Official Newspaper of the College of Staten Island

Rat Appears In Front of Campus

Sheet Metal Workers Protest Use of Non-Union Labor

BY MARK REVELLO & DIANA PORCELLI

Members of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union demonstrated outside CSI's Victory Blvd entrance on the use of non-union laborers at th construction site of the planned dormitory

"Twenty years ago there were union problems and there still are," said Staten Island Labor Chairman Rich McMahon. "If my workers were on that site they would be able to provide for their families and earn a living wage."

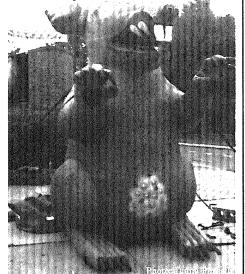
Sheet metal worker and Local 28 unior member Brian McBrearty and the Director of Business Development for the Local 28 Robert Soto, handed out leaflets to students and others who walked by. The flyers and an inflatable black rat with a scab on its stomach were used to call attention to their grievances.

The leaflets handed out by union members stated that "The College of Staten Island has outsourced manufacturing and construction on this campus." The protesting union workers believe they should be the ones to construct the

"Unions guarantee safety, hourly wages, benefits, state apprenticeships, and a skilled and productive workforce," said McBrearty.

Labor workers protesting off campus also felt employing non-union workers is more about money saved than about quality of work. They also cited the use of non-New York City building and trade affiliated workers as another issue they intend to highlight.

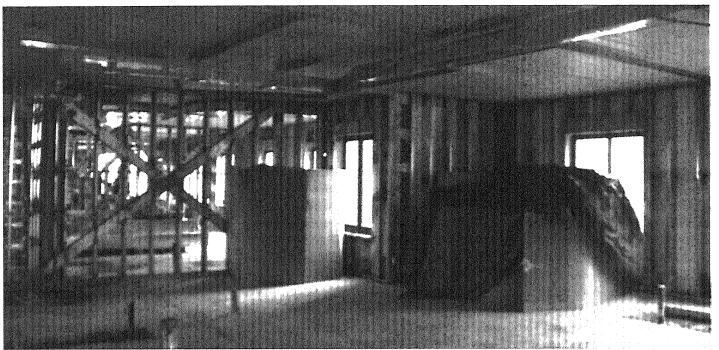
Continued on page 4



Sheet metal workers stood next to a giant rat to protest use of non-unionized labor

Looking to Future With the Completion of Dorms Nearing

Beginning of a New Era for CSI



The internal framework is being inserted into the soon to be completed CSI dorms BY GEOFFREY HEATH

Bumping into someone from Texas or hearing the unmistakable sound of a Boston accent at CSI seemed like a far-fetched concept not too

But with the addition of residence halls, the pool from which CSI can admit students has become much deeper.

"The residence halls will broaden the area from which students can come to campus. said Ira Persky, Vice President for Finance and Administration and President of CSI Housing LLC. "We can have students come here from the West Coast, from anywhere."

By this time next year, CSI will have made NYC H.D.C. the transition from commuter school to full-

Housing is open to all CUNY students. Those enrolled at CSI could find themselves next door to students from Baruch, Hunter, or any other CUNY college.

"That's why it's important for our students to jump on this opportunity," said Mr. Persky.

To cover building expenses, CSI Student Housing LLC borrowed tax exempt bonds cies from the NYC Housing Development Corporation. The money from deposits and residence fees will go toward re-paying the

"One of our main obligations is to satisfy the debt on the buildings," said Mr. Persky.

If there isn't enough demand from CSI students alone, and some of the 454 available beds are left empty, there won't be enough money coming in to recompense the NYC H.D.C. CSI will be left to pay out of pocket, and this is one of the reasons why all CUNY students are being considered to fill the vacan-

Applications are available to students interested in living on campus. The forms can

Continued on page 5

Women Walk to "Take Back The Night"

Rallying Against Domestic Violence

BY LUCY FARFAN-NARCISSE

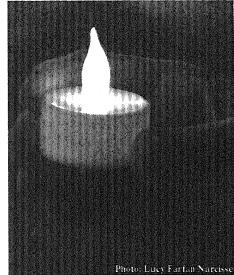
Students, interns, and survivors of domestic violence walked in solidarity, as they carried candles through the darkness as beacons of hope, to take back the night. Between 6:30 and 9:30 on October 27th, Women and men of all nationalities, backgrounds, age, and sexual orientations gathered together at the CSI's "Take Back the Night" event.

stand by silently while women, men and chil- from the Women's Center. dren are subjected to violence and to abuse," domestic violence because it is so often hidden behind closed doors."

"This whole event is really important to

me because as a counselor you experience the pain and trauma when people share their stories of violence. In our society it is a problem and people don't speak about it," said Armando Gonzalez, a graduate assistant at the Bertha Harris Women's Center and a mental health-counseling graduate at CSI. Gonzalez directed and starred in illuminating short film entitled "Shatter the Silence: Speak out against

"We speak out to testify to the shocking amount of violence that continues in our own borough and in New York City and around the world," said Goldner. "We speak to raise awareness about the issue of violence and we also aim to make this room a supportive environment for whoever wants to speak to about Back The Night Event Continued on page 4



Candles were handed out during the Take



Student Panel Discusses Apathy Page 5

Sonic 2 Adventure Makes Return Pages 8

Women's Basketball **Beats Stevens** Back Page



The New York Times American Democracy Project

Is The Question of 22 State Succeeding Really A Thing?

A Growing Petition On White House Website Suspicious at Best

BY MARIE SCARSELLA

Following the defeat of former Governor and the Republican candidate Mitt Romney, many Americans were left particularly unsettled. With Barack Obama about to unsettled enough to petition to withdraw

Twenty-two states have filed succession petitions on the White House website, under the section titled "We the People." The section is in place to make sure that the voices of Americans are heard on whatever issue the White House is currently handling, and any issue brought to petition requires 25,000 signatures in order to be reviewed and considered by the government. Those signatures must be collected within thirty days.

The majority of the states that are currently petitioning to secede voted for Romney in the election this year. Louisiana was the first, followed by other red states such as Texas, North Carolina, Mississippi, and our neighbors in New Jersey. However, other states that filed voted blue, including Oregon and New York, also found means to start a secession petition.

blue states is, "Who is signing these peti-

turnout than usual, with Staten Island, which is typically a Republican borough, voting in favor of our current Commander-in-Chief. This fact makes it even less likely that New Yorkers desire independence from our country, specifically if Obama's reelection is being cited as the reason.

16,000 more by December. Interestingly, though, when viewing the petition you may choose to depart. notice that very few, if any, of the signatures are from New York residents.

"Steven E." from Endicott, created the petiage in comparison to other places. Without tion many of the signers list their home state the government we currently have in place, as Georgia, Texas, and Alabama. Ironically, people in these states would suffer in areas those are all red states that voted in favor of directly related to currency and industry. Romney.

ernment officials will look it over, send it to drastically. the appropriate policy experts, and then issue an official response.

become its own country? Slim to none.

the government will support these peti- to prepare for another Civil War. tions. Just because a state wishes to leave the union does not mean they will be granted

that wish even following a strict government review of the legitimacy of the petition.

This is further validated by the fact that the people who are signing petitions on the behalf of the state are not necessarily resienter his second term, some people are dents of said state. Why would the government choose to allow Texas, for example, to remove itself from the union if people signing the petition are from various states across the country? People are speaking on behalf of residents who clearly do not want to become their own nation just so the Radical Republicans can be removed from the "socialist country" they are currently living in under President Obama.

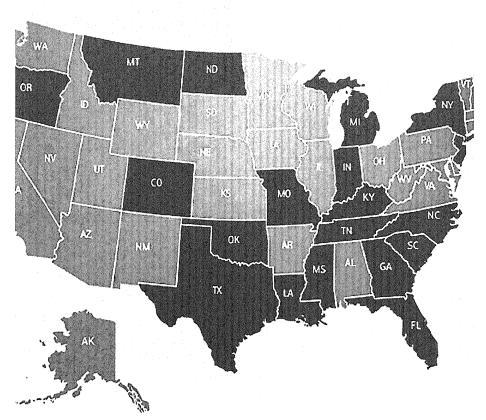
> Another issue with Texas' petition is that the city of Austin has started a counter-petition. In Austin, they have decided that if Texas somehow does secede, Austin wishes to remain part of the United States, even though it would be in the center of Texas, the country. It appears to be a situation similar to that of Vatican City in Italy.

The illegitimacy of the petitions for states such as New York can cause a similar hindrance. Though the state will likely never reach the required number of signa-The question that remains within the tures to prompt a review, even if it did, the lack of New York residents in the signatures section would lead for eventual failure. New York alone had a larger blue Certain sections of the state are also likely to make similar moves to Austin, causing New York to be broken into sections. The state on a map would like kind of like Swiss cheese.

When creating and signing these petitions, it is difficult to understand what people are thinking. Secession from the United States will not only take us back to a time of The petition for our home state currently Civil War, which we don't exactly need right has 8,430 signatures, and must gain over now, but it will also cause a significant change in lifestyle for those in states that

Many refuse to acknowledge that, aside from the political policies they may not While a New Yorker, known simply as agree with, life in this country is above aver-Texas is currently the only state with of constant spending with lack of production enough signatures to gain governmental would be completely inverted, and residents review. They have exceeded the number of would not be able to enjoy simple luxuries signatures needed by over 5,000. It is set to that we currently take for granted. The tasks be reviewed as of December 10, when gov- of importing and exporting would change

Though the petition calls for a "peaceful" secession, it is clear that given the cur-What are the chances that Texas will rent circumstance, states leaving the Union would create quite the opposite situation. If While the First Amendment protects the Texas really does succeed, even though it is right to petition, it does not guarantee that unlikely, we as the United States would have



Source: Google Image This map shows the 22 states that are allegedly aiming for enough petitioners to suceede

WANTED EGG DONORS U

Women AGES 21-33 who qualify and complete the donation process are **COMPENSATED \$8,000** for their

> All information is kept confidential.

time and effort.

Contact Nicole, our Donor Egg Program Coordinator, to see if you qualify: CALL 718-283-6588 or E-MAIL

ngalan@genesisfertility.com or VISIT OUR WEBSITE at www.genesisfertility.com.

STAFF

EDITOR IN CHIEF: MARK REVELLO DAEYUNG LEE

MANAGING EDITOR: IEREMY PASKER

BUSINESS MANAGER: STEPHEN KLEIN

COPY EDITOR: AMANDA GRANBERG RAMSES MARTINEZ

> ADP EDITOR: M. MILEY

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR: MARIE SCARSELLA

> LIFESTYLES EDITOR: NICOLE PAGANO

> PHOTO EDITOR: LUCY FARFAN-NARCISSE

> > **SPORTS EDITOR:** JESSICA PIFALO

STAFF: SARAH ALADHAMY, VICTORIA CAROCCIA SANDRA CHAMOUN, LUKE CRISALLI **BRITTANY FERONE GEOFFREY HEATH** MICHAEL PAPANDREA BRADLEY POPKIN, LUCIA ROSSI, MARIE SCARSELLA, DIANA PORCELLI. LARRY ZAKHARENKO

> **CONTRIBUTORS:** BRITTANY FERONE, MEGAN BRENNECK

FACULTY ADVISOR: FREDERICK KAUFMAN



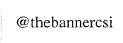
THE BANNER IS PUBLISHED BY THE STU-DENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND ALL WORKS CONTAINED WITHIN THIS PUBLICATION ARE THE PROPERTY OF THEIR CREATORS, AND ARE PROTECTED BY COPYRIGHT LAW NO MATERIALS WITHIN THIS PUBLICATION MAY BE REPRINTED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IN ANY FORM, WITH-OUT THE PERMISSION OF THE EDITORS.

OUR OFFICE IS LOCATED AT 2800 VICTORY BLVD, BUILDING 1C, ROOM 228, STATEN ISLAND, NY, 10314, OUR NEWS BUREAU CAN BE REACHED AT (718) 982-3116 OR BY E-MAILING OUR EDITOR (The.BANNER.CSI@gmail.com) OR BY FAXING US AT 718 982-3087.

FOR ADVERTISING INFORMATION DIAI 718 982-3116.

OPINIONS EXPRESSED HEREIN ARE THOSE OF THE WRITERS, AND ARE NOT NECES-SARILY SHARED BY THE BANNER STAFF OR THE COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND. THE BANNER IS NOT A PUBLICATION OF THE COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND AND THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CON-TENTS OF THE BANNER.

Find Us On The Web:





thebannercsi.wordpress.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: "Debatable Debate Procedures"

I found the article enlightening. Sadly many viewers of the debate will not have been made savvy to the lies and exaggerations that were made on each side. But the article failed to point out any error in particular. However, with so many different media outlets both candidates are indeed scrutinized for everything they say 47%. Mitchell Lovell Sophomore

Re: "2012 MLB Playoffs Preview"

As an avid sports and more particularly a baseball fan, I liked the way the 2012 playoff preview was done. Even though it isn't CI related. it provided a very good insight about the Dana Biondolillo upcoming events. I like the fact that many of Senior the things said smart intellectual baseball comments rather than just saying the Yankees are the best team in Baseball. I feel the article didn't give away a clear front-runner and leveled the playing field in the mind of the reader.

Paul Stingo

Re: "Meet Your Senators"

Dae's article was magnificent as his illustrious wardrobe. He captured the whole event from perspective of multiple senators and a student. I enjoyed hearing about the agenda's of the newly elected senators.

Brad Popkin

Re: "Bankrupting the American Political

It's nice to see somebody point out that Obama and Romney are practically the same. The Re: "Smoking Ban Drastic Without democrats and republican at this point have the Designated Areas" same policies and no matter who wins, the

actually seems to have a brain, if he had been allowed to debate, he would have won by a landslide. Mainstream media is like a joke.

The college needs a new system to get students on and off the campus in the evening. Usually there are public safety officers letting each side go, but it's really bad they are disappearing. Re: "Back to School Style: A Slippery Drivers in time waiting don't care and make rash moves that can cause an accident where we could hurt of use one of our own. I believe we need to have another exit or more public safety officers on duty throughout the entire

Re: "Springsteen Rocks Metlife Stadium"

This piece is an awesome read for anyone who is interested in music or Bruce for that matter. Having him come back to his home town is they're the only ones who get criticized about great and also knowing he does not forget where he got his start. Another great issue for Chris Bitetto

Dan Porcello

Re: "From Paris with Love"

This article was so funny. I loved it! It was enjoyable to read and had an ending that was completely unexpected. The story has an erotic vibe to it with a touch of humor. I would definitely love to read more from this person. Melissa Oviedo

I am a smoker and I find this ban on smoking country is going to be the same hell. But what unfair. How can CSI kick us smokers out from about Gary Johnson? I see absolutely no third the outdoors? Where are we all supposed to honest piece. I've heard of many of my guy party coverage at all. What about libertarian go? When I'm stuck on campus for six hours, friends do the "Keep her thinking 'till she's not party? Rather than vote for the lesser of two it forces me to ignore the ban and smoke when-drinking" routine but it was really interesting evils or "Obanney," a coin with the same two ever I get a chance. CSI could have left the to see it laid out like that. Nice but brutal job. sides, waste your vote for Gary Johnson, he designated areas for smokers. No one really Samantha Fink

had much of a problem with that regulation. They could've gave us a smokers designated room or tent or something when I paid over \$3,000 this semester. I wasn't paying someone to take my rights away. CSI needs to fix this and compromise with smokers.

Stephen Basile

I think Victoria was spot on with this article. It's incredible how a first impression goes as far as the first week of the semester. One thing that I do realize is that it is much tougher getting dressed in the morning for a girl because guys get a pass on their attire all year. Sweatpants, basketball shorts, t-shirts, hoodies, and baseball caps are the go to outfits for guys and nobody will call them out on their lack of effort. Bottom line, PJ's for school is a no go but I sympathize with the ladies because

Re: "Gridlock!"

I thought this article was well-needed and it accurately summed up the ever-growing problem of campus traffic. Some nights you won't see a car on the road and others you wish you walked to school because you see hours worth of congestion ahead of you. I really hope the article sparks some flames and the issue can be taken care of. Other than that, the article was quite interesting. Brittany Ferone

Sophomore

Re: "Captain Morgan VS Captain Ahab"

Ouch! Thank goodness the woman in this article has not have been named. This was a very

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:

> Blogging
> Editing
> Photography Graphic design
> Layout & production Reporting
> Web design
> Fact-checking

Visit us and EAT FREE PIZZA on Thursdays, 2:30-4:30, at 1C-228 Or contact us: (718) 982-3116 E-Mail: the.Banner.csi@gmail.com

"Union Protests CSI" Continued from the front page

"This is about greed and exploitation. It's about money and numbers," said McBrearty. "This is union school in every way under the

CSI's Vice President of Finance and Administration, Ira Persky, felt the issues raised by the union workers should be directed at the general contracting firm. The general contracting firm, T.G. Nickel and Associates LLC, are the ones responsible for sub-contracting the necessary workers to perform specific tasks such as metal working, carpentry, electric or plumbing.

"If they have issues should be talking to the general contractors," said Persky. "Some of them are union shops, some of them are not."

Persky believed that the college made the correct choice in using T.G. Nickel and Associates to complete the two dormitory buildings. T.G. Nickel was the contracting firm in charge of the dorms that were recently constructed at Queens College, demonstrating experience in the means of dorm construction

"The general contractor was picked for their experience using panelized construction," said Persky. "The builders started in good faith to keep the project on time. They brought the Queens College dorms in under budget and on

Persky held the college has done everything involving dorm construction properly

"The job was bid with a prevailing wage contract," said Persky. "We have full construction meetings every two weeks. T.G. Nickels does construction management and oversees the project to make sure workers are doing the

After CSI broke ground to construct the dorms during the 2011 Fall Semester, the handball and basketball courts were removed to allow room for construction.

CSI approximated the cost near 7 million dollars for the development of two fully func- as possible tional dorms and adjoining facilities. Each dorm will be equipped with 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms a kitchen, and a living room com-

McMahon believed that McBrearty would rather be working inside of CSI and doing the job he was trained to do instead of protesting outside of CSI beside the inflatable rat.

"He's a true labor worker, not someone who walks the walk or talks the talk, "said

Members of Local 28, the Sheet Metal Workers' Union, were outside the college throughout the summer and for the first three weeks in October. The members of Local 28 hoped that this issue would be resolved as soon

"I hope Fritz is getting flooded with emails," said McBrearty "We're interested in

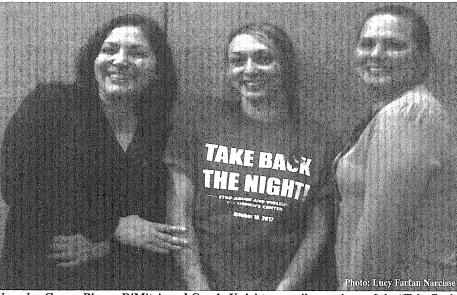
"Taking Back The Night" Continued from the front page

their experiences and we want to shatter the norms that seek to shame survivors."

Bianca DiMitri is a survivor of domestic violence and an active member of Voices of Women and the Founder of Fearless Females Incorporated, a non-profit organization. DiMitri began a support group while interning at the Bertha Harris Women's Center. Ellen Goldner inspired and encouraged her to follow through with her vision to have an organization that was entirely dedicated to victims of domestic violence. She speaks at events and continues to tell her story to others to raise

"I have managed to turn this terrible experience into something positive," said DiMitri. "Share your stories—-it really changes things and makes a difference in someone's life."

"I in 4 women and I in II men will be the victim of rape or an attempted rape in their lifetime. Women ages 16-19 are four times more likely to be raped than any other age group; 80% of sexual assaults are perpetrated by someone known to the victim--it's a person



eronica Green, Bianca DiMitri, and Carrie Knight were all organizers of the "Take Back the Night Event on October 27th

in your dorm, in your neighborhood, someone whom you are related to," said Veronica Green, a rape crisis social worker at Safe Horizon located in Staten Island.

"It's really important to have these conversations about violence, about domestic violence, about sexual violence. It's important that we acknowledge that it happens," said Green. "It's a problem everywhere-it's a prob-

Safe Horizon provides support, prevents violence and promotes justice for victims of crime, their families and the community but also provides individual and group counseling, advocacy and criminal justice accompaniment. They also coordinate the rape crisis

who assist and offer support to rape victims in their time of need. "My work is built on hope and I get to bear

advocates for all the hospitals in Staten Island

witness to healing. I get to work with communities that are torn apart by domestic violence and sexual violence; watch them rise up and say no more...enough," said Green. "If that isn't hopeful than nothing is."

The event concluded with a march around the campus grounds of CSI led by Ellen Goldner. "Take Back the Night" is an annual event at The College that is sponsored by Northfield Bank and Verizon.

This year's "Take Back the Night" was dedicated to two young women who were victims of brutal and horrific acts of violence. Simonette Mapes-Crupi was an alumna from CSI who graduated with a Masters Degree in Education last May. She was found brutally stabbed to death in her own home on July 5th, 2012. On October 9th, 2012, Malala Yousafzai a 15 year old activist and advocate of education for girls in Pakistan was targeted and shot in the head by Taliban assassins on her way home from school.

"Beginning of a New Era for CSI" Continued from the front page

be obtained at the CSI Student Housing Office, located in 1C-212, as well as online at csistudenthousing.com. Residence is granted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

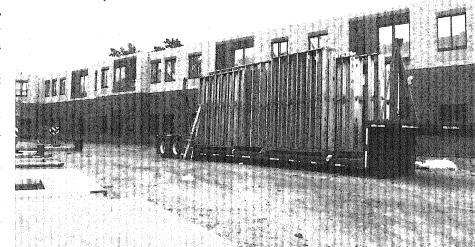
"Our goal," said Mr. Persky, "is to make it as easy as possible for people to get housing." After the application is reviewed and accepted, students are required to submit a \$400 reservation fee. After the first two installments are paid, however, this fee converts into a security deposit.

The logistics for safety are still being worked out. The thought is to have resident assistants and security guards handle it

"We're still working on it, but there will be one R.A. on call and security at the checkin desk in both buildings every night," said Nicole Weston, General Manager of Student Housing. "We also plan on having four people on call at all times for security and assistance."

Students applying for housing have a few options to choose from. There are three units of varying size: 4 bedroom and 2 bathroom, 3 bedroom and 2 bathroom, and 2 bedroom and 1 bathroom. The 3 bedroom unit has a shared bedroom, which costs slightly less than a single-person room.

The price of each unit decreases as the number of beds increase. A student residing



A sideview of the construction progress being made on CSI's two dormitory buildings in a 4 bedroom unit can expect to pay \$6,061 and cable are included. Electricity is covered

per semester. A 3 bedroom unit costs the same, except for the shared room which runs \$5,310 semester. The 2 bedroom unit will be

Students feeling sticker-shock can sleep a used," said Ms. Weston little easier knowing financial aid can be used to help cover the expense of living on campus.

"Anyone who receives financial aid can use it for the residence halls," said Ms. Weston. "After tuition is paid, whatever is left over can be used to pay for housing."

Each dorm comes fully furnished with a full-sized kitchen and stove. Water, internet,

"Exceeding the \$35 electricity cap can be avoided by doing little things, like turning off the lights and T.V. when they're not being

Students in the residence halls will also have a place to unwind or work. For leisure, there is a fitness center and social lounge, A imputer lab and study lab will be available for schoolwork. New basketball and handball courts are being built; the old courts were removed to provide space for the buildings.

There will also be a laundry room, but the

number of machines and the cost for using them has yet to be determined.

"There will be what's called the campusone card that students will use to do laundry," said Mr. Persky. "It will work like a debit card. Students put money on the card, and each time they do laundry the proper amount is withdrawn."

No new parking spaces will be added to accommodate students living in the residence

"If necessary, part of lot 6 will be designated as residence parking," said Mr. Persky.

Students who wish to have family and friends visit are allowed to bring a guest up to

The R.A. staff will be comprised of students. The application process for R.A.'s will begin December 3 in 1C-212. Eligibility hinges upon good judicial standing and a minimum 2.5 GPA. Each R.A. will receive a free room and stipend; they will be required to organize and host one event each month for

Residence halls on campus will bring a new element to CSI and provide a change in atmosphere, according to Nicole Weston.

"That's what we're planning for," Weston said. "Our committee has been working hard to make sure the process and transition go as

Panel Explores Reasons for Growing Student Lack of Involvement

The Lack of Morale on Campus Biggest Topic of The Night

BY JEAN-CLAUDE QUINTYNE

Representatives from clubs at the College of Staten Island participated in a panel discussion on November 15th to speak about declining participation in student organizations and campus activities. Each representative on the panel expressed opinions that focused on how to stop the growing apathy demonstrated by students

"The exponential advancements of technology are something that plays a part in this-people would rather sit and play on their smart phones or their video-game consoles," said the representative for the "Reason to Write" club Michael DiMaria. "All of this technology is so easily available to everybody. Students say, 'Why would I come when I could play on my iPhone or on my iPad.""

The most heated comments from the panelists came when they were asked what they felt the main cause of student apathy was.

The panelist from the 'Young Americans for Liberty' club, Ian Ustick, felt that the lack of campus involvement was solely a problem of the students themselves.

"If someone wants to join a club, it's up to them to do it. There's no excuse," said Ustick. "I don't think it should be mandatory but that wouldn't be a bad idea—it's just something to

The panelist for Student Government, Nick DiBari disagreed with Ustick's assessment that the responsibility of joining a club is up to the student. DiBari also said that people

would rather hear about media gossip than learning about pressing and more relevant top-

"The distractions-iPhones or iBallsjust make people I-don't-care," said DiBari. "At the end of the day it all has to do with our culture. We are in a very apathetic culture where we obviously don't care a lot about any-

The panelist representing 'The Banner'. Co-Editor-in-Chief, Daeyung Lee used his experience as a tutor to reveal the differences between the students he tutored and the colleagues he worked with at 'The Banner'.

"When I look at the staff at the Banner, they do a damn good job all the time. But when I look at kids struggling to make ends meet in class, I really can't push them to join clubs," said Lee. "Clubs will help you interact with people and help you learn new things, but it's not going to help you pass your class."

Representing the college's political magazine, 'Third Rail', was Non-Fiction Director Joseph Potenza. Potenza gave one of the strongest responses amongst the panelists when he stressed that many students don't work for a reward but rather for a resume.

"Nobody really brought up that a lot of people have work too. I want to blame it on the mentality of work-over-reward. You don't join a club for the work; you don't join a club to pad a resume. You join a club for the reward that you get doing it," said Potenza. "That reward of seeing those racks empty with a pub-



A collective of students from various clubs met to discuss apathy on campus

lication, knowing that my articles in there and someone's reading it-it's that feeling of accomplishment that nobody really knows offhand what it is. And if it's not something you experience, it's not something that will inspire

Lack of student involvement is not only defined as low participation during classroom discussions. It extends a reach to the various clubs at the College of Staten Island, while negatively affecting the overall production of

There are many causes of this and some of which are more complex than others. When an

issue as lethal as apathy is prevalent, more focus should be on proposing and promoting efficient solutions --- a topic that was not discussed in detail during the discussion.

A moderator and five students staffed the discussion on student apathy. The discussion was moderated by the Editor in Chief of 'The Banner', Mark Revello.

The event was sponsored by the "Reason to Write" club and co-sponsored by The Banner, Third Rail, Student Government Political Action Committee, and Young Americans for Liberty. Light refreshments were served as the panel began at 6:30.

Rumors Circulating About Possible Return of Physicians Assistant Program Online Application Provided Without Any Hospital Affiliations

BY SARAH ALADHAMY

Several years ago, the PA program at CSI was officially removed from the Biology Department, forcing interested students to transfer to another college or drop out.

Beginning in early September rumors have been circulating that the Physician's Assistant Program, or PA program for short, would be returning as a major at CSI. As of recent the program's return has become definite after a job application was posted on the CSI website.

Bernice Diaz, a Senior currently declared as a psychology major, is currently planning to apply to City College (CCNY), and possibly SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn. She hopes the program comes back before she graduates, which is soon. Upon questioning the depar ment, Diaz was told that the Biology Department would receive a tentative date after securing several hospital affiliations.

"I would definitely consider applying to CSI's program," said Bernice Diaz. "It would be easier for me, and more convenient to stay here and start the program, instead of having to transfer over to another college all over again."

Like most students who are considering PA School, Diaz heard rumors circulating from a few friends and professors, primarily Dr. Elidrissi, who have taken a keen interest in reestablishing the program and CSI.

"I hope it turns out to be what I'm expecting it to be," said Diaz. "It'll be such a waste of my time having to go here and it turns out to work at another school."

Kessya Joshua is thinking about applying for a PA Program as her backup if med school doesn't turn out well. She too heard about the PA program from other students who sought advisement from Dr. Elidrissi. During these past few months, according to Joshua, Elidrissi has told several students interested in the program that it will be brought back. Dr. Elidrissi, however, made no effort to respond to further

"If I can't get into med school, I would definitely apply to the PA program here," said Kessya Joshua, a Junior following a discipline in Psychology. "My first choice would be AL CUNY colleges because it's cheaper. I hear the PA programs in CUNY are pretty good. My second choice would be Wagner College.'

According to the job application, starting salary ranges between \$41,435 to \$67,431 with experience. They must have a license in PA, experience in clinical practice, a master's degree, academic experience, the ability to teach well, and receive certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, or the NCCPA.

Although CSI does not provide the PA program anymore, other CUNY colleges still do. One of them, CCNY, has graduated over 700 students with PA certification. York College offers a Bachelors Degree in PA as well. While Medgar Evers College does not offer a PA program, the college prepares students in applying to PA programs, specifically

most a word more of contract - Physician Assistant Programs II

CAMPUS SPECIFIC INFORMATION

"We are not sure when it's being brought back. But it's not anytime soon. We are still in the works of progressing to it," said the Biology Department. "As of right now students can do two years here to take the courses they need for PA and two years of clinical program

to SUNY Downstate.

This Cologo of State I stand (CC) is exercity localed in a 204 ages pick (No campu-ticus in NoW Yes City, CS) is one of it compressions or the Erry Diversity (No CC) Mit worth any public locale and State Teach (Fig. 61) age of which local or and acceptant programs. Despois the programs and carried and in conditioning of the programs to dust mode. In Michael and acceptant and carried and state CSI and is approximately 1400 study from the programs and the college CSI and states. paremant of Biology, at the College of State (loand, currently seeks applicants then to a Lemeral faculty position, as the Cinical Georginster of the Physician age, demonstrat all partier facility poscort as the later as usered here are only seen as Assistant Programs. Find permany immorine of the poscornous that parties are in the discourant of the Physician Assistant program, a 3 VMS day polyprogram where an extraordinative country, without program, as the seen as discourant product formation of the distant country of the program; settle stemard of circum advantage of Electronic permissessions and being a mandrastring in two set of electronic, included by serial permissessions and being a mandrastring in two set of electronic, included by a pro-paration of departments, college and unwarshy service.

The Rolley ago of Staton Islandhan a bread reminerant to the alliast health oclaness, in Nazing Markt Health, Physical Photony, and Marketi Technology, Aswell have a significant releases house or human health results through the Debrat test where man Source and the Center for Developments, Nauroscientes. The Rolley December of technological which includes Medical Source of the Technology Source and participation. In accordance of the operation of the Windows Order of Center of the participation. In accordance of the operation of the Windows Order of Center of the participation. The accordance of the operation of the Windows Order of Center of the Center of the Center of the Center of Cente

The tentative application for admission into the rumored physician assistant

Other colleges like Hunter and Lehman, require students in doing their pre-requisites there, then applying to another school for their

"If the program doesn't turn out as I was expecting it too, my only option would be to leave the program and apply to another CUNY college," explained Joshua. "Or Wagner college because I hear they have a pretty good PA



CSI student Kessya Joshua would be a prospective candidate for a PA pro-

5

BANNER STYLES

The Laws of Leggings, Jeggings, and Yoga Pants

What to Do and What Not to Do With Pants that Stretch

BY VICTORIA CAROCCIA

In a previous article, I lamented the poor fashion choices of my fellow female students during the winter months. Judging by the recent outfits I've seen on campus, no one took my advice. Many are still sporting the freshly-rolled-out-of-bed look, and I've come to terms with the fact that most of you don't care how you look.

Despite this, I still wish to create a better-dressed community by offering stylish, yet comfortable clothing options. Leggings seem to be the goto choice for executing a comfy/casual style. Some people believe that leggings should be

and beauty is one size fits all. Unfortunately,



DO: Wear leggings that fit your body Yoga pants that are stretched too much can be much more revealing than you

Women come in all shapes and sizes, DON'T: Wear the wrong undergar- DO: Wear patterned leggings.

the same cannot be said for leggings. I'm an It happens to the best of us; we wait avid believer in loving your body, and praise the girls who aren't afraid to show off what their mamas gave them. However, there is a very fine line between flattering and fattening, and many women choose to cross it. Leggings have a tendency of showing off every lump, bump and imperfection you possess. By squeezing into a tight pair of leggings, you're only accentuating these ugly features. Leggings and yoga pants come in a variety of sizes, so there is no need to cram be as noticeable as thick cotton underwear. neutral colors is always a good choice.

If you choose to ignore the first three cardinal rules, patterned leggings will until we don't have a stitch of clean cloth- probably help you get away with it. ing and get stuck wearing our emergency Unlike solid colors, patterns tend to be granny panties. While laundry day is better at hiding imperfections, and are unavoidable, panty lines can easily be pre- also a fun way to mix things up. However, vented. Thongs are the most obvious there are still certain guidelines that need choice of underwear when it comes to leg- to be followed when choosing which patgings, but not everyone is keen on wearing terned leggings are right for you. Stay something so invasive. Thin lace and seam- away from neon colors and busy, obnoxless yoga panties are also a good choice. ious patterns that will make your legs Wedgies are inevitable, but probably wont look short and dumpy. Animal print in

DON'T: Substitute leggings for pants.

reserved for the gym and within the

privacy of one's own home. I, however, feel that leggings can be appro-

priate in any setting, as long as

they're worn the right way. In an

attempt to restore dignity and class

to our community, allow me to illus-

trate the do's and don'ts of leggings

guilty of committing crimes against

fashion while rocking our yoga

pants. With these guidelines in

place, everyone can continue to

incorporate leggings into their wardrobe without looking like a hot

Many of us, myself included, are

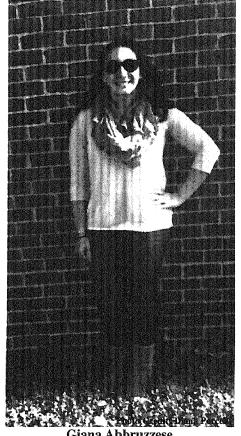
and yoga pants.

If you choose to wear spandex that cuts off your circulation, then you should probably opt for a long shirt that conceals your lady bits. Another thing about leggings is that they tend to emphasize every movement your body makes. No matter how toned and fit you may be, there will always be some jiggle in your step. While you may not consider this to be a big issue, many others would rather not see your ass and vagina on display. By wearing a long shirt or a short dress, you create a cute and comfortable outfit while leaving a little to the imagination.

Campus Style

BY DIANA PORCELLI

your extra large body into extra small pants.



Sophomore Style: Scarves & Boots



Junior Style: Dress Shoes, Button Downs



Sophomore Style: Doc Martins & Spikes



Richie Paliarino Sophomore Style: Casual Dress and Dress Shirts

BANNER STYLES

The New York Wheel: Coming Soon To Staten Island

What to Expect with the Announcement Biggest Attraction to Ever Come To New York City

BY NICOLE PAGANO

Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced plans for the New York Wheel on the North Shore of Staten Island this September. It will be the largest Ferris wheel in the world if Bloomberg has his way.

unlike any other on the planet," said

"The New York Wheel will be an attraction unlike any other in New York City- year, the New York Wheel will be designed to carry an estimated 1,440 passengers at a Bloomberg as he released the plans for the time. It will be open for seven days a week, 365 days a year from 10am to 10pm.

> At 625 feet tall, the wheel will stand eighty-four feet taller than the Singapore Flyer, which currently is the world's largest Ferris wheel

wheel on Foxnews.com.

At 625 feet tall, the wheel will stand eighty-four feet taller than the Singapore Flyer, which currently is the world's largest Ferris wheel. It will take up 350,000-squarefeet and contain a 950 square foot parking 2015. garage that features a green roof, open space, solar panels, and planted gardens.

The wheel will also feature a hotel complex, containing more than two hundred rooms that will accommodate tourists and Harbor Gardens, a strip mall estimated to contain over one hundred stores.

Although it will cost \$230 million to

The New York Wheel LLC is overseeing the development and Broad Wall Consulting Services will do the construction near the St. George Ferry terminal. The anticipated opening date as of now is December 31,

million in private investment, create 1,200

construction jobs, and over 1,100 permanent

New York \$2.5 million a year in rent for the

Expected to attract 4.5 million people a

idents of Staten Island. Some support the Ferris wheel and believe it will help increase interest in Staten Island and others are com-

There are mixed views coming from res-

"I really think this will just make our Island more crowded, it's already hard enough to drive around here," said Liz Harbor

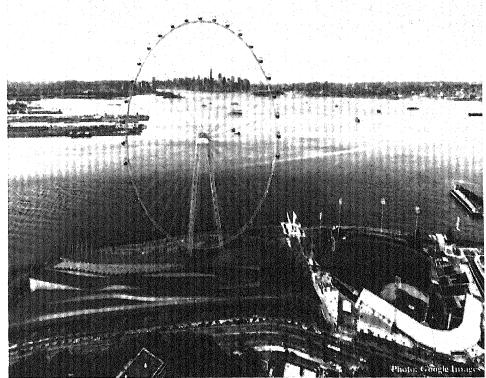
build, it is expected to bring in over \$500 Termine, a store manager. "I really think this wheel will just make traffic worse."

Hurricane Sandy caused supporters of jobs. Developers will be paying the city of the Ferris wheel to change their minds.

> "I changed my opinion on the wheel coming to Staten Island," said Michael Maiorini, a retired New York Police officer. "Before Hurricane Sandy I was in favor of it. However, after the storm, maybe we shouldn't be building amusement areas so close to the shore."

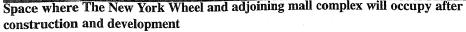
New York wheel.com, the official website of the New York Wheel, details the project schedule, the teams working on the design, the environmental impact of the wheel, and safety and security. Also available is a blog, which if accessed, explains more specifica-

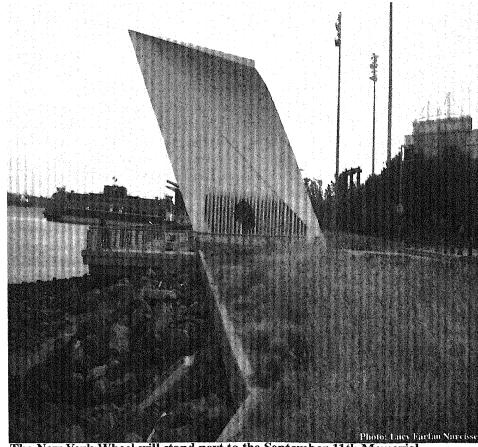
"This wheel is a game changer for Staten Island," said Borough President James Molinaro. "I've anxiously been waiting for this day."



An artist's rendition of the planned New York Wheel overlooking St. George







BANNER ARTS

A Blast from the Past for Sonic Fans

BY STEPHEN KLEIN

2, makes a comeback on current generation story! consoles to fulfill all your nostalgic needs.

is now available for download on the PlayStation Network and Xbox Live. Anyone who had a Dreamcast, or more likely a GameCube, should be familiar with this Sega classic. Rereleased nearly ten years after the healthy dose of nostalgia?

With the original Sonic Adventure also the overall cartoony presentation. available for download, I decided to see for myself just how well Sonic Adventure 2 holds sequel.

Sonic Adventure was a slightly slowerpaced game and allowed you to play as different characters for different perspectives on the story and alternate levels. Sonic Adventure 2 eschews this in favor of different character perspectives sprinkled throughout the two main experiences: Hero side and dark side. The result is a game that is more cohesive, more varied more linear and more actionbased. This is the way a 'Sonic' game should

the Chaos Garden. It's a fun idea in theory, but Knuckles and Rogue levels a pain. Also, the

Sonic Adventure 2 Speeds onto HD Consoles go to my Chaos Garden almost every time I

Another Dreamcast classic, Sonic Adventure beat a level? I just want to go on with the Speaking of the story, and very much like

Yes, you read correctly. Sonic Adventure 2 Sonic Adventure before it, it's a very cheesy, corny affair but less so this time. The dark story is definitely an interesting take on a 'Sonic' game and gets surprisingly intense for a video game aimed at children.

As epic as the story wants to be, for a original it begs this question: is it still worthy Sonic game that is, it comes off as stupid due of being declared a classic or just is it just a to the laughably poor voice action and bad dialogue. This left me with mixed feelings about

In fact, you could say that the story doesn't focus enough on Sonic. I felt like I didn't up not only in terms of its aging, but also as a play enough 'Sonic' levels for a game that's supposed to be about Sonic. Why are there so many Tails levels in the game?

> That's not to say I didn't like playing as other characters, but I preferred my experience with Sonic due to the great level design that occasionally felt like classic Sonic; even if there were a few missteps along the way. As an example the skateboarding doesn't work well. Why skate around the city when you could run

It's not even just the 'Sonic' levels that have problems either. The camera is flat-out Sonic Team even went as far as improving bad. The faulty camera can especially make it's ultimately irrelevant. Why would I want to difficulty is either too easy or too hard, with



This goes for the boss battles as well. There are some cool ones and then there are some annoying bosses so you have to take the

Adventure 2 has aged, the graphics are as fan- the entire series on a high note. tastic as they can look in HD, and this aspect can be viewed as microcosm for the game 10. itself. The graphics have aged well for the

backgrounds, haven't.

Sonic Adventure 2 is a great game, and not just as a sequel or a nostalgia trip. If you want a better 'Sonic' game get Sonic Generations or the Sonic CD re-release. In a way, Sonic To answer the question of how well Sonic Adventure 2 is a shame as it could have ended

Sonic Adventure 2 is awarded a 9 out of

Time 00:55 3x

BANNER ARTS

Jazz: A Musical Style to Warm the Soul

A'Modern' Decadence that is Similiar to a Fine Whiskey

BY JEREMY PASKER

perspective, on the power of imagination and lyre being the instrument of seduction. "A creativity, since discovering jazz music and the master's highest charm is the universal lanrakish atmosphere of its venues.

said Dali "who has only to shut his eyes to see grand piano, and their trumpet. the most inaccessible regions of the seen and the never seen."

Jazz music parallels the kind of creativity and ingenuity the 1930's painter Dali suggested with the above quote. Its uninhibited sound comes from an emotion that is pure and an emotion that is unable to be imitated. The artistry of jazz burgeons from toil and expression, which is unprecedented.

Excluding life and the beauty of personal relationships, inspiration sprouts from poverty or success, and the necessity to create something beyond abstract; something that is all one's own.

other medium after experiencing this.

The jazz medium is the quintessential mode of disobedience. It is akin to being given a syllabus that reads the ordinances of structure and technique, but yearning to set that syllabus on fire because the pathos of jazz cannot be taught. You learn through life's pain, life's attention. glee, life's decadence and life's tribulations This all combines into something beautiful, something forthright, and something genuine.

The rhythm of jazz music drums the listen-I have come to understand Salvador Dali's er into dough. Jazz is a form of poetry, with a guage he speaks" and jazz musicians articulate "What is a television apparatus to man," through their saxophone, their clarinet, their

The horn's sound suggests seduction; it extracts an almost visual eroticism. It attacks your senses. It becomes a tangible substance. It causes the palate to salivate after delighting in the twists and turns from a shift in measure, a fluctuation in mood, a jump in diameter, and every other syncopation you can dream of.

Similar to a fine cognac, the saxophone goes down smooth. After first entering your soul it breeds a sense of familiarity. It becomes an edible desire that is continuously incapable of moderation, "I put a spell on you" by Nina Simone is the classic example of exceptional saxophone play. Simone and her band empty There is little need to submerge into any their soul. The listener cannot help but feel

The genius play of Miles Davis on trumpet nothing short of spectacular. Every note remains impactful. Listening to "Flamenco Sketches" feels like he's telling a story to one person at a time, giving them his undivided

While history is old enough to notice the death of particular trends, jazz's artistry continues to elicit the same emotion of previous the present one. Sampling a jazz classic is a form of flattery, a way to pay homage to their hard work and dedication.

The subtly of Hank Mobley was sophisticated. He played the saxophone with precision and grace; he relied on delicate harmonies and complex rhythms to accentuate his band sound. Leonard feather once wrote Moblev is the "middleweight champion of the tenor sax."

Conversely, Eric Dolphy falls into the realm of avant-garde artistry. With his flute he used experimentation that dove farther than anyone else of the era. His exotic exuberance himself from his contemporaries because of it. the jazz musician.

form which could not exist with anyone else Therefore the only appropriate synonym for jazz is "intoxicant."

Jazz is beautiful because it's alive. It's beautiful because it's constantly moving and always malleable. It's provocatively unpredictable. It sounds like epic lyrics. It has attitude and action that drives the beholder mad "Art should exhilarate and throw down the walls of circumstance on every side," awaken-

When Emerson invoked the words "The hand can never execute anything higher than while playing went beyond logic. He separated the character can inspire," he was referring to

Love Video Games but Hate Spending Money? This Article is for You

How To Legally Game On The Cheap

BY ANTHONY TILELLI

Video games are a popular past time but new games are not cheap. Being a college student first and gamer second, there are usually much originally sold for retail but have been later more pressing things to spend money on, such rereleased as freeware. These are generally as beer, gas and textbooks

in luck; there are many free and 100% legal to and sometimes only a portion of a game is obtain games you can acquire. The only requirement for most of these titles is to have a the multiplayer mode would require a retail decent computer that has at least a dual-core copy. There are many DOS and pre-windows processor and 2 gigabytes of RAM. A good 95 games in this category which will not work internet connection and patience may be on current hardware or software because they required as well as some games can take a require an emulator. Emulators are easy to find while to download

The first niche of gaming on the cheap is programs freeware or shareware games. Freeware and the game free of charge, without the right to derive work from. A lot of good free to play titles are included in this group, with Team Fortress 2, Planet Side 2 and Maple Story standing out. Games such as these usually have a micro-transaction system included in it, but when they are poorly implemented this will cause problems. A good rule of thumb to go by when looking at these types of games is in an unimaginable amount of variety with if you can directly buy power ups or advantages in the stores, don't play these games.

Games like this are known as "pay to win games" and generally aren't worth your time.

Next up, we have video games that were older games. It should be noted that a compa-If you are broke and into gaming you are ny many not fully release a game as freeware released. For instance, the single is free while and use though, such as DOSBox, and other

shareware are games where the publisher or Open source games are based on the principle producer has elected to allow the public to use of open and free use of their products com-

the game. Some new works created on open source software must give credit to the original work or some require making your own work open source as well. Open source games come games for any type of player.

Many of the larger games will have com-

Poin is 0000T435 🔘) 🗸

Third are the free and open source games. bined with the ability to build upon and create works derived from the main game with some The limitations will range depending on

by modifying them, or 'modding' to create even more variety. There are even some games out there that closely mirror commer-

munities in them that will alter the core game created equal and open source games can drastically range in quality.

Lastly, there is a site called Humble Indie Bundle.com. On this website they have older cial games, such as Secret Mario Chronicles, a indie games that you can buy at you own price, mirror of the NES Mario Brothers title, and with a portion of that money going to charity. FreeCiv, a mirror of Civilization 1-2. Though In my mind this a win for all parties involved it should be kept in mind that not all games are and definitely deserving of gamer's attention.

"An Evening of Romance with Michael Amante"

BY LUCIA ROSSI

On October 27th at 8pm CSI hosted the "People's Tenor" Michael Amante in The Center for The Arts Building.

Amante is a renowned tenor vocalist with the ability to hit notes that can range to the high C's. Amante can sustains them with ease. He expresses his talent and technique though rock and gospel music as well as Broadway hits and classic opera.

Legendary Tony Bennett guarantees that Michael Amante is "the next Mario Lanza." He produces a four-octave vocal range in English, Italian, Spanish, French, German, Latin, and Polish. Amante performed for Presidents Gerald Ford, George H.W. Bush, and Bill Clinton. Amante has also performed for Julia Roberts, Billy Crystal, Denzel Washington, and other celebrities

The band consisted of eight musicians who were all dressed in black. The musicians played piano, cello, keyboard, the bongos, the drums, and trumpet. Amante opened with confidence and energy as he sang the song "The Way You Look Tonight." It was apparent that he was a very passionate and dedicated singer

"All Italian songs are about the ladies," Amante joked as before he sang an Italian classic. During this song Amante lamented on stage and expressed himself with hand gestures. As the pianist conducted Amante filled the room with his well projected voice. Amante's voice was resonant enough that he might not have even needed a microphone. His

voice became overpowered with emotions and Amante demonstrated unbelievable breath control with ease. Amante can hold notes for well over 10 seconds.

My father who came with me to the per-

"It brings back memories of when my father played Mario Lanza records," he said. I could hear him quietly sing along as the show

Michael Amante was comfortable and open with the audience as he disclosed personal information that was unexpected. Amante's wife had passed away and he recovered by going to a seminary for a year. Amante has three children that he finds his strength and determination from.

"They got me back to where I needed to be," said Amante. "I live through my chil-

Amante then called a singing partner, Marissa Fabenyenzie, in for a duet. They sang numbers from Phantom of The Opera, "Think of Me", "Music of the Night", and "All I Ask of You." Marissa's voice was not powerful like Amante's, but soft and delicate. She pretended to be Christine and swooned for Amante who was the daring and mysterious Phantom. It was like seeing the real show, without costume and setting. No kissing though, just hugs.

For those who love Elvis Presley Amante performed "Can't Help Falling in Love," with a modified the melody fit his style and add his own pizzazz to the classic.



During intermission local Staten Islander touch," he said expect. The way he sings Italian and Elvis and Broadway is beautiful. Marissa sounds like

"I think it was a hit," said her husband.

Frank Rendo was Amante's other duet cally. partner. Together the two sang "Hallelujah". The unison between them was so crisp, it was as if they were one voice.

After this performance, Marissa then came out again. She and Amante then acted as 'star cross'd' lovers in their duet "Tonight, Tonight" from West Side Story. Amante wanted to show the audience the difference between and opera and a Broadway show.

"In Opera they [the actors] would never

"La Boheme" Amante demonstrated his theory by constantly touching hands with Marissa and then turning away during romantic moments in the song. The audience was laughing hysteri-

Amante's portrayal of Andrea Bocelli's "Con Te Partiro" was incredible because he nailed the notes so well that you might think you're listening to Andrea Bocelli himself. I couldn't help but cheer for that one.

Then, came his last song: "Bridge Over Troubled Water" by The Beatles. Amante sang along with his two duet partners. Amante connected with the audience for his final goodbye and said "I pray for you to be with me."

THE

Think of Election Day as the Sexiest Holiday, Ever...

...More Like Erection Day

BY DAEYUNG LEE

they culminate in sexual favors, I don't lose sleep over it. There's not much I won't do, you know, when some girl agrees to close her eyes and let me have at it. Somewhere vincing.

blew my mind. She was like 5'2", and of the trouser snake. I'm not proud of everything I do. But when that's OK because I like my women short

I told her that I thought the elections and submissive. She swore that she'd be the were stupid (Not a lie), that I wasn't going perfect Secretary for our Freshman Class of to vote (Not a lie) and that if I did vote I'd '12. I, on the other hand, needed some conbe for whoever's name was first (Not a lie). I saw the worry in her eyes because her last

The biggest mistake people make is counting out Election Day as a sexual holiday. It is by far the nastiest, ball-slappingest, sex fest this side of the Hudson River

along the lines of promised sex triggers a monster from within my loins. It growls, paws at the air curiously, wondering what the unfamiliar scent of adult playtime is. I feel it take over as I jump into a night filled shame and regret

Cadet Lee, a rather sour and dour individual, hornier than a bull in a nest of thorns. But sex was in the air. Not because of the coming of spring, the gentle budding of flowers and the warm breeze that soothed the marching plains. Nope. It was election season and people needed to be convinced that their candidate was the right choice. Or at least I did.

The biggest mistake people make is counting out Election Day as a sexual holiday. It is by far the nastiest, ball-slappingest, sex fest this side of the Hudson River. People are running around from door to door trying to get votes because the world WILL in fact end if this guy isn't elected over the other guy. Or girl, I'm not sexist. It's not hard to ask for convincing in this terribly hard decision, and I like to clear my head through the onslaught of a well-placed genital war. It starts with an invitation for a beverage, then a casual discussion over pointless topics like foreign policy and economics. You have to sell your point, though. Scratch your head and look puzzled, maybe cry a little bit, eventually bring sexual frustration as the reason a clear decision can't be achieved. Step three; achieve orgasm.

At the United States Military Academy at West Point. I felt like the Messiah, educating the rest of my peers over the fine points of Election Crashing. "No dude, you have to like, mean it." I emphasized as I rolled back through the 3-step method to had found a means of revamping the uni- would if I made it around that far to the reserved as a prayer ritual for Cadets who layage. And then they asked me to put my method into action. It's always a problem candy) when you can't motivate your troops into battle, and I felt bad. Look upon these sorry heads, bowed in shame over the idea of "selling out" for sex. I rose heroically and mentally prepared myself for a night of

Not to toot my own horn or anything, but I was a notable guy on campus. Inventor of the Shower Party (A fiesta of nakedness infused with strobe lights, heavy on the bass) I was known to cause trouble with debauchery and, the next morning, and havoc wherever I walked. Those It seems like the people here do a pretty unafraid of the backlash stood by my side, As do most of my stories, it beings with and those who were remained further than an arm's distance to avoid contagion by contact. So getting my vote was a big deal.

She approached me during lunch in the

name started with a D whereas there were 3 A's and a B before her, "No, you can't!" she whined. "The Academy needs someone to

Well, I don't know too much about that. good job of representing themselves, being in a uniform 24/7 and all. Still, I asked her, with a confused look, why I should vote for her. Her response way too long and way too boring for me to publish, while I was only Mess Hall, tight waist and skin-tight pants, thinking about the kind of underwear she

She slowly and casually reminded me that she was running for the Secretary position. She'd win it too, with or without my help, but insecurity is what my penis thrives on

so I was relieved that she sat next to me and there was no need to show off the most excellent tent I had just erected. As for class uniforms haven't been changed since I thought matching thong and bra. Either they were first crafted in the bowels of hell in 1808. They were stiff and starchy, grey slacks and short sleeved shirts tucked neatly into a hemp-like belt, complete with dress shoes. To be able to pull off the stares and attenton she recieved in that outfit, she had to be doing something right. (I later She asked me if there were any way I'd discovered that the more attractive females consider voting for her. I told her that I

was wearing. She said something about the food in the Mess Hall and I thought lace. She mentioned mandatory sports for all and way, I had blue balls after the conversation was over. I told her that I'd think about it and walked away to make out with the only teen I'd ever love: Nicotine.

She caught me halfway to the smoke pit and leaned in to cup my cigarette as I lit it.

I didn't care about the tent this time, because I performed two of them in the matter of 15 minutes. Pitching tent is a one of my stronger abilities and a lot of effort (subconcious, unwilling effort) goes into it. Think of it as diving. Standard points goes for unformity and proper positioning. Extra points are awarded for the minimal splash when the tent is pitched. It's a sneaky sport, a sport for boner ninjas.

The sex was fantastic as I recollected to my roommates, who'd gracefully covered my story to the inspecting officer about why I wasn't in my room (something to do with violent bowel movements). But midway through, it lost its feeling and became less awesome because I felt dirty and cheap afterwards. Dirty because I knew I wasn't telling anyone that she was running for anything, and cheap because she thought sex would be enough to persuade me. Still whatever, I did smash and dash right out of her window, straight up in the nude.

It wasn't like she was a stiff board during coitus either. In fact, midway through it she took the reins and performed the most excellent rendition of the reverse cowgirl this side of the mattress. Had the bed been anywhere other than a military barracks, I'm fairly sure the walls would have shaken with the fury of the pent-up sexual frustration from me and the desperate need to be elected by her. She even gave dirty talk a chance although that kills a stiffy like a splash of cold water.

Sweaty and exhausted, I did thank her for a night of excitement. But upon finding completion to my first concern (it rhymes with humming), I was now concerned with GTFOing. I had no interest in meeting an officer after being balls deep into politics.

I jumped out the window while still naked, thinking that if I did get caught, I could chop it up to an old West Point tradi-

We call it the Naked Man, and it's

It wasn't like she was a stiff board during coitus either. In fact, midway through it she took the reins and performed the most excellent rendition of the reverse cowgirl this side of the mattress

form all in the name of remaining eye polls. Then she asked me if I'd tell people didn't study before a test. But, this was no

struck up a conversation over the usual cadet banter, "My life is so hard, I am so stressed" etc. She slowly and casually reminded me that she was running for the Secretary position. She'd win it too, with or Her name was Kelly; she was a without my help, but insecurity is what my Cheerleader for the Army's Rabble- penis thrives on. So shame on her for not

that I was voting for her, to which I vehe-Despite the presence of firewood, we mently disagreed. She whined again, and I got frustrated enough to put out my cigarette before the required amount of narcotic was pumped into my lungs. I told her I'd, "Catch you later." But she followed me, and I knew that this could only end the way after-sex trauma in a place where sex is they do in my lonely dreams at night.

test, this was the real deal, and I felt all the pain from it. The gravel on the bottom of me feet, the wind searing my skin, and the bounding lunges from each testicle as it danced in its sack. Being naked as hell and running around doesn't do much for the banned. It was pretty cold, too. So I apolo-She told me that she could convince me gize for any ladies I may have turned off Rousers. And she was fine, so fine, yep, she being intelligent enough to avoid the teeth if I'd meet her in her room after lights out. that night. I'm usually better than that...

BANNER OPINIONS

Ask Erica: She Has All the Answers...

The Banner's Resident Advice Columnist Answers CSI's Toughest Questions

BY ERICA GOLIN

Dear Erica,

I have had my heart torn apart many times and swore to never allow someone to get close to me again. Shockingly, I've found myself getting close to one of my male friends, and I'm confused as to the actions I should take. Do I let him in, or do I keep my walls up until I'm fully healed?

Dear Healing,

As time goes on, the pain that you've felt will lessen. Being close to others makes life meaningful, and the rewards are often much greater than the risks. Don't close yourself off to people as a response to feeling like you've been burned before. Take things with your male friend at a pace that's comfortable for you, and just act natural. You're wiser now and more aware.

Dear Erica,

I belong?

Dear Belongs Here,

Reach out for new opportunities on campus. Participate in a club or activity that interests you during club hours (Tuesday and Thursday, 2:30-4:30pm), and I guarantee you will meet kind, like-minded people. Stop by 1C-220 for more information about clubs and organizations. Whether your passion is drawing, photography, or community service, there's something for you! Don't be afraid to initiate conversations with peers or to extend an invitation to meet up at the café.

Dear Erica,

I'm a current student at CSI and about to graduate with a 4-year degree. I've been looking into grad school. Do you have any advice on how I should approach this subject?

Dear Grad,

CSI offers seminars and open-house events on campus to give information about graduate school. I also recommend going to the Career and Scholarship Center (1A-105) to get a sense of what you need to do to start the process of applying. In addition to taking a required test that is necessary for entry, such as the GRE, you must also know what your career goals are.

Dear Erica,

I have trouble meeting new people on campus. Where should I go to find where I find myself drinking more and more lately. When I go out, I just cannot deny drinks. I'm young and don't want to kill my liver, and that's the path I'm on Please help.

Dear Drinks,

Set limits for yourself and stick to them. Drinking socially is one thing, but it can get to the point where it's excessive and potentially dangerous. I suggest going to the Peer Drop-In Center (1C-111), where you can find a pamphlet about alcohol abuse or speak to a Peer Educator who can offer direction. Continue to be realistic about your drinking behavior.

Erica Golin is a Sophomore Psychology major who can found in 1C-11, the Peer Drop-In Center, where she works as a CSI Ambassador

I Will Pronounce Calamari However The Hell I Please

My Way Vs. 'Their' Way

I can sense them wanting to strangle me for not pronouncing it "their" way. That goes both ways.

BY BRADLEY POPKIN

Let's make one thing clear before I continue. I don't have anything against people of Italian descent. In fact, I have an appreciation for their stereotype and find it quite humorous. Plus, in my opinion they have the best food of any culture.

There is something about the Italian culture that I love and find amusing. Is it the fact that they are loud and proud? Is it guidos? Is it Johnny Goombah or Paulie Walnuts?

"I think kids do want to act Italian as a large portion of Staten Island is Italian," says Chris Bitetto. "I think it's kids wanting to be like their friends and sometimes those kids happen to act in the form of guido stereotype."

The reality television certainly adds to their rebellious, obnoxious, and ludicrous behavior. Seriously something needs to be done with our youth today but we'll save that for a rainy day, back to the issue at hand.

I have a bone to pick with Italians. The way they pronounce calamari, a food that they make distinctly well, sounds nothing like the way it's

spelled. But seriously, at least mozzarella cheese sounds like the way you would pronounce it, for the most part. It must be some slang that one might pick up from their Italian parents.

"I originally obtained the pronunciation from my parents," says Paul

Calamari is the plural form of the

widely used in English for dishes containing squid or fried squid especially. It consists of batter-coated, deep fried squid, fried for less than two minutes to prevent toughness. It is served plain, with salt and lemon on the side.

I conducted a survey throughout the Stingo. "Then the rest of my family fol- course of a few days. I asked co-workers, strangers, and even a professor how they pronounced calamari. Out of the twelve people I asked, six said it

with a 'G', and six with a 'C'.

"Listening to actual citizens from Italy that I've encountered in my life, it's really 'calimari' but with a thick accent," says Stingo. "I think Italian Americans say it like that to show that they are Italian."

To my surprise some people of Italian descent said it with a 'C', with five, compared to the six total who said it with a 'G'. I should note that the six who said it with a 'G' were of at least of some Italian descent.

Italians are not only crazy about their food but also about family. Despite getting bad press for their vocal Yankee fans and Jersey Shore television show, Italians have a strong sense of family and loyalty.

"It's very important to be loyal to family members," says Bitetto. "And when you see family members cut ties with others it creates a lot of tension because that loyalty is expected in our

Galamah, or however you want to say it is extremely delicious. It's a great dish to pick at and snack on Italians may have perfected it and given it a name, but it's a dish loved by



Like Robert DeNiro most people try to appear more Italian than they are when pronouncing the word Calamari

A New Look but the Same Ol' Dolphins

Under a New Coach the Women's Basketball

Team Looks Ahead

BY BRADLEY POPKIN

The women's basketball team of CSI are looking to improve on a season that saw nine of they will be doing it with a new, but familiar

the first round. Shanahan who has experience after some setbacks.

"Now doesn't matter," said Coach Shanahan

but never as a head coach, has spent the last five years as an assistant coach here at CSI. With previous stints at New Utrecht High School in Brooklyn, and Highland Park High School in New Jersey, Shanahan dismisses any

"I'm here to change the program around," said Shanahan. "Whether they want to say Interim or not, I can't be worried about that."

The team is not accustomed to losing, having nine 20 winning seasons over the last decade. They will play a brand of basketball that is predicated on everyone touching the ball and one that puts pressure on the opposing

teams, under Coach Shanahan.

The women's team is relatively young with only two seniors on the team but it doestheir fourteen losses come by double digits and n't mean they won't have depth. Fellow Captain and Sophomore Nikki Fabozzi who can boast Rookie of the Year honors flank sen-Timothy Shanahan, Interim Head Coach ior captains Katelyn Hepworth and Olivia of women's basketball, inherits a team that Tierno. Joining them is a slew of eleven freshwent 9-14 and was ousted from the playoffs in men and sophomores who may be called upon

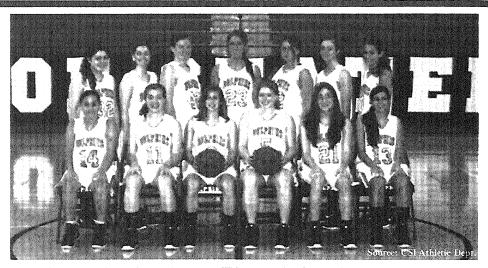
"It's about how you finish."

Hepworth and Sophomore Danielle Kartalis both sustained injuries in practice.

"Katelyn, I believe can out rebound and out hustle anyone any day," said Sophomore Guard Megan Myhre. "We have plenty of girls who will work hard to fill that void."

Helaine Larina is the Head Athletic Trainer for all teams at CSI. Larina recently joined the program in 2009 after stops at St. Francis College, John Jay, and City Tech. Larina will have the task of nursing the women back to full strength. Larina describes what the most gratifying part of her job is.

"Seeing a girl who has been out, get back



The CSI women's basketball team will look to the future in the upcoming 2012-2013 winter season

out on the court again." said Larina.

The women's basketball team sports some of the brightest girls in the school, including one of its captains, Tierno. Tierno is apart of The Verrazano School, which is a selective range undergraduate honors program at CSI. Tierno not only sports a career high in points with 28, but also a gpa that is a shade over 3.9.

"School comes before basketball no matter what," said Tierno. "It pushes me to do well in my studies and as a reward I can play bas-

The Dolphin's opened the season playing three games in four nights including, two back to back road games in Boston. The women came out of that stretch with an 0-3 record. Their losses can be attributed to poor rebound-

ing as the women have been crushed on the boards, 160-98. Poor shooting and shot selection also come into play as the women have shot an abysmal, 17.9 percent from three point

They still have 22 games left in the season, 11 at home. Although it's not the position they envisioned themselves being in, the team will have to follow the lead of their first year head

"Now doesn't matter," said Shanahan "It's about how you finish."

On tap for the Dolphins is a matchup with York College at the Sports and Recreation Center on November 27, at 5:30 pm.

Women's Basketball Beaten By Stevens

Dolphins Fall in Non-Conference Play

Shooting was not the CSI Women's forte Technology with the score of 61-45, lead. dropping their record to 0-3 for the 2012-2013 season.

not struggle out of the gate, keeping up go on a 7-0 run, leaving the Dolphins with Stevens for most of the first half. trailing the rest of the game. The Dolphins took the lead in the first eight minutes, going on a 10-2 run Tierno led with 14 points in the game. sparked by Freshman Victoria Gallinaro, putting them at a 17-11 lead.

The Ducks came storming back with Myhre each contributed 6. a 9-2 run to grab the lead back with the score of 20-19.

Both teams would exchange leads ing out is our main concern." multiple times until Junior Molly lead with a score of 23-19 going into the more aggressive on offense. locker room.

half with low shooting, connecting only for shots," said Tierno. 10-of-37 shots and 4-of-21 from long

Ducks to take full advantage.

Rebounding was another worry as

well for the Dolphins. The Ducks would out-rebound the Dolphins tremendously on Tuesday night as the Lady Dolphins collecting 24 offensive rebounds. The fall to the Ducks of Stevens Institute of Ducks would come in and increase their

Despite the Dolphins attempt with a 5-0 run, cutting the Ducks lead to six, Hitting the Court, the Dolphins did Spadaro struck again sending her team to

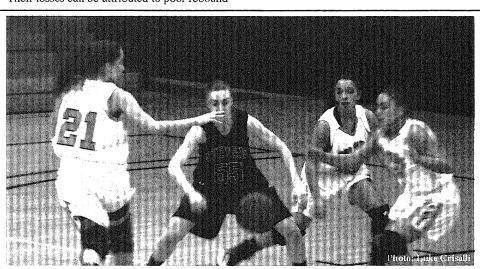
> Despite the loss, Senior Olivia Gallinaro finished with 9, and Sophomores Nikki Fabozzi and Megan

"It was a tough loss," Said Tierno. "We have a very undersized team so box-

The senior Captain also states that Spadaro would sink a three to grab the that the team needs to focus on being

"We have to work on driving to the The Dolphins would suffer the first basket and looking inside for the paint

The Dolphins will join the Men's team as they host York College on The Dolphins shooting troubles con- Tuesday, November 27, in a double tinued, as they went 8-of-37 and 1-for- header at the CSI Sports and Recreation 17 from the long range, leaving the Center. The women will tip off at 5:30 and the men are set to tip off 7:30.



Above: Senior Olivia Tierno (21) makes a pass to teammate Jamie Pifalo. Below: Coach Tim Shanahan conferences with the women's basketball team during the game vs. Stevens

