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Ken Elkinson, 24, recently saw his five year dream come to fruition. An Atlantan for three years and Dunwoody resident for two, Elkinson released his debut CD of original piano solos in March of this year.

Entitled "Midnight Conversation," Elkinson's CD found its roots in Pennsylvania at Muhlenberg College. Elkinson found many comforts in Muhlenberg: its artistically-minded, closeknit community being one, and its close proximity to New York

being another,

After a short stint playing with a college rock band, Elkinson began paving the way for his solo career during his junior year. He attributes much of his initial determination and song-writing success to his college's musical facilities, "I never had to wait to play a beautiful baby grand piano, and this certainly kept the creative process flowing," Elkinson explains.

Elkinson recorded his CD in Morristown, New Jersey in two sessions, the first being in the summer of 1994. Immediately following this session, he moved to Atlanta.

Elkinson spent the next eleven months in post-production planning and saving to finance his release, "On a whim, I asked a popular New York illustrator, Dave Cutler, to paint my album cover. With painting starting in the tens of thousands of dollars and a shoestring budget, I never thought he would agree. But he liked my music and agreed for next to nothing," recalls Elkinson.

Elkinson sought the assistance of some local artists to complete his project, recording engineer Glenn Matullo mastered the CD, while graphic artists Mike Weikert and Paula Staska designed the insert. Recent Emory graduate Dan Elkinson, Ken's brother, captured the essence of the music with a poem as befittingly serene as Cutler's artwork. Kris Earsson, of Atlanta Manufacturing Group pulled the pro-



Ken Elkinson at the keyboard.

ject together and ready for release in early March of this year.

Brookwood Grill in Buckhead hosted Elkinson's release party later that month. Nearly one hundred of Elkinson's fans attended, eager to catch a glimpse of the finished product, Atlanta resident All Glassman recounts, "I am a huge George Winston fan, and I've always compared Ken's songs to his. What I found so amazing was how many times I overheard this comment at the party. There was really a buzz about the room. I'm so fortunate to know Ken now; he's going to be huge one day."

Since the release, "Midnight Conversation" has received critical acclaim throughout the Atlanta area. Through his own efforts, Elkinson has managed to land his CD on the shelves of several music stores, including Tower Records, HMV, Rainy Day Records and Comer Compact Disc.

High School Begins Orientation Process

Dunwoody High School will host orientation sessions by grade levels.

This is an excellent opportunity for parents to meet the new principal, Joanne Leonard. Each session will be tailored to the needs of each class; freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior.

These sessions will also serve as registration for freshmen and sophomore students. Registration for juniors and seniors will be held on Wednesday, August 20th from 9:30-11:30 A.M. All sessions begin at 7:00 P.M. in the school gym.

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11th grade	Thur., 8/21
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