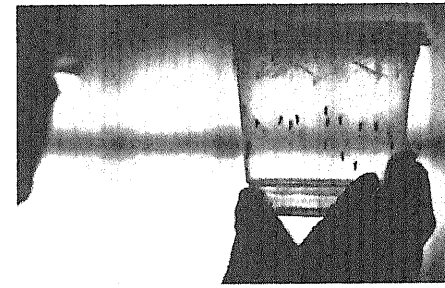


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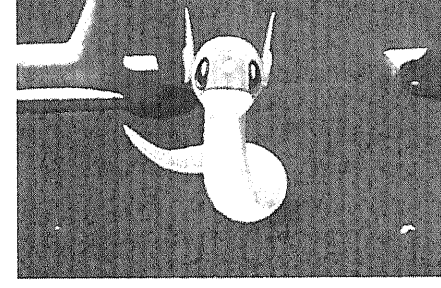
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CSI: No Class at New St. George Campus Until Spring The Facility Will be Used for Tours and Events This Fall



Photo Credit: Clifford Michel

An advertisement for CSI's new St. George campus at the Staten Island ferry terminal

BY CLIFFORD MICHEL AND
PATRICK KETTLE

The College of Staten Island's new St. George satellite campus will not have any classes scheduled at the facility this semester.

CSI touted the new facility, which is located minutes away from the ferry at 120 Stuyvesant Place, as a more convenient option for students traveling from other boroughs and Staten Islanders who live in the

North Shore. Research conducted by CSI's faculty conservatively predicted that 900 students would've opted to use the campus.

CSI President William J. Fritz announced the college's decision in a note to the college community on July 11. Fritz wrote that CSI wanted to avoid a haphazard opening.

"Planning for an effective opening for a new facility is a large undertaking that in-

volves the coordination of many offices on campus," Fritz's note said. "I believe it is prudent for the College to make every effort to ensure that the first cohort of classes at St. George has a wonderful experience which will greatly enhance the location's long-term success."

While there won't be any classes at the

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CUNY, Professors Union Approve Long Awaited Contract

Deal Provides 10% in Retroactive Raises for 25,000 University Employees

BY CLIFFORD MICHEL

The Professional Staff Congress, a faculty union which represents some 25,000 employees at CUNY, ratified a seven-year contract with the university on August 4. The vote, which took place over a few weeks this summer, brings the end of a threat to strike and closes a bitter chapter in the university's history.

The contract, which covers October 2010 through November 2017 provides a 10.41% raise for faculty and staff.

Employees will receive retroactive pay under the contract and fulltime staffers will receive a \$1,000 signing bonus.

CUNY Chancellor James B. Milliken expressed optimism that the agreement would help retain and attract talent to the university's campuses.

"This agreement provides not only a much-needed increase in pay for our many faculty and staff, but it also includes additional provisions important to CUNY's competitiveness for talent at all levels," Milliken said in a statement.

PSC-CUNY leadership expressed similar sentiments.

"We were able to negotiate a strong, imaginative contract in a period of enforced austerity for public workers because our

members mobilized," said Barbara Bowen, president of PSC-CUNY. "The fight for our contract was a fight for investment in quality education at CUNY."

The deal ends six years of deadlock, during which CUNY professors and employees received no raises as their contract expired under the watch of former Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

The union began ramping up protests for a new contract after Milliken became the university's chancellor in June of 2014.

The union often held demonstration out-

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BY THE BANNER STAFF

Ditch The Wall Charger, Get a Portable Battery

We're on our phones most of the day and due to lack of service on campus it drains your phone battery just by sending a simple text message. Instead of hunting for an outlet in the classroom, get a portable charger!

I have the Mophie Power Reserve portable battery (\$35) but you can get a decent one from Best Buy anywhere from \$12 and up and most come half charged.

Batteries that hold 2600 mAh (milli-amp hour) is enough to charge an iPhone one full time and then some. Just don't forget to charge it the night before!

-- Emily Zoda, Co-Editor in Chief

Do Your Research Before Going to Advertisement

Speaking from experience, please do your research on the classes you should be taking before you go to any advisement.

You certainly do not want to be set back a year, which is time and money you can't get back.

Not to take away from the job of what the advisors are doing when it comes to general advisement but be sure to stop by the department of which your major is in and ask for a hardcopy of your major's program.

You can also check online by going to the CSI website and looking at undergraduate or graduate programs.

-- Sierra Howard, Business Manager

Time Your Arrival

Campus can get pretty busy.

If you don't time your arrival on campus you can spend copious amounts of time finding parking, picking up something from the bookstore, or even ordering a slice of pizza from the cafeteria.

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BANNER POLITICS

Political Arguments Delay Actions Against the Zika Virus

Lawmakers Leave Issue Unsolved

BY GABRIEL DAVILA

Democrats in Congress stopped the passage of a \$1.1 billion federal bill issued by the Republicans and accused GOP lawmakers of damaging the legislation with political contingency plans as well as excluding Democrats from drafting the bill.

"We have a public health crisis descending on our country," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Republican. "Pregnant women all across America are looking at this with dismay, utter dismay, as we sit here in a partisan gridlock manufactured by the other side."

Republicans proposed a bill, which was \$800 million less than what the Obama administration asked for.

The legislation would implement new restrictions on Planned Parenthood and similar clinics who provide contraceptives against the Zika virus, which can be passed on sexually.

Democrats also railed against a provision cutting \$540 million in financing from the Affordable Care Act, President Obama's signature healthcare law, and proposed further

reallocation of money from Ebola programs, totaling \$107 million, the New York Times reported.

"What we want [the Republicans] to do is negotiate," Senator Charles Schumer said. "We're willing to compromise... But what they're doing is going to kill any chance of Zika [funding]."

The GOP's plan would have given funding for vaccine research to the National Institutes of Health, community health centers in areas with the highest rates of Zika trans-

mission, and general funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

"Public health officials need this money for Zika now," said Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid. "They need to prepare for this public health threat, which is here. To leave now, without putting an emergency spending bill on the President's desk, is the height of irresponsibility."

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, of the 1,962 Zika cases reported in the United States, 22 were sexually transmitted,

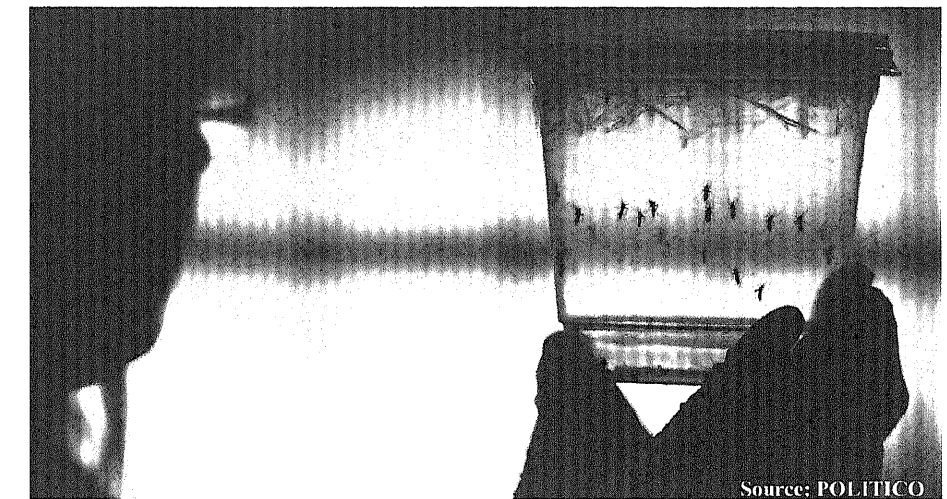
six had Guillain-Barré syndrome, and one was acquired through laboratory transmission.

The Zika virus causes severe microcephaly in newborns. The condition causes a baby's head to be much smaller. It also has several symptoms such as seizures and triggers developmental delay with speech, standing, sitting or walking.

Other symptoms such as a decreased ability in learning, hearing loss and vision problems are common as well.

Pregnant women who contract the Zika virus are more prone to give birth to children with severe microcephaly and the Center of Disease Control and Prevention scientists announced that enough evidence has accumulated to conclude that Zika virus infection during pregnancy is a cause of microcephaly and other severe fetal brain defects.

"If we don't get new money, we won't be able to do things at a pace that is necessary and appropriate to the urgency of this threat," said Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.



Source: POLITICO

Commentary: America the Divided

The 2016 Election and a Country That is in a Crossroads

BY STEVEN MORRIS

Here we are. The inevitable is now present. Presented to us are two candidates, one who was considered a frontrunner before the election cycle even began, and another who's Presidential bid was thought of as a side show.

This election has been filled with twists and turns, borderline unbelievable quotes, massive protests and a candidate who openly ran as a "Democratic Socialist."

Alas, America has chosen its two candidates: Donald Trump, from the Republican Party and Hillary Clinton, from the Democratic Party.

However, there's something wrong. In almost every presidential race there has been unified support for each candidate. President Barack Obama, Ronald Reagan, President George W. Bush (in his first term) and John F. Kennedy, are just a few examples; each party had unified support for their candidate.

Except this time, there is a lack of unified support for both the Republican and the Democratic candidate. This has led to some startling news: For the first time in modern American politics the two candidates for President are both strongly disliked by significant portions of the electorate.

A poll on FiveThirtyEight, a data driven news outlet, which was conducted by the Roper Center and IBD/TPP from late March to late April, founded something striking.

Even when Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump are "strongly unfavored". According

to this poll, 37 percent of the people surveyed "strongly unfavored" Hillary Clinton while Donald Trump was "strongly unfavored" by 53 percent of the people.

Both these results are the highest "strongly un-favorability" ratings in the past 8 presidential election cycles. In the case of Donald Trump, the next highest rating was George W. Bush in 2004 with around 32 percent. With Hillary Clinton, the next highest rating was President Obama in 2012 with 32 percent.

The fragmented support in each party was apparent throughout the presidential primaries; however, the issue wasn't widely discussed until the open dissent at both the Republican National Convention (RNC) and the Democratic National Convention (DNC).

At the RNC, which was held at the Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Ohio, noticeable divides in the party were evident. The chaos at the RNC started the first day of the Convention.

Not even a few hours into the Convention there was a controversial block on a roll call vote regarding convention rules.

Delegates and activists from the "Never Trump" movement actively tried to vote down the convention rules set by RNC, which would require delegates to vote according to their state's primary or caucus results.

However, this active effort to vote down the rules failed rather quickly.

Republican giants such as the Bush family (George H.W., George W., and Jeb), Sen-

ator John McCain and 2012 nominee Mitt Romney were also absent for the Convention, an oddity that should not be grazed over.

Senator Ted Cruz of Texas gave a speech during the Convention that garnered a lot of attention. Specifically, the last lines of his speech:

"We will unite the party; we will unite the country by standing together for shared values by standing for liberty. God bless each and every one of you, and God bless the United States of America," said Senator Cruz.

That is when the at-capacity crowd at the Quicken Loans Arena booed and jeered Cruz, who essentially declined to endorse Trump.

The Democratic National Convention also had its share of controversies.

The head of the DNC, Florida Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz stepped down from her position as chairperson. This decision was in reaction towards the leak of 20,000 emails from the Democratic National Committee.

The emails, made available on Wikileaks, showed what many perceived as coordinated bias against Senator Bernie Sanders' campaign.

During the week of the Convention, almost any mention of Clinton's name was booed by Sanders' supporters, especially supporters from the "Bernie or bust" movement that were in attendance.

"You're being ridiculous!" said comedian Sarah Silverman, noted Bernie Sanders supporter who then endorsed Hillary Clinton

that night, to the "Bernie or bust" supporters. Silverman's proclamation got her a mixed response from the crowd.

The rest of the week-long convention, excluding the email scandal, wasn't as chaotic as the RNC, and featured unifying speeches given by President Obama. First Lady Michelle Obama and even Senator Bernie Sanders.

Though both conventions tried unifying each party, there are still deep divisions in play.

Divisions, that must be dealt with for a country in the crossroads.

The fragmentation in each party continues to grow overtime. It seems as though both the Republican and Democratic Party are dealing with a version of identity crisis.

The Democrats are fighting over ideologies influenced by neoliberalism and various niche movements.

The Republicans are dealing with an identity crisis as they struggle to decide if they should support Donald Trump and follow the party line, or breakaway from party ways and reject the Republican candidate.

Here we are. The inevitable is now present. Presented to us, are two candidates.

Two candidates that must deal with growing division in their party's and the un-favorable images that are portrayed of them in the media.

Both fighting for the chance to lead the country, using a path, that they believe, will get us out of these crossroads.

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side of CUNY Board of Trustees meetings and on different CUNY campuses.

The protests began to pick up steam over the last year.

About 40 PSC-CUNY members were arrested for blocking the entrance to the university's central office last November. PSC-CUNY also held protests outside Milliken's Manhattan apartment and held a strike authorization vote.

Not all PSC-CUNY members were pleased with the deal. Adjunct professors, who are paid per course, are still slated to receive a per-course payment of approximately \$3,000.

A payment so low that some of the university's adjuncts are on welfare.

"Full-timers have suffered; but adjuncts have been the worst affected," wrote Rita C. Tobin, a lawyer and CUNY adjunct professor, in a Huffington Post op-ed published on July 19. "Moreover, the presently proposed

across-the-board 10 percent merely widens the gap between fulltime and adjunct faculty, while failing to provide adjuncts with a living wage."

To the confusion of some members, CUNY has not yet begun to pay the increases mandated by the new contract.

Bowen told union members that the university hasn't provided increased payment or a schedule of when increased payments, back pay, and bonuses would begin to take place.

"Chancellor Milliken has assured me that

providing pay increases is his top priority at this time --- but it should have been his top priority from the day a tentative contract settlement was reached," Bowen wrote to PSC-CUNY members on August 29. "The money we are owed is not trivial; many of us are counting on it to pay off debts, support our families, or simply to survive. CUNY's delay is inexcusable."

"It is difficult not to see the delay as a sign of disrespect for us and the work we do," the note continued.

"CSI Life Hacks" Continued from Front Page

Try to come on campus during what I like to call "the peaceful hours." Yes, it sounds corny, but there are several brief periods during the day where the campus is blissfully empty and quiet. No lines, no screaming in the cafeteria, no fighting for parking.

I'll break it down for you. There are several standard class intervals at CSI: 8-9:55am, 10:10am-12:05pm, 12:20-2:15pm, 2:30-4:15pm, 4:40-6:20pm, 6:30-8:20pm, and 6:30-9:50pm.

Most students come onto campus half an hour or less before their class time.

That, in addition, to students coming out of classes preceding that session, makes for the busiest times on campus, leading to--you guessed it--long lines.

The solution is simple: come to CSI 15 to 20 minutes before the session preceding yours even begins or, better yet, in the middle of that session.

You'll find yourself in an empty campus that's ready for your taking.

-- Clifford Michel, Co-Editor in Chief

Bring a Canteen to Campus This Semester

CSI has installed new water fountains in IC that refill your water bottles without you having to hold the button down while holding it at that uncomfortable angle. Sayonara!

This invention came to CSI during the 2016 school year and is valuable information for the students who are new to the school (or just haven't been to IC in a while).

The environment conscious inventions are designed to remove lead and filter your

every sip.

Next time you're thirsty and need to be on campus, remember to bring your canteen or water bottle to save yourself money and time!

-- Briana Delbuono, Co-Lifestyles Editor

Bring Your Own Toilet Paper

Here's a life hack that may sound a bit weird, but you'll be totally glad you listened to me after you've heard it. Ladies, always make sure to carry one or two mini tissue packets with you in your purse when you head to the bathroom.

For some insane reason, there never seems to be any toilet paper in the girl's bathroom stalls, and nine times out of ten, I've had to ask the person in the stall next to me to hand me toilet paper.

Don't disregard this if you know what's good for you. You'll thank me later.

-- Brielle Sparacino, Co-Lifestyles Editor

Actually Go to Tutoring

Can't afford the exorbitant prices of private tutoring? Know that your tuition entitles you to the help you need.

There may be several tutoring labs available, like the Biology Tutorial Center, Computer Science Tutoring Lab, Math Tutorial Laboratory, The Nursing Neighborhood, The Writing Center, and Online Tutoring, for example.

However, if these options don't work for you, there is another.

Through the Office of Academic Support, there are two locations where you can receive tutoring for subjects such as: English, math, computer science, physics, psychology,

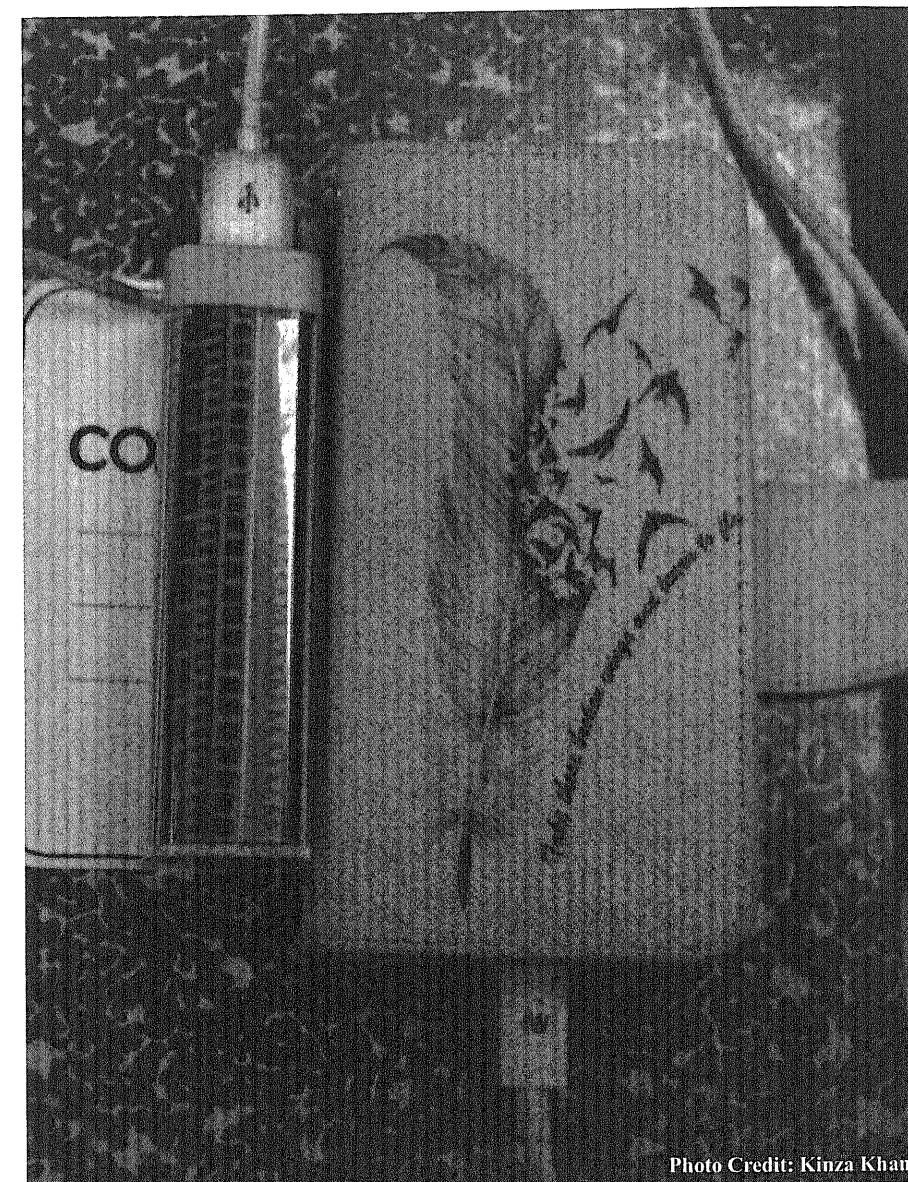


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gy, chemistry, finance, astronomy, philosophy, COR 100 and more.

You can go to either 1L-117 or 1A-08, where tutoring is available for any student during morning, evening, and weekend hours.

Be sure to call The Office of Academic Support ahead of time, to confirm that a tutor for your subject is available during the time you would like to come in.

Be aware that tutors cannot do your work for you, but they are there to help you better understand your material and guide you along whatever process is required.

This is free assistance for you, so take advantage!

-- Lucia Rossi, Arts and Entertainment Editor

Utilize CAB

The Campus Activities Board is one of CSI's hidden gems. The board uses its budget to give students huge discounts on events and outings that a college student might think twice about.

They host trips to Six Flags, NFL games, NBA games, and even Broadway shows.

They even screen blockbuster movies for free in IC on a regular basis (right now, they're screening Captain America: Civil War).

Keep an eye out for their posters around campus.

-- Clifford Michel, Co-Editor in Chief

Join a Club, Seriously

Life as a commuting college student can be frustrating. But if you have an interest, you honestly don't have to go through that frustration alone.

For many students, student-run clubs become a place where you can let your hair down and relax for a bit.

Besides being an impressive resume booster (you'd be surprised how much employers care about this), you just might find a group of friends who'll be with you for the long haul.

-- Clifford Michel, Co-Editor in Chief

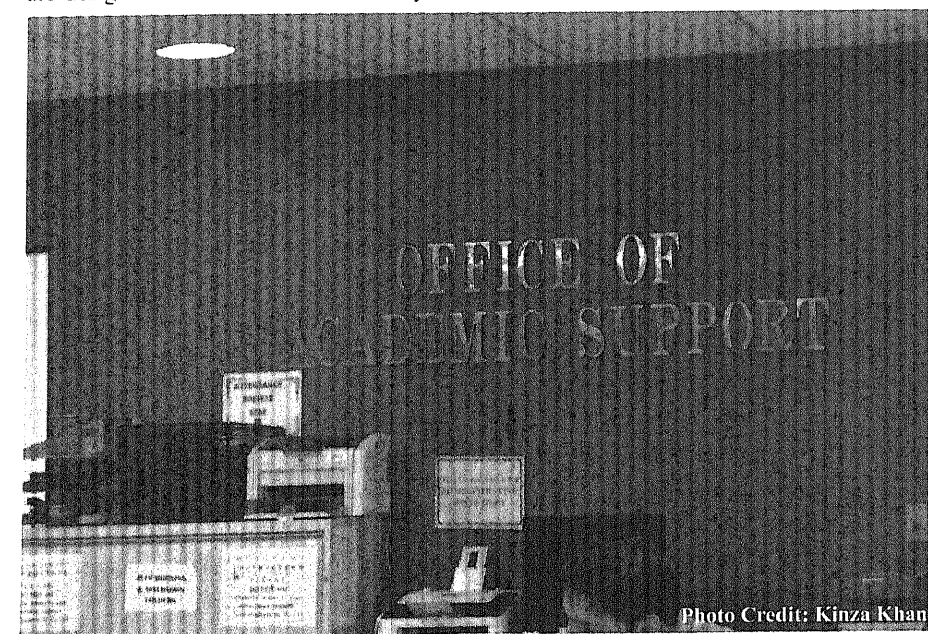


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satellite campus, CSI will make use of the site for various events.

"This will also allow us to utilize the facility for tours, events, and open houses in the fall to build even greater interest and enrollment for the implementation of a full schedule of classes in the spring," Fritz said.

CSI's website has several pages describing the new facility and the opportunities it will offer.

Next to a line that says "Apply quickly and easily to CSI online here" a link can be clicked, but it redirects students to the general application for CSI with no mention of the

new location.

"I actually wanted to register but I didn't see any options for the new campus on CUNYfirst," said Amanda Dasaro, a junior at CSI. "The website for it hasn't been updated since March and when you call the school to ask for information they give you the complete run around."

CSI has advertisements promoting the new site at the ferry terminal and articles have been written about the campus in the Staten Island Advance and NY1.

However there is a lack of publicity at the Willowbrook campus, which would supply the incoming class with information about the alternate campus location.



CSI's IM building is currently under construction as the College

Posters for the new location cannot be found on any information boards on campus, and many current students still do not know a new and more convenient site for many students will be opening.

"I didn't know that we were opening a new campus in Saint George," said Jaelyn Trotta, a senior at CSI. "This is the first time that I've heard about it."

CSI will offer courses to fulfill the major requirements of several subjects, however, the CSI website does not state what courses will be offered.

People who would like to register have the option of filling out a form expressing what classes they would be interested in registering for and the times they would take them.

Plans include increasing promotions at the Willowbrook campus and on the shuttle buses once more details have been worked out. CSI administration has been unsure of the satellite campus' opening for quite some time.

"We're praying that we will have luck on our side," Dr. Kress, the Vice President for Technology Systems, told the Banner in May.

In his May report to CSI's College Council, Fritz did highlight progress on the renovation of 2M, saying "the long-awaited renovations of our 2M building have begun, which will create much-needed academic space on campus."

Fritz also said that that CSI made out well in terms of additional government support this past year.

"The College's government relations efforts have also yielded unprecedented success this past year resulting in supplemental state and city capital and operational funding to support equipment and facility projects for numerous academic departments," Fritz told the body of CSI professors.

"Additionally, we have made gains in almost every other area of the College including academic program expansion, philanthropy, enrollment strategies, and community engagement," he added.



The entrance to CSI's St. George satellite campus

Photo Credit: Clifford Michel

The Other Side: What Your Major Actually Means Post-Grad

BY VICTORIA PRIOLA

Victoria Priola, a former Lifestyles editor at The Banner, has decided to join the team once again! As a member of CSI's class of 2016, Priola has seen a slice of life from the "other side."

A CSI senior's dream would be walking onto the Great Lawn in June with degree in hand and a prosperous full-time gig already waiting for them.

Reality check: it probably won't work out that way; and that's OK.

As millennials entering a difficult economy, we're pretty much forced to be comfortable with discomfort. It's harder now, more than ever, to find a stable job related to what you studied in school. In retrospect, your major has little to no affect on what you'll actually be doing after college.

"Entry-level hiring is one of the first things to go when there's uncertainty," Mark DiMassimo, chief executive of the DiMassimo Goldstein ad agency, told Crain's New York. "New graduates need to be trained, and their lack of business experience means that their expectations are often not aligned with the reality of work."

It's the same "need experience to get experience" contradiction many millennials at CSI have dealt with since the early days of trying to get a job the Staten Island Mall.

So, why even bother going to college? What's the deal, Baby Boomers?

It'd be unfair to put the blame for our lack of opportunity solely on the previous generation. If you're enrolled in classes, being active on campus and studying hard-- it doesn't matter what field you're going for--

you'll succeed no matter what.

The best advice I could give you is to just finish; no matter what.

Even if it's just an associate's in Liberal Arts, a degree is a degree and its necessary in today's job market.

Finding a job is not solely based on what you studied in college. It's about your work ethic, your drive and overall personality. The more you put yourself out there, the better your chances at a great career are.

In my last semester at CSI, I took an Advanced Journalism class and my professor gave me some advice: He said to major in what you want to do, and minor in a complementary field, because it'll increase your chances of finding a better job.

In a time where entirely new positions are being created every few months, employ-

ees need to be able to wear many hats, and do it well. Sometimes, a job is a job. Even if it's not what you studied in undergrad, you need to make a decision on what's best for you financially.

You are not a failure if you do not get into the field you studied in college.

I want you to read that line to yourself whenever you get a rejection email in your inbox, or if you get offered a job that isn't what you pictured yourself doing.

You are a person that is forever growing; don't limit yourself to one specific job at a specific company.

Planning your career and having goals are crucial, and you should never give up on them.

But you're setting yourself up for failure if you search through tunnel vision.

BANNER OPINIONS

Why Electing Donald Trump Would Be A Crime Against Humanity

The Biggest Decision Millennial Voters Will Ever Make

BY JESSICA PASSIONE-SANCHEZ

In the sweltering heat, thousands of people pack into the arena, periodically erupting in chants of "USA, USA!" while they wait for their enthusiastic leader to make his grand entrance. His stage is usually decked out in American flags in show of the mock patriotism he feels for the country he unforgivingly tears down with his intolerant rhetoric.

Summer of 2016, an important time for campaigning before Election Day in November, is spent by Donald Trump dividing the American people during a period in our country's history where unification is more crucial than ever.

"Donald Trump made his way through a very competitive primary because he spoke not like your typical politician but just plainly like an everyday American and speaking plainly is exactly what the American people will anticipate in the course of this election," said Trump's running mate, Mike Pence, in an interview with Chris Wallace on August 14th.

"But more importantly they're going to have a president who tells them exactly what's on his mind and the American people are going to hear him loud and clear."

We definitely hear him loud and clear but that isn't something to be proud of.

Trump's campaign has brought out the racist, xenophobic and misogynistic skeleton of this country. He reveals bones that serve as reminders of the prejudices that thrived in this country long before I was born. Prejudices that I was convinced were annihilated decades before my generation would be able to vote.

Yet here he is, spewing nonsense that is deemed trustworthy and considered speaking "like an everyday American." What Americans are Pence referring to? What class of human is he referring to?

Despite the clear lack of political knowledge and poise of other legitimate candidates who have come before him, the era of Trump continues to thrive simply because he declares that he is going to, "Make America great again."

Once more, it seems sensible to question which period in time it is that Trump is referring to. Is it the time when minorities were treated as second-class citizens? This certainly isn't the forward and inclusive thinking that has led our country to progress the way it has over the course of 200 years.

Is this some type of reference to the job market?

Trump relishes in the fact that he is considered a successful businessman. I encourage his supporters to remember that he is running for President of the United States, not CEO of the United States. While both titles appoint someone as a chief executive, the jobs entail two very different things.

To be a truly successful President of the United States you must be willing and able to protect the rights of the people around you, even if they are of a different race, religion, or occupation than you.

This value can't be taught, you either believe in it or you don't.

This is something that Trump has shown he is lacking whenever he chooses to attack women, Muslims, Mexicans, journalists, veterans, prisoners of war, or people with disabilities. There is no doubt that this list will grow within the upcoming months.

History is meant to keep humanity from repeating the same mistakes. Are his supporters completely blind to how devastating a man like Donald Trump can be if elected as president? Lest we forget Adolf Hitler who reigned in post-war and post-Great Depres-

sion Germany.

Though he brought economic wealth to the country, it resulted in an "us and them" mindset that ultimately led to the slaughter of millions of Jews. Having that mentality divides a country and is the biggest and brightest red flag.

This egotistical, inexperienced and alarmingly trigger happy man cannot be trusted as The Leader of the Free World and he certainly shouldn't have access to the nuclear weapons he so publicly proclaims his fascination with.

Hillary Clinton, a seasoned veteran of public service, is the best chance this country currently has at progression, more importantly, she actually knows a thing or two about foreign and domestic policy.

We've fought wars against our common enemies and amongst ourselves to defeat the core values of Trump's campaign.

Although he is a Republican, does he really represent the values of Republicans across the country, or do they simply not want Hillary to win?

I encourage everyone to realize that voting against Donald Trump is not only a political decision but a moral one as well.

Why We Should Celebrate CSI for What it Truly is

How the College Should Define Itself for Its 60th Anniversary

BY CLIFFORD MICHEL

There's some new signage making its mark on the College of Staten Island. It's plastered on the College's website and on the email signature of just about every CSI employee. If you haven't already noticed, it's CSI's diamond anniversary; aka its 60th anniversary.

A diamond anniversary is a huge achievement for any institution and I'm sure that the College's administration will have many events in celebration of this milestone. I humbly offer a suggestion to the powers that be who decide what message is put out to the college community and beyond.

We all know President William Fritz's usual spiel. In 2014, he'd continuously mention that the College was named as one of America's Best Colleges in the North by U.S. News & World Report. Who could forget his frequent mentions of CSI as one of "America's Best-Bang-for-the-Buck Colleges" by Washington Monthly?

As the face of the College, I understand that any national accolades have to be mentioned by Fritz. However for many CSI students, the fact that we as a college need to hold on to such specific accolades comes off

as desperate. Personally, every time I heard "Best Bang for the Buck," I thought to myself, "I wonder if nails on a chalkboard would be more pleasant than hearing that line one more time."

Unlike other CUNY colleges, CSI has the responsibility of accepting all students because there isn't an accredited CUNY community college in the borough. So while some CUNY, such as Hunter College, City College and Baruch have begun to climb higher in their national standing, CSI is plagued by unfavorable statistics.

This isn't a bad thing; in fact, this is what CSI should be most proud of. Popular culture will always recognize the legacy of liberal arts colleges and elite universities, but in many ways the unsung heroes are the public colleges and universities.

These institutions provide a platform of social mobility for those who would be helpless otherwise. I know this because I lived it.

My high school GPA was horrendous. I cried several times when I received rejection letters from colleges that many of my friends were accepted to. When I received my acceptance letter from CSI, I was far from thrilled. When I mailed in my deposit, I thought I'd be

in for the worst four years of my life.

Oh, how wrong I was.

Being in the capital of the world helps lure professors that other public universities could only dream of. Almost every year new facilities are added (i.e. Dolphin Cove and the Saint George Campus) to our growing campus.

Over the years, this institution has helped shape me in so many ways. Professors have encouraged me to apply for national fellowships, which I, to my own astonishment, ended up receiving. I was also able to dorm for three years without putting myself in extreme debt.

As a student journalist who tries to cover CSI, I know this can be hard to see. Engagement is hard to come by at CSI: less than 3% of students live on campus, commuters from other boroughs typically travel at least four hours a day, and commuters from Staten Island often wish they were eight hours away from the entire borough.

Despite all of that, CSI has a colorful culture.

It can be seen in the late night coffee runs older students make between work and night classes or the arguments that newly realized

liberals have with hardened, young Republicans from the Island.

It can even be seen in the quiet, moving transitional period many students go through that begins with frustration and a lack of faith in the College, but eventually turns into gratitude for an institution that has allowed them to find the starting point towards the rest of their lives.

Every year this college propels students into the middle class and gives them the ability to shoot past that and make a better life for themselves.

CSI isn't luxurious and it isn't sexy. It's the ultimate tool for the city's working class and its poor and it does its job pretty damn well.

That's how CSI should be defined.

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SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS

Casual Sex Might Be Exactly What You Need Post-Breakup

Don't Retreat To Your Ex, Try A Rockstar

BY EMILY POULE

There was a tall, lanky guy who awkwardly commented on my lipstick shade. I had never seen him before and I assumed he was a bar back at the venue in the city where one of my all-time favorite bands was about to take the stage.

"I'd totally kiss that guy's face," I said. "We need to hang out here more often."

It was all in jest, though, as I was caught up in a relationship that was way too serious and messy for any twenty-something year old.

Fast-forward twenty minutes – that tall, gorgeous guy who liked my lipstick is on stage, introduced as the replacement for the recently departed, original drummer.

Confused and shocked, I moved on and accepted that I had a new "celebrity" crush to torture my boyfriend with.

"Put him on my pass list," I'd tease over and over again, knowing it'd never really happen. "I'd totally hit that."

The following summer my boyfriend and I broke up. It was messy, devastating and despite not being together, we refused to let things go completely.

We tried to do the "casual sex" things in hope that it'd lead us back together eventually. We agreed to go catch my favorite band together, assuming it'd be a bonding experience.

Instead, he bailed the morning of. My friend agreed to come, but she couldn't meet me in time for the pre-show, which was included with our tickets. I'd have to go alone and she'd meet me there later. No big deal.

"I could make out with their new drummer now," I joked.

As soon as I walked into the venue, I was met with an intense and awkward stare. I assumed it was all in my head and chilled out in the corner, but for the next hour I could feel this dude's eyes on me and I wasn't quite sure why.

As soon as the pre-show ended, I saw him walking towards me. I panicked. What does he want? Why is he coming to talk to me?

He couldn't possibly remember me from that brief, awkward encounter over a year ago, could he?

"Hey," he said confidently. "I know you."

"Do you?" I responded sassily with a raised eyebrow, partly out of confusion, partly because I naturally have a bitch face. He did remember me though. In fact, he knew my full name, which he chalked up to know-

ing because of my Instagram handle.

I found this slightly weird – if it were anyone else in the world I'd have been creeped out, but he was gorgeous so I continued to make casual conversation. We chatted for five minutes or so, he told me I looked great, asked me what I'm doing later on, and told me to "hit him up" before he leaves.

"I needed to do something wild and adventurous because I was single and I fucking could."

At this point I'm baffled, and I retreat to the bar to have a drink and wait for Angie's arrival. One drink turns to three on an empty stomach and I'm drunk and alone at 6:30 PM.

My friend Angie finally arrives and drunk me begins to ramble, recounting the entire encounter to her excitedly.

"So, did you hit him up?" she asked. "Shit, I realize I never got his number. She encourages me to drunkenly send him mine through an Instagram message."

I hesitated, but finally pulled the trigger. Two hours later, I was sober and mortified that I never received a response.

The show started and my phone buzzed in my purse. A text popped up from an area code I didn't recognize.

"Hey! It's J. Sorry. I'm just seeing your message! Would you want to grab a drink after the show?"

Overly excited, I punch Angie in the arm. "HE TEXTED ME! HE TEXTED ME! WHAT DO I SAY?" I shrieked.

With much urging, I agreed to meet for a drink and told him I'm bringing a friend along. He said he'll bring a friend, too, and we'll meet around 12.

Moments later his band got on stage, he spots me, and waves and grins wildly. We didn't stop eyeing each other for the rest of the set.

The show ends and Angie and I are sitting in her car, chain smoking and waiting for J and his friend to finish loading their gear. I kept reiterating my shock.

I joked about this for a year. Could I real-

ly kiss this guy's face tonight?

"If he doesn't text you in the next fifteen minutes I'm going to head home," Angie said. "I'm exhausted from work and I have to get up early tomorrow."

I never got a text and I sadly give in. I asked Angie to drive me over to my car, which was parked a few blocks away.

Fuck, last call is at two, not four.

Panicked, but not wanting to say anything, we left the bar. We stopped in the doorway.

"You know, I really don't feel like going in just yet." J said. "Want to do something else?"

Drunk and not able to operate a vehicle safely, I agreed.

"Yeah, me either. But everything is closed. What do you want to do?" "We could go park in the parking lot and make out in your car," he said.

Blown away by the bluntness of his statement, I stared at him for a second.

"Sure, I'm into that," I said coolly, trying not to seem too excited.

I really get to kiss this guy's face?! How is this possible?! It's been a massive joke for the past year!

I managed to safely relocate my vehicle to the parking lot, despite the four or five drinks of whiskey I'd consumed in the last two hours. I left briefly to go check in with his band mates and grab us something to drink that's non-alcoholic.

The entire time I was texting Angie, who was likely home and asleep at this rate, freaking out. I'm not the groupie type but I can't pass this up.

He comes back, we jump in the back seat, and lo and behold, I get to kiss his face. We make out for a while and things start to get way more heated than I prepared for.

It was hot. It was heavy. Somehow it was not the least bit awkward, despite not having sex with anyone new in over five years.

It all felt natural and I figured that even if it didn't, this guy would probably never call me again.

I needed to do it just to do it because he was hot and he was a rock star. I needed to do something wild and adventurous because I was single and I fucking could.

We wrapped things up, kissed goodnight and suddenly I realize it's almost five in the morning.

My mother had been calling me frantically. I was the only car on the highway.

I was talking to myself asking myself what on earth just happened, and I'm visibly disheveled mess. I somehow made it home safely, flopped into bed, and woke up the next afternoon with a hangover contemplating if I had made a bad decision.

About an hour later he texted me. We've been seeing each other, often under really weird circumstances, ever since.

SPORTS

Men's Soccer Preview: What To Expect This Fall

Dolphins Look to Make Some Serious Noise on the Soccer Field

BY FRANK COSTAGLIOLA

After a heartbreaking 2-1 loss in the CUNYAC finals last season, fifth year Head Coach John Tardy is ready to lead his team to an NCAA tournament appearance this year.

The men's soccer team got off to one of its worst starts in school history last season. The club managed to lose their first six games and struggled to produce any sort of offense. Between injuries and other complications, Coach Tardy's team took a long time to get into mid season form.

"We had a couple key injuries very early in the year to CUNYAC All Stars Jacob Szumanski and Nermin Kurtesi, who are also two of our captains [and] we were also missing Mohamed Nado and Vasy Fedortsi early on in the year," said Coach Tardy.

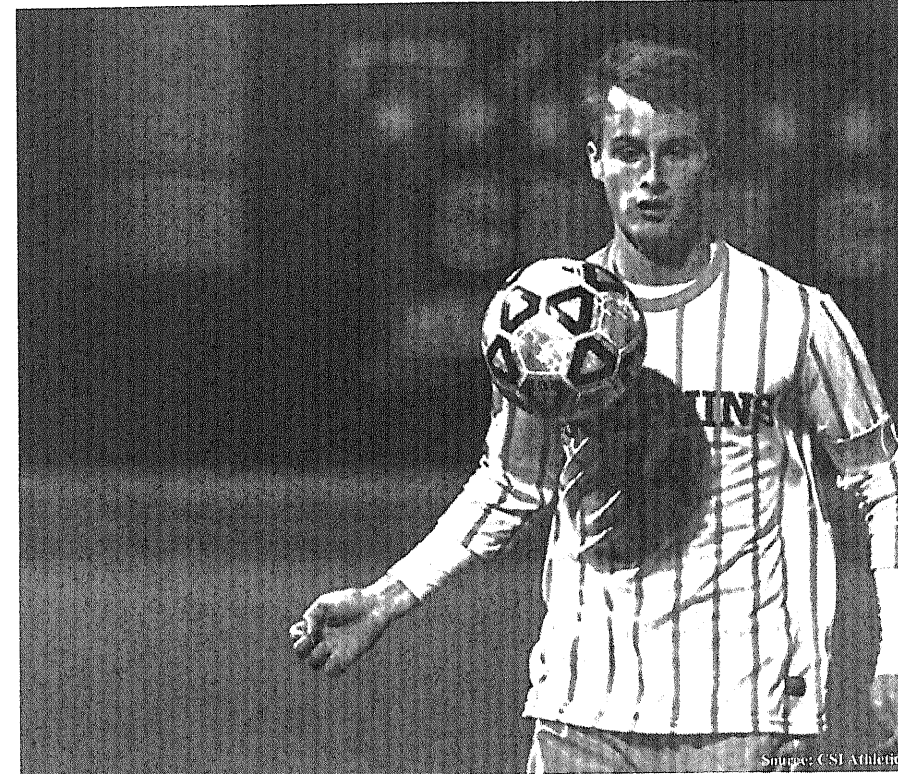
"Once we were able to add those guys to the mix and get players settled in their roles, we were able to start producing."

The team would finally get back on track after their sixth straight loss.

The team finally began to play to their full potential when they defeated NJ City University 6-1. After scoring only four goals in the previous six games combined, the Dolphins hit the back of the net a total of six times against NJ City.

The victory over NJ City was the turning point for the Dolphins last season as CSI would go on to win eight out of their next nine games. The Dolphins would ultimately go on to finish the season with a 10-9-1 record overall and managed to salvage a season that didn't start as expected.

As for this year, Coach Tardy is the most optimistic he has ever been coming into a season. "Although we are losing three huge contributors on the offensive side of the ball



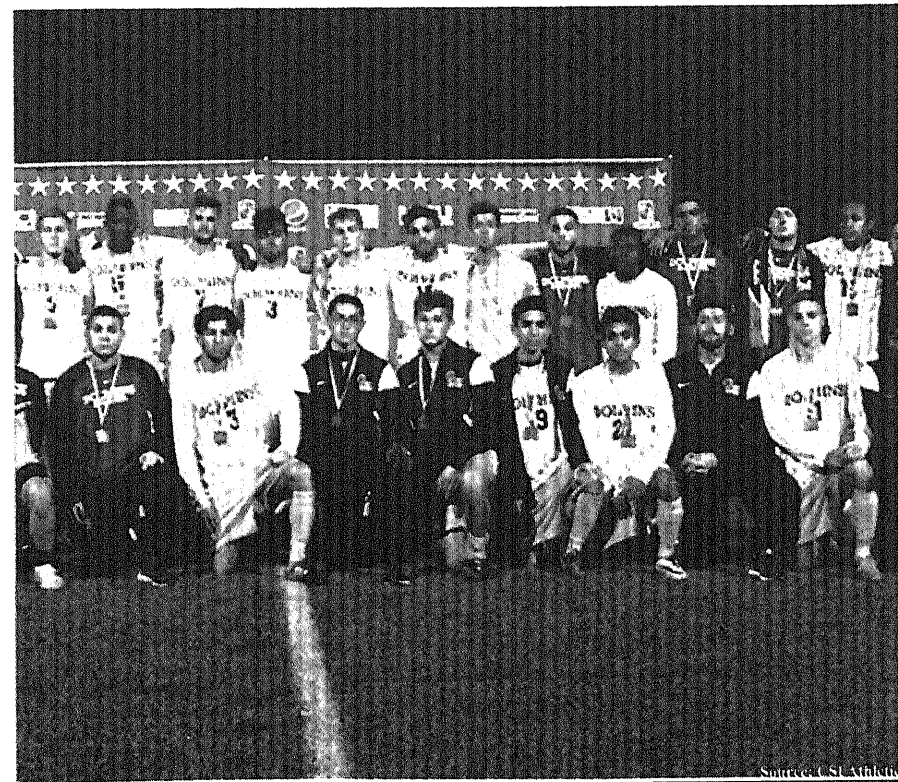
we have added a great freshman class," said Coach Tardy. "With everyone playing at their full potential we have the potential to have one of the better seasons in school history, as well as my time here at CSI."

While it might be Tardy's fifth season as the Dolphins' Head Coach, this is the first "true" year he will be recruiting freshmen, making it truly a team of his own.

"For the first time it's all kids who have bought into the program's philosophy," said Tardy. "And they [are] ready to take the program to the next level."

Coach Tardy added a few new freshmen to this year's team who he believes are poised to make an immediate impact on the field.

Staten Island natives and SI Advance all-stars Ryan Layman and Bryan Bustos are some of the top recruits from this year's



freshman class.

They are talented young players who can really help the Dolphins win this season. Furthermore, Queens native Chris Li and New Brunswick native Jake Foedles, who are also both freshmen, look to compete for a starting position this season.

As for the players returning, Coach Tardy expects all of them to play an even bigger role on the team. CUNYAC Defensive Player of the Year and Captain, Ruben Diaz, was a rock the team could lean on last season and looks to continue to do so this year.

As for the offensive side of the ball, Tardy has his eye on now sophomore Phil Lefkowitz to make the jump from a great player to an elite one.

"He has all the tools to be an elite collegiate player," said Tardy. "With the right attitude, mindset, and work rate, very few teams will be able to keep up with him defensively."

With returning players like Jacob Szumanski, Nermin Kurtesi, Vasy Fedortsim, and Mohamed Nado still on the team and with the addition of the freshmen, the Dolphins have a nice blend of old and new players.

The freshmen and returning players alike can benefit from one another's presence on and off the field.

Coach Tardy believes he has something special with his team this season and has eyes set on the bigger picture.

"I think we are at the point now where anything less than an NCAA appearance is a disappointment," said Tardy.

"The amount of time and the sacrifices these boys have made should reflect in this year's results."

Olympic Athletes Compete, only a Few Succeed

BY GABRIEL DAVILA

To the casual viewer it might appear that Olympic athletes make a lot of money, however only a small few do, while many other competitors' winnings go to the International Olympic Committee.

"For the 2005-08 Quadrennium, revenue from U.S. only broadcast rights netted the IOC over \$625 million, annually," said Mark Cuban, the owner of the Dallas Mavericks and current investment shark on ABC's Shark Tank. "And U.S. based corporate sponsors contributed over \$120 million, annually, to the IOC."

According to the IOC's Revenue and Distribution sources, 45% of their marketing revenue comes from sponsorships, such as Coca-Cola and Visa. While an additional 47% comes from sponsors that broadcast the Olympic Games on their networks such as NBC. As for tickets and licensing, the two combine just for a total of 8% of the IOC's revenue.

Although Olympic contestants do not receive money from the IOC directly, they do receive money from other sources. The IOC grants bonuses to gold, silver and bronze medalists.

Gold medals have a \$25,000 bonus, silver medals have a bonus of \$15,000 and bronze has \$10,000.

After the conclusion of the 2008 Olympic Games, Michael Phelps became a national icon, and with all that success came countless sponsorships and endorsement deals. The Post Game reported that by the time the 2012 Olympic Games came around, Phelps's net worth was \$55 million.

Furthermore, Inquistr.com released on their site that Michael Phelps has contracts with Under Armour, Wheaties, Omega and Subway, which actually used cardboard cutouts of Phelps in their locations during and after the 2012 Olympics in London, it is estimated that Phelps makes \$12 million per year from these four endorsements alone.

As for the other Olympic athletes, the amount of money received becomes less significant due to their lack of fame. According to CNN, only half of the athletes on the US Track and Field team, who are ranked top 10 in the nation, made more than \$15,000 a year from their sport.

"Athletes will complain about the lack of financial control as they train," Adam Nelson, an American gold medalist shot putter said. "But a lot of them aren't willing to take that step, and that's because the Olympics happen once every four years."