

Advertising Design

Rachel Manning

The Verve, The King's Academy

Black & White
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH
7:00-10:00 PM
\$15 Presale / \$20 at the Door

Diner, Dancing, and Entertainment

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
200 CHASTAIN ROAD KENNESAW

Door Prizes All Evening

Dressy Black and White Attire
ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, PARENTS,
FACULTY, AND GUEST ARE INVITED

Judge's Comments:

- * attractive ad
- * fonts work nicely with artwork
- * great readability

Artwork

Soo-Ji Han

iContact/The Muse, Northview High School



Paralysis

Mirror, mirror, on the wall,
Who's the fairest of them all?

Eating apples
To keep up girlish figures
And keep down strength;
Spinning wool in isolated towers
Above the world,
Not of the world.
We are awake while they think we sleep,
Frozen, racing in our minds
She waits for that liberating kiss of death
To free her for some other man's tower:
To fair for her own good,
To feeble to do any.

Mirror, mirror, on the wall,
Who will be the first to fall?

Kristen Janiszewski

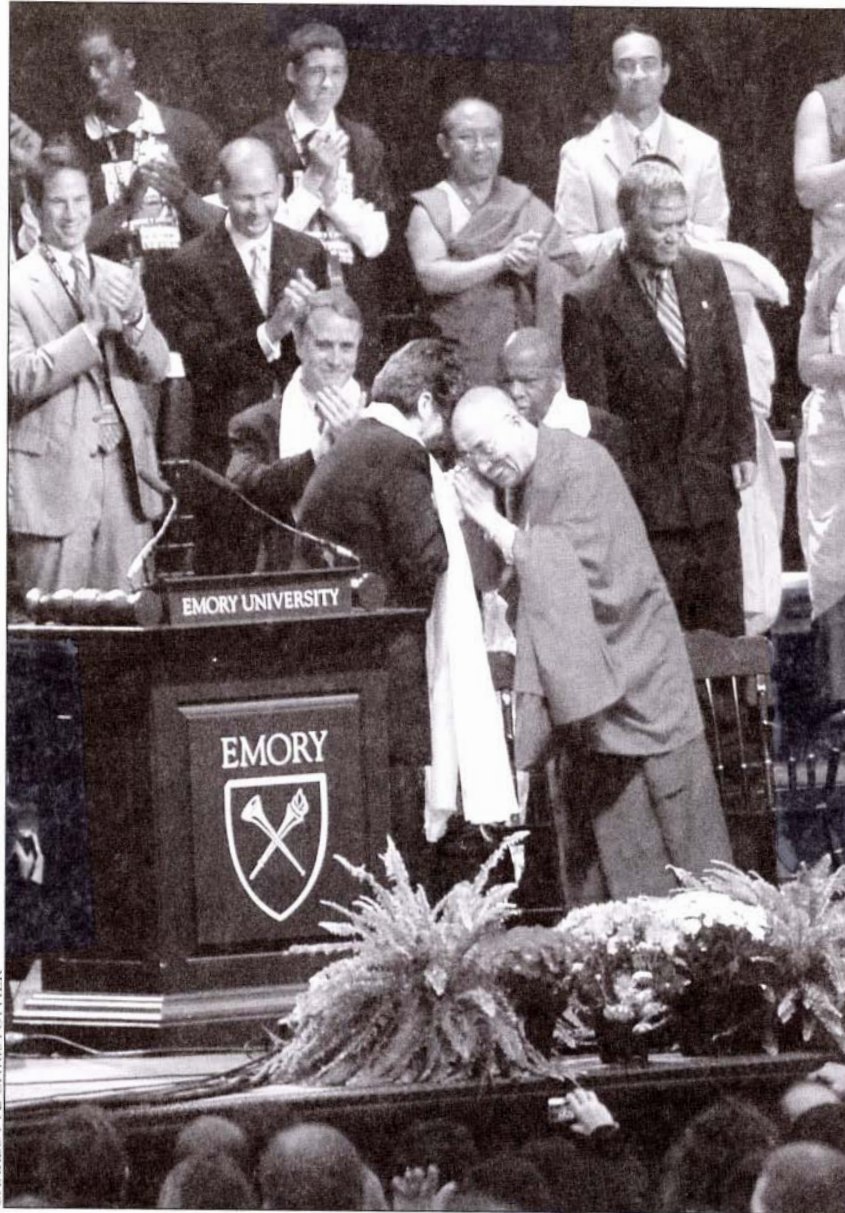
Judge's Comments:

*** Such an emotional piece -- the subject's eyes express total bewilderment, terror -- They're pleading with me, truly! The painting is not only technically good, but it has real expression, feelings.**

Caption Writing

Scott Chambliss

The Southerner, Henry W. Grady High School



CHARLOTTE CHRISTOPHER

DALAI LAMA'S VISIT BRINGS CHEERS, SMILES

The Dalai Lama visited Atlanta from Oct. 20-22 to accept a professorship from Emory University. Above, the Dalai Lama receives applause before a public address at Centennial Olympic Park. See related story, page 7.

Judge's Comments:

* Captions do an excellent job describing the action in photos, and the second sentence provides depth. Readers can get an idea about the stories simply by reading the captions.

Column

Scottie Bookman

The Southerner, Henry W. Grady High School

New requirements deny Georgia graduates the rigors of foreign language



SCOTTIE BOOKMAN

"Georgia's new policy? Every child left behind."

So said Jon Stewart two years ago when Sonny Perdue canceled school for two days because gas prices had gotten too high. It's a quote that perfectly depicts Georgia's policies on education, which have consistently steered toward regression. Most recently, this sad truth has been illustrated by a change in Georgia's graduation requirements. Claiming an emphasis on math and science, the new required curriculum will leave out foreign language.

The new requirements consolidate the four old graduation tracks into a single one for all students, dissolving the distinction between Georgia's college-bound highschoolers and its less ambitious. Although it designates that any student planning to enroll in a Georgia college must take two years of a foreign language, it also ensures that every student, regardless of his or her potential, can earn his or her diploma without ever stepping into a foreign language classroom.

Fortunately for the Georgia student, the new requirements only set the minimum. Most school systems, including Atlanta Public Schools, have higher hopes for their students than the state of Georgia apparently does. But how should we, as students, react to our state's conclusion that we are incompetent?

The omission of foreign language is outrageous. For decades, studies have shown that students who have studied four years of a foreign language score higher on their SATs than students who have taken four years of courses in any other subject, and Georgia knows that. What is the primary purpose of SAT scores? College admissions.

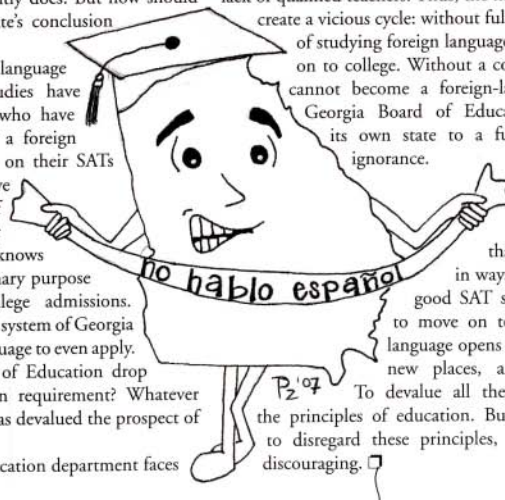
Furthermore, the entire university system of Georgia requires two years of a foreign language to even apply. So why would the Department of Education drop foreign language as a graduation requirement? Whatever their intentions, the state board has devalued the prospect of a college education.

Another problem Georgia's education department faces

is a shortage of teachers. When choosing to consolidate graduation tracks, Georgia had the option to require language courses. Perhaps a factor in the ultimate decision was the lack of qualified teachers. Thus, the modifications made will create a vicious cycle: without fulfilling the requirement of studying foreign language, a student can't move on to college. Without a college degree, a person cannot become a foreign-language teacher. The Georgia Board of Education is condemning its own state to a future of English-only ignorance.

Studying a foreign language is a valuable experience that benefits a student in ways more rewarding than good SAT scores or the potential to move on to college. Knowing a language opens doors to new cultures, new places, and new experiences. To devalue all these benefits is against the principles of education. But Georgia has chosen to disregard these principles, and it is thoroughly discouraging. □

For information on Georgia's changes to graduation requirements, see "NEW GRAD RULES SET SINGLE TRACK," on page 1.



Judge's Comments:

*** Ms. Bookman clearly spent some time thinking about the subjects of her columns, and the result is the intelligent expression of a viewpoint that is all her own. She respects the intelligence of her readers, neither preaching at them nor talking down to them. The lead paragraph of her column on women's rights is a perfect example of getting directly to the point. In her column on foreign language instruction she's straightforward in expressing her disgust.**