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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 the construction site of the planned dormitory buildings.

"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 union 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 dorms.

"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.

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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 long ago.

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 the transition from commuter school to full-time resident college.

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 from the NYC Housing Development Corporation. The money from deposits and residence fees will go toward re-paying the

NYC H.D.C.

"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 vacancies.

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

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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.

"We speak out to show that we will not stand by silently while women, men and children are subjected to violence and to abuse," said Ellen Goldner, director of the Bertha Harris Women's Center at the College of Staten Island. "It is especially important for 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 Violence", alongside other student interns from the Women's Center.

"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

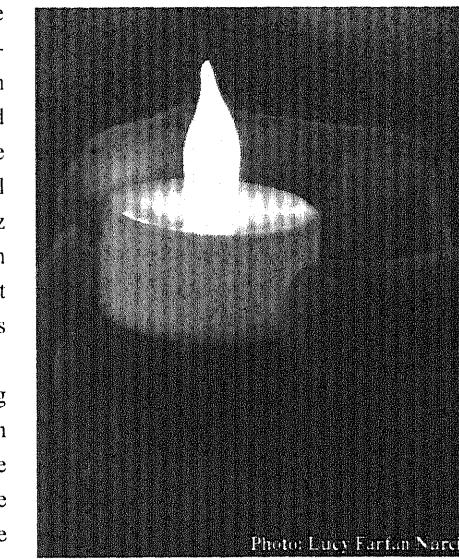


Photo: Lucy Farfan-Narcisse

Candles were handed out during the Take Back The Night Event

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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 enter his second term, some people are unsettled enough to petition to withdraw from the Union.

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.

The question that remains within the blue states is, "Who is signing these petitions?"

New York alone had a larger blue 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.

The petition for our home state currently has 8,430 signatures, and must gain over 16,000 more by December. Interestingly, though, when viewing the petition you may notice that very few, if any, of the signatures are from New York residents.

While a New Yorker, known simply as "Steven E." from Endicott, created the petition many of the signers list their home state as Georgia, Texas, and Alabama. Ironically, those are all red states that voted in favor of Romney.

Texas is currently the only state with enough signatures to gain governmental review. They have exceeded the number of signatures needed by over 5,000. It is set to be reviewed as of December 10, when government officials will look it over, send it to the appropriate policy experts, and then issue an official response.

What are the chances that Texas will become its own country? Slim to none.

While the First Amendment protects the right to petition, it does not guarantee that the government will support these petitions. 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 residents 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.

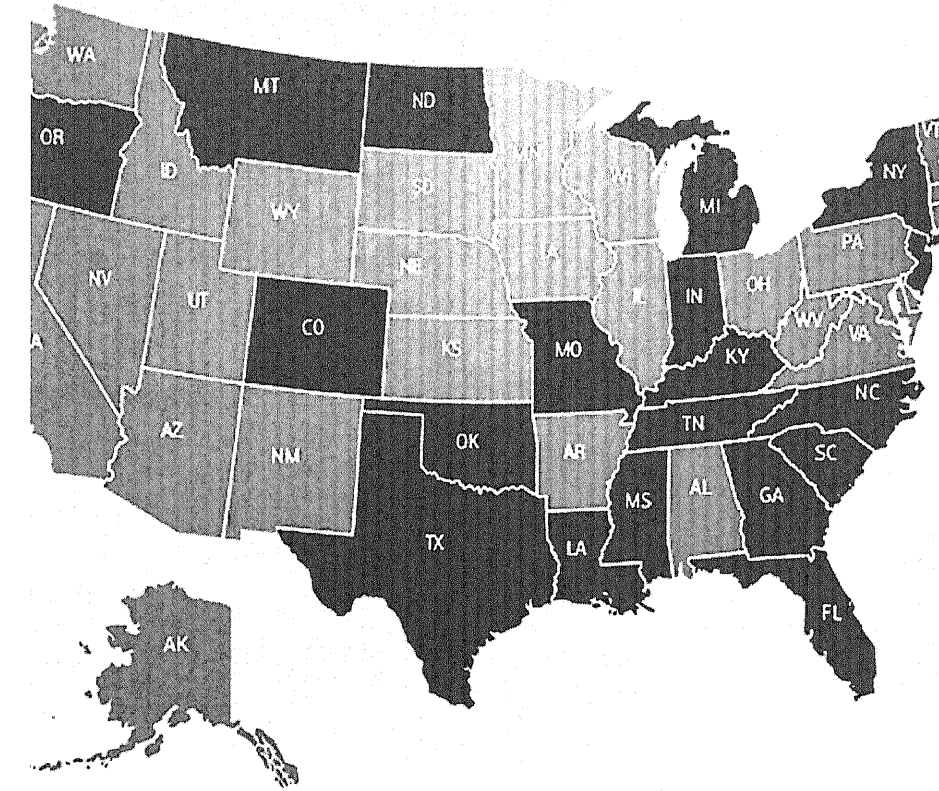
Another issue with Texas' petition is that the city of Austin has started a counter-petition. In Austin, they have decided that if Texas somehow does secede, Austin wishes to remain part of the United States, even though it would be in the center of Texas, the country. It appears to be a situation similar 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 signatures to prompt a review, even if it did, the lack of New York residents in the signatures section would lead for eventual failure. 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 look 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 Civil War, which we don't exactly need right now, but it will also cause a significant change in lifestyle for those in states that choose to depart.

Many refuse to acknowledge that, aside from the political policies they may not agree with, life in this country is above average in comparison to other places. Without the government we currently have in place, people in these states would suffer in areas directly related to currency and industry. The average American lifestyle that consists of constant spending with lack of production would be completely inverted, and residents would not be able to enjoy simple luxuries that we currently take for granted. The tasks of importing and exporting would change drastically.

Though the petition calls for a "peaceful" secession, it is clear that given the current circumstance, states leaving the Union would create quite the opposite situation. If Texas really does succeed, even though it is unlikely, we as the United States would have to prepare for another Civil War.



This map shows the 22 states that are allegedly aiming for enough petitioners to succeed from The United States

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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 upcoming events. I like the fact that many of 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 Junior

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 Junior

Re: "Bankrupting the American Political System"

It's nice to see somebody point out that Obama and Romney are practically the same. The democrats and republican at this point have the same policies and no matter who wins, the country is going to be the same hell. But what about Gary Johnson? I see absolutely no third party coverage at all. What about libertarian party? Rather than vote for the lesser of two evils or "Obamney," a coin with the same two sides, waste your vote for Gary Johnson, he

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. Anonymous

Re: "Gridlock!"

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. 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 day. Dana Biondoliillo Senior

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 great and also knowing he does not forget where he got his start. Another great issue for The Banner! Dan Porcello Sophomore

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 Sophomore

Re: "Smoking Ban Drastic Without Designated Areas"

I am a smoker and I find this ban on smoking unfair. How can CSI kick us smokers out from the outdoors? Where are we all supposed to go? When I'm stuck on campus for six hours, it forces me to ignore the ban and smoke whenever I get a chance. CSI could have left the designated areas for smokers. No one really

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 Junior

Re: "Back to School Style: A Slippery Slope"

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 they're the only ones who get criticized about what they wear. Chris Bitetto

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 honest piece. I've heard of many of my guy friends do the "Keep her thinking 'till she's not drinking" routine but it was really interesting to see it laid out like that. Nice but brutal job. Samantha Fink

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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 go-to choice for executing a comfy/casual style. Some people believe that leggings should be



reserved for the gym and within the privacy of one's own home. I, however, feel that leggings can be appropriate 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 illustrate the do's and don'ts of leggings and yoga pants.

Many of us, myself included, are 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 mess.

DO: Wear leggings that fit your body type.

Women come in all shapes and sizes, and beauty is one size fits all. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for leggings. I'm an 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 your extra large body into extra small pants.

Yoga pants that are stretched too much can be much more revealing than you may want them to be

DON'T: Wear the wrong undergarments.

It happens to the best of us; we wait until we don't have a stitch of clean clothing and get stuck wearing our emergency granny panties. While laundry day is unavoidable, panty lines can easily be prevented. Thongs are the most obvious choice of underwear when it comes to leggings, but not everyone is keen on wearing something so invasive. Thin lace and seamless yoga panties are also a good choice. Wedgies are inevitable, but probably won't be as noticeable as thick cotton underwear.

DO: Wear patterned leggings.

If you choose to ignore the first three cardinal rules, patterned leggings will probably help you get away with it. Unlike solid colors, patterns tend to be better at hiding imperfections, and are also a fun way to mix things up. However, there are still certain guidelines that need to be followed when choosing which patterned leggings are right for you. Stay away from neon colors and busy, obnoxious patterns that will make your legs look short and dumpy. Animal print in neutral colors is always a good choice.

DON'T: Substitute leggings for 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



Giana Abbruzzese
Sophomore
Style: Scarves & Boots



Photo Credit: Diana Porcelli
Carlos Aranz
Junior
Style: Dress Shoes, Button Downs



Photo Credit: Diana Porcelli
Shevon Miller
Sophomore
Style: Doc Martins & Spikes

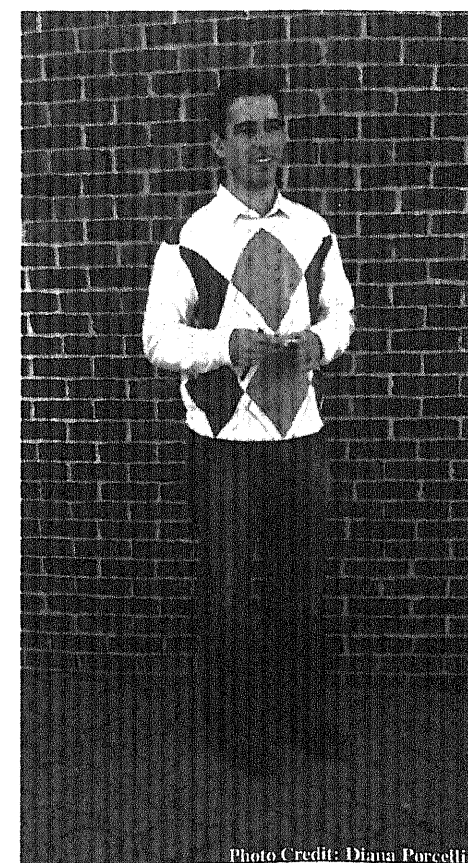


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Richie Paliarino
Sophomore
Style: Casual Dress and Dress Shirts

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.

"The New York Wheel will be an attraction unlike any other in New York City—unlike any other on the planet," said Bloomberg as he released the plans for the

build, it is expected to bring in over \$500 million in private investment, create 1,200 construction jobs, and over 1,100 permanent jobs. Developers will be paying the city of New York \$2.5 million a year in rent for the land.

Expected to attract 4.5 million people a year, the New York Wheel will be designed to carry an estimated 1,440 passengers at a time. It will be open for seven days a week, 365 days a year from 10am to 10pm.

Termini, a store manager. "I really think this wheel will just make traffic worse."

Hurricane Sandy caused supporters 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."

NewYorkWheel.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 specifications of the wheel.

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

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-square-feet and contain a 950 square foot parking garage that features a green roof, open space, solar panels, and planted gardens.

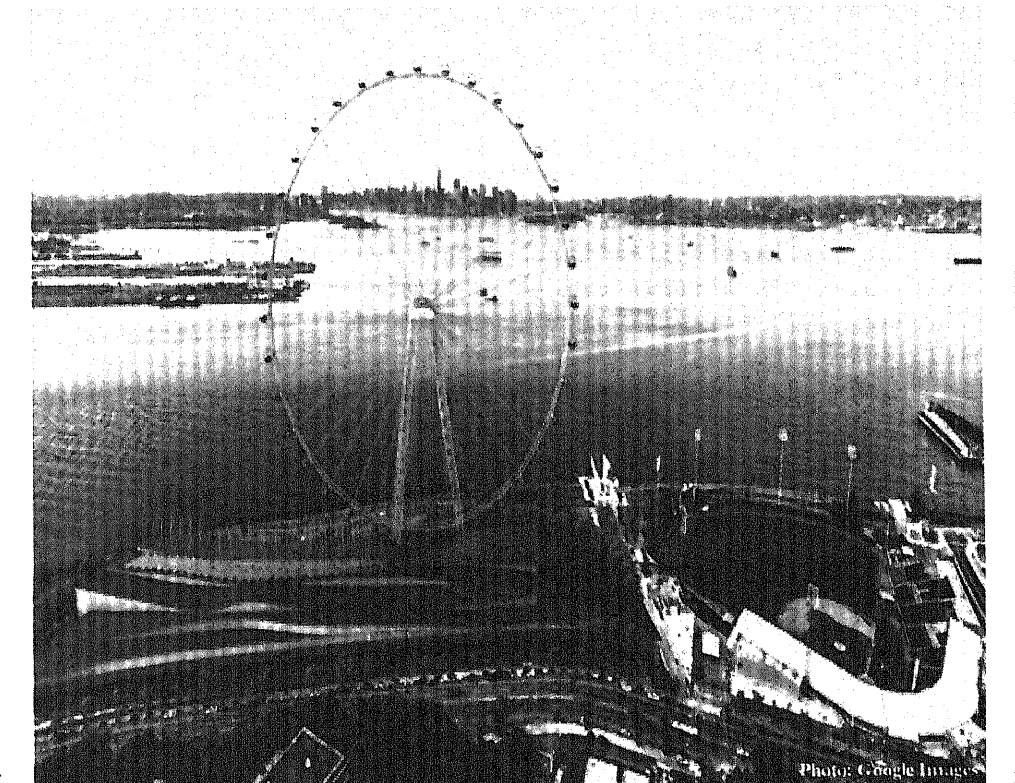
The wheel will also feature a hotel complex, containing more than two hundred rooms that will accommodate tourists and Harbor Gardens, a strip mall estimated to contain over one hundred stores.

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, 2015.

There are mixed views coming from residents of Staten Island. Some support the Ferris wheel and believe it will help increase interest in Staten Island and others are completely against it.

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



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



Photo: Lucy Farfan Narcisse
Space where The New York Wheel and adjoining mall complex will occupy after construction and development

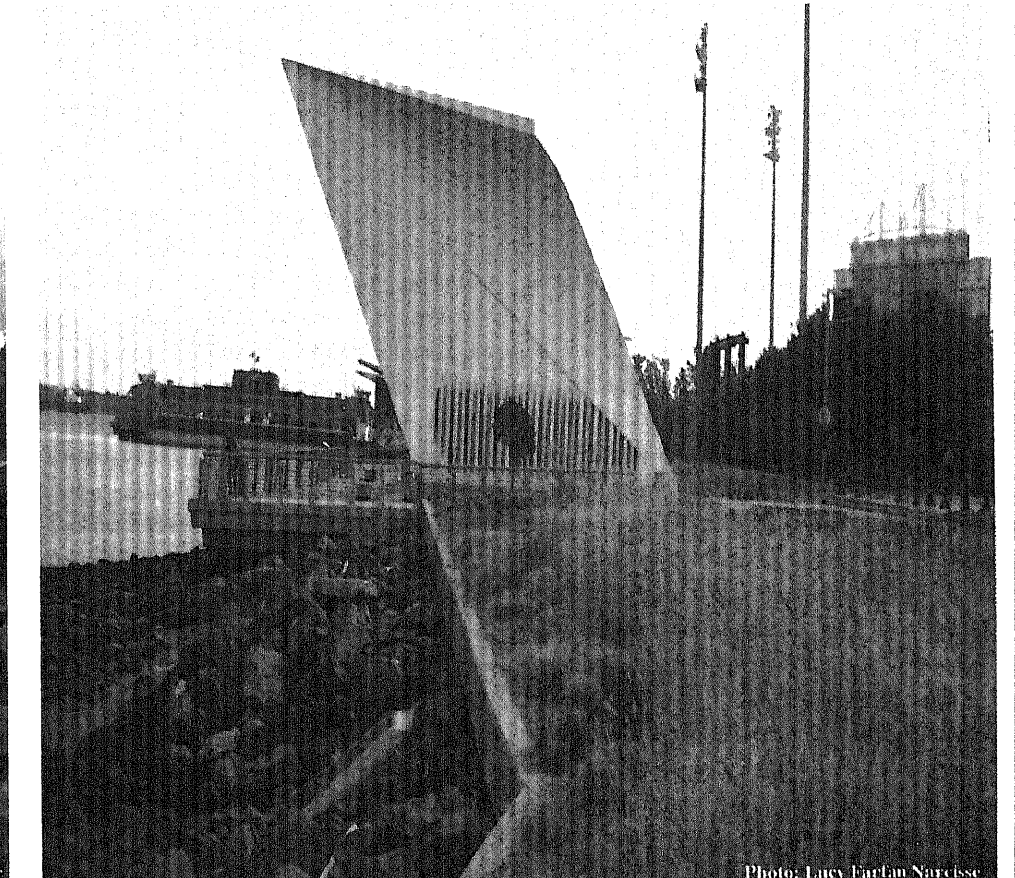


Photo: Lucy Farfan Narcisse
The New York Wheel will stand next to the September 11th Memorial

SEX AND THE ISLAND

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

...More Like Election Day

BY DAEYUNG LEE

I'm not proud of everything I do. But when 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

blew my mind. She was like 5'2", and that's OK because I like my women short and submissive. She swore that she'd be the perfect Secretary for our Freshman Class of '12. I, on the other hand, needed some convincing.

of the trouser snake.

I told her that I thought the elections were stupid (Not a lie), that I wasn't going to vote (Not a lie) and that if I did vote I'd be for whoever's name was first (Not a lie). I saw the worry in her eyes because her last

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 (subconscious, unwilling effort) goes into it. Think of it as diving. Standard points goes for uniformity 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 tradition.

We call it the Naked Man, and it's

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 and havoc wherever I walked. Those unafraid of the backlash stood by my side, 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 Mess Hall, tight waist and skin-tight pants,

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 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 attention she received in that outfit, she had to be doing something right. (I later discovered that the more attractive females

was wearing. She said something about the food in the Mess Hall and I thought lace. She mentioned mandatory sports for all and I thought matching thong and bra. Either 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. She asked me if there were any way I'd consider voting for her. I told her that I

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had found a means of revamping the uniform all in the name of remaining eye candy).

Despite the presence of firewood, we 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 without my help, but insecurity is what my penis thrives on. So shame on her for not being intelligent enough to avoid the teeth

would if I made it around that far to the polls. Then she asked me if I'd tell people that I was voting for her, to which I vehemently 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 they do in my lonely dreams at night.

She told me that she could convince me if I'd meet her in her room after lights out.

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 with debauchery and, the next morning, shame and regret.

As do most of my stories, it begins with 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 finer points of Election Crashing. "No dude, you have to like, mean it." I emphasized as I rolled back through the 3-step method to layage. And then they asked me to put my method into action. It's always a problem 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 bedroom debates.

Her name was Kelly; she was a Cheerleader for the Army's Rabble-Rousers. And she was fine, so fine, yep, she

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 have trouble meeting new people on campus. Where should I go to find where 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 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.

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I Will Pronounce Calamari However The Hell I Please

My Way Vs. 'Their' Way

BY BRADLEY POPKIN

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

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 Stingo. "Then the rest of my family followed suit."

Calamari is the plural form of the Italian word for squid, calamaro. It is

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 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 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 culture."

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 all.



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

BANNER SPORTS

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 their fourteen losses come by double digits and they will be doing it with a new, but familiar headcoach.

Timothy Shanahan, Interim Head Coach of women's basketball, inherits a team that went 9-14 and was ousted from the playoffs in the first round. Shanahan who has experience

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

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 doubters.

"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.

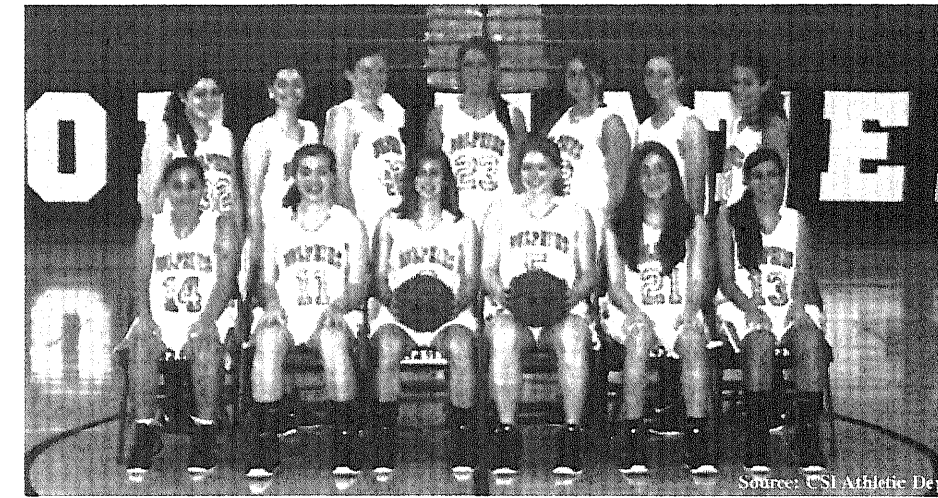
The women's team is relatively young with only two seniors on the team but it doesn't mean they won't have depth. Fellow Captain and Sophomore Nikki Fabozzi who can boast Rookie of the Year honors flank senior captains Katelyn Hepworth and Olivia Tierno. Joining them is a slew of eleven freshmen and sophomores who may be called upon after some setbacks.

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 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 basketball."

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 range.

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 coach.

"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*

BY JESSICA PIFALO

Shooting was not the CSI Women's forte on Tuesday night as the Lady Dolphins fall to the Ducks of Stevens Institute of Technology with the score of 61-45, dropping their record to 0-3 for the 2012-2013 season.

Hitting the Court, the Dolphins did not struggle out of the gate, keeping up with Stevens for most of the first half. The Dolphins took the lead in the first eight minutes, going on a 10-2 run sparked by Freshman Victoria Gallinaro, putting them at a 17- 11 lead.

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

Both teams would exchange leads multiple times until Junior Molly Spadaro would sink a three to grab the lead with a score of 23-19 going into the locker room.

The Dolphins would suffer the first half with low shooting, connecting only 10-of-37 shots and 4-of-21 from long range.

The Dolphins shooting troubles continued, as they went 8-of-37 and 1-for-17 from the long range, leaving the Ducks to take full advantage.

Rebounding was another worry as

well for the Dolphins. The Ducks would out-rebound the Dolphins tremendously collecting 24 offensive rebounds. The Ducks would come in and increase their lead.

Despite the Dolphins attempt with a 5-0 run, cutting the Ducks lead to six, Spadaro struck again sending her team to go on a 7-0 run, leaving the Dolphins trailing the rest of the game.

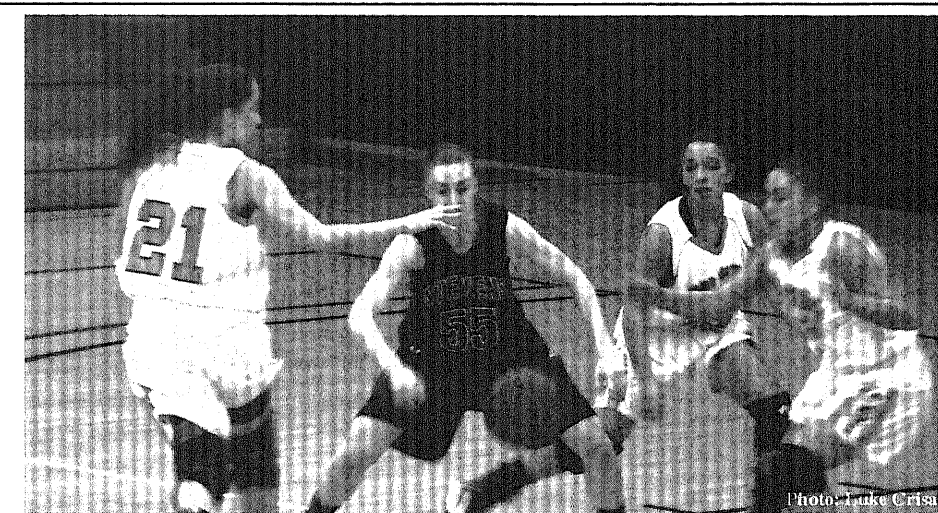
Despite the loss, Senior Olivia Tierno led with 14 points in the game. Gallinaro finished with 9, and Sophomores Nikki Fabozzi and Megan Myhre each contributed 6.

"It was a tough loss," Said Tierno. "We have a very undersized team so boxing out is our main concern."

The senior Captain also states that that the team needs to focus on being more aggressive on offense.

"We have to work on driving to the basket and looking inside for the paint for shots," said Tierno.

The Dolphins will join the Men's team as they host York College on Tuesday, November 27, in a double header at the CSI Sports and Recreation 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

