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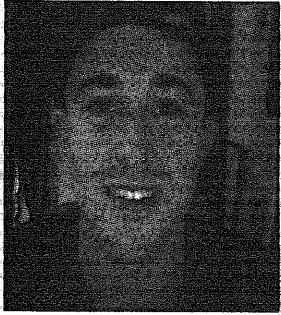
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Rapping Chef Kicks Fresh and Tasty Rhymes

Matthew Roca

When people think of hip-hop, a number of names come to mind. Names like Eminem, Snoop Dogg, and P. Diddy are among the many in today's mainstream culture.

In the heavily congested borough of Staten Island, there is a 21 year-old



Jewish, French, Irish, and Russian health chef that hopes to make it on that list. His name is David Nudleman and he is a corporate communications major at CSI.

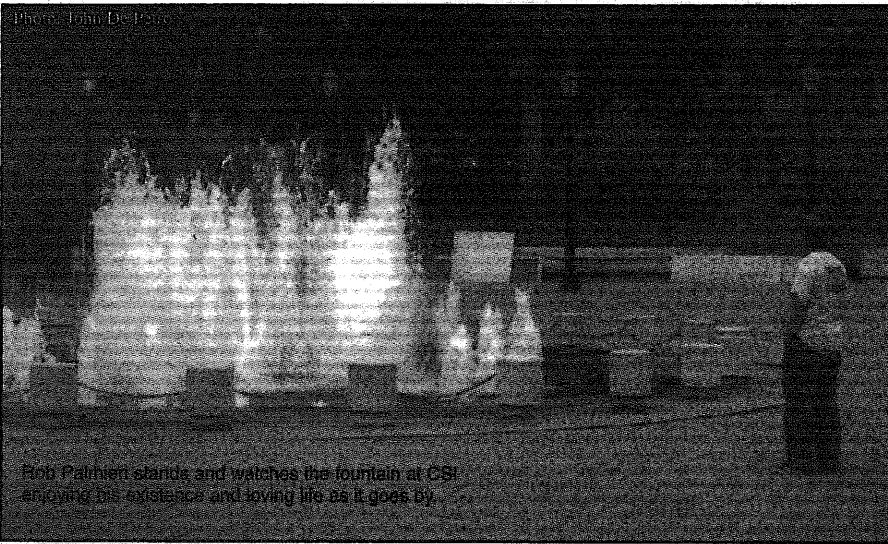
Staten Island's David "Noodlez" Nudleman aspires to be a new face in Hip-Hop. Photo: Matthew Roca

He is an aspiring musician with a love for Hip-hop, R&B, Pop, and music in general. It is his love for music that drove him and inspired him to want to create some of his own.

Nudleman knew from an early age that he wanted to make music. He started to explore his love for music when he was in fourth grade by joining the school

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AVERAGE MAN IN AN AVERAGE LAND



John De Petro stands and watches the fountain at CSI enjoying his existence and loving life as it goes by.

John De Petro

Picture the world's most charismatic, dapper, outgoing guy who takes charge of every situation and never allows himself to feel out of place. Now picture that guy's exact opposite. Between those with the most magnetic personalities and hermits, Rob Palmieri sits right, smack in the middle.

He may be average on Staten Island, but he's not the typical Staten Island guy. You won't see Rob driving his car while lying down or dressed in

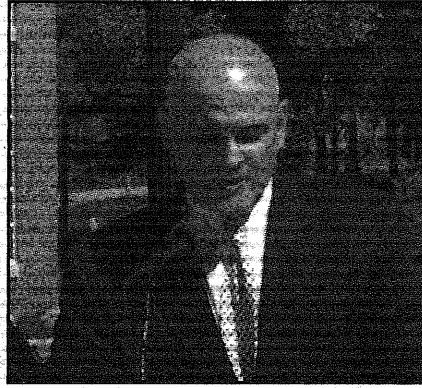
a Velour, "Sopranos" style jumpsuit. No tanning beds or eyebrow waxing for this guy. Rob's a truck driving, jeans and t-shirt kind of fella who looks to blend in. Usually found in the back of the classroom, Rob sits quietly as the rest of the class busies themselves with a back and forth with the professor. Never looking to get noticed and yet not shying away from the activity around him, Rob just basically likes it when people leave him alone.

As lives go, surprisingly enough, Rob has a simple one. He works, he

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Staten Island Mourns

AMIDST THE GRIEF, MOMENTS OF SILENCE AND POETRY



Dean Soto recalls the heroes of 9/11 at CSI's memorial service. Photo credit: AnnMarie Costella.

AnnMarie Costella

It was a beautiful, clear, sunny day and the American flag waved gently in the breeze. The sound of a lone cellist filled the air and people bowed their heads in quiet reflection. Students and faculty had gathered at CSI's 9/11 memorial to honor those who lost their lives in the worst terrorist attack in US history, an attack that devastated families across Staten Island.

The ceremony began promptly at 11:45 a.m. "We never forget those who died, rescue workers, firefighters, police officers, and everyday citizens from all walks of life," said Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, Francisco Soto. "Indeed, we carry them in our hearts and their heroic actions on that day continue to inspire us as we face the challenges in the distance."

CSI's Student Government President, AJ Ramphal, moved the crowd with stirring words. "I join my fellow students to honor some 3,000 innocent men and women whose lives were cut short in a brief unexpected moment. Your only fault, dear departed, is that you were at the right place at the right time doing your duty for self, family, and country," he said. "For those of you who have lost a loved one, a friend, or a co-worker, I do not believe that the passage of time will ever erase the profound pain of your infinite loss, but I want you to know that you are not alone."

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Student vs. Student: High School and College Square Off

Allison Ryder

In September of 2005 our campus opened its doors to high school students—an event which has led to a string of complaints from the college students that were here first.

"Yes, these high school kids do interfere with college life and the whole college atmosphere," said Michele Payton, VP of the CSI Association and Head of the Budget Committee. "They called me a terrorist," added Payton. "They just shouldn't be calling people that."

Although the high school students are mostly confined to 5N, they can also be found in the Campus Center where college students feel their pres-

ence.

"If you don't go to the campus center then you do not know they're out campus," said Catherine Morelli, who is a part of CSI's Program Development Committee. "They have to go there because where else are they going to eat?"

According to Carol Brower, Director of Student Life, "This high school is for international studies and it is seen as a positive way to enhance CSI. Most CUNY schools have high schools."

Along with wearing ID's, the high school students must be supervised, and they are not allowed on the second floor of the Campus Center.

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Students from the CSI High School congregate in front of the back entrance of the Campus Center. Photo: Melissa Seecharan



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Bush Says War Is Peace

Lucie Lauria

After losing the war against Iraq, Bush is pushing for a war against Iran. What comes next - Venezuela or Russia? Is Bush leading us to the last battle with the Antichrist or to the Animal Farm?

The manipulative campaign that served the Bush administration in the run-up for a war against Iraq is being repeated today with Iran. Bush's warmongers produced false intelligence to justify the invasion of Iraq. There exists no evidence of formal links between Iraqi ex-president Saddam Hussein and al-Qaeda prior to the 2003 war, a U.S. Senate report says.

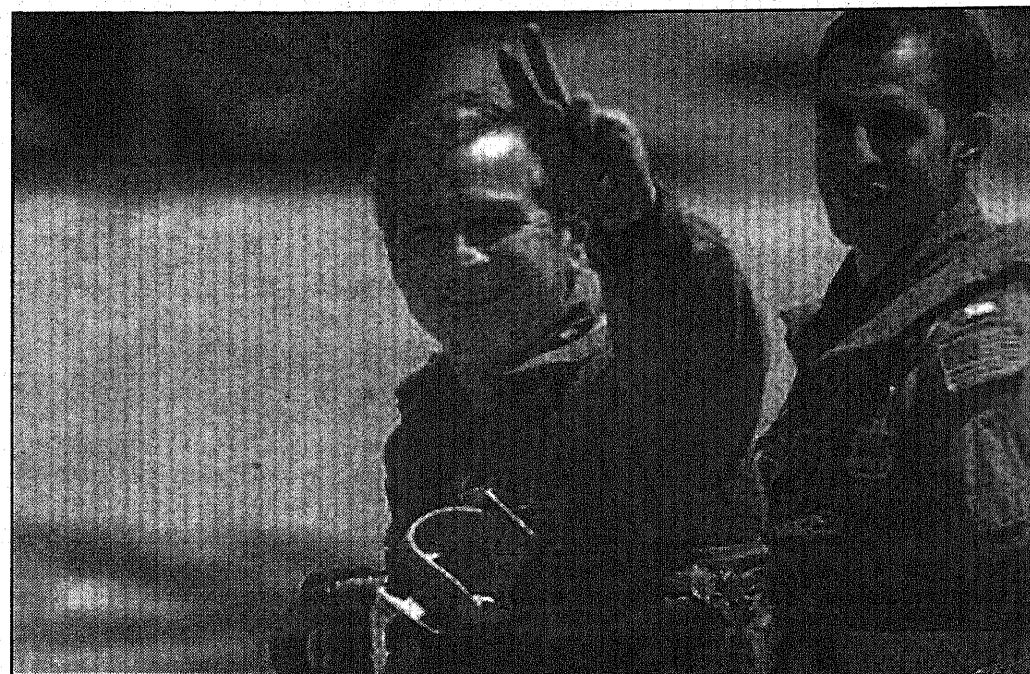
The preparation for the war against Iran sticks to the same model. Bush lacks any evidence of Iran's possession of nuclear weapons. An IAEA report, issued on August 31, 2006, stated there is no proof that the Iranian nuclear program would have a military aspect.

The CIA, troubled by Bush's warmongers' effort to attack Iran before the U.S. solves the Iraqi failure, came up with a report which claims that Iran won't be able to produce a nuclear weapon for at least ten years.

President Ahmadinejad challenged Bush to a televised debate. Ex-president Saddam Hussein had asked for exactly the same thing. Bush, the president of the most democratic and powerful country in the world lacks argumentation. He seems to be unprepared for a public dialogue with the heads of states he intends to invade.

Five years ago, Dubya, covered with mud and glycerine tears, bull-horned plans for the first war from atop a fire truck by the WTC. On the eve of the fifth anniversary of September 11, event, he said, "There is still an enemy out there that would like to inflict the same kind of damage again." Fewer and fewer people believe that the attack was perpetrated by al-Qaeda. Osama Bin Laden's whereabouts seem to be unknown. Nevertheless, the FBI was unable to find evidence of Osama's formal link to the attack.

The American army has been unsuccessful in hunting Osama down in Afghanistan. The war has left the country in chaos and failed to install a "democracy." The idea to spread "democracy" around the world by war sounds just like the rhetoric of the former Soviet military ideologists who were determined to spread "socialism" by any means necessary. Americans seem to be as successful as the Soviets were in Afghanistan.



Neocon warmongers decided to export "democracy" to Iraq as well. Today, Bush publicly admits that Saddam had nothing to do with the "terrorist attack." The neocons don't care about the absence of evidence of mass destruction weapons. Evidence or no evidence, they just wanted to "spread democratic values" and to "protect our friends."

Bush's infamous and unwarranted invasion of Iraq has resulted in the deaths of thousands of American soldiers. Why has Dubya outlawed pictures of dead American soldiers and their coffins in the media? Does he want Americans to know how many dead soldiers the war has made.

Iraq has turned into Vietnam, only worse and scarier. The American army has left the country in total chaos - a civil war, poverty, and a regression to an Islamic sharia state. The country's oil production has dropped to about 1.5 million barrels a day, a million barrels less than before the war. The crime rate has skyrocketed. Thousands of Iraqis are being murdered every

month and women terrorized under restrictive laws. People are afraid to walk the streets. Too often, their water and electricity supplies are cut off. The occupiers are hated just like the Germans were in the occupied European territories during the Second World War.

Dubya's war against



warranted by the UN Security Council resolution and unless the war in question is a defensive war. Undoubtedly, Dubya's Iraqi war cannot be seen as defensive and he didn't give a damn about any UN resolutions.

If it weren't for Bush's lawyers, he would be facing criminal charges. Dubya has nothing to worry about as far as the impudent International Criminal Court in Hague is concerned. The U.S. annulled its signature on the ratification charter in May, 2002, almost a year before the attack against Iraq. Dubya also signed a law forbidding the American authorities to cooperate with the international tribunal in any way. Isn't Dubya a smart guy?

Dubya never gave a damn about the U.N. or international courts. He said Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction and threatened us and our friends. He said that the war was a policy of "last resort," but now the world knows he lied. The American Army turned Iraq upside down and became the hated occupier, more hated than Saddam Hussein

used to be.

The American occupiers seem to be more and more desperate, and resort to unexpected measures, such as negotiating with "terrorists." The American ambassador in Iraq, Zalmay Khalilzad told BBC that the Americans negotiate with the people who would be willing to accept the new Iraq, disarm, and help fight terrorism. He forgot to explain that we are bribing them.

Meanwhile, the "terrorists" are winning, just like the Afghani muslim insurgents who beat the armed-to-the-teeth Soviet Army. Those fighters happened to be armed and trained by the U.S. Army.

Iraq in 2003, the carpet bombing of the cities Falluja and Ramadi, the murders in Haditha, more than 100,000 Iraqi civilian deaths, the torture of prisoners in Abu Ghraib, all of these constitute war crimes.

The war against Iraq violates the United Nations' Charter and international law. The UN Charter states clearly that no war is legal unless it is

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However, limiting the high school students to one area of the Campus Center is only a part of the problem.

"It's different with college students because we are learning together but these high school students are loud and obnoxious," said Payton. "I once had to call public safety to have them removed."

Student Government President, AJ Ramphal, whose office is located in the Campus Center, is currently working on finding ways to reduce interaction between the high school students and the CSI student body. "I consider the complaints by my fellow students and I've listened to the side of the high school administrators," said Ramphal. "We are coming up with new ideas to keep conflict between the college students and the high school students from the campus. I've heard the complaints but have never seen them in action."

But not all CSI students are anti-high school. "They just sit at their tables and do their own thing, just like we do," said Mike Spennato, a college student. And Joseph Cardone does not see these students as a bother. He feels that it is a good thing having them on campus. "First of all, the cafeteria is for everyone. The kids are in one corner. There shouldn't be any conflicts because everyone's in their own groups. Second, having them here is a good thing because the kids can adjust themselves and know what to expect when they go to college."

"I graduated high school and frankly I don't want to hang with the kiddies anymore," said student Jamie Desposito. "There is no reason for a twenty year old to have lunch at school with her fourteen year old sister."

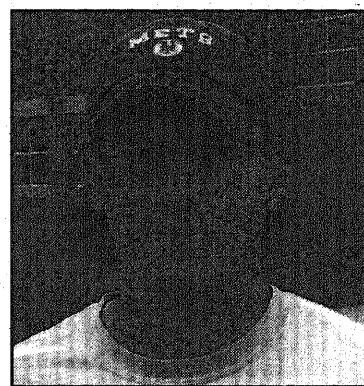
Desposito continued, "Having them here reminds you are at CSI, a local school, and not somewhere with more prestige. This high school is just one more reason for people to go away to school."

Ramphal looks at this from a different perspective. "This is an environment in which the educational opportunities are very prestigious. We have the best professors, over 12,000 students, and having a high school makes us a prestigious school. The simple fact is that it is a high school for international studies which teaches different languages including Chinese and Spanish, leadership roles, conflict resolution, debate, and negotiation."

Cardone agrees with Ramphal's idea that CSI serves as a good influence for this high school while creating a better learning environment for them. "They will look at us and see how hard-working we are and realize that they really have to step up their game after high school," Cardone said.

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goes to school, and I'm fairly certain he eats and sleeps too. He has a best friend fit for a man, a beagle named Simon. Oh, the job he works is too good to be true. Rob Palmieri has the world's most perfect job for the world's most average guy. Rob works at a gas station attendant. It's just so fitting, isn't it? He works at a full service Exxon station where, ironically, I had just had my car inspected a week prior to our interview. I didn't remember him.



Just a typical young man, Rob Palmieri is an average guy among average guys.

A guy like Rob isn't quick to inject himself into a situation where he must discuss himself. You have to understand how difficult the task of opening up to a complete stranger, with whom the only trait they share is that both have the same professor who put them in this awkward situation in the first place, can be for someone like Rob. So in an effort to make him feel the most comfortable, I decided to let him make the decision of where we would get together.

What's the best place to meet Staten Island's most average guy? Why, Starbucks of course. As I pulled into the Circuit City parking lot, Rob leaned on the corner of the brand name coffee house. Standing there in the usual Rob uniform consisting of sneakers, shorts, t-shirt and Mets hat, he uneasily awaited my arrival. We met in front of the shop, went in and ordered. I had an Earl Grey Tea and he drank a venti caramel macchiato (a very common drink by the way) and sat down to begin the assignment.

First off, he describes himself as a lover of life and who wants not much more than to travel and see the world. The most traveling he has done so far has been a three day voyage to

Memphis, Tennessee to see his favorite band, 311. "It was the most defining moment in my life," he said. "I felt free."

The love of his life is music. He doesn't consider himself to be an avid concert goer even though he has seen his favorite band seventeen times. Rob plays the drums but only for himself. He has never played in a band and has no inclination to. "Music makes Rob who he is," said his girlfriend Allison Pearce. "It's his favorite thing and without it, Rob would be a completely different person. Music makes him happy no matter what."

Aside from music, Rob is an ardent sports fan. Our interview was delayed a few hours so he could finish watching the New York Jets football game. As far as sports go, his passion lies with hockey. He looks like a hockey fan with his mullet haircut and tattoos. "The most uplifting moment of my life was the first time I scored a goal," said Palmieri.

When it comes to school, Rob takes it easy. In no great rush to graduate, he takes things slow while enjoying his college years. Never too concerned about grades, and a bit lazy when it comes to school work, Rob settles for mediocre scores.

In five years, Rob hopes to earn his degree in media studies, have a job somewhere in the media field and begin to settle down for life in the middle class. Like anyone else, Rob hopes for happiness in life. No real particulars needed.

The thing about Rob Palmieri, he knows what makes him, well, him. He knows how unexciting of a person he is. When asked how he would write a profile about himself, he gave the question a lot of thought. After a long pause, Rob said, "Man, I don't envy you."

Primary Day Sees Voter Apathy

Matt Safford

As commuters crowded into the St. George Ferry Terminal during morning rush hour, on their way to Manhattan and beyond, many hunched over newspapers proclaiming primary wins for state and local politicians. Few would-be ferry riders were talking at all. And no one was talking politics.

When asked about the elections, several commuters who declined to go on record confessed general disinterest. Politics hardly seemed to be on the com-

muters' minds, primary politics even less so.

Massoud "Max" Yazdani, 58, the Iranian-born proprietor of M & M Deli and Grocery near the ferry, seemed to concur, at least in part. "Since it was a primary, even though I usually vote," said Yazdani, "...being one person and taking care of so many different things, it wasn't really easy for me to close my business and go."

But Yazdani, also an adjunct math professor at Baruch and The College of Staten Island, says the November gener-

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band. His particular liking of beats of songs convinced him to take up the drums. He, along with a band of his peers, played spring concerts and various other music oriented events. "I felt so powerful and so united when we all played," said Nudleman, when he spoke of his experience in the school band. Playing even the simplest of songs gave him a sense of fulfillment that would eventually fuel his love for creating musical pieces of his own- in his own style.

The surfacing of hip-hop and DJ oriented music in a mainstream culture during into the 1980's opened doors to new musical possibilities for Nudleman. When he was still a young kid, he listened to, and began emulating some of his favorite artists. Famous musicians and pop stars, such as Michael Jackson and various old-school hip-hop artists, were on the top of his list of people he admired. He would become fully enveloped in hip-hop culture during his teen years, when Eminem rose in popularity. This would mark the beginning of his long-term ambition.

David's parents, Barry and Dianne, are supportive of their son even though they do not like the type of music that he likes. In his early years, his mother questioned hip-hop music and all the negative things for which it stood. "That's not too positive music," she used to say to her son. "They're all talking about guns and portraying women negatively." Whenever she told him that, he would respond, "I just love the beat and flow of the song." This says a lot about what he drew out of his love for that type of music.

Nudleman began creating his own music in his teenage years, when a friend told him about a studio they could use. Fifty dollars an hour was what his time was worth. He used up a great deal of his own money to produce his beats and sing his own lyrics. He would eventually go on to produce full-length albums and demos. His first album was made when he was only 16, and other albums soon followed. He differs from most rappers because the lyrics he writes have positive messages to them instead of the mainly negative messages you hear in almost every rap song.

A few years ago Nudleman began putting together a list that he called "Mission Impossible." The list contained things that were needed in order to create his own studio in his home. It took some time but he has now completed the studio list. The studio itself is not as fancy as most professional studios are but it serves its purpose well. He uses it on a regular basis to produce his own beats and songs.

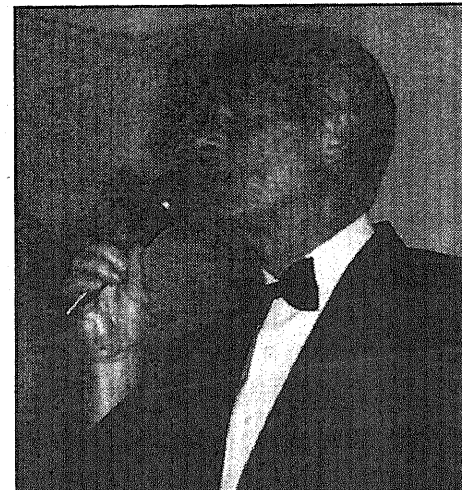
Nudleman's future is a hopeful one, full of plans and ambition. Even if his goals for the future in the field of music do not work out, he would pursue a career in advertising or possibly starting his own chair company. He understands that the music industry is a tough business to break into but he always keeps a positive outlook on his path, much like the lyrics to his songs. "You might not always win, but you'll get experience from losing," his lyrics say. "A bumpy road is worth it, if in the end I am cruising."

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al elections are much more important. "That's the day you really feel you are doing something," said Yazdani. "You put your trust in somebody's hand, you know?"

Primaries traditionally have lower voter turnout than general elections, and the unbalanced nature of many races likely discouraged some from voting.



John Spencer (F) will take on Hillary Clinton (D) in the NY Senate race. Photo: Google

Yesterday's news proclaimed the major races were all-but locked up, and today's results proved the reporters right: Spitzer and Clinton took more than 80% of the vote for governor and U.S. Senate, respectively, and Cuomo easily defeated Mark Green for the Democratic attorney general nomination.

Christoph Mayer, 35, a German immigrant, musician and landscaper who lives and works around St. George, says voting is important, but that other actions have more impact.

"The problem is definitely the two-party system of the United States," said Mayer. "People should do something politically or join various groups...that makes a difference in the end and it also makes a difference on Staten Island. Different groups that stick together can make a change."

"Bush, or whoever is president," said Mayer, "affects us less than who is doing what in the community."

And building community is what this Tompkinsville resident is all about. He hopes to bring a greater awareness to local issues and culture by creating a website that covers the North Shore area of Staten Island. The site is still a work in progress, but he hopes it will have a positive impact on Islanders once it's finished.

Yazdani also plays his part in making people more active and getting them to the polls once they leave his deli.

"I always encourage my customers. I never say who to vote for," said Yazdani. "We discuss that. But I always encourage people to make sure to vote."

And though he is a strong advocate for voting in general, he doesn't lament his primary lapse.

"Even though I didn't vote yesterday for the primary" said Yazdani, "I don't feel a loss...If there was something between a democrat and a republican, or other parties, I'm sure I would have gone and voted."



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Editor's Note

As Fall approaches, we welcome crisp weather, sweaters, and most importantly season premieres. From House to The Office to some crazy reality show, fall programming is like Christmas for slackers needing an excuse to put off studying or writing a paper, and even for the workaholics who look forward to 60 minutes of relaxation with their favorite TV docs, convicts, or comedic duos. However, brows were raised as one of the most popular and highly anticipated reality shows debuted with an incredible reality check for its audience - the existence of racial divisions. Specifically, I am responding to a spate of homophobic letters The Banner recently received.

In the September 5th issue of the Banner, I along with the rest of the staff, agreed to run an article and a series of nine photos under the headline, "Have a Gay Old Time!"

Accompanying this article was a photo spread of NYC's Gay Pride Parade. There was no second guessing. The pictures were fun, colorful, and full of life.

As I read through many Letters to the Editor, I was actually surprised at the negative response the photo spread—not the article—received. Some students found it appalling and even questioned if "we" were ready for these kinds of images. To those who were offended, I apologize. When making the decision to use the photos, I accidentally thought college students would be less ignorant. Oops! Is there any egg on my face?

This isn't the 1960's, we've moved on, right? Not exactly. Take a walk around campus and most likely you'll see students hanging out with others of their own race, social class, fashion sense, or taste in music. Whether it's a feeling of comfort or a preservation of culture, everyone has a reason why they are drawn to the people they befriend. But what's the point? There's no diversity, no understanding, and especially no tolerance. But that's Staten Island—the closed-minded borough. Everyone's afraid to think independently, to be who they are, and most importantly accept others not like them.

The Banner supports CSI's LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) community. The administration and student body must work together to promote unity and acceptance on this campus. It is the voices of those few small minded individuals who have complicated the already difficult process of acceptance.

We will continue to address issues pertinent to the LGBT population. Stay tuned for more homosexual hijinks, as Coming Out Day (October 11) approaches.

-Melissa Secharan

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: Recent CSI Grad Loses Life-long Battle With Asthma

I was really moved by the story of how this young girl, so full of life, accomplished so much in such a short period of time. However, I was disappointed that there was no caption below the picture of Andrea.

- Nicole Castellano

I enjoyed reading the article about Andrea Battista. It is important to write about other CSI students and their lives and achievements. It inspires others to do well.

-Jasmine Elhadidy

I knew Andrea for many years. I was shocked by her recent passing. She had a love for life and she was one of the most talented people I had the pleasure to work with.

- Elizabeth McNelis

I could not help but feel moved by this article. I have friends and a fiancé with asthma. I found the outline of Andrea's life to be encouraging. Matt Safford did an excellent job showing us the wonderful person Andrea was.

- Idelie Perez

Re: Sex & the Island

It's refreshing to see the types of conversations I have with my girlfriends in print. For the most part the entire article put a smile on my face and I'm sure it did so for many other readers as well, including males. The article was a nice guide for the single girl, but it was also good advice for those in relationships.

- Allison Pearce

When first reading these small articles, I thought to myself that this woman has no time on her hands to complain, bitch, and reminisce about her lost loves and interests. After reading your small guide on being single and living the fabulous life, I must commend you on a job well done. You have a strong voice and I can't wait to hear what else you have to say in the future.

- Mojeed Amusa

This section reminds us how easily girls forget about their friends. Everyone has that friend who is always saying: "Chicks before dicks," but nobody ever remains true to their words. Nicole did a great job in showing that point.

- Patrea Patterson

I can relate to this article on a personal level. All the guys on this Island are the same and are not at all worth it, this is why living the single life is great. You can do what you want without being questioned: why? when? and where?

- Beatrice Cherrony

Despite being a male, I really related to Nicole Bonelli's article. Well, maybe not the "sexy underwear" part, but rather her views on relationships, breakups, and of

course, sex. Although her article is genuine, I believe an alternately posed male perspective would do the piece justice.

- Billy Kline

Re: Candy from Babies?

I personally feel that it is an outrage that CSI would even consider taking money from student activity fees to pay for a deficit caused by their lack of planning.

- Laura Parnizari

It's great to see an article published in The Banner, which shows the length that the student government will go to help out their peers. For us not involved in student government, it seems more like a "behind the scenes" operation. Good work to the student government for fighting back so strongly over the student activity fees.

- Stasiu Tyburski

I applaud AJ Ramphal for his act of persistence to fight the CSI Association following the meeting at the end of last semester. Being the student's voice is not an easy task and I would like to thank him for preventing the Association from taking money from student activity funded groups.

- Mohamed Zahriah

Re: ASK Someone Who Cares

Maybe you should try giving some real advice instead of some lame ones. I understand you're trying to be funny and all, but this is kind of useless when someone seeks real advice.

- Jihane Tamri

I don't think this column is funny nor do I think it's appropriate. Students are reaching out to you and your staff with problems, some being serious, or questions

that they may have, and it is being looked at as a joke.

- Marisa Schaefer

Re: We're Here and We're Queer

This is in response to the color photos of the gay pride parade. I feel that some of the pictures displayed on page seven are inappropriate, disturbing, and to an extent, frightening. The material and some of the text on a few of the pictures may offend some people. I understand that it is a matter of free speech and freedom of the press to print such material, but keep in mind the variety and age of the people who pick up the paper and read it.

- Matthew Roca

Are we ready for gay exposés? An article in The Banner on page 7 contains photos of gay men holding each other and kissing. I don't believe we are ready for this sort of exposure. Is it probable that they may have been toned down, or can be?

- David Martinez

Re: CSI Athletics Launches New Website

It has always been difficult to get fans to come to games here at CSI, and a website with broad new features and a new look may change people's mind about attending games.

- Stephen Spagnoli

Re: CSI to Host First Ever History Day

I hope it focuses on the history of Willowbrook because what happened to its patients here should not be forgotten.

- Donald C. Vroomer

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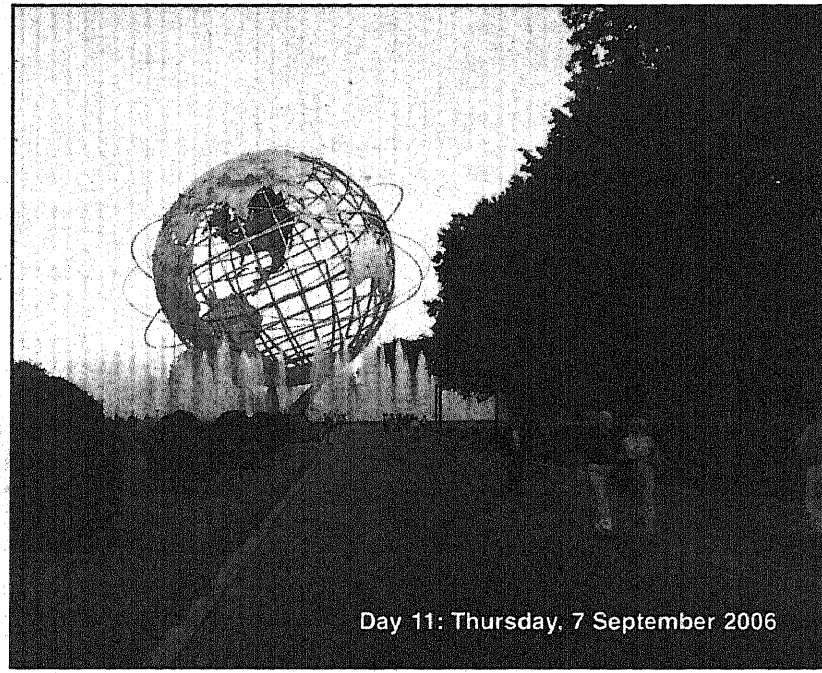
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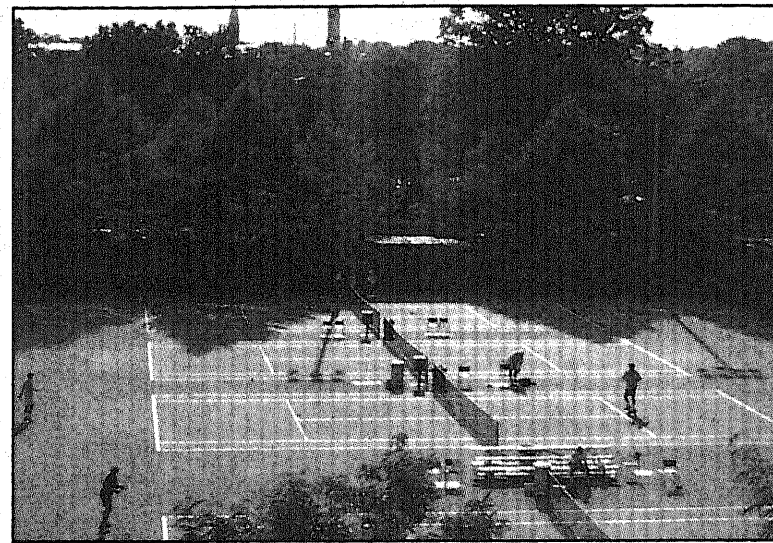
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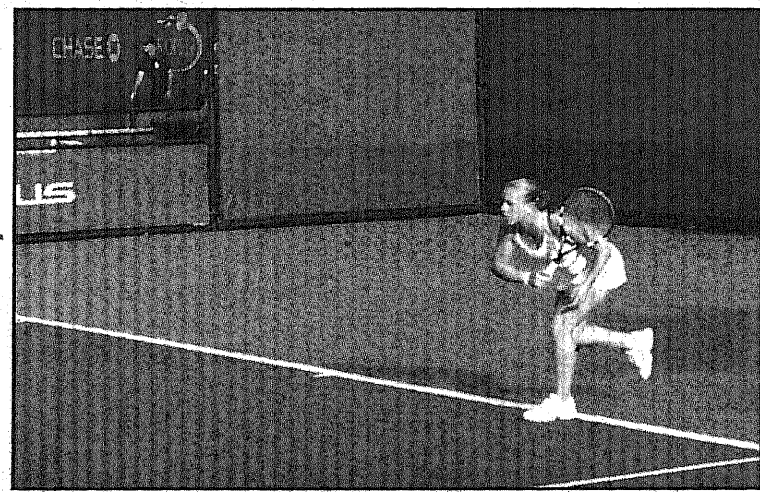
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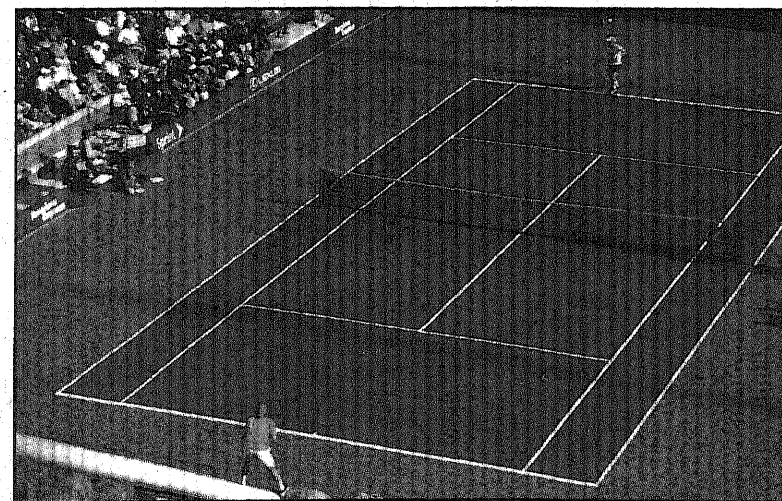
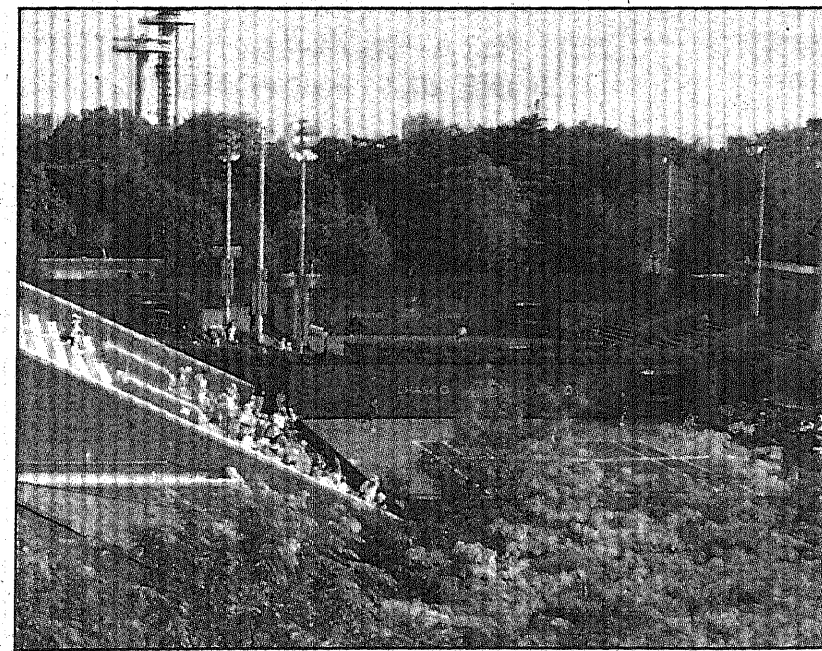
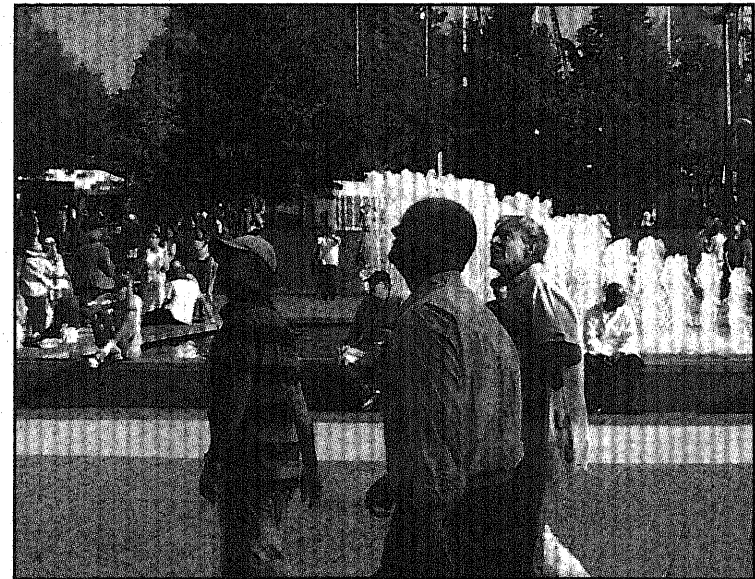
The retiring legend, Martina Navratilova, is practicing before the last Grand Slam women's doubles match in her life. This year she quit tennis for the second time at the US Open by winning the mixed double title with Bob Bryan.

US OPEN

Photos by Lucie Lauria



Katerina Vankova, a young Czech player, reached Jr. Girls' semi-finals by defeating Pervakova from Russia, 6-3, 6-3.



It was one of the few sunny afternoons at the US Open, with Davidenko making a stirring comeback when he recovered from two sets down to beat Tommy Haas 4-6, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4, to reach semi-finals on Thursday.

9/11 Memorial

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Take comfort in the number of people whose hearts bleed for you each day."

Ramphal described the surreal moment when he learned America had been attacked. He was attending high school in Guiana, and felt an uneasiness and underlying sense of panic as people moved about the hallways. He watched in disbelief as the disturbing images flashed on the television screen.

English Professor, Cate Marvin read two poems, one entitled "Half the People in the World," and an original poem entitled "On Trying to Write a Poem After 9/11/01."

"Living in Staten Island has brought me closer to people who were directly affected by 9/11," she said. "I feel really honored to be a part of this."

Everyone had their own reasons for

attending the service. "I think it is important that we pay tribute to all the people that we have lost," said nursing major, Jonathan Schector, 19. "People are starting to forget what happened. We can't ever forget." For some, the passage of time did little to tarnish the vivid memories of that tragic day. "I felt broken," said nursing major, Adam Mayo, 22. "I couldn't get in touch with the people I cared about."

Music major and cellist, Eric Cooper, 21, believes that music helps the healing process. He happily accepted the administration's invitation to play at the service. Cooper instinctively picked "Sarabande in D-Minor" by Bach. "It conveys a sense of peaceful sorrow," he said. "At the end it feels like it comes to a deep breath."

As the ceremony came to a close, everyone observed a moment of silence, after which Dean Soto invited those in attendance to place a white carnation on the site.



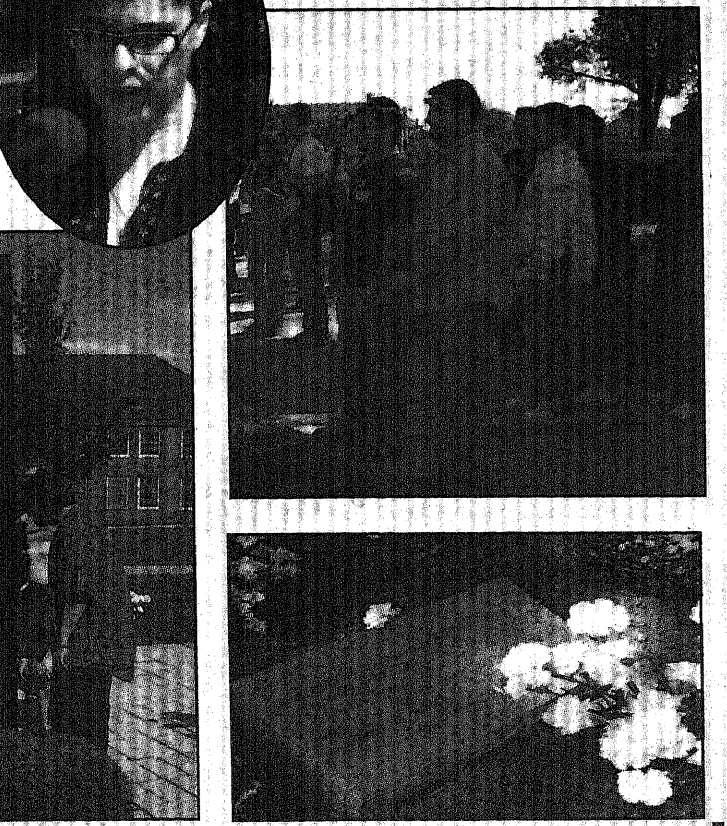
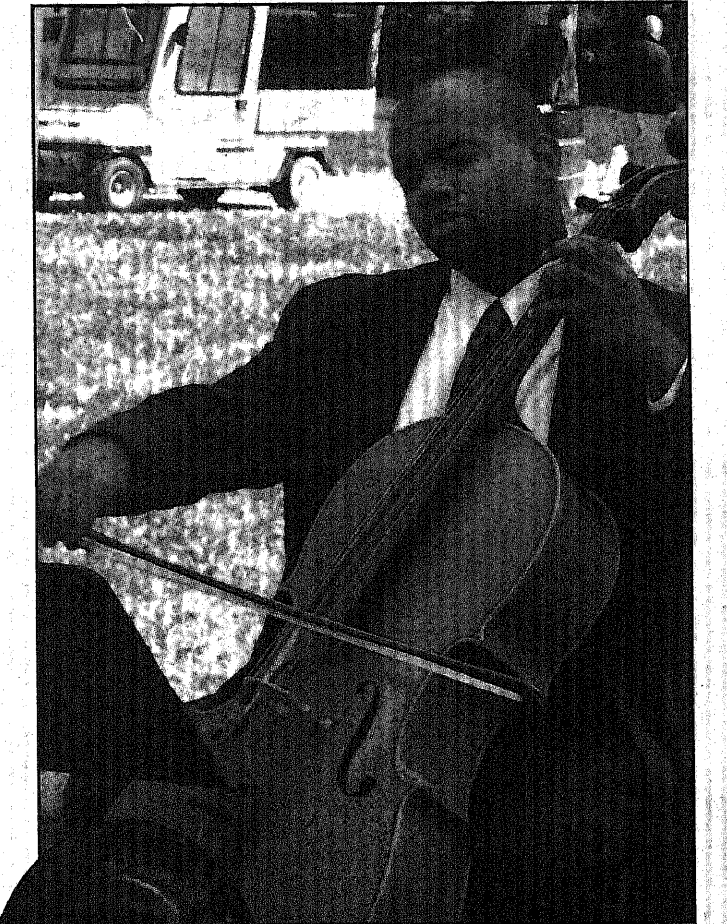
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On Trying to Writing a Poem After 9/11/01

Can it not be a workable piece of art, a whole with its parts and a heart, with a part for those I think of when dining alone, walking alone, sitting in theatres with myself? Because I know each has a heart whose residence is not far from my own, in that grander scope, in that fibrous link of sleep, and each allows me with their hands and hearts to have a part with my own heart, so that when I see no one today, I know my friends of this shackling world.

A morning glory grows over and over itself, forces bloom after violet bloom in the alley. Black spots hop at my foot's step in twilight: crickets. We arched ourselves to see it coming down. A thousand times slowed to agony, or furious in the background, or still yet, it's toppling brought into sharper focus: the coming down unspeakable. Yet, the thing has made me, alone, call upon the arts of their hearts, has called all their parts back to me, to tell me that a who did not end.

—Professor Cate Marvin





Nationwide survey finds 9 out of 10 Neglected Housewives Agree Once You Go Black You Never Go Back.

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Has-Been Popstar Announces He's Gay and No One Cares.

"I was hoping coming out of the closet would garner some buzz and publicity, but the public's apathy is doing nothing for my comeback CD: *Taking it in the SexyBack*."

-Tim Justinlake

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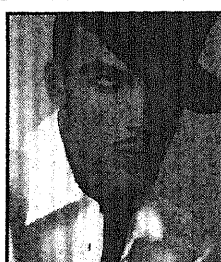
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Satan Sues Christianity For Deformation of Character

Beacon Justice Bureau



"I have style and flair," says Satan.

Satan the Devil has filed suit against the Christian church because of what he calls their slanderous depiction of his character. The Bible, a New York Times Bestseller with

trillions of copies in print, has pegged the Devil as a wicked, deceiving, and master of all evil. He has made previous attempts to have the church re-edit the Bible to remove what he called fabrications, but decided to take legal actions after thousands of years of failed talks.

In a press conference at his Hamptons estate, the Devil had this to say: "The church has been hatin' on me since the beginning of time, bro. You've all read the lies, the fiction. It's all just a fabrication of the reality of the situation, you know what I'm sayin'? The Bible says I'm an ill tempter of souls, defiler of good, inciter of wars, and kicker of puppies. Okay, sure, I've down some wicked things in my day—I'm not too proud of my goat-legged phase, but, hey, that was the style at time, bro—regardless, I'll be damned if I let you chumps get away with calling me an inciter of wars! Anybody ever hear of a little something called the Crusades? The Spanish Inquisition? Bush's war on terrorism? Whose name was evoked in all these instances? That's right! My old man, the G-O double D. More people have died, been killed, and tortured in Gods name than mine."

And that's my beef, bro. The Bible has damaged my image. It paints me as this radical nutcase, and no one takes me seriously. The people who worship me are a bunch of inbred retards that sacrifice rats in my name. That's ain't cool, bro! I've done plenty for humanity. If it wasn't for me giving you ungrateful tools the forbidden fruit, you'd still be in Eden with fig leaves on your privates looking for a bush to crap behind. Technology, baby! All me. Internet, iPods, space travel, Hollywood (Disney, especially), fast cars! I love my Dad and all, but he's way old school, bro. He's not down with the times. He's got no style, no flair. Metrosexuals—that was me, too. The church needs to be getting their facts str-

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Bush Says Americans Aren't Afraid Enough in His State of Fear Address

Beacon Washington Correspondent

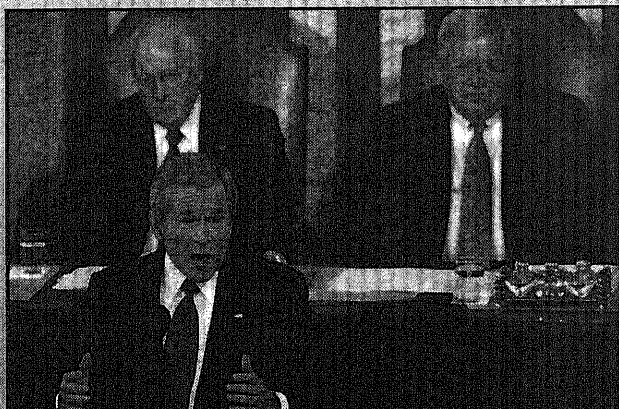
WASHINGTON, DC—In his annual State of Fear Address Tuesday, President Bush expressed his concern that Americans aren't as scared as they should. Because instilling fear in the public is what the Bush administration relies on to distraction attention away from their failures. This lack of fear has lead Americans to begin questioning the competence of President Bush and his Cabinet.

"Fear in America is waning, and this is not good," said Bush with his deer-caught-in-headlights look. "This has led to the American people to second guess my actions, and raised question about the legitimacy of the war in Iraq. Let me tell you this, there's plenty to fear. Be afraid. Be very afraid."

During his hour-long speech

filled with errs, uhs, and blank stares, President Bush stated there was still plenty to be afraid about. "Al-Qaeda, folks," Bush said with a southern twang. "They're still out there and plotting against us. Iran, North Korea. Did you all forget the Axis of Evil, already? They could launch a nuke any minute!" Bush went on

to say the only way to safeguard America is to give him absolute confidence, and quit bothering with questions about the path our nation is heading. "Global warming, conservation, and gay rights. These are all issues that are distracting people from



President Bush, Vice President Cheney and some other guy at the State of Fear Address.

the issues that are most important, which is to live in fear of potential terrorist attacks. Giving me a hard time only embiggens the terrorists."

Another issue brought up had to do with Bush's MySpace profile, which

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Smack-talker Oblivious Severe Ass-kicking Is Imminent

SPRINGFIELD, PA—Jive-talking, loud-mouth braggart Shaun Hoskins, 17, doesn't know it yet, but he is in store for a hefty come-uppance. Known to be a loud, abrasive jerk, sources close to Hoskins say his vulgar and belittling comments have gone too far, and he is ripe for a major-league ass whooping.

Although friends tend to brush off his asinine remarks, his behavior during intense Xbox 360 competition crossed the line. Toby Hofmann had organized a get together last Saturday at his home where he invited Hoskins and mutual friends for a night of playing videogames,

drinking, and eating salty snack treats. Smack-talk and bragging are common-

place in videogame competition, but Hoskins' consecutive wins over his friends in Madden 2007 gave him a false sense of superiority.

"I don't know what came over him," said Hofmann. "He started talking mad crap, and taking personal shots at us that were totally uncalled for." One such insult involved Hoskins scoring a touchdown, and then saying to Hofmann that he would impregnate his 13 year-old-sister, and force an abortion. The comment left everyone flabbergasted.

The verbal assault only got worse.

Hoskins took cheap shots at the other five individuals present. "After intercepting a

pass, Shaun said he'd rape me, and make me fall in love with him," said Adam Pavlarty, 16. Hoskins went on to insult all their mothers, and questioned everybody's sexual preferences. All while laughing obnoxiously.

Hoskins unruly behavior could be blamed on the four Mike's Hard Lemonades he drank earlier that night. Hofmann plans on holding another get together this Saturday, and says he will invite Hoskins, but cautioned there would be a violent altercation if Hoskins repeated his offense. It is likely

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Shaun Hoskins likely to receive a serious stomping at next week's Xbox 360 play session.

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"Gibson is a fraudulent, and his acting is subpar at best."



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Sex and the Island

Nicole Bonelli's

Is that a Wookiee in your pants, or are you just glad to see me?

Your date is coming to an end, and if you're lucky, you'll end up going upstairs for more than a cup of coffee and a discussion about the meaning of life. The sexual heat will lead you to attack each other like wild hyenas, and your clothes will drop faster than Britney Spears' career. But even luck can't save you if your partner (or, god forbid, you!) have forgotten to mind the hedge. Hairy situations can make the horniest horn dog turn to Viagra, and will most likely send a woman on a celibacy kick.

When it comes to the region down south, it's all a matter of opinion and personal taste. (No pun intended). I'm not going to tell all the girls to go for the bald eagle, and suggest that all guys have to shave their balls, but I am going to fill you in about the alternatives to managing the hair down there.

RAZOR BURN

For both sexes, shaving is the most popular hair removal process, so it was the first one I tried. Although this is the "quick fix" method, it has its downsides. Just think about how it feels when you are taking part in your daily shaving routine, and you cut yourself. Painful right? When you cut yourself down there, the skin is extra sensitive, so it usually feels like you're being stabbed with a bunch of little knives. Irritation marks are also common, and those little red bumps in that area that looks like you contracted an STD probably won't turn your partner on. Shaving also causes more hair development when it grows back, (which is usually in a day or so.) For an area that once had one hair, about five will sprout out.

Shaving, clearly, was not the answer. What else could I do?

COOCHIE CREAM

If you have ever seen those "Who wears short shorts commercials", you know what a depilatory cream is. These creams are left on the selected area of skin for a few minutes, and when washed away, the hair is "magically" gone. Although this method is speedy, and rather cheap, it doesn't always remove the hair in one shot. Repeating this method too many times can lead to bleeding, irritation, and actually burning off layers of your skin. The scent of these creams is also very powerful, and will leave your privates smelling like cucumbers and rotten eggs.

WAXIN' DA 'HOOD

About a week later, I grew enough balls to do what would make most women want to go "all natural", and would have more men holding on to their balls for dear life. Waxing is not only painful and expensive; it's probably a more awkward experience than hearing your parents talk about their sex life. The procedure, as I like to call it lasted for about twenty minutes. These twenty minutes consisted of lying on a table with my legs up in the air as a woman pulled hot wax off my "love box". If she told me one more time to life my legs up higher, because she knew I had "an inner gymnast in me," I might have kicked her in the face because I was in so much pain. The end results left my "area" as smooth as a baby's bottom, but the pain factor gave me the urge to smoke some pot. If you are brave enough to see what all the hype is about, don't worry about the red

bumps. As the girl that waxed me proceeded to inform me that, "It's not Herpes, it's just skin irritation. Save yourself the trip to the doctor and the cost of the co pay."

SHOCKTAPUSSY

Like the name sounds, this method "shocks" the hair out of you. The hair grows back thinner and weaker until it eventually dies. If you have tried other forms of hair removal, the hair has probably become more stubborn than someone with commitment issues. High amounts of discomfort should be expected after the method. After several treatments, the hair is permanently gone. If you can't deal with being "naked" down there for the rest of your life, this isn't for you.

PHOTONICS

Laser hair removal involves a use of a "laser", (an Austin Power's joke) to zap the hair from the root. Each treatment can vary from about five to twenty minutes. This method, like electrolysis, takes several treatments in order for the client to be fully satisfied, so it can get pretty expensive. The outcome of the procedure depends on your hair color, only working best on darker shades. The area that is being treated can not be exposed to the sun for a few weeks. (For all of you people that have trouble keeping your clothes on.)

FURBURGER TRIM

Trimming is for people who can't fully part with their pubic hair, but what to keep that area neat. This method lets you avoid being itchy like shaving does once the hair starts to grow back. That's right; there will no longer be an excuse

for you to stick your hands down your pants in public. Like shaving though, it allows you to do it in the privacy of your own home, so you don't have to bear your privates to a complete stranger. Trimming also allows your inner Picasso to shine. Have nothing to do on a rainy day? Need a new hobby? You can now design your pubic hair in various shapes and designs.

THE FINAL CUT

It's always comforting that when you are going downtown, that you are not introduced to Chewbacca, spitting out pubic hair every four seconds, or having to ask your partner if there is anything stuck in your teeth. For men, taking care of their "jewels" actually makes their penis look fiercely larger. Ok, maybe using the word fiercely is too dramatic, but if you aren't packing much in the meat department, the grooming technique of your choice will probably score you a few points. For women, I think I have to speak for all of us, but there is nothing sexy about too much hair down there. Besides the fact that you need a weed whacker in order to navigate the area, I can promise you that you'll feel five pounds lighter when you tame that beast. Just remember, before pleasing your partner, make sure you do what makes you feel comfortable. Until next time, happy grooming.

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XBOX LIVE arcade

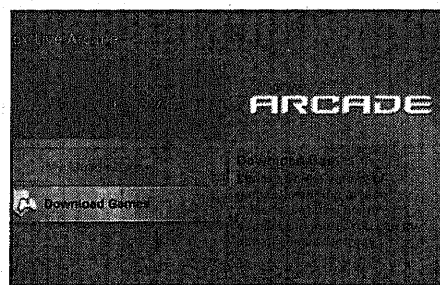
It's So Much Fun and Easy to Do

Dominic Fiduccia

When Xbox 360 made its debut on November 22, 2005 it marked the beginning of the newest era in videogames called the HD era by Peter Moore, the Vice President of Retail Sales and Marketing for Microsoft.

While Xbox 360 has games like Call of Duty 2, Project Gotham Racing 3, and Dead or Alive 4, the system features a lot of extras that are meant to enhance the gaming experience, the most notable being the Xbox Live Arcade. The online service made its debut back on November 3, 2004 for the original Xbox. It allowed players to have access to about a dozen classic early 1980's arcade games, but the service was completely overhauled and updated to the format that it is today to accommodate the Xbox 360.

Xbox Live Arcade games are purchased using Microsoft Points. Since these points are distributed by Microsoft they are not legal tender. The Points are

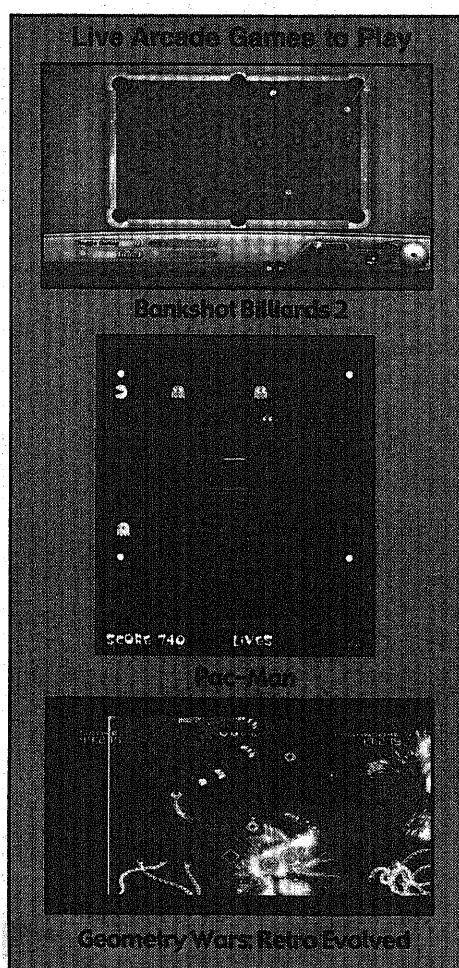


not tied to any particular currency, allowing for international use whether you live here in America or in Japan, France, or wherever, you are able to use Microsoft Points. When comparing points to American money, it ranges from \$5-\$15. 400 points = \$5, 800 = \$10, and 1200 points = \$15. Most games are either 400 or 800 points. Currently, only one game is 1200 points: Bankshot Billiards 2 from PixelStorm.

What makes the Xbox Live Arcade popular is the easy access of being able to just pickup and play fun, simple, and addictive games. While some of the best games are distributed by Microsoft like Gauntlet, Pac-Man, and Street Fighter II,

there are a lot of great non-arcade titles available. One of the most notable is Geometry Wars: Retro Evolved. The gameplay is very simple: stay alive as long as possible by avoiding crashing into geometric enemies. The player controls a simple "ship" with the left thumbstick and shoots with the right. The weapon system is upgradeable, but only through the point system, upgrading every 2,500 points. The only other control offered is through the left or right triggers, detonating a "smart-bomb" that destroys everything on the screen. Smart bombs should be used as a last resort, as they do not reward any points for any enemies they destroy. New smart bombs are rewarded every 25,000 points. New lives are awarded every 20,000 points. In Geometry Wars Evolved, the player gets a new weapon upgrade at 10,000 points, new lives every 75,000 points and new bombs every 100,000 points. The player's weapon randomly changes after the first upgrade.

To be continued...



KHAKI CLAD CROCODILE HUNTER DIES IRONIC DEATH

AnnMarie Costella

On September 4th, Australia mourned the loss of a national treasure. Steve Irwin; 44, best known for his Crocodile Hunter documentaries on the cable network Animal Planet, died tragically after he was pierced through the heart by a stingray barb. The accident occurred while the khaki-clad wildlife warrior was scuba diving near Australia's Barr Reef.

Irwin was taking a break from filming his new documentary entitled "Ocean's Deadliest" and decided to secretly swim about in shallow water amongst the rays. While cameraman Ben Cropp filmed the scene, Irwin planned to give the footage to his daughter for use on her upcoming Discovery Kids show.

Stingrays are normally peaceful creatures, who only use their poisonous tails in self-defense. According to investigators, Irwin did not threaten or provoke the animal in any way. Nevertheless, the 240 lb. bull ray swung its spiky tail fatally wounding Irwin.

Immediately after he was struck, Irwin pulled the barb out of his chest.

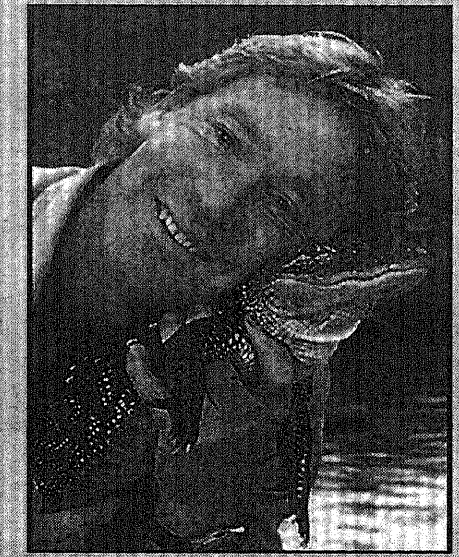
The crew aboard his research vessel CrocOne, desperately tried to stop the bleeding as they waited for a rescue team to arrive. Unfortunately, Irwin died within seconds.

Police and other close sources who viewed the footage of Irwin's final moments, called the video, "horrific," "shocking," and "too upsetting." It is unlikely that it will ever be shown to the public. "It shows that Steve came over the top of a stingray and the stingray's barb went up and went into his chest and put a hole into his heart," said producer and manager, John Stainton. "He died doing what he loved best."

Throughout his numerous documentaries, Irwin was often seen getting bitten by a wide variety of animals that included everything from snakes to crocodiles. "I would never blame an animal if it bit me, that is for sure, because I'm at fault, not them," Irwin said. "I heal so quickly, I tell you what, if you cut my arm off I would grow a new one."

Close friends believed that while Irwin was at home in the outback, oceanic adventures posed a threat that he wasn't used to. "You think about all

the documentaries we've made and all the dangerous situations that we have been in, you always think "is this it, is this the day that may be his demise," said Stainton. "Nothing would ever scare



Steve or would worry him. He didn't have a fear of death at all.

Steve Irwin's life was filled with many great achievements, but it was not without controversy. In 2004, he was scolded by the Queensland Department of Family Services after he was seen feeding a large crocodile while holding his then one month old son, Bob, in his arms. Irwin drew further criticism when

he was filmed frolicking with humpback whales, playful penguins, and leopard seals, in breach of Antarctica's wildlife laws. Irwin did admit that while he had achieved worldwide popularity for his over the top Aussie persona, and catchphrase "Crikey!" that he felt some Australians found him "a little bit embarrassing."

Steve Irwin was born in Melbourne, Australia on February 22, 1962. He learned to love animals at an early age. In 1973, his parents Bob, a plumber, and Lyn, a nurse, moved the family to Queensland, where they opened a wildlife park. In 1991, Irwin took over the family business and renamed it the Australia Zoo.

Irwin will be remembered as a larger than life figure, whose love of nature enriched the world. "He touched my heart, I believed in him," said actor and friend, Russell Crowe. "Steve was the Australian we should all aspire to be." Irwin is survived by wife, Terri and two children, daughter, Bindi and son, Bob. "I am quite shocked and distressed at Steve Irwin's untimely and freakish death. It's a huge loss to Australia," said Prime Minister, John Howard. "I was a wonderful character. He was a passionate environmentalist. He brought joy, entertainment and excitement to millions of people."

Are You Ready For Some Football...Movies?

John De Petro

It's finally here, the most wonderful time of the year for any red-blooded American. Football season is back. The wait has been long this past off season, but if you simply just can't endure the long, grueling days before you get to Sunday, here are four of the best football movies made over the last fifteen years. So turn off Madden and give your thumbs a rest. Let these movies feed your football addiction.



RUDY: Each of us have our own version of the impossible dream. Some of us want to run for President, and some of us want to play center-field for the New York Yankees.

The things that separate those who fail and those who realize their goal are hard work, desire and heart. And no one has ever had more heart than Rudy.

Although not truly a football movie at its core, the 1993 release still delivers quite a sack to our emotions. Sean Astin portrays Daniel Rudy Ruettiger, a real life "little engine that could," who defied all odds to achieve his life long dream of playing football for his beloved Notre Dame Fighting Irish football team, if only for two plays.

The film inspires through the journey Rudy takes toward his goal. No championships are won and there are no last sec-

ond heroics. It's the roadblocks that he must run through in order to tackle his dream is what makes us root for this character and it's his determination to get up after being knocked down again and again that gives us chills when he's carried off the field.

Whatever game it is that we want to be a part of in life and even though we may be the little guy, Rudy makes us believe that we can play too. And if you don't shed a tear when little Danny Ruettiger finally gets accepted into Notre Dame, you don't have a soul.

Remember the Titans

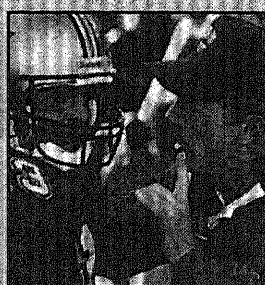


In 1971 Virginia high schools were still segregated by race. All except for T.C. Williams. Remember the Titans tells the true story of two separate but equal groups coming together to succeed despite the wishes of a town reluctant to change. Fighting their way through opponents and the issue of race, the Titans overcome all to finish off the perfect season.

Denzel Washington leads the cast as Herman Boone, the new head coach of a recently integrated high school football team and stars alongside the always dependable Will Patton. Patton plays Bill Yoast, the long-time head coach and future Hall of Famer who is replaced by Coach Boone.

While most sports films center on the sport itself, Remember the Titans uses the game of football as a metaphor for the world we live in. If we can all find away to work and

come together, we too can be perfect. **The Program** - What this film lacks in substance, it surely makes up for with its intensity and fun. The Program offers high testosterone football fervor in each and every one of its viewings.



Filled with college football clichés, the fictional ESU Timberwolves team is comprised of the hot-shot, Heisman trophy candidate quarterback who

has daddy issues, the running back trying to play his way out of the ghetto, the juiced up lineman who roils rages throughout the film, and so on.

James Caan heads the cast as head coach Sam Winters. As good of an actor as Caan is, he's never convinces us that he is a college head coach; pre-Oscar award winning Halley Berry co-stars. This particular performance is indicative how average of an actress she truly is.

The most memorable moment in the 1991 film can no longer be seen. Caving to outside pressures, the producing studio Disney edited out a controversial moment in which several members lay down in traffic in order to "blow off steam." Protesters claimed that this act was sure to be duplicated by impressionable youths watching the film.

Sure The Program has its faults. It's not a great movie by any stretch of the imagination but that doesn't mean that you won't love it despite its absurdities.

Friday Night Lights - Living in New York City, we just don't get how big high school football is in this country. On Friday's in the fall, the small towns that support these schools become deserted. Stores close, streets empty and the stadiums fill. No film sets this scene better than Friday Night Lights.

The story centers on head coach of the Permian Tigers, acted sincerely by Billy Bob Thornton. His players include the quiet, slightly in over his head quarterback and superstar tail back. We see how the coach sits on the hot seat week to week while these children he coaches are placed on pedestals and treated like gods when they're winning and discarded when they can no longer perform.

The most revealing film about the culture of high school football in America, Friday Night Lights, makes you cheer and weep for the kids under the intense spotlight that comes with playing in high-pressure places like Odessa, Texas.

If that's still not enough for you, check out The Longest Yard - Burt Reynolds not Adam Sandler. The Little Giants for some family-style football fun or go see Invincible starring Mark Wahlberg, still in theaters. Without question the greatest sports movie ever made about a special teams player. Ok movie fans, on two, ready, break!

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CSI's PR Strategy: Blame the Coach

Jennifer Miller

Many student athletes were angered by CSI's newly redesigned sports website, which ran an article that they believe implied that the embarrassing loss of the women's soccer season opener against St John Fischer College was the fault of the assistant coach, Melissa Neglia. The athletes, led by captain Bukurije Begai expressed anger to CSI's acting Athletic Director, Jason Fein.

"In no way did I feel that the article put the blame on Melissa for the loss," Fein said. "It tried to put some type of positive spin on the match by saying we were able to hold our own against such a tough, nationally ranked squad."

Assistant Coach Melissa Neglia acted as head coach for John Guagliardo. Guagliardo had received a red card during last year's Hudson Valley Championship game, which automatically required a one-game suspension. The Dolphins lost to St. John Fischer, a nationally ranked team who traveled from Syracuse, NY, 8-0. Later that day, the CSI sports website (www.csidolphins.com) highlighted the fact that Neglia had coached the team,

"who failed to manufacture a shot of off a stingy Cardinals defense," as stated in the article.

"In no way was it our intention to highlight Coach Neglia as the reason for our loss," Sports Information Director David Pizzuto said. "We want to always make sure everyone is represented fairly and the facts of the game get expressed. In this case, we feel that Coach Neglia coaching the team in the wake of Coach Guagliardo's suspension was newsworthy."

The team doesn't fault their assistant coach in any way for their loss. They all agreed that soccer is a team sport and one person cannot be faulted. "At the end of the year it might have been a lot more competitive," head coach Guagliardo said. "We had eight new starters on the field from last year. It's not an excuse, but it just takes time to gel."

"We were outplayed," Coach Guagliardo said. "It was a good thing for our ladies to see [St John Fischer] because they are nationally ranked. I want to take our team to that level."

"As the home school, and the ones on the losing side, it is not always possible to keep a positive tilt on a game,"

DOLPHINS STRUGGLE IN OPENER, FALL TO CARDINALS 8-0

MELISSA NEGLIA COACHES TEAM



CSI battled through an 8-0 defeat at the hands of the Cardinals.

The College of Staten Island Women's Soccer team opened the 2006 campaign with a loss, falling to the St. John Fischer College Cardinals by a score of 8-0 Friday afternoon at the CSI Soccer Complex in Willowbrook, NY.

For St. John Fischer, the eight goals were scored by five different players, including junior midfielder Dan Davis (G.Ray Budge/Baldwinsville, NY). Davis put forth a sensational effort, tallying 4 goals and an assist. Sophomore forward Kelly Zappettone (Greene Olympia/Rehoboth, NY) also helped anchor the offense, as she clipped in with a game-high 3 assists.

The Dolphins played the game without the guidance of Head Coach John Guagliardo, as the 3rd year coach of CSI was serving a one-game suspension, dating back to the 2005 season. Assistant Coach Melissa Neglia led the Dolphins, who failed to manufacture a shot of off a stingy Cardinals defense.

On a positive note for CSI, first year netminder Tim Bellocchio (St. John Villa/Staten Island) turned in a solid effort, managing 8 saves.

The Dolphins will look to bounce back as they travel to Rutgers-Newark to take part in the Scarlet Raider Classic Tournament. The tournament begins on September 28th, as CSI battles the Farmingdale State Rams at 5:00pm, and should they win that contest, they will advance to the Championship in day two of the tournament, which takes place a day later on September 30th.

For more information on the Scarlet Raider Classic Tournament, visit <http://scarletraiders.rutgers.edu>.

The article on the Athletic's Website, www.csidolphins.com, caused some hurt feelings on the Women's Soccer team.

Fein said. "That also would not be fair just in case blame really deserved to be placed on our squad. But in this, and the vast majority of cases, we look at ourselves much like a newspaper reporter would."

In addition to being posted on the website, the game recaps often get sent to news media outlets and to the opposing team.

"We try to give the facts of the game in a fair, concise, way, without editorializing," Fein emphasized.

Dolphins Soccer Give It all in Tournament

Jennifer Miller

NEWARK, September 8-The Women's soccer team fought back from a two-goal deficit to tie the Farmingdale State Rams in the Scarlet Raiders Classic on Friday in Newark.

With four minutes to play in the first half, Daniela Otaiza took a pass from Lauren Baydal and scored, cutting the Rams lead in half. Otaiza struck again, this time on a pass from Bukurije Begai in the 83rd minute, tying the score. The game headed to a sudden death twenty-minute overtime, but Tina Bellocchio's diving save kept the score even. The game went down as a 2-2 tie, but a coin toss decided who would move on to play in the championship game. The coin toss didn't go their way, so the Dolphins were to play in the consolation game at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The next day fared better for the Dolphins as they defeated the College of Saint Elizabeth 6-1. Fiosa Begai, Shannon Connelly, Danielle Narwick, and Tina Chechel (2) scored for CSI in the first half. Ariette Velovic, in her first

game for the Dolphins, capped the Dolphins scoring at 54:15 in the second half. The St. Elizabeth coach, with permission from the Dolphins, ended the game at the 70th minute, in part due to the extreme heat.

The Dolphins are now 1-1-1 on the season and will face Polytechnic University on 9/19 at 3:30 p.m. at CSI.

Meanwhile, the men's soccer team, although falling to Farmingdale State 5-4 in overtime, gave an impressive performance.

The Dolphins' Adeyinka Olowu gave CSI the lead on a pass from Drew Surmanek. The first half ended with the Dolphins leading 1-0, but Farmingdale tied the game in the 51st minute. Farmingdale took full advantage of the injury-plagued Dolphins by scoring three goals in five minutes, starting at the 74th minute mark. Those who counted the Dolphin's out, however, were in for a surprise as the Dolphins, despite playing short, scored three times to tie the score at four. Their final goal came with just 35 seconds left in the game, giving Olowu a hat trick. The

Dolphins would head to overtime but a goal by Farmingdale ended the game in the 97th minute. Dolphins' goalie, Ronaldo Btsh, earned nine saves in the game and gave a marvelous performance.

The consolation game the following day didn't fare much better for the Dolphins as they fell 4-1 to FDU Florham. Just like the previous day, however, the Dolphins gave it their all and played an impressive game. Joseph Fassari and Robert Wilkes went down in the first half with injuries, and without substitutes, the Dolphins once again had to play short. Wilkes came back for the second half and Olowu cut the deficit in half as he scored in the 56th minute. Goalie Ronaldo Btsh once again played an amazing game as FDU Florham pounded the Dolphin's net with 32 shots.

The Dolphins will face York College in a CUNY Conference game on 9/20 at 3:30 p.m. at CSI.

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