

THE BANNER

A Bolt of Lightning Now Swims with Dolphins

A different setting, but, a familiar job awaits CSI's VP for Finance and Administration

BY WILLIAM KLINE
CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

For the past 11 years, Milton Santiago worked for Lehman College, a Bronx CUNY that has a healthy rivalry with CSI.

Now, the 26-year veteran of higher education, Santiago will serve as CSI's Vice President for Finance and Administration. When the women's tennis team faces off against Lehman's ladies at the end of this month, Santiago will know where his loyalties now lie, he said.

"I'm a true blue Dolphin," said VP Santiago without hesitation in an interview with The Banner.

The question of athletic loyalties may seem trivial to some of the other questions that have pressed CSI in recent months.

Soon after VP Santiago joined the CSI administration, Governor David Paterson announced that he would propose \$1 billion in cuts to the state budget. Gov. Paterson's plan outlined a \$50 million cut in state funding to the CUNY system's budget.

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Photo by William Kline

Vice President for Finance and Administration, Milton Santiago, joined CSI this summer. The graduate of SUNY Binghamton formerly held a similar post at Bunker Hill Community College.

Aid Cut for Higher Ranked Students

City Council's Lowering the Vallone Scholarship Denies Assistance to Some of CSI's Best Students

BY NICHOLAS RIZZI
STAFF WRITER

The City Council lowered the Peter F. Vallone Scholarship, according to CSI's Director of Financial Aid Philippe Marius, from 500 dollars a semester to 250 dollars, according to the Department of Financial Aid.

According to Marius, the scholarship has approximately 1,200 students at CSI, whether they qualify or not. CUNY awards high-school graduates who go to CUNY with a "B" average the scholarship, and they must maintain 3.0 GPA. Once a student falls below the 3.0 requirement, the student can no longer receive the money again, according to CSI's website.

"The college felt quite sympathetic to the plight of students," said Marius in a telephone interview. "We wanted our students' aid package to be as funded as possible."

The scholarship was named after Peter F. Vallone, a New York City Council member from 1974 to 2001, and a Democratic Party majority leader from 1986 to 2001, according to The Knight-Queens College's newspaper.

"There are a lot of people out there who don't have the money," said Fred Palmer, a student who had the scholarship since he started CSI in Fall 2005. "This scholarship means a lot to them; it's just a travesty."

Palmer said that CSI sent him a letter late last semester that he owed about 200 dollars in tuition costs because the scholarship was lowered after he had paid off his tuition.

"This is CSI," said Palmer. "They try to ream you any way they can."

"What New York failed to do to give money, CSI should have pitched in," said Palmer.

However, according to Marius, that wasn't an option for CSI. "The College considered every possible option to

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CSI RECEIVES 75K Grant

Money would go to support community oriented programs

BY JAMES PLUNKETT
STAFF WRITER

CSI received a \$75,000 grant awarded by the Richmond County Savings Foundation to help improve its disability services, arts, and continuing education programs. The grant was divided into the three respective programs, each at different amounts. The bulk of the grant went to the Center for Developmental Neuroscience and Developmental Disabilities (CDNDD), which trains nursing students in treatment of mental disabilities. A significant portion was allocated

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WARM UP FOR DOLPHINS SOCCER



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MEN'S

BY EDNITA LORENZO
STAFF WRITER

There's one word to describe the focus on the minds of the CSI men's soccer team: Determination. With new changes and challenges that have come about, these Dolphins are determined to overcome them all.

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WOMEN'S

As the 2008 fall semester rolls in, the CSI women's soccer team sets up for another exciting season. Following a 12-9 record while earning an ECAC bid last year, the Lady Dolphins are ready to show what else they can do.

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Veep Choice Reaps Mixed Reviews

BY JAMES KINGSLEY
STAFF WRITER



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Most people have heard about the Vice Presidential choice of Sarah Palin for the Republican card alongside Presidential hopeful John McCain. If not now you are somewhat informed. She may or may not have been the best choice.

Many don't know nor care about the matter at all and will vote for Senator Barack Obama in any case. Most people do have their own opinions on the matter, and that is what makes this an important decision in our country's history.

Some known facts about Sarah Palin are that she is the Governor of Alaska, was a city council official, and was a former mayor. She is married to her husband, Todd and has 5 children Track, Trig, Bristol, Piper, and Willow.

No one knows exactly much about her given that she isn't a heavy-hitter such as a Hillary Clinton or Rudy Giuliani, but she is just as important considering that she could conceivably run the country one day.

Several members of the media have bashed Sarah Palin. As the New York Times reported though, she, "assailed and electrified the crowd at the Republican National Convention" not only with her wit but also by simply calling herself an "average hockey mom." There are pros, cons, and flat out surprised reactions that run with the opinions of those who like, dislike, and don't

really know her. Some of the pros that people like about her that are quite interesting.

Kim Brennan, a College of Staten Island Alum spoke excitedly for Mrs. Palin.

"I think she is great and is exactly what this country needs," she said. "She got rid of the corrupt politicians in Alaska, including those within her own party and I think she will do the same in Washington D. C."

Some may agree with Mrs. Brennan and say that Palin is better for the country.

Another College of Staten Island Alum, Dominick Digorgio said:

"I was surprised when I found out she was the choice, but so far I like what I've seen".

Some students see this as a favorable addition. They are eager to see more of what Mrs. Palin has to offer.

A.J. Basille a student from Wagner College, and journalist, believes that she was a good choice for the Republicans.

Anthony Leone thinks that: "She looks great, intelligent, and good".

Ross Mannino said:

"I believe that Sarah Palin can be a good vice president. She seems to be tough enough to handle the pressure of the White House and will have a strong president to guide her. I'm not sure if she the country is ready for a female president yet but I think a woman for vice president will be a stepping stone for the future".

Angela said: "I like her. I think she may make a difference for the party. I think McCain made a good choice".

Professor Donna Scimeca a CORE teacher at the College of Staten Island said:

"Well, I listened to her speech at the Republican Convention and thought that she was able to really energize the delegates. I am fairly confident that the Republican Party is hoping that in choosing a woman as McCain's running mate that many registered Democrats who had supported Hillary Clinton will now vote Republican, choosing to support another woman rather than support Obama. We will know on November 4th."

Sarah Palin has contested with those who have doubted her and brought her family into the spotlight-mainly the media-and has bashed them numerous times, for questioning her

experience (compared to Democratic Presidential nominee Barack Obama, a senator from Illinois who has less experience) among other things.

Some may view this as a huge surprise while others have a different take on this situation considering that according to the Daily News, New York Times, the Staten Island Advance. S

Several other people have said independently:

"McCain's reasoning in picking Sarah Palin was because of the gas pipelines that are located in Alaska."

If you consider the situation with high costs in gas and oil then this choice seems too be a no brainer. On the other hand several others view this as a non-factor.

They see her as a fake or are possibly just voting Democrat.

Fellow party members are considering this a mere strategic move to pick up votes.

CSI alumnus, Jim Casey said: "I am for Obama so I really can't say if I like her or not. I think it is good that they nominated a female VP. It was a smart move on the Republicans part but I am going with Obama".

Marissa Pessolano, an aspiring journalist and student at Monmouth College gives a rather unique response for her take on Sarah Palin being picked as the Vice Presidential nominee.

"I don't think John McCain made the right decision. Though she may be ready for the position and be able to do the job, I do not think his choice was wise. First off, the fact that she is a woman may turn people off, especially those who opposed Hilary for the mere fact she was a woman. Though there is nothing wrong with this, it may not go McCain's way. Also, McCain is in his 70s, some may fear that if something happened to him Palin would be the one sitting in the Oval Office. In addition, Palin has no foreign policy experience, and McCain has only met her once before in his life. Had she made that good of a first impression? Also she was a Governor of Alaska, of all places. This also turn people away from her as well as the fact that Obama's pick Biden, seems to be more qualified. So basically I'm not saying she is ill-equipped for the job, I just don't think people will accept and support her as they may have if McCain had made another choice".

Stephanie, a student from NYU said: "Ok, well honestly I don't know much about her, but this is one reason I think she's a bad choice, no one really knows

much about her. I think his strategy is the fact that she is a woman, so I think he's hoping that he'll be able to get the Hilary votes because of her, but I really don't think she was the best choice."

Another strong case of the cons counted against Sarah Palin comes from CSI, Lise Britt Hoydal who calls Palin:

"A moron, she has a pregnant daughter and recently refused to support an Alaskan bill that would've helped support young teenage mothers."

This of course is the reference to Palins' 17 year old daughter Bristol.

"I think that Sarah Palin has distracted people from the actual campaign," said said another young voter, Ram Kolluri from Dartmouth College. "This is about John McCain and Barack Obama, and even though her experience may be insufficient for critics the main role of the vice president is to work for the president. I think she'll do better than Dick Cheney".

Others simply don't know, nor care about the election.

Some view this as an incredible and historical experience, and would like to see the next step of the first female president.

Others either do not like her for certain reasons. Perhaps some feel like she is only trying to get female votes or is inexperienced. Maybe it's for being Gov. of Alaska, an obscure country to most mainlanders.

Personally, I think that this is important because not only can we have our very first female Vice President which for anyone in this day and age, is, for this generation, the most important moment of our lives.

On the flip side, we would have our first Black President. Either way whether you like Sarah Palin or not you have to respect the position she is in and the fact of the matter is there will be change, so as a final message: GO VOTE!

The general election takes place on November 4th.

Register NOW to vote for the next president of the U.S.

Deadline for registration is October 10th.

QUICK PICK PALIN

BY MAX TSIRING
ADP EDITOR

If McCain's choice of Sarah Palin as Vice President is an attempt at luring the let-down Hillary base, then he'd better hope that base forgets and abandons their values just as quickly as he has. His pick sends a message to the Hillary fans that says McCain thinks so highly of their vote that he a found woman for the Republican ticket and everything's going to be alright. Nevermind her lack of experience, extreme religious values and the fact that she just doesn't support their causes. The only contraceptive she approves of is abstinence which leads to more teenage pregnancies, unwanted births, disease, and abortion, which she also ardently opposes. She supports drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve. She cut spending on her states school system which also has the lowest graduation rate in the nation. As mayor she attempted to ban certain books from the library. On top of that she's recently admitted that she doesn't yet know what the job of VP entails.

"Now McCain is stuck with her. He has no choice but to defend her or else it's a wrap...."

Now McCain is stuck with her. He has no choice but to defend her or else it's a wrap. To dump her from the ticket would most likely be political suicide. The swing voters he's targetting would abandon the possibility of voting McCain, and even his loyal base would have to take a step back and reconsider. Now all that's left for the GOP to do is craft a huge sympathetic story for Palin to get people to see beyond what

McCain did in pursuit of the presidency - hastily picking an inexperienced candidate that he's only met once before, in a desperate attempt to please the swing.

By going for Palin, McCain messed up one of the first big decisions in this election. His pick was made on a whim and based on little more than demographics. If elected Palin will be a heart-beat away from the presidency and that leaves America at a high risk. Palin has demonstrated no foreign policy knowledge or experience. We are in midst of a complicated war and she has admitted that she is uninformed and uninvolved in the politics of this war. All she has said so far is that she prays for the safety of our troops and believes her party has a good plan for brining them home. As far as Iran, Russia, or Pakistan, she's got nothing. Palin's got about a month to prepare to face off against Joe Biden and his nearly four decades of foreign policy experience and something tells me she's going to get shut down.

To be fair, people need to ask themselves whether Palin would even for a minute be considered as a VP candidate if she were a man. Would McCain have picked an 18-month governor of Alaska? Would the conservative pundits be using a man's five children as proof that he's ready for the responsibility? Would we overlook the fact that he was part of an Alaskan secessionist group? Would he be picked before scandals surrounding him are resolved? Would we let a VP candidate go this long without a major interview or press conference? Have we ever? Would his daughter's pregnancy out of wedlock be spun as a badge of honor, when in his own words illegitimate children are a failure of American morality?

This is the Democrats' chance to define Palin and her hypocrisies. This is the time to ask America whether they want a leader who favors the teaching of creationism in lieu of sex education in our schools. This is the time to ask how an opponent of welfare and social aid and a mother of a pregnant child intends to keep other pregnant children safe. Regular children who aren't priveleged like her family and need to sign up for the welfare she opposes to make ends meet. How will she insure the safety of the children without basic levels of health care? How will Sarah Palin help secure the future and provide for these children with as much consideration as she did for her own family?

Post-Convention Campaigning

BY DHANISH JOHN BABU
STAFF WRITER

The race for the White House is set. It is tied. With Barack Obama's leading only by 1% over John McCain, the post convention campaign is ready to kick start in crucial states. Obama lead by at least three points until last week, but the Sarah Palin pick by McCain has definitely energized the GOP camp. Barack Obama will start his week in Michigan, a state with 17 electoral votes, while his running mate Joe Biden is in Green Bay Wisconsin (which is more of a Obama supporting state). Former rival of Obama, Hillary Clinton will join the campaign trail in Florida focusing on economy. On the Republican side McCain will be joined by his headline grabbing running mate Sarah Palin as he campaign in Lee's Summit, Missouri. After a week, Palin will start her campaign by herself. Before that the pain will campaign together in the states of Ohio and Pennsylvania. In an interview with the Meet the Press by NBC, Joe Biden said that his Republican counterpart is a tough politician and formidable.

Amidst all this lies a serious debate. Obviously, the comparison became hot after Palin's incredible speech at the GOP convention. Many expert analysts believe that Obama should have chosen

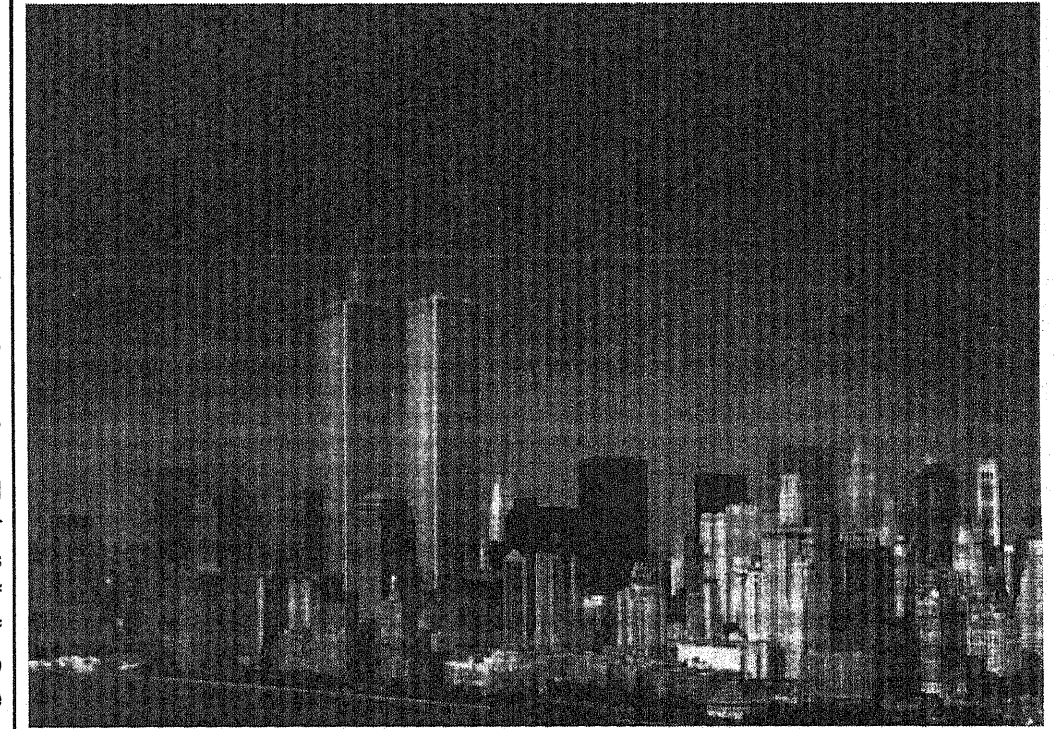
Clinton for the vice presidential spot. This would have energized the Democrats more, and would have the unifying factor inside the party. Maybe Obama didn't feel the need to do so. But on the other side, McCain's pick of Palin has had terrific responses from the GOP bases. It has been a game changer move for the Republicans. With the analysts feeling that Obama now has an equal communicator on the opposite side, the race is even.

Both the conventions witnessed different speeches and an overwhelming crowd. McCain argued that everyone in the country needed to do something meaningful in life, by being a teacher, joining the armed forces, feeding the hungry, and so on. He often missed on the point about why he should be chosen as the President of the United States. The Democratic Convention had people from different corners of life, race, gender, union members and women, many willing to take the challenge of a change in their lives. The Republican convention had older aged people and was overwhelmed by whites and a few some young people, cheering their candidates, having a good time.

The conventions told stories of the lives of four candidates. Everyone had lived the American Dream and gone through and overcome a lot to reach where they are.

Eight weeks left to see which dream can be realized and inflicted onto ours, as a true American Dream.

Seven Years Later...



In Memoriam

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Vallone (From Front)

make the cut as less painful to students as possible," said Marius. "Making up the amount was not fiscally possible. We did everything possible to minimize the affect. We're talking about several hundred thousand dollars."

According to an article about the loss of Vallone scholarship in the Staten Island Advance, CUNY pays out 11.2 million dollars to Vallone students in all of their colleges. Mayor Bloomberg though, has called for a complete cut to the Vallone scholarship by 2009, according to The Knight.

The lowering of the scholarship comes at a time when, as previously reported in The Banner, CUNY raised the technology fees, raising overall tuition by 25 dollars to full-time students and by 12.50 to part-time. Also, according to an e-mail from CUNY Student Express, The City Council proposed a \$26 million dollar budget cut to CUNY in 2009.

"I feel more the blame is on CSI," said Palmer, who suggested CSI could have took the money from other aspects of the budget. That includes the student housing projects which, he feels are an unnecessary addition to the CSI campus. "Students are the most important things on campus."

Swimming with Dolphins (From Front)

"The college will see some reductions in anticipated revenue," said Santiago. "These cuts spread to all institutions. We must bear the burden of these cuts."

Though a seemingly astronomical figure, VP Santiago seemed optimistic that CSI could endure the cuts and assured that the college wouldn't have to cut student services.

"The cuts won't affect the college's core mission," said Public Relations and Marketing Director, Ken Bach.

VP Santiago said that CUNY is prepared to take the burden of the cuts and will make up for \$32 million in lost revenue. The remaining \$18 million will be spread among the colleges, although it is uncertain what determines how it will be divided up.

That leaves CSI facing a shortfall of 3.2 million in revenue, according to VP Santiago. He stressed that it will affect new initiatives, as outlined in the CUNY Compact, not services. Real cuts, he said, would amount to 1.7 million dollars. His office will help decide what areas of the budget need trimming in the coming months.

"It's just like families who can't go out to dinner," he said.

After CUNY raised the technology fee this summer, a move that drove up student tuitions, Santiago said that students remain safe from further fee hikes.

"I don't foresee any other fees," said Santiago. "We should be able to weather the year."

Most of the decision-making power of tuition increases lies in the hands of legislators. His office, he described, plays a much humbler role.

"We just implement, collect, and deal with the headaches," he said with a chuckle.

VP Santiago said he finds solace like this in a Spanish saying: "Everything depends on the color of the looking glass."

While here, Santiago said he hopes to bring renovations to building 6S and mend the ailing gym floor and "not just the floor but the problems that are causing it."

The gym floor has been in disrepair since before VP Santiago joined CSI in May.

Three days after the formal investi-

ture of Dr. Tomas D. Morales as the school's president at May's commencement, the college announced the appointment of Vice President Milton Santiago on its web site.

Santiago replaces the departing Angelo Aponte. Former Vice President Aponte announced his resignation in the last spring semester. The Vice President for Finance and Administration Search Committee selected Milton Santiago to serve the position.

At Bunker Hill Community College, VP Santiago served the strikingly similar post VP for Administration and Finance. He has also proved that he can work with legislators to raise capital for a CUNY institution.

While serving at Lehman College, Milton Santiago worked with state lawmakers to bring \$30 million worth of improvements to the college's labs, library, and performing arts center.

The Vice President's work though, doesn't end in the vast spreadsheets of the CSI budget and payroll.

VP Santiago describes much of his job as being an "administrative police officer." Much of his activity involves making sure that the college meets the many regulations imposed upon it by the external community.

"[Universities] are the most over-regulated of all enterprises," he said. "Everyone is your boss."

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CUNY RALLIES STUDENT HELP

The University has established Support CUNY for students to demand legislators to place a greater emphasis on public education. The campaign focuses on the CUNY COMPACT which is designed to form a partnership between the State of New York and the CUNY and SUNY university systems.

According to the web-site, over 10,000 e-mails were sent to the members of the New York City Council. As a result, it said, the council restored \$19.8 million in aid, \$57 million in aid toward capital projects, and also restored some aid to the Peter F. Vallone scholarship, which has been decreased in recent years.

For more information on how to join the campaign, register at the CUNY site: at www.supportcuny.org

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

The college's governing body of the has invited students to participate in Student Government. Nominations will be accepted through October 3. Applications must be turned into the

Student Government office, in 1C no later than 12:00 pm on the aforementioned date.

CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARIES HELD

The 13th congressional district, which represents Staten Island and parts of Brooklyn, held a primary on September 9th.

From the North Shore, City Councilman Michael McMahon beat out Steven Harrison. For the Republicans, Bob Straniere beat out Dr. Jim Wynne. The general election is in November.

PUBLIC SAFETY WARNING ISSUED

Vice President for Finance and Administration issued a warning last week to students to warn them that a male and female in a red or burgundy truck were asking students for change of a twenty then driving off with their money. Public Safety and the NYPD are conducting and investigation of the incident which took place outside of 1A on two separate occasions.

CUNY Faculty and Staff Agree On New Contract

BY VINCENT FUNARO
STAFF WRITER

CUNY professional staff and employees established a new contract with the state, which will raise their salaries 10.5%, according to a press release given by CUNY this past week. The new contract also includes salary increases for professors with advanced academic degrees, a fund to support parental leave, and a sharing of sick days amongst staff members.

The new contract, voted in by a 93% margin, ratifies these new advancements for the 22,000 workers belonging to CUNY faculty and professional staff. The new contract expires October 19, 2010.

One hundred new full time faculty jobs will open up according to the press release which also quoted Professional Staff Congress/CUNY president saying "the best thing about this contract is its creative."

The new contract brings many innovative changes, but still has not resolved issues with the part time adjuncts department. The adjuncts participated in a "vote no" campaign which allegedly led to the 7% negative vote. The contract provided little change for adjuncts who

teach about 50% of classes. Adjuncts will continue to work without job security, a disparity in wages, and insecure health insurance according to the press release.

"The new contract brings many innovative changes, but still has not resolved issues with the part time adjuncts department."

The new contract has been approved by the CUNY Board of Trustees and all necessary legislation was passed with the signing by Governor Paterson in Albany. PSC/CUNY intends address more issues for the next contract, and work on changing conditions for the adjuncts department in the coming thirty seven months under this new contract.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEETING SCHEDULE

FALL 2008

September 18

October 2, 16, 30

November 13, 20

December 4

All meetings are held on Thursdays during club hours (1:30-3:30 p.m.) in Room 1C-209 unless otherwise specified



Public Service Announcement

Grant (From Front)

ed to the Center for the Arts and a smaller amount to the Adult Learning Center.

The Center for Neuroscience and Developmental Disabilities piloted a \$62,000 summer program designed to "foster a strong desire to assist underserved persons in their future professional careers," according to a press release. A new fellowship training program is offered through the CDNDD that allows students to apply for government-training and non-profit training programs. The program could not begin without the grant. According to the Grant Description, the students applying for fellowship under the program are selected on the basis of "commitment to additional field training affiliations with select service providers while in school."

The Center for the Arts receives \$25,000 of the Richard County Savings Foundation grant that will support artist fees and help underwrite admission for Staten Islanders to attend performing arts events. Needy children and families on the Island are especially benefitted from the subsidy project. The program extends the CFA's ticket-distributing partnership with local non-profits, including Community Health Action, NY Foundling Hospital, and Project Hospitality.

The remaining \$5,000 is allotted to

the Adult Learning Center (ALC), a program serving Staten Islanders who wish to learn English as a second language. Last year, the ALC educated about 800 students, offering literacy, GED, and ESL training. The ALC, part of the Office of Continuing Education and Professional Development, manages the largest workforce development program in Staten Island. The services include vocational training, job placement, retention, and intake and counseling.

The projects will serve the communities of Staten Island, a borough of about 500,000 (85,000 of whom are school-age children between 5 and 17). About 9.2% of Staten Islanders measure the poverty level, according to the NYC Dept. of Planning. Those under the poverty threshold can take particular advantage of the improved programs.

According to the Richmond County Savings Foundation, the RCSP's mission is to support charitable causes designed to further community development, expand home ownership opportunities, provide access to affordable housing and to support community organizations that contribute to the quality of life in the communities in which Richmond County Savings Bank operates.

CSI has a population of more than 12,400.

There is no naming attached to the grant, although the Center for the Arts will include the name and logo as the season funder.

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The Banner is looking for writers, editors, photographers, designers and cartoonists for this, and future semesters.

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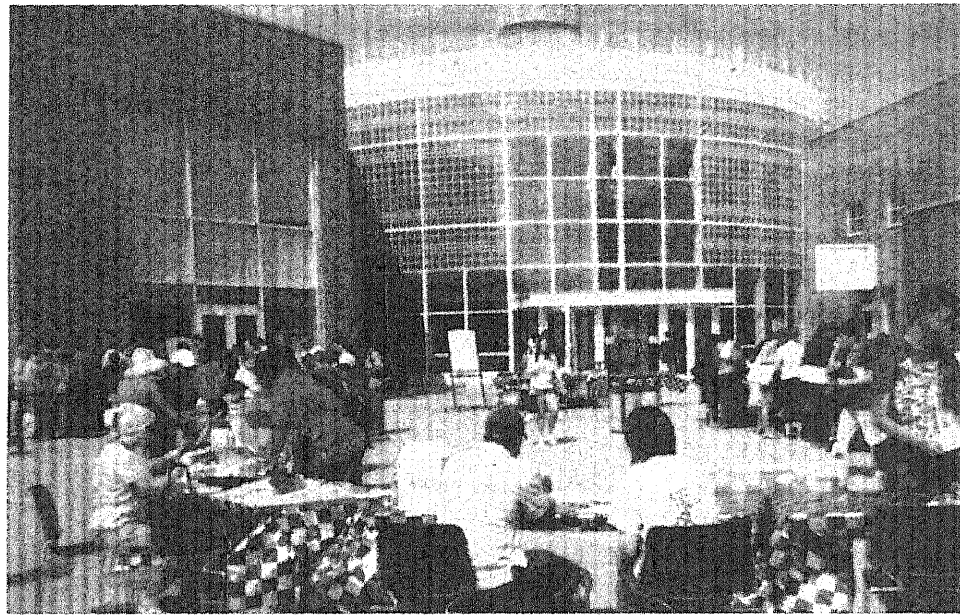
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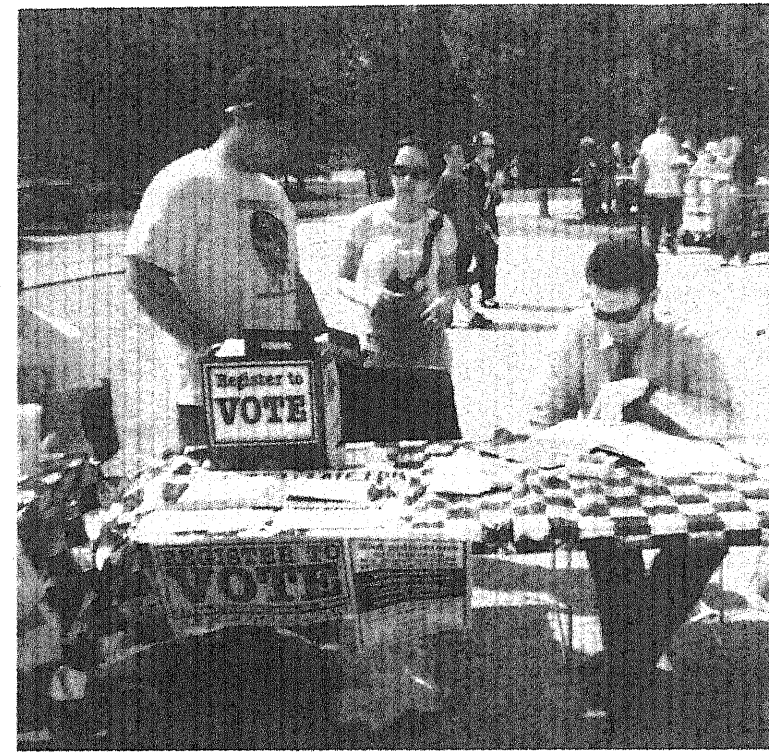
Party on the Promenade

BY JAMES KINGSLEY
STAFF WRITER

The annual CSI Involvement Fair, outside of 1C, introduced students to the many different clubs and organizations of CSI on a hot day in the first weeks of the academic year.



The proceedings took place outside of 1C.



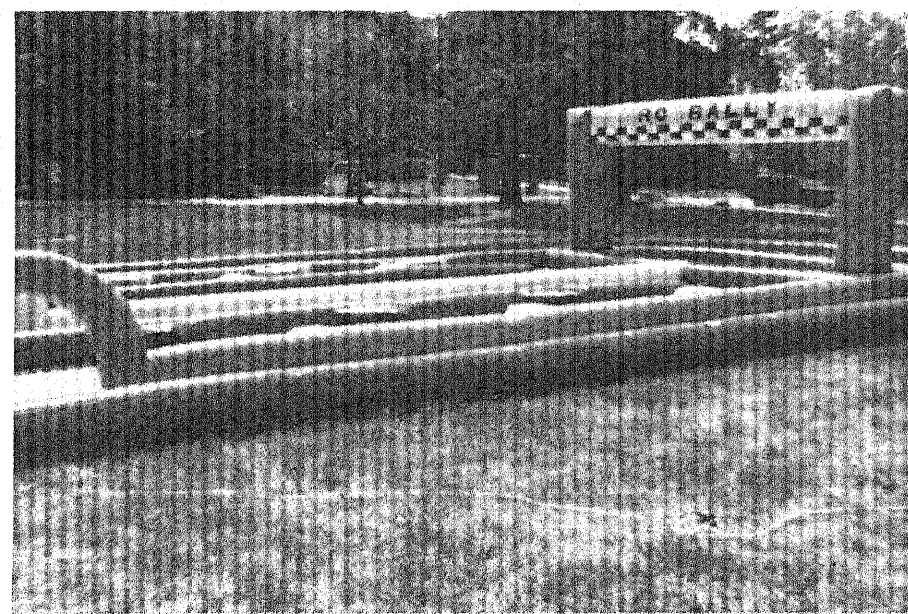
Members of NYPIRG compel students to vote.



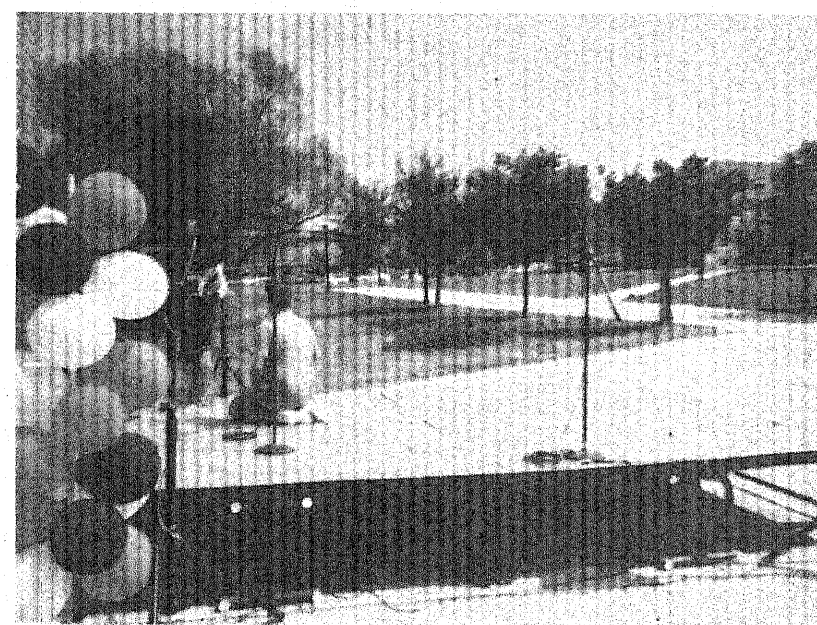
The Gay Straight Alliance gave peace a chance.



It was a great day to roast in the sun for these girls.



Few dared to undertake this harrowing obstacle course.



Stage crew members assemble the sound equipment. Later in the day the sounds of the Beatles would fill the air.



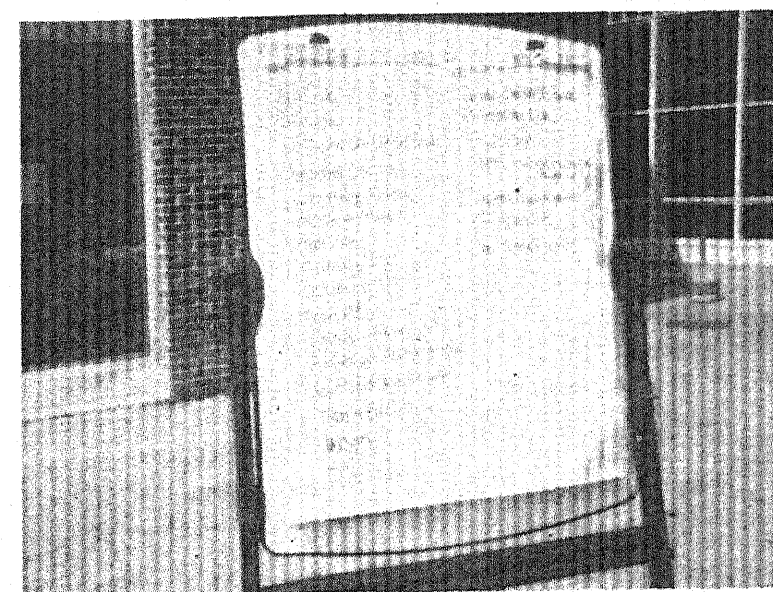
Luckily, no one made war or love at the Involvement Fair.



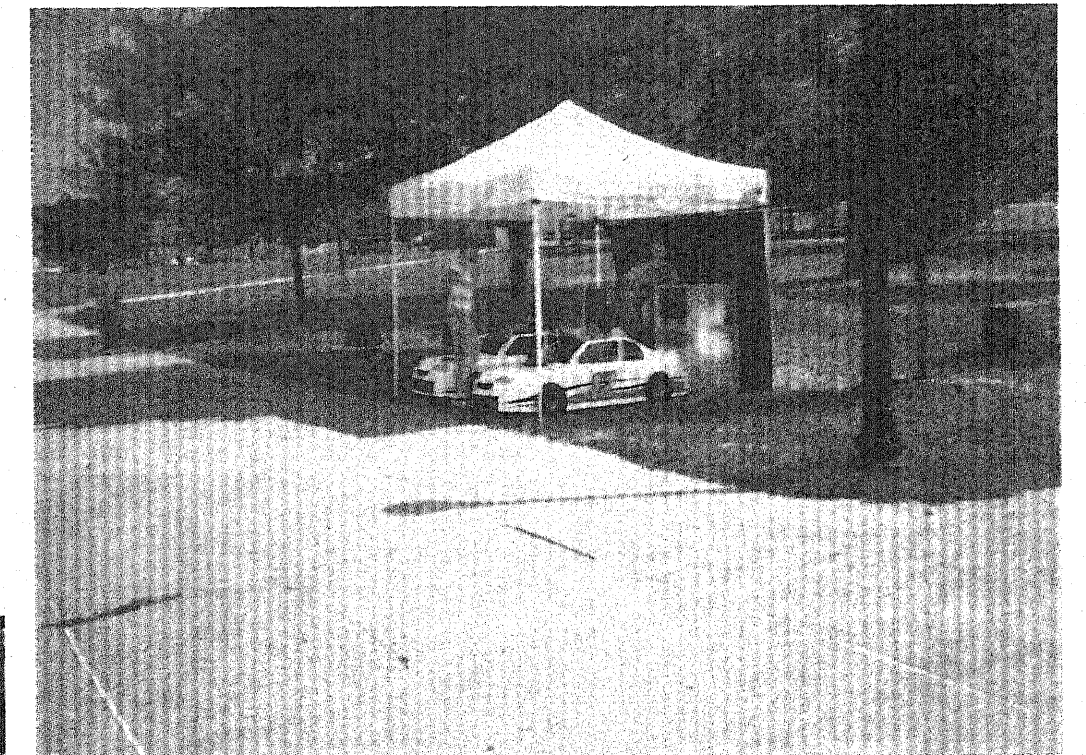
A sorority? At CSI? No way.



Student Publication, Serpentine, was on hand.



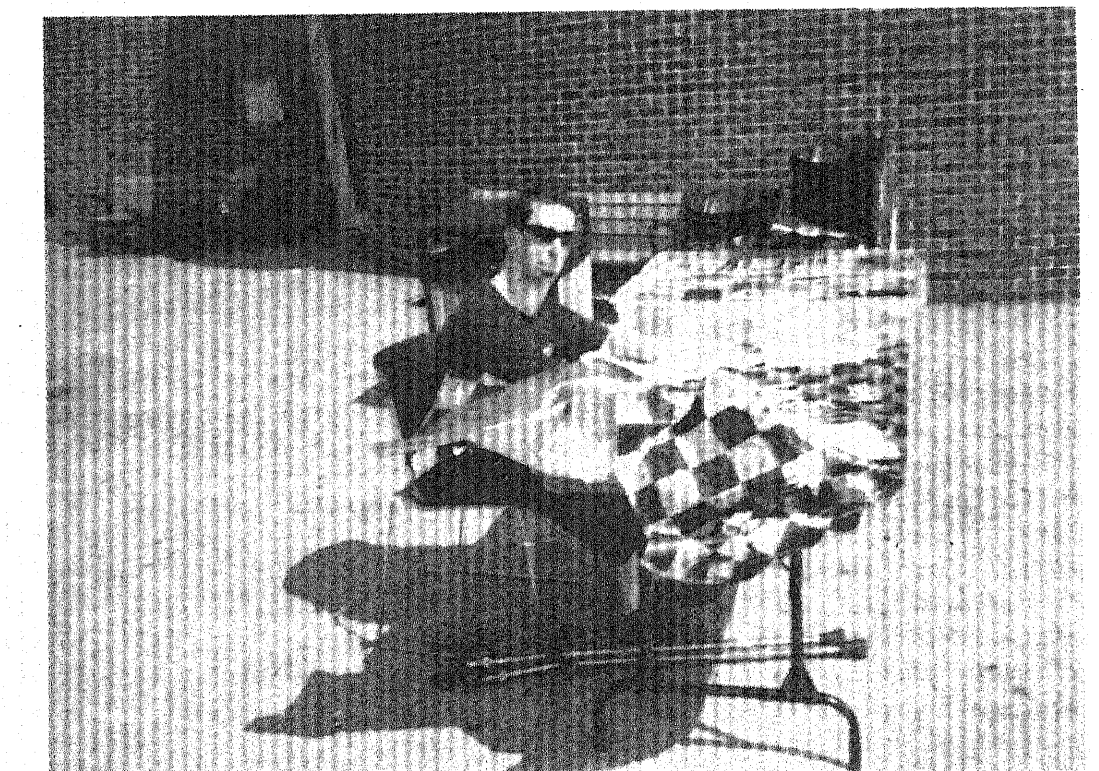
Multiple clubs took part in the event.



These go-kart drivers found a great way to beat the parking problem.



Members of the Third Rail weren't on hand.



A free CD-giveaway from WSIA radio station.

Emma Hernandez's SEX AND THE ISLAND

A Little Diddy About Mark and Diana

The simple, yet, common mistake of putting all your eggs in one basket. And the consequences that follow.

BY EMMA HERNANDEZ
SEX COLUMNIST

The morning of the deadline for this column, I still had no inkling as to what topic I wanted touch upon. I spent the weekend procrastinating with a close friend who is visiting from Florida. Between the side effects of Hurricane Hanna, dinner dates and introductions, I'd come up with an idea, ask for her opinion and she'd either shoot it down or encourage me to work on it. But, after a sudden change of plans and a spontaneous morning spent assaulting the swings in Battery Park, our conversation found its way to mutual friends, the flaws in their habits, and the state of the dating circuit. The most common amongst the people our age (and especially in our circle of friends) is the issue of making plans for a potential relationship before it even begins.

Diana, an awkward 24 year old film school graduate, has been obsessed with Mark, a 24 year old musician whom she met during her first semester of college. They were introduced by Ashley, Diana's best friend and Mark's ex-girlfriend (Ashley and Mark had dated for seven years). Mark was interested. Diana wasn't. And by the time she came around, Mark had already moved on. The shift in his feelings toward her led Diana to chase after him, cementing her role in his life as his number one fan by attending every show and leaving Mark overwhelmed. This went on for five years.

Her shyness hindered any type of progress that she could have made with Mark. But, it was her infatuation with him afterwards (which would eventually turn into borderline obsession) that really pushed him away. The less he was around, the more attached she became. Mark never lead her on. His nice gestures were mistaken for a reciprocation of romantic interest. In her head, she would win him over with her eagerness to impress and her willingness to jump at his every command. Diana's logic was that if he liked her enough to begin with, then she could just easily sway him back over to her side, now that she was ready,

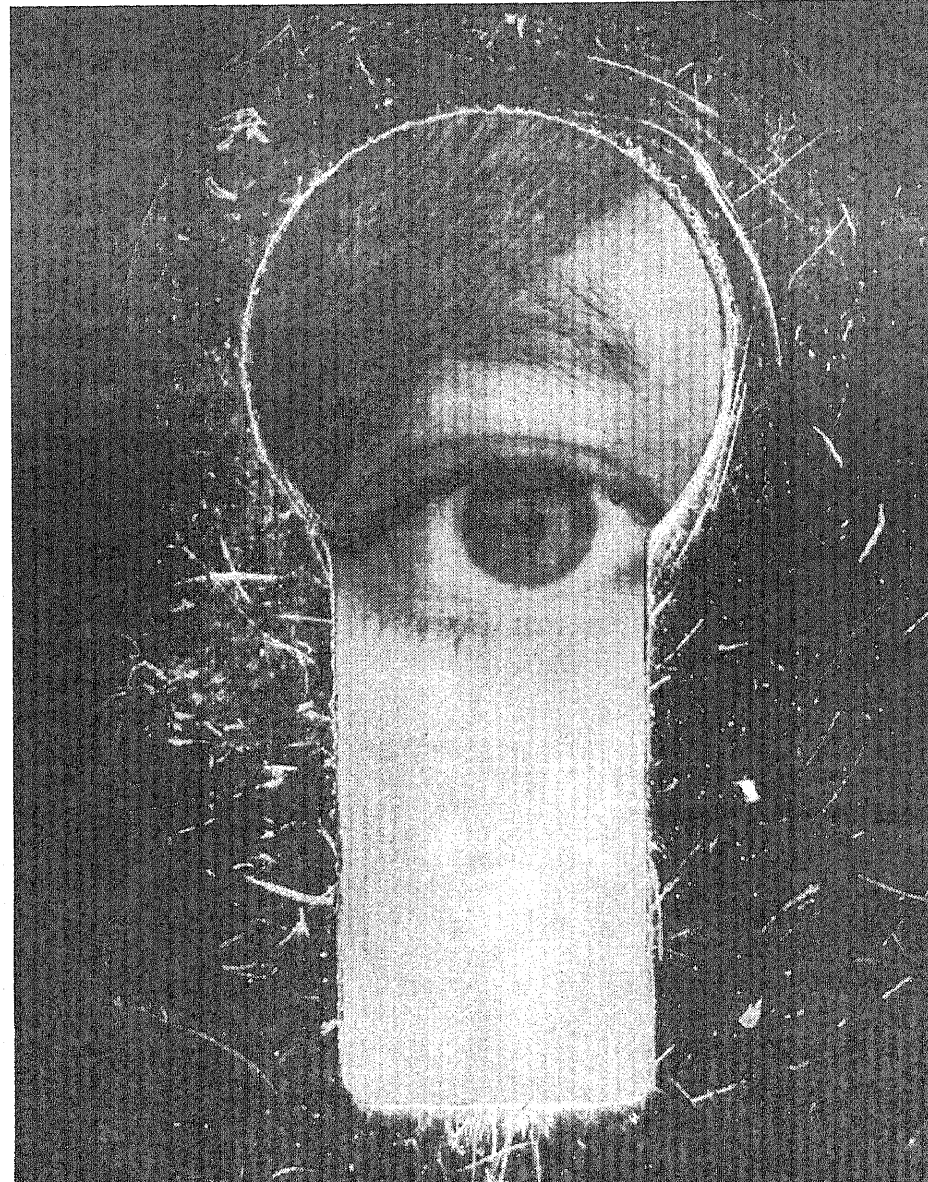


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But she didn't think about the possibility that Mark, realizing how fickle she was, may have already gotten over her. She planned the "soon-to-be" relationship from beginning to end without any strategy of how execute it. This was all done before Diana consulted him first. She hadn't even told him how she really felt yet. She didn't feel the need to, she was confident that this would be a sure thing.

As far as Mark was concerned, they were just friends. She allowed herself to

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fall in love, knowing that he was not going to catch her. He dated other girls and she stayed single, watching from a distance and attempting to play the role of the supportive friend whenever he

needed her. The fact that she made herself so readily available devalued the friendship. At this point, Diana was becoming overbearing and Mark was becoming uncomfortable. After graduating college, Diana stayed in Florida for two years, working two jobs to afford an apartment with Ashley so she could be closer to Mark. She quickly grew tired of living her life for him and decided to move back home. I told her the only way she could get over him and move on is to keep him out of sight, out mind. She promised to end all communication with him for at least a few months until she was stable enough to handle it.

Last night, she texted me, confessing that she wrote to Mark, telling him that she loves him and how much she misses him. I'm sure he didn't know what to say, so he didn't respond. Sometimes, I think she knows she's setting herself up for failure.

And that's the thing. Sometimes, people get so used to being in certain situations, and that's when they start to feel comfortable in them. I'm not saying that necessarily it means that they want to be treated a certain way, but I think it's sort of a learned helplessness. Diana knew that if she wasn't playing this role in Mark's life, she just wouldn't fit anywhere else. So she settled, taking what she could get. She allowed herself to stay right where she was because there was nowhere else for her to go. In her eyes, being the "best friend" was better than being nothing at all.

It's hard to watch someone get themselves into a situation where they're just constantly pining over someone, even more so if it's a close friend. Especially if you're watching from both sides and you can plainly see that the other person is just not into them. But after all the late night conversations and all the advice you can give (without trying to sound too harsh), it doesn't change the fact that if they really wanted to get over that person, they would have done it already. It's just one of those things where they might just like having something to complain about just for the sake of complaining.

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When you think too far ahead in the future, you're setting yourself up for the possibility of letdown. And this goes for everything else in general, not just with relationships. It's best to keep a clear head, leaving room for spontaneity. Planning out your future with someone in the beginning stages of a relationship as opposed to taking things one day at a time increases the chance that it could all go wrong. And in almost every case, the other person gets weirded out and they just want to run.

Diana made the simple yet common mistake of putting all her eggs in one basket. She just kept piling them all in at the same time without even considering what would happen if the basket were to break. And after everything was said and done, she was left with nothing.

She didn't have anything to show for all the effort and time she put in.

VIN FORTE IS NOT FUNNY

HUMOR SECTION

Can I Has Parking?

Please, for the love of God and all that is holy, somebody turn the "great" lawn into a parking lot already.

BY VINCENT FORTE
METER MAID

I have just about had it up to my neck with the parking problem on this campus. Weeding my way through congestion, trying to find a spot, and then walking to class should not take longer than the actual class. I'm sure it's been the butt of many a joke among students here at CSI: Hey, let's turn the great lawn into a parking lot; tee hee hee. But I say why not? If they're going to make room for dorms so that people who live on the island can now have the "independence from their parents" that they crave (yet will still come home every other day for free food and freshly clean clothes from the wash) then we should damn-well be able to have a great parking lot first.

Let's examine for a moment just what makes the "great" lawn that much greater than all of the other various lawns on campus. Hmm. It's bigger and has a bitch of a walkway across it. A walkway that when you get to the halfway point, makes you question why you decided to walk across the middle of an open field where the sun can get a nice aim at you instead of walking around on the sidewalk that crosses in front of the center for the arts building that has trees potentially blowing a nice breeze towards you. It's at that point that I would usually curse out the nearest available student standing next to me only to realize that there were none around because they were, in fact, smarter than me and had actually walked around the lawn (as per my earlier advice).

What's that, random person reading this? You like the great lawn? All right then. I'll play devil's advocate for a moment and examine the downside to having a great parking lot. I guess one of the major drawbacks would include having to deal with the human congestion that would be caused by so many students getting in and out of the lot at

any given time. For our agoraphobic friends out there, this would be pure Hell. Also, this could potentially wreck havoc on our germaphobic peers for the same reason. All of those students converging in one massive lot. You know there has to be a fair amount of them that didn't take a shower that day. Then you have to take into account the small percentage that might be sick with a cold or something.

As previously stated, if CSI can get dorms, then CSI should also be able to afford a parking lot first. About those dorms for a second. Whenever I bring up my personal belief that the dorms are not all that great of an idea, people always tell me: Well, the dorms are for people who travel here from out of state. Ok, fair enough. Let's at least agree then that some kid who lives five minutes away in Eitingville should not be granted 'a dorm room. Why not? Well, as I mentioned before, it seems like a huge waste of money for your parents to pay for you to live somewhere five minutes away on campus just so you can have the illusion of independence despite the fact that you'll still probably come back to their house every other day for free meals, clean clothes, and all the other comforts



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Vin Forte wants you to park here and compete with geese.

of home. But since people would need places to park their cars full-time while they live in the dorms, wouldn't a new parking lot somewhere on campus make sense? But I digress. In closing, you can keep your beautiful lawn if you like (as if I had the sole power to change it at will). But I would just like to see it ripped-up and paved-over for the sake of clearing the way for new parking opportunities. Excelsior!

"In west Philadelphia, born and raised, in a playground where I spent most of my days."



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"and its 1..2..3.. the kids love the monkey and 4..5..6.. the monkey's got a hockey stick 7..8..9.. havin a good time yeaaaa"



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"Wheel of fortune, sally ride, heavy metal, suicide Foreign debts, homeless vets, aids, crack, bernie goetz Hypodermics on the shores, chinas under martial law Rock and roller cola wars, I cant take it anymore"



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Worst Songs To Make Sweet Love To

BY VINCENT FORTE
SEX PANTHER

Monster Mash- Bobby Boris Pickett
Devo Corporate Anthem- Devo
The Hanukkah Song (part 3)- Adam Sandler
We Didn't Start the Fire- Billy Joel
Bo Diddley- Bo Diddley
Let's Twist Again- Chubby Checker
Goodbye Horses- Q Lazarus
Dancin' in the Street- David Bowie and Mick Jagger
Albi the Racist Dragon- Flight of the Conchords
Tiny Dancer- Elton John
Fresh Prince of Bel Air- Will Smith
We're an American Band- Grand Funk Railroad
Seinfeld- Theme Song
Three Little Pigs- Green Jelly
Do You Like Waffles- Guttermouth
Night Santa Went Crazy- Weird Al
Anyway You Want It- Journey
Dust in the Wind- Kansas
Detachable Penis- King Missile
Sweet Home Alabama- Lynard Skynard
Blinded by the Light- Manfred Mann
Down Under- Men at Work
Mexican Radio- Wall of VooDoo

One Knight in Bangkok- Murray Head
A**hole- Denis Leary
Jeremy- Pearl Jam
500 Miles- The Proclaimers
Somebody's Watching Me- Rockwell
Star Spangled Banner- Francis Scott Key
Two Princes- Spin Doctors
Date Rape- Sublime
Chocolate Rain- Tay Zonday
That Thing You Do- The Wonders
Walk the Dinosaur- Was Not Was
Speedoo- The Cadillac
Bug City- Presidents of the U.S.A.
Great DJ- The Ting Tings
Happiness is a Warm Gun- The Beatles
Salty Chocolate Balls- Isaac Hayes
Kids- MGMT
Pinball Wizard- The Who
Hockey Monkey- The Zambonis
Istanbul (Not Constantinople)- They Might Be Giants
Drop Out- Times New Viking
Hello My Baby- The WB Frog
Troublemaker- Weezer
Darth Vader (Intro)- John Williams
Young Folks- Peter Bjorn and John
Roundabout- Yes
I Was Made for Lovin' You- Kiss

BANNER ARTS

Lost in the Pershing Point Hotel and My Trip Down the Pink Carpet

"Together they document life on the gay underbelly and in Hollywood, which are not necessarily separate entities."

BY JOHN ADRIAN
ARTS/COPY EDITOR

Leslie Jordan may best be known to American audiences as Karen Walker's nemesis Beverly Leslie on *Will and Grace*. However, the four-foot-eleven inch actor has been a fixture in Hollywood for over twenty-five years as an actor and as a writer.

In 2000 his screenplay *Lost in the Pershing Point Hotel* was optioned and independently made by Julia Jay Pierrepoint III. It won both the Audience Award and the Grand Jury Prize as Best Feature Film in the New York International Independent Film & Video Festival in 2001.

It tells the story of a man who leaves a small town in the south, where he was raised in the Southern Baptist tradition, and moves to Atlanta, Georgia, in order to be himself, a young, gay man. The protagonist/narrator is, throughout the film, explaining himself to God as though he were about to be judged. The audience sees his adventures and misadventures as he recalls them to the unseen deity. Jordan doesn't pull many, if any, punches with what he tells his interviewer. As a result the audience

gets a good look at the seamy underbelly of life in a large city in the 1970s.

Populated by drug addicts, transvestites, pimps, prostitutes-male and female, and those who take advantage of them, it is a very sad, frightening, yet funny account of what big city gay life could be, then and now, for someone who believes his homosexuality is intrinsically sinful.

The final scenes take place in the charity ward of a hospital where the narrator has been placed for detox. He is visited by his muse with whom he had many of his adventures, Miss Make Do (Erin Chandler). She tells him she's marrying a mutual acquaintance of theirs, Brad, who, if anything, is gay, that the narrator. But, as Miss Make Do explains:

"If Brad marries before he's thirty, his trust fund doubles. It's a win-win situation."

Out of the hospital our narrator returns briefly to an area where homeless people sleep and reads some graffiti written by a young man who died of a drug overdose, and with whom he was passionately in love.

"Beyond all ideas of wrong doing and right doing there is a field. I'll meet you there."

The closing credits run over a scene where the narrator is the guest of honor at a book signing. Presumably the book is about being *Lost in the Pershing Point*

Hotel and the narrator hopes to meet the deceased again one day where they can be together for eternity.

The film, by Jordan's own admission, is autobiographical, and it ends without a real resolution as far as the narrator's fate, but it does end on a hopeful, eternal note.

My Trip Down the Pink Carpet is not a sequel to the film. While *Lost in the Pershing Point Hotel* is a work of fact-based-fiction, *My Trip Down the Pink Carpet* is a memoir in which Jordan tells all about himself. "To this day, I still write in my diary nightly."

What he does not do is tell all about anyone else. He is, despite more than a quarter-of-a-century in Tinseltown, still a Southern Gentleman. Oh, there was the time when Mark Harmon (of *NCIS*) had to wrestle Jordan to the ground in a scene they were filming together and Jordan, looking at the face of the man once voted the handsomest man in the world, kept forgetting his lines, and there was the time Jordan and Robert Downey, Jr. shared a jail cell, but since Downey's drug problems are largely public knowledge, there's no revelation there either.

Leslie Jordan is, in the parlance of twelve-step programs, "a recovering addict and a recovering alcoholic." He's been clean and sober for over twelve years. He is also a deft story teller who has written a funny memoir about the

entertainment industry he has known and survived for over twenty-five years. He quotes his mother, Peggy Ann Jordan, "... I will never understand this deep-seated need you have to air your dirty laundry! Why can't you just whisper it to a therapist?" Luckily for us he is a compulsive diarist and hangs his laundry on the line for all the world to read.

At one point in the film the narrator tells his confessor, "I do not believe that we are human beings in search of a spiritual experience. I believe we are spiritual beings in search of a human experience." Jordan has had much human experience and through it has become a spiritual being who is not afraid to laugh at himself and share the joke with his readers.

Lost in the Pershing Point Hotel (recently released on DVD by Culture Q Connection) is not rated. I, who have serious problems with the Motion Picture Association of America rating system, think it would probably get an "R". Rated or not, it is a funny, frightening look at the underside of big city life in America.

My Trip Down the Pink Carpet by Leslie Jordan (New York, Simon Spotlight Entertainment, © 2008) is a testament to the ability of those who once believed themselves unworthy of success and happiness to triumph over adversity and addictions and achieve success and happiness.

Separately the film and the book are each enjoyable. Together they document life on the gay underbelly and in Hollywood, which are not necessarily separate entities.

Upcoming Events in The Center for the Arts (Building 1P)

2008 New York International Choreographers Festival

Saturday, September 13 - 8:00 pm - Williamson Theatre - 2 hours, including intermission
Sunday, September 14 - 3:00 pm - Williamson Theatre - 2 hours, including intermission
Tickets: Free, reservations required, call CFA Box Office 718-982-2787. The New York International Choreographers Festival, a two-day free event produced by the Staten Island Ballet, promises to take local dance audiences to new levels. The famed choreographer's original works will be performed by his own international touring troupe, WALKERDANCE, along with a program of four other new works by the Staten Island Ballet, offering audiences one of the city's few, fully staged dance festivals that's totally free.

The Ant and the Elephant

Saturday, October 4, 2008 - 3:00 pm - Williamson Theatre - 1 hour, including meet and greet in the Atrium. A CFA Kids Event. Tickets: \$10,12,15. From the creative team of *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley* comes a new family musical based upon Bill Peet's children's classic about the power of one good deed. One of Walt Disney's greatest storypersons, Peet was responsible for illustrating, storyboarding, and producing such animation greats as *Dumbo*, *101 Dalmatians*, and much more. Sponsored by Senator Andrew J. Lanza.

New York Philharmonic Ensembles

Monday, October 20, 2008 - 7:30 pm - Springer Concert Hall - 2 hours, including intermission
Tickets: Free, reservations required, call CFA Box Office 718-982-2787.
This year's concert features Ludwig van Beethoven's Septet in E-Flat major, Osvaldo Golijov's *Lullaby and Doina*, and selected tangos by Astor Piazzolla. Made possible through the generosity of Dr. Michael Shnurger, CSI Emeritus Professor of English.

Ingrid Michaelson - Home

Wednesday, October 29, 2008 - 8:00 pm - Williamson Theatre - 2:25 hours, including intermission and CD signing in the Atrium. Tickets: \$30 - Only CFA members discount offered. CSI students can purchase specially-priced tickets through CSI Office of Student Life starting Monday, September 8th. Limited availability. Born into a house of all things artistic, Staten Island native Ingrid Michaelson makes a hometown stop on her North American tour to play music from her new CD and single, *Be OK*. She'll be playing with a full band including Allie Moss, Bess Rogers, Chris Kudner, and Elliot Jacobson. From Grey's Anatomy to much more, this independent artist is achieving milestones previously unheard of for an artist not signed to a major label. The lucky winner of the CSI Battle of Bands organized by the CSI Campus Activities Board will open. For information on the Battle of the Bands, contact: cab@mail.csi.cuny.edu, 718.982.3268. rganized with the CSI Office of Student Life, the Campus Activities Board, and WSIA Radio.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

BANNER OPINION

Blackboard: A Black Hole

BY WILLIAM KLINE
CO EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I've heard this question twice a year since 2005. The professor asks: Has everybody accessed his or her Black Board account?

Every semester, one or two students just can't master the art of the virtual classroom and get left behind. The abled students muster little sympathy for the Internet-challenged, since they wouldn't dare jeopardize their own grade to sacrifice for a fellow pupil.

Black Board savvy students have contact with the latest announcements and all the syllabi they desire. Spill coffee all over your schedule. Don't fret; you can just print another one. Forget that environmental hubba-balloo.

I've always prided myself on my ability to navigate this feature, a long with the CSI web site itself. Both are a wealth of information. When in doubt, always go to Site Map. More recently, particularly, since the college has switched the e-mail systems, I find myself virtually trapped, literally.

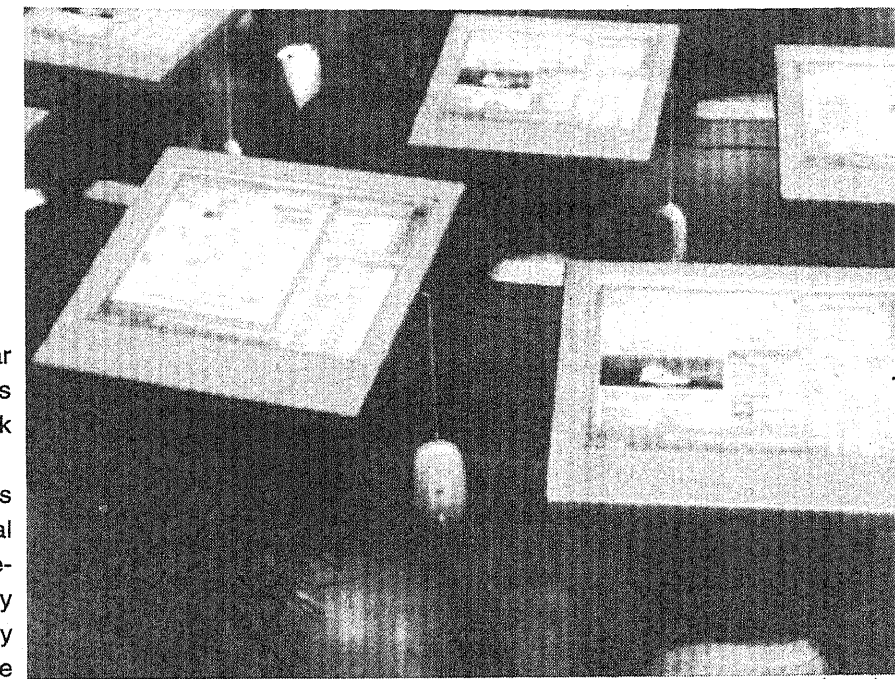


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Not all of the difficulties stem from Windows Live. It is just a jumping-off point. When I did finally make the switch though, it took a while before I could actually figure out how to read my e-mail on a Mac. Also, I wondered, why would we switch to Windows Live when every hip college has Macs?

Normally, I would access Black Board through the Library and sign in with no problem. Even when I gave the school my wrong Social Security Number in my first semester of college, I still managed to get an A in Political

Science 100, a semi-virtual course. Now, signing in to Black Board goes through more check points than a passenger boarding a plane at the airport.

The site says Access Black Board Directly. It's direct with many twists and turns. It brings you to the dreaded gatekeeper, the CUNY Portal, which never lets me through its matrix no matter how many combinations of username and password I conceive. (I've fixed the Social Security Number problem, so that's not it.)

Re-registering to the portal is another

er virtual victimization, which brings the agony of having to wait for the e-mail that resets passwords. It always seems so condescending, like a bank teller that has to reset your ATM pin number. I admit, I still use that code they give me in the e-mail because I can't figure out how to reset it to my liking: HunkyJournalist66. (To all you hackers out there, I've switched from my old password, '1234.' Have fun figuring out the new one.)

I wish I could denounce Black Board completely due to the aggravation. Since it actually enlightens the traditional classroom experience, I believe it is a fitting resource for a new age of learning. When applied to education correctly. It allows open access to the ideas of other, normally passive in-class participants. Faculty hasn't managed to enthrall students with this capability yet.

In order for this integration to reach success, it needs to work from the bottom-up, not vice versa. Unless students can access this resource easily, it won't work. Think of what your asking students. Sit at the desk and scramble with a complicated entrance to a message board, or, watch the Charlie the Unicorn video for the 51st time on YouTube?

Attention spans are hard to keep in the classroom and harder on the Internet. Bringing the two together means virtual chaos.

Memo From and Angry Intern

BY MICHAEL COHEN
CO EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"You dumb slut, I'm going for an AIDS test tomorrow." That was one of the less-er offensive text messages I sent to a beautiful and respectful girl who I liked a lot and, needless to say, never wants to talk to me again. (Yeah, mst ov my btrs r grammatical.)

A former editor-in-chief of this newspaper, who is probably the world's greatest confluence of beauty and brains, hates me. Well, technically she doesn't "hate" me. She merely disregards my existence. The funny thing is, she hates me for writing about her in an essay that was published on the Internet and here I go again.

It seems that I have two unparalleled abilities-writing and messing up. That's why The Banner decided that some sort of documentation of my college experience would make an interesting column while I slack off on my editorial duties and slave 27 hours a week interning for XXL Magazine.

But I'm not really slaving because I

This op-ed is part of a series which examines the life of an, anything-but-average intern at XXL, a premier hip-hop magazine.

love it. Despite all my hideously self-destructive instincts I've become a wholesomely productive, academically anomalous and relatively harmless citizen. And even though Ayn Rand has me believing that god lives in the mirror, I wouldn't know who Ayn Rand was without CSI. So more than just entertaining readers at my moral expense, this column also extols the virtues of (or, as I would write in a hip-hop magazine, 'pays homage to') CSI.

Enough about the column. Let's go.

Let's start with a broken pinky toe, a bottle of Watson 360 vicodin, a preeminent drinking habit, a dope internship and an adorable girl, who banged under the condition of anonymity. Too much ambiguity? I'll explain. Despite living in a constant frenzy of drink and smoke I've always maintained the firm conviction that "drugs" are bad. Especially pills.

Which brings me to Monday morning when a slew of overweight animals stomped on my already broken toe on the 4 train. The girl who drove me to the ferry every morning had a vicodin prescription because of dental work, so on Tuesday I started the ritual of pill grubbing every morning.

Interning for a magazine entails a crap load of interview transcribing. I've transcribed plenty of my own interviews

from either The Banner or Foundation Magazine, but in the comfort of my own home with all the necessary tools from wine to cognac. I can't drink in XXL's office. At least not on my first week there. So I started a liquid lunch ritual; pounding a large jug of sake and reading the New York Times Op-Eds in Monster Sushi.

The vicodin and sake worked well for a day or two. I think. Somewhere around a few days, the a perpetual mild buzz turned to a blurry bubble of paranoia. Despite putting in a productive day of tedious intern tasks, I really don't remember showing up to the office on Thursday. I do remember roaming Union Square's Bams & Nobles with a pocket full of pills and coffee full of Baileys. These things happen. But too many mixtures are no good.

After reading F. Scott Fitzgerald's "Jacob's Ladder," justifiable but paranoid delusions erupted from my mind of volcanic fog. Envisioning my favorite booty-call having sex with a co-worker of mine led to a storm of unnecessary and grotesque text messages, carrying serious jealous undertones. The next thing I remember was arguing about the price of Hennessy in the liquor store downstairs.

By Friday beer was breakfast. A wise man once told me that "you know its gonna be a rough night when you finish two beers on the ferry."

Well, I knew it was gonna be a rough day at the office after knocking down two on the 9am boat. Apparently I spent the day updating XXL's issue database (details of which the next column will explore) because on the following Tuesday I realized that I had uploaded issues 93 and 94 twice. (If any Banner readers read XXL please don't do something cute like mail this to their editor.) Friday was a blur and by Saturday I was accusing a really nice girl of being a slut with STDs. I place all blame on the ham & egg eating savages who mercilessly ravaged my pinky toe.

Next column should have a clearer (sober) description of internship drudgery and how phat it is to work in an office with the most relevant hip-hop magazine as well as Slam, the only worthy basketball magazine and King, which I can't read in public while wearing basketball shorts. And a few reflections on my college career and how CSI helped get me to such an ill position in American journalism.

And to the victim of that text that opened this column, I'm sofa king sorry.

Television Review: Entourage

BY NICK RIZZI
STAFF WRITER

about three minutes the 26 minute show - not counting the end credits and on the next episode.

The show finally starts with E having more than one client, Ari being Ari (Jeremy Piven being amazing as usual), Drama (Kevin Dillon) working on his show, and Turtle (Jerry Ferrara) hiding out in Mexico, drinking and sexing, with Vince.

When we're done playing catch-up, the characters finally get together, and the Entourage magic returns and it feels like the previous seasons, with the great acting and writing. However, it takes so long to actually get to this point that when it does, the ending credits show up unexpectedly.

Yet, Entourage isn't really about the episode but the overall story of the season, and, picking up where they were last season. It appears Season Five of Entourage will continue one of the best shows on television - especially with HBO's painful *True Blood* to compete with.

BANNER SPORTS

Lady Dolphins Set to Begin Intense Season (From Front)

With 14 returning players and 7 new but experienced faces, this team is "in the best shape I've ever seen," said Coach John Guagliardo. "I'm expecting to see great leadership from our 3 captains Fiosa Begai (leading CUNY scorer), Kristin Kvetkoff, and Tina Bellocchio."

After winning the CUNYAC Championship and the Hudson Valley Athletic Conference Championship again last season, the Dolphins are gearing up for what Coach Guagliardo said to be "the toughest and most challenging season in CSI history."

With their 2008 season afoot, the lady Dolphins already have undergone a tough weekend.

They kicked off their season at the annual Scarlet Raiders Soccer Classic Tournament on Sept. 5th and 6th.

The Dolphins suffered through the heat, a monsoon like downpour and two unfortunate losses.

First, they lost 1-0 to the New Jersey City University Gothic Knights in the heat and humidity. The Dolphins had control of the ball throughout most of the game. Shots attempted by Fiosa Begai (Sr.), Tina Chechel (Jr.) and Noelle Miglino (Jr.) were not finding their way in the net. But defensively Kelly Kenny (Jr.), Kristin

Kvetkoff (Sr.) and Paige Bruno (Fr.) were on top of their game aiding goalie Kristie Stapleton (Jr.) who was fierce and in control.

"We outplayed them, we out shot them. We just didn't put the ball in the net," said the coach.

The lone goal came in at the 87th minute from a Gothic Knight's corner kick gone wrong for the Dolphins.

In the second match of the tournament, CSI faced host Rutgers-Newark. CSI brought their game face as they looked to avenge a rematch of last year's loss. Unfortunately Tropical Storm Hanna had other things in mind for the Dolphins.

"Stepping on the field was like literally putting your foot in a kiddie pool," remarked captain Kristin Kvetkoff. She continued, "there was no way to move the ball on the field. We had to keep putting it in the air and that was hard enough to see with the rain pouring down our faces."

Weather was a huge factor in the 5-0 loss to the Scarlet Raiders, but, the Dolphins still managed to have some key moments in the game.

"Our defense played with such power and gave it their all. Bumped and bruised, but still managed to go for the

ball," commented junior midfielder Kaitlin Myhre.

And it's no surprise to see two of the defenders being named to the all-tournament team, senior Kristin Kvetkoff and junior Kristie Stapleton.

With several key games to play against NYU, Ramapo College and Farmingdale State College along with CUNY rivals City College of New York, the Dolphins are sure to brush off the losses and aim for their goal.

"We have a very young, but, experienced team. We just need to shoot more and score more. Our strategy is to give it an offensive power while still being defensively oriented. We made it to the ECAC last year. This year the sky's our limit!"

Be sure to check out these ladies in action during the next few weeks.

UPCOMING GAMES (BOLD DENOTES HOME GAMES)

9/12 vs. NYU
(3:30 pm)

9/17 vs. College/ Mt. St. Vincent
(4:00 pm)

9/20 vs. City College of NY
(12:00 pm)

Banner Super Bowl Picks

Now that weeks 1 and 2 have past, our expert analysts have placed their picks for what NFL team will win the Super Bowl.

"I would've said the Patriots, but, Tom Brady got hurt. Without him standing in their way I am going to go with the Colts. It's Manning's year..."

-Dave Stanley, 20, Texas



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"J-E-T-S baby. Every one is going to think I am crazy for going with them, but, I'm the only one who has the guts..."

-Michael Cohen
Co Editor-in-Chief

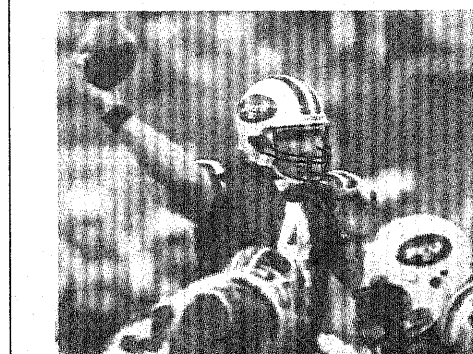


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"I don't know. It's a tough call at this point. I'll go with my guy though. I say White Sox in six..."

-Bill Kline
Co-Editor in Chief

MEN'S SOCCER (From Front)

Beginning with a change in the coaching staff, CSI welcomed the new coach, Armen Simoniants and his assistant, Herman Hlushchenko. They are eager to start the season and show what they can bring to CSI Athletics. And with an impressive resume, Coach Simoniants hopes to bring all of his experience to the field.

With their intense season already underway, Coach Simoniants is looking for leadership and self-discipline out on the field. Returning only a few players from last year and having some fresh faces on the team, the coach is looking forward to seeing what the men can do. Some players to watch out for include leading scorer Jason Ribeiro (Sr.), Konstantinos Koulouris (Sr.), Dimitri Sidiropoulos (Sr.), and Guillermo Parra (Jr.).

The men opened up their season on Sept. 6th and 7th at the Centenary

College Tournament in Hackettstown, NJ. Right away Jason Ribeiro looked to top last year's 13 goals by scoring his first goal in the opening game of the 2008 season against Purchase College. The Dolphins had control of the ball throughout most of the game. Unfortunately, CSI was at a disadvantage due to missing starters and CSI fell short 6-3 on the first day.

"This was the first time the team was able to get a feel for the game as a whole," said senior player, Konstantinos Koulouris. "We have a bunch of new kids and we have to try to work to get in sync with each other. This is something that takes time."

The same thing can be said about day two of the tournament where CSI suffered a loss to host, Centenary College by a score of 11-1.

"We don't have our regular players. This weekend does not reflect anything about our team," said returning senior, Dimitri Sidiropoulos. This was just to get us moving and getting to know each other on the field."

There's no doubt that the team gave it their best. The defense showed some

great solid work while offensively there was power, especially from Ribeiro, who scored his second goal of the season.

This was a rough start to the men's soccer season, according to many of the players, but, don't be fooled by the scores. The Dolphins will make sure to brush these games off and get ready to have their team show what they can do said senior, Konstantinos.

"This is the first time the coach gets to see us in formation," said Konstantinos. "This usually happens in the beginning of the season, but, trust me, we will get it together. Get ready, because [Jason] and I will be putting on a show."

The coach has no doubt that this team will go places.

"I have a great group of talented players. Mentally and physically they are there. This team can win championships," said Coach Simoniants.

The men's soccer team will host their first home game on Sept. 18th against Montclair State University. The start time for the game is at 4:00 pm and takes place at home. Men's first conference play takes place two days later versus City College at 2:30 pm.