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CSI employee Dies After Cop Bust on Campus

Delayed Response Leaves Students Scrambling for Information

BY DAEYUNG LEE

November 29th at approximately 1:00 PM, a college employee identified as Cory Holmes, 39, died from cardiac arrest at Staten Island University Hospital shortly after suffering a heart attack on campus.

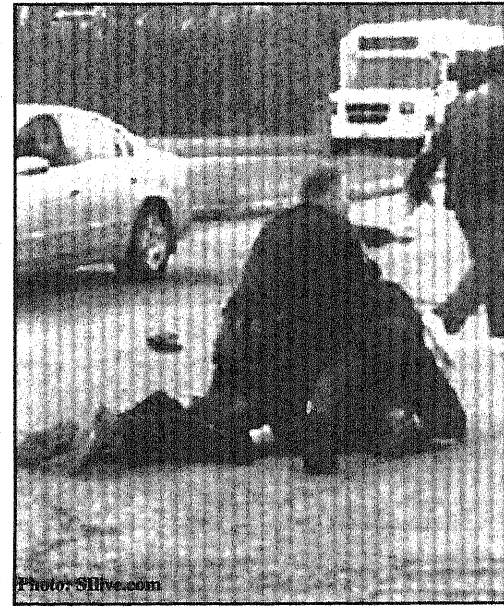
Holmes, a cafeteria worker was discovered smoking marijuana within one of the North Area bathrooms by an off duty Staten Island police officer. In an attempt to arrest a fleeing Holmes, the officer tackled the employee, leading to a skirmish that caused Holmes' heart attack. Events following the apprehension of Holmes remain unclear however.

"As the two wrestled, Holmes tried to swipe a gun from the officer's holster," a police source told the New York Daily News. According to the source, during the struggle, the pistol's slide pulled back and a live bullet popped out of the chamber.

Eager to relieve the situation CSI released a statement, reproduced, that insisted Holmes died from events that did not involve any shooting. The statement was delivered via email through CSI's CIX email service and also posted on CSI web page.

"Early this afternoon, an incident between an off-duty employee of the College of Staten Island Auxiliary Services and a member of the NYPD has

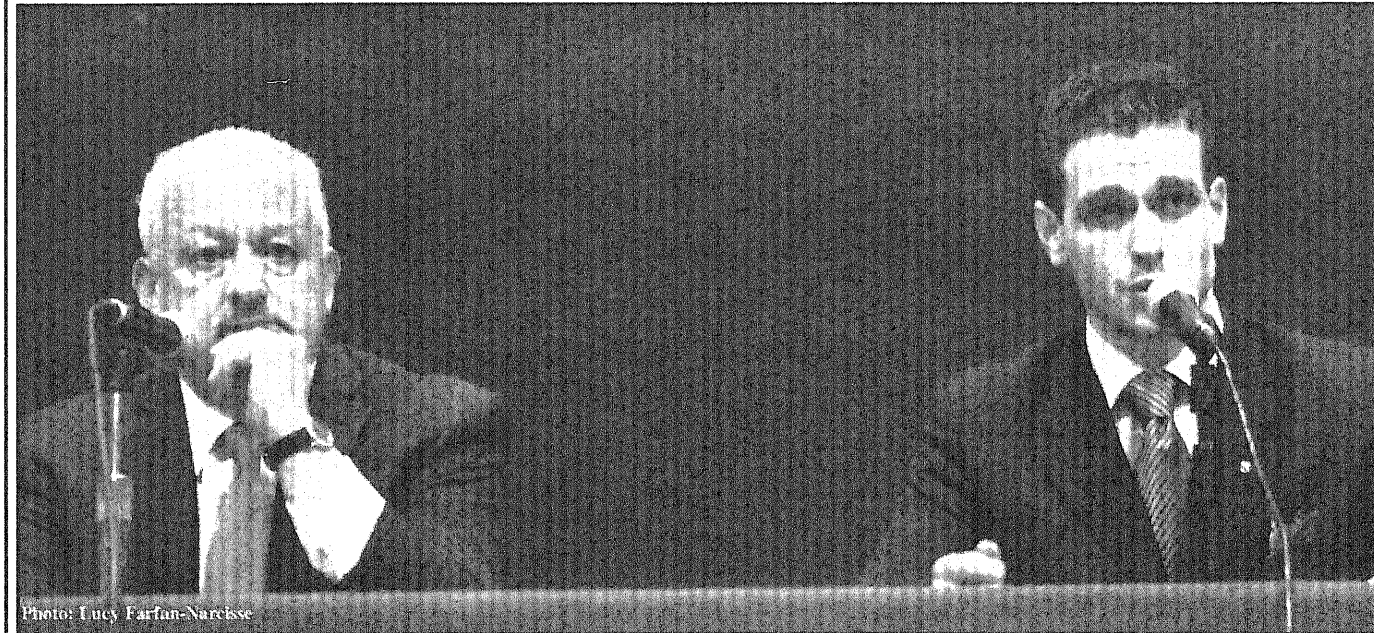
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Morales Defends His Salary

Students ask President to forfeit 50,000 dollar pay increase



President Morales and Student Government President, Kevin Storberg sat on the stage at 1P's Lecture Hall to answer questions posed from the Student Body. Morales' salary became the topic of interest, dominating the majority of the meeting.

BY DAEYUNG LEE

Jesse Franklin and members of CSI's Libertarian Party questioned President Morales at a formal board meeting about the future of CSI with the impending tuition hike and the increase in the student body.

"We will work hard to promise that our students are not affected by the tuition hikes," Morales said. "It is my personal commitment to ensure that no student at CSI will be hurt by

tuition."

On December 8th, President Morales and Student Government President, Kevin Storberg sat on the stage at 1P's Lecture Hall to answer questions posed from the Student Body.

Franklin also questioned the issue of funding for CSI's World Class Education declaring that many students today are forced to look for over tallies in classes to fit their general and major specific requirements.

"The fact is that there are students who

still cannot get into a CORE 100 class because there are not enough professors available and CSI does not have the money to hire more," said Franklin.

Before President Morales could respond to the statistic, Franklin addressed the President's salary questioning the pay increase Morales received three years ago despite only having been hired a year prior. "Would you be open to donate your raise to pay for 2 more adjunct professors?" Franklin asked Morales.

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Student Government Leads Fight to Bring MTA on Campus

After Years of Campaigning, Petition Begins to Grow Legs

BY MARISSA PESSOLANO

The Student Government along with members of the college community have begun to take steps to bring the MTA buses onto campus to pick up and drop off students at a more convenient location.

The s62 currently drops students off in the front of the College of Staten

Island campus, a location that requires students to walk a lengthy distance to where their class is held. The loop bus does bring students further into the campus, however students have complained that it is always over crowded.

The bus service in the summer is also a cause for concern.

"During summer classes, the MTA bus stops outside of the campus and students have to cross the street," noted the Student Government vice president, Jesse Rodriguez. "It is very dangerous."

Rodriguez explains that the Student

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The college community has started a petition to bring MTA busses directly on campus. The result may cause a discontinuation of the loop bus.



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Police Are Not Our Friends

BY M. MILEY

One complaint I keep hearing about the Occupy Wall Street protesters is that many people do not agree with them calling all of the cops terrible. Besides one of the most worthless criticisms one can bring to a protest

To quote U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, "Sunlight is the best disinfectant." The idea behind that is that when covered in shadow corruption, abuse and rot fester and only by baring it to the public view can one avoid it, this idea has been lost by the NYPD who at this point is not a civil police force and more a gendarmerie, a

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about social justice, it is factually incorrect. In fact, all of the police are terrible, for they are collectively complicit in the abuse done by their fellow officers.

That is not to say the individual officer isn't good, taken as an individual the police officer can be good, but you cannot judge the actions taken by the individual to be represented by the system in which that is enforced, especially when it is highly apparent that the systems main line is inflicting violence on peaceful protesters.

I have seen that the police more than willingly suppress peaceful protests. Though in all fairness, anyone who's shocked by this fact is

paramilitary force. This is something that should worry us all, for a democracy cannot survive under an authoritarian regime no matter how light it maybe at the time.

We are swift approaching a reckoning, where the scores will be settled. Where the abused will hold the abusers fate in their hands, and it comes down to every officer right not to think, which side will they be on, will they side with history, the working class and the protesters or will they take the side of capital and abuse us right up to the very end? For while every officer, who remains in uniform is guilty of the abuses committed by their fellows, we have seen that more often than not it will be one or two

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historically ignorant of the way protests have been received in American. However, I will more than admit that the line officers for the most part in the NYPD have been exemplary with a majority of abuses coming from management. That of course did hold true until the ousting of the Occupation in Liberty Plaza by the NYPD Anti-Terror Squad. American protesters expressing their constitutional rights were violently thrown out of a public park, which is privately owned.

The militarization of the police in America should be something that worries us all. The fact that the NYPD used military grade weaponry on the protesters, banned the

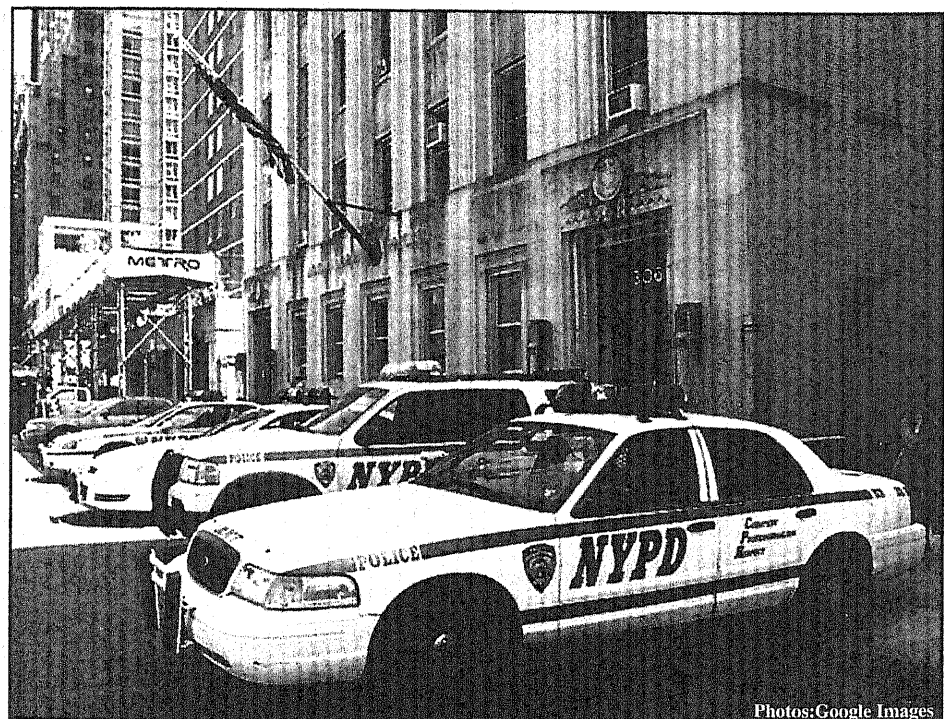
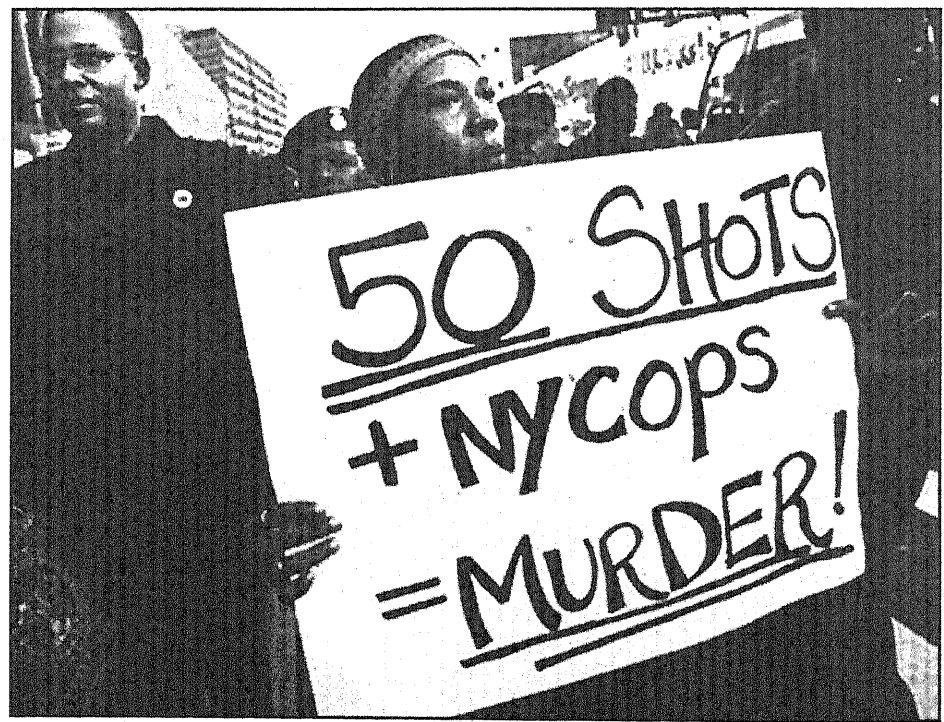
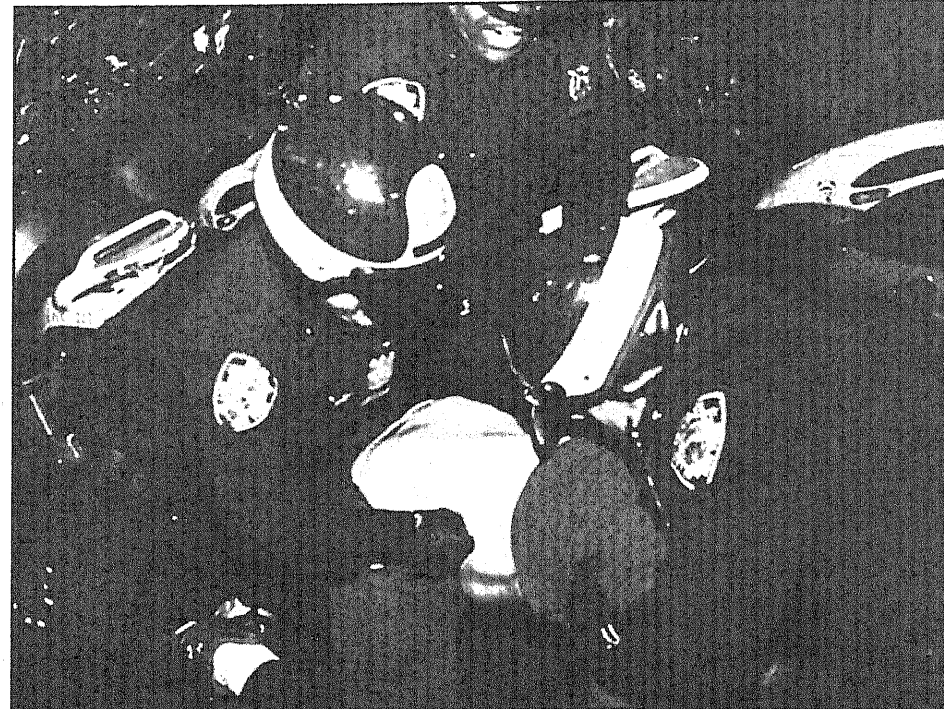
cops that commit the worst of the abuses while the many look on and do nothing. This is often used as the excuse that it is just "a few rotten apples", but we forget the rest of that saying, a few rotten apples spoil the bunch.

Benjamin Disraeli once said, "that all evil requires to triumph is for good men to do nothing." Every cop that has stood by and not stopped abusing officers are just as guilty as the offending officer, since their silence is them effectively being complicit in the act. Often we have seen the excuse that they were just following orders. A word of advice, the Nuremburg defense didn't

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press from covering the eviction, and closed the air space around it speaks of highly unethical practice.

work the first time, it's not going to work this time.



Top: NYPD police constrain a protester at Occupy Wall Street. Middle: In 2008, Michael Mineo claimed he was sodomized with a baton by police officers in Brooklyn. This is not the first time a minority male has been sodomized by an NYPD officer.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: "Pathways Program Changes CUNY History"

The Pathways concept is great. To create a unified CUNY system that creates all curriculums equally. However, why does that mean it comes down to cutting credit requirements? Students would then be cheated out of an education. Less classes means less learning, therefore less knowledge. General education classes are the core to any major and by cutting them a student may not be fully prepared when entering into their major. Another aspect is dealing with the old and current students who worked hard and took 30 credits to get to where they want to be. Now, a new student can only take 15 credits and be done with it? How is that fair? And what happens when they get to graduate school and lack the knowledge they would get by receiving a full common core requirement? Unification is great, but there are too many flaws in this particular approach.

Lauren Brager
Junior

Re: "Pathways Program Changes CUNY History"

It is not right to cut down the general education credits in CUNY. It's not fair to the many students who have wasted their time taking these classes already. Cutting credits down is a terrible idea because those pre-requisite courses help the students of CUNY be well rounded. If CUNY cares so much about transferring credits, and how many credits the students lose, CUNY should just transfer them in without a problem.

Sharifa Othman

Re: "Crater Filling Creates Traffic for CSI Students"

Nice, short article. However, the author failed to mention that for a whole week CSI had a computerized electronic monitor at the Victory Boulevard entrance stating that there would be no access to the entrance from 10:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. on November 4th. So many students who took this entrance or exit should have read the sign.

May Kattaria
Senior

Re: "Target Keeps Friends in High Places"

I loved the fact that their was great fashion photos and the promoting of a popular store in The Banner. I think there should be more articles like these with all types of fashion, particularly men's fashion. Each post in The Banner can concentrate on specific themes- edgy, girly, sophisticated, punk, etc.

Jessica Tedesco
Junior

Re: "Sex and the Island"

I'm really glad The Banner decided to add a sex column again! Relationships are probably the most talked about topic within the CSI community, if not any youth community. I loved the story you published about jealousy in relationships, because I see it happen with so many of my friends and it tears up their relationship. I can't wait for the next article, and definitely enjoyed reading an article that didn't bore within the first paragraph.

Eman Makhlouf

Re: "Sex and the Island"

I'm glad to see a sex column back in The Banner. It brings some light-heartedness and entertainment to readers. With all the serious issues on campus, it's refreshing to read things that are a little outside the box.

Alexandra Elia
Sophomore

Re: "You Can't Stop the Book!"

I really enjoyed reading an article on theatre for The Banner. Hairspray is one of my favorite musicals and it was interesting to hear what the book writer had to say about the production. I also think it was cool that The Banner was able to get in touch with him.

Ashley Journeay

Re: "Batman is Back"

I must say I was immensely disappointed with "Arkham City," especially with it being as hyped up as it was. I was shocked at how short the actual story mode was, although I admit to not playing as many side missions so that probably shortened my playing time even further. Regardless, the graphics were amazing, but I feel the fighting was very mechanical. As big a Batman fan as I am, I was disappointed a bit. I just wish Christopher Nolan had put input on some of these games, and then it would have been epic.

Gaetano Messina

Re: "A Libertarian State of Mind"

This article was well written. My favorite statements were "Our founders were wise beyond their years, if only they had been wiser." The quote and this article speaks far and beyond and truly paints a picture of the U.S. in a way people usually don't want to view it. I like the author's perspective and although I only half agree, he does a good job at showing people his side without being overzealous.

Toyin Oladiran

Re: "Ask Sandra: She Has All the Answers"

Sandra's advice column is always interesting to read. She gave excellent advice to the senior who regrets his major. She told him to give his acting dream a try, but still continue on to complete his major. That's exactly what I would have said.

Frank Foresta
Sophomore

Re: "CSI's Most Fashionable Face Off"

I love that we have a fashion page in the Banner with students that all of us are surrounded by daily. It's great that the students gave their information and style tips. I just wish that the photos weren't all taken in the cafeteria it would look a lot better if they were taken on different parts of the campus. I feel it would bring out the unique styles more in the photographs.

Jessica Tedesco

The Banner is now offering INTERNSHIPS to CSI students. Internships last one semester and give students the opportunity to learn about media. Interns will work a minimum of 12 hours per week, and can focus on:

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Jesse Franklin and members of CSI's Libertarian Party questioned President Morales at a formal board meeting on December 8th about the future of CSI, the president's salary and increases in the student body.

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"I don't think taking a pay cut would help the students. My salary is 249,000 dollars. It is decent sized but relevant to the population at CSI as opposed to other private universities, you can see that I am at the very low

"He said that he's not paid a lot but 250 grand is a lot of money. On top of that, he still gets a house and a driver so he pays no mortgage. 50 grand could pay the salaries of two adjuncts for 2 additional CORE 100 classes," Franklin said.

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end of the salary structure," Morales answered.

Outside the meeting, CSI students still trying to obtain their needed classes complained about the extreme competition in registration.

"I'm frustrated. I can't sign up for any of my classes because I need to get over-tallies for nearly all of them," said Jeff Feng, a freshman signing up for the spring semester.

Within the hallways of 1P, Franklin summed up his opinion on Morales' response.

However upon questioning Franklin for the sources of his statistics concerning Morales' benefits, he had no response.

Morales addressed the students, stating that role of president is 24/7, and his wife works on behalf of the college and she is unpaid.

"I have made a commitment to serve as the president," Morales told the crowd. "If I believed taking a temporary pay cut would help CSI, I would."

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resulted with both individuals being transported to a local hospital. Contrary to rumors that may have been circulating, no shots were fired."

There is currently an active official NYPD investigation being conducted near parking lot six on the north side of campus.

ing family and friends of Holmes. He went on to urge friends of Holmes to seek grief counseling at CSI's Counseling Center. Additional facts on Holmes' death were not offered by President Morales but the lateness of the details and the lack of information were blamed on the nature of the incident.

"The CUNY Alert emergency notification system, which is powered by the

"As the two wrestled, Holmes tried to swipe a gun from the officer's holster," a police source said."

The statement went unannounced for several hours leading to speculation amongst the student body. "This is the new thing, you smoke weed and you get killed. Cops kill people who smoke pot now," said Jay, a senior at CSI who rapped on Holmes death at Open Mike Night in 1C.

President Morales later sent out a message that offered condolences to the griev-

State's NY-Alert notification system, was not activated as there was no ongoing or continuing threat to persons or property," Morales stated.

Still, majority of the Student Body agreed that it would have been more reasonable to offer better information than keep them in the dark to form dangerous rumors.



A memorial has been set up for Cory Holmes, a CSI cafeteria worker who died from cardiac arrest on the north side of campus after a confrontation with a NYPD officer.

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Government is wishes to plan their course of action through the administration, waiting to see their stance on it.

"We are looking for their support. They seem to be receptive," Rodriguez commented.

A lawyer has already been spoken to who has previously worked on a similar case, however, they would rather settle on an agreement with the MTA.

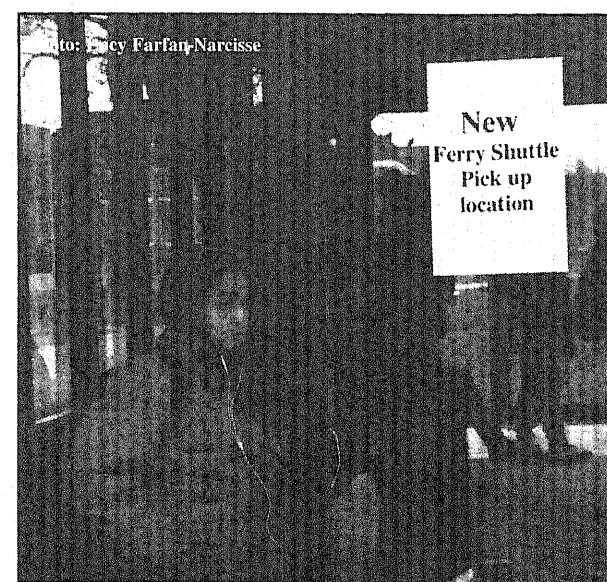
"We are going to lobby the new MTA chair and see where his feelings lie," Rodriguez explained, "We want the MTA to work with us."

The current request is for the s62 to make just one stop on campus preferably in front of 1P, which marks the center of campus.

NY 1 quoted Student Government president Kevin Storberg weighing in on the matter.

"Getting to class on time is a nuisance when you're taking the bus especially because the bus does not drop you off in the middle of campus, it drops you off all the way at the outskirts. That additional transfer can mean the difference between you being half an hour late to a final or you being there on time or even early."

Vice President for Finance and Administration, Ira Persky, explained at a panel discussing CSI's budget that there are four vehicles on campus that have separate contracts. These vehicles are the transportation for the athletic team, the disability service, the loop bus and the shuttle.



Students wait for the ferry shuttle to arrive. The Student Government and the College Community are petitioning the MTA to bring busses directly on campus.

If the MTA does come onto the campus, then the service of the loop bus may no longer be needed.

"I think there is a benefit. I can't help but think that in the final analysis we are going to see a fairly big reduction of those costs," Persky explained referring to the costs of running all four vehicles.

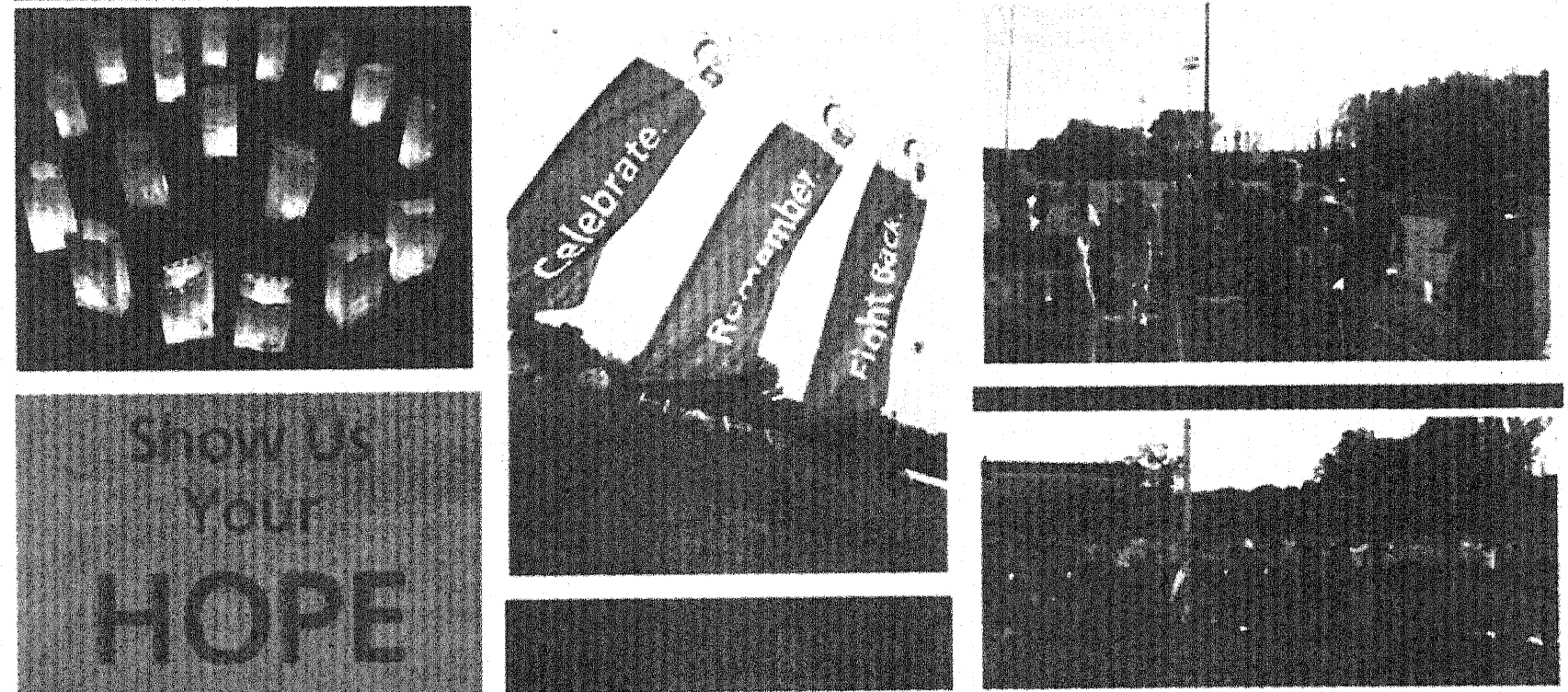
President Morales also commented on the future of the loop bus.

"I think if the MTA does drop off students in the center of the campus we will look at whether we still need a loop bus. Right now we are spending about \$300,000 on the loop bus," he explained.

This motion is still in its preliminary steps, but there are high hopes that there will be success in bringing s62 onto campus by Fall 2012.

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Your 2011 Holiday Gift Guide

*Want to get it Right This Season?
We have Your Answers*

BY NICOLE PAGANO

If you're stuck on what gifts to buy for those closest to you, whether it be a friend, child all the way to that special someone, have no fear, your holiday gift guide is here.

It is never a question of not having enough choices; there are always too many choices and ideas. Hopefully these can help and inspire you in choosing that perfect gift.

Lets first start with technology, portability is huge. Apple products such as the new iPhone 4S and iPod are major holiday sellers. The iPad has taken the world by storm, it has

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all the features of a Mac plus all major apps, and it is way more compact and convenient to travel with. If you are looking for something on the same order but less expensive Best Buy offers the Nook Color and Tablet, both with Internet, prices starting at \$199. Xbox 360 Console is also another big technology gift for that gamer in your life, and now you can buy it with Kinect. Kinect lets you play the games with out remotes or controllers; your body is simply the player.

Children can be especially hard to shop for, there are always so many choices, and stores such as Toys R Us are always packed

"For a good friend in your life, or someone you just feel deserves a gift, Gift Cards a great way to go."

and disheveled. This is definitely the time of year when online shopping comes in handy. One gift that is loved by kids is Wii. If you know the child you have been shopping for has a Wii system already don't fuss there are tons of games to buy for it. Games such as Just Dance, Mario Brothers, and Carnival Games, will keep them occupied for hours. For girls Barbie is very popular. There are tons of extra items to go along with Barbie and all her friends, such as Barbie 3 Story Dream Townhouse and a Barbie Charm School Princess Carriage. Though boys love their video games, action figures such as Transformers are also huge.

When looking for clothes for children, many stores such as JC Penney and Gap Kids have tons of options. Gap Kids offers a wide variety of fashionable items at an affordable price. From knit sweaters and cardigans for girls to hoodies and winter jackets and parkas for boys. Gap Kids also offers clothes and accessories for babies, such as knit booties for girls and fleece hats and mittens for boys. JC Penney offers a variety of different brands of children's clothing such as Arizona, OshKosh B'Gosh, Total Girl and Simply for Sports.

For parents why not personalize a gift for them? RedEnvelope.com offers tons of great

gift ideas that can be personalized and are one of a kind. From a Sculpted Jewelry Tree which you can engrave with your loved ones name or initials to a Cigar Humidor Box which can also be personalized. They also have birthstone jewelry, which could be a great gift to a mom, it can be personalized with the birthstones of her children. Another great and easy idea would be to get your parents a gift certificate to their favorite restaurant.

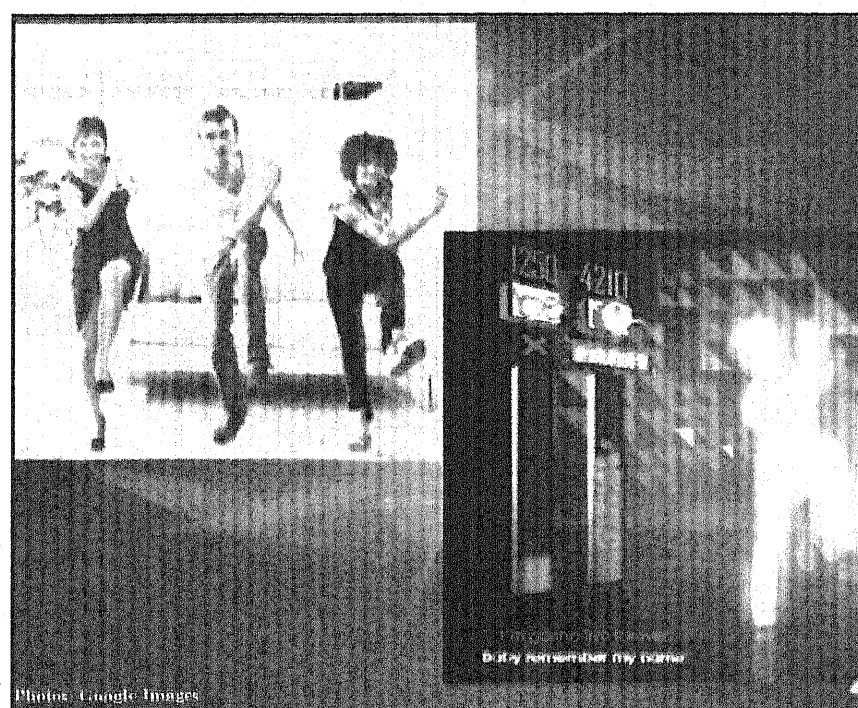
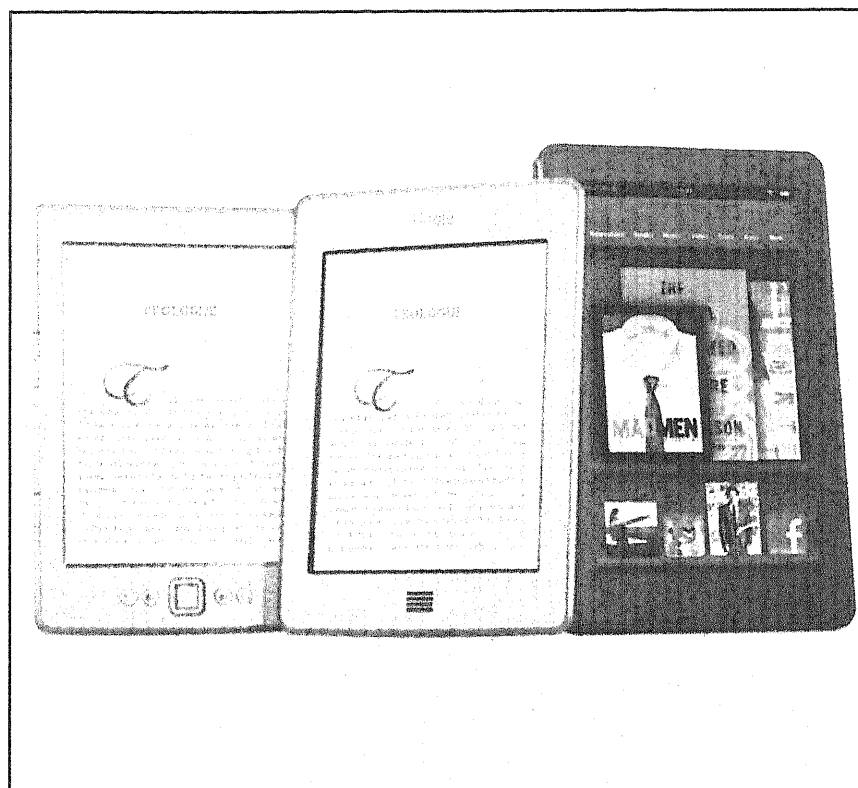
Shopping for that special someone in your life can always be hard, trying to find the perfect gift they will love and cherish. You can always go sentimental and get them a gift of

something you shared together as a couple that will be a reminder and a treasure to them. Some ideas for a boyfriend can be a new watch, Kenneth Cole offers beautiful Stainless Steel watches for under \$100, or how about a new leather wallet? They will last long and keep him organized. Calvin Klein and Nautica are great designers for men. They have a variety of pea coats, blazers and sweaters, which can all be a great idea for a gift. Normally the prices of these designers aren't very cheap but being it's the holidays stores such as Macy's have great sales and deals. For a girlfriend, remember guys, girls love jewelry, and it doesn't always

have to be expensive. Macy's offers a variety of different styles and prices, purses are also a major love in girl's lives. There are hundreds of designers out there; no matter what style your girlfriend has there is a designer for her. Maybe she likes girly with a rock and roll edge, Betsey Johnson has some of the most unique items from jewelry, to bags to shoes. Maybe she likes clean and classy, Michael Kors has some beautiful items from bags, to watches, all the way to clothes. You can do something different and buy that special someone concert tickets to their favorite band or artist. It will be a fun event and create memories.

For a good friend in your life or someone you just feel deserves a gift, Gift Cards a great way to go, you can literally buy a gift card from any store. Another more personal idea would be to give them a tray of cookies or a basket filled with their favorite things. Bath and Body Works has pre-made baskets ranging in all different sizes and prices. Little knick-knacks such as scarves, gloves or a pajama set are cute ideas too.

No matter what you decide to buy for these special people in your life, remember the Holiday Season is about spending time with the people you love and cherish most in your life. Now get shopping, and Happy Holidays!



Top: Amazon's Kindle collection is the perfect gift for parents or older relatives. Middle: Betsey Johnson rain boots are available at Macy's for the fashionable girl in your life. Bottom: Kids and adults alike can enjoy the Just Dance game for Wii.

BANNER STYLES

SEX AND THE ISLAND

In Defense of My One Year Stands

BY KAT MAUS

This past year I've woken up from 12-hour whiskey induced dreams in Bushwick, the West Village, the Lower East Side, and Williamsburg. I've gotten morning-after bagels, tofu-scrambles, and black coffee.

I've decided between slipping out or making two cups of chai-tea in glass jars and tip-toeing back to bed. I've asked for their opinions on Proust, Warhol, and Bazin. I've listened to their diatribes on the rent, the

I bar-hopped with Clark the card-holding Communist on Monday nights, making best friends of bartenders, and then raced back to his West Village apartment to screen a Woody Allen film on a bed-sheet hung across a bookcase.

I've woken up with no recollection of the previous night spent in the artist George's dorm room, watching Bill Maher, turning away from his affection and blaming the opinions on Proust, Warhol, and Bazin. I've

had Pat the model serenade me to

from an interest in one guy to another, collecting characters like shoes. I don't settle, instead deciding on a whim to move the relationship into platonic territory, much to the chagrin of the guy. Or more frequently I somehow break their heart, as if it's my character arc - must make him like me, must sleep

jumped at the opportunity to have a boyfriend so infatuated with her. Not me.

Anyway, why settle? There's plenty of time for that.

It's become a running joke amongst friends - the webs I weave. But, I make excuses for myself. I'm young, and it's fun to collect men,

"I make excuses for myself. I'm young, and it's fun to collect men, their stories, our experiences."

with his roommate, must ruin everything.

I can't settle for any one guy, always dismissing one for lacking something another has. Eclipsed by the latest infatuation, they old love-interests are superfluous.

I fantasize piecing all of these men together, Voltron style. His arms, this one's sense of style, with the other's love for David Foster Wallace, his projector, and this one's love of classical music. And, I find myself nitpicking. What? You dislike Thomas Pynchon? What do you mean you don't drink coffee? You've never seen a Wes Anderson film? Next!

In one of my alcohol-fueled escapades with George, he repeatedly asked me to be his girlfriend. Nothing could have induced vomit more. And after I did vomit, he insisted on trying to kiss me. A well-balanced chick fed up with four years of being single might have

their stories, our experiences. Something inside me tells me to stop—the reputation I may acquire, and basically because I fundamentally fucking know better.

It's especially unsettling to think of all of this as simply a symptom of a personality disorder. That when feeling empty, bored or alone sex somehow brings a respite from the uneasiness of being myself. Borderline Personality Disorder is identified as "lacking a stable sense of self."

Who I am, what I do, how I dress and think is all filtered through what I think men in my life want. It's tiresome. Sex, to me, is a way of finding security. And when things get too intimate I freak, primarily out fear of being abandoned.

So all these men, all this "promiscuity" is my version of a safety-net. I don't seek orgasm, I seek being needed. I seek interim intimacy.

Holiday Romance: Make It or Break It

BY LUCIA ROSSI

When the holidays roll around this time of year, it puts major pressure on relationships because it's a time to re-evaluate our positions in life. For some relationships, this means moving forward with commitment or calling it quits.

your spirit. Don't generalize events that occur with this time of year. People lose hope because they believe that if they don't have someone on that special day, it means they never will. This is false because if someone is not there right now, it doesn't necessarily mean you won't find love or it won't find you.

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Some couples crack under pressure and call it quits, while others, surrounded by loved ones, decide to make it official. December actually vies with February as the one month of the year when the most diamond rings glisten on new hands. Thanksgiving to New Year's are jewelry store's best time for business.

This is also a time when people realize that their relationship isn't going anywhere and decide to start over, with hope of true love in the New Year. However, if you are dumped before the holidays, don't let it ruin

During the holidays, you surround yourself with your nearest and dearest, sometimes this could even mean ex's. Connecting with an old flame is common around this time because it's a nostalgic, and known to be comfortable and familiar. But be cautious and just make sure you both know where things stand.

What if the gift you give your partner makes their gift look small? Say, you bought them an engraved bracelet and they bought you the box set of Lord of The Rings dvds. Don't fear, small gifts don't always mean



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small feelings. Paulette Kouffman Sherman, Ph.D., who specializes in relationship coaching in NYC says, "Some people are just lousy gift givers, especially in the beginning. If you gave too much, consider yourself generous, and be glad you made another person happy." However, if you feel here really is a problem, talk about it with them. This doesn't mean it's the end of your relationship, it could just be the beginning. You could always both settle on tickets to a sports game or theatrical show.

What if their gift is so heinous, it's like

they don't even know you at all? It would be like giving a woman flats when she only wears stilettos. Most people can't read minds. Be sure to make your desires for the holidays known. A wish list is a traditional but not obsolete method, and you could always simply have a conversation about it. Any way that works to give them ideas or hints so there's no awkward moments when unwrapping gifts. Nobody enjoys a Scrooge during a time for celebration. Bah Humbug!

Duet Debuts At Theatre Lab

CSI's Drama Program Performs Scenes From Award-Winning Plays

BY CHRISTINE COLON

What appeared to be college freshman and sophomores, judging by their backpacks and the way they traveled in groups, began filtering into the lobby of 1p on December 1st at about 7:15pm. This makes sense; *Duet* was being performed by CSI's Drama Program of the Department of Performing and Creative Arts and was worth one, precious and much needed CLUE credit.

The theatre lab was small and dimly lit. The audience was made up of friends and family of the cast members which gave the crowded space a more familial feel. Student Erica DeJulio directed *Duet*, a series of scenes dealing with the emotional issues within romantic relationships, for her senior project. Although this was her first directing endeavor, she has appeared in several other CSI productions, including *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, where her role as Hermia led to a nomination for the Irene Ryan Scholarship, *Machinal* and *The Conduct of Life*.

Duet is a collection of five different scenes from different plays; *Eurydice* by Sarah Ruhl, *Spring Awakening* by Frank Wedekind, *Closer* by Patrick Marber, *Angels in America* by Tony Kushner and *A Doll's House* by Henrik Ibsen. Separately, these plays look into different relationships, but for *Duet*, the scenes chosen were short and specific, adding emotion to the entire play. The acting was on point and didn't feel forced like I, admittedly, thought it would.

The scene from *Eurydice* took place on a

beach. *Eurydice* and *Orpheus* were speaking about love, namely, *Orpheus'* love for music. The despair and confusion was evident on the face of the actress who played *Eurydice*. I was impressed. The scene that impressed me the most, however, was *Closer*. This was a very involved scene dealing with infidelity within two separate relationships. The anger and the hurt came across so well on each one of the cast members. The yelling and crying was eerily convincing.

Equally convincing was the scene from *Angels in America*. In this play, Louis and Prior are a homosexual couple living together. When Louis finds out Prior has a terminal illness, he is forced to choose whether he will stay and care for his partner or leave and not let his own emotions continue to weigh on Prior's spirits. When I spoke with Justin Giles who played Louis, and who is also heterosexual, I learned that playing the role was not all that difficult.

"After reading the play and really getting into the scene," Justin explained, "I realized very quickly that the emotions these two feel for each other are the exact same as any couple would feel, and so I just played the character from that common ground."

Justin also went on to say that both him and Louis love to talk, even if other people don't necessarily want to hear them. This helps when you have to work so closely with someone in order to put on a good performance.

Spring Awakening and *A Doll's House* also had convincing emotional performances. In *Spring Awakening*, Melchoir goes to find



Justin Giles, left and Mike Dianora, right, perform a scene from *Angels in America* at the CSI Drama Program's performance of *Duets* on December 1st.

Wendla in the woods, and then scolds her for wishing to be poor like the children she helps. In all, the cast did a great job capturing the idea of the play. Each scene showed the difficulties and hardships in various relationships. Not only am I looking forward to seeing each one of the plays presented in this production, but I look forward to the show put on by The Drama Program of the Department of Performing and Creative Arts. If you're looking for quality acting and an entertaining way to gain that CLUE credit, these plays are the way to go.

frustration. Verbal Mayhem, which work hard to get poetry and spoken word in the school. He was concerned as to why there wasn't something like that here at CSI.

Jeff Mangum Makes a Triumphant Return

BY MARIE SCARSELLA

It has been nearly thirteen years since the legendary Jeff Mangum last made a formal public appearance. After the 1998 disbanding of Neutral Milk Hotel, the influential indie-powerhouse that is his claim to fame, Mangum chose to lay low and keep out of the public eye. Though it appears he is back in action after announcing a string of solo tour dates in which he will play Neutral Milk Hotel classics across the world, quite possibly for the last time. The Louisiana acoustic outfit first formed in Ruston in the early 1990s. Most noted for their Holocaust-themed record, *In The Aeroplane Over the Sea*, the band steadily gained a strong fanbase. Mangum, not able to handle the extensive touring and popularity, had a breakdown and called it quits. In the years following their disbandment, the band worked up a sort of cult following, leading up to what is seen as one of the most anticipated comebacks in indie rock history.

On the first night of Mangum's two-show

stint in Jersey City, the sold out crowd erupted into applause as he took the stage at the Landmark Loew's Theatre; however, upon hearing the first chords of "Oh, Comely", the applause immediately turned to complete silence, and the room was filled with both awe and anticipation. Mangum, who sat alone on a stool with his acoustic guitar, plowed through several Neutral Milk Hotel favorites, such as "Gardenhead", "Two-Headed Boy", and "Holland, 1945"; his voice was just as strong as ever, and he didn't miss a beat. Following a passionate rendition of "Naiomi", off the band's first record *On Avery Island*, Neutral Milk Hotel member Scott Spillane took the stage with Mangum to play "April 8th". He also played a twisted, heart-wrenching track that was never officially released, entitled "Little Birds", for the third time in his career after explaining that it is a song that's hard for him to deal with, even after all these years.

The crowd, who was ecstatic to see

Mangum return to the stage, was comprised of men and women both young and old. Many of whom were present had never before had the chance to see Mangum play.

"I've been listening to Jeff Mangum for years", says Lina Nania, a fan from Brooklyn. "I never thought I'd get the chance to witness him playing live. I was only like, eight when he stopped making music. It was just as beautiful as I'd imagined. I knew when he announced dates, I had to be there no matter what". Another fan, an older man who appeared to be in his thirties, was overheard talking about how Neutral Milk Hotel had played in his basement, and how this performance brought back great memories. "I never thought I'd get to see that again", he said.

For those who missed Jeff Mangum's triumphant return, fear not. He will be returning to the area in January of 2012 for two nights at Brooklyn's Gilman Opera House. Tickets are \$35, and can be purchased through www.bam.org. Whether this is the last we'll hear from Mangum and Neutral Milk Hotel is still unclear, but what is certain is that he has left his mark.



On Nov. 6, Jeff Mangum performed a rare concert at The Landmark Loews Jersey Theatre in Jersey City, N.J. The day after, Mangum announced a 2012 tour of the U.S.

Marianas Trench Succeeds With "Ever After"

BY THERESA PESSOLANO

On November 21st, the Canadian pop punk band Marianas Trench released their third album, "Ever After".

"Ever After" is their second concept album. The songs lead into one another with no pauses, as the album is meant to be listened to in order as a consecutive story. The album booklet allows the listener to follow along with the story by providing a narrative.

The album tells a story of a man who wakes up in Toyland, a place where the evil queen stole the hearts of the residing toys including the heart of Porcelain, the adopted daughter of the previous king, who had been overthrown by Queen Carolina. The man set off to find the halves of a key that opened a toy box containing the hearts of all the toys and the man's way home. The album takes you through this journey with the man, who is presumed to be the lead singer of the band, Josh Ramsay. Additionally, the songs all have the ability to stand out as individual tracks.

The album begins with the title track, which is a dreamy ballad that lets the listener slip into the fairytale feel of the album. "Ever After" is followed by the album's first single, an upbeat track called "Haven't Had Enough." The first of many pop punk extreme tracks on this album, "Haven't Had Enough" tells of a relationship that is unstable but they keep coming back because they still want each other.

One of the standout tracks is "Porcelain," a sweet, delicate song telling a girl that it is okay

if she is unsure of what she needs from life. When you get to track 7, you will stumble upon their most recent single, "Fallout," is a bitter-sweet account of an ex-lover. A music video is expected to soon follow. Other stand out tracks include "B Team" and "Toy Soldiers," which are both towards the end of the album and are definitely worth the wait. The album is wrapped up with "No Place Like Home," an over six minute long finale which starts off slow but slowly gains momentum which gives a sense of nostalgia for home while simultaneously longing for a fairytale existence.

"Ever After" has more pop elements in it than their past albums, "Fix Me" and "Masterpiece Theatre." Although this album uses many common pop punk elements, Marianas Trench succeeds in becoming more than just another pop punk band. Marianas Trench excels in this genre known for typically being filled with mediocre talent.

When looking for flaws in "Ever After," it became clear that I would not find any. The music was so beautifully constructed and the lyrics well thought out to perfectly fit the imagery they were trying to convey.

In their final show opening for Simple Plan on the "Get Your Heart On Tour," on November 21st, Marianas Trench only sang a few songs from "Ever After" along with a bit of their previous work.

Although they had a short time to bare all for the audience, it was evident from their performance that they will be a force to be reckoned with among the pop punk world.



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CSI Brings A World Renowned Poet to Campus, But Is It Enough? Students Demand More of The Arts And Aren't Satisfied

BY TIFFANY OUTAR

CSI students may not care to skim through the events calendar due to its lack luster line up, but every so often a hidden gem appears which satisfies both the need for entertainment and the arts. Why do artistically entertaining events get the back burner, but the promotion of a giant telescope takes prominence over the entire calendar?

With the upcoming visit in the spring of talented and world-renowned poet, Carlos Andres Gomez, the question of why events

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"If it weren't for professors...working overtime to get us here, most students would probably never be exposed to poetry and its different forms."

like these aren't held more often arises. What's more, when held why is there very poor promotion and advertisement of the event?

According to students and some faculty a gap exists in colleges for poetry and the arts, but there is definitely a demand for it. For fellow poet and friend to Gomez, Rich Villar, there isn't enough being done to include more poetry on campus.

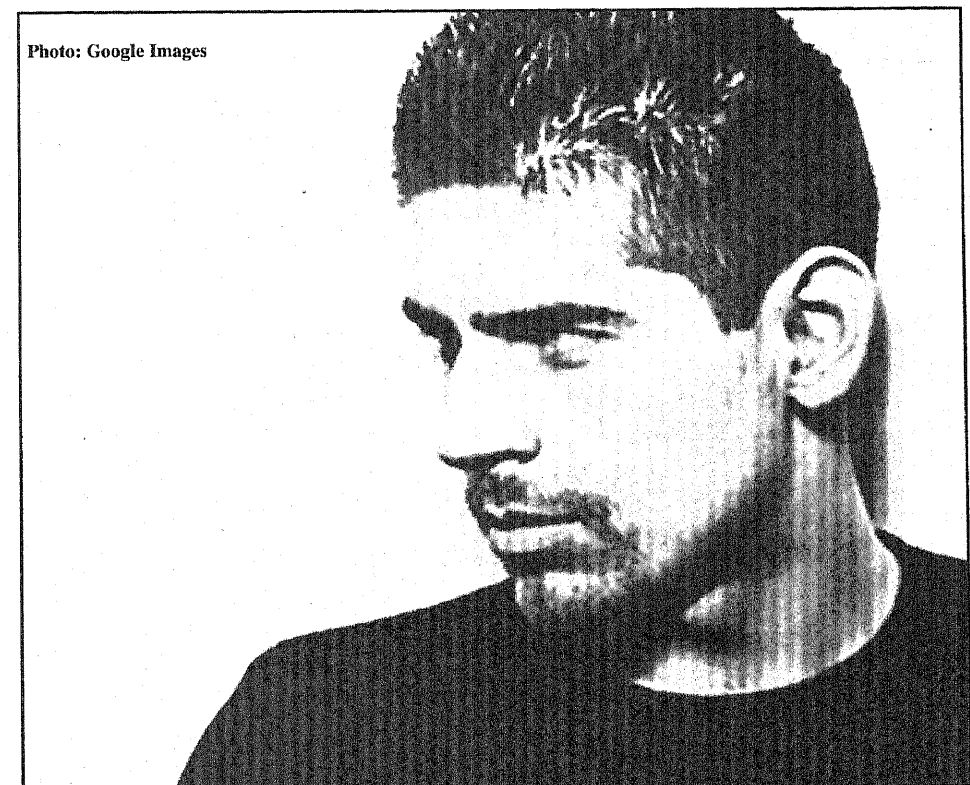
"We need a voice in poetry on campus; we need more of the arts," said Villar. "Especially that this is a commuter school, there should be more collective organizing."

Villar mentioned the great efforts of an organization at Rutgers University called

by professors Smith, Marvin and Jess; the Campus Activities board, are no where to be seen in putting their hand in for help. While International Coffee hour, See the Sky at CSI and Celestial balls are all important in their own rights, they leave out a large demographic of students

One young lady who works with CAB blames inadequate funding for the uninspired performances and events, but with the majority of poets and performers willing to visit with little to no compensation is that really an excuse? Another poet, educator and friend of Gomez, Syreeta McFadden, expressed her love for visiting the schools in NYC.

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World-renowned poet, Carlos Andres Gomez, will perform at CSI this spring.

"I love coming to the colleges, the kids really love what we do," said McFadden. "A safe creative space to make art, visualize it and hear it is crucial."

Syreeta mentioned poets like Gomez are important to bring to colleges because of the topics they bring up, and the worlds they open up for the students as far as new art forms. She described Gomez as fearless and with a laser sharp honesty that students will love.

Perhaps there legitimately isn't enough funding for these sorts of events, but why isn't anyone demanding it? A vote would indicate most of the student body is not necessarily excited for Jerry Stiller's visit in the coming months, so instead of fund something most

students don't want, why not put the efforts towards what they do want? Gomez himself is unsatisfied with the attention that is paid to poetry and the arts. He has had nothing but good experiences at the schools he's visited and wishes they would prioritize the arts more.

"There's definitely a demand for it, students tell me all the time," said Gomez. "Student Activities and Budget Committees don't prioritize them enough."

"They need to demand funding for it and make sure the events they put on are well attended and appreciated," said Gomez. "I love performing at schools, it's my favorite demographic to perform to, and there can never be enough arts in college."

Ask Sandra: She Has All the Answers... The Banner's Resident Advice Columnist Answers CSI's Toughest Questions

BY SANDRA CHAMOUN

Dear Sandra,
Why is it that when a guy gets beat up by his girlfriend, people mock and laugh? You never hear from spousal abuse from the other side of the fence, why do you think that is?

Dear Good Point,
I agree with you that it isn't balanced. When it comes to relationship abuse, society does not react to battered husbands the same way that they do to battered wives. This is due to the social construction of traditional gender roles. If a man admits that they are abused by their girl, they are viewed as "less of a man". This is not true at all and the truth is that men can be abused as well. This abuse can be physical, which is more apparent or emotional, which is harder to detect. Relationship abuse is never okay no matter where it lands on the severity scale or who the person is receiving it. If anyone, man or woman is in an abusive relationship, they should be allowed to speak out and receive the proper help with out being mocked.

Dear Sandra,
I have been with my online boyfriend for a year now and he refuses to meet in person. When I bring up the possibility of meeting he ignores me, talks around the issue or just says no. I am thinking that I should break up with him, what should I do?

Dear Cyber Girlfriend,
I am afraid to say that you have given yourself the same advice I will give to you. This person has made it clear on numerous occasions that he has no intention of meeting. Break up with his cyber butt and find yourself a real man because you deserve it.

Dear Sandra,
Someone told me in confidence that my best friend's boyfriend has been cheating on her since the beginning of their relationship. I was sworn to secrecy and was told by this person to not say a word. I know she deserves to know but she always takes him back no matter what he does to her. Should I keep my mouth shut?

Dear Confused friend,
This is truly a sticky situation because you are stuck in the middle. Unfortunately there is no best answer because as you said, your friend always takes him back no matter what he does. If you tell your friend, she might stay with her boyfriend and be mad at you instead. It seems incomprehensible how this can be but it does happen more then we think. This is a defense mechanism. They project their negative feelings towards the messenger instead of the actual culprit. However regardless of how she reacts, your job as a best friend is to tell her, point blank. No one deserves to be deceived by their boyfriend AND their best friend.

OH and by the way, try not to write an anonymous letter and put it in her drawer, judging from reality television, it tends to make people pretty mad. Good Luck and be honest!

Dear Sandra,
Where can I go on campus with health related questions?

Dear Wellness Seeker,
There is the Health and Wellness center at CSI in room 112, building 1C. They have numerous services for students. Also, there is the peer drop in center that is located right next door. The drop-in center has peer health educators who can assist you and answer any questions you have. They have information and recourses on smoking cessation, substance abuse, birth control, stress management, on and off campus services and much more.

EDUCATION

Learning to go Broke The Harsh Reality of CUNY'S Tuition Hikes

BY JOSH SORENSEN

As if the cost of being a college student was not high enough already, CUNY has come to an agreement in recent weeks to raise tuition to \$6,330 a semester plus hundreds of dollars

span, which is bearable if you forget that to be a functional human being, a lot more expenses are on your plate. When you realize that you need to pay for books, rent, food, transportation which for this situation is the

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in additional fees at their four year campuses.

The increase of tuition comes at a time when CUNY Chancellor Mathew Goldstein is fighting to get the Pathways proposal approved, which in sense makes the student pay more for a degree that holds less value outside of the CUNY system.

As it stand today the average CUNY tuition by semester is averaged around \$3,000, more than half of the student will be charged to go to school in the future. Even at the current cost of tuition, a student who does not live at home with their parents and get government aid will barely get by, without putting them self in major debt.

Before the tuition hike, a student paying out of pocket would have to shell out merely \$33,600 on tuition alone over a four year

bus, internet for your studies and your utilities you are shelling out an additional \$91,840 based on the average Staten Island cost of living.

To cover yourself finically you would need to work full time making over \$16 an hour which is over \$3 more an hour than most adjuncts make at CSI and hard to find in this horrible job market

With me already handing over \$125,440 to CSI and my landlord in the next four years, where do you think I am to get an additional \$42,360 to compensate for the tuition increase, subsisted or not, it is way too much to bear, now if CUNY only cared about the students they are educating and not the lining of their pockets.

Lobbying For the Right to Learn Student Bill of Rights Divides Students and Faculty

BY KANIKA KHANNA

Student Government representatives tried to hold the floor to address the Student Bill of Rights during a meeting late November, but were brutally interrupted - not by fellow delegates, but by faculty.

Many professors believe it will be used

exam towards the end of the semester, and struggled to salvage his final grade.

Yet, another student had trouble when his professor tested the class on material that wasn't assigned in the syllabus; the class was not notified of the change.

"I still got an A, but it was really hard,"

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to justify unreasonable demands. Is it unreasonable for a student to receive their graded work in a timely fashion, to know how they are doing in a class? Are we asking too much to be notified of syllabus changes?

Far too many CSI students have suffered due to a lack of communication between themselves and their professors. One student I spoke to took a Biology course and expected to earn a B; she received a C because her professor changed the grading rubric in the middle of the semester.

A different student enrolled in a class and took two tests before the last date for withdrawals. He discovered he failed one

said the student. "I had to make up for a less than stellar grade. It was unfair."

The issue of communication between students and faculty transcends syllabus changes. Professors believe students are overstepping their boundaries; however, students are not babies. This is a concern because communication is a major problem; it affects our studies and our relationships with professors.

While we are advocating for our interests, we don't want to alienate our faculty. If the bill is so disconcerting, then send SGA your concerns and suggestions. We want open communication between students and professors - why not start here?

ON CAMPUS

CSI Campus Takes a Dip in Structure Roads Are Increasingly Getting Worse Every Year

BY TIFFANY OUTAR

There seems to be an increase every year with the amount of road damage on campus.

Even with the rapid growth of students, the CSI officials do not seem to consider fixing the roads or pavements a priority which is highly unacceptable.

Every year CSI is flooded with new stu-

dents. The classrooms are getting fuller and so is the campus parking lots. Also, the sidewalks on campus are packed out with students going and coming from classes every two hours or so. While walking on those sidewalks and driving in the parking lot, you'll come across numerous bumps, potholes, and ditches. Why hasn't the CSI officials fixed these issues?

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Legal Acts Not Permitted on Campus CUNY Forcing Students and Faculty to give up their Rights

BY TOYIN OLADIRAN

The right to smoke tobacco will be taken away from all CUNY students in July 2012. This comes a year after designated smoking areas were put into effect.

As a non-smoker I was elated to hear that

\$75 violation fee. The consensus among campus security is that they do not want to violate the students' space but they must enforce the laws.

Currently, some security guards are even reluctant to penalize students disobeying the

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there would be designated smoking areas on campus. This decision benefited and inconvenienced everyone equally. None smokers did not have to deal with having smoke blown in their faces as they exited buildings and smokers could fuel or funnel their addictions as they pleased.

Here, smokers had a choice. Now the choice will be gone. Smoking will be banned completely from all CUNY campuses and students will be forced to go to class distracted and thinking about that cigarette their school would not let them have.

Many students and even some campus security are angry that when this ban goes into effect even those who try to go in their privately owned vehicles to smoke will be fined the

designated area bans. Instead of writing them up and having a stop put on student's record preventing them from registering, security simply asks them to move and warns them of what could happen if they do not.

Although they move when asked, students still rebel by ripping down the posters directing them to the designated areas and replacing them with fliers saying "Fascist CUNY" or "It's my right" such as the posters seen in building 3s.

By taking away their smoking option we tell students that it does not matter they have an addiction problem or even that federal law gives them the right to smoke. This is wrong; we should stick to the designated areas because that protects the rights of all.

The Campus Activities Board is Focusing on What the Students Want

Funding Comes From the Student Activity Fee

BY AVA COZZO

The Campus Activities Board, or CAB, mainly targets the student community and tries to get students more involved with life on campus.

Whether it's through music, or comedy, or even fun trips, the CAB's goal is for the CSI students to learn how to interact with professionals, faculty, and other fellow students in a fun environment; and help then learn and

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develop life skills and responsibilities.

But the CAB is not just about fun. Their meetings consist of proposals, evaluations and votes on previous and up coming events, from how and where their events will happen, to how much it will cost, the CAB votes on all of it.

"We want students to want to spend more time on the campus, enjoying and utilizing what CSI offers and what we offer as the CAB," said Allyson Pawloski, chairperson for the CAB. "But our meetings are still very important and very thorough; especially when it comes to where the money goes to."

They are funded by a portion of the

Student Activity Fee; which includes different fees for full time and part time students. Full time students pay a portion of \$6.35 whereas the part time students pay \$3.25. On the average, this amount totals in \$115,000.00 for the CAB events.

The CAB's purpose is to research and develop a variety of social, educational and community services for the CSI's students. And with the money from the student activity

he was pretty good," said Charlie Logan. "He's toured with groups like Maroon 5 and One Republic, which is cool."

The speaker series committee brings in speakers from all over like motivational speakers and financial speakers; and the spe-

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cial events committee hosts annual carnivals and game shows and events like Rocktoberfest.

"Rocktoberfest was fun this year," said Dana Fisher. "They brought that band Augustine who are on MTV!"

There's also the "On the road" with CAB committee, that allows students to join in and visit amusement parks, Broadway shows and sporting events. They go to Dorney Park, Six Flags, and football games; and in December they are going to Medieval Times.

The last committee is membership and marketing, which is all about promoting the CAB and its events; along with trying to recruit students to join in and have some fun. Their board it full of students, and they have open seats for anyone qualified.

The committee also focuses on the proposal's that are brought in from the student

community, like student productions for the performing arts department.

"These committees are here for any student to join," said Debi Kee, Associate Director. "And we are always open to any suggestions students have, our meetings are

about discussions and we vote on everything."

That is why the CAB hosts many events on campus, at times when students are available to enjoy these events. The Green Dolphin Lounge is one place that musicians and comedians come share their work with the students as well the community members. There is also the Bijou Lounge in the campus center, where they show their films.

They plan over 100 events each year, and co host events with the Center for Arts, as well as working with the Student Government and the CSI Association. They host their meetings every other Thursday in the campus center and welcome any student who meets the requirements.

"I've never been to any meetings before, but I do enjoy their events," said Marcus Medina. "I'm a film student so I enjoy the film showing in the Bijou Lounge."

BANNER SPORTS

Dolphin Basketball Sweeps Away York College

Men Stave Off Pesky Opponent,
While Women Dominate

BY JESSICA PIFALO

Senior TJ Tibbs led the way tallying 18 points and 4 assists, while fellow senior Jordan Young added 15 points in CSI's 65-60 victory over the York College Cardinals. The win finished off a CSI Women's and Men's sweep of the Cardinals on Thursday, November 29th.

In the nightcap, the mens squad jumped out to an early 10-7 lead but York hung around throughout eventually tying the game up at 22-22.

The teams traded leads for the rest of the half until sophomore Bloochy Magliore gave the Dolphins a 2 point lead with a late lay-up to close out the frame.

York jumped out on a 10-0 run to start the 2nd half giving them an early 8 point lead. But Sophomore Louis Valdes answered back with a 4 point play to cut the lead right in half.

After two baskets by Young to re-tie the game, the teams traded baskets until the

Dolphins snagged the lead for good with 3:00 left in play.

After Tibbs sank 2 free throws. Magliore hit a jumper that put the Dolphins up by 5 (61-56) with a 1:50 to play.

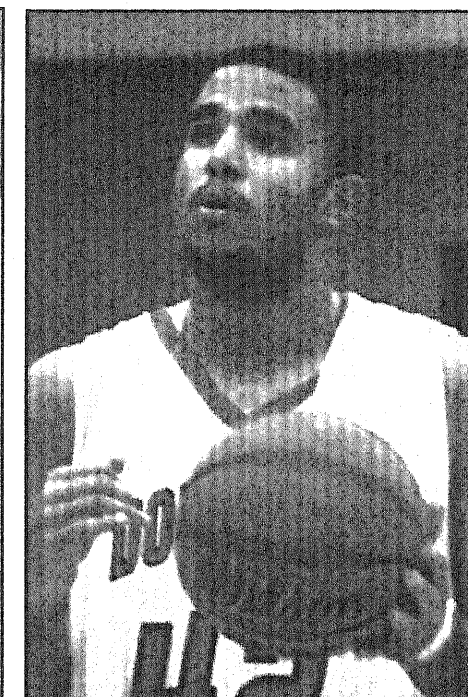
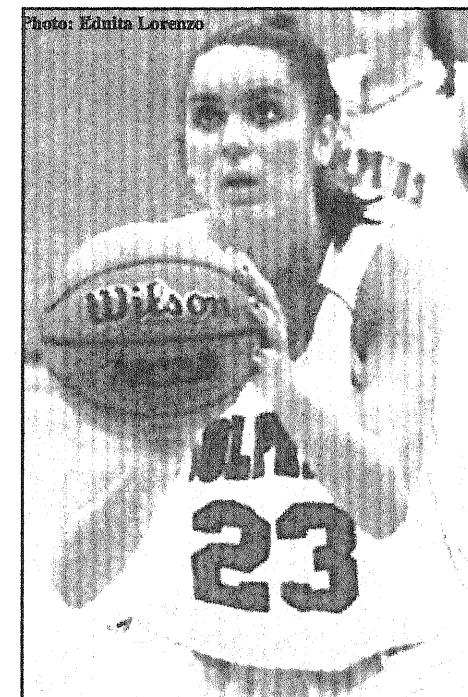
Despite York's attempts, the Dolphins made their free throws to close out the contest.

In the early matchup, Freshman Nikki Fabozzi led the Women's squad with 17 points and 6 rebounds as the Lady Dolphins cruised to a 64-41 win over the York College Cardinals.

Junior Jaclyn Tocco added 12 points and 7 rebounds while Junior Katelyn Hepworth added 12 points and 11 rebounds of her own.

After York jumped out to a quick 9-3 lead, the Lady Dolphins responded with a 12-5 run of their own to cut the lead to 19-18.

After two buckets by Hepworth. Junior Olivia Tierno and Senior Nicole Quattrocchi added 3 point field goals to put the Dolphins up 28-24 at the half.



Jordan Young and Nikki Fabozzi Led The Way For Each of Their Squads Against York

In the second half, the Dolphins turned up overall and 1-0 in the CUNYAC. They return to the defense forcing York into numerous action Sunday December 4th against Sage College. The Dolphins then capitalized offensively going on a 21-7 run.

While leading by 16 points with seven minutes to go, the Dolphins tacked on another 10 points to seal the 26 point lead, and cruise to the win.

This wins sets the Lady Dolphins at 4-2 season.

Q&A With New Dolphins Shortstop Bryan Moreno Junior-To-Be Makes The Move From Catcher To Shortstop Next Season

BY JAMES MARDIKOS

Last season as a catcher, Bryan Moreno led the CSI Dolphins baseball team last year with a .366 batting average and was a Second Team All-Region selection by the ABCA and Rawlings. This past fall, Head Coach Mike Mauro decided to move Moreno from behind the plate to the infield, as he will be the team's new shortstop...

The Banner: How do you feel about the move to shortstop?

Bryan Moreno: So far I feel very good about the move. I love catching and have all my life but if its for the better of the team then I don't mind playing shortstop.

TB: Originally in the fall, they had you playing second base. How'd you feel about that?

BM: Originally I thought it'd be easier, but in actuality I found it harder to be able to turn the double play, I definitely prefer shortstop now.

TB: You hit .366 last season primarily as a catcher. Will not being subjected to the wear behind the plate help or hurt your offense?

BM: In the long run it'll help keep my legs fresh, but it's something I'm going to have to get used to. Catching kept me loose during games and in the past I've noticed I hit better when I caught. So i'll have to make adjustments.

TB: What will you be doing for the rest of the

offseason to prepare for the switch to shortstop?

BM: Every Monday and Wednesday I get a teammate to hit me and Louis Ortiz (Freshman Shortstop) some ground balls on the field. Our 2nd baseman comes and we work on things like the double plays.

TB: How are you going to handle the adversity when you make your first error at short?

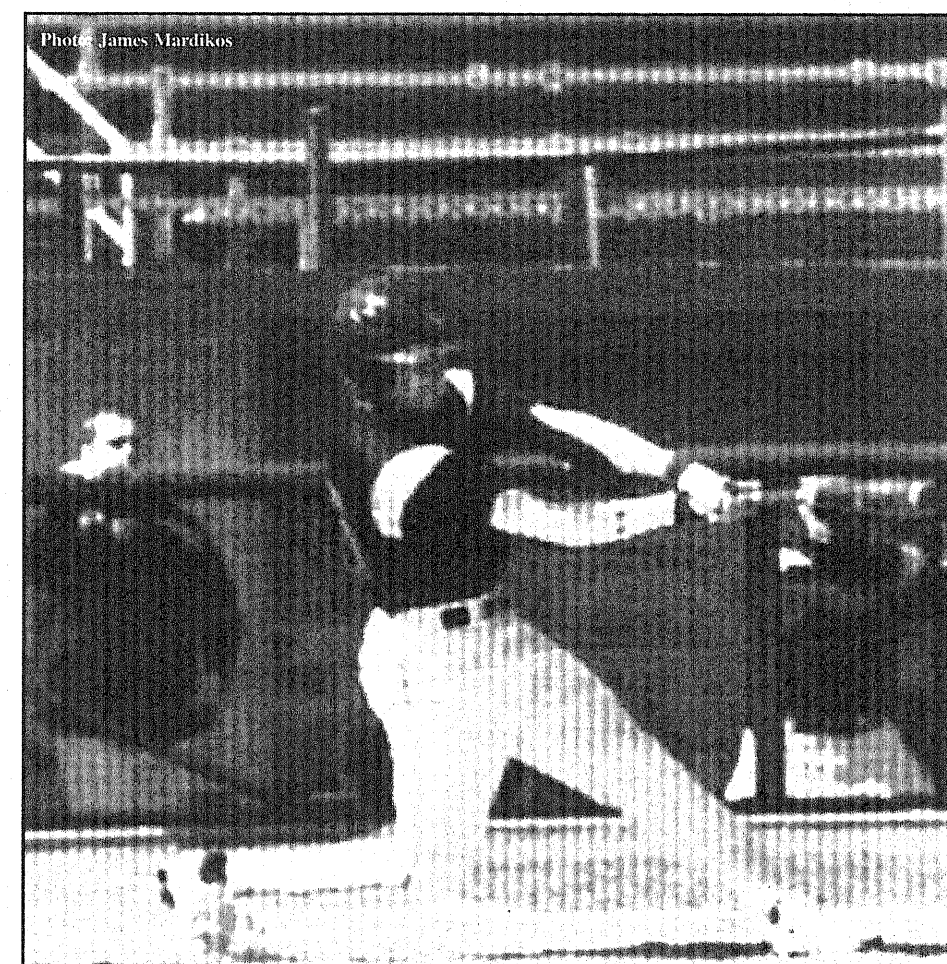
BM: Well I know im going to make errors. It happens to everyone, you just got to pick your head up, learn from your mistakes and move forward, but I dont plan on making an error (with a wink).

TB: Besides catching and shortstop, what other positions would you want to possibly play?

BM: I don't mind the outfield, I played a little bit out there last year and I thought I was getting pretty comfortable.

TB: Last year the team had a "Mustache May", this year the rumor is "Mullet March"?

BM: Well, mustache may started a few years back and it's when you go the whole month of May without shaving your mustache. Mullet March is new, so me and a couple of the guys are growing out our hair up until March and when March 1st come, we'll have some solid mullets... I haven't cut my hair in 4 and a half



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TB: How has the girlfriend taken that?

BM: Horrible. She hates it, so does my mother. But I'm sticking it out and not cutting it

TB: Favorite team and player?

BM: Not even a question, Yankees and Jeter

TB: Why?

BM: Well I bought a Yankee keychain for my dad when I was six and I didn't really know much about baseball. From there I ended up watching them and Jeter ever since. He plays the game the right way.