

# THE BANNER

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## The World According to Professor Ming Xia

Matthew Roca

Professor Ming Xia understands a great deal about the development of the third world, Asian politics, and especially Chinese socialism— it's the kind of knowledge he knows first-hand. The Associate Professor of Political Science at CSI lived under Chinese Communist control for sixteen years, breathing what many people only read about in books and newspapers. Professor Xia, recollecting his thoughts about the Chinese regime, "I think it is a disaster and a crime."

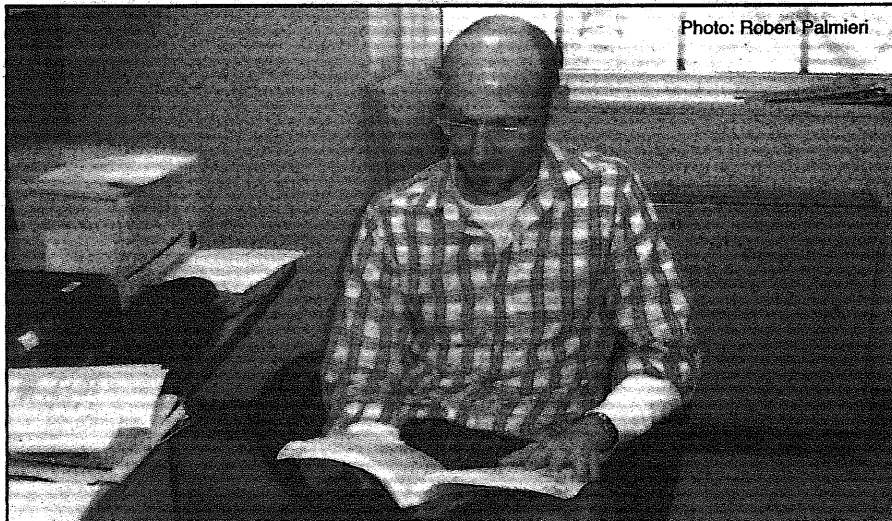
Xia, 41, was born in a city located in the southwest province of Sichun, called Cheng-Du. During his schooling there, he became fascinated with well-known statesmen throughout the countries of the Western world and began reading books about them, which conjured strong ambitions and goals for the future. "I enjoyed reading books about Kissinger and Richard Nixon; especially their memoirs...I dreamed of becoming a diplomat."

Years of hard work earned him a B.A. and M.A. from Fudan University of China, where he was then hired as an Assistant Professor. He taught at the university for

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## Tennessee Farmer Takes Italian Journey

Photo: Robert Palmieri



Robert Palmieri

Imagine living the first twenty years of your life on a farm. Now picture yourself moving to the biggest city in the United States. This is what Gerry Milligan, a professor at the College of Staten Island, went through on his way to becoming an Italian instructor.

"Growing up my family had a farm, but I lived in the city of Maryville, Tennessee, so I don't think of myself as a farm boy," said Milligan. "My parents and grandparents made certain that I knew how to work a farm, but they also took me to at least half the United States before I was thirteen."

Traveling throughout the United

States was an educational experience for Gerry. He saw how life differed in big cities as opposed to rural areas such as his hometown.

Soon after taking an Italian class at the University of Tennessee, he found himself on a plane to Italy for the study abroad program that ultimately changed his life. He was on his way to becoming a professor; he just didn't know it.

Gerry adored the Italian lifestyle so much he returned for three more study abroad programs while attending the university. But despite his love for Italy and the language, his colle-

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## Closet Closed

### Fear and Poor Promotion Make National Coming Out Day a Disappointment

AnnMarie Costella

Twenty years ago, half a million people marched on Washington for gay and lesbian equality; this week, one lesbian woman, one gay man, and one bisexual man showed up for CSI's celebration of National Coming Out Day. Sociologists estimate that 10% of our population is LGBT, which translates into about 1300 students on this campus. So where were they?

Poor planning combined with the campus's location in the most ultra-conservative borough of Staten Island, may account for the poor turnout.

A handful of straight supporters joined the gay trio, as they chatted and feasted on rainbow cake. The administration remains hopeful that this small,

but important first step will encourage unity and acceptance.

Professor Kathleen Cumiskey, led an open discussion in

which she shared her own experience of coming out as a lesbian and encouraged others to share their thoughts and feelings. Cuminsky married her partner Robin Garber on April 18, 2006 in a ceremony in Toronto, Canada.

"We had to leave our own country to be respected and treated fairly," she said. "There is tolerance and then there is acceptance. We have some level of tolerance in this country, but when we get to the topic of legalizing gay marriage that's pushing the envelope and would require total acceptance."

Many of the participants were

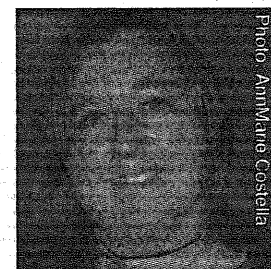


Photo: AnnMarie Costella  
CSI Professor Kathleen Cumiskey had to travel to Toronto to marry her partner.

## Planning National Coming Out Day: From A to Z

Kevin S.P. Mamakas

A relatively small amount of CSI students admitted to being gay or lesbian at the National Coming Out Day Discussion. And no one admitted to being bisexual or transgender. The event was still considered a success because both straight and gay students came together to support a person's right to choose their own lifestyle. In addition, many students who attended signed up to join the Gay/Straight alliance, a disbanded club that the college is trying to bring back.

Here is a behind the scenes peak at how the PDC planned the event:

### Finding an Event

At the August 8 meeting, the Program Development Committee decided that they wanted to commemorate National Coming Out Day on October 11. We wanted to help CSI embrace the gay community. It proved to be a new and somewhat difficult experience.

After serving on the committee for two years, and as their current intern, I decided to take charge of the planning. My biggest task was explaining what National Coming Out Day is to the college community and choosing an event that would produce a good turnout. PDC told me that I had to thoroughly research the project before they would approve the funding.

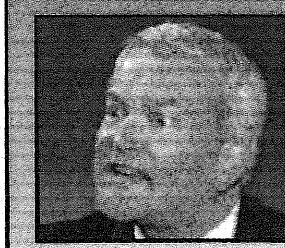
I began to ask people interested in National Coming Out Day about what events people wanted to see. After not receiving a single response, I was lost for ideas. I decided to ask Director of Student Life and temporary PDC advisor, Carol Brower for some help. We finally decided on a Gay and Lesbian Film Festival during the week of National Coming Out Day and an open forum discussion on October 11. PDC approved our proposal and we were on our way.

### Finding a Speaker

Luckily Brower knew professors and counselors that were willing to

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### Journalist Assassinated

Lucie Lauria

A prominent Russian journalist Anna Politkovskaya, who had faced death threats in the past, was found shot dead. Politkovskaya was famous for her articles about the Chechen war and of President Putin.

Politkovskaya's neighbor found her body in the elevator of her Moscow apartment building. The police found a Makarov 9-millimeter pistol and four bullets at her side, according to the New York Times. Politkovskaya was allegedly returning home from her afternoon shopping, and she didn't have time to carry all her shopping bags out of her car, parked in front of the building, *Corriere della Sera* stated.

The police, who allegedly know the murderer's physical description, set forth a search for a tall young man. Reinforced patrols check on suspicious persons in Moscow.

Politkovskaya, who was forty-eight years old, had criticized the political situation in Russia and in Caucasus. "There are hundreds of such cases (of Islamic terrorism), which are being heard in courts all over the country," Politkovskaya wrote in *Moscow Times*. "Most of them were staged by our government in order to

enable the secret services to show how effective their 'war on terrorism' is."

Politkovskaya, a tireless investigative reporter, accused Putin of Stalinist-style torture and other abuse of Chechnyan civilians by government troops in her book "Putin's Russia and Dirty War: A Russian Reporter in Chechnya."

This highly respected journalist had frequently met with threats or suspicious incidents. According to *The Guardian*, "A few months ago, unknown assailants had tried unsuccessfully to break into the car her daughter Vera was driving."

In 2004, Politkovskaya mediated the school hostage crisis in Beslan. Aboard a plane to Beslan, she was poisoned by tea served during the flight.

Politkovskaya was born to a diplomatic family in New York. She returned to Moscow for her journalism studies. Later on, she began her career in *Izvestia*, a Russian newspaper. Since 1999 she had written political columns for *Novaya Gazeta*.

She cooperated with many world newspapers, televisions and lectured all over the world. Last year, she was awarded the Olof Palme Prize for human rights.



### Will Republicans Pay the Price?

Lucie Lauria

Mark Foley's pedophile scandal threatens to influence the November elections as Republicans may pay for the wrong-doings of a single party member. Former Representative Mark Foley (R-Florida), sent sexually explicit messages to underage Congressional pages.

In Washington, Foley's scandal is growing and causing problems for Republicans across the country. In connection with the furor over Foley, Speaker J. Dennis Hastert became an object of criticism as well.

Hastert, who was installed as House Speaker eight years ago, failed to take effective measures after he had been informed about Foley's inappropriate behavior towards teenage male pages. However, Hastert refuses to become a casualty of Foley's scandal. It may shake the voter's trust in the party and its goals.

At first President Bush expressed his indignation over Foley's abuse of voters' trust, but now as the case develops, Hastert gets vigorous support from Bush. "Denny is very credible, as far as I'm concerned," Bush said. "And he's done a fine job as a speaker."

The scandal took on an extra edge because Foley, over the course of many years, pretended to be an enthusiastic defender of rights of the sexually abused children. After proclaiming the war on Internet child pornography, he turned out to be a pedophilic sex offender himself, who

had tried to enter the page dormitory after curfew.



ABC cited parts of Foley's instant messages with a former page. "You are in your boxers, too?" Foley asked.

"Nope, just got home," the boy answered. "I had a college interview that went late."

"Well, strip down and get relaxed," Congressman said.

The raunchy conversation was cut off by the boy's mother's arrival.

According to ABC, some Congressmen were already informed about Foley's incursions in 2001. In the fall 2005, one of the boys complained about Foley's dirty proposals, and his horrified parents shared their concerns with a former senior aide to Foley, Kirk Fordham, who alerted the Speaker's office.

As the scandal has swept the country, questions arise about how many Republican voters will stay home on Election Day.

### Habeas Corpus Busted

Allison Ryder

The Military Commissions Act, President Bush's pet "anti-terror" legislation, was recently passed. It allows for torture during interrogation and for people to be detained without probable cause. This act denies detainees their right to habeas corpus and also allows a person, terrorist or American citizen, to be held in custody indefinitely without probable cause. It also permits classified evidence or hearsay evidence and denies the prisoner the right to have legal representation.

The bill allows Bush to convene military commissions to prosecute "terror suspects." It sets new and specific guidelines, and provides definitions of abusive treatment. The bill violates habeas corpus which protects prisoners against unlawful imprisonment, and enables the indefinite detention of prisoners.

Senator John McCain stated that

the bill prohibits cruel interrogation techniques such as simulated drowning, but it is unclear about which specific methods will be allowed. Bush wields the authority to determine which techniques are permissible.

According to Section 1003 of the Detainee Treatment Act, which Congress enacted last year, "cruel, unusual, and inhumane treatment or punishment is prohibited by the Fifth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States."

This act also requires the detainee to have a Combatant Status Review Tribunal (CSRT), which will challenge his detention. The people applicable to this act are those who were detained on or after the date this act was passed (in December of 2005).

Our students are deeply concerned

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-Maria Czarnikiewicz

about the possible effects of the Military Commissions Act. "No one deserves to be tortured," a CSI student, Maria Czarnikiewicz, said. "It doesn't solve anything. It only causes more violence."

Others disagree. "Torture should not be allowed unless it's to get information in order to protect the country from harm, attack, or any kind of threat," said Billy Ruppert. "If the government has reason to believe someone is a terrorist or aiding the terrorist then we should detain and question them until we can determine the truth."

The Military Commissions Act allows for an innocent person to be held and never have the chance to prove that they are innocent, because they have no legal representation. The new legis-



lation pretty much gives the President and his administration exactly what they want. Now people can be detained with no cause, held for a period of time that can last forever, and habeas corpus has gone out the window for these prisoners. Our country of "freedom" is now taking away people's freedom along with various rights, with no reason other than an unsuccessful attempt to stop terrorism.

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### Coming Out

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vocal about their beliefs. "There should never be anything wrong with being who you are, as long as you're not hurting anyone," said Third Rail Editor-in-Chief, Perri Fisher. "There is this misconception that all gay men are card carrying members of NAMBLA. I have explained to my children that sometimes a woman loves a woman and that's ok and sometimes a man loves a man and that's ok too. It's a lifestyle that is as valid as any other. I won't treat it like it's a disease and I won't teach my children that."

Kevin Peters, 25, a Psychology major and openly gay student at CSI, said that while the coming out process was awkward, he is happier now than he has ever been.

"When I first came out of the closet, I wanted to run back in," he explained. "I still had that heterosexual dream." Peters says that others on campus are accepting of his lifestyle. "I haven't had any negative reactions. I've come out in a few of my classes and have had a good response," he said. "I've been lucky. I know that's not the case for a lot of other people."

Peters had a special message that he wanted to share with his fellow CSI students. "Life is so beautiful and diverse. Really look at yourself. Realize that you are unique and that's ok," he said. "Being different is great."

For some students being gay at CSI is a scary experience and makes the already difficult coming out process even more nerve racking. One student, who preferred to stay anonymous, bravely attended the National Coming Out Day festivities, even though she has not told her family or friends that she is a lesbian.

"It's the anticipation of coming out and not being accepted and being ridiculed that frightens me the most," she said. "I don't feel it's very accepted at CSI at all." She is angered by the homophobic comments she often hears from her fellow students.

"In the same way that they are repulsed by my homosexuality, I'm am repulsed by their heterosexuality," she indicated. "I know that's a terrible thing to say, but that's how I feel." She also had a powerful message for those narrow-minded individuals whom she encounters each day. "The comments that you are making is putting fear into the hearts of the gay and lesbian community," she said. "You're fear of us is making us afraid to come out and be who we are. You are the direct cause of our sadness."

Director of Student Life, Carol Brower was pleased by the turnout and felt encouraged by the positive interaction between both gay students and straight students who attended to show their support. She remained optimistic yet realistic about the future.

"No matter what this campus does, they are never going to erase the homophobia completely. It exists in every part of society. We can't expect miracles," Brower said. "We, as a society, allow it to be the prejudice that is ok to be spoken. Somehow it is still accepted, not by everyone, but people feel a lot freer expressing that bias than most others."

CSI must continue to encourage the acceptance of our LGBT population. We can't allow fear and ignorance to prevail. "For most people the coming out process is very long and very messy," said Professor Cumiskey. "Some people come out on National Coming Out Day and then never speak of it again."

### Planning A to Z

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give a lecture on the subject. Not only did I have to fill out less paper work, but PDC didn't have to pay for it. This is a good thing because less money has to be spent from Student Activity Fees. After a few professors had to back out due to scheduling conflicts, Professor Kathleen Cumiskey confirmed her availability to speak at the event. We felt lucky to find someone who was willing to speak so openly about their sexual identity and the complexities of the coming out process.

#### Finding the Movies

*The Birdcage*, *But I'm a Cheerleader*, and *Lost and Delirious* were movies that people showed interest in, but after I discussed the films with my colleagues, we decided that some older movies would be more appropriate. In the end we

decided on *Brokeback Mountain*, the story of two young men who form a special romantic bond after months of isolation in the rural Wyoming, *TransAmerica*, which describes the journey of a pre-op transsexual, *Fire*, the love story of two New Delhi women who develop a physical relationship after their loveless marriages with their husbands fall apart, and *Long Time Companion*, a groundbreaking film that addresses the AIDS crisis as seen through the stories of seven different gay men.

#### Feeding the Guests

For this event, it was easier and less expensive to ask Dining Services to provide the food. The Fruit salad was omitted from the menu for obvious reasons. Instead, we got a variety of wraps, cheeses, and desserts including a very large rainbow cake.

### Tennessee Farmer, Italian Journey

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giate focus was on a high paying job in economic development.

"When I was twenty three I got a job as an administrative assistant in an economic development office," he said. "I realized that I disliked working in an office and that making loads of money is not my professional goal."

Over the next eight years, Gerry Milligan worked hard to get his PhD at the University of Wisconsin. Eventually, he was offered his first teaching job and accepted a position at the College of Staten Island. To this day he has no regrets. He truly loves the Italian language and he often stresses the need for all of his students to visit the country that changed his life.

"He is a great teacher who loves what he does. I've had other Italian courses and not one of the teachers looked like they were into what they were teaching us," said student Daniel Florida. "I feel lucky to have him as my language teacher, maybe I won't fall now."

Milligan goes to Italy every summer to visit friends and research reports. His favorite city is Rome. He loves the atmosphere and the beautiful scenery. "Sharing such a positive and necessary experience is gratifying," said Milligan. "It is almost as if I am giving these students the secret code to accessing their own history. So many students want to know about their heritage, and being able to help someone in a personal journey is a profound experience."

#### Publicity and Promotion

Promoting this event was probably the most difficult task. We were able to CLUE certify the event, but it was too late to advertise in the CLUE News. We placed a large red banner publicizing the event along the Campus Center Rotunda and handed out colorful neon flyers. Word of mouth is often the best way to advertise events so we tried telling as many people as we could find to listen. Still, I was worried about whether people were taking us seriously.

#### The Meaning

As I stated before, even though National Coming Out Day did not have a big turnout, it was only a stepping stone for more events that support the right for a person to live the lifestyle that they choose.

CSI students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender now know that there is a part of the college community that supports them.

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three years, counseling fellow students on their future goals and aspirations. During his years at Fudan, Xia witnessed the growth of a very significant moment in China's history- the student uprising movement of the 1980's.

Professor Xia played an important role in the lives of the rebellion. From his teaching post in Shanghai, he offered guidance during a time of uncertainty. Going against such a profound socialist power was extremely dangerous and would eventually lead to disaster. Many of the students he taught, became leaders in the student uprising, and some of them were the main proponents of the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989. The violent military crackdown came about during the same year, resulting in many deaths. In the aftermath, Xia and fellow students fled to save their lives. He escaped Shanghai, went back to Cheng-Du; and waited.

It wasn't long before he made his way back to Shanghai and the Communist Party began to track his whereabouts and activity at all times. He was restricted from traveling and was stripped of his basic civil liberties. This event became the main force that convinced him it was time to leave.

Ben Stavis, an advisor to Professor Xia for a number of years, was the main proponent of his emigration from China. Mr. Stavis realized that Xia might be in trouble with the government so he told him, on the phone, "Why don't you come out to the United States, I can give you a chance to get your PhD." After that Xia was well on his way to freedom in the United States in 1991.

Professor Ming Xia, earned his Doctorate in International Politics and the

1997 Dr. Bernard Watson Award, which is presented to a student who has had to overcome obstacles and hardships in order to succeed in his or her course of studies- at Temple University. His PhD dissertation focused on organized crime and the involvement of local governments, a topic he has covered in many articles, books, and research papers including: "Toward a Network Mode of Government: The Provincial People's Congress in China and The Dual Developmental State: Development Strategy and Institutional Arrangements for China's Transition."

A first-hand experience with organized crime did not come until later on in his career. He was having dinner with a police station director and it turned out that her husband was a leader in a Chinese gang. This showed him that corruption can be found anywhere and on every level of society. Also, the void of organized crime was on the rise worldwide, which poses a serious danger.

Professor Xia is currently teaching as an Associate Professor at the College of Staten Island. He expressed uncertainty about his future plans, insisting that he takes life as it comes. He may apply for citizenship in the future. His work has garnered international attention and acclaim from his American colleagues. Government agencies and institutions carefully monitor him out of fear that his research may uncover corruption or anything that may damage their power, especially in China.

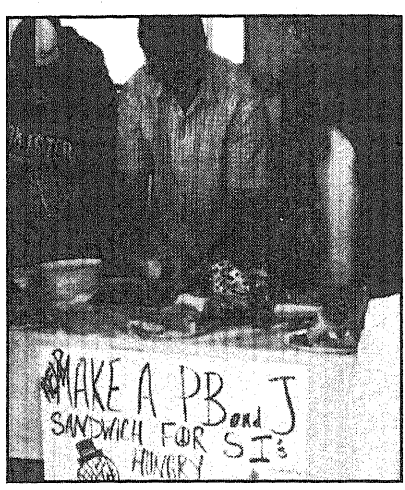
In the world according to Xia, one thing is certain about the Communist Regime in China: the birth of democracy is imminent. "The regime will surely fall, absolutely...it will eventually flow out of China and die out."

### NYPIRG and Hillel Join to Fight Hunger

Stefanie Plust

helping people out it would set a good example."

Open containers of creamy, crunchy, and even reduced fat peanut butter lined the Hillel/NYPIRG table in the Campus Center on Thursday September 28th. The peanut butter, grape jelly and white bread produced three boxes full of sandwiches. The total number neared three hundred. Students and staff participated in the NYPIRG originated event titled, "Peanut Butter and Jelly Jam".



NYPIRG and Hillel make sandwiches for Staten Island's hungry and homeless.

Some students walked by apathetically, refusing to make sandwiches unless they were entitled to one as well. One student went as far as protesting how the homeless and hungry should be given the supplies and then make their own sandwiches. Others went beyond just making a sandwich or two. Pierre Ovalles volunteered for the majority of club hours making many sandwiches. "I enjoy helping people out, my time is well spent here", he said. "More students should get around to



All Photos: Robert Palmieri

responsibility to prepare the patient for the results and alleviate any fears she had. The patient's test came back negative and the patient seemed thankful for having a nurse there for her.

Fontanez realizes that being a nurse will require her to lose all fears and be completely confident under pressure. She recalls a recent patient, who arrived in shackles and was accompanied by a police officer. To his nurse however, he wasn't a prisoner but a patient with a staff infection. She did not discriminate and didn't let any fear stop her from doing her job.

Lori Lovaglio, her friend and co-worker, believes nursing is the perfect profession for Fontanez to enter. "She has a way of making you feel calm," she said. "I would want her to be my nurse because she cares a lot about other people."

Like many others, she is a full-time student with a steady job. Instead of letting her disease stop her from fulfilling a career, it has motivated her to take a step further. Although she is new to being on the nurse's end at the hospital, she has been able to turn any negative situation around. "I had an elderly patient who was in a terrible amount of pain as I tried to put a catheter in her, so I stopped and suggested we sing a song," she said. "There we were, side by side, singing God Bless America."

In the meantime, take care of yourself and each other.

She tells the story of a woman entering the hospital for a colonoscopy. The patient was having a routine test, but had anxiety fearing the word cancer. It was her

Hillel's twist on the event was scheduling it for around the same time as the Jewish holiday, Yom Kippur. Traditionally, Jews fast over this holiday as a way of atoning for their sins. It is also a time when charity is very important in the Jewish tradition. Hillel decided to feed those who are in need remembering that there are people who don't have the choice to fast.

All the food used in this event was donated through a previous Hillel/NYPIRG food drive held at Pathmark on Forest Ave in S.I. earlier this month. The supplies used to make the sandwiches were donated by CSI's dining services and all the sandwiches were donated and distributed by Project Hospitality's food Pantry. "It's was

great event", said student Rochelle Heath. "It's nice that you're helping people and trying to get students involved."

When I first met Nicole, she proudly described herself as an open book; she didn't have one regret. Usually, I would disregard this as self-love, but not in this case as Nicole became the third sex columnist in Banner history. As I received letters from our readers once the first issue was out, I realized I had underestimated Nicole's talent. Students either loved or loathed Nicole's "A Single Girl's Guide to Lining Fabulously," while some were disgusted as she revealed her south of the border grooming experience.

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In the meantime, take care of yourself and each other.

### Editor's Note

A few years ago, the Banner published the first of many sex columns. From its inception, the taboo writings of Jessica Mendez outraged, shocked, and awed as she covered everything from politics and sex to attending cuddle parties to her memorable romps with ex-boyfriends. Oh, and who could ever forget the infamous "Menstrual Sex" column? Even to this day, those who read it can't believe the things she said.

Mendez stood behind every single word she wrote; she was a woman with balls. Her strong convictions and passion for writing conveyed what everyone thought but were too afraid to say. Mendez's best talent was her ability to get a reaction from the readers. I never expected anyone else to generate such "fan mail" (good or bad) until I met Nicole Bonelli.

This is only the fourth issue of the Banner, but I can confirm that 98% of our readers love Nicole's sex column. Ok, that percentage might be off by a percent or two...or ten.

The Letters to the Editor we receive are normally filled with "thank you" and "you sound like one of my friends." Her writing style is laid back and witty, and is often reminiscent of conversations every girl has had with her friends. What's her greatest attribute? She doesn't hold anything back.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: Technology Advances Cheating in the Classroom

Every student cheats at least once. These newer ways of cheating are brilliant. I would have never thought to use my Ipod as means for cheating.

-Robert Palmieri

I'll be honest, I have cheated and I can't say I'll never do it again. The points in the article as to why students cheat are pretty much right. Sometimes it's just too hard and that's the only way I feel I'll get through it. But then there were other times where I felt it was better than doing the work. Hearing about the new technologies is interesting and gives me some fresh ideas, thanks guys. Just kidding.

-Chris Mical

It's a problem for both students and teachers and seems to have no quick fix. Teachers will just have to adjust with new technology, or maybe students won't get an honest grade again.

-Chris Mical

Technological cheating is nothing new to me. I attended the Petrides School for seven years; a school which supplied every student with an Apple laptop and wireless internet access. When the technology was first introduced to us in 1999 there were minimal limitations on the machines.

Students proved time and time again that they had the advantage over the teachers when it came to knowledge of the Macs, making it extremely easy to share information not just with one of two other students, but with the entire class, or even the grade.

-Jonathan Zimmerli

I have a few tricks up my sleeve when it comes to cheating. Who doesn't? We [students] usually cheat because we are stressed about passing exams and living up to a certain expectation. Sometimes we don't have time because of our jobs or children. There are many reasons.

-Marisa Schaefer

I love this topic so much I feel that the small half-page coverage doesn't do it any justice. Cheating is quite a thrill and I would love for there to be more coverage on this amazing subject.

-Joe Podkaiicki

Re: Judge Porzio's Run for Civil Court

Outside of writing on his experiences, background and endorsements, it is difficult to write about judges as they cannot answer many questions unlike other politicians such as state senators or state assembly due to issues coming before judges in court. I think Lucie Lauria did a good job making the reader understand who Judge Porzio is although questions of his stance on NASCAR are unknown.

-Donald Vroomer

Re: Star Player Injured During Soccer Game

There have been so many injuries to the CSI Men's Soccer Team. I feel that learning about the aftermath of a star player's injury is important for fans of the team.

-Stephen Spagnoli

Re: New Emergency Boxes to Improve Campus Safety

I am glad to see measures being taken to insure the safety of the people of CSI. Talking with security in the past I was informed that many of the emergency boxes were broken. I know security personnel that also complained that there were not enough security guards on campus at night.

-AnthonyPiermo

Thank you CSI for installing new emergency boxes. It gets frightening in the fall and winter evenings when walking to other classes. It makes sense to have a system with audio and video features.

-Debra Santulli-Barone

It is comforting to know that the safety boxes on campus are being updated. I take night classes and the campus is relatively quiet and becomes scary. I have noticed it is not well lit at night. With these new emergency boxes, I feel more safe and secure.

-Lauren Demitio

Re: Springer to Step Down

I am interested to know when the search for a replacement will officially begin and how long it will take. Also, what measures will the new President take to better embrace the student body as to avoid being out of touch with the 12,000 students.

-Art Morelli

It is necessary to really dig deep and ask tough questions like the ones in the interview so that students can completely understand the situation.

-Stasiu Tylurski

Re: Sex & the Island

I would like to thank Nicole for encouraging head. If all goes well, CSI will see a significant increase in amoral sluts.

-Mike Cohen

I applaud Nicole because it takes a lot of guts to write about sex using both facts and humor. Finally, we have someone to let the CSI boys know what's really going on.

-Lauren Iervasi

All guys have had these complaints, but will not admit them to the person giving them oral satisfaction. Thank you for making my rainy day, sunny. I can't wait for the next column.

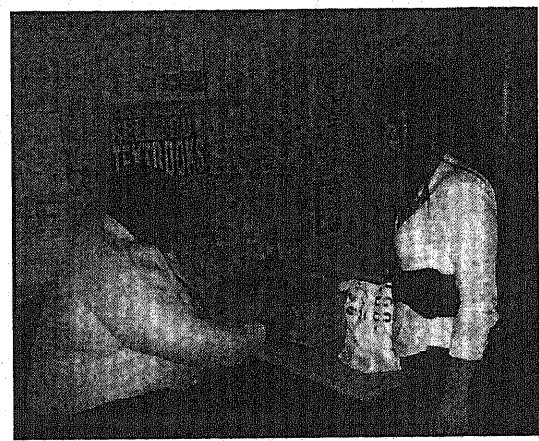
-Mojeed Amusa

When I read this article I couldn't help but laugh, because it's so true. I would like to add 2 more problems that Nicole didn't mention. First, the hair situation in that area and second, I hate when boyfriend tries to push my head down further. Hello? If I weren't about to puke, sure I would want your penis in the back of my throat.

The reality is it's just not comfortable down there. Guys don't have to worry about that so they don't know how it feels.

-Nicole Castellano

### Meet James Jones



Handing out temporary parking passes, giving directions to lost students, inspecting ID cards and patrolling the campus are all in a day's work for security guard, James Jones. While some people pretend to have a good time, Jones is genuinely pleasant to everyone he meets.

Known around CSI as the big man on campus, Jones, a former offensive guard for the University of Westchester, always has a smile on his face.

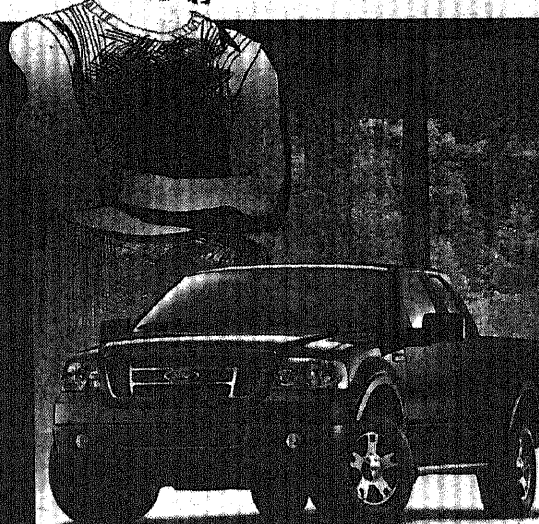
-David Nudleman

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### Nurse Stephanie to the Rescue

Allison Pearce

Most students at CSI, never see the world from a nurse's perspective, but Stephanie Fontanez has.

She is currently enrolled in her second semester of the nursing program at CSI. She is one of eighty students who were accepted for the Spring 2006 semester. Hundreds apply to the popular program each term and are turned away because they don't have the qualifying 3.30 GPA. "The requirements have recently changed," Fontanez said. "To even be considered for the program you must pass an entrance exam, and even then you may have to try to get in more than once." Students must also complete a series of prerequisites in Biology, Sociology and English.

Fontanez explained that she is nearing the completion of her associate's degree that will allow her to take the NCLEX. It is an exam that if she passes will qualify her to work full-time as a registered nurse. Although she will be able to finish her studies at this point, she explained how she plans to complete her associate's degree and continue to attain her bachelor's so that she can specialize in a particu-

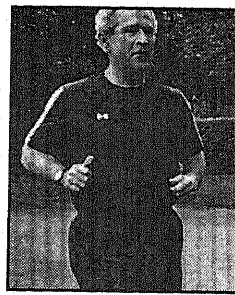
lar area of the hospital. She will be going to school and working full-time. Fontanez said that although a registered nurse can also find a job at a doctor's office or school, she plans to have her work schedule include three twelve hour days in a hospital.

In her first semester, Stephanie was required to take NURS 110. The class is broken down into two parts: medical lecture and clinical. The students are instructed by registered nurses, who prepare them for life at the hospital. Fontanez found herself spending one day a week at various hospitals such as Staten Island University Hospital (North or South), St. Vincent's, and other major hospitals in Brooklyn.

NURS 120, in which Fontanez is currently enrolled, requires her to spend Thursdays and Fridays at the Staten Island University Hospital North. Along with nine other students, she helps patients in different units. Dressed in the required white scrubs, she is learning exactly what it is like to be a registered nurse.

"This is the point that will make or break you," she explained when discussing the difficulty of the program and the number of dropouts. "There are some students that quickly realize that they are not able to





### Commander-in-Chief Goes Commando

"My balls swing and sway for America," says President Bush.

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Ann Coulter Walks Into a Bar and the Bartender Asks Her Why the Long Face...Because, You Know, Her Face is So Freakishly Long

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## CSI High School Students Not Happy With Seperate But Equal Facilities

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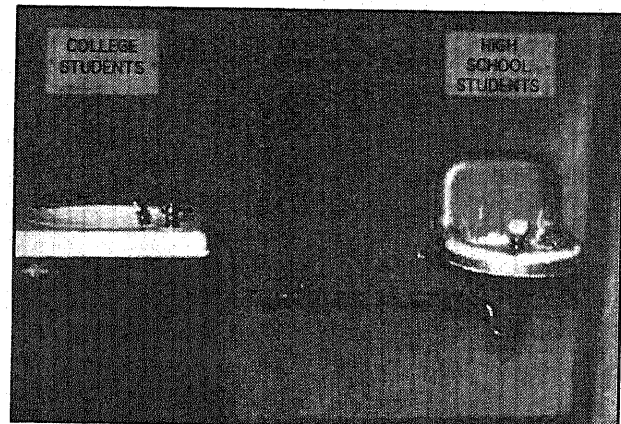
STATEN ISLAND, NY—In an effort to ease tension between high school and college students, the College of Staten Island has seperated its facilities so neither high school or college students have to interact with each other. CSI high school students have voiced their opposition to this resolution and have called it "totally uncool".

"I'm sorry those from the high school don't find the new arrangement to their liking," said Michael Gellar, Director of Student Affairs, "but this is a measure the administration must take to answer the string of complaints from college students."

Since the CSI High School for International Studies opened in September 2005, college students have been vocal on the matter of the rambunctious "tweens" running around, giggling obnoxiously, playing football on the lawns, and talking insistently about Degraasi. Things finally came to a head when college students lobbied for segregation. "These [high school students] are a nuisance that have plagued the campus for far too long," said Stephanie Rwanda, Chairperson of the radical student club, College Only for College Students

Committee (COCS). "They are trees that need to be chopped down before they have a chance to spread their vial teenage angst."

Although terms of the segregation is to provide separate but equal facilities to all, high school students claim these facilities are anything but equal. "The water in the water fountain they provided us is brown, and our only bathroom is just a bucket in the janitor's closet," Barbara Waldorf Astoria, Spokesperson for National Association for the Advancement of High School People (NAAHSP). "We are human beings, and demand to be treated as such!"



CSI college students welcome seperate facilities. High school students are not as pleased for some reason.

The NAAHSP has since begun a student movement to promote their cause, but their efforts are pitted against college students that would rather see them gone. "Those smelly, big head, wide-eyed high schoolers annoy the hell out of me," said James Crow, CSI senior. "This is college, not high school, and we were here first. They call it an International High School, but I don't see what's so international about these snot-nosed kids. Those little bastards look like they belong in Port Richmond."

Aside from the separate facilities, high school students are now made to sit in the back of the loop bus, and must give up there seat to a college student if the bus

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### Developing News



CSI high school students demand an end to segregation on campus. Protest rally to promote awareness doesn't end well.

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Civil disobedience spreads across Staten Island. National Guard called in to quell student uprising.

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## John Stossel Makes Public Apology For Being a Pompous Dick

### Beacon Douchebag Watch

John Stossel, co-host of 20/20 and proud libertarian, held a press conference at Lincoln Center to make a public apology for being a sanctimonious, magniloquent douchebag. Stossel admitted that his long, successful career as an award-winning journalist was without its low points. For decades, he has been battling a losing battle with himself. "I try to put on a brave face, but there's just no denying that feeling in my stomach that tells me that I'm a self-righteous loser," said Stossel, "Every time I look in the mirror, I can't help but look at my reflection and yell 'You fucking dick!'"

which included not leaving tips, throwing an iron at his assistant for not



John Stossel shown here admitting to have engaged in explicit acts of douchebaggery.

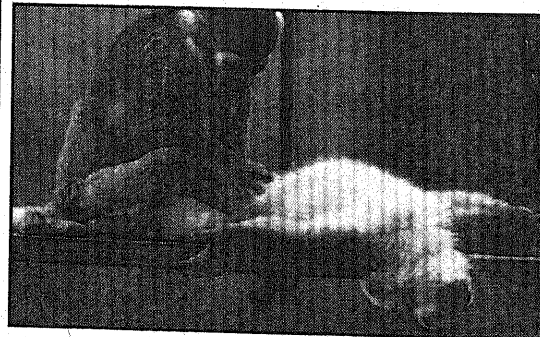
pertinent information in his investigations to better promote his libertarian ideals.

He also apologized for his controversial beliefs. "I think sleeping with your cousin is perfectly fine, but maybe I shouldn't be telling the world my perverse sexual desire. It was so stupid of me. Stupid, stupid, stupid!" Stossel said, repeatedly slapping his forehead, then bursting into tears.

After this disturbing display, Stossel revealed that he is a

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# Sex and the Island

Nicole Bonelli's

"I've never had an orgasm from sex."

I lost my virginity to my ex boyfriend Rob when I was eighteen years old. It was anything but romantic, and far from what is written in those cheesy novels. Instead of being spontaneous and unpredictable, the night had been planned to a tee, and well... it was predictable. I had never felt so right about something in my life before, but as I felt my trusty electric blue thong yanked off my body, my nerves got the best of me. I thought I was going to pass out. From the first poke to the last beam of sweat, I tried to avoid eye contact. Not because I didn't want to make a connection, but because he would have seen pain and discomfort in my eyes. Truth be told, if a guy senses you are not enjoying sex, it's a big bruise on his ego and libido. (Even if it's not his fault.)

After it was over, we laid motionless on his water bed, until he finally broke the awkward silence. "So Nikki, was it good for you?" I panicked, and said, "Yeah, it was exactly what I expected." He responded, "So, did you... you know..." I ran my hand across his face and whispered, "No, but it wasn't your fault, I just couldn't get there." That night we fell asleep in each others arms, and woke up to a year and a half of on and off again orgasmless sex.

Fast forward to a conversation which came up at a routine trip to Starbucks. There was Meg, my "wing woman," partner-in-crime, and best friend. There was Christina, not my friend by choice, only there because Meg insisted on being nice to this self-proclaimed drama queen/lunatic. Christina tags

along when Meg and I go out. As we waited on line for the strawberries and cream frappuccino (Christina's, of course), I interrupted a conversation about over-bearing college roomates by blurting out, "I have never had an orgasm from sex. Is there something wrong with me?"

The Starbucks employee that rang me up for my iced green tea shot me a confused look with a touch of utter disbelief. My friends slowly crept away trying to pretend they didn't know the girl with the big mouth that could easily be heard through out the tri-state area. I shrugged it off, and laughed at myself as I told the still in shock employee to have a nice day. While I was walking to the table to join my friends, I couldn't help but to feel pity for all women who believe it easier to find Waldo in those Where's Waldo? books as opposed to finding their G Spot.

After several sips of coffee, and countless laughs, I drifted off into my own little world as my friends talked about the upcoming school year. I stared blankly at the strong rays of the summer sun, and although it was piercing my vision, it opened my eyes to my burning question I had asked about a half an hour ago. As I sucked on the remaining ice cubes at the bottom of my cup, I turned back around to once again interrupt my friends' conversation. I repeated my question. This time I made sure the whole country heard me. "I've never had an orgasm from sex, is there something wrong with me?"

Heads turned, dirty looks were given by parents, who were a little too late with covering their children's ears, and my friends couldn't help but to giggle as they rolled their eyes. Christina was the first to

chime in, "I have sex, I like it for the most part, but I've never had an orgasm." Meg said, "I've never had one either, but it doesn't really bother me."

It amazes me that women, including myself are willing to settle for orgasmless sex. Should we blame men for not living up to their "expected" porn star alter egos? Should we blame ourselves for not stopping guys during the deed to say, "No, that's not working, let's try this." Pointing fingers will not solve the problem, discovering ways to have the best sex of your life, will.

To this day, masturbation on the part of a woman's behalf remains taboo. The female body is a temple. Respect it, explore it, and enjoy the skin you're in. If that wasn't enough to persuade every woman reading this to indulge in some solo action, the following surprising fact should do the trick: The opening of the vagina is like an elastic rubber band. When having sex, it stretches, (that's why we make those Kodak moment faces in the beginning of sex). A girl's sex life determines how fast it will return to its usual proportions (or if it ever will)—which is roughly the size of a frozen pea. Guys love sex with a girl who is tight. He can feel as though he is sticking his penis in an Easy Bake Oven. Girls on the other hand, do not like the feeling of losing their virginity every time they have sex. Masturbation not only feels good, it'll do your body good by keeping your oven at a tight but pleasant 325.

So much for what you can do for yourself. When you're with your partner, try this: Put your legs over your head; take it from behind, dislocate body parts.

If I were double jointed to this extent, I would probably join the circus. All jokes aside, each sex position heightens the noise level of a girl's moans and groans. For example, when having sex and the girl puts her legs over her partner's shoulders, this allows him to penetrate deeper, and to hit the G-spot right on target. This can be painful at first, but will have you smoking a whole pack of cigarettes afterwards because it was THAT good. Ride it cowgirl! (Girl on top), also allows the female G spot to get hit head on.

I don't know about other girls, but I had, and still do have major issues with getting on top during sex. When you are on top, every last imperfection you are self conscious about is out in the open for a peep show. On a positive note, if we ladies put our insecurities aside and realize that each and every one of us is sexy in different ways, we would have a better chance of reaching the land of milk and honey.

When my dating saga with my ex finally concluded, and as each dating experience that followed flopped, I found myself back at Starbucks trying to put the pieces of the puzzle together. Sex is physical, (duh), but it is just as important to get into it on a mental level. If you can't clear your mind (the little black Blackberry in your head), how can you expect to focus in on the person who is trying to make you scream their name? So, honk the car horn with your ass while you're riding that stick shift. Break a bed with rough sex, but most importantly, make sure you seal the deal with a mind blowing YES I SAID YES I WILL YES!

Sonic the Hedgehog (or Sonic 2006 as fans are calling it to differentiate from the 1991 original).

Hoping that its killer app will make you want the PS3, Sony has launched their own first-party title, Resistance: Fall of Man, a first-person shooter that takes place in the 1940's in a world that didn't experience World War II because an alien invasion took place instead.

There are some concerns about the PS3; the biggest is the price. The system is \$600 and it doesn't stop there.

Despite things like inflation, and whether it was made on cartages, CDs, or DVDs, video game prices have remained unchanged for 30 years, with the price at around the \$50 range. That'll change for the PS3 as Kaz Hirai, President and CEO of Sony Computer Entertainment, reveals the cost of PS3 games will be between \$60-\$100. The high cost seems to be because Sony is making their PS3 games on Blu-Ray disks, the new high-quality disks that Sony is hoping will

replace the DVD. Sony is betting that with the PS3 being the cheapest Blu-Ray machine that it translates to Sony's similar success with the PS2 and the DVD. Although the high cost for the PS3 and games may turn off a lot of gamers, it doesn't help that most of Sony's best games can be found on the Xbox 360 and on the Wii as well. Exclusive titles are always important for consoles, but most PS3 games aren't exclusive titles. Copying popular features from competitors, like the motion sensitive controller (Wii), or the large on-line features with the PlayStation Network Platform (PNP), based on Xbox 360's Xbox Live, detracts from the uniqueness of the PS3.

It also doesn't help that Sony rushed the release of the PS3 so it would come out before the Wii. It was believed that the PS3 wasn't coming out until early 2007, but with the Wii being released on November 19, Sony moved up the release date to November 17, bringing up the issue that the system may have bugs like the PS2 release had six years earlier. Also, many third-party developers have complained how hard it has been to make games for the system compared to the Xbox 360 and Wii.

Still, it's too early to fully judge what will happen, but from what it looks like, Sony isn't helping itself.

## The PS3 Cometh

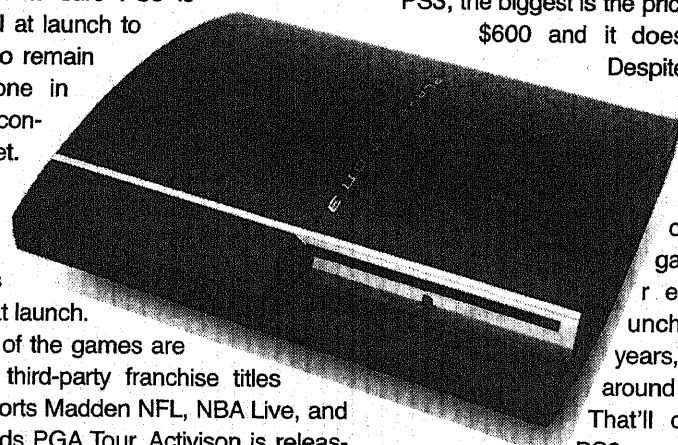
Dominic Fiduccia

The newest chapter in the console wars will heat up this holiday season as all three next-gen consoles will be available. Microsoft's next-gen monopoly with the Xbox 360 will come to an end as the PlayStation 3 from Sony and the Nintendo Wii will soon make their debuts. What makes the introduction of the PS3 and Wii so interesting are their release dates. The PS3 makes its debut on November 17, 2006 and the Wii will be released on November 19, 2006. That's right; there will be only a two day difference between the PS3 and Wii releases making it the closest debuts for home console systems ever.

So what makes each system special? Which one is better? What are the similarities? These questions and more will soon be answered. First, the PlayStation 3.

One of the most important aspects to a system launch is the games that are first made available to the system when released. Called "launch titles", these games give gamers their first impressions of what can be expected for the future. One thing

that Sony has been infamous for is having very weak launch titles. It usually takes almost a year or so before any must-have titles are released on a Sony console, but with the strong competition that Sony has to deal with, they know that they have to work hard to make sure PS3 is successful at launch to continue to remain number one in the home console market. The PS3 will have a total of 21 games available at launch. A number of the games are some big third-party franchise titles like EA Sports Madden NFL, NBA Live, and Tiger Woods PGA Tour. Activision is releasing the sequel to the biggest Xbox 360 launch title, Call of Duty 3. Namco continues its tradition of releasing a new Ridge Racer with a PlayStation launch with Ridge Racer 7. Not to mention that Sega is bringing their famous blue hedgehog as a launch title with



## Jerry Lee Lewis - Yes, He's Still Alive

AnnMarie Costella

Jerry Lee Lewis, a.k.a. "The Killer," and one of the founding fathers of Rock and Roll is back with a new album of duets entitled: "Last Man Standing." He pairs up with such musical legends as B.B. King, Mick Jagger, Jimmy Page, and John Fogerty. The 21 track CD showcases an eclectic mix of musical genres that ranges from rhythm and blues to country and rockabilly. Indeed, there is a song to suit every pallet. It's the same Jerry Lee that we knew and loved in his heyday with a new twist.

Many famous musicians have resorted to duet albums in their senior years, Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, and Ray Charles are prime examples of this, but unlike those albums where the vocals are divided equally between the two partners, on this album Lewis sings the majority of the vocals with the guest singer only being used to add the slightest modern accent.

Lewis was never one to share the spotlight and many of the duets on the album are with guitarists rather than singers. "Jerry Lee's talent had to be front and center," said album producer, Jimmy Rip. "His voice and his piano are the loudest things in every mix on every song, and we think that's the way it should be."

The first track, a cover of Led Zeppelin's "Rock and Roll" is introduced with a powerful guitar riff perfectly executed by Jimmy Page, but only a second

later Lewis's boogie woogie piano beat transports you to the 1950s as you envision the blonde haired wild man who often played the piano backwards or while using his feet.

"Before the Night is Over" is a great bluesy song and one of the standout tracks on the album. "Twilight," is a soulful masterpiece and Lewis sings it with such heartfelt sadness that one cannot help but get choked up by the lyrics. "If I had my way, I'd never get the urge to roam. But a young man serves his country and old man guards the home."

Lewis proves he can still rock with the best of them. He performs "Travelin' Band," with Creedence Clearwater Revival front man, John Fogerty and "Pink Cadillac" with Bruce Springsteen with the energy and excitement of a teenager. Lewis pairs up with Little Richard who lends his trademark "Woo" on the Beatles classic "I Saw Her Standing There."

All of the guest performers on the album are established musical legends with the exception of Kid Rock, who adds

his vocals to a lackluster performance of The Rolling Stones' classic "Honky Tonk Woman." Perhaps matching up Lewis with guitar genius Jack White would have yielded better results.

The sentiment behind the album's title, "Last Man Standing," is a rather morbid one. "I AM the last man standing," Lewis said. "And the last one breathing." There is a statement on the CD jacket that reads: "50 years ago, Sam Phillips' legendary Sun Records in Memphis, Tennessee was the home of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Carl Perkins, and Jerry Lee Lewis, the founding fathers of Rock and Roll. Today, Jerry Lee Lewis is "The Last Man Standing." Despite what critics have said about Lewis over the years, it is safe to say that Lewis' musical longevity is the result of talent, and not because he managed to outlive all of his other counterparts.

Clearly, Jerry Lee Lewis is a pioneer and a legend. Even now at age 71, Lewis still continues to perform and wow new generations of fans. What's the secret to The Killer's success? It's timeless. It's classic. It's just good music.

Grade: A



"I'm a rompin', stompin', piano playing son of a bitch."

- Jerry Lee Lewis (Time magazine, 3/14/1983)

Did You Know?

Jerry Lee Lewis was born on September 29, 1935 in Ferriday Louisiana.

His cousin is the famous televangelist, Jimmy Swaggart.

On December 12, 1957, Lewis, then 23, married his 13-year-old cousin, Myra Gale Brown. The controversy caused a scandal and Lewis's 1958 UK tour was cancelled after only three shows. His career never completely recovered and Lewis vanished into obscurity. The headliner went from earning 10,000 per performance to a meager \$100 per show. The large concert halls had been replaced by seedy dive bars. Jerry Lee had been all but forgotten.

During live performances Lewis stood out from the crowd. He banged away at the piano keys like a man possessed, and often threw back his chair and played standing up. Sometimes he played backwards, at other times he used his feet instead of his hands. His long way blond hair dropped over his eyes. Most notably during one performance he even set his piano on fire and continued to play while it burned. According to a VH1 online biography: "His competitive nature to outdo anyone else on the bill led to the story about how he once set his piano on fire at sets end to make it impossible for Chuck Berry to follow his act. Nobody messed with the Killer."

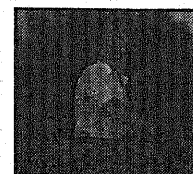
Want to Learn More About the Life of Jerry Lee Lewis?

Check out the 1989 biopic "Great Balls of Fire," starring Dennis Quaid (as Jerry Lee), Winona Ryder (as Myra Gayle Brown), and Alec Baldwin (as Jimmy Swaggart). Lewis re-recorded all of the tunes that appear on the soundtrack, giving them a more polished quality.

## Take Me Out to the...Movies

John DePetro

So the Yankees are out of the playoffs. Quit your crying and start moving on like the rest of us. But if you just can't let go of summer and your World Series dreams or you're waiting for the Met game to start, here's some movies featuring America's favorite pastime to ease your pain.



**The Natural**-While most sports films these days tend to center on a group of misfit underdogs with small talent and huge heart who find the courage to overcome all the odds, The Natural focuses on a man with the god-given ability to be the greatest ball player in world only to have everything taken away.

Ray Hobbs, played by Robert Redford, had all tools as a young man to succeed. He could steal bases, track down any ball in the outfield, hit for average and knock the cover off the ball. But fate would change the course of Hobbs' life and the New York Knights pennant hopes.

The Natural is a fairy tale whose ending surprises only those who read the book.

**Field of Dreams**-Nothing in life is more sentimental than the memories a man has of having a catch with his father. And there's no more sentimental sports movie



than Field of Dreams. The movie which made the phrase "build it and he will come" famous, Field of Dreams tells the fairy tale story of Ray Kinsella, played by Kevin Costner, acting blindly at the request of a mysterious voice. From building a baseball field in the middle of his crop to traveling to Minnesota in order to meet a man who has been dead for a decade, Ray travels on a road of faith not knowing where it will lead.

Although Field of Dreams is one of the sappiest films ever made, it still holds the power to make any grown man yearn to dust off his mitt and toss the ball back and forth with his old man one more time.



**Major League**-While Major League is another Bad News Bears clone, only this one is, done really well. This time we get to root for the Cleveland Indians, a lovable group of has-beens and castaways; even if it is against the Yankees.

On any given weekend, you can go to any softball field and hear quote after quote from this 1989 film. "Forget the curve ball Rickey. Give 'em the heater," is shouted out from the outfield and when the third baseman makes an error, you

can get bet you'll hear "Don't me this ole bulls--t."

Major League is a ton of fun to watch. And Bob Uecker's turn as Indians radio broadcaster Harry Doyle is simply priceless. While not one of most artful sports movies ever, Major League is still a classic.

**The Bad News Bears**-This is the movie that began the misfit-team-makes-good genre. This film has been remade over and over again in different variations. The Mighty Ducks series, Little Giants, Ladybugs, and numerous others all have their roots in the Bad News Bears. Since its release thirty years ago, dozens of films have copied the Bears formula yet none have been able to surpass it.

Walter Matthau plays washed up, alcoholic, former minor league ballplayer Morris Buttermaker who takes over managing a rag-tag group of little leaguers. At first he's only interested in coaching these odd balls for the money but after a long season of humiliations, Buttermaker turns things around for his Bears while becoming the obsessed, over competitive coach he despises.

The best part about viewing this 1976 title in 2006 is how politically incorrect it is. As cute, little, blonde haired

shortstop Tanner Boyle says, "All we got on this team is a bunch of Jews, niggers, spics, and pansies." You try finding a recent PG rated movie with kids dialoging like this to one another.

**Bull Durham**-What makes this film so enjoyable every time it's seen? It's sex and baseball. What else do you need in a sports movie?

Susan Sarandon, Kevin Costner and Tim Robbins steam up the screen in this 1987 classic while teaching the viewers that candlesticks make a nice wedding gift.

Although it's yet another Kevin Costner baseball film, Bull Durham is by far his best one. This time around Costner plays career minor leaguer Crash Davis and he is usually known for being one of Hollywood's most boring actors, Costner actually plays the part extremely well.

Aside from all the sex and baseball, Bull Durham offers the best baseball as a metaphor for life philosophy of all time, "Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose and sometimes it rains."

If after viewing these films and you're still itching for more baseball, try Eight Men out, the story of the 1919 Chicago Black Sox scandal, The Sandlot is always a good choice or Cary Grant as "the luckiest man in the world," Lou Gehrig, in The Pride of the Yankees,

# SPORTS

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## INJURED DOLPHINS CLINCH PLAYOFF SPOT

Jennifer Miller

The CSI Dolphins Men's Soccer team has clinched a spot in the CUNYAC Playoffs by beating New York City Tech 3-2 at the CSI Soccer Complex during a torrential downpour on Wednesday.

Robert Wilkes scored the Dolphin's first goal seven minutes into the game. The City Tech goalie dropped the seemingly innocent shot and it rolled across the goal-line before he could smother it. The break was a well-deserved one for the struggling Dolphins team.

After a goal disallowed on an off-sides, CSI came back in the 25th minute with a goal by Adeyinka Olowu. A pass from Joseph Fassari went to Olowu, who had a breakaway with two City Tech defenders trailing close behind.

City Tech cut the Dolphins lead in half a minute later as Parra came out to the top of the 18 yard box. He knocked the ball from the feet of the City Tech forward, but the ball rolled to Sherard Harewood, who scored into the empty net.

The rain kept pouring down in the second half, which remained scoreless until City Tech player Bryan Ovalle tied the game at two with a goal in the 88th minute. With the score now tied and less

then two minutes left in regulation, it looked as if the game would go into overtime. The Dolphins fought back and with less than forty seconds left in the game, Stephane Martin headed the ball past the City Tech goalie off of a corner kick by Suljojman Musovic.

"It was a very exciting game to watch," acting Head Coach Francesco Oddo said. "I am proud of their efforts and the victory they earned. I'm glad they finally got what they fought hard for."

The win came after a six game losing streak in which they were outscored by 43-3 and outshot 213-83, including sixty-one shots faced against New Jersey City University on October 2.

Injuries have taken a toll on the Dolphins team for the entire season but more recently they have devastated the team. "We have been having a rough season this year," Oddo said. "In the beginning we didn't have enough players, then when we had enough we lost many players to injuries."

During the last two weeks, the Dolphins played without several of their key starters. Six starters were missing from the line-up on October 4, when the Dolphins faced CUNY rivals Hunter

College. Joseph Fassari, Adeyinka Olowu, Sam Musovic, and brothers Derek and Drew Surmanek missed the game due to injuries. Senior midfielder Robert Wilkes also had to miss the game, which they lost 11-0. The first place Hunter College Hawks pounded the Dolphins' net with forty shots. CSI goalkeeper Ronaldo Btresh played the first half before freshman Guillermo Parra took over for the exhausted keeper at the start of the second half.

The Dolphins also made some changes in their recent line-up, moving Anthony Rizzo to play sweeper and using Guillermo Parra as the starting goalie while Ronaldo Btresh played mid-field. "Rizzo is a player with skill and talent and during previous games I noticed he had a defensive mentality as he played," Oddo said. After talking to him, Rizzo told the team he had played defense until joining the Dolphins. "It was a simple decision to try him out in defense and it turned out well." Oddo also learned that Parra played goalie when he was younger and tried him out as a back-up keeper. "He impressed us all," Oddo said. "Although his experience and skill is missed on the field, we feel secure knowing that we have a

back-up in goal."

Oddo has acted as head coach since September 30, when Head Coach Vito Veneruso had a family emergency and went back to his native Italy. "Before the game started we all got together and dedicated the game to Coach Vito," Oddo said. "I haven't seen the guys that fired up in so long."

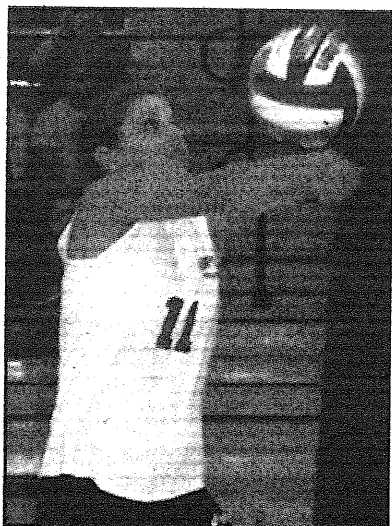
"We knew it was an important game because victory would assure us being in the playoffs," Oddo said. "Many of the injured players stepped up, came out and pushed themselves in order to help the team get this win and the rest played harder than before."

In CUNYAC play, the Dolphins are 3-4-0, locked in a fourth place tie with both Brooklyn College and Medgar Evers. They have one more conference match left to play before the season ends on October 23. The CUNYAC Playoffs will start on October 25 with the top eight teams in the league earning a spot in the post-season. The CSI Soccer Complex will once again host the Semi-Finals on October 28 and the CUNYAC Final match, which the Dolphins hope to advance to for the second consecutive season on November 4.

## Women's Volley Scores!

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The CSI Women's Volleyball team had a successful week winning two straight games and three of four. The victories this week included New York City College of Technology, Cooper Union and The College of New Rochelle. They defeated the City Tech Yellow Jackets 3-0 (31-29, 30-14, and 30-25), the Cooper Union Hawks 3-0 (30-11, 30-25, 30-22) and the College of New Rochelle Blue Angels 3-1 (22-30, 30-22, 30-23, 30-22). They sit in seventh place with a record of 2-4-0 in the CUNYAC division. The two recent non-conference victories improved their overall record to 5-12-0.



Alba Basha earned CUNY Rookie of the Week twice in September. Photo: CSI Website

In the game at the CSI Sports and Recreation Center against Cooper Union, newcomer middle-blocker

Caitlin Rogers had a game-high seven kills as well as three digs. Jessica Greibesland, a sophomore setter, also had a game-high with fifteen assists (169 on the season). She also added five service aces, two kills and two digs. Outside-hitter freshman Alba Basha had an excellent game against the Hawks with six kills, ten digs and five service aces. She has twice been honored as the CUNYAC Rookie of the Week (9/18 and 9/25).

### An Open Letter From the CSI Men's Soccer Team to Their Coach

Dear Coach,

It is hard to be in two places at the same time, especially in difficult times like the one you are going through. Family is a priority and everything else comes after that. The whole team understands and wants you to know that your absence has not let us down. We understand your situation and would do the same if we were in your shoes. Even though you are going through one of the hardest moments of your life, you still showed up for half of our game the day you had to catch a plane. That demonstrated how much you care for our team and it meant a lot to us all.

We really appreciate your efforts and thank you for what you have done for us. We would like you to know that you are always in our hearts and minds.

We are very sorry about your loss and we hope you get well soon. The whole team will always be there to support you, as well as CSI.

Yours Truly,

2006 CSI Men's Soccer

### Volleyball

10/19/2006	SUNY-Purchase	7:00 pm
10/24/2006	City College of New York	7:00 pm
10/28/2006	Marymount College	12:00 pm

### Women's Soccer

10/23/2006	Ramapo College	3:30 pm
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