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Help for the needy

by Sam Schneider, staff writer

Few people realize the purpose of the mason jar that sits next to the cash register in the Governors State University's cafe as they leave to pay for their food. Virginia Cunningham, the daytime cashier for the cafe, has the jar next to her register. This is meant for the spare change she accumulates for a charity she supports called the "Nearest Children's Christmas Fund."

"I like to listen to Wally Phillips, a morning radio personality from WGN," Cunningham said.

Virginia Cunningham, cafeteria cashier
photo by Sam Schneider
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Presidental candidates

by Vera P. Barkus

The Presidential Search Committee announced the three candidates for Governors State University President. Selected were Dr. Beverly J. Schmoll, Dr. Wilson Bradshaw and Dr. Stuart Fagan.

According to the brief biographies of each candidate supplied by The Search Committee, Schmoll has served as the Interim Chancellor at the University of Michigan-Flint for fourteen months and has just returned to serve as the Dean of Graduate Programs and Research in the Physical Therapy Department. She is also Professor of Physical Therapy. In addition, she has served as the Acting Director of the Program in Physical Therapy, the Director of the Physical Therapy Department, and the Interim Director of Graduate and Special Programs. Her Ph.D. is in Administration and Higher Education from Michigan State University; she holds an M.A. in Human Development and Relationships and a B.S. in Physical Therapy from Wayne State University.

Bradshaw is currently Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Political Science at Southern University. He has served in this role since 1995. He has also served as Vice President and Dean for Graduate Studies and Research at Georgia Southern University and Dean and Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies at Florida Atlantic University. He has been a Professor of Psychology at Florida Atlantic University. Bradshaw has a Ph.D. in Psychology (Neuroscience) from the University of Pittsburgh and has an M.A. in Experimental Psychology and B.A. in Psychology from Florida Atlantic University.

Fagan is currently the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Political Science at Wayne State University. He has served in this role since 1995. He also served as Vice President.

Energy boosted in the Department of Public Safety

by Cindy Kansoer-Schneider, editor-in-chief

A farewell was extended Thursday, December 2, to five retiring officers from the Department of Public Safety. Joining officers Larry Bonner, Earl Collins, Karl Harrison, Carolyn Moore, and Ted Reid was Rose Mascolo who retired from Governors State University last June.

"They (community) don't call for you to be critical," he stated. "They call you for help." DPS officers are community sensitive.

Changes in personnel are not the only changes taking place in the department. A new vehicle was purchased, a white Ford Expedition. The red and blue decals, appreciated by a majority of the GSU community, make the Expedition very visible and its sire enhances the officers' vision of the campus parking lot and continued on page 5

Model United Nations Conference

by David Swalina

The Model United Nations is an intercollegiate and international program. Governors State University participates at both the regional American Model United Nations (AMUN) Conference held in Chicago (Fall trimester), and the National Model United Nations (NMUN) Conference held in New York City (Winter trimester).

The purpose of the Model United Nation, both the American and the National, is to provide a learning experience for anyone who is interested in global politics, international relations, cultural diversity, and the workings of the United Nations and the organizations that comprise it.

Each university represents a country. The students participate on the committees that their assigned country is a member of, at the United Nations. The students represent the delegates for the country and participate in designing and working to pass resolutions that follow the beliefs of the country they represent.

Students at Governors State University may participate on two levels. First, there are weekly discussion groups which debate the major global issues of the day.

Second, students who have prepared may attend the conferences. The American Model United Nations Conference was held on November 20th - 23rd in Chicago at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. Colleges and Universities from all over the United States, as well as some universities from foreign countries, attended this conference. The results from this conference will be forwarded to the National Model United Nations Conference in New York City. This season, Governors State University students represented France at the American Model United Nations Conference. What made the conference most interesting was the students' ability to take an influential role at the conference. France is one of the permanent five members of the United Nations Security Council and plays an integral part in United Nations decision making. As the Republic of France, many of our students became a key focal point in their respective committees by passing several resolutions on global crisis.

In the upcoming year, the National Model United Nations Conference is scheduled to be held April 18th - 22nd, 2001 in New York City at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. Colleges and Universities from all over the world will attend this conference. The opening and closing sessions of the conference continued on page 5.
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Wishing peace and joy to everyone at Governors State University from: the INNOVATOR staff

Search Committee
The Search Committee conducted two-hour long off-campus interview with eleven candidates and chose three finalists. The Search Committee then referred the three finalists to The Board of Trustees. The Board will then select the candidate to replace the current president, Paula Wolff, who has served the university for seven years. They hope the selected candidate will be able to start in his/her new position soon after January 2000. A common question for the Board has been what happens if the new President cannot start in January? The Board of Trustees said that it will ensure that the university is led appropriately through the transition. The Board stated that when the next president is selected, we will have a better sense of how the transition will take place.

Another concern to members of the GSU community deals with the administrative positions that are filled on an interim basis.

Many want to know when these positions will be filled. The Board responded to that concern by stating that they have enormous confidence in the people who have taken on these interim positions and know that they are doing a superb job. Therefore, they are comfortable waiting until the new President has been hired before beginning appropriate searches to fill these positions. It will also help the new President select the team he or she will be working with.

The candidate that is selected will need to meet the demands and maintain the strengths of the university due to its growth. According to the President's Office, GSU's enrollment has grown 25% during the past seven years, the fastest of any public university. This includes a 60% increase in minority enrollment. The number of faculty has grown over 30% and GSU's budget has increased from $28.6 million to $53.6 million with $15 million in outside fundraising.

The committee and the Board are still hard at work. The GSU community anxiously awaits a candidate decision.

Children's Fund. This year's goal was $5,000. The total amount collected by Christmas was $5,400. Cunningham said, "The focus should be on all of the students, faculty, and staff who are very generous in helping by donating their spare change to the fund. It grows bigger every year."

The money collected went towards the children in the area who were not fortunate to have a Christmas this past holiday season. Cunningham said that all of the proceeds go towards the kids for toys, clothes, and food because no operating costs or overhead fees are taken out.

The original fund was The Neediest Childrens Fund and was started in 1979 when Philps found out that workers who worked on cases involving public aid collected money to buy gifts for needy children. When Philps got involved he wanted to focus on the children. He separated the two funds from each other and The Neediest Children's Christmas Fund was created.

"The best thing is that I am helping unfortunate children. I hope to help as many children as I possibly can," stated Philps and added, "the whole school has been very generous."
Fond memories of Sam Schneider
by Cindy Kansoer-Schneider, editor-in-chief

Governors State University's community suffered an incredible loss Christmas morning when one of its students, Samantha (Sam) Schneider, was overcome by complications resulting from a congenital disorder.

She was concerned with helping others and rarely, if ever, complained of her plight. Ringing in 1999 with abdominal surgery, she gathered her strength and her walker to walk 10 miles in the spring to raise money for the American Diabetes Association. Typical of Sam's selflessness, she said, "My problems aren't so bad, but there's little children that need help to live." Sam transferred into GSU spring/summer 1999 to obtain a bachelor's of arts degree in English with a minor in Communications. She aspired to be a journalist and joined the INNOVATOR staff immediately.

Though she was billed as the advertising consultant, to her many credits as a staff member is her photopinion page, several contributing articles, co-writing Madame Macassa, brainstorming at the staff meetings, insuring that copy was delivered to the printer, and one of the noisiest reporters that the INNOVATOR has had.

Education was vitally important to Sam. She was aware of the importance of obtaining a degree and she was equally aware of the added difficulties that a physically challenged individual faced. She had often spoken of creating a fund to help physically challenged students so that "they (students) can concentrate on their studies;" they would be able to focus on getting their education and not on how to get it.

In honor of Sam's drive and determination to overcome many obstacles and to perpetuate her love of people, the Samantha Ann Schneider Charitable Scholarship Trust is being formed. All information will be provided to Governors State University when available.

Sam's greatest fear was that she would be forgotten, but she need not have worried. She touched an enormous amount of lives evidenced by over 300 visitors who came to say goodbye.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to Chief Albert Chesser and all the members of the Department of Public Safety. They afforded Sam great dignity as they joined the Worth Police Department in escorting her to her final resting place and insuring the safety of the 137 car procession spanning over a mile long.

Many thanks to the students, faculty, staff, and Student Life members who shared the grief of our loss. Sam used to say that pain was bearable if someone shared it with you. She was right.

Thus, this is not goodbye to Sam but only —(end of copy).

A tribute to Sam
by Geoffrey de Laforceade, advisor

Something about Samantha Schneider warns me that too solemn a tribute would provoke her unforgiving sarcasm. I remember finding the most sensitive words I could to express the observation that it was a good thing GSU provided wheelchairs for its students. Sam looked at me with a gliter in her eye and responded, "Yeah, they help me get to class on time. You should try one.

Her candor and wit were unmatched on campus, as was her hard work with the student newspaper and unrelenting faith in her ability to succeed at everything she did. I am not quite yet satisfied that students on this campus fully realize how fortunate they are to have their own independent media; Sam did. She didn't just help her editor-in-chief Mom pull all-nighters in the newsroom, she reached out for ads, wrote pieces, pondered a career in journalism and reported at every meeting where the students' resources and rights were at stake.

She was passionate about her classes, and firm in her belief that professors performed better when challenged. You couldn't just assume that Sam would take notes. In addition to impressing everyone around her, she scared the hell out of us too.

Now she has moved on and left us all angry. Deep down, though, I feel a sense of selfish joy that life brought me to her first. I don't want to remember this fun-loving, sensitive, hard-working and courageous young woman as someone whose body failed her at a young age. I want to keep on living with her spirit hovering about, sticking it too me whenever my love of life and humor falters.

Stick around, Sam.

Last picture of Sam Schneider taken during the Christmas season that she so dearly loved. She kept the spirit of Christmas in her heart all year long and continuously practiced faith, charity, and hope in all of her endeavours.

Sam was actively involved in many charitable organizations and programs. She was concerned with ensuring the rights of others, particularly for physically challenged individuals. Her family and friends hope to carry on her work with the same dignity and integrity with which she devoted herself.

As a vitally important member of the INNOVATOR staff, Sam will be sorely missed. She left behind photopinion pages, feature articles, and an investigative report, all of which will appear in the INNOVATOR in the future issues.

Sam loved Governors State University and everyone connected to it. She mis gone, but she is not likely to be soon forgotten.

Dear Sammie,

When you faced your many challenges, you asked me "Mama, do I have to do this?" I said yes.

I watched you venture out and accomplish extraordinary feats. You would smile and say, "I can do this."

When you asked, "Mama, I want to do this, but I can't." I told you that you could do anything you wanted to do if you wanted to do it badly enough.

I watched you overcome your limitations by simply ignoring them. You would laugh and say, "I did it!"

When you cried, "I wish I was normal" I asked you to define normal.

I watched you struggle to complete a task. You would sigh and say, "I am as good as anyone." When you asked me, "Mama, why won't you let me go?" I told you that when the time came for you to leave, you would know it and no one could stop you.

I respect your choice, Sam. I know that you were tired. You touched hundreds, if not thousands, of lives. Never thinking about yourself, your love for people pressed you to labor long and hard to make things better for others. Your love for life radiated from you like sunshine.

I promised not to cry for you, but I did not promise not to cry for me. I miss your infectious laugh. I miss your incessant chattering. I need your boundless energy to draw on. I need to see your ingenuity. Most of all, I miss your infectious laugh. I need your unending faith, charity, and hope in all of your days.

With all my love,

Mom

In honor of Sam Schneider and her concern and work to assist the physically challenged, a charitable trust fund has been created to assist students with physical disabilities seeking a higher education.

Contributions may be made to:

Samantha Ann Schneider Trust
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While studying various philosophies during the past two months and focusing on personal internal and external health, my findings on both innovative and effective health care will last me a lifetime.

Sitting and listening quietly to such profound lectures by Professor J.P. Dave*, has driven and provoked me to just enjoy a fruitful course of this green earth for our bodies and heal our souls, because clearly our bodies take a great time. 

"Meditative practices affect the number of years and life to years, not only years to life. It enhances our quality of life. When we meditate it has a positive physiological impact on our health. Our body remains healthy and maintains it's physical condition—so we can fight viruses. It helps to reduce and manage stress. A stressful life weakens our immune system and we become more susceptible to illnesses. Meditation improves mental health and emotional health. When we meditate the mind becomes quiet and clear and the quiet and clear mind helps us to understand the reality clearly and constructively. So when we meditate we make conscious and clear choices, which is conducive to physical and mental health. When meditating—our mind becomes free from excess baggage that we carry from the past—that affects our physical and mental health and it also affects our interpersonal relationships. With meditation we learn to remain focused and that helps us to improve our performance in school and in work. People can benefit more from meditation than medication. This doesn't mean that I am against medication, but being too dependent on medication without using inner resources could be very detrimental to our mental and physical health. Meditation requires discipline—one has to specify a time to do it, and really get a kick out of the look of confusion on people's faces."

I gathered a lot of information about Professor J.P. Dave's life and recent studies in a recent interview.

Professor Dave*, how many years have you taught at G.S.U.? "I have been teaching for 20 years at G.S.U., but I have been teaching for a total of 55 years—15 years in India and 40 years in America.

Do you feel that meditative practices can lengthen your life? "Meditative practices affect the number of years and life to years, not only years to life. It enhances our quality of life. When we meditate it has a positive physiological impact on our health. Our body remains healthy and maintains it's physical condition—so we can fight viruses. It helps to reduce and manage stress. A stressful life weakens our immune system and we become more susceptible to illnesses. Meditation improves mental health and emotional health. When we meditate the mind becomes quiet and clear and the quiet and clear mind helps us to understand the reality clearly and constructively. So when we meditate we make conscious and clear choices, which is conducive to physical and mental health. When meditating—our mind becomes free from excess baggage that we carry from the past—that affects our physical and mental health and it also affects our interpersonal relationships. With meditation we learn to remain focused and that helps us to improve our performance in school and in work. People can benefit more from meditation than medication. This doesn't mean that I am against medication, but being too dependent on medication without using inner resources could be very detrimental to our mental and physical health. Meditation requires discipline—one has to specify a time to do it, and really get a kick out of the look of confusion on people's faces."

In what way has meditation changed your life? "I was taught meditation when I was 5 years old—by my father. It has helped me to go through many difficult circumstances in my life. Meditation becomes like an anchor for me—to make me feel centered and content. So, my desire to achieve or accomplish didn't result from stressful living and the value of fulfillment—instead of achievement, which has been realized by meditative practices. Also, I have had practically no sick leave during my whole career. Meditation has helped me to maintain my physical and mental health. It has helped me to feel at home where ever I am. My mother used to sing a song, 'Every place is divine if you are centered.' This has helped me to appreciate the connection between science and spirituality. Science also attempts to explore, understand, and explain the reality as meditation does. The difference is that science focuses more on the external world, while meditation focuses on the internal world and both are very necessary to make us whole and complete. It is interesting how scientists are now researching meditation and validating the benefits of it—physically, mentally, and emotionally."

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Crunch Time
by Oscar W. Mardis, desk editor/staff writer

Fellow Governor State University students, it’s that time of year again when everybody has term papers, projects, proposals, and final exams piling at their desks. Sometimes we wonder what the hell are we doing? You know that if you just finish that last class then maybe the boss will recognize your achievements and grant that promotion or give that raise that you’ve been waiting for. Then again, maybe it’s time to move on from the current job and find a new one.

When crunch time comes I really concentrate on how I am going to tackle all those projects, term papers, and exams that are due virtually at the same time. I wonder if I’ll finish all of my assignments so that I won’t have to contemplate asking the professor for extra time or the dreaded “incomplete.” When I have all types of things due at the same time, I try to make a schedule so that I can use a little time management to put things into perspective.

The first thing that I do is gather up all of the syllabi that I have for the trimester and check off all of the assignments that I have completed. Then I make a list of the things that I have not completed and place a “complete no-later-than date” by each assignment. The next step is to identify what materials and references that I will need to complete the assignments. From here I can visit the library and/or the computer lab to gather all of the relevant information required to complete the tasks. After gathering all of the information, I then sit down and make a schedule so that I can track the assignments and allot time for studying, writing, research, editing, and project completion. I have to remember that I must make time for all of the other distractions in my life that are also required by some of my time. Once I have made a schedule and identified what I must do, then I try and stick to that schedule as much as possible. I try not to make the schedule too rigid because of unforeseen problems that may occur and throw me off the schedule. If I try to keep things in perspective, then my schedule works. This means that I can complete all of my assignments with limited pressure and focus on getting through the trimester so that I can start this process all over again.

Fellow students who are in their last trimester at GSU know that this is it. They must finish for they do not want to return for any reason other than graduation day. I have one more trimester to go. I envy those that have finished before me and praise those that continue on to reach their goals in attaining a higher education. Best wishes to the December graduates and hooray for the April graduates.

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He noted that the concern and attention this year is devoted to the department and the officers cannot be given back to him, but rather it is returned to the community. There has been a displayed heads of energy in DPS. The officers are people-friendly and working as a team. But Chesser gives credit to the officers, stating: “No way can I do things by myself.”

Advice from Ima Synnick

Letters can be submitted by intercampus mail, U.S. mail (snail mail), email at cyndill@worldnet.att.net or visit Ima in the newsroom at A2134.

Dear Ima,

I am a 23 year old student who is currently single. About six months ago I broke it off with my boyfriend of one year. I am now seeing this wonderful guy, who kisses great. My problem is that before “Bob” and I hooked up I was starting something with a guy in one of my classes. How can I tactfully let him know that I am no longer interested in him, but still keep the friendship that we have developed?

Confused

Dear Confused,

If you live in the past you have no future, so let it go. Just because you both know the people that you each have dated does not mean that you know each other. Until after your past or her’s harbors a horrific crime, enjoy her company and give the relationship a chance to grow.
I often wonder if students at this university realize the full potential of their institution, or if they suspect the wealth of life experiences and endeavors whose protagonists cross paths here each day. In the process of organizing a major millennium conference in October, several of us became keenly aware of the exceptional talents that often lay beneath such conventional status markers as "staff", "worker" and "assistant", not to mention "faculty" and "administration". I find myself wanting to know more about the people alongside whom I work, and anxious to further my own education on these premises, in digital photo-imaging and web design, art history, video editing and other areas covered by excellent instructors in our curriculum.

Nothing replaces the congeniality of conversation and nascent friendships between teachers, employees, students and leaders on a campus such as this one. I have also found, however, that reading books and articles written by my colleagues provides revealing insights into the genuine quality of this learning environment. I would therefore venture to suggest that you all take the time to be curious about what your professors went through to earn the privilege of your studious attention. While excellence in teaching is the primary life ambition of virtually every faculty member I have met at GSU, you may be curious to discover that outstanding scholarship is also produced here, and that it is often, in addition, of fine humanist quality.

Feeling the Spirit of Popular Religion

Where else might one run into a anthropologist of the likes of Frances Kostarelos, professor of social science and integrative studies, who, after being raised in the tradition of Greek Orthodox Christianity, recorded the everyday lives and passions of African-American Baptists in an evangelical black storefront church in Garfield Park? Her book, Feeling the Spirit (University of South Carolina Press, 1995), is one of the finest pieces of ethnographic research I have ever read on the role of working-class black religion in shaping struggles and identities amidst poverty-stricken neighborhoods of an American city.

Set in Chicago's West Side, it recounts the emergence and sustained missionary endeavors of a Christian congregation formed in 1950 by a small group of migrants from the rural South. What is most striking about this smooth read is the profound respect and humility displayed by its author, in conveying not only the biographies and achievements of her subjects, but also the faith and cosmology around which they have chosen to construct their lives. This is not easy, you must understand, for a professional academic to do. While extensively versed in abstract paradigms of knowledge and analytical methods of study, we often end up vacillating, by our prestigious alma maters, from excessive sensitivity to the languages and world-views of real live people. In charting the traditions, beliefs, rituals and institutional practices of a local blue-collar African-American congregation, Kostarelos surrenders nothing of her social scientific expertise and scholarly discrimination. She does, however, enter into a genuine relationship of affinity and dedication with the church, pledging support for its activities and finding herself, in the course of her research, fully admitted into its members' circle of faith.

The wide-spread acceptance in American scholarship of a "culture of poverty" perspective, which minimizes the ability of low-income African-Americans to collectively chart meaningful paths of resistance and reform, continues to deter young researchers from taking up a challenge such as this one. Kostarelos likens inner-city black evangelists to organizational leaders of oppressed Christian movements in the developing world, the architects of "liberation theology" and of everyday forms of collective action against economic and political marginalization. By stressing collective rather than isolated responses to the setbacks of ordinary people's lives, the storefront church, she argues, undermines the ideological supremacy of racism, inequality and exploitation in poor neighborhoods where social ignorance and feelings of bitterness are assumed to reign.

I, for one, came out of this book with a better understanding of the role of religion in American society. Those of you who question the potential of academic research into the everyday lives and thoughts of disenfranchised communities in this country, would do well to study "Sister Fran's" careful intertwining of sociological observation and ethnographic dialogue - which never strays from it evident goal of accessibility to a broad readership.

Native Americans on the Movie Screen

Jacquelyn Kilpatrick, a professor of English who also happens to be of Choctaw, Cherokee and Irish descent, gives voice to another misunderstood and widely marginalized community of Americans in her new book Cellobiaid Indians: Native Americans and Film (University of Nebraska Press, 1999). This is a study of representation in popular culture - of the ways in which stereotypes and reigning aesthetics distort the experience of people who see themselves embodied in the fictional characters of film, but have no say in the way their culture is portrayed. It speaks volumes about the whitewashing of Native American history in the high-tech mass-consumption era of twentieth-century entertainment.

This book is yet another reader-friendly proposal that academic tools of analysis be subtly engaged without the subject matter becoming clouded in the jargon of experts. It reads as kaleidoscopically interpretative of every American's entanglement with Hollywood, its heroes, villains and not-so-subtle nationalistic metaphors. Kilpatrick is neither vindictive nor lofty in her portrayal of such icons as James Fensimore Cooper and Robert Montgomery Bird, both of whom impacted American literature and film on a scale that preempts the kind of expedient criticism that often sells an academic manuscript. What is fascinating is her portrayal of their role in constructing a modern American frontier mythology, of the ethnographic dialogue that produced a fictional "Indian" - manly, noble, a savage but romanticized warrior of the wild - for mass consumption in the form of stories.

It was Nathan Slaughter, Kilpatrick notes, the "self-appointed, one-man genocide squad" of Nick of the Woods fame, whom author Robert Montgomery Bird gave the popular-heroic personality later personified on the screen by the likes of John Wayne and Gary Cooper. Bird also created the notorious (and entirely fictional) "pronoun-challenged" speech form with which Native Americans have been associated in popular film: "...Nathan Slaughter meets Wenonga, a villainous Shawnee. 'Me, I'm no heart!' (...) Unfortunately, the pronoun fault and the addition of 'um' to every other word became the all-purpose Indian speech for (...) the only recently diminishing dialect of the all-purpose Hollywood Indian". (pp.8-9) Kilpatrick chronicles the fortunes of such grotesque characterizations in...
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late the nineteenth century, from dime novels to Buffalo Bill's Wild West shows, to their in­
fluence on the historiographical thought of
Frederic Jackson Turner and mainstream journal­
istic reactions to the pathbreaking 1934 Indian
Congress in Oklahoma (founding this "sitting in
history," she writes,) "were so ludicrous that most
Native American actors of the early westerns found them
humorous and ""deal with us like human beings."
We are offered a lucid analysis of
Hollywood's reaction to the "termination" of Na­
tive American tribal rights by Herbert Hoover and
Paul W. Nitze. Native American activism that emerged
during the Civil Rights era. When John
Ford made the movie Broken Arrow, Cheyenne
Autumn in 1964, a courageous indictment of the
civilizing frontier myth and celluloid stereotypes of
the Indian, portraying Cheyenne as real people
who possessed a language and a history, it was a
major box-office flop. Then came
recently, Hollywood has begun to emancipate it­
mates and found them
able by the average reader, with sensitivity, can­
derstand Native American directors and producers
to contribute nothing of worth
of silenced peoples (p.145) is certain to inform
inform contemporary strategies of transnational mobil­
ization, of which the world caught a recent glimpse
with the WTO. If the movie
Fran Kostoeskaon on evangelical black storefront
churches and Jacque Kilpatrick's study of Native
American responses to cinematic stereotyping
Don Culverson's work unvelis a very tangible, if
underestimated, facet of popular em­
powerment in twentieth century America.

Students and Teachers as Artisans

One of the most appreciated spokes­
people of the ability to empower our
lives is Rashidah Jaami' Muhammad, professor of
English and Secondary Education, whose writ­
ing has stimulated many in the field of teaching.
Culverson's book
The Whole Shebang
is explained perfectly.

The cosmos is at your fingertips in
The Whole Shebang:
A State of the Universes Report
by William F. Paulson
Timothy Ferris delivers a lucid, enlight­
ing, and awe-inspiring report on the status of
cosmology and our knowledge of the heavens.
Ferris takes an expository and simplifies it to a
fascinating bit of reading, and persuading us
researchers to make a scientific contribution to the literature
they set out to analyze. Cosmic knowledge is
traced from the Greeks to early astronomers to
modern day theorists such as Steven Hawking, A Brief History of Time, 1988, and Brian Greene (the
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was determined. While the leading physicists, the "Big Bang" as a theory is
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Ferris' writing and personal accounts of
his conversations with prominent theorists is
guaranteed to stir an astronomical interest in even
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Ferris' writing and personal accounts of
his conversations with prominent theorists is
guaranteed to stir an astronomical interest in even
doubtful readers. As a writer, Steven
Hawking, A Brief History of Time, 1988, and Brian Greene (the
ambassador of his own "super-string theory").
Ferris' brilliant combination of explanation and
personal insight bring to light the phenomenal
advances in cosmic knowledge and paints a
picture of what is known today about the universe.
Trblute to the eighties

by Camille Cialoni

What a world we live in! We have remakes of old movies, band reunions and tours, and now tribute albums. Today’s modern artists pay homage to their predecessors and do it in style. Where would modern music be without its forefathers?

A tribute album that is well worth the money is Virgin Voices. In it, Madonna’s songs, which have been covered by hundreds of artists, are reinterpreted. The album includes remakes of "Material Girl" by Madonna’s band, Blondie’s "Heart of Glass," and Siouxsie and the Banshees’ "Hurry Up," among others.

"Virgin Voices" is a great tribute to the eighties, where music was not just about the music, but also about the message. The album is a celebration of the eighties, where music was at its peak, and where the music industry was at its most prolific.

Two to tangle:

CD reviews of the latest releases

by Sting and Paula Cole.

by Bill Olson

Paula Cole, Amen

Amen, the follow up to her mega-selling This Fire, is Cole’s third album. Her music is a mix of acoustic and electric, and her voice is powerful and soulful. "Amen" is a testament to her musical talent and her ability to connect with her listeners.

Dundee revisited

by Cindy Hanszor-Schnieder

The recent discovery in Snowtown, Australia of what has been termed the ‘Val Murders,’ has triggered the recall of many sensational stories attached to Australia and its Outback. It is not surprising that among the stories is the tragedy of Rodney William Ansell, the real Crocodile Dundee. But while the motivation behind both the Val Murders and Ansell’s assault in 1999 remains mysterious, it is extremely unfair to compare Ansell’s shoot-out with the gorse, the discovery of a body was where the body parts of multiple victims were found dissolving.

The renowned survivalist expert died August 1999 during a shoot-out with Northern Territory police. Authorities remain baffled as they attempted to determine what motivated Ansell to fire at his neighbors and a few days later on police. According to authorities and witnesses at the time of the shooting, he had been raving about being the target of a plot by FreeMasons. To add to the mystery, his girlfriend, Cherie Hewson, appeared “disoriented and carrying a 12 inch boning knife.” The arresting officer, Detective Senior Constable Jason Houghton of the Fortitude Valley Criminal Intelligence Bureau, said that Hewson “expressed extreme paranoia about Free Masons and believes they are stalking and will kill her.”

Though authorities did not officially confirm or deny it, there was some suspicion that Ansell may have been involved in the use and sale of amphetamines. Friends and acquaintances had concluded that he was seized by an illness-induced paranoia. It was a sad ending for a colorful life.

Ansell was raised on a south Queensland cattle station. His father taught him to ride at the age of four and he quickly became an expert rider. Eventually, he became a professional bull-catcher leaving school at 16 years old to live in the Northern Territory bush. He eventually was found in 2002 with only a few days left to live.

Essential pop

by Camille Cialoni

Yes the Psychadelic Swinger is back and even funnier in, Austin Powers - The Spy Who Shagged Me. Mike Myers plays Austin, who, after a bout with Dr. Evil, (also Mike Myers) is forced back into the 60s and is cryogenically frozen. Thirty years later, Austin is thawed and ready to fight his nemesis. There is only one minor problem, Dr. Evil’s cohorts designed a miniature Dr. Evil (Mini-me) to assist him when he returns to the future. And what is Mini-me without his feline playmate? So, a Mini-Mr. Bigglesworth is also created. Dr. Evil must teach his little friend everything there is to know about the “bad life.” He spends most of the time instructing Mini-me on how to pet Mr. Bigglesworth and not to eat the little cat. Together, Dr. Evil and Mini-me share a father/son relationship and sing together. The new rendition of “Just the Two of Us.”

In the meantime, Austin is having troubles of his own. First, he is introduced to his new partner-Felicity Shagwell, whereupon, Austin is taken aback by the innocent vixen. Then, he is faced with another one of Dr. Evil’s henchmen, a large Scottish bloke who parades around in a kilt and mounting hat and emits various toxic gases. Austin must battle a new “breed” of evil in this tale, and to make matters worse, he loses his mystifying mojo.

Austin Powers 2 is gut-wrenching, lasagna-covered, and totally drool-worthy, which is sure to please even the most sourpuss of the crowd. There are many new faces like Rob Lowe and Kristen Johnson (Ivana Humpalot), as well as, fresh ideas in this movie. Come along and enjoy the ride as, you glide along shiny roads in the Swingers-mobile. And like Austin always says, “I put the GER in Swinger, Baby!”

Innovator

Monday, January 10, 2000
"Black 'n Blue"

By Gerry Frey

ACROSS
1 Weeps
5 Farm buildings
10 Peaky Insect
14 Glare
15 Worship
16 Challenge
17 Expression of annoyance
18 Restaurant specials
20 Nuclear reg. agcy.
21 Mr. Harte
22 Celebes oxen
23 Joints
25 OCVIPs
27 Cut lumber
29 Paving material
33 Leaves out
34 Honk
35 Timetable abrv.
36 Chapeaus
37 Buddy Rich's forte
38 Off-Broadway award
39 Self esteem
40 Gildes
41 Mr. Gardner & others
42 Blue
44 Celts
45 Galls
46 Mel
48 African tribe
51 Dry
52 Research room
54 Presidential candidate
55 Margarine
56 Margarine
59 Long Island train: abrv.
60 Teacher at times
61 Greek porico
62 Measures abrv.
63 Sarcastic
64 Bono's wife

DOWN
1 Pop
2 Giant
3 Man-eater
4 Tennis term
5 Buffalo hockey player

6 Loafs
7 Oaf
8 Pay dirt
9 Fall mo.
10 Polish port
11 European defense org.
12 Region
13 Ms. Trueheart
14 Pierce
20 Nuclear reg. agcy.
21 Cots
24 New Jersey NBA team
25 Bangs
26 Auricles
27 Repaired a shoe
28 Spanish Iriend
29 Yell out
30 Blue checkered
31 Bay window
32 Iron
33 Generals, e.g.
37 Heisman winner Walker
38 Algerian city

40 Bench sitter
41 Expletive
43 Gunpowder ingredients
46 Procreate
47 Metric unit
48 Cylindrical containers: abrv.
49 Settled down
50 Socially inept person: Var
51 Opposed to a policy
52 Herb
54 Pessimistic Wall Streeter
56 Conjunctions
57 Grandma's pet name
58 Mil. award

61 Greek porico
62 Research room
63 Sarcastic
64 Bono's wife

Quotable Quote
"You are today where your thoughts brought you; you will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you." — James Allen

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One of the great annotation words in chess commentary is "anyway." One side makes a move to prevent an opponent's anticipated move—and what happens? He makes the move anyway.

A good example of this is Paul Keres-Kurt Richter (Munich Olympiad 1936). Black has just played 28...g6 because of the threat of 29.b4. Now the rook is protected, which should do the trick, but...

28.b4!

A great temporary sacrifice.

Keres
White to move

40.b3 Kc6

At this point the game is clearly won, but Keres' accurate endgame play is a chess lesson in itself.

41.Kf2 Ke5 42.Kc4 Ke4 43.Kd3 e3+ 44.Kxe3 Kc5 45.Kf4 a5 46.gf4 e4 47.e5 a4 48.f2 b4.

Keres

Black resigns.

Sometimes you can play a move—anyway! —Pete Tamburro

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off the mark
by Mark Parisi

THAT DOES IT...THE "PROLONGED UPISEDDOWN FLOAT" IS NO LONGER PART OF OUR OLYMPIC COMPETITION...

Madam Macassa predictions for January

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 21)
This is the time for you to relax and take a load off. Have a good meal.
This is also the time to appreciate what you have and not worry over what you don't have. Be grateful for the simple things.

Libra (Sept 21-Oct 20)
Try to be generous, but not too generous (you need to save some money). This month will prove to be beneficial to you, and be nice to the furry animals this season. If you hear them knocking, please let them in, it's cold out!

Scorpio (Oct 21-Nov 20)
You might feel a bit of a let-down after the excitement of the holidays. The sting of winter can be staved off with the warm memories of your friends and family.

Capricorn (Dec 21-Jan 20)
You may think you have to hide from winter's cold but you will catch a bad case of cabin fever. It would be better if you go outside to play and risk catching a cold.

Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb 20)
You will receive an important document in the mail. Agree to it. It lends an ear for your grandiose speaking; this person enjoys your way of thinking. Don't feel, this has been a warm winter so far.

Fiscus (Feb 21-Mar 20)
You're an emotional wreck this month, like a certain Aries says "You let stress get to you!" Don't pay attention to the Aries, they talk too much. Go easier on a Leo, and let him make amends.

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Come join us!

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The agenda includes the election of officers

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