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The event featured three viewings of the movie Separate But Equal in Engelson Hall, which audiences watched while eating popcorn. A follow-up discussion was held on Feb. 4, 2004, with remarks from several faculty members.

About 20 students and faculty attended the 4:30 p.m. discussion group in Sherman Hall. Dr. June Patton, professor of history and public policy and co-chair of the anniversary planning committee, provided a historical backdrop of the Brown case for the audience.

Dr. Larry Levinson, professor of political science; and Dr. Donald Culverton, professor of political and justice studies, discussed the social and economic impacts of Brown.

The Brown case is significant in many ways, as it not only challenged the Jim Crow laws of legalized segregation resulting from Plessy v. Ferguson (1896), but also provided fuel for the civil rights movement of the 1960's.

"Most people don't understand how far-reaching Brown was and how it impacted all levels of society," said Patton, whose aim is to educate people on the importance of the Brown decision. "The original intent was on African-Americans, but it permeated all groups—women, gay rights.

There were ramifications for all groups."

The Brown case involved thirteen African-American parents who challenged the school segregation policy of Topeka, Kansas, by attempting to enroll their children in all-white schools.

Although a total of 20 children were involved in the case, Oliver Brown's daughter Linda's name was used in the case.

Like millions of other African-American children, Linda was forced to attend an all-black school two miles from her home when an all-white school stood only four blocks away. The African-American children were subjected to overcrowded schools with inferior facilities, out-of-date textbooks, and inferior treatment.

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Essay Contest To Award Half A Million Dollars In Prizes

(NAISA)-A worldwide essay competition, designed to encourage people to think about the benefits of purpose, invites submissions through May 31, 2004. The Power of Purpose Awards, being conducted entirely on the Internet at www.powerofpurpose.org, is soliciting thought-provoking, well-reasoned essays about noble purpose—why we need purpose, why we want purpose, and how we can turn it into a result with active power, the spark that makes ordinary people do extraordinary things.

The value of having an individual goal or purpose has been around since the beginning of time. But interest in purpose and its power has recently exploded, as evidenced by the astonishing sales record of the book by Rick Warren, "The Purpose Driven Life." 13 million copies sold-written by Rick Warren, one of the five distinguished judges for this contest. Everyone, it seems, would like to have a life filled with more meaning. What can be done to steer people to humanitarian service? What public policy should be changed to improve lives? How can people be persuaded to help a neighbor, instead of focusing only on their own needs? How can an idea from one single individual blossom into a group working as a team toward a noble goal?

Power of Purpose Awards Judge Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund, says, "All movements are the result of conscious and courageous decisions by people who are driven by their common sense of purpose. Your thoughts can create a wave of change."

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Committee's Vision Reaches Crowd

Stephanie N. Blahut
Editor in Chief

On Jan. 27, 2004, GSU honored the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in "The Dream is the Vision." The array of dance, music and speeches got under way at 10 a.m. in the Center for Performing Arts with the posting of colors by Carver Military Academy's ROTC Color Guard. The Kemmet African American Dance Ensemble performed the Lamba (Dance of Life and Dance of Transition) and Donna (Dance of Celebration), introduced by Student Life Graduate Assistant Taheria Brown was Rev. Dr. Winston Johnson, staff minister and director of Youth Services at Christ Universal Temple. Rev. Johnson presented his original speech entitled, "What you have to do to make the Dream Come True."

Other notable speakers included Dr. Stuart Fagan, GSU president; Linda Williams, student senate president; and Dr. Paul Keys, GSU provost.

"The Dream is the Vision," was presented by the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee, and was also part of GSU's year-long celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born Jan. 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Ga. In 1965 King earned his Ph.D. from Boston University. He was a leader in the civil rights movement and a pioneer in the peaceful non-violent demonstration for human rights. Among some of his famous speeches are "I Have a Dream." In 1964 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. It was only five years later he was shot and killed in Memphis, Tenn.

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Dear Editor:

I believe in being honest with my fellow Americans. Come Nov. 6, 2004, I really don't want to vote for any politician. I trust neither the Republicans nor the Democrats. In my opinion they are all certified crooks.

When you vote, the first course of action of any politician is to get re-elected.

The election process is a huge joke that our forefathers invented centuries ago. They may have wanted a country full of freedoms and hopes, but they settled for the ultimate joke — the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. Folks, the punch line is this: your vote doesn’t count! The beginning of our great country’s history we have also struggled against the plague that is racism and have yet to prevail. Let us not forget also the degradation of society that constantly spills on the fabric of our nation.

I don't have faith in any politician because our country seems as though it will always face economic disparities. From the beginning of our society what it is? The American dream? Is it a delicious (mad cow) cheese burger, a society that forces its women to degrade themselves, the tons of materialistic crap we buy just to collect dust, or the dysfunctional American family, half of which eventually breaks up? I don't have faith in any politician because our country seems as though it will always face economic disparities.

I have lost all faith in our country's leaders, be they Democrat or Republican. However, come Nov. 6, 2004 I am voting Democrat. The way I see it, they are the lesser of two evils.

If I could vote for anyone, I would vote for Janet Jackson. At least she bares all. Sincerely, Claude Hill "The Wandering Alumni"

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**Pay-to-Print Revisited**

Dear Readers:

Please accept my apologies for omitting a vital word from the sentence which read, "...as I understand it, the Student Senate did vote on this fee as they do with many of the other fees assessed by GSU," contained in a letter to the Editor in January. With regards to the printing fees assessed by GSU, I apologize for any confusion this statement might have caused. We are fortunate to have a Student Senate looking out for the students' best interests, and it was unfortunate indeed that they were not contacted regarding this change in policy.

Sincerely,

Lisa Lenburg

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GSU Passes the Test

Stephanie N. Blahut
Editor in Chief

In the December 2003 Phoenix I wrote a commentary entitled, "Does GSU Pass the Test?" Since it is time to discuss what exactly the safety procedures are regarding a fire alarm. Since they took the time to go over these procedures with me, I wanted to share them with the GSU population.

The fire alarm system is currently managed by Honeywell, a company which is on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The alarms are tested weekly during the midnight shift to ensure they are functioning properly. At that time the fire pumps (pumping equipment used in sprinkler, hose and standpipe systems) and fire valves are also checked. Sprinklers are located throughout the university and will trigger in the event of a fire.

Each wing of the university is individually alarmed; so an alarm in the F wing will not trigger alarms in the other wings. In the event that an alarm is triggered, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) is notified and is the first to inspect the scene along with building engineers. The University Park Fire Department (UPFD) will not respond to an alarm unless they are notified to do so by DPS.

One of the most important items of information is that GSU undergoes fire inspections each year which are conducted by the UPFD. At that time, any violations are documented and the university has a certain amount of time to come into compliance with the violated ordinance(s). These inspection violations also lead to fines and possible closure.

With regard to safety procedures and information, the idea of safety manuals and a committee is under consideration. The possibility of incorporating safety information into the new student orientation is also under consideration.

For any questions, concerns, or comments you can contact the PPO department at 708-534-4515.

GSU Alpha Sigma Lambda

Dear Editor:

We would like to welcome the newest club, Gamma Sigma Upsilon chapter of the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society, to Governors State University. Its purpose is to provide broad-based recognition and acknowledgment to academically outstanding undergraduate students. To meet the standards the students must have completed 24 graded credits and be enrolled in an undergraduate degree program.

Under the guidance and expertise of advisor Dr. Jim Howley, Director of Career Services, Alpha Sigma Lambda had their first meeting in December, 2003. At that time club members elected officers: Pamela A. Thompson, president; Mary A. Bragg, vice president; Sue Rionsan, secretary, and Ron Kosary, treasurer.

The inducted Alpha Sigma Lambda members include: Susan Akstins, Mary Barnes, Berri Barnes, Theresa Connolly, Christy Cooper, Sara Dredge, Adelicia Garcia, Donna Garriot, Lisa Hilger, Heather Hop, Lonnie James, Camille Johnson, Sharon Koenig, Kimberly McGurn, Alison Mensing, Mary Moore, LeeAnn Motin, Donna Murphy, Keith Muziman, Betty Pei, Ronie Peters, Joshua School, Dawn Shields, Lisa Sobol, Barbara Sorensen, Julia Stiles, Kathleen Stone, Kriston Thirion, Kathleen Uher, Kimberly Vaccaro, Patrice Washington, and Linda West.

The club members wish to express their sincere gratitude to Dr. Lorraine Sibet, Dr. Diane Balin and Dr. Kaye Woodward, for their time and energy in bringing Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society to Governors State University and its students. Provost Keys and his staff continue to be most supportive of the GSU (Gamma Sigma Upsilon) chapter.

Sincerely,

Pamela Thompson, President & Mary Bragg, Vice President

College of Business and Public Administration

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GSU Welcomes New VP

Christina Carney
Section Editor

GSU announces a new addition this month in the appointing of the new Vice President of Development, Dr. James Britt. Dr. Britt has just relocated from Georgia after previously living in the south suburbs of Chicago while serving at St. Xavier University. In addition, he has performed in various capacities related to fundraising. But beyond this business-like capacity, Dr. Britt has something more.

Dr. Britt has just relocated from Georgia to campus courses or attend online universities in Illinois that are limited to in similar positions such as educational psychology and also holds both a B.A. and GSU Welcomes New VP Degree in Other Various Fields of Study.

Another unique feature is the online convenience of the degree. Once a student has met admission requirements of the AAS degree, in addition to 27 or more technical course credits, they may complete the remaining business administration course work through GSU (all optionally available through online courses). All general education requirements must also be met. This unique opportunity gives students the option to complete their entire degree online without having foot on campus. Students may opt to complete all courses on campus, through the internet, via video, or a combination of these including correspondence courses. This option also puts GSU in the market with many other schools that are already offering online degree programs.

Since this degree has not even been marketed yet, many GSU students are unaware of the online degree even though many are familiar with online classes. Some students have come to classes with the lack of student interaction and the loss of face-to-face exchange of ideas. As many are becoming more experienced with online courses, they are learning about the downsides such as lag-time in getting a response, whether it be through a slow internet connection or waiting for others to post assignments. Often, there are no comments from an instructor – just a book and assignments that introduce subject material to be followed up to complete the course. These facts raise further issues such as comments by David Kush, an MBA student who has taken some online classes at GSU.

David Kush, who not only obtained his undergraduate degree at GSU, and is now pursuing a double major at the master's level, pointed out that "one of Governor State's better features is the communication skills and personality traits presented by the online interface. "This can further hurt the reputation of GSU," said Kush.

In addition to not recommending online courses to students Kush argues that instructors become "overwhelmed." Contrary to popular belief, students do not usually "skate through the courses." Moreover, instructors spend a great deal of their time helping people with the technology rather than the teaching of the class. It is advised that only the veteran student approach online courses.

However, there are many positive benefits of the online program. It provides the opportunity for many students who have busy schedules or live far away to obtain their Bachelor's Degree more conveniently. This could also, of course, increase enrollment of GSU and raise much needed revenues.

Today more people are "logging on" to obtain their college degrees, and without fees, so technological advances in higher education can no longer be denied. More institutions are offering online degree programs. The choice to pursue the degree online through GSU will be a more economical and practical choice in regards to accreditation and price. There are a number of online degree programs which advertise lower prices; however, many of them may lack the accreditation.

As more online degrees become available, there is bound to be the lost benefit of face-to-face contact. Some benefits are the communication skills developed through classroom presentations, speeches, and discussions. However, as long as these degrees are marketable it is important that GSU, as well as other accredited colleges and universities, keep up with technology in order to remain competitive.

Further information can be obtained through the CBPA's Academic Advising Office by calling 708-534-4391, or by emailing them at BPA-INFO@govst.edu. You can also visit the Illinois Virtual College (IVC) website at www.ivc.edu, or the CBPA's program website at: http://www.govst.edu/gcbpa.

Admissions Retreat Offers New Ideas

Stephanie N. Blahut
Editor in Chief

The members of the offices of Admissions took part in a retreat on Jan. 30, 2004. The retreat's purpose was to shed light on problems being faced by each office, as well as offer a glimpse into each office's daily routine.

The retreat featured speakers and workshops presented by the GSU administration and faculty. GSU President, Dr. Stuart Fagan, spoke on the current budget situation and general university topics. Workshops on customer service and personality traits presented by Dr. Susan Gaffney, College of Business and Public Administration, and Eric Martin, Assistant Provost, were also a part of the retreat's agenda.

Following the presentations, a forum took place which focused on the effects budget cuts had on current staffing and technology constraints and how to creatively combat the problems and identify weaknesses in workflows and policies.

Currently there is a similar event being planned for, with the emphasis being placed on ideas to improve customer service and student satisfaction.

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Run Lola Run Captures Attention in GSU Film Series

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Editor in Chief
On Feb. 4, 2003, the Transformations Film Series (brought to you by the GSU Graduate Council's Intellectual Life Subcommittee) and Professor Beth Parin featured the German film Run Lola Run (1998).

"It is one of my favorite movies," said Parin, in regards to why she chose to show Run Lola Run in the film series. "I love the energy and the emotion that come through in it.

The movie begins with the quotes, "The ball is round, the game is 90 minutes — the rest is just theory," by Sepp Herberger, German Olympic soccer coach followed by "we shall not cease from exploration. . . the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started. And know the place for the first time," found in Little Golden by T.S. Eliot.

Although as people we are able to identify with many tangible fixed possessions in life, a great deal of what we experience is unpredictable. This is especially true when we re-visit the decisions we have made, especially those which have greatly impacted our lives. Among a steady stream of "what ifs," there may be some key decisions where we could've acted another way or made a different decision and changed the entire course of our lives.

"Initially I had an image of a woman running," said director Tom Tykwer in the DVD commentary of Run Lola Run.

The image of a woman running, along with an interest in "how time rules our lives" became the premise on which Run Lola Run was built.

Lola, played by Franka Potente (Blow, The Bourne Identity), is faced with the task of helping her boyfriend Manni, played by Moritz Bleibtreu (Taking Sides, The Invisible Circus), come up with 100,000 marks in twenty minutes to keep him from being killed by gangsters. The relatively simple plot has the added task of being introduced and concluded in three segments of twenty minutes each. Each twenty minute segment is introduced the same but differs in solution and outcome.

"Twenty minutes are like a whole lifetime for Lola," says Potente in an interview with Time Out New York.

Each segment is bonded together with a glimpse of past conversation between Lola and Manni. It is the only glimpse we have as an audience into the love that has existed between these two characters. Through these moments we are able to form a bond with them that keeps us watching the next segment.

The wrong music can screw up a film completely. In a film, music intensifies everything, said Tykwer in a statement on Sony's Run Lola Run website.

The movie uses high energy techno music during shots of Lola running. Not only does it intensify your emotions but it keeps you glued to the screen to see what will happen next. The soundtrack features original scores composed by Tykwer, Johnny Klimek and Reinhold Heil, with vocals by Potente. The idea was that we would hear Lola's thoughts while she is running.

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Oasis Presents Alan Parsons

Stephanie N. Blahut
Editor in Chief

I really didn’t know what to expect upon arriving at Oasis. When I pulled into the parking lot, I noticed a long line of fans waiting outside in freezing rain and sleet. Apparently they were very dedicated to seeing this show.

I stood outside with them for about 20 minutes and during that time I listened to some of their opinions regarding the band and the venue. I heard a few people mention they had seen a Parsons’ show and thought it was fantastic, and were happy the show was at a venue close to them like Oasis. There were a few people who had traveled from Wisconsin. One couple had traveled from Fort Wayne, IN. Now that’s dedication!

Unfortunately, the inclement weather brought complaints about standing outside. The doors were supposed to open at 7 p.m., but remained closed until about 8 p.m. Other crowd members talked about how hard it was to find the venue. There really weren’t any decent size signs out front.

So, despite the wait, fans packed into the lobby for a mandatory coat check and to get into the stage area. The will-call booth was packed with people who wanted to grab any remaining tickets.

The stage and standing room were pretty vast. There were tables set up in some areas and a bar in the back of the room. The audience filled about 75 percent of the room and ranged in age from about thirty to fifty years. I felt a little out of place, but enjoyed watching adults misbehaving.

It was a good thing their children were not there to witness their parents’ unlanguish. To break up the story a bit, I would like to offer a little background information. I would describe myself as a person with diverse musical taste. However, aside from references made in the Austin Powers movies. I was only familiar with one song by Parsons, which was "Eye in the Sky" (a ring tone of mine). I didn’t realize Parsons was behind the Bull’s entrance music ("Sirius"). I read some information about him, prior to the show, which said he had worked as an engineer on the Beatles’ Abbey Road and Pink Floyd’s Dark Side of the Moon. He worked as a producer with "Oasis" Continued on Page 8
The SEA tutoring program has also provided students majoring in education at GSU, with the opportunity to develop professionally while working collaboratively with cooperating teachers and gain experience dealing with children of various ages. "Members of the Student Education Association at GSU who volunteer their time to develop student learning in math and reading are the life force of this project," said Berdusis. "SEA volunteers demonstrate qualities of community leadership as they professionally develop within the field—a great start for tomorrow's teachers."

The number of volunteer tutors has increased tremendously. Last term there were eleven GSU volunteers. Currently there are six GSU volunteers and eight cooperating teachers from Saukview. "I am pleased to see so many pre-teachers at GSU come together like soldiers to fulfill a need in our community. This is what being a pre-teacher at GSU is all about," said Berdusis.

Along with generous support of materials and space, Mrs. Spa, principal of Saukview Elementary said, "Saukview School District 194 in south Chicago Heights, IL, in partnership with volunteer students from GSU, set up an after school tutoring program. The program services students in grades first through sixth who have been recommended by their home room teacher. This program is so important for those who are having difficulties comprehending the material when it is taught in a standard classroom setting."

The cooperating teachers of Saukview are excited and appreciative of the support for their students. The parents of the children involved with the program are grateful for the specialized attention that they otherwise would not be able to afford. In a short amount of time, the students of Saukview themselves have shown improvement in areas of interest, behavior, skills and most importantly, self-esteem.

Professors of Education, Dr. Kelly, Ph.D. and Joan Bleck, DEA Advisor, contributed significantly to the initial implementation of the program. Since then, the program has been student run. Presently the leadership of the SEA Tutorial Program is working on obtaining a grant from the National Education Association called Community Learning through America's Schools, (CLASS grant). This grant will be intended to service the increasing population of native Spanish speaking students. Well structured professional development programs for education majors like this one contributes to what makes GSU known for excellence in education, and is what will make it a leader among other universities.

Berdusis and Dutton are currently looking for students who would like to take over and even expand the program next year. People interested in either volunteering or in leadership roles should contact Angelika Berdusis at aberdusis@mail.gouvst.org or Tom Dutton at tomd1968@yahoo.com.

New Child Safty Law in Effect

Eddie Torba
Staff Writer

Effective Jan. 1, 2004, children eight years or younger must be properly secured in an appropriate booster car seat.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), children should ride in a forward-facing, belt-positioned booster car seat until they are at least eight years old. The only exception is a 4-foot-9-inch child. The new law replaces the old law, where a child was within the vehicle's back seat until the age of six years, or a weight of 70 pounds. Other than Illinois, only New Jersey and Wyoming have similar laws. Keeping a child in a proper booster seat will lessen the chance of injury or death in the case of an accident.

Violators may be subject to up to a $500 fine for each child that is not properly secured in a booster seat. Further details about laws can be found by contacting state or local governments, or via the website www.boosteramerica.org.

Babies "R" Us, the country's largest baby retail chain, stated in a press release on Dec. 3, 2003, that there are two types of booster car seats that are appropriate for the new law. The two types of booster seats are the high back booster seat and the no back booster seat. The high back booster seat is used if a car's back seat is higher than your child's ears or if the vehicle seat does not have head rest. This will help to protect a child's head and neck during road trips. The no back booster car seat is used if the car's back seat is lower than your child's ears and the vehicle seat is used in conjunction with the vehicle's lap and shoulder belts. The booster car seat raises the height of the child to provide even more safety than just a seat belt.

While shopping at Babies "R" Us, Nancy McKenir, a mother of two said, "I am not excited about buying a new booster seat for my six-year-old, but I will do anything to keep her safe."

According to the NHTSA, proper use of child safety seats could have prevented nearly 500 deaths and about 56,000 serious injuries to children in the United States in just one year. According to the NHTSA, the new law, the death rates and injury rates in Illinois are expected to drop.

Also according to the NHTSA, the Orland Park Police Department is now experienced with and licensed to install booster seats. Moreover, a seminar was given to many associates of the Babies "R" Us stores by the Orland Police Department allowing parents questions to be answered by experienced individuals.

The new law is for the safety of all children, and will be implemented to the highest degree," said Ron Saro, Orland Park police commander. Check with local authorities or Babies "R" Us retail stores for more information regarding this new law. You can obtain information on this and other vehicle safety laws by visiting the NHTSA online at www.nhtsa.dot.gov.
Which Cancer Is The Deadliest?

(NAPS)-Pancreatic cancer is "silent" and fast. It accounts for just two percent of all cancer diagnoses, but has been tantamount to a death sentence for many of the over 30,000 Americans who get it each year. While old books and brochures tell its victims to write their wills and say good-bye, there are new treatments that can save their lives.

"The formula that works best is experience plus repetition," says Tufts/New England Medical Center's Chief Surgeon, Dr. William Mackey. "It's in your best interest to find a surgeon who is highly experienced in the treatment of pancreatic cancer and who sees patients with this disease on a very regular basis. Pancreatic cancer is clearly a disease best treated in a major academic medical center by a real pro, and Dr. Michael Steer has proven over many years that he is among the best there is in the treatment of this disease."

Dr. Steer, vice chairman of surgery at Tufts, has devoted his clinical practice to the treatment of patients with pancreatic cancer, and his research to discovering the basic mechanisms underlying pancreatic diseases. Dr. Steer has provided reprieves every year, achieving a percent cure rate that should prompt suspicion for pancreatic cancer, or if there is even a chance that your symptoms are related to pancreatic cancer victim's best hope for a cure. "The likelihood of getting the right treatment that can save your life at a community hospital is almost nil," he says. "This is one cancer for which the treatment outcome depends highly on the experience and expertise of the treating surgeon and subsequently of the cancer care team."

In inexperienced hands, the surgery often leads to multiple complications, prolonging hospitalization and suffering, and delaying return to normal activities. If appropriately performed, surgery can result in patients' surviving cancer-free for seven, nine or even twelve years after initial diagnosis and treatment.

New painless and noninvasive diagnostic studies allow you to be checked if you are having indigestion, loss of appetite, jaundice or weight loss-symptoms that should prompt suspicion for pancreatic cancer. If you are diagnosed as having pancreatic cancer, or if there is even a chance that your symptoms are related to pancreatic cancer, you should immediately seek treatment by a surgeon highly experienced and expert in its management.

For further information about this disease and its treatment, visit Dr. Steer's comprehensive alphabetical listing of toxic plants along with their clinical signs and symptoms. Animal Poison Control Center for a nominal fee of $15.00, and can be order on the Internet at www.pancreasinfo.com or call the pancreatic diseases center at Tufts New England Medical Center (617) 636-9248.

Smog Warnings Lifting

(NAPS)—Even though Americans are driving more miles and using more energy than ever before, ozone levels in most geographic areas of the country have dropped over the past 20 years, according to a new report by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Ground-level ozone, or smog as it is commonly called, can pose health challenges for people with respiratory diseases such as asthma, as well as for those who strenuously exert themselves outdoors. Ozone forms on hot summer days when volatile organic compounds, including fumes from gasoline vehicles, and chemicals react with nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions from automobiles, power plants, and other sources.

Across the country, the EPA monitors ozone levels for one- and eight-hour periods each day from May through September. Since 1985, results from these EPA tests show that ozone levels have dropped 22 percent based on the one-hour data, and 14 percent based on the eight-hour data.

Clearer power plants have contributed to the drop in ozone levels, according to Edison Electric Institute. In 2004, NOx emissions from power plants have fallen 40 percent from 1980 emission levels. For more information, visit www.eei.org.
many bands including: Wings, Al Stewart, and Pilot. Around 1976, the Alan Parsons Project was formed and has contributed a number of award-winning and Grammy nominated albums and songs. As a producer and engineer, Parsons has been a Grammy nominee ten times. With a resume like this, I figured it was definitely worth my while to attend the show.

The first band to take the stage was Toby Hitchcock, a native of Berkwyn, co-founded Survivor in the late 1970s. Survivor produced hits like “Eye of the Tiger” and “Burning Heart” for the Rocky movies. Aside from Survivor’s Greatest Hits, which was released in June of 1993, the album Vital Signs includes the songs, “I Can’t Hold Back,” “High on You,” and “The Search is Over.” Peterick has also written songs for bands including: Cheap Trick, REO Speedwagon, and 38 Special. He also has an impressive resume of songwriting and musical performances.

To form Pride of Lions, Peterick teamed up with keyboardist Christian Guillen, guitarist Mike Aquino, bassist Clem Hayes and drummer Ed Breckenfeld. The powerful and emotionally charged vocals are provided by a very talented Valparaiso native, Toby Hitchcock. Their performance was outstanding.

About a half hour later, the Parsons band took the stage. The line-up consisted of guitarist Godfrey Townsend, drummer Steve Murphy (Trans-Siberian Orchestra), keyboardist Manny Focarazzo, bassist/vocalist John Montagna and vocalist P.J. Hayes and drummer Ed Breckenfeld. The crowd, who had been shown the unique perfected sound quality. It was loud, yet quite clear and undistorted. The show was superior and it gained the attention of the audience. Having not been familiar with his work, I was very impressed. The crowd, who were previously irritated with the cold icy weather and long line, had all but forgotten their grievances, showing Parsons their approval and appreciation.

I left Oasis, feeling somewhat more worldlier and slightly deaf in my right ear. When I arrived back home, I throw in Pink Floyd’s Echoes and fell asleep to the mysteriously enchanting melodies of “Time.”

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This trip is truly a grand tour of Spain’s beautiful cities and places such as the Royal Palace, the new Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Loyola Sanctuary, and the Península Castle built by the Knights Templar. With air-inclusive prices starting at $1,026, this trip is quite the bargain if you consider that 16 nights in a hotel comparable to the Cosmos trip accommodations would likely cost you more than $100 a night.

Expanding the horizons slightly is the 18-day Spain, Portugal and Morocco trip, which covers the fortress city of Avila, Seville, Casablanca, Fes, Tangier, Costa del Sol and La Mencha. Local guides are provided for sightseeing in Madrid, Lisbon, Rabat and Marrakesh. With air-inclusive pricing starting at $1,485, this trip can save travelers a lot. With all the money saved by booking a Cosmos group travel vacation, travelers can afford to enjoy the exciting shopping that can be found in the region. Visitors to Madrid can find some distinctive treasures, such as the sought-after perfume scents of Alvarez Gonzalez; the mass-produced guitars that are found at Conde Hermanos and José Ramirez; all things flamenco found in El Flamenco; and a selection of shops that are found at Casa Yustas, Madrid’s oldest hat shop.

For Cosmos reservations or to receive the Cosmos Europe 2004 brochure, consumers can visit www.cosmos.com or call 866-603-1313.

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change in our chaotic world,” Nancy Brinker, founder of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, who is also serving as a judge, notes that, “One person, one volunteer, one partner at a time has turned my foundation’s promises into a reality.”

No fee is required to enter this competition. The panel of judges will select the 19 winners who will be awarded one grand prize of $100,000, four awards of $50,000, four awards of $25,000, and 10 awards of $10,000. Essays should fall into one of four categories: Personal Reflection, Journalistic Report, Scientific Inquiry, and Fiction. Entrants must be 18 years of age or older. Essays must be no longer than 3,500 words and must be written in English. Winners will be announced in September 2004. This competition is sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation. For entry forms and more information visit www.powerofpurpose.org

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Toby Hitchcock belts out a Survivor tune during the Pride of Lions set. Pride of Lions opened for Alan Parsons.

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