

# BROOKNOTES

The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

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## A MAGIC MOMENT GONE

After all the housecleaning for relatives, all the telephone calls with friends about their Olympic plans, all the hours negotiating for tickets, suddenly it's August, and the 1996 Olympics are a thing of the past. Fortunately, it is proving to be a memory that refuses to fade. Despite all the naysaying that took place around the country before and during the events, most Atlantans, particularly most Brookwood Hills neighbors, have a smile on their faces when they talk about the Atlanta Olympic experience. Here is what some of them had to say about the best moments and the worst of those memorable three weeks.

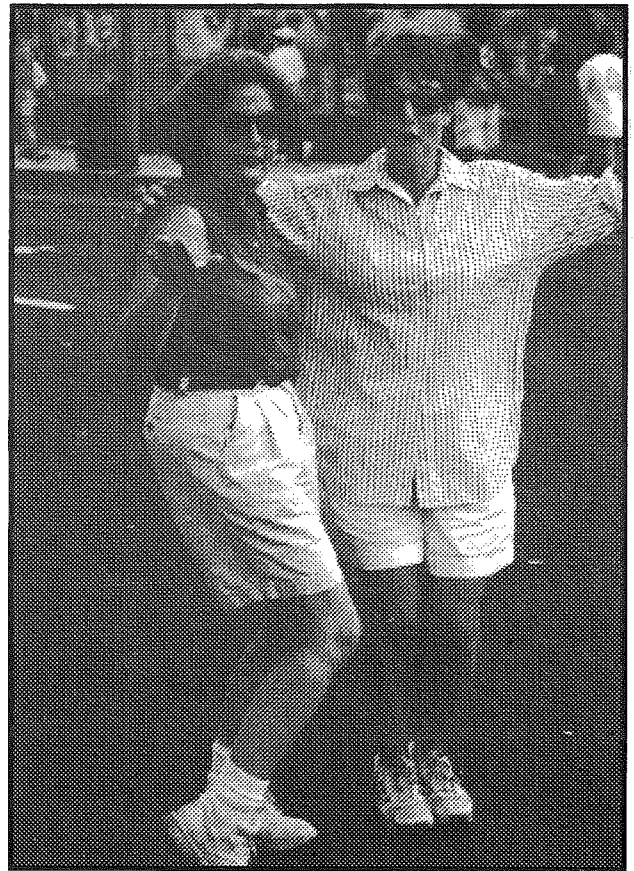
**Lee Wilder:** The best thing without a doubt was the sense of community. Every person you sat next to at every venue was your new best friend.

I don't agree it was a USA Olympics. We saw lots of great international moments. The whole crowd, people like us, were going wild when Croatia, who hadn't had anything good happen to them for 200 years, won a gold for team handball and started gatoring. [See picture, page 6.] We also got to watch the Spanish team, who came in third, doing the Macarena.

For all the carping and worrying, the City did a fabulous job given the sheer numbers. Volunteers were cheerful, gracious and helpful. We found out that a bunch of volunteers were staying at the Jewish Community Center, because they would all ride the 23 bus home. They'd be snoring in their seats because they'd have been on their feet for 12 hours.

The worst moment was when it was all over -- a magic moment gone. The only bad part about this summer was that you missed the time to let your hair down. When it was all over, you realized that you hadn't done the laundry in three weeks, you hadn't paid the bills in three weeks, and all you'd eaten for three weeks was hot dogs.

**Linda Harris:** The best thing about our Olympics was the Capital City Club downtown. Since the police kept closing different streets each day, you had to be Christopher Columbus to figure out how to get there. But once you got there and parked with



*Typical House of Blues patrons Nan Clarke (formerly of Brighton Road fame) and Marcia Abernathy jive to the Olympic beat.*

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*Brooknotes* welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *Brooknotes* is Friday, September 13, 1996. Submissions should be in writing and should be dropped off at Betsy Crosby's house, 34 Brighton Rd.

The next meeting of the Brookwood Hills Board of Directors will be Monday, September 9 at the home of Elaine and Jim Moynihan, 30 Camden. All Community Club members are welcome. RSVP to Elaine at 351-5479.

### SECURITY NOTICE

A stray bullet shattered a second-floor window of a home on Brighton Road this month in the days following the Olympics. Atlanta police said that they believed that the bullet was not fired intentionally at the house, but that the bullet did come from a .45 caliber pistol discharged within the neighborhood. The window was on the back of the house, facing Camden Road. If you have any information about this matter, please contact either Nancy Kennedy, BWH Security Chairman at 874-0746, Hank Harris, BWH President at 872-0119, or the Atlanta police.

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Update on Jewish Community Center/Trammell Crow Rezoning Application

by Hank Harris, President of the BWH Board of Directors

Many thanks to all our neighbors who turned out at City Hall for the second meeting of the Zoning Review Board to consider the Trammell Crow rezoning application. The August 15 rehearing was necessary after the ZRB deferred a decision on the rezoning application at its meeting on July 9th. At the July 9th meeting, the ZRB asked the developer to redraw the site plan to accommodate concerns of our neighborhood and that of Brookwood Neighbors and Ardmore/28th Street. Those concerns primarily related to 1) the setback from the Huntington Road residences and from Peachtree Street, and 2) the high density of the project, adversely affecting traffic and compatibility with the adjacent single family neighborhoods.

The developer presented its revised site plan at the neighborhood's regular board meeting on August 5th. Your Board was very disappointed with the developer's efforts, in that the revised site plan reduced the density of the proposed project by only six units, from 369 to 363 units, and made only modest amendments to the set-backs from the neighborhood. The one helpful change was a significant increase in the set-back from Peachtree Street, but the developer had to make this change to comply with zoning regulations.

The neighborhood's position has consistently been that a multi-family project of only 270 units with appropriate set-backs and other conditions would be acceptable. Disappointed by Trammell Crow's response to its concerns, the neighborhood asked the ZRB to deny the rezoning application.

Expressing sympathy with the neighborhood's position, the ZRB voted to approve Trammell Crow's application only on the condition that it reduce the number of units to 325, with a corresponding reduction in square footage. This approval was made contingent on Trammell Crow agreeing to the neighborhood's other conditions concerning setback, buffer zone and construction restrictions. The developer stated that it was not economically feasible for it to build a 325-unit project on this site.

Your neighborhood Board of Directors is currently evaluating its position. The Zoning Committee of the City Council will be reviewing the decision of the Zoning Review Board, and has the power to override it. The developer will also have the opportunity to plead its case when it seeks an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Development Plan. We will keep you up-to-date on further developments and on how you can express your concerns to City Council.

All of us as Brookwood Hills residents owe a special thanks to Nick Sears, the zoning representative of our neighborhood. Nick has worked diligently to help the neighborhood Board formulate its position on the rezoning applications and to present our position to the NPU and the ZRB. Also, please thank Ann Sapp of 15 Northwood for her important efforts in helping us evaluate the traffic impact of the high-density proposal. (The Chairman of the ZRB was supportive of the neighborhood in part because of his concerns about traffic patterns on this part of Peachtree.) Mike Nadal has helped us to coordinate the NPU. Dorothy Levine of Huntington Arms has been particularly eloquent and helpful, and Mark Reese, an

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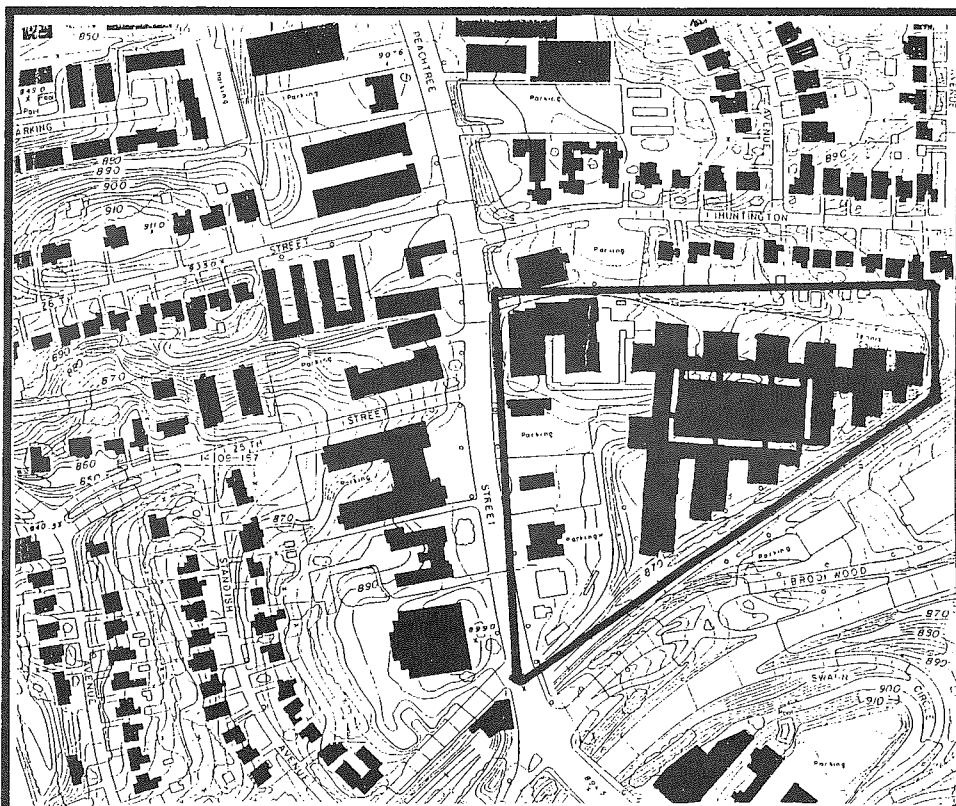
architect from Brookwood Neighbors (behind the Masonic Temple), has given invaluable time toward helping us evaluate the proposed project and its interface with the City of Atlanta Zoning Code. Finally, many of you have made neighborhood calls to "get-out-the-vote" when we needed good representation at the ZRB meetings. Thanks for helping us keep this a high profile matter. Stay tuned.

## BULLETIN BOARD

Kay Summers, volunteer extraordinaire for the High Museum, reminds us that the "Rings" exhibit will close September 29. Says Kay, don't let "Rings" get away without a visit or two: "Greatest art to ever hit the Southeast. Truly an emotional experience. Crowds will be heavy near the end--go soon!"

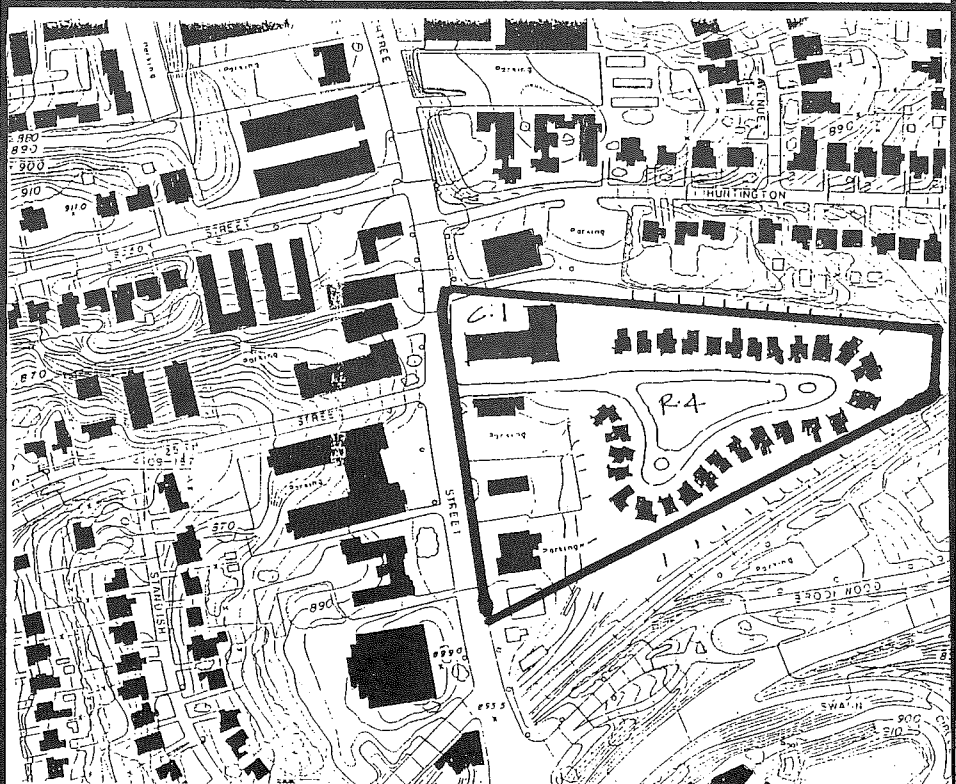
The 1996-97 planning meeting for the fathers of Brookwood Girls has been adjourned from May until Sunday, August 25, from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the home of Larry Pless, 25 Palisades Road. Brookwood Girls is open to all neighborhood girls in the first through fifth grade and their dads, grandfathers, and special friends. Come to the meeting or run the risk of being elected next year's director. RSVP to Larry at 892-6024.

To the secret delight of cat lovers, one of whom apparently requested that *Brooknotes* make mention of the following, the City of Atlanta has enacted an ordinance that requires owners to clean up after their dogs who "do their thing" in parks, on sidewalks, roads or other public rights of way. Under the new law, which is sure to diminish the pleasure of taking Fido for a long walk, owners must place dog droppings in a "sealed container" before disposing of them. How do you train your dog to wait until he's almost home?



MAP "A"

Map A, above, shows imprint of the Trammell Crow project as proposed at the July 9 ZRB hearing. Map B shows the imprint if the area were built out as single family residences, as it is currently zoned. Mark Reese of Brookwood Neighbors presented these contrasting pictures at the August 15 ZRB hearing to demonstrate how the density of the proposed project is incompatible with its surroundings.



MAP "B"

# The Editor's Corner

## Yankee Defects to the South

by Betsy Crosby

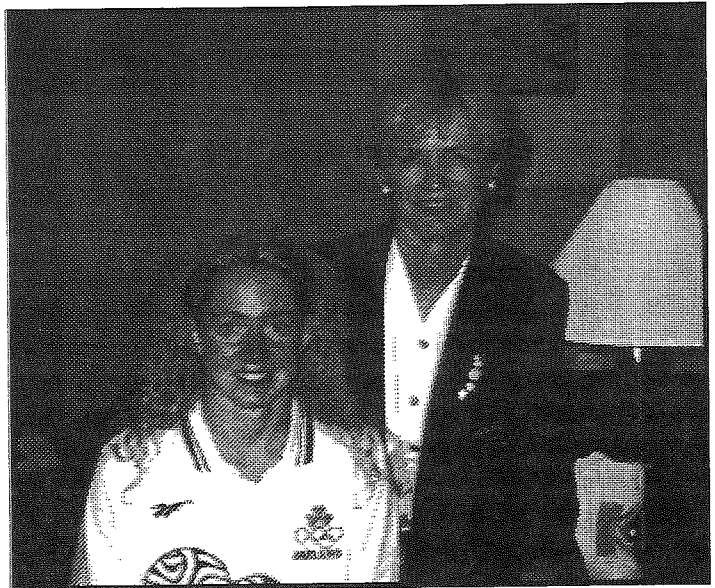
Several years ago while winding through Buckhead, past markers designating a Union encampment here, a Confederate attack there, my daughter Kate asked innocently, "What team were we on in the Civil War?" Though the correct answer was a non-committal "both," I couldn't help feeling that the real question was one of current loyalty: Were we Southerners or Northerners?

Despite years of living in the South and calling Atlanta our home, neither my southern-born, northern-educated husband nor myself (born and bred in the fair city of Pittsburgh) felt comfortable calling ourselves Southerners. After all, we certainly didn't meet the standards in the eyes of Old Atlantans. And to our Yankee friends, calling ourselves Southern aligned us with beer swilling rednecks and syrupy Southern belles. Best to maintain a strict neutrality on the subject, just as my forebears did who bought their way out of service in the Civil War.

Yet as the Olympics approached, I grew anxious. It was the anxiety of a hostess worrying whether her house would be ready on time, whether the guests would like her family and whether they'd tell their friends that they'd had a good time. As visitors poured into town and the games began, I scoured the coverage in USA Today, searching in vain for compliments about "our" Olympics. I realized then that I had indeed identified myself not only with Atlanta, but with the South as a whole—enough to take serious offense at the New Yorker cover showing the hayseed lighting the torch from a moonshine still. "Those Yankees," I stewed. "They just don't get it, do they?"

What else, other than a love for the South, would explain the tears of pride I felt when the antebellum puppets on stilts strolled through Olympic Stadium during Opening Ceremonies? Even the pick-up trucks and the cloggers seemed gleefully appropriate. What else, other than a love for a South dogged by tragedy, caused tears to flow again at the news of the horrible bombing of Centennial Park, while my Yankee family watched the news coverage dry-eyed?

From the moment the Olympics began until the torch was extinguished, I took offense at every negative comment offered by the news media and my circle of relatives and friends—whether it was the assertion that Opening Ceremonies was "too showy," a Buckhead waitress "too surdy," the weather "unbearable," or MARTA "too slow." It may have all been true, but they were missing the point. We put on a darn good show and had a great time doing it. Around the world from now on Atlanta will stand for the South. And I, for one, am proud to be one of the team.



Neighbor Mary O'Connor with Irish Gold Medalist Michelle Smith

## The Luck (or Skill) of the Irish

by Deirdre Stiles

Green and Gold were Mary O'Connor's theme colors as *attache* to the Irish Olympic Committee. The gold came in the form of three medals for Irish swimmer Michelle Smith. It is the first time Ireland brought home more than two gold medals and the first time ever that a woman won gold for Ireland.

"It was something! A lot of work," says Mary who helped pull it all together for the Irish. For her, the best part was the access to the Olympic Village. All the Irish liked Atlanta and many of the athletes who had competed in previous Games thought that the Olympic Village here was "the best ever."

Most of the world would be green with envy at Mary's great seats for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, as well as at all the venues. "But," sighed Mary, "I just was too tired to do it all." It was her job to see to it that everything ran smoothly at the Decatur County Court House (which the Olympic Council of Ireland called home) and for the Irish athletes at Olympic Village. At one point, Mary had to quickly find tailors to make Opening Ceremony uniforms for several Irish athletes who qualified to compete at the last minute.

The long days often ended with what Mary describes as "spontaneous parties" that began late in the evening and often continued until the wee hours of the morning. After a week of R&R with husband Dan at their mountain retreat, Mary sums up her experience with a great deal of civic pride: "Atlanta did a stupendous job."

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your Capital City Club decal in the parking lot, you could go in and have the buffet, then sit on the veranda and watch the throngs of people. You've never seen downtown like that, with all these people bartering for tickets on International and Boulevard. Hank would say, "Let's go to our home away from home and have dinner." We could walk to almost all of the venues.

The worst moment was losing Carolyn (age 4) in Centennial Park. She was only gone for ten seconds, but it felt like ten hours. It turns out she was four steps away, but we couldn't see her.

**Alison Caughman and Kathy McCune:** The traffic was the best! "You could get a table at Fratelli Napoli's," said Allison. "Getting into Houston's was a snap," added Kathy.

They both agreed that the worst part about the Olympics was the absolute state of exhaustion. "We went to bed between one and three o'clock every night. Our house was party central!" said Kathy.

**Bob Crosby:** The best memory was coming back from the Men's Basketball Final on Saturday night and walking through Centennial Park. It was packed and everybody was in a good mood and having a wonderful time.

The worst was having my car frisked by humorless security guards in our office parking lot who took out and inspected every one of my golf clubs every morning.

**Jan and Lindsay Irvin:** We loved the name of the winning horse in the Equestrian venue--Applejuice! He was French, so his real name was "Jus de Pomme."

The worst were the Port-A-Potties, which started festering in the heat, especially after the fifth or sixth day.

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**Mary Long:** The best thing about the Olympics was wearing casual clothes to work every day.

The worst thing is my that daughter wants to have "Gail Devers" nails.

**Letsa Marietta:** The best? Centennial Park. It was free, there was a great variety of music with three different concerts going on at once, and they gave out free water--it was especially nice for people on a limited budget. To hear people say negative stuff about the Olympics burns me up. I thought we did a wonderful job. The worst? The tacky ferris wheel.

**Kathy Bernhardt:** What was really fun was watching the teenage kids take to MARTA. We didn't have to drive them anywhere. They'd just leave....and then they'd come back!

The best moment was walking back to Five Points from the Olympic Stadium after the Dress Rehearsal for Opening Ceremonies and seeing the sea of people both in front of and behind us. Somehow it just felt so right to have people in Downtown. And from the macro comes the micro--the fabulous dinner prepared in our own kitchen by the chef from New Zealand who was staying with us. I could get very accustomed to having "my own personal chef."

The worst--having it all be over.

## CLASSIFIEDS

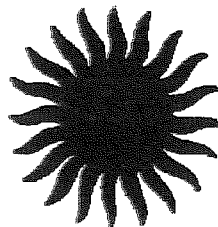
- **Experienced BWH nanny** will have Tues/Thurs available beginning in October. Great with kids of all ages and knows the neighborhood well. Also experienced in caring for elderly. Prefers daytime hours. Please contact Sharon Richard 629-9509. BWH reference Deirdre Stiles 249-9544.
- **Carpool for Peachtree Presbyterian.** We are looking for one more child to join our two-family carpool to Peachtree Presbyterian Preschool in the fall. Please call Deirdre Stiles 249-9544 for more information.
- **Babysitter needed.** 20-25 hours per week to care primarily for an infant. Arrangement could include housing in our garage apartment. We are willing to consider sharing a sitter. Please call Mary or Bill Long at 352-3464.
- **For Sale - No Care Pets.** 2 hermit crabs includes box/cage, food, water dish and rocks. \$20 or best offer. Tiffin Pastor 355-6329.
- **For Sale.** Boys bike in good shape. 34 inches high and 54 inches long. Margy Pastor 355-6329.
- **Apartment Needed.** I am looking for a garage or basement apartment for a single woman. She used to be my daughter's teacher and would be a wonderful tenant. Please call Linda Harris at 872-0119 (home) if you have any leads.
- **For Sale.** Old pine kitchen butler's pantry/hutch. Height, 7' 5", width, 4' 7 1/2", depth 1' 6". Letsa Marietta, 872-2888.
- **Garage Apt. for Rent.** \$650/mo. Call Flo Dawson, 876-8339.

### WORD OF MOUTH

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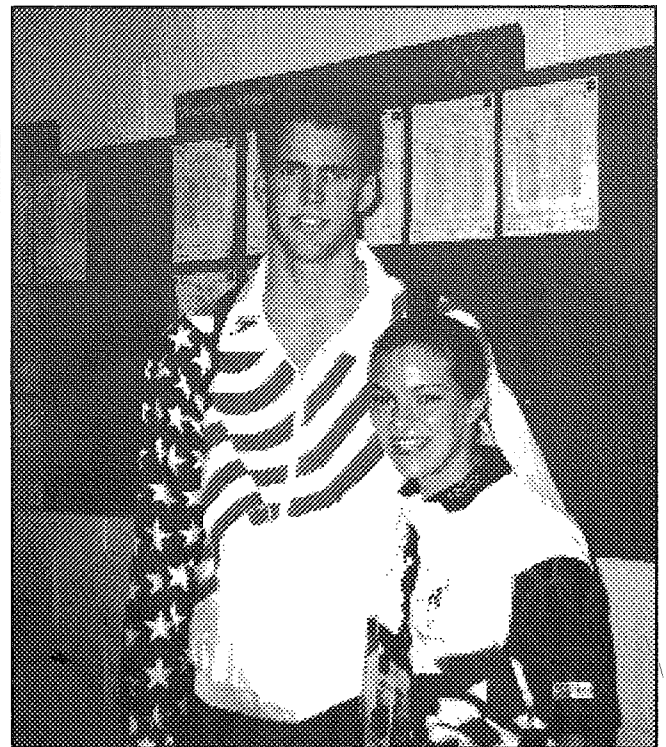
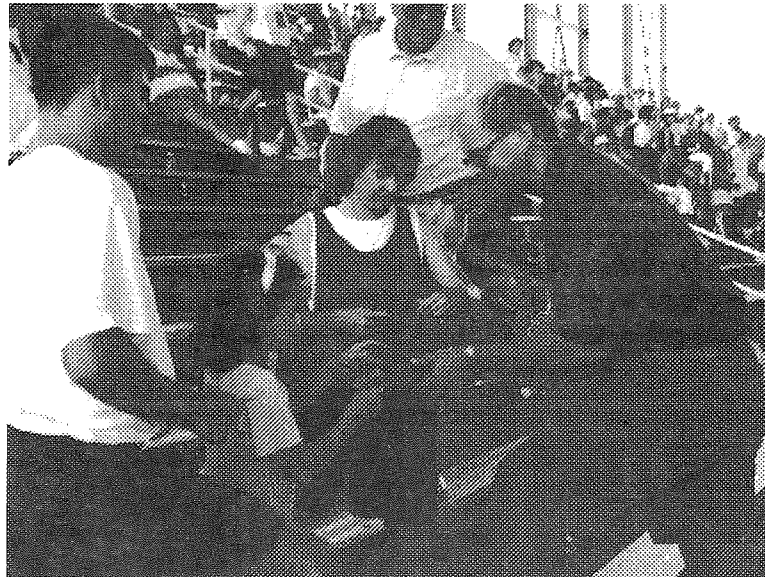
Excellent, reliable, lovely person. Will do large job or 2 or more together, as he lives south of Peachtree City. Reference: Margy Pastor, 355-6329.



**Don't Miss the Labor Day  
Festivities at the Pool.  
Games start at 1:00 p.m.**

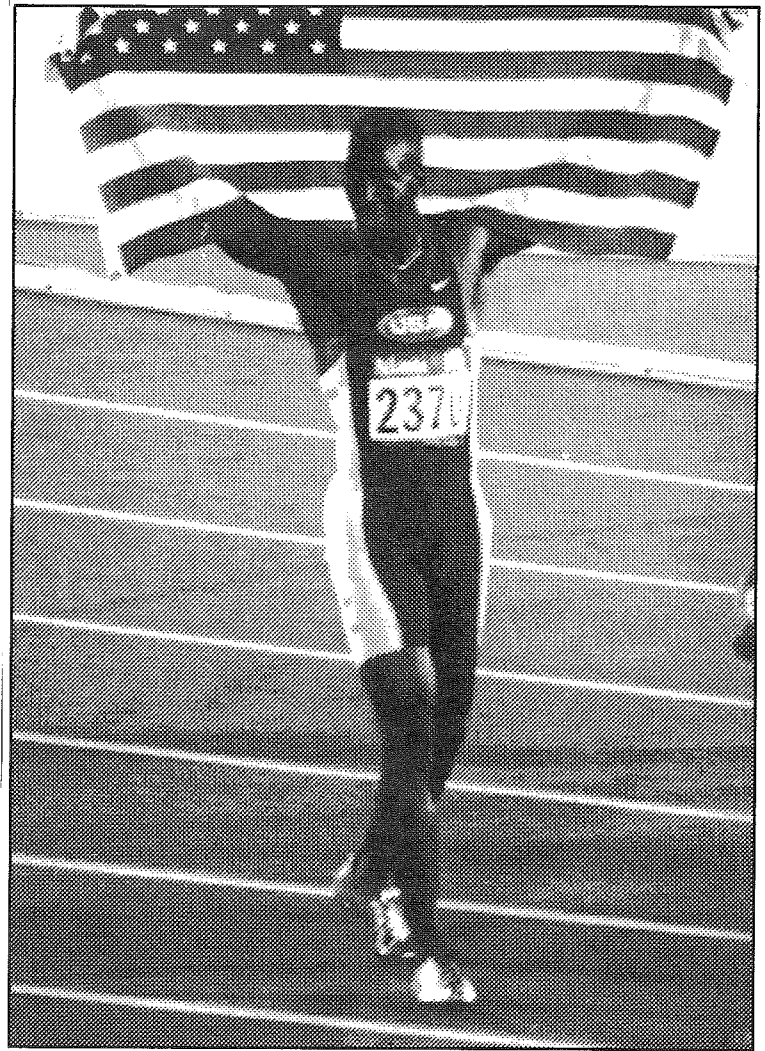


Kay Summers found that the Olympics provided the perfect opportunity for her to use her panoramic camera. The Silver Medal photo above wins second place for its excellent combination of action and attitude, including the child in the two-piece swim suit and the man with the umbrella hat. Amateur photographer Katrina Newton confesses that it was her husband Floyd who took this Bronze Medal shot (left) of daughter Stephanie obtaining an autograph from former Olympic swimmer Steve Lundquist. This photo wins third place for its winning composition and great facial expressions.

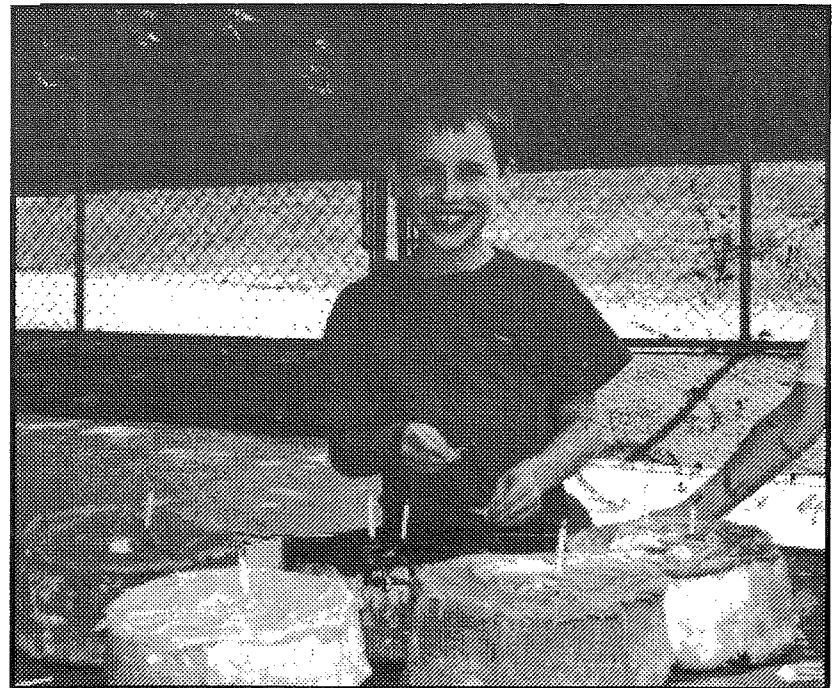


# Olympic Photo Contest

Lee Wilder took this Gold medal picture of Michael Johnson doing his victory lap. Lee used a telephoto lens to capture his tired but victorious expression. She gets first place for not only being in the right place at the right time, but also for her great composition. Lee's great timing is also evident in the photo below of the parachutist taken at the Paralympic Opening Ceremony and of the photo of the Croatia Handball Team (page 6, lower left corner) celebrating their gold medal by gatoring. Both photos won Honorable Mention.



Worth an Honorable Mention is the picture at left by Kathy Bernhardt of daughter Karen with swimmer Gary Hall. *Brooknotes* liked the height disparity in this picture, and the good combination of Olympic jackets, not to mention the Famous Person aspect. Ask Kathy to show you her picture of Karen with Demi Moore and Bruce Willis, Karen with Amy Van Dyken, Karen with Mark Lenzi, Karen with Steve Nunno, Karen with Heather Simmons Carasco and Karen with Mary Ellen Clark. On the home front, Mary Long wins an Honorable Mention for her picture of son Alex celebrating his birthday with an Olympic Rings cake. Mary deserves special recognition not only for capturing a gold medal smile on Alex's face but also for baking all those cakes!

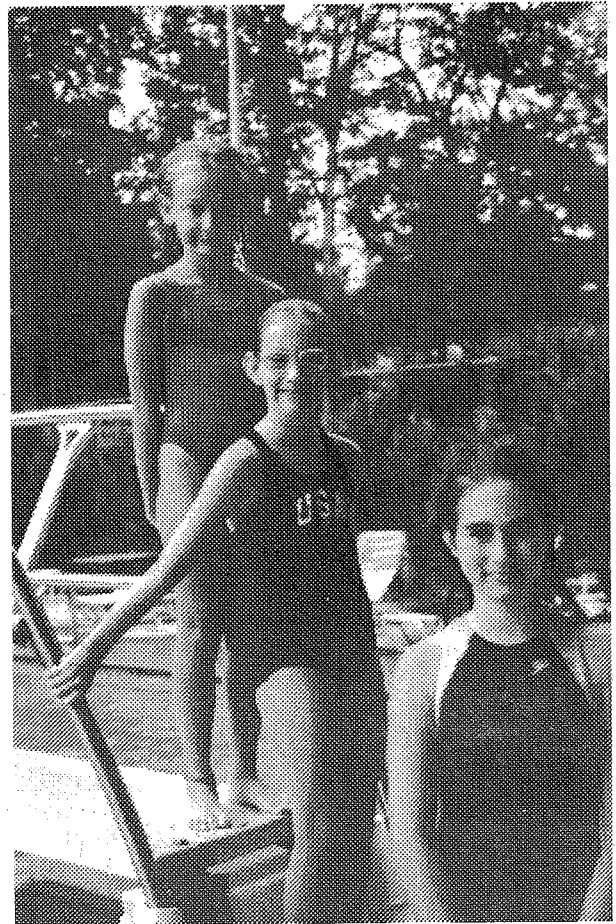


# POOL NEWS

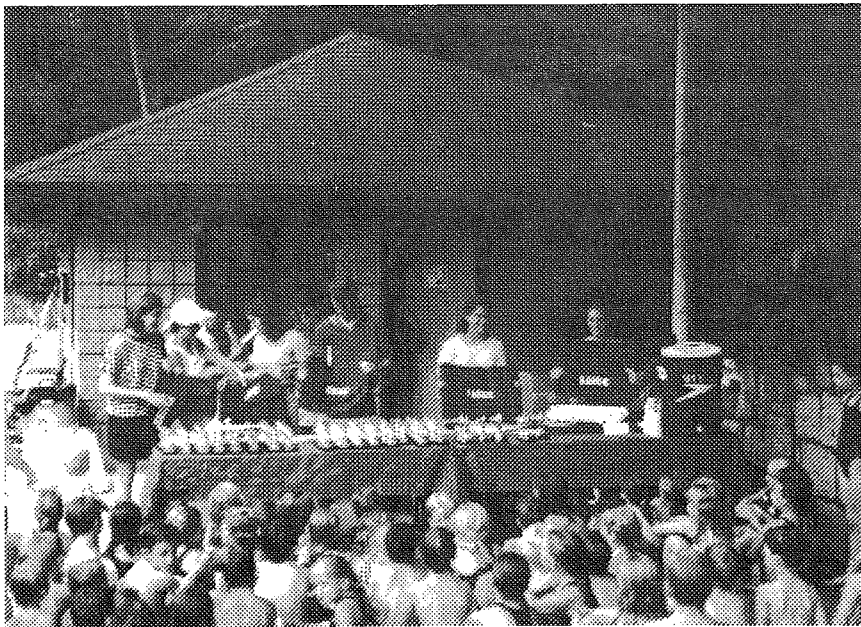
by Kathy Bernhardt

The 1996 Brookwood Hills Diving Team, coached by Sarah Ferguson and Karen Bernhardt, had a great season. Sarah and Karen (along with all three of the Swim Team coaches) are products of the Brookwood Hills Diving Team. Sarah has aged out of the County League but Karen filled both a coaching and a diving capacity this year. An ever larger team saw many divers returning from past seasons and a number of new participants. For the first year in memory every age group for both girls and boys was filled for almost every meet.

“That is the most fun!” was the comment of one new diver as he completed a never before attempted dive. Divers had a strong showing against Atlanta Athletic Club and Brookfield Country Club which made for two in the win column and three in the loss column. Those three were tempered by the fact that “we almost beat Dunwoody Country Club. Next year!” Divers participated in both the Fulton County Meet and the District Meet of the Georgia Games. It may have been a short season, but it was one that was packed with the acquisition of new skills and many memories for all.



*Divers Ginna, Katherine and Julia Goode*



*Coaches receive personalized director's chairs at Awards Ceremony*

## REMAINING POOL SCHEDULE

- August 26, 27, 28 and 29 - POOL CLOSED
- August 30 - POOL OPEN 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- August 31 and September 1 - POOL OPEN  
10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- Labor Day, September 2 - POOL OPEN  
10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- September 3 - POOL CLOSSES FOR SEASON



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