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SOA makes impressive debut in SAT ranking

by Mary Antley

The School of the Arts' first graduating class certainly left its mark in the annual SAT rankings, scoring 82 points higher than the state average and 38 points above the national average. SOA's seniors averaged an overall score of 1058, the second highest among Charleston County public schools.

Only the Academic Magnet School outdid SOA, averaging 590 in Math and 620 in Verbal. SOA's verbal score of 550 was a solid 42 points higher than the third highest school, Wando, and 51 points higher than the fourth school, James Island. In Math, SOA's 508 was eight points higher than the third ranked school, James Island. South Carolina scored a 486 in Verbal and 489 in Math.

An often overlooked statistic, 95 percent of SOA seniors took the SAT. No school in Berkley County had more than 50% take the test. Hanahan, who scored an overall average of 1080, only had 31% take the test, less than one third of its seniors. SOA's success represents almost the entire student body. Congratulations class of 2001 and good luck to our current senior class.



SOA prepares for Peter Pan
At left, Theatre majors Ben Pooser, Heath Richardson, and Josh Vaughn try out some props around the recently constructed set of SOA's third major musical production, *Peter Pan*. At bottom left, Visual Arts majors paint Wendy's bedroom. The set will eventually be moved out of the SOA cafeteria and into the North Charleston Performing Arts Center.
See page eight for more details.



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Featured Teachers

Ms. Hamilton brings extensive background to SOA.



Ms. Hamilton always presents herself with a loving smile.

by Tiffany Talley

"Now let's recapitulate!" Ahhh! The familiar words of **Ms. Diane Hamilton**, who teaches U.S. government, economics and A.P. U.S. history at S.O.A. Ms. Hamilton, who is a former James Island High School Teacher of the Year, is in her third year here at S.O.A. She has also taught at W. Graham Meggett, Fort Johnson and was an Adjunct

Professor of History at Shaw University.

Ms. Hamilton received her B.A. at South Carolina State University, M.A.T. from the Citadel and also attended Cornell University, Princeton University, Clemson University, University of South Carolina, and Coker College.

Ms. Hamilton gives most credit to her high school role model, **Mrs. Ruth Brown**, her anthropology teacher. Ms. Hamilton says that she admired her intellect, discipline, and ability to get students to reach the top. Mrs. Ruth Brown also taught English and U.S History and Mrs. Hamilton says she always could identify the strengths and potential of her students.

Ms. Hamilton is a member of Graham African Methodist Episcopal Church and is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Ms. Hamilton has been interviewed, not once, but twice, on Channel 5 in connection with recent Martin Luther King Celebrations where she stressed King's importance to all Americans. She participated in an International Conference involving the Transatlantic Slave Trade which was sponsored in part by UNESCO (United Nations Education, Social and Cultural Organizations) and the College of Charleston.

She enjoys traveling the world, gardening and reading in her spare time. She has journeyed to Amsterdam, Germany, Switzerland and other places. Her favorite trip was to Versailles. She states, "being able to visit the places that you have thought about is just amazing." Too bad her dog Precious couldn't travel along. Precious is a twelve pound, six year old poodle-terrier mix who "runs the house." Other pets include gold and tropical fish.

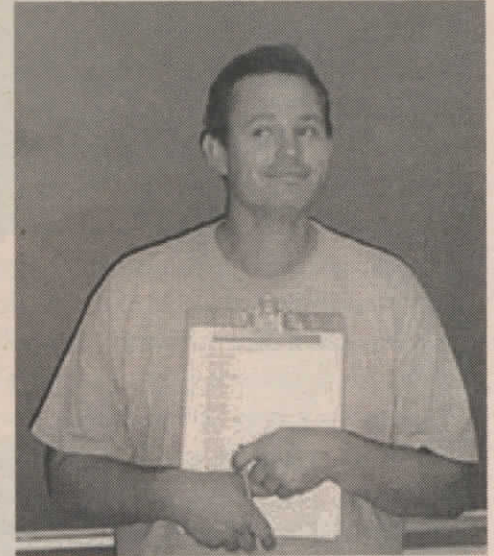
Ms. Hamilton offers this message to students: "Take advantage of opportunities at every stage of your lives, continue to grow and develop intellectually and socially."

Mr. Wood prepares for *Peter Pan*

by Jessica Gaskins

Who is **Mr. Wood**? If you don't know him yet, you will be hearing and seeing him a lot during the upcoming preparation for the SOA production *Peter Pan*. Before Mr. Wood came to SOA, he worked in Colorado at the Denver Center Theater Company where he was a full time actor, rehearsing during the day and performing at night. He received his undergraduate degree at BYU and became interested in theater at the age of 18. He later received his MFA in acting at the National Theater Conservatory. He is in his second year of teaching and says that it's great because he "loves the creativity" of our students and he loves "hearing all their stories." When asked about *Peter Pan*, Mr. Wood had a lot to say including the fact that he is still a kid himself and that this would be an excellent way to have a large cast so that people, whether they can sing or not, can have a role. And not just standing around either. The pirates, lost boys, and indians all have parts whether a chorus role or dance skit. Plus, it is not gender restricted, especially since *Peter Pan* is normally a female! Mr. Wood himself has been in *Peter Pan* three times as the Crocodile, a pirate, and as Mr. Smee, and will be directing it this year. When I asked Mr. Wood why he enjoyed this play so much he said it is because he "loves the message about growing up and the idea of keeping your childhood alive. It speaks to both children and adults alike about the issue of growing up."

As for his favorite play, he says "definitely Richard II by William Shakespeare, while his favorite playwright is Anton Chekhov. Though he enjoys all aspects of theater, the best part is working alongside **Michael Locklair** and **George Younts** since they "are not only dedicated, but passionate and talented artists."



Mr. Wood and his beloved clipboard.

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SOA News

Applause interviews swimmer Robbie Olson



by Emily Schwimmer

Our featured athlete this month is **Robbie Olson**, currently a Junior at SOA and a member of the Summerville Marlins Swim Team. Robbie is an excellent, all honors student and a very talented artist. When I sat down to talk with him, I learned that he is a very busy guy. Being on a swim team is quite tough. It may take up most of his time along with school, but he seems to enjoy it. Robbie hopes to get a scholarship for college through swimming. I

wish him much luck and here's what else Mr. Olson had to say about swimming.

Emily: Who is it that you swim for?

Robbie: The Summerville Marlins. Last year I swam for CCST, but I like this team a lot better.

Emily: How often do you swim?

Robbie: About two hours in the morning before school, two hours in the evening, and two hours every Saturday.

Emily: Wow, that's a lot of swimming! But how do you juggle that with all your schoolwork?

Robbie: Well...it is tough. I usually don't get to bed until about 1:00AM, but I do get my work done.

Emily: Whew! That's late. I guess that's why I always see you dozing off in class. On a scale from one to ten, how much do you enjoy being on a swim team? What are the advantages and disadvantages?

Robbie: About a seven. I like being in shape; I feel healthier, and the people on my swim team are cool. But the disadvantages I guess are waking up early, always being tired, and it is a lot of work!

Emily: Well, swimming does seem to keep you busy. How long have you been swimming?

Robbie: Six years.

Emily: Have you ever thought about quitting?

Robbie: Yeah. About two years ago, but I missed it so I went back.

Emily: How much longer do you plan on swimming?

Robbie: Probably just through college. I'm trying to get a scholarship.

Emily: That would be nice! Have you ever dreamed of being in the Olympics?

Robbie: Ummm.....no not really. I don't think I'm that good.

Emily: I am sure that's not true. A lot of athletes do something to get them ready for a game, match, meet, etc. But what do you do before you get into the pool for a meet? Any rituals?

Robbie: I like to listen to some fast and loud music to get me pumped up. But then I just try to relax about ten minutes before the meet to get calm.

Emily: Well, you are obviously a very busy person. You are a great athlete and a well focused student. Thank you very much for your time and good luck this year on the swim team and in school as well.

Robbie: Hey no problem. Thank you!

A word from our new guidance counselor

S O A welcomes our new high school guidance counselor, Ms. Diane Marks, and everyone, especially the seniors, will be sure to benefit from her experience and assistance. Here Ms. Marks addresses the seniors with a few pointers for hopping on that college bandwagon.



As a senior you should be thinking about academic college and career choices, taking the SAT and ACT, and of course financial matters.

Start your year off right, and do your best work. College admissions officers are interested to see that you have a good work ethic, especially when you are a senior.

Getting into college is much more competitive than it was a few years ago, therefore strive to be one of the people at the top with a clear likelihood of being accepted.

Remember, you should be registering for the ACT or SAT and beginning to do your college applications. I am really looking forward to working with the students at SOA. I love it already!

IMPORTANT DATES

ACT Registration / Test Dates

Registration	Test
November 2, 2001	December 8, 2001
January 4, 2002	February 9, 2002
March 1, 2002	April 2, 2002
May 3, 2002	June 8, 2002

SAT Registration / Test Dates

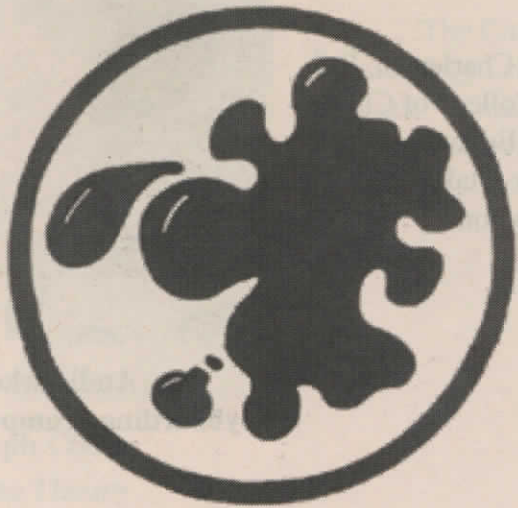
Registration	Test
October 27, 2001	December 1, 2001
December 21, 2001	January 26, 2002
February 8, 2002	March 16, 2002
March 29, 2002	May 4, 2002
April 26, 2002	June 1, 2002

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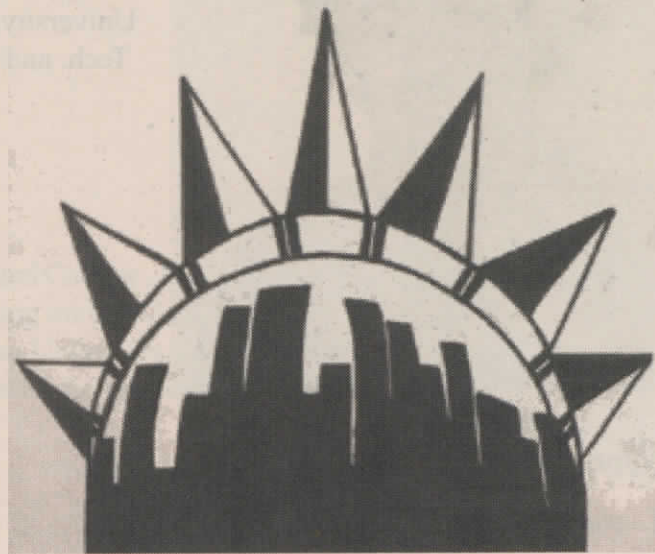
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Student Work

Junior Visual Artists were assigned to create a logo for a fashion boutique or a sports outfitter's store. Here are a few of their designs...



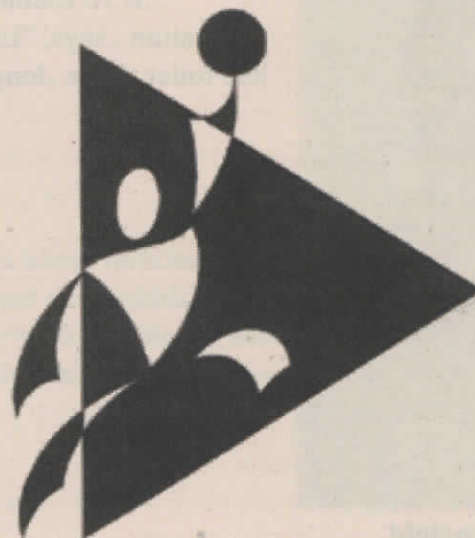
"Bam Paintball & Sporting Goods"
Cody Palmer, 11th grade



"New York Trends"
Paul McCrae, 11th grade



"Now"
Emily Schwimmer, 11th grade



"Slam"
Jonathan King, 11th grade



"Home Plate Sports"
Harper Marchman-Jones, 11th grade



"Slapshot"
Stephen Chambers, 11th grade

New SOA Staff Members



Scott Flesher
Music Appreciation, Theory of Knowledge

...University of South Carolina, B.A., Philosophy...Northwestern University; Music Tech. and Comp.



Andi Awkerman
Keyboarding, Computer Application

...College of Charleston, B.S., Education...College of Charleston, M.E.D. Education...says, "Do whatever it takes to get the job done."



Courtney Enright
6th grade Science

...B.A. Elementary Education...says, "Life should be like toilet paper...long and useful."



Debbie Benson
6th, 8th, and 9th grade Piano, Vocal

...Converse College, Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance... completed an education degree while enrolled as a graduate student...says, "Do not settle for less than your best."



Beth Lasley
9th grade CP English I, SAT Prep

...UNC Chapel Hill, B.A. English...The Citadel, M.A. Teaching...to celebrate her grandmother's birthday recently, 19 family members, ages 5 to 83, spent two weeks in Alaska, hiking, kyaking, and whale-watching...



Vera Smyth
Algebra I, Algebra II

...St. Joseph College, B.A...The Catholic University of America, M.T.S...plays the piano for relaxation...has co-authored an Algebra I textbook.

New SOA Staff Members



...The Citadel, B.A. Psychology...says, "Be true to yourself."...fronts the Joe Clarke Quartet as well as a 17 piece band.

Joseph Clarke
Piano Theory



...Goddard College, B.A...currently working on M.A.L.S. through Wesleyan University...says, "Never settle for mediocrity!"

Linda Hurtado
Dance - PE



...College of Charleston...Trident Tech...enjoys working with all the teachers and students at S.O.A.

Jan Evans
Receptionist's
Assistant, Guidance Assistant,
Secretary



....says she, "drags home furniture that needs to be refinished or reupholstered or reglued...", is handy with "hammers, saws, levels, etc."

Margaret Cooper
6th grade Math



...UNC Chapel Hill, B.A. Art and English...Boston University, M.A. Creative Writing...Cornell University, M.F.A. Creative Writing...paints and plays the cello.

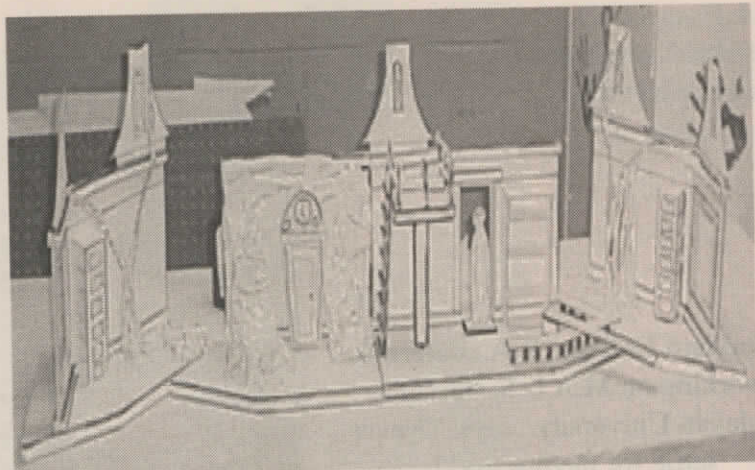
Mary Winifred Hood Schwaner
8-11th grade Creative Writing



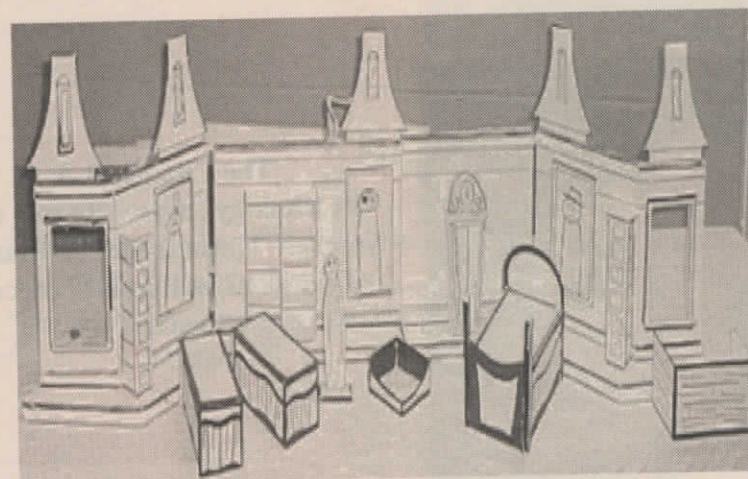
...plays and directs handbells...sings solos and is in church choir ensemble.

Sylvia C. Edwards
Secretary

The Peter Plan



Four rolling units make up the entire set.



The Peter Pan set model.

Come Fly With Us

by Courtney Dix

Though school has barely begun, the plan for this year's bi-annual musical is long under way, and the production choice is... *Peter Pan*? Though some are skeptical about this creative selection, **Mr. Wood**, **Mr. Locklair**, and **Mr. Younts** have high hopes. Advertisements in the hallway say the show will be "great fun for the child in all of us," and I certainly agree. In fact, the excitement began August 7 at the first staff meeting when the production presentation took place. The set itself, though I've only seen a model, is immense. It consists of four units on 82 casters (wheels), and is 48 ft. long and 14 ft. tall. The set is so big, that the only place to put it up completely is in the cafeteria.

However, the most amazing part of the show can only be expressed in 3 words... "Fly by Foy!" Fly by Foy is a Las Vegas based company whose job is to fly actors and many others. In fact, they've flown over 3,000 productions of *Peter Pan*, *Wizard of Oz*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Angels in America*, *Crystal Cathedral*, *Funny Girl*, *Siegfried and Roy*, *The Witches of Eastwick*, and others. They've also flown such stars as Paula Abdul, Lucille Ball, The Backstreet Boys, David Bowie, Garth Brooks, Carol Burnett, Johnny Carson, Sean Connery, Sally Field, David Letterman, Michael Jordan, Vanessa Williams, Gene Kelly, Conan O'Brian, Roseanne, and Raquel Welch. The company will be flying four SOA actors in our production of *Peter Pan*. It will be a great honor to have them, even though we have to pay for their flight here, the shipment for equipment, their lodging, their food, their services, and their flight home. Though the production can't wait for their arrival, I'm quite sure our pockets could.

Performances will be January 24 and 25th at 7 PM at the North Charleston Performing Arts Center. Ticket prices are \$5.00 for students and \$10.00 for adults. The production staff invites you to "Come fly with us."

SOA *Peter Pan* Cast List

Mrs Darling - Mrs. Myers
 Mr. Darling - Mr. Locklair
 Wendy - Jeanne Albinger
 John - Bubba Bryant
 Michael - Paul Saylor
 Nana - Cody Palmer
 Liza - Sara Saylor
 Adult Wendy - Kristen Gaetke
 Jane - Lindsey Funderburk
 Peter Pan - Kayla Morissey
 Tinker Bell - Lindsey Shatzer
 Slightly - Jake Hennessy
 Tootles - Caroline Bailey
 Curly - Daniel Earnst
 Nibbs - Josh Vaughn
 1st Twin - Xan Gentile
 2nd Twin - Matt Strich
 Captian Hook - Heath Richardson
 Smee - Ben Pooser
 Starkey - Allison Orvin
 Cecco - Nanci Cope
 Noodler - Rissa Hanagriff
 Mullins - Robbie Madison
 Jukes - Andrew Bentz
 Tiger Lily - Loriel Brown
 Crocodile - TBA

Lost Boys
 Jennifer Paul
 Jessica Holley
 Traci Trotter
 Ashley Dorn
 Tricia Ahearn
 Stacy Lambert
 Erin Kinard
 Cameron Ulmer
 Meredith Neville
 Eva Sclipa
 Lindsay Hood
 Alexander McCarthy
 Collen Cullinan
 Melissa Annand
 Tabatha Deas

Indians
 Brianna Soto
 Korinna Sheahan
 Shannon Gaetke
 Felicia Simmons
 Jane Lucas
 Kelly Blohme
 Swan Miller
 Abbi Pitsenburger
 Ashley Cooper
 Lindsay Alexander
 Dora Bass
 Rebecca Toms
 Elizabeth Eckbreth
 Leah Hennessy
 Sara Houser
 Samantha Danna
 Rachel Maes
 Kristen Gaetke

Pirates
 Jenna Mcswain
 Thomas Dobson
 Deas Richardson
 Elizabeth Buck
 Angela Arteaga
 Hannah Metiver
 Jenny Parnow
 Lori Lamb
 Cassie Sanocki
 Courtney Dix
 William Axson
 Ben Neuhaus
 Samatha Church
 Sara Saylor

Fairies
 Anna Crowder
 Ashley Clark
 Melissa Mosier
 Lindsay Funderburk

Reviews

Music review

Dark Lotus, *Tales from the Lotus Pod*

Psychopathic Records, 2001

by Jessica Gaskins

If you're looking for something a little different from your typical Nelly-Project Pat-Ludacris rap, try listening to this one: Dark Lotus "Tales from the Lotus Pod." It's a musical combination of Insane Clown Posse, Twiztid, and Blaze Ya Dead

Homie. If you've never listened to any of these artists, you will be in for an awakening. The songs are a blend of techno rhythms with typical rap bass and lyrics both thought provoking and bizarre at the same time. The sound is loud and isn't something you'd want to listen to first thing in the morning, but it's great for keeping you awake and charging you up. They are all very individual bands and the fact that they have come together under one label is a once in a life time moment. Since they dress in the most unusual manner with wild braids, thick face paint, and more than enough chains, people tend to think of them as anti-Christ. This isn't true as you can clearly hear in this album. Mind you this isn't a Christian CD either, but they do put emphasis on God, their faith in him, and life after death. My favorite lyric from track 5 is "nobody wants to turn to God until it's too late and you're about to (expletive deleted) die." On every one of ICP's Jokers Cards discs, they clearly thank God for what he's done for them. At any rate, there is explicit content, talk about the living dead, and drugs, but over all it's a unique medley of loosely serious songs that provide your money's worth of music material. And to show they appreciate their fans, track 15 is written entirely for Juggalos and represents how much respect these artists have for their musical followers. The disc was released July 28th and can be found in most music stores in Charleston.

Lowcountry dining

by Allison Orvin and Emily Schwimmer

So, lucky guy, where are you taking your girl tonight? We're pretty sure she doesn't want it "her way" at Burger King, nor does she want to "run for the border" to Taco Bell. So where can you relax in a casual atmosphere while enjoying good conversation and delectable food with prices that won't burn a hole in your wallet? Just hop in your hoop dee and wine her and dine her (well we don't know about all that wine-ing, but sweet tea will surely do) and head over to 1978 Maybank Highway on James Island or 1220 Ben Sawyer Boulevard, Mount Pleasant and stop by the Mustard Seed. They serve a variety of salads like the Greek salad and the seared scallop salad, pasta dishes like fettucine carbonara and jumbo ravioli stuffed with crab, scallops, and shrimp with a blue cheese sauce, and entrees like sesame crusted pork loin with portabella gorgonzola sauce and Turkey meatloaf. Sandwiches such as the tuna melt and the chicken gyro are served during lunch hours. They are open Mon.-Fri. 11am-2:30pm for lunch and Mon.-Thu. 5-9 pm for dinner and open to 10 pm on the weekend excluding Sunday.

We were promptly greeted by a friendly manager at the Mt. Pleasant location eager to please us. She escorted us to a booth nestled close to the stained glass windows that border the outside of the restaurant. We noticed decorative wall paintings of vineyards and chiffon drapery falling from the light fixtures. We concluded that the atmosphere is just right for a date, for meeting a friend or even to take the parents. It's a relatively small restaurant with a low level of noise and we didn't even notice the busy open air kitchen in the front. The music selections such as the crooning of Frank Sinatra were a bit overpowering, yet allow you to tap your feet while you eat.

Kari, our server, suggested that we begin with an appetizer of crab-artichoke dip with toast points (\$5). **Emily** thought the toast points were a little bitter for such a mild dip and would have enjoyed this seafood dip more with pita bread to keep with their Mediterranean flavor. **Allison** then had a field of greens salad (\$4) with the homemade ginger lime dressing. Be sure to ask for extra dressing, because the salad was yes very fresh but a little on the dry side.

For our entrees, Emily selected the linguine with portabella mushrooms (\$9) which was brought out before Allison even finished her salad. With this action, we felt a little rushed and it also seemed our server was "in the weeds" because her section was full. Despite this, the linguine dish was excellent with just the right amount of olive oil and seasoning. This plate was a superb combination of portabella mushrooms, spinach, roma tomatoes, gorgonzola cheese and walnuts that would please anyone who is willing to try something a little different.

Allison chose the pecan crusted chicken (\$9) with honey mustard sauce, garlic mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables for her meal. It was an ample amount of flavorful chicken and delicious sides that left Allison licking the plate. The prices were extremely reasonable for the fulfilling portions that were served. Emily even had to take home a doggie bag.

Ok, so now for the sweet stuff! We decided on the Mustard Seed's house desert, the Hummingbird Cake (\$4). It reminded us of a jazzed up carrot cake with cream cheese frosting coated with a layer of walnuts. You and your date could easily split this whopping slice or try their other treats like Banana Creme Tarts or the Strawberry Shortcake.

Overall the service was up to par with just a few slip ups like the delivery of the food. We were extremely pleased with all of our selections, finding the dishes fresh and skillfully prepared. So keep the Mustard Seed and your budget in mind next time you are looking for an evening of Mediterranean/vegetarian delicacies.

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APPOINTMENTS ONLY

Upcoming Events

Late October 2001

- 17- Art Smart, Report Cards, 8th grade & Orvin's class to Dock Street
- 18- Art Smart 7th Grade Black Box 7:30
- 19- Art Smart, American Choral Director's Convention Converse College Spartanburg
- 22- Poinsetta Sale ends Middle School Band
- 23- High School Orchestra Savanna, GA workshop and concert 10am-11:30pm, School tours 7th grade
- 24- Students early dismissal day 12:00
- 25- 6th grade VA field trip Aquarium, IMAX, Gibbes
- 26- Dance Department Columbia College all day dance room
- 27- SAT deadline, Jump Jive & Wail 7 PM Charleston Maritime Center High School Band, Winthrop Church Choir Rock Hill
- 29- Monolouges 4pm Black Box 6th grade
- 30- School Tours 7th grade, Long Form Improv 4pm Black Box 8th grade
- 31- All State Registration Due HS/ Wind/ Jazz Ensemble

Guidance information

Seniors College Applications

You should soon begin filling out your college applications. Don't delay. It is often difficult to narrow your prospective list to two or three colleges to send applications to. But when you make a decision, you will feel better.

It's easy to procrastinate about filling out your college applications. Right now it seems like you have plenty of time. But, again, if you get this job done early, you will feel less stressed out about everything. More importantly, as soon as colleges receive your applications, you are entered into their data bases, and these institutions can begin corresponding with you about important matters like financial assistance, housing and, of course, admission.

Consider filling out your application online. Many colleges prefer this, and it is often easier for you also. Please don't forget that the applications require a part for the guidance counselor to complete. Please get this to me well in advance so that I can do a good job for you.

Scholarship Opportunities

South Carolina Teaching Fellows Program

Who: Students who are seniors and interested in a teaching career

What: Students who win these fellowships get \$6000 per year for four years while they complete a degree leading to teacher certification. Fellows agree to teach in South Carolina for four years following graduation. Fellowships are based on academic achievement, knowledge of world and education issues, community and school involvement, a regional interview and writing assessment.

Where: These fellowships are tied to certain universities in South Carolina, and awardees will attend one of the participating Teaching Fellow universities. These are: Anderson College, Charleston Southern University, College of Charleston,

Columbia College, Furman University, Lander University, Newberry College, SC State University, and USC-Columbia. One more university will be added this year. This school will be announced in December. Fellows must attend one of these colleges.

When: The deadline for submitting an application is November 2 and notification to recipients is in March 2002

How: Come to guidance to get applications

These fellowships are a golden opportunity for those of you who want to teach.

Byrnes Scholarship

What: The James F. Byrnes Foundation awards scholarships to young South Carolinians who have lost one or both parents by death. The scholarship program, begun by the late **James F. Byrnes** in 1948, has awarded almost 1,000 scholarships to date. The annual award is \$2,750 for four years.

Applicants should be average and above -average students with the potential, as evidenced by grades and College Board scores, for earning a bachelor's degree.

When: Applications must be postmarked on or before February 15. Applications are not accepted until after the student receives fall term grades.

College Representatives Make Visits To SOA Trident Technical College

Who: **Mr. Rostinowski**, from Trident Technical College will visit SOA to talk with students about that school's programs and opportunities

Where: Lawrence Rostinowski will be set up outside the cafeteria with plenty of brochures and other information for interested students.

When: 12:00 noon outside the school cafeteria

Loyola University - New Orleans

Who: **Synn-Claire Twigg** will be meeting in Guidance with some students who that institution is interested in. Loyola has a drama department and a music college. If anyone else is interested in speaking with this representative, please let guidance know.

When: October 26 at 1:15.

Attention Juniors and Freshman:

The PSAT will be given on Tuesday, October 16 for the first two periods of the school day. You are all to be tested. This is a very important opportunity for you, because this test is a preliminary to the SAT. I will be coming to the 9th and 11th grade English classrooms in the latter part of September to talk to you more about the PSAT.

Attention: 10th Graders

You will be taking the ACT Plan on Tuesday, October 23 for the first two periods. This is a very important test for you, because it is a preliminary to the ACT, a college entrance exam much like SAT. This test also has a career component to give you some ideas of what you might be suited for for a profession.

Attention: SOA students with siblings in the 5th grade:
Applications available on the website www.ccsoa.com or in the office on October 1.

Art Smart Open House for interested 5th graders, Oct. 15-19
Sixth Grade application deadline: Wednesday, November 14, 2001

Special Features

Ask Dr. Knowsy

Dear Dr. Knowsy,

My boyfriend of over one year is starting to become friends with his ex-girlfriend. He gets mad at me for being jealous, but I can't help it. What should I do?

- Helpless in the Hallway

Dear Helpless,

First of all, it's time for a reality check. Are you jealous because he's friends with her or because you think there might be something more to it? If they're just friends (even though she's his ex), you should have nothing to worry about. After all, you probably have friends of the opposite sex as well. Try and understand that their friendship goes no further, just as yours doesn't, this may provide comfort. However, if you have reason to believe there's more to it than friendship, just ask. He would be truthful if he really loves you. Don't accuse him of anything without proof. And if you have proof... Don't get mad, GET EVEN!

-Dr. Knowsy

Dear Dr. Knowsy,

School has just begun and I'm already loaded down with homework. I'm really stressed out. What should I do?

-Seriously overloaded

Dear Overloaded,

Let's start off on the right foot, just breathe. Okay, now that we're calm, let me just say that I'm totally feeling you. However, the appropriate thing to do is just calmly put your priorities in order and get things done quickly and efficiently. You should realize that procrastination, in this case, is not the way to go. For example, do your homework the night it's assigned, don't wait just because it's not due the next day, this way the info is fresh in your mind.

-Dr. Knowsy

For advice e-mail Dr. Knowsy at
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Classified Ads

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Starting next issue Applause will be running a full page of classified ads. For \$5 you can purchase a 25 word classified ad. Homeroom teachers have distributed ad forms. Please contact a staff member if you still need one.

HOROSCOPES

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Don't be so quick to judge someone. A possible good friend may be a sheep in wolf's clothing.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Don't let your carefree disposition intervene in your progress in reaching your goals.

ARIES (Mar. 21 - April 19) Relax and take things one at a time. Try to organize and plan ahead for future obstacles.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20) Get more involved in your future. Shop around for new ideas and philosophies that will give you a new perspective on things.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20) Your dreams are only dreams if you do not act upon them soon. Go for your goals and don't procrastinate.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22) Forgive and forget. Hatred only grows. The sooner you end it the better.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22) Expand your horizons and be open-minded. Always remember to respect another person's opinions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) If you wish to be treated as an adult, then start acting like one. Become more mature.

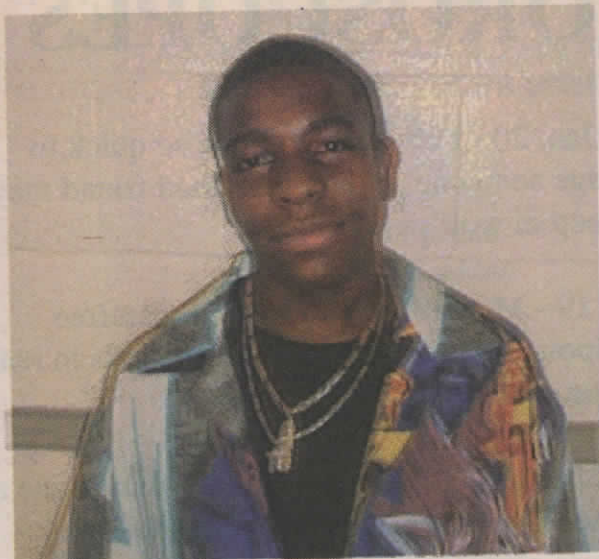
LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Don't let your temper overcome you. Relax, count to ten, and remember to not let things bother you so much.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Your illusive habits are good; always remain a mystery. That is part of your charm. But, too much of a mystery can stir up rumors.

SAGITARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 20) You should get out more. Social events will bring balance to your life. So, spice it up a bit!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19) Your natural humor is a strong asset. Use it to your advantage, not to your dismay.

Question of the Month



Jonathan King: "*Rush Hour II* was my favorite movie because it was straight."
11th Grade



Kyle Palmer: "*The Others* was my favorite movie because it was very suspenseful."
11th Grade



Ms. Emory: "*Pearl Harbor* because the guys were cute and it was somewhat historical."
French Teacher



Jordan King: "My favorite movie was *American Pie II*. I thought it was very funny."
9th Grade

What was your favorite recent movie?



Christi Norris: "I don't know. I guess it would be *Rush Hour II*."
10th Grade



Ryan Young: "*Dude, Fast and the Furious* because the cars were cool."
11th Grade



Mr. Davis: "*Pearl Harbor* was overall a nice movie, except there was too much Hollywood and romance. It should have been more realistic."
Assistant Principal



Michael Steele: "*American Pie II* because of the nice women."
10th Grade