

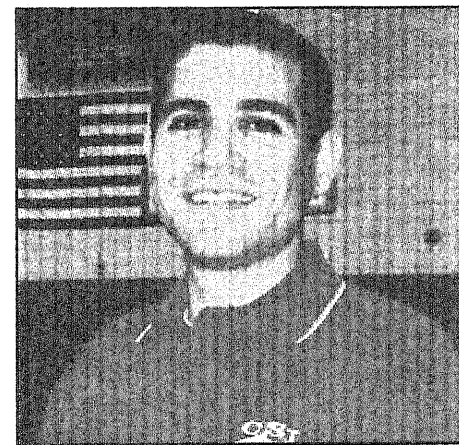
# THE BANNER

March 12, 2007

## Fein and Dandy

### Jason Fein Officially Named Athletic Director

Jennifer Miller



After serving as the Associate Athletic Director, Jason Fein was promoted to Athletics Director. Photo: Athletics Dept.

A year has gone by since Jason Fein became Acting Athletic Director when Dr. Harold Merritt left CSI for a new position in Washington D.C. CSI has now officially named Fein the new Director of Athletics for the college.

"I was thrilled," Fein said when he learned he officially received the position. "It was a culmination of a long

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## Bustling Between Busses, Boats, and Boroughs

### An Education Costs More Than Money

Michael Cohen

3:30 am. The time that the average 18-22 year old CSI student plops their mentally mangled ass into bed with a puke bucket safely at bedside. But 29 year old Sunny Tate starts her morning before most students end their evening.

6:30 am. The average time for home delivery of The New York Times. Too late for Tate. By the time the paper hits her door she has already been at work for an hour and a half. She leaves her home by 4:30 every morning. In the dark winter months Tate battles the bitter cold for her thirty minute walk. "I'm warm," she said, tugging on her thick pink sweater, "but my face be freezing by the time I get to work."

No solace at the workplace. The blistering wind blows off the sheet of ice that is the East River. Tate works as a

security guard at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Keeping the Yard safe from terrorist scum and odd addicts. The weird freaks who roam the streets of Brooklyn. Or Hasidic Jews from Green Point trying to cut through the yard. Tate stands firm with her furry



Sunny Tate keeps the Brooklyn Navy Yard safe from terrorist scum. Photo: Michael Cohen

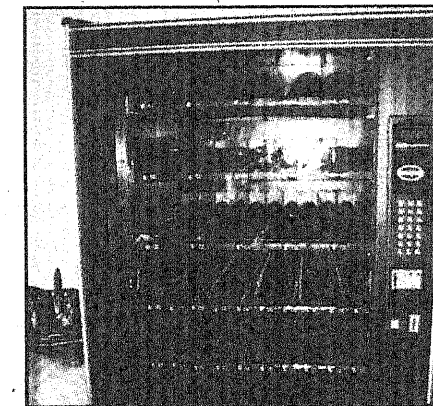
hat and blue uniform. No Jews cutting through her post.

The river returns to liquid form by early afternoon. Tate is relieved of her duties at 2:30 pm. With a class starting at 4:40, she races to the R train to Whitehall St. where she hops on the SI Ferry. After floating to the Island the S62 awaits her. "I take the train to the boat to the bus...and then I gotta wait for the

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## Vending Machine Bandit Attacks, Injures Safety Officer

Kevin S.P. Mamakas



A safety officer arrested non-student, Frank Tormenia of Castleton Corners, for breaking into one of the CSI vending machines next to the closed-off Green Dolphin Lounge on the North Side of the Campus Center on the afternoon of February 25.

To fuel his crack addiction, Tormenia broke into nine CSI vending machines in the month of February and was arrested while breaking into the ninth vending machine.

"I broke into the machine to support my problem," Tormenia told investigators.

One of the safety officers recognized Tormenia from a description of a possible suspect and called for backup.

"When Tormenia was addressed by the officer, he became belligerent," according to Director of Public Relations, Bob Huber. "The officer noticed a bulge under his sweater and assumed it was a weapon. He asked the man to take off his sweater and remove whatever he had under it."

When he refused to do so, the officer tried to forcibly remove the items from under his shirt. At that point, the incident became physical. A small crowbar, a knife, and a dollar stacker from the vending machine fell out of Tormenia's shirt. Tormenia then struck

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## Double Bubble Trouble

AnnMarie Costella

In 2003, CSI signed a contract to lease the 12 tennis courts on campus to The Staten Island Community Tennis Center, at a cost of \$100,000 per year for ten years. The company covered half of the courts with a bubble and left the other half outdoors. The goal was to use the income to aid the college through "difficult fiscal times," while providing community residents with additional tennis courts that could be used year round.

Now, the co-founders of tennis center, Max Buxbaum and Jim Barton, are interested in covering the remaining outdoor courts. They are engaging in preliminary discussions with the administration



but no contract has been signed yet.

"We have put together an extensive package which gives blocks of free time to students," said Barton. "The tennis teams could play all of their matches indoors. They wouldn't have to worry

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## Sewage Flows Away

Kevin S.P. Mamakas

The library re-opened on February 13 after being closed for six days due to a sewage leakage in the Reserve section.

"A company has been called to look into fixing the plumbing properly in the Circulation and Reserve area," said Chief Librarian Wilma Jones. "Specialists will soon come in with cameras to see inside the walls where the pipes leaked. The carpet has been removed behind the Circulation and Reserve area and tiles will be put down March 11 and 12."

Buildings and Grounds were forced to seek help from an outside company in order to properly address the issue.

The outside company will do a diagnosis

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## CIA TO WHACK CHAVEZ ?

Lucie Lauria

While President Bush is touring South America, the CIA is allegedly attempting to assassinate the Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez according to Venezuela's military intelligence services. Chavez suspects that the CIA has already formed a special hit squad that is currently establishing connections in Venezuela.

The well-known critic of President Bush revealed this information during a televised interview last Sunday. The CIA supposedly created a special assassin unit that operates in South and Central America.

The units ostensibly involve associates of Luis Posada Carriles, a former CIA operative and a Cuban anti-communist militant, who faces immigration charges in El Paso, Texas, and is in the custody of the U.S. Marshal's Service, Herald Tribune stated.

Chavez's suspicion grew serious after the nomination of John Negroponte as the United States Deputy Secretary of State. Chavez declared Negroponte a "professional killer." The Associated Press informed. In the past, Negroponte served as the first United States Director of National Intelligence.

"They are going around searching for explosives in large quantities," Chavez said, "and thinking about a sort of car bombing or searching for ground-to-air missiles, thinking about the presidential plane." He also claimed that Negroponte is the Eminence Grise, behind the scenes of the assumed assassination plot. Negroponte supposedly had played a leading part in the arrangement of anti-Sandinista militants during the Nicaragua Contra War.

Chavez ordered his administration to disclose the supposed assassination plot aimed against him and stated that "it's possible that surprises will soon occur."

Venezuelans. If they [foreign oil corporations] reject our offer they can leave the country."

Chavez offered the foreign oil corporations to establish joint ventures with the Venezuelan PDVSA state oil company.

Some foreign companies will continue working in Venezuela without any significant changes in accordance with their long-term licenses. Others have launched a diplomatic offensive to thwart Chavez.

Nicholas Burns, the U.S. Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs expressed his conviction that "[e]nergy has become a big diplomatic issue," Pravda quoted. "Energy has tended to distort and expand the power of some countries beyond the power they should proba-

Chavez came up with the first surprise of his strategic plan, according to the Associated Press, when he ordered a retired National Guard General Ramon Guillen Davila to be placed under arrest for "promoting a military rebellion to oust the president."

President Bush left for South America on a diplomatic five-country tour to promote Brazilian hegemony in the region as a check on the fervid Venezuelan leader, who had dared to cross plans of big oil corporations for the benefit of his own nation, the fifth largest oil-producing country in the world. Bush is bound to receive a cold shoulder from the Brazilian people. The Associated Press reported that protesters had "painted in bright red letters graffiti reading 'Get Out, Bush! Assassin!' on the walls along busy highways near the locations in Sao Paulo where Bush would drive past as he begins his Latin American tour."

On Thursday, the Brazilian police attacked students and activists and injured at least six anti-Bush protesters, Brazilian media reported.

Chavez, who is, unlike Bush, very popular among common Latin Americans, had tremendously irritated the big oil corporations when he signed a decree on the final nationalization of all oil deposits in Venezuela. "This is the true nationalization of the oil," Pravda quoted Chavez. "The oil belongs to all

bly have." Bush's diplomatic offensive aspires to contravene Chavez's power over the region and his plans to unite the Latin American market into an independent

## IRAN WAR WILL FLOP

Lucie Lauria

A military attack on Iran would aggravate the nuclear threat instead of foiling it. According to a new expert report, a power solution supported by the Bush administration would fast-track Iranian nuclear weapons development, which would take mere months instead of years.

The report, written by a renowned nuclear physicist and military technology expert Frank Barnaby, shows up at the moment when the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) is expected to punish Iran for its alleged clandestine nuclear weapons development, for the existence of which there is no solid evidence.

Despite President Mahmoud Ahmadi-Nejad's repeated denials of the alleged program's existence, Nicholas Burns, U.S. Under Secretary for Political Affairs, informed the House International Relations Committee that he has not "encountered a single person who has found the ritualistic public denials of the Iranian leadership convincing."

According to the recently issued scientific report by The Oxford



anti-imperialist coalition.

Is Bush's diplomatic offensive supported by a clandestine back-up plan - a final solution by the CIA? In the last century, the US, allegedly, backed more than forty coup d'etats in South America; in 2002, an attempt at Chavez' life failed. During his new six-year term inauguration at the National Assembly, he swore, "[f]atherland, socialism or death. I swear it. I swear it by Christ - the greatest socialist in history."

Will death hunt Chavez down this time?

Research Group, bombing Iran would only speed up Iranian nuclear program. "Armed attacks on Iran would



very likely lead to the result they were meant to avoid - the building of nuclear weapon with a few years," Barnaby's report claims. It also argues that the CIA lacks information on the extent and location of the Iranian nuclear facilities. Bombing Iran will simply not work.

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## Tate

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Loop Bus," she said while chuckling at her own despairs. Her commute home is another three hour trip.

A load of laundry and a hungry husband await her at home. "I'm married, I got things to do at home," she said. Tate claimed that school work is her main priority, but, by default, her job is her main priority. If she doesn't make it to that Yard by 5 am. every day, then her tuition will not be paid. As well as utilities, rent and shit like that. But she sits humbly in class amongst the spoiled whiners that make up most of CSI.

Balancing work, school and housework are not Tate's only struggles. She needs to find time for her husband. Trying to better her life has entirely consumed her. She and her husband hardly have the quality couple time enjoyed by clichéd college students. At 29 years old her biological clock is ticking. They want to start a family and move to Pennsylvania. But with no time for herself or her husband, children are out of the question.

Tate refuses to be society's slave, and does not think of her job at the Navy Yard as permanent. "It's something to help me pay the bills and it helps me with my school tuition," she said, "it helps me get by for now." She has dreams and goals like most students, but has a little more responsibility. She came to CSI with aspirations of being a physical therapist, sold by the online advertisement. Only to find that the college doesn't offer the classes she needs. So she decided to take up nutrition and English as her concentrations of study. Writing is more of a passionate hobby for Tate. As an intelligent young lady, she desires to earn a living off of her education.

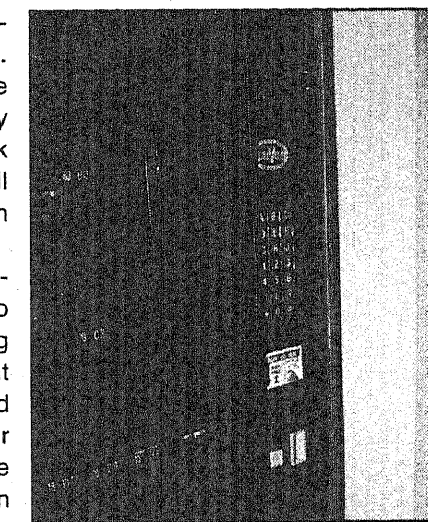
She also desires to get back the time she once had. Tate's only days off from work, Tuesday and Friday, she has a full day of class and 4-6 hours of commuting. "You know if you miss the ferry by 2 minutes then you gotta wait a whole half hour," Tate complained. When she gets home she is trying to get in bed by 7:00 pm. Instead of getting stoned and watching Seinfeld she makes an effort to get in a full night of sleep. At 3:30 am that alarm clock goes off no matter how tired she may be. Except on weekends, she gets an extra hour of sleep.

Tate is sick of Brooklyn. "The city's only good for people that's rich," she said, "I can't see myself struggling everyday." With her hopes to escape to the suburbs of Pennsylvania or Virginia, Tate battles another frigid Brooklyn morning walking to the Navy Yard.

Her harsh reality would discourage most "bitch-made" CSI students, but there is no quit in Sunny Tate. "I've shed a lot of tears," she said, "but I'm not a quitter. I fight for what I want. The harder you fight for it, the more it's worth."

## Vending Machine

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and injured the officer's left wrist. According to the Public Safety Office, after a week the officer has still not recovered from the injury.

The safety officers were able to place the vending machine bandit under arrest and he was later charged with more than a dozen offenses including assaulting a police officer, third degree burglary, possession of burglary tools, and resisting arrest. In addition, Tormenta was charged with criminal possession of credit

cards, stolen property, and controlled substances.

"The officers have the right to arrest a criminal because they are peace officers," said Huber. "It is a technical term."

Tormenta is also being charged with breaking into vending machines in the Victory Motor Inn, Home Depot, and the Nicotra Properties.

"The college is not going to put a guard at each vending machine to make sure a similar incident does not occur," said Huber. "The machines can be broken into again. But besides this series of break-ins, it has not been an issue."

## Tennis Bubble

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about getting rained out. Students are going to benefit from this plan."

Currently, students can use the outdoor courts for free or play inside the bubble at a discounted rate (\$25 per hour). If the new proposal is signed students could use the entire facility for free and in exchange the administration would have to extend SICTC's lease.

"We would love to have them agree to the proposal tomorrow, so we could start building," said Buxbaum. The administration, however, will not be signing a contract anytime soon.

Over the course of the next year, an independent contractor will be surveying the campus. They will take into consideration the needs of students, funds, and available space, and construct a master plan for how college development should proceed. "It is extremely unlikely that anything will be done with the tennis center, until such time as the master plan is completed," said Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Robert Huber.

Buxbaum and Barton fear that if a contract isn't agreed upon soon, it may be too late. "If it doesn't happen in a relatively short period of time, it will probably become impossible to do because it will be too expensive," explained Barton. "The college has to allow us time to recoup our investment."

Newly appointed Athletics Director, Jason Fein speculated about the possible benefits of a second bubble. "I'm sure that there would be financial gain and it would be nice to never have to reschedule a tennis match because of bad weather," said Athletic Director Jason Fein. "From our standpoint that is something that is very attractive."

## Library Clean-up

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tic investigation and the process to fix the ongoing sewage from leaking into the Library and the Park Café will more than likely cost the college a great deal of money since they are going to an outside source.

"They had to go outside of CSI," said Jones. "However, I am pleased for the students and staff. It is now a safe work environment." A petition in which more than 300 students signed requested the improvements.

In addition to these improvements brought about by the sewage leakage, the library will also see improvements in the rotunda.

The Banner reported in the February 26 issue that CSI received \$325,000 in capital funding from Borough President James P. Molinaro. A total of \$100,000 will go towards the improvement of the library rotunda.

The Banner has now learned that the improvements to the library rotunda will include the construction of a new entrance consisting of two pairs of doors and a temperature-conditioned vestibule between them to help limit the inflow of hot and cold air.

According to Jones, the funding will also help create exhibits about the history of CSI.

"The rotunda will have three new displays," said Jones.

A middle display would showcase the history of CSI. Either the left or right display would be for the history of Richmond County College. The unused display would be for the history Staten Island Community College.

"The construction of the displays will honor alumni from all institutions and create a more welcoming atmosphere," said Jones. "Some of the alumni currently feel alienated because they are under the impression that they are not accepted by the CSI community. The new exhibits will hopefully get them to feel welcomed."

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## BACK TO SCHOOL: RETURNING TO COLLEGE THREE DECADES LATER

**Normand Sweeney**

Russell Manley first stepped into a CSI building in 1973 when the campus was located in Sunnyside. At the time, CSI was only a two year college, and Manley was in the College's first graduating class, earning a Liberal Arts degree in 1977.

Going to college is a full-time commitment. You have to put long grueling hours to receive decent grades. Kids coming out of high school sometimes have a hard time adapting to the work after having spent four years preparing for college. For someone to go back to college nearly three decades later becoming acquainted with the work and atmosphere becomes a task.

After earning a degree at CSI, Manley then went on to attend NYU, entering the Dual Degree Program. It was in this program he would receive his Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts (BFA) and a Master's degree in Fine Arts (MFA). The program would only take three years to complete, but Manley could not finish because he needed to take care of his family. In 1979, he dropped out of NYU. Over the next 26 years, he worked as an administrator in a hospital in order to support his five children.

Manley began to think about going back to school after witnessing his friends struggle to make ends meet after their retirement. "You can not live on your pension," said

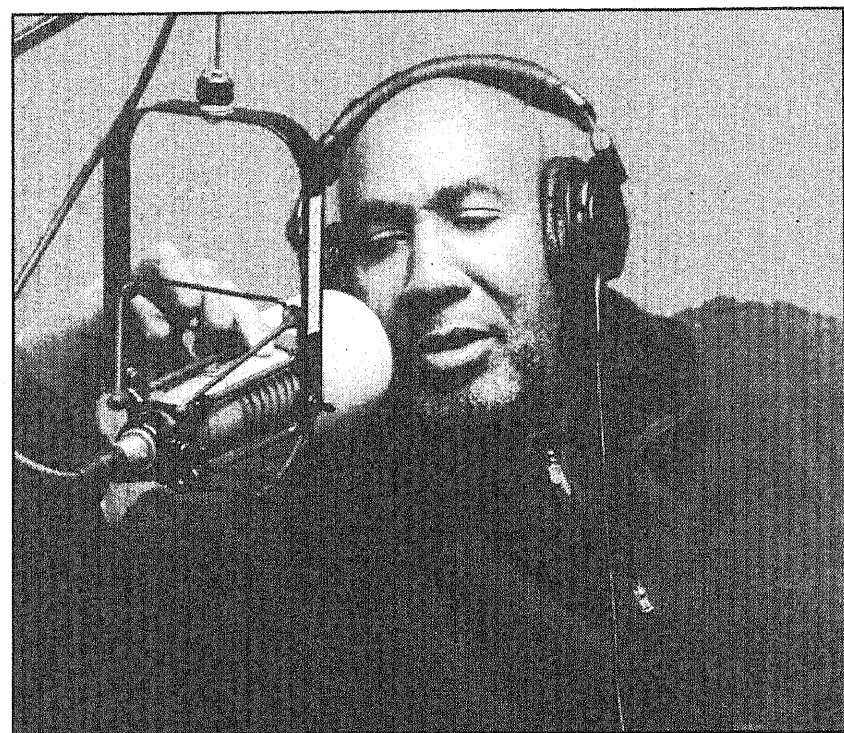
Manley. Retiring with a small pension would not suffice. Living in New York

City on such a small income would be a struggle in addition to raising his children. With this in mind, Manley understood that re-enrolling in college would help him live a comfortable life once he retires. So in September 2006, Manley returned to CSI after a 27 year absence.

Despite the intentions behind this move, going back to college

put Manley in a financial rut. Like many students, he pays tuition out of his own pocket by working a part-time job, four days a week. Manley currently works for a company that finds employment for recovering drug addicts and recently released prisoners. Manley also receives money from the government after a spine injury, which he suffered during mar-

tial arts training and weight lifting. "Going back to school helped me



Russell Manley discusses key issues on his radio show, which airs every Sunday on WPAT 930AM. Photo: Normand Sweeney

define my life goals even at my age, which is close to 60," Manley said. "I enjoy my life now."

Manley is excited to receive a degree in Communications, as he has always been interested in telling stories through media, especially through film and radio. He also works for a radio station as a talk show host which he began a couple of months

before he started school. The radio show, NEW York Views, airs every Sunday at 5p.m on 930AM (WPAT). Claude Frazier, an 83-year-old WWII veteran, first introduced Manley to the program. As a result of having many interests in common, Manley and Frazier regularly discussed everyday occurrences and views. Frazier thought Manley would bring new and fresh ideas to the weekly radio program, which Manley does not get paid to do. Instead, he enjoys networking and meeting people who can help him once he graduates with his degree.

Manley has no ambition to move up in the world as a talk show host jockey. He came back to school to learn the business and to become a producer. "Many people out there are calling themselves producers and really do not know anything about communications," Manley stated. He hopes one day to own his own radio station. Going back to school will push him closer to this goal.

"Growth and development in your life never stops," said Manley. "The future is always open, no matter what age you are."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Re: Can't Drive 25-Speed Not Enforced By Radar**

How true is this article? Nobody obeys the speed limit because there is no one stopping the students from speeding. If they really wanted people to stop speeding they should physically enforce the law more. Everyday you see tons of CSI officers patrolling the streets doing nothing but driving, eating donuts, and driving some more.

— Mohammed Hamad

Instead of spending so much money on signs which do absolutely nothing, why not invest in a radar gun. I have personally witnessed about five accidents on campus this semester alone. From the parking lots to the loop, students are more concerned with finding a spot than looking out for other cars. Public Safety lives to give out parking tickets. How about the tickets that really count.

— Toniann Ferrara

If every car on Loop Rd were to drive at exactly 25 mph, everyone would be late for class. It's not so much that some students drive 35-40 mph, it's the reckless drivers that don't care about anyone or the car their parents bought them. Everyone is going to go a little faster than the sign, but it's really about those who abuse this privilege.

— Stasiu Tyburski

While the use of the expensive electronic signs may deter speeding on campus, I doubt this passive means will produce any major change. Most offenders I have seen take little notice of pedestrians so why would they take notice of the signs? While it will create uproar, the only way to slow down traffic is to ticket people for speeding. Locks keep honest people honest and this is no different.

— Donald Vroome

Seriously, they can put a speed sign every 5 feet on campus, it's not going to stop the awful driving habits. I myself race around campus looking for a spot because no matter how early I get to campus I'm always going to be late because there's no parking! It's a good thing they can't give speeding tickets because I already have 3 parking tickets, which I don't intend to pay.

— Jillian Spano

**Re: Thousands Want U.S. Out of Italy**

It was interesting to read this article in The Banner, especially when President Bush is talking about attacking Iran for it's "involvement in Iraq." The demonstration in Italy is another sign of how the current Bush administration has become controversial throughout the world. I only wish the people in Washington would get the message.

— Abdulih Bah

**Re: The Beacon**

That, my friend, is a very good idea. Mayonnaise is a good moisturizer for your skin and a brilliant mask for your hair that leaves it incredibly soft and smooth. Oh...and the scent, so wonderful. It's a nice way to pamper yourself before meeting god. So, I will try to keep that in mind before I kill myself after reading another article about Britney Spears the weirdo.

— Jihane Tamri

The Beacon is tasteless smut and utter garbage. It is propaganda at it's best and I love every second of it. Bravo Enrique! Keep The Beacon rolling.

— Kevin Brody

I love The Beacon. The stories are so outrageous that you can't help but laugh. It's nice to have a break from all the seriousness in the world. Keep it up.

— Houda Ghabban

**Re: Sex and the Island**

This article is a riot. Everything is overexaggerated and really funny. All the horoscopes are unexpected and upon reading it you can't help but laugh. The sex column is usually pretty negative but I still feel like it gets the job done.

— Vincent Furero

Well done Nicole! A great piece of satirical work. We all need a sense of humor to ease up our lives.

— Dhanish John Babu

**Re: The End of an Era**

One of the questions asked was: What qualities do you want in the next president? I would have to meet the next president; I never got a chance to meet Marlene Springer. It would be nice if the next president walked around the campus and talked to the student body, maybe formed a rapport with them. Life on campus should be a friendlier place to learn. I was here before, years ago, and

the president tried to learn about the student body and make the students feel at home with the attitude that CSI is one family of learning.

— Russell Manley

**Re: Now Starring (drum roll)... Tony Danza**

I have a serious problem with this article: it is not long enough. It should be at least 72,000 words. As a matter of fact, the whole newspaper should be about Tony Danza. The Banner should be all Danza, all the time. Actually, you might as well rename "The Banner" the "Daily Extravanza." Why do I feel so strongly about this? Because in today's society, not enough people know who the boss really is. What kind of a sick twisted world do we live in where Tony is not the focus of our daily lives? A world without the Danza is not one I'd like to know.

— Mike McNichol

I must agree whole heartedly with AnnMarie Costella on the issue of Tony Danza. From the first time I heard one of his classic "Mona!" or "Angela!" on "Who's The Boss," I was hooked. Everyone should go see The Producers; Tony Danza is a god amongst men.

— Chris Olivieri

**Re: A Fantasy Worth Revisiting**

I'm getting pretty tired of people constantly praising whatever Square Enix pulls out of their asses. There are a lot of good games out there that don't have "final" or "fantasy" or any roman numeral in their title, games that are better than those in the Final Fantasy series but get passed over because there wasn't enough hype given to them when they were released. Do yourself a favor and check out "Psychonauts,"

"Beyond Good and Evil," "Primal," "Grim Fandango," or "Ico."

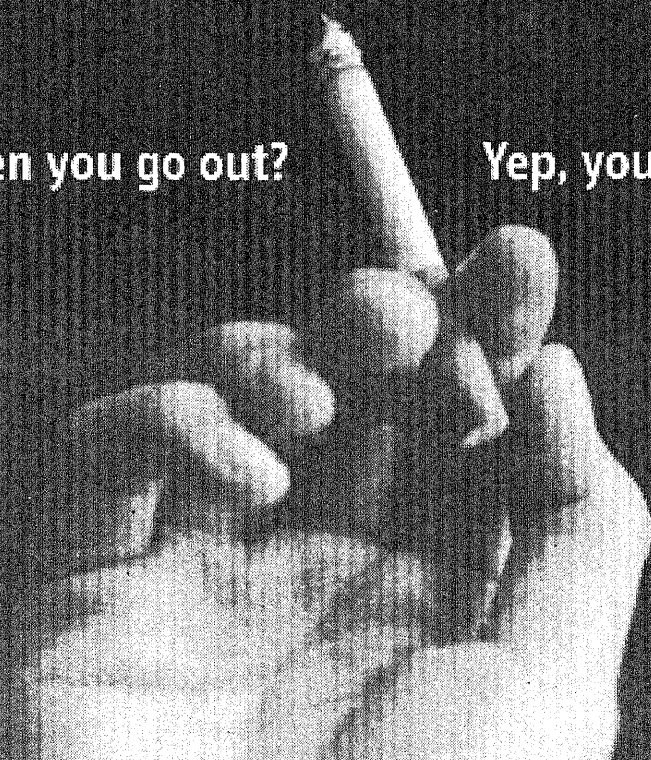
— Natalie Baldassano

**Re: CSI Gets Money for What?** I am grateful for the money that Borough President Molinaro has kindly donated to the college. Funding such as this helps to improve campus facilities and students experience at CSI. This is certainly a step in the right direction, although it would be nice to receive more support from other elected officials, corporations and alumni. So if you are reading this and you are a past graduate of CSI, please give back to the college who helped make you who you are today.

— Alexandra Porto

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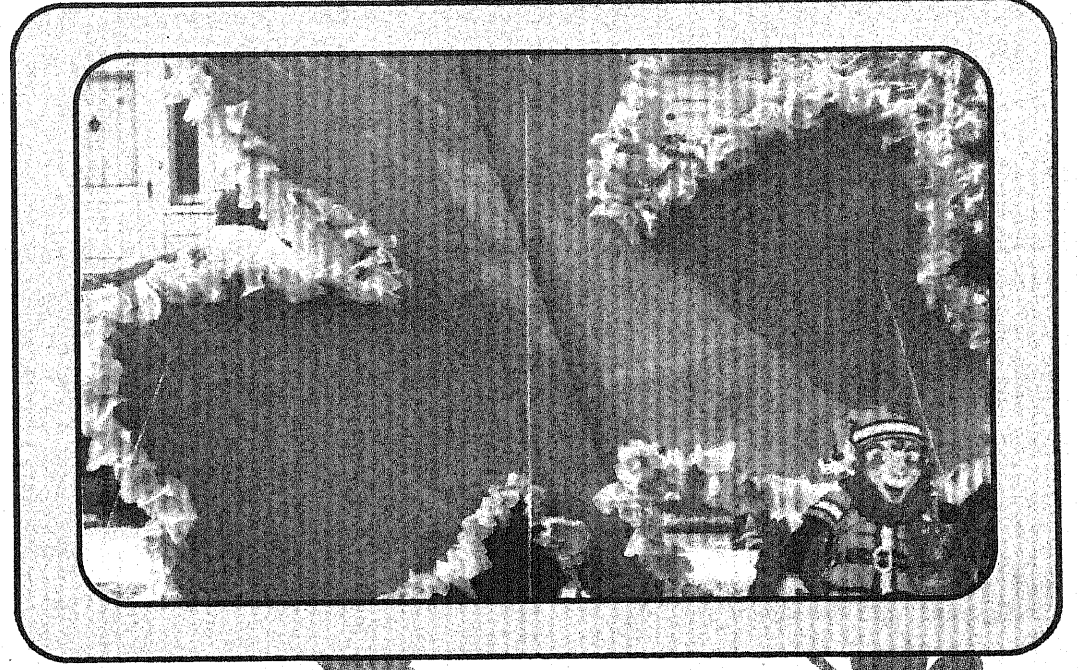
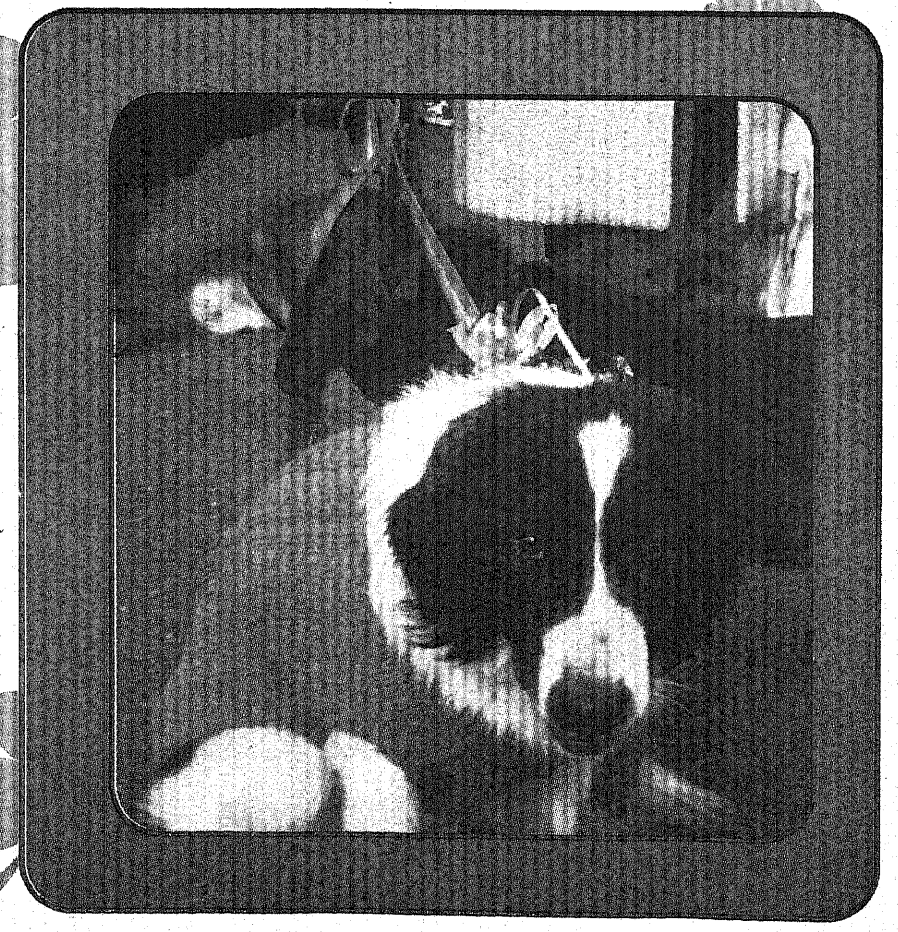
12 young people changing the world.

# St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday, March 4, 2007



The sounds of bagpipes and marching bands filled the air as Staten Island's annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade shuffled down Forest Avenue. The bitter cold weather, fueled by blustery winds did little to dampen the spirits of the hundreds of people who gathered along the sidelines to cheer. Many of them took part in the traditional wearin' o' the green. The sea of festive garments in every shade from mint to lime made for a truly beautiful Irish mosaic. Senator Charles Schumer, received a less than enthusiastic response as he walked past the crowds, struggling to get his megaphone to work. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. Remember on St. Patrick's Day everyone is Irish...at least for a day. Photos and Article by AnnMarie Costella.



# Life After Iraq One Marine's Personal Battle

**Toni-Ann Calasso**

Sergeant Gordon, Police Officer Gordon, or just Gregory: No matter what uniform he wears, or what name he is called, he continues to live by the oath he took when he was just 18 in the United States Marine Corps, "Semper Fidelis," or simply, always faithful. Swearing by this oath; to himself, to his country, and to others, Gordon completed two tours in Iraq, by the age of 23.

Boot camp was filled with 5am drills, marching, 30-second showers, uniform maintenance, and Marine Corps history

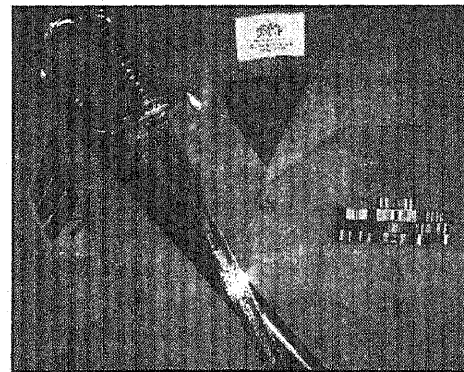


Gregory Gordon stands with his sister and brother, who is another one, among many other family members in the NYPD. Photo: Toni-Ann Calasso

"As a Marine, I carried myself with pride and honor," he said. "I knew that the other young Marines in my command looked to me as an example."

Gregory Joseph Gordon always knew he was going to join the service. "My whole family was in the service, my grandfather was in World War II, my uncle was in Panama, my brother was in the first Desert Storm, and my cousin was in Kosovo," he said. "I knew it was in my blood to join the service, I just never knew which branch." Gordon made that decision in high school at the age of 14, and enrolled in the Tottenville ROTC.

When he turned 17, he signed up for the Marines. Less than one year later, and only six days after September 11, Gordon left for boot camp.



Gordon returned home from his second tour in Iraq with the rank of Sergeant. Seen here are his uniform and sword. Photo: Toni-Ann Calasso

Although the ROTC program prepared Gordon for what awaited him in training, the intensity still surprised him.

lessons. Yelling and screaming were common, but ironically Gordon found the challenge fun.

Gordon becomes serious when speaking about his experiences in Iraq. Death, destruction, blood, and loss were all too familiar to him. The memories continue to haunt him in his dreams, a lot less now than when he first returned home. "Being able to wake up in my own bed and not have to worry about being attacked was the most important thing to me," he said.

Gordon says that joining the Marines was a positive experience. He learned dependability, unselfishness, loyalty, pride, courage and honor. His desire to protect and serve led him to join the New York Police Department, where he now works as a rookie officer.

Gordon doesn't know where he would be today if he hadn't joined the Marines.

"Someone needs to risk their life to defend our freedoms," he said. "If our grandfathers didn't do it for us, where would we be now?"

# The Luckiest Man On the Face of the Earth Draft Dodging Dennis Finally Goes to College

**Michael Cohen**

Dennis Gaffigan started college during the Vietnam War. After 35 years of working in sales, investing in stocks, and raising a family, he now tries to finish his college career during the Iraq War.

Like many students in the Sixties, Gaffigan enrolled in college to dodge the Vietnam draft. "I never learned anything," Gaffigan said remembering his brief stint at Long Island University. On the verge of failing out of school, just before the draft lottery came out, Gaffigan went to McGuire Air Force Base to join the Air Force Reserves. He knew that if he did get sent to Vietnam with the Reserves, he would be stationed in a base surrounded by Marines. But when the lottery came out, Gaffigan won. "Number 348,"



He dresses like a professor, and has a few years on some of them, but Dennis Gaffigan is the self-proclaimed, "dumbest one in the classroom." Photo: Michael Cohen

Gaffigan said. "They would have took my mother before they took me."

After winning the lottery, Gaffigan decided not to follow through with his Air Force Reserve plan and went back to work. He had worked since 16 years old. His father gambled a lot and didn't provide much, so while in high school Gaffigan started working at a grocery store. Working to survive since a teenager, he never had much of an opportunity to receive higher education. It wasn't just socioeconomic deficiencies and generic restraint that kept it from him, but campus life was different in the Sixties. "The campus would be shut down for two weeks at a times," said Gaffigan referring to the SDS and Black Panther protests. "If the Iraq War had a draft right now, this campus would be jumping."

From the age of political activism to the age of political apathy, Gaffigan refrains from criticizing today's young students. "When I sit in the classroom, I look around and I accept myself as being the dumbest one in the class," said Gaffigan. A humble exaggeration, but this attitude helped him provide more opportunities for his two children than he ever had.

Gaffigan learned from his father's mistakes and made sure his kids didn't miss out on an education and the beauty of pursuing their passions as careers. His son, James, played the bassoon, an instrument that cost Gaffigan \$5,000. Bassoon playing earned James a full scholarship to Yale, which he turned down for an offer from Rice University. James, now 27 years old, travels the world working as an orchestra conductor.

Gaffigan's daughter Christine also turned down a scholarship from Wagner to attend a Jesuit school, University of Scranton. Gaffigan never imposed on his children. He always let them make their own decisions, but he created a world of prosperous opportunity for them.

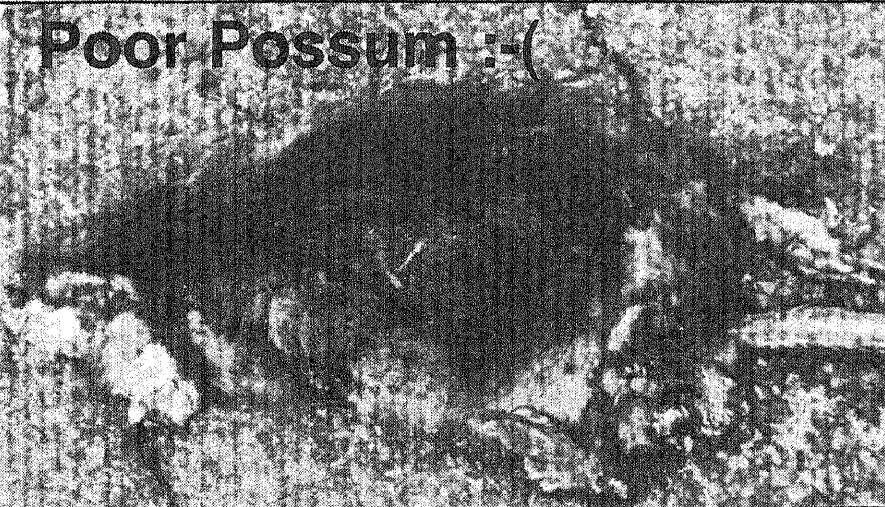
Though he valued education, Gaffigan accepted his responsibility to his family and waited until his kids finished school before returning himself. He sold various products for the corporation Procter & Gamble for 31 years, and at 55

years of age returned to college. Immediately after retiring, Gaffigan first attended acting school but realized that he had absolutely no talent. Now a 56 year old sophomore at CSI, he serves as one of the most productive senators on Student Government. "What I didn't have as a child," he said, "I'm taking now."

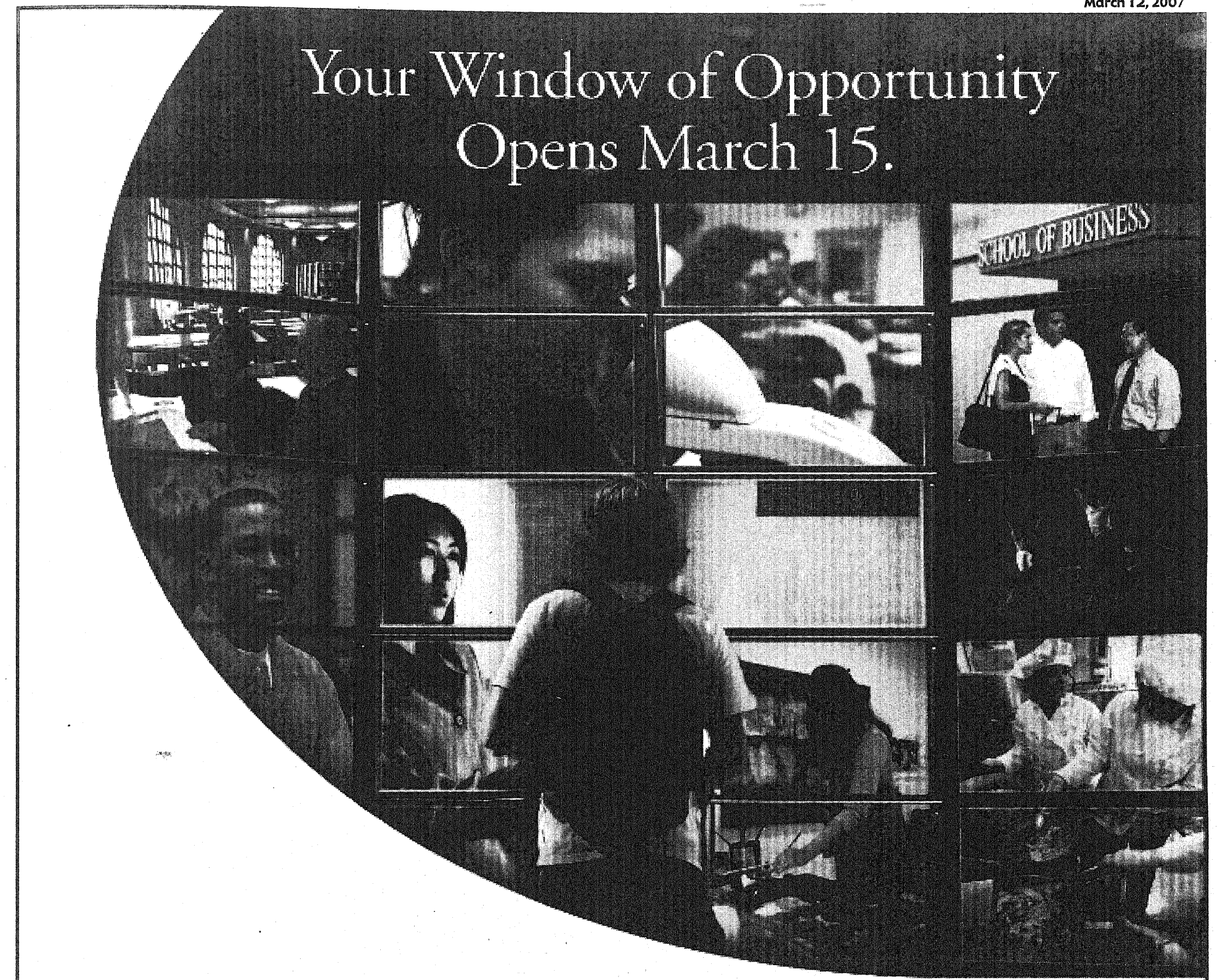
But Gaffigan gives a lot more than he takes. Older than most student's parents, he lends plenty of wisdom to the younger SG senators and wouldn't hesitate to lend money. As the Student Center Commissioner, Gaffigan planned to decorate the Center with 160 different national flags, to represent all the nations of CSI's students. When the budget looked short of the funds needed, he offered to give \$300 out of his own pocket. The budget was later modified. But that's the giving spirit of Gaffigan. He hasn't watched a Super Bowl in 10 years because he cooks for the Knights of Columbus to raise charity money.

Instead of being bitter about his childhood, Gaffigan learned from his hardships. "The greatest thing that my parents left me was absolutely nothing." Love and shelter was all they provided, but that's all he needed. Growing up with no money, all he wanted was a job to pay his bills and support his family.

In a times when many families get divorced and kids then become mind warped on anti-depressants, Gaffigan has a solid marriage for three decades, with two drug-free, educated and independent, grown children. "I'm the luckiest guy in the world," he said. "It's good to be me."



Last November, The Banner ran an article entitled: "SPLAT! Roadkill Removal at CSI," in an effort to get motorists to slow down and stop killing innocent animals along Loop Road. Unfortunately, the problem persists. The possum pictured above met its untimely end on March 3rd. It was found between the Sports and Recreational facility (1R) and the Children's Center (2R). Photo and Caption by AnnMarie Costella



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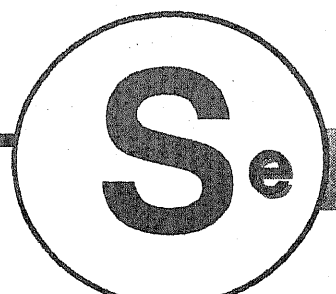
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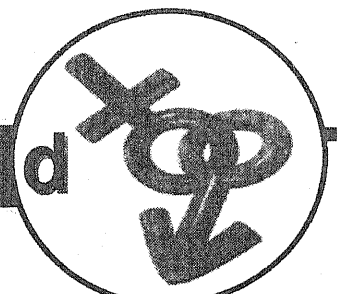
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Nicole Bonelli's



# He Is What He Eats . . . And More!

There is nothing better for any girl than waking up to that special someone's face in between her legs, but majority of us would disagree due to suffering from B.O.S.E. (Bad Oral Sex Experiences). Since the beginning of time, we ladies have laid back spread eagle while staring blankly at those cracks in the ceiling... counting down the minutes until we can return to our vibrators so WE can finish the job. A blowjob in the morning, a blowjob in the evening, a blow job at supper time. Yeah, guys want them all the time, and maybe we would be more apprehensive about blowing more than their minds if they mastered the techniques of eating out.

**Lickly Split Mr. Softie**  
*"This isn't a race, so don't treat my vagina like melting ice cream!"*

When your man starts to eat his take out meal for one, it's important to go slow (heartburn is a bitch). He should not devour your body like a buffet. Instead, the vagina should be eaten like an ice cream cone; you should be the new chocolate chip cookie dough. Licking slowly around the edges at first will make your body melt before he speeds up to savor your sweet spot.

Pretending your vagina is Baskin' Robins' 32nd flavor might get played out faster than a new Justin Timberlake song. Whipped cream is a sticky sexy good time, that is until the smell of sour milk kicks in. Pepto-Bismol won't even be able to mend the queasy feeling in his stomach. Alternatives such as honey will most likely bring out the inner Winnie the Pooh in your man.

**Be a Skipper, Enjoy Your Mate!**  
*"The tongue is the strongest muscle in*

*the body; it just keeps going and going and going..."*

The next time a guy tries to use the pick up line, "Hey baby, want to guess what the strongest bone in my body is? I'll give you a hint it's six inches." First of all, he's probably lying; I'll put money on it that it's only two. Second of all, he deserves to have a drink thrown in his face.

Besides natural lubrication, the tongue can reach those hard to reach places. So why let him use it to have sex with you? Let his tongue go for a swim as it dives in and out of your vagina, but make sure he doesn't forget to come up for air every now and then to explore the rest of your body.

Make sure he keeps his eyes on the prize because the vagina is as sensitive as your nipples on a cold winter's day. One wrong move can send him packing with blue balls. If he hits the jackpot by finding "the moan zone," also known as the G-spot, he should use his fingers to leave you screaming for more.

**I Am Woman, Hear Me Roar!**  
*"Sexy lionesses don't moan...we roar!"*

Any pussycat will purr as long as it is rubbed the right way. The vagina is a temple, and all parts of it should be worshiped. Men for some reason seem to think that faster and harder is always better. Every girl has a naughty side and can appreciate a good spanking, or getting her hair pulled from time to time, but we are not a fan of unbearable pain which makes it impossible for us to walk the following morning.

Someday in the far, far, far future girls including myself plan on having kids. The jamming of toys, fingers, or even a tongue can truly jeopardize the future of our ovaries and/or uteruses.

Please proceed with caution.

**C is For Clitoris, Lick It Good For Me**  
*"This makes the difference between an orgasm, and an OHgasm."*

Think of the clitoris as the powerhouse of the vagina. It took me years of masturbation, and two years of orgasmless sex to put the pieces of the puzzle together. Sexual penetration + clitoral stimulation = mind blowing orgasm. If the clit can work wonders during sex, just imagine the tricks it has up its lips when it comes to oral sex.

Looking to spice up your sex life? I suggest you take a trip over to Nightcap. BAM! Sex toys add zest to any girl's fire, and sensual vibrations to the O-Zone. But beware! The feeling of having a brick thrown on your clitoris is anything but pleasurable. Make sure your man doesn't apply too much pressure right away. There is nothing sexy about a cranky unsatisfied woman.

**Be His Tongue's Number One Fan**  
*"because it's going to make you scream all night."*

Pretend that his tongue is Christopher Columbus and he is yearning to explore this new unknown territory. Don't resist because he will take you to the New World.

No one likes a slobbering horn dog though, so make sure he doesn't start drooling like a horny teenager whose balls just dropped. Just like the New York Yankees had a strategy to win 26 World Series, your man should also have one for when he is heading downtown. He should also have an escape plan if he strikes out.

I can't stress this enough, but the vagina is not a chew toy. BITING IS THE NUMBER ONE SEX FOUL! Not

only will you find yourself in the emergency room at two in the morning, but the pain will want to make you seek vengeance. Your man will probably be rubbing one out for at least a week due to No Sex Punishment. Ladies, this is just heartless and unfair for the both of you.

**Cirque Du Soleil!**  
*"Leave the stunts to the professionals."*

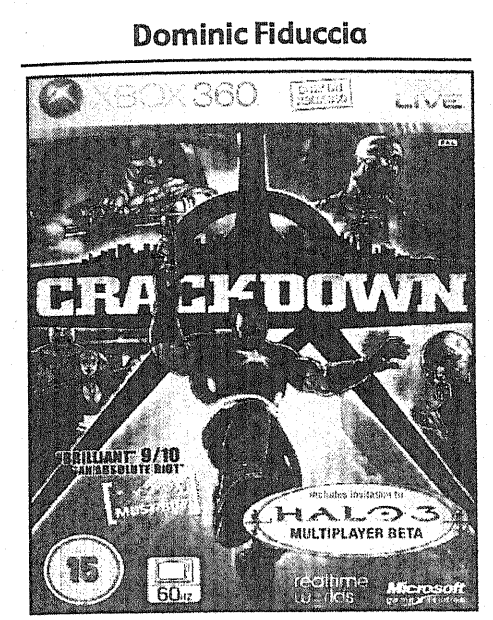
Oral sex should not be a circus act. If you are looking to see a good show, head to Vegas. If you are looking to cum, do not try to bend yourself like the Olympic gymnast that you probably aren't.

You can lie on your back, legs spread apart, with your knees slightly bent. Your man can then run and dive on a slip and slide as he sinks into your pool of pleasure. Excuse me for interrupting myself, but any position that gives me flashbacks of being at the gynecologist freaks me out.

It's time to let your inner Paris Hilton out. I've never tried this before, so I can't speak from personal experience, but just sit on his face. This allows you to double your pleasure, and double your control. Sometimes you just have to take a situation by the balls. No pun intended.

Still feeling a little shy in front of your guy? "Lambie" should serve another purpose besides helping you float on Cloud Nine at night. Take advantage of your favorite stuffed animal as you place it under your lower back so you elevate your bulls-eye for your man. Lying down during oral sex is comfortable for the giver, but most importantly for the receiver. Just make sure you don't fall asleep because there is nothing worse than bruising a man's ego. In case you do, I have one word of advice: BLOWJOB.

## Crackdown Time to Get Crackin'



Imagine a world in the not too distant future where you are among a group of supercops that must rid Pacific City of the numerous gangs that plague this city. You have various weapons at your disposal and can leap great distances and pick up and throw cars, too. This is the world that exists in the video game, Crackdown from Microsoft for the Xbox 360.

Crackdown has a series of character based skills that can be upgraded to increase specific traits that can be used. The skills are increased by gaining orbs. The experience orb can be released from defeated enemies, with the type and number appearing being primarily based on how you defeated the foe and how difficult it was to defeat him. You can also find orbs that are scattered around the rooftops of Pacific City. There are also hidden orbs that can be acquired for all 5 statistics to be found. Each skill has five levels and with a numeric gauge on the display to indicate how close you are to reaching the next level. Each skill will also increase your trait or gains a new ability or weapon within that trait. If you end up dying or even injuring local civilians then you lose the orbs that you obtained in your progression of leveling up. In Crackdown, there are five different skills. They are: agility, driving, explosives, strength, and firearms.

Much like in another popular Xbox 360 game that was also published by Microsoft, Gears of War, Crackdown also features online co-op play. But unlike Gears of War, you or any of your friends can't simply jump in while someone is playing. In order to play together you both have to go to the main menu first and then chose to play in co-op mode. While in co-op mode, both players can gain advantage of beating a mob boss in the game, but are required to obtain supply points and gain experience on their own. This actually creates problems while Crackdown tries to create the co-op gameplay to be a seamless experience it doesn't really workout that way. One of the biggest problems is when you accept someone's invite to join in their game. If you decide to accept you'll find out that you won't be joining alongside the other player, but instead you'll find yourself kicked out of your game and have to

reload to play again. Also, if your partner decides to stop playing then your game ends as well. While, Microsoft has been known for giving gamers the best on-line gaming experience. This isn't the case with Crackdown especially for those that have played Gears of War which gave gamers a great jump-in anywhere co-op gameplay. When it comes to on-line play it is definitely Crackdown's biggest weakness. You're much better off playing this game solo. Still, the good does outweigh the bad in Crackdown.

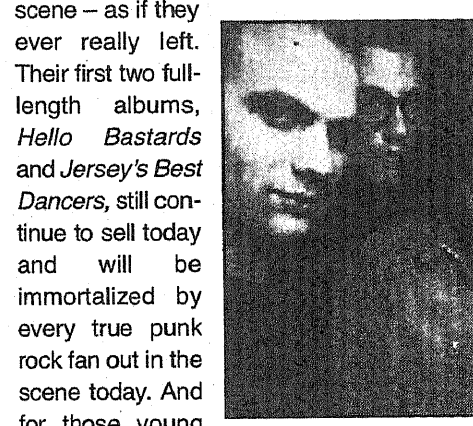
The best has to be the open-ended world that Crackdown has to offer you. The point of an open-ended world is to be able to have the freedom to have control over the direction of the game and do whatever you want and Crackdown is one of the few games that truly does give you that sense of freedom. This is best illustrated with the main mission of taking out the nearly two dozen gang bosses. There is no set order in battling them so you can fight each boss in whatever order that you desire.

Overall, Crackdown is a great game that offers great gameplay and lets you explore an open-ended world with superpowers. Also, you have the power to take on the many bosses in any order that you wish. Unfortunately, for those that desire great on-line gameplay like that featured in Gears of War you'll be sadly disappointed.

## RETURN FROM THE SLUMS OF NEW JERSEY

Chris Bono

2007 is going to be a good year for punk rock fans, and it starts with the release of Lifetime's self-titled, re-entry into the punk scene - as if they ever really left.



Their first two full-length albums, *Hello Bastards* and *Jersey's Best Dancers*, still continue to sell today and will be immortalized by every true punk rock fan out in the scene today. And for those young punks who have never heard of Lifetime, the new disc will surely break them in to one of the best punk bands to ever grace the state of New Jersey.

*Lifetime* is 25 minutes of what every fan has been dreaming about since their break-up, only more polished and tighter. The band consists of drummer, Scott Golley, vocalist Ari Katz, guitarists Dan Yemin and Pete Martin, and bassist Dave Palatis who have lived completely different musical lives during the past decade. Katz's band Zero-Zero, a new wave project, never made as much of an impact as Lifetime, and fans were not expecting such a dramatic change in musical direction. Lifetime's broader musical preference and knowledge are applied to all of

the new songs and no one else could have done such a masterful job.

The opening song, *Northbound Breakdown*, is so accurately titled and kicks the album off with classic Lifetime

riffs and drumming. This first track has traces of *Daneurysm*, the band's opening song on 1995's *Hello Bastards*, laced throughout the two minute crowd pleaser. *Just A Quiet Evening* shows off Katz's refined vocals, which have

a stronger range and seems more nasally than usual. The track is also coated with the classic lifetime emotion that has kept fans faithful for so many years.

Reunions aren't usually a successful musical venture, but Lifetime is able to keep the fire burning after a decade-long hiatus. What we have with *Lifetime* is the resurrection of a band, which creatively shaped and started the music that is so popular today, back in the mid-90s. It is time for all of the second-rate, carbon copy bands of today to awaken and remember where they came from. Lifetime will help them remember because like Katz said on *Jersey's Best Dancers*, "it's how we are."

## AnnMarie Costella's Book Club: The Power of Magical Thinking

Hiring a dwarf housekeeper who only cleans as high as she can reach, getting a blow job from a priest, dating a super concealed model with a small penis, and finding a mouse in your bathtub that just won't die, are just some of the bizarre real life situations experienced by author Augusten Burroughs in *Magical Thinking*.

The book is a collection of 27 true, short, stories that are all connected by a single thread, the idea that a person can control what happens to them if they just concentrate hard enough. *Magical Thinking* is filled with the wonderful and special brand of humor that we have come to expect from Augusten Burroughs.

*in exactly the right spot."*

**Debbie's Requirements**

This is by far the best and funniest chapter in the entire book. Burroughs hires Debbie, a dwarf housekeeper, who only cleans as high as she can reach. Worse still, she is allergic to strong cleaning products so she makes Burroughs buy her special ingredients (baking soda, vinegar, and olive oil) so that she can mix her own cleaning agents. After Debbie's first day, the author arrives home to find his apartment more smelly than clean.

*my big fat, cock, he tells me. "You like that big dick?" I am dizzy. I am literally dizzy. I was so shocked to encounter the micro-penis and now am even more shocked to encounter his apparent lack of knowledge about the micro-penis. I grip it in my hand and it's lost, so I use my thumb and index finger to jerk it."*

Here are some chapter highlights:

### I Dated an Undertaker

As the title suggests, this story is about Burroughs' romantic relationship with an undertaker. He engages in sexual escapades with his new boyfriend at the funeral home where he works, sometimes within inches of dead bodies. Burroughs is both fascinated and afraid of this morbid profession.

*"I couldn't help but dwell on the fact that I was dating somebody who had held somebody else's decapitated head in their hands. Who regularly tied string tight around the end of a dead man's penis so that fluids didn't leak out and stain the tuxedo pants. I was dating somebody who had stitched a suicide's wrists shut after the fact. All with the same two hands that rubbed my back between my shoulder blades."*

*"Six hours later, when I returned, I was greeted at the door - and this before it was even opened - by the overpowering smell of vinegar. What were my neighbors thinking? That a douche-obsessed woman with a gigantic, three-foot vagina lived next door?"*

### Beating Raoul

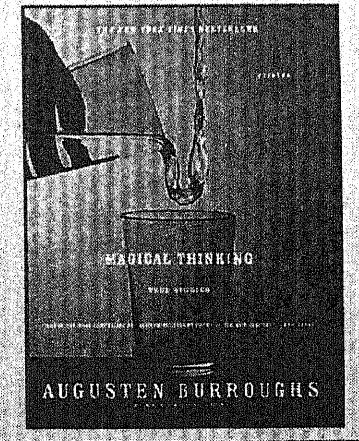
Burroughs is excited to be dating Raoul, a young, handsome, millionaire and former model until he becomes aware of his narcissistic, judgmental nature. Burroughs is even more surprised to discover that the man who seemingly had so physical faults is less than perfect in one very important area.

*"It turns out that Raoul has a condition known as micro-penis. This means his penis is less than three-inches long, fully erect. It looks like a clitoris, sticking out above two balls. 'Suck*

Most of *Magical Thinking* is wonderful and entertaining, however, there are a few boring chapters. For example, "Commercial Break" is about how, as a child, Burroughs starred in a Tang commercial, and "Puff Derby" details a chance encounter with Sean "Puffy" Combs at a race track.

Even though it may drag in spots, this book is well worth reading. You will find yourself laughing out loud more than once.

Grade: B+



## Movie Review: Zodiac

John DePetro

There are certain things you expect to see when you're about to watch a David Fincher film. Darkness, cool camera movements, rain and the occasional "what the F?" moment. In his latest release *Zodiac*, sure it's dark, it's beautifully shot, and he even manages to squeeze in a few drops of rain. But the entire film feels like a build up to a crescendo that never materializes. There's never that release of tension that has been built up over the past two-and-a-half-plus hours you've just spent in the theater. But that's life.

*Zodiac* chronicles the late 1960's

and 70's Northern California serial murders and how the killer played out his killing in the media while toying with police departments from three separate counties and was essentially able to get away with it. Fincher doesn't play with that reality and that feeling in the pit of your stomach you experience while walking to your car is the unsettling notion that things in life don't tie up together in a nice tight little bow. That's what you'll take away after seeing the film.

Fincher spins a convoluted web just as intricate as the actual still yet-to-be-resolved case. Multiple characters flow in and out of the film as their part they play in the case goes from significant to

irrelevant. They are vital to the story in one frame and then they vanish from the film in the next. Just as police, reporters and those obsessed with the case become gain more evidence and get closer to finding out the identity of the killer, the audience feels the momentum build in their chest and then-BAM! Everyone runs face first into a stone wall and we all have to start from scratch again.

The ever increasingly talented Jake Gyllenhaal (Bubble Boy), always impressive Robert Downey Jr. (The Pick-Up



Artist) and regular guy Mark Ruffalo headline an ensemble cast full of actors you'll recognize but not be sure of where you know them from.

If you're looking for something closer to *Se7en* Part 2, do yourself a favor a skip *Zodiac*.

# SPORTS

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## Athletic Director

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road. I feel like we're at the beginning now."

"I am so pleased that Jason Fein has accepted our offer for him to become the CSI Athletic Director and Director of the Sports and Recreation Center," Vice President for Student Affairs Carol Jackson said. "Jason has shown himself to have the enthusiasm, skills and motivation to do the job; after a nationwide search he emerged as the best candidate. I look forward to working with Jason as he moves our program to the next level."

Fein plans on continuing to improve the academic progress student-athletes have made, helping

them even further with the recently opened student lounge in the Athletic Center.

With CSI's addition of dorms in the coming years, Fein wishes to add to the sports programs on campus by adding more intramurals.

"We are going to move from a commuter campus to a residential campus," he said, "which means we were going to move from an operation that shuts down to an all day all night all week all year operation. We want to try and start thinking about that."

One addition, however, will be a live stats update over the Internet for fans to keep up with games as they happen. The spring baseball and softball teams will be the first at CSI to have this feature. In the fall, plans are to stream live audio on the website for the games.

"We want to get as many stu-

dents involved as in as many ways as possible," he said, "whether it just be a recreation or intramural type of thing or coming down and cheering on the teams."

Fein watched as the men's basketball team competed for their 12th CUNY title in February. "That was probably the most crushing defeat I can remember in my eight years here- and we've had some bad ones," he said. "Every time that happens you're just not prepared. But that's why you play the games."

Fein first came to CSI in 1999 as the school's Sports Information Director and Assistant Director of Athletics. Three years later he was promoted to Associate Director of Athletics.

Since coming to CSI, the Dolphins teams have won 23 CUNY-AC Championships and its first and only CUNYAC Commissioner's Cup

in 2001, which is awarded to the school with best overall athletic excellence.

Fein also jumped into whatever role the athletic department needed. He acted as Head Volleyball Coach for the women for two seasons starting in 2003 and as women's assistant basketball coach from 2003-2005.

Fein was chosen as the recipient of the Inaugural Rising Star Award in July 2006. The award is given to a trailblazer among sports information professionals by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

"I couldn't be happier working with and alongside Jason," Associate Athletic Director David Pizzuto said. "He's shown a lot of dedication and promise to our student-athletes here. It's a pleasure to be working with someone with the vision and motivation that he presents."

## UPCOMING SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

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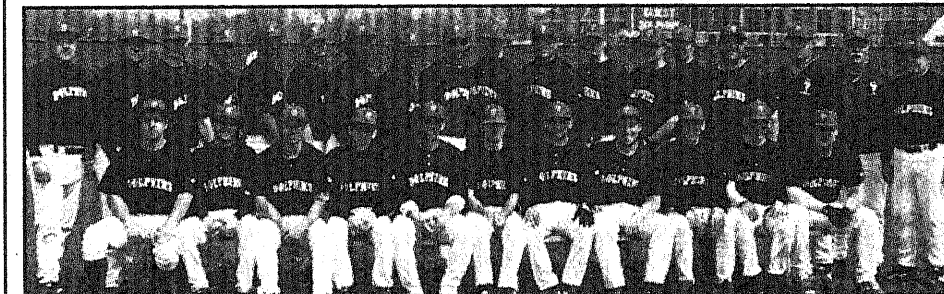
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## Eyes On Fifth Straight Championship As Dolphin Men Open Season

Matthew Cirelli

The CSI men's baseball team opens this season with high expectations. Their goal, "to win our 5th CUNY championship in a row and try to make a tournament, either the ECAC or NCAA," proclaims the reigning CUNYAC tour-

in late February as they visited nationally ranked Salisbury University in Maryland on February 24. Although they dropped both games by lopsided margins, the team was happy to finally suit up and head out onto the diamond. The weather here on Staten Island has limited practice time, which was clear as the Dolphins



namment MVP and rookie of the year, Anthony Piccirillo. Nothing less is expected as the Dolphins are led by skipper Bill Cali. In 12 seasons as head coach, Cali has guided the team to the CUNYAC title game 12 consecutive times.

Piccirillo now feels he has more of a leadership role, but acknowledges that "we have seniors who are going to be the vocal leaders," and "I will do my leading on the field by example." Joining Piccirillo as key players are returning second team all-stars Mike Madalone, a catcher who had an excellent freshman campaign, pitcher Jon Reyes, and infielder Ray Valerio. Junior John Sullivan will be stepping up, hoping to become the ace of the Dolphins' rotation, while shortstop Bobby Glenester will be directing the infield. Transfer student Matt Thompson should provide power as a new addition to an already strong outfield anchored by Joel Pratts and Piccirillo.

The Dolphin squad kicked off their season

showed some rust.

"The weather has not worked in our favor," Piccirillo said echoing the team's sentiment. "We are not making excuses, and we are still going to go out there and take care of business."

The confidence he exudes reflects the team's approach towards this season. Expect the Dolphins to be a powerful force once again in the CUNY division. They resume the season in mid-March as they travel across town to Brooklyn to face Polytechnic on March 14 at 3 p.m.

They will take on SUNY-Maritime for their home opener in a double header starting at 12 p.m. on Saturday, March 17.

The date many CUNYAC fans have marked on their calendars with anticipation will be at the end of April, on the 28th and 29th, when CSI will square off against John Jay College. Last season John Jay went undefeated before falling twice to the Dolphins in the best of three championship.