performances at Belmont included Sewanee Freshman Elizabeth Lee, who placed 18th, and Senior Troy Reine, who came in 13th in the men's race.

Last Saturday, Sewanee hosted nine visiting teams (Emory University, Rhodes College, Covenant College, Tennessee Tech University, Cumberland University, Agnes Scott College, Gadsden College, and Reinhardt College) for the Sewanee Invitational Cross Country Meet. The women's team came in fourth place with 99 points and the men's team scored 114 points, taking fifth overall. Second-year head coach Jeff Heitzenrater was pleased with the team's performance and said, "I thought we ran very well for an early season race."

Lee led the women's team, running a time of 20:19.68 and placing 10th in the 5k race held on Sewanee's golf course. Heitzenrater commented, "Liz Lee ran well and her time on Sat-



Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Elizabeth Lee maintains her stride.

urday would have won this race last year. I believe that she will be fighting for the conference championship and a top 10 finish at Regionals at the

end of this season." Returning letterman and junior Liz Hatzenbuehler also had a strong showing in the women's race, and came in 16th, with a time of 21:14.43.

On the men's side, Reine was the top performer, running a time of 28:15.27 and placing 12th. Junior Jed Leonard also ran well for the Tigers, coming in with a time of 28:49.28 and in 17th place.

The men's team has a talented line-up this year, with five returning lettermen and three newcomers: Jeremy Anthony, Ben Acree, and Carsen Phillips. Junior Jed Leonard has earned All-SCAC and All-Region honors for the past two consecutive

years. He was named Runner of the Year for the SCAC in the year 2000 and was an NCAC national qualifier last fall. Senior Troy Reine has also

earned All-Region honors in both 1998 and 2000. Returning lettermen, along with Leonard and Reine, are senior Robert Turnbull and sophomores Jack Fraleigh and Zach Phillips. Fraleigh was selected as The Newcomer of the Year for the 2000 cross country season and placed 15th at the SCAC Championship last fall, the best finish of any freshman at the meet.

The women have five new freshmen this year: Angela Galbreath, Jen Thomson, Marissa Olsen, and Elizabeth Lee. Sophomore Savannah Crowley, junior Liz Hatzenbuehler, and seniors Meg Martens and Kelly Short are all returning lettermen for the Tigers this season. With additional

talent from the freshmen and the returning depth, this should be a promising season for the women's cross country team.

Looking ahead, the Tigers will be on the road racing at invitationals in Kentucky, Georgia, and Mississippi, as last Saturday's meet was the only home event for the 2001 season. The post-season schedule includes the SCAC Championship held at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky and the NCAA South/Southeast Regional Championship held in Jackson, Mississippi at the end of October and early November. Next week they travel to Centre College for the Centre Cross Country Invitational on September 15th.

Sewanee Football Defeats Rose-Hulman, 31-3

by Rachel Short

Staff Writer

Last Thursday at McClung I bumped into Esau McCaulley, a senior defensive lineman for the Sewanee football team. While waiting in a ridiculously long line for creamed corn, I asked Esau if I could get a quote from him after the game against Rose Hulman on Saturday. "Sure," he said with a grin, "but you don't have to wait until Saturday, I already have a quote for you... we won."

With 46 letterman and 15 starters returning from a team that went 6-4 overall and shared the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference championship, McCaulley and the rest of his teammates have every right to be optimistic about the upcoming season. Last year's team had a great season that included an offense that was ranked 24th in the nation and a defense that was ranked 23rd. The Tigers 4-2 record in the SCAC earned them the title of trichamps. The conference championship was Sewanee's first conference title since 1992.

This year Sewanee is looking to defend that championship. So far the Tigers are off to a strong start having picked up two wins on the road. They opened the season with a victory over Hampden-Sydney (Va.) 22-14 and McCaulley's prediction rang true as Sewanee handily defeated Rose Hulman this past Saturday, 31-3. Having defeated Rose Hulman in the past several meetings, Sewanee was confident going into the game. "We had a good scheme to go against theirs, we just had to execute," noted junior quarterback, Kirk Holtgrewe. The key factors for the Tigers proved to be a strong running game and a stingy defense which combined to give the Tigers their first conference victory and second straight win of the season.

Head coach John Windham was pleased with his team's efforts. "It was a good win for us and our second straight victory on the road," he commented after the game.

The individual performances of sophomore tailback Justin Askew and junior quarterback Kirk Holtgrewe, who each rushed for 100 yards, helped Sewanee to an early lead.

"The key for us was starting off at a fast tempo. We had to knock Rose Hulman off early," said Askew. That was exactly what the Tigers did as they jumped to an early lead. They scored twenty-one unanswered points and lead 21-0 at the half. Rose Hulman was coming off an exciting win from the week before, but their defense could not contain Sewanee's relentless running game, which included a ninety-nine yard drive in the second quarter.

The Tiger defense also proved to be too much for the Engineers to handle as they were held scoreless until a field goal in the third quarter put them on the board.

Sewanee's defense is led by All-SCAC defensive backs Towaski Hunt and Wes Bradley as well as All-SCAC

linebacker, Jason Wheat.

These first two wins for the Tigers were important, but Coach Windham notes that, "We are off to a good start, but there's a lot of football to be played."

Starting the season at 2-0, the Tigers plan to continue the success they have had with the hopes that another conference championship will be achieved. "If we can keep people healthy and keep the focus we have had the last few games, I definitely think a championship is possible," said Holtgrewe.

Sewanee's next opponent is Emory and Henry, a team that should prove to be a tougher challenge.

"I think our success hinges on our next game. Emory and Henry is definitely a quality team," observed Askew.

Emory and Henry's football team advanced to the national play-offs last year and they have won their conference for the last eight years.

The Tigers face off against Emory and Henry next Saturday at 1:00pm in the first home game of the year. Everyone come and support your Sewanee Tigers.

Volleyball Team Gets Strong Start to Promising Season

by Laura Hahn

Staff Writer

The 2001 Sewanee Tiger volleyball team definitely has the necessary ingredients for success this season. When asked to describe the team, Coach Ladd immediately said, "We have a good blend of competitiveness and athleticism. But the team is also unique in that their personalities work well together on and off the court."

With everything that the Tigers have going for them, it is no surprise that they have fared well so far this season. After grueling pre-season practices, Sewanee was ready to hit the road on August 31 for their first games at the Emory and Henry Tournament in Emory, VA. The team, led by senior captain Jen Helms, ended up defeating Meredith College 3-0, UNC-Wesleyan 3-1, and Methodist 3-0, giving up only one close loss, 0-3, to Randolph Macon.

"Overall, it was a really good weekend," said Helms, who led the Tigers to an impressive tournament record of 3-1. "We pulled together as a team and ended up playing really well."

Sophomore middle hitter Helen Wiersma was named to the all-tournament team after making impressive contributions in each of the games. In the four matches, Wiersma tallied 38 kills, 7 service aces, 30 digs, 12 solo blocks, and 4 block assists.

On September 7-8, the team hosted The Sewanee Quad Match. The Tigers played nail-biting matches against Berea College, Fisk University, and Loyola-New Orleans. Although Sewanee finished with only one win over Fisk, each game was a fight to the finish, demonstrating the team's impressive drive and determination.

Sewanee will travel to Staunton, Virginia on September 15-16 for the Mary Baldwin Tournament. There they will face teams from Mary Baldwin, Bridgewater, and Sweet Briar. The next home game will fall on



Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Sophomore Tiger Helen Wiersma concentrates on her serve.

the first of October, when the team goes up against Fisk University.

The Tigers are extremely excited about the outlook for the rest of the season. With new freshmen starters Anne Bonstelle, Lauren Franklin, and Amy Stencel, the team is rather young and has great potential. Other key players include sophomores Barbara Hingerford, Jamey Lowdermilk, Helen Wiersma and Jessica Wilson. Junior Tigers to watch are Manry Porter and Emily Wright-Timko. The experience of these returning players is a great asset for the team.

Because of the team's abundant

talent and unified drive for success, the possibilities for this year's season are practically endless. As the team continues to practice and play together, the Tigers will undoubtedly improve their skills and ability to work together as a single unit.

Senior captain Jen Helms is confident that time and more experience are the only required ingredients for the team to truly excel and reach its potential.

"We get better and stronger each time we play," Helms said. "By the end of the season, we could very well be one of the best teams in the conference."



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Field Hockey Starts Out 1-1

by Margaret Chadhorn

Asst. Sports Editor

The Sewanee women's field hockey team is 1-1 following two home matches against Lindenwood College and Kenyon College this past weekend. Head Coach Chapman Kern spoke positively of the team's performance saying, "We're definitely off to a good start so far this season."

On September 7th, Sewanee's match-up against Lindenwood College proved to be a challenging game. The Tigers took an early lead with a goal by senior Katherine Kelly eighteen minutes into the first half. Mid-fielder and junior Lee Sanderlin assisted Kelly's shot on goal. Near the end of the second half and thirty-ninth minute into the game, a goal from the visiting team tied up the score 1-1. By the end of regulation the two teams were still locked in a tie score, forcing the game into an overtime period. Maru Rizzitu of Lindenwood scored in overtime, during the seventy-fourth minute of the game, resulting in a defeat for Sewanee, 2-1.

Other highlights of the game included

senior captain Catherine Woody's performance as goalkeeper, blocking Lindenwood's offensive line-up with a total of eight saves. Also, Coach Kern remarked after the game, "Defender Elizabeth Barnett had a strong showing on the field versus Lindenwood today."

Sewanee avenged their loss to Lindenwood in the following home game against Kenyon College on September 9th, winning 2-1. Freshman Cameron Land scored her first goal for Sewanee in the ninth minute of the game on an assist by Sanderlin. Shortly afterward, at the thirteen minute mark of the first half, junior Eliza Colson scored again for the Tigers, with the help of Sanderlin, who posted her second assist for the day. Lindsey Jones scored against Sewanee later in the game, yet the Tigers remained strong and held off their opponents to achieve a 2-1 victory over Kenyon.

The women's field hockey team has enjoyed a long history of success at Sewanee under Coach Kern. Kern is in her 11th season as head coach, and in this time she has led Sewanee to a 109-55-4 record and five, top-five finishes in the NCAA Great Lakes Region. The team

has been ranked as high as nineteenth in the nation during the regular season. Last year the Tiger's record was 11-4, and they placed 2nd in the SCAC Conference.

This year's team is looking to improve their record from last year and to build on previous accomplishments here at Sewanee. The team is composed of 15 players this season, including five new players, two of whom are freshmen, and three of whom are sophomores new to the field hockey program.

There are three seniors: Elizabeth Barnett, Catherine Woody, and Katherine Kelly; and three returning All-Region players: Claire Denny, Lee Sanderlin, and Eliza Colson.

Looking ahead at the women's schedule for this season, they will be traveling to tournaments and games in Ohio, Indiana, Virginia, and Kentucky. This year Sewanee will be hosting the SCAC Conference Tournament during Parent's Weekend on October 5th-7th.

The Tigers travel to Virginia this upcoming weekend to play their rivals Sweet Briar on September 15th, and Randolph Macon College on September 16th.



Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Junior Amanda Seibert leads the Sewanee attack.

Girls Soccer Unites

by Bean Cio

Staff Writer

After four games and weeks of practice, Sewanee's women's soccer team says that they are coming together. They are a team focused around common goals and united by constant friendship, and as they play out this year's season, they know that they will only grow as better players and friends.

Although they fell to Methodist Sunday in a tight 1-0 game, they stated that they outplayed the opponents by a wide margin, and they seemed confident in their ability to perform as a team. Cathy Schmidt said of today's game, "We out-shot them (Methodist) 33 to 8, and we out-played them on defense as well." All of the stats for the game would seem to agree, save Sewanee's twelve fouls compared to Methodist's 7. The only difference in the game was the early goal scored by Beth Grey of Methodist.

Despite the close loss, the Lady Tigers are still confident that they will win the conference championship. "Winning the championship has always been our main goal," says Amanda Seibert. The team also stated that they have set out to be the hardest working team in the conference as well.

The Ladies say that they are able to

keep up the intense practices and work ethic because they are motivated by their upcoming game with Trinity and also because they are enjoying becoming a closer team. One team member stated, "We are beginning to gel as a team—there is definite chemistry." They say that one of their main attributes this year is that all members of the team, from stars to role players, are very equal in ability. However, it is nonetheless apparent that girls like Cathy Schmidt and Meggie Tujague are standing out as team leaders.

The girls are hoping to use their team chemistry and their hard work to defeat Emory on the 14th of September. The players look forward to every game; however, games like Emory and Trinity stand out as important ones. As far as the current team morale is concerned, all of the girls seem to be anticipating the week's workouts because they want to be prepared for the big game. Though it will be hard work, all agree that it is worth the sweat and the pain because they love to be together. Whether they are celebrating a birthday, studying, or playing, one important aspect of this year's team is that "they love to have fun."

The lady Tigers will play rival Trinity on September 21, so everyone should go out and support these amazing girls in their quest for the conference championships.

Men's Soccer Team Loses Nail-Biter In Weekend Challenge

by Chris McNulty

Staff Writer

The Sewanee men's soccer team recorded their first loss of the season in a last-minute, overtime heart-breaker against the University of Chicago on Sunday. The win made the host team Chicago winner of the SCAC-UAA Challenge.

The Maroons tied the game at 2-2 with seven seconds left in regulation. They won the game three minutes into sudden-death overtime. The goal came on an own goal by Sewanee.

Sewanee took the lead with a goal by David Allen in the 39th minute. Kyle Johnston scored Sewanee's other goal, with the assist coming from Andrew North. Chicago out shot Sewanee 28-8, and also had eleven corner kicks compared to Sewanee's zero. The loss was Sewanee's first overtime loss in over two seasons and dropped the team's record to 3-1 for the season.

On Friday, Andrew North scored the



Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Sophomore Keith Davls shoots on goal.

winning goal in the sixty-fourth minute to secure the victory for Sewanee over Washington University. Ryan Davis assisted North in the goal.

North also got an assist during the game, as he helped Kyle Johnston score his second goal of the season. The goal

came in the 30th minute to tie the score at 1-1. Washington took a total of twenty shots during the game, compared to Sewanee's ten. Sewanee goalkeeper Paul Roper had seven saves during the game.

Sewanee's next match will be Saturday, September 15, at noon.

Sports Column

Bonds' Chase Causes Anticipation, Anxiety

by Rob Guthrie

Sports Editor

As the major league baseball regular season crawls to a close, the interested spectators in the country, like myself and many others, have no reason to complain of boredom. After all, the current situation in the big leagues offers us a variety of interesting endings, all of which are quite possible. For example, the Seattle Mariners of the American League West, traditionally known as the epitome of tedium, could potentially shock the baseball world and cap an incredible season by winning their first world title. It might also be the case that Roger Clemens, a veteran pitcher of some sixteen years, proves in the baseball world that age is not a variable in the equation of success by reeling in his third career Cy Young award (Clemens is currently 19-1 with the Yankees). But most important of all, we fans could very well spend the remainder of September glued to the television, watching with awe as Barry Bonds, veteran left-fielder of the San Francisco Giants, launches a successful assault on the single-season homerun record of seventy, set by Mark McGwire only three years ago in 1998. With this in mind, only two questions remain: "Will he do it?" and "If he does, how will the world react?"

First of all, we have to take into consideration the fact that, in the last three seasons, an offensive surge of unprecedented proportion has swept through the major leagues. Let us take a small stroll down memory lane: 1998, of course, was the year of the famous homerun chase between Chicago's Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire of St. Louis. The ultimate result was the shattering of Roger Maris's record of sixty-one homeruns, a record that existed for thirty-seven years. McGwire re-established the record at seventy, a mark that seemed superhuman to all, and that no one truly believed would be surpassed for at least a couple of decades. The

following year gave rise to another competition between the same two men, only this time it was far less publicized, because the baseball world had strangely grown accustomed to watching players consistently hit over fifty homeruns in a single season. Today, we are stuck in that same twisted mindset as we watch Bonds, Sosa and Luis Gonzalez make a stab at what three years ago seemed physically impossible. What has happened to baseball? Is this current of offensive energy going to remain consistent, or are we truly blessed to be alive to witness players like Bonds, Sosa, and McGwire? Will things return to a pattern more consistent with that of the 1940's after these gentlemen retire?

These are all questions that we cannot answer, obviously, yet they have begun to plague the baseball enthusiast every season. Perhaps Bonds will break the record, and perhaps he will receive the same amount of congratulatory publicity that McGwire enjoyed after the 1998 season. Perhaps McGwire, or Sosa, will return in 2002 andlobber eighty-some odd homeruns to re-break a record that, sadly, is rapidly losing its allure. If there is a moral to the story, I find it to be the following. Records are meant to be broken, but not every other year. A record that has a life expectancy of two seasons cannot possibly be respected in the same fashion as a record like Joe Dimaggio's hitting streak of fifty-six consecutive games, or Hank Aaron's mark of seven-hundred and fifty-five career homeruns. It may be a sad fact, but is a fact, nonetheless, and it has left many people confused about how to react to yet another campaign towards the single-season record. I know, for example, that I should be excited for Bonds, but I just cannot muster as much enthusiasm as I did back in 1998. Regardless of my opinion, however, the 2001 season will definitely present us with an intriguing finale, one that may even enter the history books, if only for the briefest of moments.

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Statements of Intent

Freshman Honor Council

My name is Kevin Alonso, and I am a candidate for freshman representative to the Honor Council. I want to represent my class on the Council because I know the virtues of honor. I live by a personal code of honor, and I know this has greatly prepared me for the hard work that holding this position will require. I care about my class, and I would like nothing more than to be able to contribute to one of Sewanee's most cherished institutions. If elected, I will dedicate myself to upholding the Honor Code and representing each member of my class to the best of my ability.

I am Paul Dominiak from England and I would like to be the freshman member of the Honor Council this year.

Sewanee is obviously far from home. Yet I was more than willing to decline an undergraduate place at Oxford, to leave my country, family and friends for four years to come here. I believed in Sewanee as a second home that much. These past few weeks with my fellow freshman has more than repaid my conviction. But what is so special about Sewanee for me?

When I first visited and worked in the South last year, I fell in love with the people. My interview experience at Sewanee, just one weekend in my summer stay, epitomized the hospitality and community I was welcomed by and into. Community: that was what captured me. These weren't just friendly people; they were responsible for and caringly inclusive of one another. They were a family. My Areadian called this "honorable". Honor.

Well, I have since read the pages detailing the honor code, all seven of them. They were certainly scary: lots about trial procedures. But I was overlooking the very first resolution and its meaning: no honorable person should lie, cheat or steal. Doing these things undermined the integrity of the student community by denying communal responsibility.

Do not lie, cheat, or steal: these weren't negative prohibitions. They were indications of how the Sewanee community viewed itself: as a trusting, sharing community that held each individual responsible for the others. Breaking the honor code was a failure for the entire community, its integrity. The individual fails their fellows. The community in turn fails to ensure the well-being of someone who felt pushed to cheat because their studies were struggling, pushed to lie or steal because some issue of theirs had been ignored or unresolved. The legalistic procedures are a redress for sure, a punishment. Yet they are also about addressing the cause of the problem: why something has happened, and how the community can learn to help their victims.

Thoreau wrote that he went to the woods because he "wished to live deliberately". Life in Sewanee should be deliberate, a community working and playing hard and fast. If I were elected to the Honor Council, I would work to keep Honor as a concept of community, a human principle flexible to human needs. Honor would not be something idealistic and impossible to achieve, something out to get us. It would be the framework allowing us to live deliberately. Lastly, (sorry about this guys, but the female freshman vote is six percent higher), I would also bring a very cute English accent to the Council!

My name is Mattie de St. Paer, and I would like to serve the Sewanee community as a member of the Honor Council. The honor code was a central component in my decision to attend this University. This school fosters a unique environment of honesty and integrity. I will do my best to uphold and strengthen honor on this campus. I would consider it a tremendous privilege to serve my class on the Honor Council.

I, Erle J. Newton, intend to run for Honor Council on behalf of the freshman class. Why do I seek such a position here

at Sewanee? First and foremost I believe in the Honor Code because I have seen that such a code works. My high school had an Honor Code that was well respected and fairly enforced. I was fortunate enough to serve on The Walker School Honor Council for two of my four years of enrollment.

Secondly, as a result of my experience on the Walker Honor Council, I believe that I can act as an objective, impartial member. Granted, I am but a human, and true impartiality is difficult in a small community like Sewanee; however, I pledge to be mindful of the importance of impartiality with regard to an Honor Code violation.

Lastly, I will take my job on the Honor Council seriously. The Honor Code is extremely important to Sewanee. The Code is a major factor in the trust that each of us has for one another. It is why we can leave a bike unlocked, or a bag sitting on the ground. Furthermore, the honesty so characteristic of Sewanee adds weight to the legitimacy of academic work and ultimately to the degree. I believe in the Honor Code and I will do my best to maintain it.

To Whom it May Concern in Reference to the Honor Council,

I wish to be nominated for the freshman seat of the Honor Council. I believe that my addition will strengthen the Council's ability to do its business. I will be fair, unbiased, and silent about everything the Honor Council attends. I will give forth my opinion when it is asked and will not discount other's opinions. I will practice all the conditions of the Honor Code so that I may be a recognizable symbol of honor. I will always be present when the Honor Council is in session, and I will never shirk my duties.

I wish to be elected to the Honor Council because the concept of honor is basis for which I as a person am formed, and I would like to spread this foundation to others. Signed, Adam Thomas

Senior Honor Council

I, Amy Johnson, intend to run for the position of Senior Honor Council Representative. I have had one year of experience on the Honor Council - I was an Honor Council representative my sophomore year. The Code and Council have been meaningful to me during my time here at Sewanee. I would love to be a representative again.

Junior Discipline Committee

I, Alan Beckelheimer, respectfully submit my statement of intent to seek the position of Junior Representative of the Discipline Committee. The Student Discipline Committee is composed of 9 of our peers empowered by our vote to make recommendations to the Dean of Students concerning penalties for infractions against the rules of the University. As your representative, I pledge to hear every case with an open mind and consider it fairly. I am also aware of which punishments fit which circumstances and would strive to act diligently in my recommendation of penalties when that task becomes necessary. Thank you for your consideration and your vote. Sincerely, Alan Beckelheimer

Senior Discipline Committee

I, Mandy Waters, intend to run for the position of senior discipline committee representative. I feel that I am qualified to make fair decisions in discipline cases. I appreciate the opportunities that students have to be involved in the affairs of the university and would like to take advantage of this trust. I feel that a peer enforced discipline code raises the effectiveness and justice of an institution's rules and regulations and students must be willing to be a part of bodies such as the discipline com-

mittee to maintain this effectiveness.

To the members of the OG,

"My name is Grady Washington Leach, IV, and I would like to be your Senior Representative to the Discipline Committee. I have several reasons for desiring this position, the foremost of which being I have seen too many close friends and acquaintances suffer from what seemed to me to be arbitrary and ill-conceived consequences for actions that occurred under extremely extenuating circumstances. I would use my position on the council to insure that decisions were based on clear evidence, and without the sort of political agendas that have seemingly plagued the committee in the past.

With the recent reforms to the Honor Council and other rulings which have removed the right to legal counsel in disciplinary hearings, I think we need now more than ever a group of men and women whose devotion to truth and to the lives and futures of their peers is unwavering. I respect the efforts of the previous participants on this committee, but quite frankly, I think we can do better. Elect me for your Senior Discipline Committee representative, and I will do everything in my power to ensure the right to a fair and impartial hearing for every student on this campus, and a respect for the nature and extent of their individuality."

Thank you,
Grady W. Leach, IV

Freshman Student Assembly

At this time, I am placing forth intention to run for membership of the University of the South's student assembly. As a possible member of the assembly I plan to represent all students equally and fairly, while acting as the elected voice for the freshman class. Respectfully,
John Bynan Mills

Sophomore Student Assembly

To the Sophomore Class,

My name is Ashlie "Gabby" Rollins. I am running to become your sophomore class representative. My intentions are to make sure that your opinions are not only heard, but also implemented. For example, students who sign up for sub-free housing should get it. If I am elected, I will most definitely be open to new ideas, especially those of my fellow classmates. I am here to represent you, the Class of 2004. Remember to make your vote count!

Respectfully,
Ashlie "Gabby" Rollins

My name is McCauley Williams and I am running for Sophomore Class Representative. I enjoyed being a part of my High School Student Government and I hope to be a part of Sewanee's Student Assembly. I feel I could best represent the Sophomore class by my organization, and my willingness to listen to the concerns of the Sophomore Class. I am a very open minded person and a hard working individual. Thank you in advance for your support.

Junior Student Assembly

As a representative of the Junior class, I plan to help break the communication barrier between the students and the administration. I will listen to the problems and complaints of my classmates, and will try to help higher authority to understand our situations. My goal is to effectively represent ALL members of the Junior class so that everyone may have equal say in the future of Sewanee.

Signed,
Katie Ward

Senior Student Assembly Representative

To whom it may concern:

As the school year gets underway, one of the first tasks at hand for each class is the election of representatives to the Student Assembly. This appeal goes out to the Senior class, the class of 2002. I believe that as it is our last year here we need

to show the strongest leadership that we can. As the saying goes, "We're only as good as our weakest link" and I believe that the leaders we have in our class proves that we are a very strong class. However, only three members of the class will be given seats in the Assembly. It is my firm belief that I can fulfill the duties and obligations of this seat at a level above and beyond the call of duty. The hope I have is that through myself, if elected, and two of our other colleagues, a great amount of unification can and will be made between the general student body, the student government and the University's administration. As a second year member of the Order of Gownsmen and a colleague of several professors and administrators on campus I can assure you that if elected, my pledge of unification will have at least a chance to be employed by all four key groups on campus, the administration and faculty, the Order of Gownsmen and the Student Assembly and the general student body. Indeed we have some very crucial decisions to make regarding the future of this institution including the construction of a new dorm and added parking by Courts, amongst many others. In my heart I know that I can accomplish whatever I put my mind to and I sincerely hope that you, my colleagues, will give me the chance to prove just that. Respectfully yours,
Ryan Nelson Boylan

Student Assembly Secretary

I, Elizabeth Allston Fishburne, intend to run for the position of Secretary of the Student Assembly. The position of Secretary of the Student Assembly requires dedication, enthusiasm and openness that I believe I possess. Last year, as a representative for the Junior class and a member of the AFC, I gained experience that will help me, if elected, to work with the Executive Committee of the Student Assembly as well as the many other representatives of the Assembly. If elected, I would be open to suggestions or thoughts about any issues.

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New Pie Tastes Like Original

Movie Review

by Debbie McVitty

Staff Writer



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Jason Biggs and Alyson Hannigan reignite on-screen flame.

Mom.

The story is often weak, although to be fair, it would be considered 'unique' to watch this movie only for the plot. The movie promises only pure comedy, nothing deep or meaningful, and this is what it delivers. It is only when it begins to slip into soul searching and slush that it stops being entertaining. In the interests of non-gender bias, it was decided to view the movie as a mixed crowd. The hoots of laughter and unanimous cringing seemed to suggest that both sexes were equally entertained. On the male side there were definite suggestions that sexual innuendo was enough to keep them satisfied, while on the girls' side there was laughter mixed with guilt that such behavior should be encouraged. The boys were adamant on their dislike of certain characters, prompted by the difficulties encountered with finding amusing plot lines for infinite numbers of characters.

Some of the gags are simply preposterous (but funny) while others inspire a certain amount of guilty identification with the events on screen. Basically, if you liked the original, you will like the sequel. There is not a great deal more to say than that. If you think that it is worth seven dollars to split your sides then you will not feel hard done by.

WHAT ELSE: The soundtrack to the movie is brilliant, energetic and feel-good. Go and buy it now. The official website is at www.americanpiemovie.com, where you can play games such as the 'Which character do you most identify with?' quiz, and the 'Lose Jim's Dad' button which will provide hours of mindless entertainment.

ONE LAST THING: There seem to be very few attractive movies currently on release, certainly not showing close to Sewanee. It seems a shame.

Arts Scene

The Neglected Arts

by Lauren Citner

Arts Editor

About a year and a half ago, I grudgingly made the decision to attend Sewanee. I say grudgingly because I thought that the setting for my college career should be a place like New York City, L.A., or Boston. I applied to schools in most major metropolitan areas across the U.S., one in Paris, and then there was Sewanee.

Our little university lacks all of the attributes of a major city, but I was somehow still drawn to the mountain. My mind was telling me that I needed the Guggenheim, Broadway shows, Indian cuisine, and Saks Fifth Avenue while my heart pulled me toward Southern hospitality, Tennessee flora and fauna, dinners with professors, and the solace of the domain.

When I finally made the commitment to attend Sewanee, I was certain that I would have to give up exposure to art, music, and theater that only a city could offer. I ultimately justified my sacrifice of city life by considering the amazing attributes of Sewanee that I could find nowhere else. The comfort of safety, the presence of honor, and the effort to be congenial all pervade this campus in a way that I can never imagine in a city school.

Though one year ago, I thought that Sewanee could never provide the caliber of cultural events that New York or Boston could, I now know differently. Last year was sprinkled with orchestra concerts, walks through the art gallery, evenings at Tennessee Williams', poetry readings, and lectures that captivated me in a way that rivaled similar experiences in New York, Chicago, and Boston.

Now as I reflect on my freshman year, I understand that by making the decision to stay on this mountain, I really gave up nothing. Certainly Sewanee lacks the

variety and quantity of performances and exhibitions that occur in metropolitan areas on a daily basis, however, this collegiate community does offer an artsy alternative on nearly every weekend. Be it small-scale folk music samplings at Sterlings or a full musical production at the Tennessee Williams center, there are frequently cultural options to be explored in addition to or in place of the occasional monotony of the party scene.

Because of my new position as arts editor for this publication, I feel compelled to encourage the Sewanee community to attend a production, concert, exhibit, or discussion that will expand cultural awareness. Last year I learned more about myself from two hours at the orchestra's "Evening of Romantic Music" than I did from weeks in class. I am not in any way attempting to discredit the substantial mental growth that occurs in classrooms, dorm rooms, and the library of this campus. Rather, I am merely encouraging personal evolution through the arts.

Go watch, listen, view, and expose yourself to the world of art around you. No, we don't have a gallery full of Matisse or Van Gogh. We don't have impressive touring productions of *Rent* or *Annie Get Your Gun* coming through town. We don't have an opera house. But, we do have a collection of extremely talented singers, dancers, musicians, visual artists, and actors who will entertain you and might just change you.

I will step down from my soapbox, but next time you students, professors, and staff receive an e-mail or see a sign about a play or a gallery opening or a concert, take a few hours out of your week and go open yourself to the artistic aspect of Sewanee.



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Tibetan Week Brings the Far East to Sewanee

by Andrew Gregg

Staff Writer

Although this university, like most others, tries to be open-minded, it still has a strong attachment to what is generally called Western culture. This is not a bad thing. However, it does mean that we spend a lot of time reading Shakespeare and *The Divine Comedy*, rather than other classics like Thangtong Gyalpo and *Drowa Sangma*. In an attempt to show a glimpse of Eastern culture to Sewanee, several campus departments and organizations worked together to create Tibetan Week.

Tibetan Week's primary activities centered around two groups: five monks from the Drepung Loseling Buddhist monastery in India, and the Tibetan Dance and Opera company Chaksampa. Two lectures, one musical presentation, and a series of art workshops helped fill the week with activities.

Tibetan Week began on Monday, September 3, in Convocation Hall. Under the watchful eyes of the University's founders the monks of Drepung Loseling monastery began the construction of a sand mandala. Mandala painting is a complex Tantric art form that uses colored sand to create circular designs that incorporate

many symbols, geometric and otherwise. The process of painting the mandala was very time-consuming; it was not until a week later that the careful placing of the sand was completed. Before beginning the painting, the monks performed a cleansing prayer ritual that consisted of chanting (in Tibetan) and blowing large brass horns to call forth the local deities to purify the location of the mandala painting. After the brief prayer there was a small dance, and then the painting started. Two of the monks worked at a time, using small metal tools to place the sand.

On Wednesday Lama Geshe Lobsang Tenzin of Emory University gave a lecture in Convocation Hall. Lama Geshe Lobsang Tenzin is a Buddhist monk and is the founder and spiritual leader of the branch of Drepung Loseling that operates out of Atlanta. He spoke about the basic practices of Buddhism, especially of meditation and detachment from the world's stress and pain. His very intelligent lecture connected well with the interested audience.

On Saturday morning the Drepung Loseling monks and members of the Chaksampa group performed a Lha Soel blessing ceremony in the Quad. The ceremony began with the hanging of a large number of Buddhist

prayer flags on the side of Walsh-Elliott. Juniper leaves were then burnt as incense while the monks began a prayer chant much like the one that opened the week. The ceremony concluded with the performance of a circle dance by the Chaksampa company and the crowd. The entire audience formed a large circle in the Quad and did a simple step-dance to the sound of the *dranyen* and the Tibetan singing. After the song ended, the entire circle tossed barley flour into the air as a prayer for a good harvest and for the blessing of the land.

Later on Saturday Chaksampa performed in the Proctor Hill Theater at the Tennessee Williams Center. The show opened with a dance by characters in large masks symbolizing the face of Thangtong Gyalpo, the man who founded Tibetan opera in the 14th century. Since Tibetan opera can go on for several days, the company performed only sections of operas, along with songs from all areas of Tibet. The

style of the music was very different from anything familiar to us. Many of the songs were accompanied only by a single large drum and the stomping of feet. The rhythms of the dancing were similar to the strangely weighted folk rhythms of Bulgaria and Hungary and other eastern European countries present in much of the modern music that so confounds listeners. The show was full of enchanting melodies and of strange, even funny stories that took place on stage. The *Yakse*, or the Dance of the Yaks, was perhaps the highlight of the show. It involved two very convincing yaks and a rather humorous introduction about the difficulty of getting yaks through the border of Tennessee.

Tibetan Week ended on Sunday with the completion of the sand mandala. At 2:30, a large crowd gathered in Convocation Hall to witness the Drepung monks' closing prayer of purification. After the chants, the monks took brushes and swept the

sands of the mandala in a pile. The beautiful, delicately constructed mandala was rapidly swept away, to stress the impermanence of all things that the Buddhists place so prominently in their teachings. Half of the sand was distributed to members of the audience to perpetuate the memory of the ceremony, and the other half was swept into a small run. After the mandala was fully destroyed, the monks and the very large crowd processed from Convocation Hall down Abbo's Alley to the small stream there. Then, with the crowd watching, the monks performed a brief ritual and poured the sand into the flowing water. The sand, a symbol of the healing and blessing of the land, was put into water so that it might travel to the great ocean and be spread to the whole land through rain.

The pouring of the sand into the stream was a beautiful way of closing the week's activities and creating an atmosphere of tranquility and peace.

High Life Column



Photo by Mary Quin Matteson

The High Life Visits the Highpoint

by Ryan Doolan

Staff Writer

Welcome to my new bi-weekly column that explores the age-old question of "What can I do in and around Sewanee for about \$20?" If you actually read this column every issue, you will discover that my evenings of fun, which are free because the Purple gives me \$20 to spend as I see fit, will steadily get more and more adventuresome and stupid. For this edition's article, I decided to take a very conservative approach and once again take my girlfriend out for a night of fine dining at Highpoint.

This particular trip, we decided to simply start our meal with a salad instead of having both an appetizer and salad. I, as always, ordered the Applewood Spinach Salad and my date had the Fall Harvest Salad. Being of legal age and known to have a thirst for the finest in malt beverages, I decided to start the evening off by ordering a Sierra Nevada. This beer was of medium thickness and I found that it complemented my salad and bread nicely. After finishing both my salad and my beer, I ordered a Moonshine Tea, which consisted of vodka, gin, tequila, rum, and a little something special. This drink, mixed to perfection by Sewanee senior and Highpoint bartender, Noah Murphy, made me wonder if I should simply cancel my meal order and move to the bar. However, since I was

not dining or drinking alone, this was sadly not a viable option.

Twenty minutes later, our waiter appeared at the table with our entrees. As he laid the plates in front of us, I began to remember why Highpoint is the premier restaurant on the Mountain. After taking the first bite of my Southern Pecan Chicken and baked potato, I decided that I was quite content to remain in my original seat. This dish was excellent, as was my date's meal of Soy Ginger Mahi Mahi and steamed broccoli. Following dinner, we contemplated ordering dessert, but in the end decided that a simple cup of cappuccino for my date and glass of water for me was the perfect end to a fabulous meal. All in all, I wound spending just under \$60 including tip.

Now, I know that I wrote earlier that the point of this article was to detail the many amazing, stupid and fun things that can be done for around \$20. However, if you factor out my date's meal, I only wound up spending around \$35, ten dollars of which was on alcohol. Regardless of the price, I had a wonderful time because I truly lived the Highlife by enjoying good company, excellent food, and the simple beauty of alcohol. Sometimes, the true Sewanee Highlife requires a little more than the \$20 allotted to me, but I promise to budget my money better for next issue as I adventure to Cowan's own Brown's Pool Room and City Limits Bar.

And on the eighth day, God created a really cool bakery and coffee shop where college kids could hang out, smell the wonderful aroma of freshly baked bread, sip on a cup of delicious coffee made from some of the finest coffee beans found, enjoy a tasty chicken salad sandwich with a cup of homemade soup, followed by a piece of carrot cake "to die for" and get a smoothie, made from real fruit, to take back to the room.... Amen!

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Release of Whiskeytown's 'Pneumonia' Overdue

CD Review

by Douglas Waterman

News Editor

Recorded over two years ago in Woodstock, New York's Dreamland Studio, Whiskeytown's 'Pneumonia' was slated as a successful follow-up to their acclaimed major label debut, 'Stranger's Almanac' (1997). However, the Universal/Polygram merger forced the closure of Whiskeytown's label, Outpost Recordings, leaving the band high and dry and wondering if the album would ever see the light of day.

Since the recording of 'Pneumonia', the band has officially broken up, and each member of the trio is pursuing promising solo careers. Frontman Ryan Adams released 'Heartbreaker' on the alt-country-oriented Bloodshot Records in the summer of 2000, and fiddler/vocalist Caitlin Cary released a five-song EP entitled 'Walzie' on Chapel Hill's Yep Roc Records. Guitarist Mike Daly is currently shopping his just-finished solo album around to record labels.

Fortunately for Whiskeytown, Lost Highway Records was founded at just the right time. Spearheaded by Mercury Nashville President Luke Lewis and the band's former manager, Frank Callan, this Mercury imprint label (based in Nashville) agreed to put out 'Pneumonia' as its first release.

Aside from Whiskeytown, Lost Highway has also signed established singer/songwriters such as Robert Earl Keen, Lucinda Williams, and Ryan Adams. Adams and producer Ethan Johns remixed and put finishing touches on 'Pneumonia' in the spring, setting the release date for May 22.

Accompanying the band on the album include Backsliders guitarist Brad Rice, former Replacement Tommy Stinson, ex-Smashing Pumpkin James Iha, and Ethan

Johns on drums.

'Pneumonia' is somewhat of a departure from Whiskeytown's first two releases, which are characterized primarily by elements of the broadly interpreted alternative country genre. Though the fiddle and pedal steel are still prevalent on many of the tracks, the album transmits more of a pop sound than their previous releases. Nonetheless, 'Pneumonia' is clear evidence of the band's lyrical and musical maturing process.

The album contains a collection of intriguing pop/rock tunes, as well as a num-

ber of well-crafted experimental pieces.

'Pneumonia's' first track, 'Ballad of Carol Lynn', is flooded by Adams' raspy vocal tendencies, as well as an eerily brooding horn section. 'Don't Wanna Know Why' is a catchy pop song that emphasizes both Caitlin Cary's prolific fiddling ability and her distinct harmonization.

'Jacksonville Skyline' and 'My Hometown' both give accounts of Adams' reminiscent predisposition toward his hometown of Jacksonville, North Carolina (from his perspective while living in New York

City). These two songs seem to be the simplest, yet easily the most convincing songs on 'Pneumonia', combining steady acoustic progressions and free-flowing pedal steel echoes with Adams' honest, country-tinged vocals.

The seventh track, 'Under Your Breath', identifies closely with the slow, solemn lyrical emphasis of Ryan Adams' 'Heartbreaker' album.

'Mirror, Mirror' seems extremely influenced by the Beatles' instrumentation during the mid-60s. 'Paper Moon' experiments with a creative island flavour,

and 'What the Devil Wanted', which Adams wrote about a recurring dream, is shaded with a disoriented, psychedelic aura.

Closing out the album, 'Bar Lights' returns to the compelling, melodic harmonization between Adams and Cary that penetrated 'Stranger's Almanac'.

On the whole, 'Pneumonia' is a very commendable final album from an undeniably influential band of the 90s, and it furthermore sets a promising tone for the future solo careers of Whiskeytown's band members.

Goodbye Boxcar, Hello Blue Water Lodge

by O.J. Reuter

Staff Writer

Seafood, Steaks, and... Barbeque? This is the flavor of the newest restaurant to crash the Sewanee dining scene. Situated in the old home of the Boxcar restaurant, Blue Water Lodge offers a taste of American food with a twist of everything else. While Sewanee students often shun small local restaurants, Blue Water Lodge may provide students with a new reason to venture off campus for lunch.

I made my trip to Blue Water Lodge after an especially unsuccessful fight with the monstrous lines at McClurg. Disheartened, but not despairing, I asked a fellow Sewanee student to accompany me on an early afternoon excursion to the restaurant. Upon arriving the hostess was extremely friendly and immediately escorted us to our seats. Our waitress greeted us quickly, and was also very amiable. The dining room was new, clean, and rustically charming. However, the giant "BBQ TO GO" sign that dominated my field of vision on the far wall offset these pleasant characteristics. Obviously the restaurant's decorator was not the most advanced in his/her field.

After the waitress had gone with our



Photo by Mary Quin Matteson

drink order I was able to peruse the menu for the first time. I immediately noticed that the establishment had a fair selection of a certain yellow foamy beverage that might be of interest to Sewanee's more aged demographic. They also had pitchers available of this certain beverage. The menu included a wide variety of food ranging from steaks to sandwiches to "fresh" seafood. They listed Snapper on the menu, which caught my attention, and of course they had catfish and trout. I am rather skep-

tical about their seafood options and decided not to delve into that area of the menu even on this fact finding mission. Blue Water Lodge featured barbeque as their main dish, and obviously they took a lot of pride in it. While I am not a big fan of Barbeque and do not understand why anyone would be, this might be the place for you to sample some pork or chicken. While the menu did contain a wild variety of dishes there was not a very large number of selections.

I ordered some chicken wings and a smoked chicken sandwich, which I assumed would be quasi-barbeque. My companion had the crab cake sandwich. When I received the chicken wings, I was not expecting much. To my surprise they were fantastic, and I polished them off immediately. My smoked chicken sandwich was less impressive, but it was tasty as well. I also sampled the crab cake sandwich and found it to be very full of flavor. After our meal we pondered having dessert, but decided against it even though their modest dessert menu looked appetizing.

How is Blue Water Lodge different from any other local small time restaurant? Well, it's probably not, but it's not far and maybe Sewanee students should give those types of restaurants a chance once in a while. Overall the experience had its ups and downs, but was basically enjoyable. The reasonable prices played a great part in making it more pleasurable. If you don't have the money to eat at High Point or Pearl's all the time, then it is certainly a valid choice for your next dinner, and it is definitely a lot less crowded than McClurg at 12:15. I think I will return, and Sewanee students should definitely give the Lodge a try, if only for the wings and yellow foamy beverages.

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