

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, SEWANEE 2008 REPORT TO THE DIOCESE OF ATLANTA

Enrollment for the 2007-2008 Academic Year from the Diocese of Atlanta

36 Episcopal Students in the College of Arts and Sciences

School of Theology Students Studying for Master and Doctoral Degrees during the 2007-2008 Academic Year:

Holt Buff Grace III, Social Circle

John Herring, Roswell

Paul C. McCabe, Marietta

Thelma Monique Pantan, Atlanta

* Jesse K. Colbert, Columbus

* Joe K. Dunagan, Macon

* James L. Rule, Atlanta

* Michael A. Tanner, Atlanta

**Graduate students enrolled in the Advanced Degrees Program*

2007-2008 Financial Aid Awarded to all Undergraduate Students from the Diocese of Atlanta:

\$1,644,230.00

2007-2008 Amount of Support from Atlanta Churches and the Diocese of Atlanta:

\$5,826

Governing Board Representatives from Atlanta:

Board of Regents

The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander, D.D.

Board of Trustees

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The Rev. C. Dean Taylor (2010)

John Ford (2009)

John F. Evans (term ends 2008)

School of Theology Programs Center Information for Atlanta:

Education for Ministry (EFM) groups: 57

EFM Diocesan Coordinator: RuthElizabeth Conine, reconine@gmail.com

About Sewanee

The University of the South, or Sewanee as it is more popularly known, is home to both an outstanding liberal arts college and a seminary of the Episcopal Church. Located atop the Cumberland Plateau between Nashville and Chattanooga, Tenn., Sewanee's 13,000-acre campus — the second largest campus in the United States — provides vast opportunities for research, recreation, and reflection. Within the traditionally strong curriculum of humanities, sciences, and graduate theological studies, Sewanee faculty

members promote intellectual growth, critical thinking, and hands-on research. According to its mission statement, Sewanee “is an institution of the Episcopal Church dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge, understanding, and wisdom in close community and in full freedom of inquiry, and enlightened by Christian faith in the Anglican tradition, welcoming individuals from all backgrounds, to the end that students be prepared to search for truth, seek justice, preserve liberty under law, and serve God and humanity.”

Sewanee’s Relationship to the Episcopal Church

Founded in 1857 and chartered in 1858 by bishops of the Episcopal Church, Sewanee celebrated its Sesquicentennial anniversary with special events during the 2007-2008 academic year. The institution proudly acknowledges a long history of combining academic excellence with reverent concern for the world. Sewanee is the only university in the country with both a college and graduate seminary established by the Episcopal Church and in which the Episcopal Church is actively involved in its governing board.

The chancellor of the University is a bishop of an owning diocese, elected to that position for a six-year term by the University Board of Trustees. The current chancellor is the Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley Jr., bishop of the Diocese of Alabama. Lay and clergy trustees are elected from the 28 owning dioceses: Alabama, Arkansas, Atlanta, Central Florida, Central Gulf Coast, Dallas, East Carolina, East Tennessee, Florida, Fort Worth, Georgia, Kentucky, Lexington, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Northwest Texas, South Carolina, Southeast Florida, Southwest Florida, Tennessee, Texas, Upper South Carolina, West Tennessee, West Texas, Western Louisiana, and Western North Carolina.

2007–2008 Statistics

College of Arts and Sciences students: 1,424

Undergraduate Class of 2011: 402

SAT combined: 1170-1340

ACT: 26-30

High School GPA: 3.5

Female 52%, Male 48%

Student/faculty ratio: 11:1

Percentage of college students declaring Episcopal heritage: 35.1%

Majors offered (college): 36

Minors offered (college): 27

School of Theology residential and summer graduate students: 127

Newly enrolled students: 34

Returning students: 43

Summer advanced degrees total student enrollment: 50

Female 31, Male 46

Degrees offered (seminary): Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Theology, Master of Sacred Theology, Doctor of Ministry. Other programs: Diploma of Anglican Studies, Certificate of Theological Studies

University Fiscal Year July 1, 2007–June 30, 2008:

Unrestricted operating revenues: \$65,735,643

Endowment: \$313,206,186

Finances and Academic Grants

The Sewanee Call, a comprehensive fund-raising campaign by the University of the South to enhance endowment, facilities and operating support, came to a successful conclusion on June 30, 2008 with \$205.7 million in gifts and commitments, exceeding the \$180 million goal by over \$25 million. More than 18,000 individuals and organizations supported the campaign goals to enhance significantly the endowment for scholarships, faculty support, service learning and internships, and to accomplish a wide range of facility construction and renovation projects. Among the many campaign highlights include the purchase and permanent protection of nearly 3,000 acres on the South Cumberland Plateau. The University and The Land Trust for Tennessee completed a community fund-raising effort that generated \$4.3 million for the purchase from American Timberland Corp., a subsidiary of Regions Morgan Keegan Timberland Group. The land, which contains portions of Lost Cove and Champion Cove adjacent to the 10,000-acre domain, is owned and managed by Sewanee for use as an outdoor academic laboratory and for recreation. The parents of three Sewanee graduates created the Timothy Keith-Lucas Endowment to support Sewanee's unique Island Ecology Program and to honor Dr. Keith-Lucas, the professor of psychology who founded it more than 20 years ago. The one-of-a-kind ecology program takes students each summer to St. Catherine's Island, one of the Georgia Sea Islands, for an interdisciplinary look at island ecosystems.

In the 2007-2008 fiscal year, more than 7,400 alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends gave \$3.6 million to the Sewanee Annual Fund, with 41 percent of college alumni and 32 percent of seminary alumni participating. Episcopal church gifts to seminaries through the One Percent Program, earmarked specifically for seminarian support, has steadily increased for the past three years: 235 parishes gave \$333,200 in 2007-2008, compared with 240 parishes giving a total of \$297,000 in 2006-2007 and 228 parishes giving \$260,430 the previous year. Sewanee's endowment slightly decreased from \$315 million in June 2007, to \$313 million in June 2008. The University's 2007-2008 operating budget was \$65,735,643. Approximately 66 percent of revenues to the University come from student-funded tuition, room and board, and fees.

Foundation grantors included \$200,000 from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund to help launch the Sewanee Fund for Innovative Teaching and Learning, established to help faculty explore new ways of approaching classroom experiences; to support students who wish to design innovative learning experiences on their own; and to encourage student-faculty collaborative research. A grant of \$24,000 from the James S. Kemper Foundation will offer paid internships to qualified Sewanee students at leading social entrepreneurship institutions during the summer. The internships are part of the Social Entrepreneurship Education (SEED) Program developed by Sewanee Professor of Economics Yasmeen Mohiuddin. A foundation grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund helped establish the environmental studies program, and a new grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation raised the stakes with a challenge grant for environmental studies that will endow important parts of the program. Foundation grants launched the Asian Studies Program, endowed internships and important parts of the new business minor.

University Financial Aid

In the 2007–2008 academic year, more than \$18.4 million was awarded in institutional financial aid to 64 percent of entering first-year students, with one-third receiving need-based aid. More than 61 percent of undergraduates and 61.5 percent of graduate students at the School of Theology and the School of Letters receive some form of aid, including University aid, scholarships, and other aid from all sources. The University strives to ensure that accepted students can afford a Sewanee education and that seminarians can graduate with as little education-related debt as possible.

Student Life

Sewanee welcomed 412 first-year students in the fall of 2007, including 10 academically motivated students from urban public high schools through the Posse Foundation program of financial assistance and peer support. Thanks to a \$3 million bequest by Doug Hawkins, who attended Sewanee in the 1950s, the University was able to offer these students full scholarships. The 2007 first-year class reported to the National Survey of Student Engagement that they had meaningful experiences with learning communities, while senior students showed they valued close faculty interaction and study-abroad opportunities. Sewanee exceeds the norms of comparable colleges and universities on all NSSE measures.

During the course of the year, academic research and business internships offered students unique opportunities. Eric Keen (Malabar, Fla.) and Will Harper (McLean, Va.) received prestigious Fulbright fellowships. Keen will pursue a teaching assistantship in Indonesia and Harper will travel to Mexico as a half-Fulbright, half-Garcia Robles bi-national business scholar. In 2007, Sewanee received three out of 50 Watson Fellowships awarded nationally. Sewanee students have been awarded a total of 36 Watson Fellowships. Sewanee has produced 25 Rhodes Scholars — matched or exceeded by only 15 other colleges.

The Office of Career Services annually sponsors "Beyond the Gates: Preparing for Life and Work After Sewanee," before the start of Easter semester. This year nearly 100 juniors and seniors had the chance to interact with 30 alumni and parent volunteers during panel discussions, mentoring, practice interviews, workshops and a business dining etiquette luncheon.

In Sewanee athletics, 70 student-athletes were named to the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) Academic Honor Roll for their academic performance in the Easter term, a nine percent increase from last year. To be a member of the Honor Roll, a student-athlete must have a 3.25 GPA for the term in which they are competing. Coming off of the most successful field hockey season in eight years, Sewanee senior, Marcy Tickner (Rockville, Md.) and junior Claiborne Buckingham (Richmond, Va.) were named All-Conference by the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference for their 2007 play. Ryan Smith was named the 21st head coach in Sewanee's 84 seasons of varsity men's basketball. Smith comes to the Mountain from Hampden-Sydney College where, as head coach for the last five seasons, he has compiled a 94-46 (.671) record including two ODAC championships and two NCAA Tournament appearances. Seven alumni were inducted into the 2007 Athletic Hall of Fame: Clarence "Bugs" Carter, coach; Lee Glenn, C'57, football; Larry Isacksen, C'58, men's basketball; Ellen Gray Maybank Hogan, C'90, women's tennis; Rachel Reimer, C'97, field hockey; Alex Wellford, C'34, men's tennis, baseball, football; Greg Worsowicz, C'82, football.

The University's Outreach Office encourages students to find creative ways to give back to their communities. Mission trips, organized during 2008 Spring Break, took students to work on projects in the Gulf Coast states (at least three outings), Jamaica, Haiti, Costa Rica, and Ecuador. The work of Sewanee's campus ministries attract 25 percent of the student body.

Commencement weekend recognized the achievements of 346 undergraduates of the College of Arts and Sciences and 40 seminarians from the School of Theology. Commencement ceremonies featured addresses from the Most Rev. Desmond M. Tutu, Anglican archbishop emeritus, City of Cape Town, South Africa, and Nobel Peace Prize winner; the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, the 26th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, U.S.A.; and noted poet Richard Tillinghast, C'62, who read the first part of his new five-part poem "Sewanee When We Were Young." Ryan William Barry (Midway, Tenn.) was valedictorian and Sean Tapper Suarez (Winter Haven, Fla.) was salutatorian for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Campus

The University's Sesquicentennial anniversary began July 4, 2007, and ended on commencement weekend on May 9–11, 2008, with the dedication of the Sesquicentennial Elm. Founders' Day festivities Oct. 6–10, 2007, featured *Newsweek* Editor Jon Meacham, C'91, as convocation speaker, followed by the debut of Richard Shephard's *Te Deum*, commemorating the Sesquicentennial. The Sewanee community enjoyed a gala Bishops' ball; the equestrian team hosted the intercollegiate Sewanee Equestrian Invitational; and a new stained glass window created by Brenda Belfield was dedicated in Convocation Hall.

University faculty approved a new business minor to Sewanee's academic programs, open to students in any major. The Center for Global Commerce offers co-curricular support for pre-business students with advice, networking avenues, internship opportunities, and workshops and hosts distinguished business leaders such as Gulf Oil CEO Joseph Petrowski and Southwest Airlines founder Herb Kelleher. The Center for Liberal Education and Community Engagement encourages development of courses that have a service-learning component that can provide a real-world basis for original research and scholarship.

About 42 percent of Sewanee students studied abroad and some 80 students participated in summer programs in places such as Bangladesh, China, France, Italy, Russia, and Spain.

Four alumni were honored during Homecoming 2007, on Nov. 3. The Distinguished Alumni Award went to Lee Thomas, C'67. The Distinguished Young Alumni Award was presented to Rebecca Miller Spicer, C'93, and the Crawford Service Award was received by The Rev. Dr. Jim Yeary, C'64, T'69, T'89. The Distinguished Faculty Staff Award was given to Laurence Alvarez, C'59. Vicky Vieth Bratton, C'88, was elected president of the Associated Alumni.

Faculty and Administration

Mark L. Kelly was appointed Sewanee's new executive director of marketing and communications in August 2007. He is responsible for leading the University's integrated marketing and communications programs. Kelly was assistant vice president and director of public relations for Loyola College. Dr. Alexander Bruce, C'89, was named associate dean for campus life. Previously, Bruce was chair of the English department at the

University of Montevallo. Four college faculty and administrators who collectively amassed 148 years of experience retired this year: Marcia Clarkson, director of personnel services and lecturer in computer science; Henrietta Croom, professor of biology; John Flynn, professor of history; and Arthur Knoll, David E. Underdown Professor of European History.

School of Theology

Beginning the 2007-2008 academic year, the School of Theology welcomed 34 new students representing 29 Episcopal dioceses, bringing the total student body to 77. New student orientation featured a full week of activities introducing students to the seminary, the University, and the Sewanee community.

The seminary received substantial grants from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund and the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations to expand initiatives in promoting diversity and building social justice leadership within the seminary community. A new system of need-based financial aid was implemented, to reduce economic hardship for seminary families and to minimize the burden of debt after graduation.

Dr. Cynthia Crysedale joined the faculty as professor of Christian ethics and theology. She served at the Catholic University of America since 1988, and is an actively engaged Episcopalian. The Rev. Dr. Christopher Bryan, C.K. Benedict Professor of New Testament, retired Dec. 30, 2007, after 24 years of service.

The 2007 DuBose Lecture series, Oct. 18-19, featured the Rev. Dr. Donald S. Armentrout, Charles Quintard Professor of Dogmatic Theology, associate dean for academic affairs, and director of the Advanced Degrees Program at the School of Theology, who addressed "The Elongated Shadow of William Porcher DuBose." The groundbreaking for a new outdoor worship space at the back of the Chapel of the Apostles took place after the afternoon Eucharist. The Class of 2007 raised more than \$13,000 for the project to enhance worship at the seminary. Class member Eric Zubler contributed the architectural drawings for the space, employing skills from his background as a landscape architect.

The Programs Center's Education for Ministry (EfM) program successfully collaborated with the Trinity Institute of Trinity Wall Street to include theological reflection in the 2008 Trinity Theological Conference. During her visit to Sewanee on Commencement weekend, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori encouraged EfM staff to address the "growing edges of the Church," including diversity of age and culture, and suggested the formation of "groups that bridge the boundaries of the Anglican Communion." She saw the new EfM Online initiative as an exciting model of connecting students separated by distance and other boundaries. Sarah "Sissie" Wile was appointed interim EfM director. Wile has served EfM as a mentor and trainer, as trainer in residence, and then as assistant EfM director for the past two years. A strategic planning team began work in 2008 to discern the ways EfM will move into the future. Led by Wile and the EfM staff with the assistance of the Rev. Dr. Charles Kiblinger, EfM consultant, the team is gathering input from hundreds of students, mentors, coordinators and trainers as well as former leaders of EfM. The strategic plan will provide a guide to the structure and personnel requirements of the program.

On Feb. 28–Mar. 2, 2008, prospective seminarians from across the country visited Sewanee for Preview Weekend, an event designed to introduce them to community life, theological learning, and formation for ministry. Seminary students, faculty and staff

planned opportunities for their guests and their families to worship, attend classes, tour the campus, and get to know the seminary community. The 2009 Preview Weekend is scheduled for Feb. 26–Mar. 1

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