

# THE BANNER

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## Virginia Tech Shootings Leave CSI Campus on Edge

BY NICOLE BONELLI  
STAFF WRITER

**O**n April 26, CSI's community paid their respects to the 33 lives cut too short during what is now known as the Virginia Tech massacre.

The hour-long memorial allowed students to reflect both on the tragic event, and their lives. With speeches from Dr. Marlene Springer, Carol Jackson, Vice President of Student Affairs, students, and professors, joined in sorrowful solidarity as the names of those killed were read.

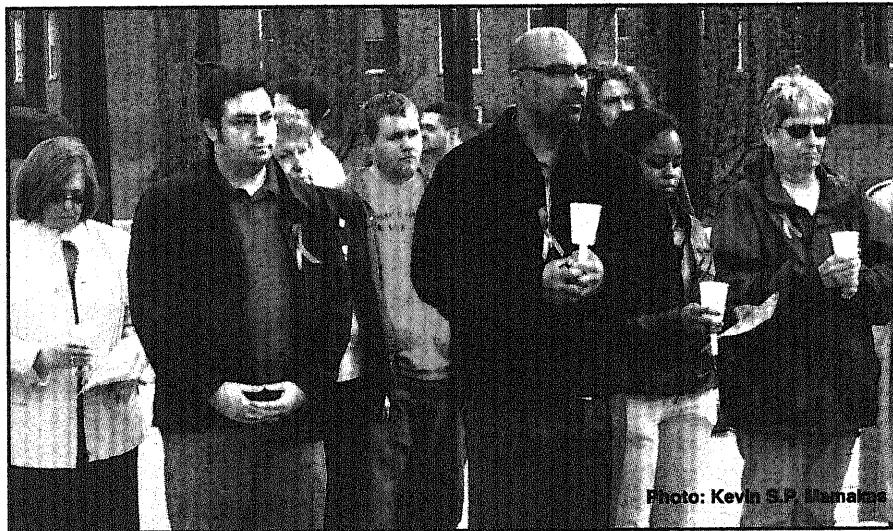
CSI students, faculty, and staff were left with an uneasy feeling in their stomachs after April 16.

According to officials, the gunman chained the doors shut during the second rampage, making it nearly impossible for students to get out - or for police to get in.

Since this horrific event, complaints have been made about the way the situation was handled. Why

weren't any actions taken immediately after the first shootings in the dorms? What if the campus

declined interviews, Carol Jackson, Vice President of Student Affairs and Robert Huber, Director of Marketing



police and university officers didn't lead a private investigation? These are a few of the unanswered questions as Public Safety officers around the country review their crisis plans.

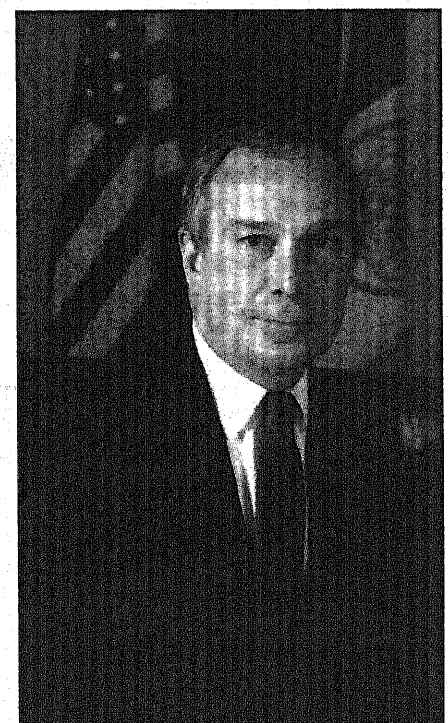
While CSI's public safety

and Public Relations, were compliant in placing everyone's minds at ease.

"We did meet as an administration to review our policies and proce-

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## Bloomeberg Officially Confirmed As This Year's Commencement Speaker



Mayor Michael Bloomberg will be the Speaker for the May 31 Commencement Ceremony. Vice President for Student Affairs Carol Jackson made an official announcement at the April 25 Association Meeting.

Bloomberg was elected the 108th Mayor as a Republican in 2001, and was reelected to a second term in 2005. Forbes Magazine currently ranks him as the 44th richest person in the United States and the 142nd richest billionaire in the world, which explains why he only accepts the minimum mayoral salary, \$0.01 a year.

Bloomberg is well know by New Yorkers for donating his own money, more then \$125 million, towards an anti-tobacco initiative. Supporters of Bloomberg have started a campaign called Draft Bloomberg to encourage him to run for President as an Independent. Even though he has denied any interest in running, he has not officially ruled out the possibility.

-Kevin S.P.Mamakas

## Deep Depp, Shallow at Best

BY CARLO MONTAGNINO  
CONTRIBUTOR

"Depp" translated from German, means "idiot." To listen to "Deep Depp" is not enough to understand anything about Johnny Depp, but it is an effective sales pitch for Pomerance's book, as well as a great source for irrelevant trivia.

Johnny Depp was once told by Marlon Brando to not act for too long. "We only have so many faces in our pocket," Brando said to the young actor. This factoid, and countless others came from the lecture "Deep Depp: Travails of Celebrity in the Global Era." Unfortunately not much else came from it.

The lecture, "Deep Depp: Travails of Celebrity in the Global Era," was given in March by Murray Pomerance. The presentation explored Depp's film career "through a historical, cultural, and sociological focus." Pomerance wrote "Johnny Depp Starts here" in

2005, which is regarded as the most in depth look at the actor in print, albeit wordy and overly analytical.

Although the lecture had a similar subject matter, Pomerance was certain to note that it would not come near the depth that his book does. He was correct. "Deep Depp" was not an in depth talk about Johnny Depp, it merely brushed over his career, pointed out some memorable roles, and offered a number of questions with out sufficient answers.

Aside from being vague, non-informational, and lacking any reasonable conclusions, the lecture ran like an infomercial. Including plugs of other books he's written.

Professor Pomerance teaches Sociology at Ryerson University in Toronto. He is also the author of a number of books including, "Cinema and Modernity," "City That Never Sleeps: New York and the Filmic Imagination," and "An Eye for Hitchcock."

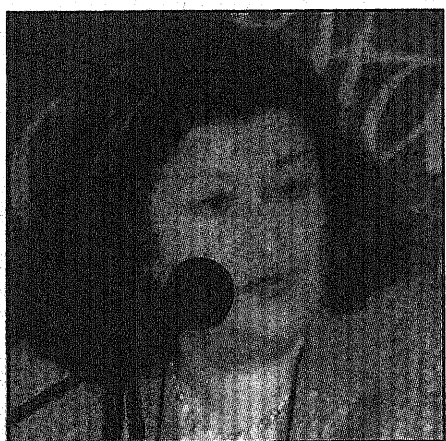
Pomerance argued that the

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Dr. Marlene Springer (above) and Carol Jackson, Vice President of Student Affairs (below) tackled questions at CSI's Town Hall Meeting on March 29.

-Amanda Erichsen



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## The New York Times The American Democracy Project

### The Corporatization of Drugs

JonAlex Asperti

On April 19, the Staten Island Advance highlighted three separate events that focused on prescription drug abuse among local teens. The article introduced an unnamed Tottenville teen found with a stash of painkillers in his bedroom after threatening to shoot his step-father; on the same day, a 19-year old Annadale resident was reported to have impersonated a doctor in a vain effort to acquire prescription drugs from a pharmacy. These incidents are not isolated. Recently, the Advance published a story concerning the death of 17-year old Nicholas Caputo, who allegedly died in his sleep due to a powerful morphine lollipop prescribed to certain cancer patients in an effort to alleviate pain.

In total, the teens' failed collective efforts towards inebriation are not without reason. Staten Island teens are more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol than their peers in other boroughs. Likewise, the recent media attention brought to prescription pills only highlights the public's attention towards the negative consequences involved.

Mass produced and cheaply acquired prescription drugs are available and easily intensified, which

secures an addicted mass for pharmaceutical companies to legally exploit.

Despite the public's awareness of a sudden drug's popularity, the media neglect the entire scenario. Although natural drugs such as marijuana are either smuggled into or grown illegally in our country, prescription drugs corporations are able to freely distribute, market to, and create addicts; guaranteeing millions of dollars in the process.

To truly understand the impact of a given mind and/or body altering substance in society one must trace the product's lifespan to its origins. One of the more choice pills on Staten Island is "Vicodin." Affectionately named "vikes" or "hydros" by street pharmacists, the pills are sold by dealers who acquire the product in bulk from a prescription holder who legally acquires the pills from a pharmacy with physician's approval. The prescription holders in question work as a profitable middleman between the street dealers and the giant corporations who legally produce the drug. Though in retrospect, neither the CSI dropout dealer nor the physicians and pharmacists turn a profit even remotely close to that produced by major drug corporations.

According to Abbott Laboratories, the makers of Vicodin, the corporation recently reported in their latest quarter-

ly corporate statement: "worldwide sales increased 15.5 percent to \$5.3 billion." Likewise Pfizer, the makers of the popular anti-anxiety drug Xanax; reported similar earnings: "First-Quarter 2007 Revenues Grew 6 Percent to \$12.5 Billion, Driven by Growth of New and In-Line Products, Foreign Exchange, and Other Factors."

Loosely attributed to the "Other Factors" category is a profit resulting from the widespread abuse of prescription drugs by easily enhancing pills. Methods such as crushing the pills to increase reaction time and taking with alcohol create faster and more euphoric feelings but also establish a strengthened physical and mental dependence.

Today, in America, the imagery of a drug lord can no longer be represented by the cliché Scarface character. Instead, the changing face of drug pushing has transformed into a mysterious corporation ruled by a seemingly unknown board of directors. A top Pfizer director, named William R. Howell holds influential seats in several other profitable corporations but also in politically tied ones like Halliburton, which was under the control of Dick Cheney until he became Vice President in 2000. Owing to the existence of crucial investors with priority and influence, a shift in the democratic system occurs

and suggests that stock options override democracy.

Like many typical American communities, Staten Island is establishing a stance of negativity towards the abuse of prescription pills because of its addictive nature. But should the guilt rest completely on the individual abuser? Or should the Food and Drug Administration restrict the sale of potentially addictive drugs?

One recurring argument is that it is the individual's choice to abuse the pills in ways not suggested by the original makers. The argument is relatively solid but conveniently places blame solely on the addicted individual. Ironically, this logic also frees the corporation's hands and allows them to continue producing and profiting off the sale of their drug to existing users and those that will eventually begin.

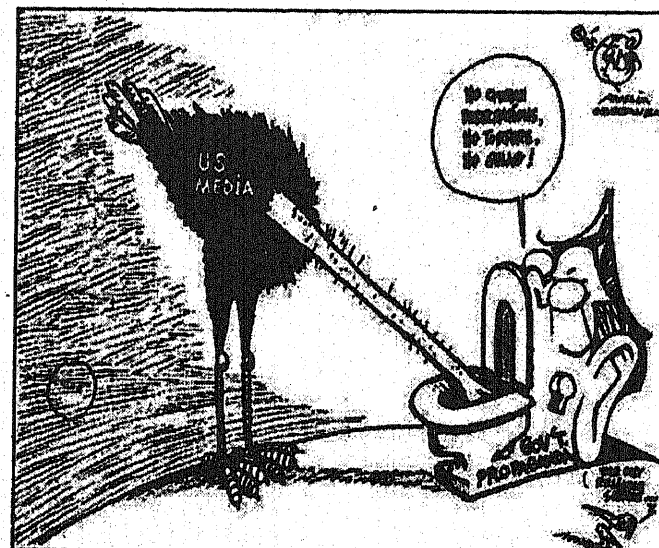
The gigantic tobacco companies have remained in business by pushing the same agenda for years. Similarly, tobacco and pharmaceutical companies foreshadow a pill-popping society that frees the blame of their addiction off the hands of big business pushers and places it wrongfully on their own desire.

### IRAQ, A NATION STATE?

John Dhanish Babu

Iraq is not a state that evolved in the due course of time. It was a result of ethical and religious intermingling and the British rule. After being granted independence from the British, Iraq was ruled by the Hashemite monarchy, which was overthrown by a military coup. In 1968, the Baath Party took control of Iraq with Saddam Hussein at the helm.

After the invasion, the U.S. faces a serious challenge of building a nation state in a country that consists of three communities, out of



which two are engaged in a civil war that

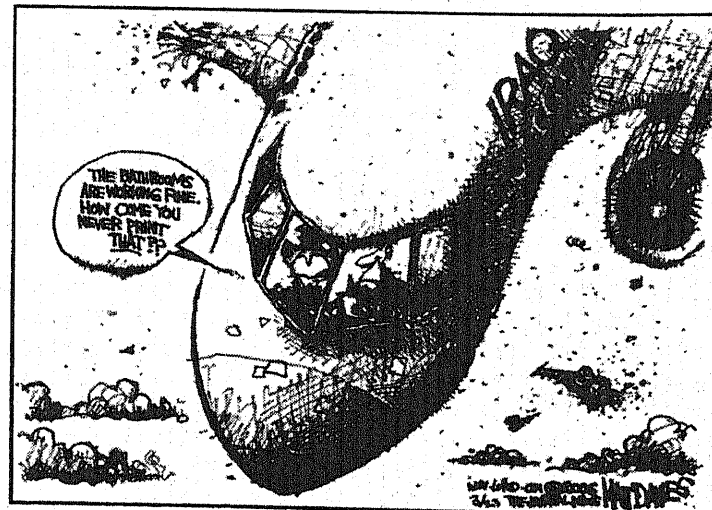
spans over a hundred years. The United States is aiming at bringing in civil order by creating a different political system. Government structure is expected to create a civil society of harmony in Iraq. But it is the civil disorder in the nation that prevents the U.S. from reaching its goal. Iraqi politicians have been under significant threat by the various factions that have

promoted violence as a political weapon. The ongoing violence in Iraq has been incited by an amalgam of religious extremists, who believe an Islamic Caliphate should rule, and by old sectarian regime

members, who used to rule under Saddam. They want their power back along with Iraqi nationalists who are also fighting the U.S. military presence.

The Shiites are the majority in Iraq. Sunnis and Kurds form the other major communities. Apart from these, there are also other minorities such as Assyrians and Shabaks. The Kurds have established their own autonomous region, which blocks the creation of a nation state.

It is a difficult situation for the U.S. to solve. Recently, there has also been a tremendous increase in the violence happening widely across the nation. Under the terms of the constitution, the country conducted nationwide parliamentary elections on December 15, 2005 to elect a new government. The overwhelming majority of all the major ethnic groups in Iraq voted along ethnic lines, turning their



vote into more of an ethnic census than a competitive election, and setting the stage for the division of the country along ethnic lines.

The need of the hour is to focus on a religious and civil understanding between all the communities, especially the Shiites and Sunnis. With a civil disorder prevailing, there is no point in sending in more troops to a war-torn nation. The future of Iraq also depends on the changing political situation in the United States. With a possible change of power in the 2008 election, the political world has already started calculating the effect it may have on Iraq.

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dures in light of all of this," Jackson said. "We reviewed [the crisis plans] and I think they for the most part are in very good order, and we are trying to be on top of it as far as we can be. It's a

crazy situation, and anything is possible." Jackson continued, "Anything is possible, and we would like to be able to say that we can protect everybody from everything, but we live in a real world."

At 7:15 a.m. on April 16, while most of Virginia Tech's 2,600 acre campus was still asleep, Cho Seung Hui, a senior and English major proceeded with his first rampage.

Armed with a 9mm pistol, a .22 caliber handgun, and over two dozen rounds of ammunition, he took two lives in West Ambler Johnson dormitory, which house 895 people. Two hours later, as police investigate the first shooting; a second shooting was reported at Norris Hall, an engi-



This 9mm hand gun is similar to the one used in the Va Tech shootings. Photo: Nicole Bonelli

neering building on the opposite side of campus.

"Keep in mind too, public safety officers here are extremely well trained," Bob Huber stated. "Gene Martinez and George Mallon have spent years and years in very responsible positions in the New York City Police Department. In fact, Martinez was a detective in Manhattan South Homicide, which is very high up on the food chain in police work. George Mallon headed up the intelligence division of the N.Y.P.D."

Huber went on to state that both Martinez and Mallon are "public safety personals who bring a wealth of experience in dealing with public safety issues. George Mallon and Rob Yurman have close working relationships with the Borough Command on Staten

Island, they could have a patrol car here in three to five minutes. In a much larger response, this place would be crawling with police within a few minutes."

However, many CSI students find

this hard to believe. A student who wished to stay anonymous said, "I have never seen public safety do anything but deny people I.D. card stickers. Being that they do not make their presence made, I don't think they're much of a deterrent."

Adam Lazarus, a junior at CSI agreed, "The shootings at Virginia Tech only underscored how vulnerable most college campuses are. Lazarus went on to state, I'm not blaming Public Safety. They probably do whatever they can, but then again they're minimally staffed, probably very underpaid, and have no real defense if something like that or worse would happen."

Almost two decades ago, at CSI's Sunny Side Campus, Spanish professor, Ruth Calderon-Gutierrez was attacked by a student in a crowded classroom as students and two other professors looked on. While holding her in a chokehold, the student screamed,

"I'll kill you." Another student came to her rescue, pulling the deranged student off of Calderon, leaving scratch marks on her chest area. Later that day, Calderon found out that the secretary and director of the language lab, were also attacked by the same

woman. The traumatic event was then reported to Ed Paradise, the Director of Public Safety at the time. According to Calderon, Paradise remarks were less than professional. "What did you expect me to do?" Paradise asked. "I wouldn't send my guys up there with the possibility to get hurt."

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Cho, who had been institutionalized for a brief time for suicidal behavior in 2005, had a history of disturbing behavior and writing. In between the shootings, Cho made a video message raging about women and "rich kids." News reports said that Cho may have been taking medication for depression and his behavior was becoming extremely erratic. But not every student that seems "a little different" to the norms of society will end up going on a shooting spree. Psychology Professor Katie Cumiskey hopefully can put this myth to rest. "There is no mold for someone who would do something like this."

Professors might want to label the quiet student in the back of the class with his hood up, but those students usually turn out to be extremely brilliant."

"There may be the impression out there that one has to be absolutely crazy to come to counseling states," said Mary Murphy, MSc. Associate

Director of the CSI Counseling Center. "I just want to put that to sleep because that isn't true. It's for people who endure all kinds of issues, ranging from depression or anxiety, and people who are perhaps suicidal at times."

For students who are feeling distressed or not feeling mentally stable, Murphy has a few words of advice. "They should think about coming to the counseling center. We are trained counselors. When they come to the counseling center everything is kept private."

In certain circumstances we are bound by law to do otherwise. When they are a danger to themselves, others, and if someone is a minor and there is an abuse situation of an elderly person."

### Depp

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American film-goer, consumed with celebrity culture, is trying to fix in on this ever-changing, enigmatic actor, who is consciously ever-referencing pop culture. We can not get a read on who Mr. Depp is because he is different every time we look.

Pomerance continued to give some historical insight into the "Studio" era of Hollywood, and it's evolution into present day. Pomerance claims that despite the public attempts to "grasp" Depp, he is "conceivably the first movie star we will never quite know." "We want to have Johnny," said Pomerance.

The lecture gave some insight to those who are ignorant as to how Hollywood works, but for the Media and Communications students that it was most likely geared towards, it was essentially a refresher course. Offering no real information that couldn't be found within a Google search, Pomerance continued speaking about the enigma of Johnny Depp without giving any kind of answers.

The questions and answers portion, which was cut short, did little to answer the questions of the audience. One viewer drew a conclusion between Johnny Depp and Andy Warhol stating that Johnny is playing with public perception of celebrity as Warhol did. Pomerance responded "I think I'm being complimented." Another member of the audience asked for clarification of that idea and was given a reading from earlier in the lecture. At this moment the lecture was ended abruptly.

A great deal of the talk focused on Depp's roles in the Pirates of the

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## The Banner Responds

Members of Auxiliary Services have recently expressed dissatisfaction with The Banner for only going to Bob Huber, the Director of Public Relations, for information on the Health Code violations article in the April 16 issue. Someone from Public Safety also called The Banner and screamed at our staff for not contacting them in regards to the March 12 Vending Machine article.

Ever since Mr. Huber has taken his position with the college, the staff at The Banner has been told to go to him for the college's official stance on any situation. It has been nearly impossible to get an official stance on

the record out the mouths of anyone from the administration other than Mr. Huber. In these two instances, the situation was no different. The two groups were asked for comments and in both instances nothing was said on the record. Both groups only left the option to ask Mr. Huber for information.

If any group has a problem with the Banner asking Bob Huber for information, then please start speaking on the record and stop constantly saying, please see Bob Huber for answers.

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Caribbean movies and Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. However all that was really said is that Depp made a great deal of money for these roles while not making much in previous roles. Pomerance also mentioned that the latter roles of Depp's career gained him more popularity.

Several points and topics were mentioned multiple times, and Pomerance himself seemed to not really care about what he was saying, as much as his power point presentation working properly.

Despite a high-winded verbiage and lack of content, the audience had a mixed reaction. "I liked it, I love Johnny Depp," said one student in the hallway after the talk. Kristin Pitanza, an English major at CSI, disagreed. "I don't think it went deep at all," said Pitanza. "It was informative on the surface, but I was expecting a little more." Students were urged to learn more about Johnny Depp and Pomerance's

study of him by visiting the bookstore and picking up a copy of the professor's book.

Pomerance's talk was not completely lacking. There was a fair amount of Hollywood and Depp related trivia to keep casual fans happy. For example a bit about how Depp's Willy Wonka draws a shallow reference to Michael Jackson, but a more obscure reference to Robert Wagner's Prince Valiant. There was also an interesting segment on a particular scene in Donnie Brasco, in which Donnie must prove himself tough by roughing up a small time goon. It should be noted that Pomerance feels that to fully understand Depp one must grasp what is at the core of Depp's performance in Donnie Brasco.

"You should all buy ten copies," Pomerance said of his book before the lecture.

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# Spring Broke?



Yep, you're a Dollar Menonaire.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Re: Food For Thought

It's true that pretty much no one else gets 100 on their test every time — food service places especially. Let's just be glad that the place wasn't crawling with rats and call it a day.

Natalie Baldassano

I think it was great that the Health Department decided to conduct a surprise inspection. This should be done more often. In my personal experience, eating at the cafeteria was not pleasant. Students Health is very important. This should be monitored.

Paul Born

I knew there was a reason I never liked to eat from the cafeteria. Thanks to this article, I am going to be more careful about where I eat. If our own CSI cafeteria receives health violations, what about every other restaurant, Deli, and cafeteria? Someone needs to clean up their act and their food.

Houda Ghabban

CSI received numerous health violations, wow. I'm just as surprised as when I heard that the brown, curly-haired guy isn't the father of Anna Nicole's blonde, blue-eyed baby. Of course there were violations. I don't even need to pass the turnstiles to know that what is cooking behind those counters is highly suspicious. I pay enough to come to a community college. If they can't offer me good classes at least give me a lunch that won't make me feel as if I have a weasel made of chainsaws in my intestines.

Lauren Mouco

Even though the health violations do not directly relate to issues of cleanliness or improper food handling, they are still issues that must be resolved. To equate this situation to not scoring 100% on every test you take is inappropriate. I believe that the ceiling and wall fixtures should be fixed and the temperature of the food should be adjusted.

Alex Porto

I think there's no excuse that the cafeteria failed health violations. We pay a lot of money every semester and every semester I wonder where the money goes. Apparently, it does not go to the cafeteria! I don't understand why CSI can buy expensive useless stuff like TVs for the Campus Center and not put enough money into the cafeteria to keep it clean and sanitized. The cafeteria is an important place where hundreds of people visit everyday. It's a shame that with all of the money the school gets from students, it's too cheap to put some money into a very important place that students depend on for food and energy. Shame, shame, shame!

Jackie Raco

It's about time the NYC Department of Health performed a surprise visit. I do not know how good the food can be if it failed such simple violations. Although the violations weren't too extreme, this is a place where more than half of the CSI population

gets a "quick fix" for a meal. Hopefully with this happening, maybe we can get better cooks with more of a variety.

Kelmonie Simon

To me food is half of my life. I'm constantly hungry, but sometimes I have to starve myself when I'm on campus because for some reason (health violations) the food always tastes rancid. I'm offended and appalled that the cafeteria staff would think that no one would notice the foul smell coming from their direction. I will never eat cafeteria food again.

Nicole Tumbarello

Not only is it disgusting enough to eat food that was manufactured in a Rubber Plant or put together in the CSI science lab, now a handful of other problems have been added. Watch how quickly the cafeteria would close if the city investigated the distributors whom the school purchases this crap from before re-heating it in the microwave.

Stasiu Tyburski

## Re: Sex and The Island

I think Nicole's article would pretty much represent the entire female demographic's views on pu\*\*y men. Two things I'd add are: (a) women tend to miss the relationship more compared to the guy (b) if guys had any common sense they'd understand that girls would respect the confrontation aspect over the lying and cheating. We give birth, we are not going to break, so just tell us! It all boils down to boys growing up.

ToniAnn Calasso

I usually always like Nicole's articles, and I thought this one was funny, but I can't agree. Guys aren't the only jerks in relationships and stereotyping them is wrong. Many of my girlfriends have done horrible things, and both sexes cheat. It's unfair to say that guys are the only assholes because some great males have been stomped on by deceiving women. In the end, all is fair in love and war, so get your armor because it's getting ugly out there.

Amanda Erickson

Men constantly like to whirl women around and play with their emotions. When will women wake up? The fact of the matter is women hope the sex is meaningful while men just hope for sex. But don't worry, there is hope. So I'm told.

Toniann Ferrara

Nicole, you are right again. Girls nowadays are stupid when it comes to relationships, they think that the more time you spend with them, the more they want to be with you. WRONG! Guys like to hunt; they want to chase the prey. When your boyfriend tells you that he wants space it is not a very good sign. Remember, you had a life before your boyfriend came along, you will have one after he leaves. Don't ever make a guy

your life because then he will change his number so he wouldn't have to hear you cry about how he dumped your ass. Be wise about your relationships and your morals.

Christina Moccia

I love the article by Bonelli because you get to hear a woman's point of view. She talks about the fact that women aren't strong all the time. It's like, "Hello, we have feelings too." I totally agree with the fact that men are horrible at breaking up.

Shanaz Mohammed

You picked a great subject to write on. It is a serious problem that people go through all the time. I personally have not had a "Hit and Run Relationship," but a lot of my friends have. I like to see you writing serious and meaningful stories, keep it up. I only had two relationships in my life, both of them very long, and the first relationship I had to break up with the guy, so I agree with you 100%.

Jackie Raco

## Re: Freedom of Speech Threatened at CSI

Dumping all of those copies of Third Rail doesn't do much. If someone has a problem with the publication they should speak up like a mature person and bring it to the attention of the appropriate people.

Steven Rojack

That cover of the Third Rail was really disgusting. No taste whatsoever. I do not mind nudity, but that cover was done in a tasteless way. I have no desire to see a stranger's hairy penis hanging for no purpose. They should be embarrassed.

Jihane Tamri

As Americans we are granted the right of free speech, spoken or written as long as we don't slander. It outrages me to think someone actually took a literary work and disposed of it. Whoever threw away these issues of Third Rail denied the students, and whoever else wanted to read it, that right. If the culprit is caught, he should be convicted for the crime. There is really no excuse for the actions that took place.

Victoria Vaizburd

I've seen the magazine and it was a little weird. It combined aspects of sexual freedom with geeky things like homework covering girls' nude asses. The provocative nature makes only half of a good effort at appealing to college students in general. The magazine should tone down the bizarre snapshots of ugly, naked people and replace them with better looking ones for starters.

Darren Weber

## Re: The Evolution of Turtle

Dude, I totally disagree with you. The turtle game is not good. In fact, it outright sucks. The arcade game is the best one

and I am glad that you put it in there. Who doesn't like beating up hundreds of foot soldiers with their buddies? What they should do is bring Side Scalleps back. It was a success with the new Super Mario Bros game and it would work with the turtles. Enough with trying to make everything 3D. The Old School was not broken so why are they trying to fix it?

Vincent Funaro

I for one would like to see Dominic Fiduccia start a petition to bring the Simpson's arcade game to the X-box. It is easily the greatest videogame ever created. I haven't asked but I'm sure Carlo Montagnino would sign it.

Chris Oliveri

## Re: Amy Wine House Retro Soul with Modern Flair

I have been a fan of Amy Wine House for years, up until her latest video, "You're No Good." No one has heard of her. I have forced many of my friends to listen to her. The end result has always been that they didn't like her. I think it is about time we open our ears to a different sound. All you hear while driving into campus is Hot 97 blasting out of peoples' car radios. I love rap, but it is a shame that the only reason that anyone likes this artist is because she did a song with Ghost Face Killah. Open your eyes guys, and go to the Highline Ballroom in May and listen to some real music.

Katie Logatto

## Re: Iraqis Want US Out

I found your article interesting in a sense that it raises a critical point about the US presence in Iraq. The article stated, "The US military will be in big trouble if Sunnis and Shiites unite." I thought the US military was already in big trouble. Don't you think that the killing of 3 US soldiers a day is quite troubling? The American public doesn't want any more death. The time has come for the military to get out.

Abdulai Loah

## Re: The N-Word 101

I have never figured out why a race of people can take a word that so degraded them and turn it into a word of praise and glory. That's like trying to beautify ugly. It just can't be done.

Sunny Tate

## RE: "Spring Break: Niagra Falls"

This photo essay was really interesting and fun to look at because of how different it is from everyone else's idea of what a "Spring Break" should be. Some of the pictures of the animals were very good, the moose picture was quite funny.

Matt Masseo

# CSI Welcomes Spring With 2 Weeks of Fun

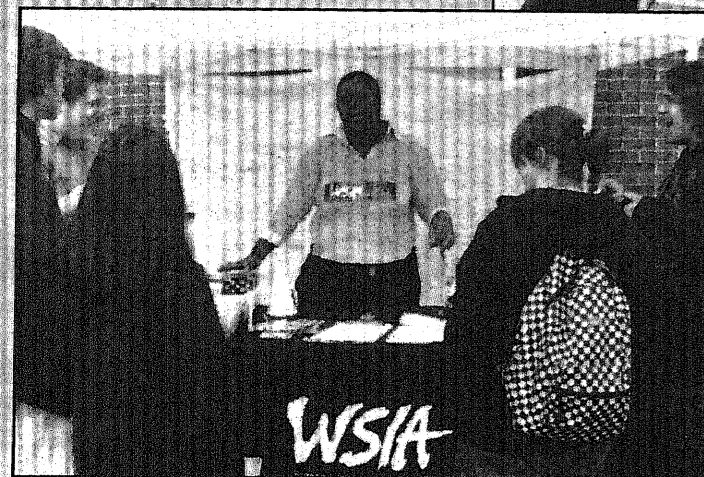
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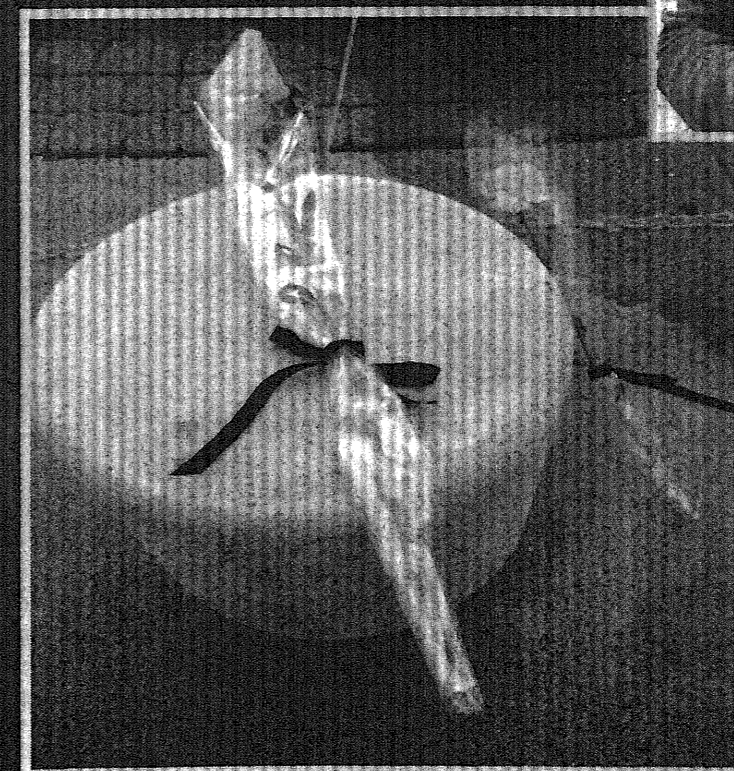
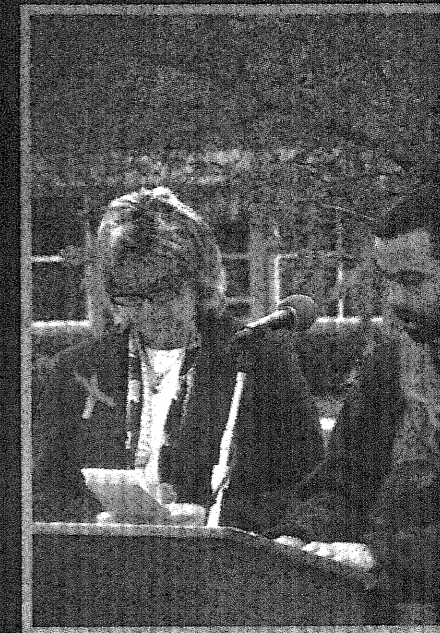
The Celebration continued with the Annual Spring Carnival and Club Fair



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## CSI VIGIL FOR Virginia Tech.

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**S**ex and the Island **TOP**

Nicole Bonelli's

**Would You Like a Side of Commitment With That Order of "Special Sauce?"**

Let me set the record straight, premature "we"jaculation is nothing to be ashamed about. But it's not something you want to bring up on a first date... or hell better yet, even the 50th. Premature ejaculation is the most common dating dysfunction that continues to keep single women around the world stumbling home from a bar with Mr. Asshole himself instead of waking up next to Mr. Let me make you some blueberry waffles.

You can hold up with the Catarac surgery, because I'm going to make everything crystal clear. Premature "we"jaculation is not a sexual problem, and if you're not a blonde you know this because in fact it doesn't happen during sex. (This isn't like the time you said, "Well you were the only one to have fun tonight", when you didn't have an orgasm during your last sex romp.) But this in fact does result from sex, since premature sex can lead to premature attachments, which can lead to the premature plural use of the first person plural.

Take for example, the woman after four dates and a sleepover that consisted of a few games of Follow the Leader, (The Adult Version ::wink wink::) She'll go on to say, "WE need to go stop at Duane Reade tonight to pick up tampons, it's OUR time of the month." And then by the fifth date she will be saying things like, "WE

should fly to Vegas right now and get married!" Hey, you have to be spontaneous ever now and again.

Remarks like these can cause a relationship to come to a sudden halt, and slowly but surely it will roll back in reverse. The one whom is being ejaculated on will start picking up on the messages subtly. (You should stop throwing your cell phone across the street when the phone calls start to dwindle though. When you have to replace yet another SideKick, T - Mobile only wants your money, I can rest assure you that the phone operators don't give a shit about your problems.) If he not a big fan of the "special sauce" on his face, he'll probably be more blunt about it. (Exhibit A, "Let's take two cars to the party in Jersey, if you get lost... well I hope you find Six Flags.")

Now, I can't put all the blame on the female of the species. Because like men, women can't stand that white messy stuff smeared all over their faces. For the most part, the small percentage of men that suffer from premature "we"jaculation are from one extreme to the next.

The first culprit is the infamous "Mr. Asshole." He's the kind of guy that thinks you're easy just because you write a sex column. The true gentleman that comes over your house hoping for a "quick fix", but sadly enough gets sent home with a case of blue balls. But hey, I

guess that can happen.

"You like going to Six Flags? Me too, WE'll go." You like the beach? WE'll go." Thanks to a quick psychology lesson from a friend I looked at these inviting questions totally differently. The term WE is sometimes used to manipulate someone. Having the promises of a bright sunny summer with that special someone brainwashed into your mind will convince you that they are really willing to stick around that long.

So beware ladies, we are bait, make them work for it before you end up riding Kingda Kah by yourself all summer long.

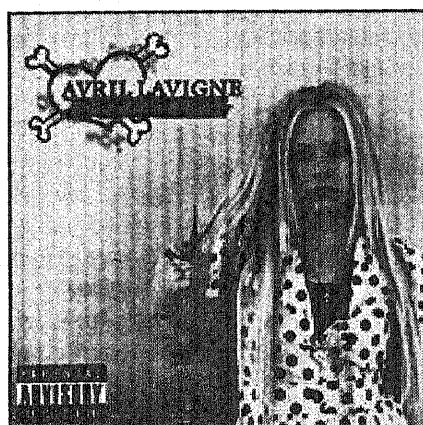
The second culprit is "Mr. Sensitive". You know, he's the first nice guy you meet after dating 5,734 assholes. He surprises you by making dinner reservations at a Saturday night hot spot Sushi Restaurant... and he doesn't even eat sushi! He comes to the door when he picks you up. This might be a little hard to take in at first, because the last guy you dated, would honk his car horn like a deranged lunatic... that was until your neighbors threatened to shove a banana up his tail pipe. While this all may be too good to be true, the other part of you might just be ready to stick your finger down your throat due to the cuteness overload that no amount of Cow Bell could fix.

On a final note, the term Chicks Before Dicks also applies to the "we" theory. Believe it or not, it doesn't affect the couple, it affects the single friends. There was a time when you were the "odd one out", and to look on with disgust as your friends shared Eskimo kisses with their significant others. (And no, singing Like a Virgin as that Vodka Martini lands everywhere else but in your mouth won't help.)

So be considerate And remember Life Lesson NUMBER ONE, the best way to be a we, is don't lose your me. Soon, every night is, WE should

go get coffee, WE should go to the park, WE should get matching tattoos on our asses. For the few and the proud "Miss Independents" left out there, we tend to start tightening the belts on the pants we wear in the relationship. We have come to realize that genuinely nice guys come around as often as a hit song from Avril Lavigne. This has lead me to a little bit of a freak out on my part... freaking out to the point where I start smoking again. (I know I made it past the one week mark and I can't give in, BUT if I ever did I would switch over to cigars. No inhaling, no guilt.) I can say that when "we" sneaks up on you it can be a "we" bit scary. However, the greatest things in life happen when you least expect it. WE, the guy and I... well, we are just peachy.

**Avril Sells Out and Scores Big**



BY ANNAMARIE COSTELLA  
CO-MANAGING EDITOR

It's very easy to listen to Avril Lavigne's new single "Girlfriend" and conclude that she has sold out. Long gone is the brooding brat who gave us such classics as "Complicated" and "My Happy Ending," so what does the newly bleached blonde nymphette offer us on her new album? "The Best Damn Thing" is fresh, fun, and catchy. The songs are infectious. They get stuck in your head and you find yourself

singing along.

The album's 12 tracks range from pop/dance numbers that are complete with thumping drums and handclaps to punkier Blink 182 / Sum 41 inspired melodies. Since Lavigne is married to Sum 41 singer Deryck Whibley who also helped produce the album and Blink 182 drummer, Travis Barker plays drums on four of the tracks, there's no surprise there.

On the track, "The Best Damn Thing" Lavigne runs down a laundry list of seemingly insignificant relationship problems. She snarls: "I hate it when a guy doesn't get the door, even though I told him yesterday and the day before. I hate it when a guy doesn't get the tab and I have to pull my money out and that looks bad." By the chorus however, Avril declares herself triumphant as she announces: "I'm a scene. I'm a drama queen. I'm the best damn thing that your eyes have ever seen."

"Runaway" is a breezy self-affirming number that is reminiscent of Sheryl Crow tunes like "Soak up the Sun."

It's one of those kinds of songs that you cruise around listening to on a bright summer day. It just makes you feel good.

"I Don't Have to Try," has completely ridiculous lyrics that are given a rap treatment and then plopped on top of a Sum 41 style guitar riff. Amazingly, the tune manages to survive with some musicality in tact. Hard to believe when you hear Avril sing things like: "I'm the one. I'm the one who knows the dance. I'm the one. I'm the one who's got the prance. I'm the one who wears the pants. I wear the pants."

According to the Avril, the record company had no hand in her mainstream metamorphosis. "Going into this record, I knew exactly what I wanted to do," she said. "I took full control over everything."



Apparently, the new experimentation is paying off. The album is #1 on the Billboard chart this week and "Girlfriend" is the #1 pop single. But does "The Best Damn Thing" really live up to its name? No. But it's still pretty damn good.

Grade: A

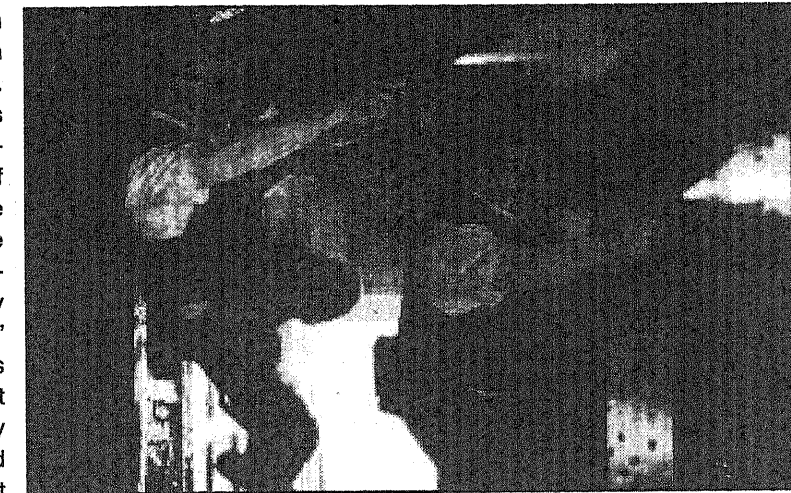
**See What the Fuzz is About**

BY WILLIAM KLINE  
CONTRIBUTOR

In 2004, Simon Pegg and Edgar Wright made their first strides in American film when they co-wrote and played in Shaun of the Dead, the critically successful zombie spoof. The British comedy duo teamed up again, along with 'Shaun' director Edgar Wright to present the action-comedy Hot Fuzz, a parody of American action and crime films.

Sergeant Nicholas Angel, played by Pegg, is a highly trained London police officer. Angel is so adept at his job that his arrest record is 400 percent higher than the rest of the department's. His fellow officers and superiors, in order to preserve their own reputation, arrange for him to be transferred to Sanford, a pleasant suburban town with a crime rate of almost zero percent. Angel busts underage drinkers, traffic violators, and tracks missing geese while patrolling the quiet streets. But, when a string of unexpected deaths hit the town, Angel suspects that there is a pattern developing. To uncover the conspiracy, Angel teams with the incompetent but persistent PC Danny Butterman

[Edgar Wright], who's police training because it was establishing refer- the suspended disbelief of typical slow motion Hollywood shootouts with a slapstick quality. Hot Fuzz was supported by the strong directing of Edgar Wright, who managed to capture the monotony of the setting and still made it visually entertaining. He loaded it with plenty of chaotic jump cuts, reminiscent of his work in Shaun of the Dead and his action montages were carefully arranged and somewhat engaging for a comedy. Wright sets up a few moments of shock in some of the gory death scenes, particularly when the journalist's head is crushed with a church steeple. Pegg and Frost might have restored some credibility to spoof comedy flicks with Hot Fuzz. It gets by with cheap laughs and delayed responses and is great for the avid non-thinker. Overall, the movie is good in terms of style and story, but, might be better rented than theater viewed.



Most of the success of the movie came from the natural chemistry of Pegg and Frost. Their teamwork proved that they have the potential to develop a small cult following and was both evident on camera and off of it. As writers, they managed to make the humor comfortable and not too farce, spoofing on well-known action films.

The plot was simple but well written and entertaining. Some of the humor dragged in the beginning, only

ences for later laughs. Wright's Butterman character provided most of the reliable humor early on, making heavy references to Bad Boys 2 and Point Break. In one scene, Angel pays homage to Clint Eastwood's signature toothpick in cheek while riding through the town on a horse. Pegg and Wright's brand of humor delicately balanced dry British humor with American context. Even the impressive action sequences managed to fit in rags on

Film GPA: 3.0

**PSP: Hell's Yeah!**

BY DOMINIC FIDUCCIA  
STAFF WRITER

Poor PlayStation Portable (PSP). Despite being the most powerful handheld ever it hasn't translate well with the public. Nintendo continues to be the king of the handhelds with the Nintendo DS. Not only has the DS featured a number of great games, but many of which like Nintendogs, Brain Age, and Tetris DS have proven to be popular with non-gamers as well. Not too mention that one of Nintendo's biggest handheld hits ever, Pokemon has recently come to the DS with Pokemon Diamond and Pearl (check out the next issue for the review). Still, the PSP has held its own and proven to have some great games. Gurumin: A Monstrous Adventure has shown to be a good recent PSP title and major franchise titles like Castlevania: Dracula X Chronicles and Crisis Core: Final Fantasy VII are going to be released later in the year. For now though here's a look at the five best games for the PSP.

**1. Lumines (Ubisoft/ Q Entertainment)**

If Tetris has taught us anything it's that you must have a great puzzler available on a handheld. Luckily, Sony seem to know this to and made Lumines, a PSP launch title. This puzzle game focuses more on visuals and music than the more traditional puzzle game. Still,

Lumines is a lot of fun to play and spawned a number of spin-offs including the PSP sequel Lumines II and versions of the game for the PS2, Xbox Live Arcade, and even cell phones.

**2. Burnout Legends (Electronic Arts)**

There are plenty of good racing games for the PSP, but Burnout Legends is hands down the best of the bunch. This game lets you choose 89 vehicles and 13 tracks to race on, but what makes the Burnout series different is the ability to crash into your opponents and do damage to the other racer. While other racers try to copy the Burnout formula (Fallout and Full Auto come to mind). What makes Burnout different from the pretenders is that they still didn't forget the most important part about racing games. And that's the racing.

**3. Tekken 5: Dark Resurrection (Namco)**

One thing that the Nintendo DS can't brag about is that they don't have any good fighting games. It's not their fault really as the DS wasn't really designed for great fighters. Although Sony has taken advantage of that by having Namco's 3-D fighting game series, Tekken come to the PSP. This remake of the original, Tekken 5 has

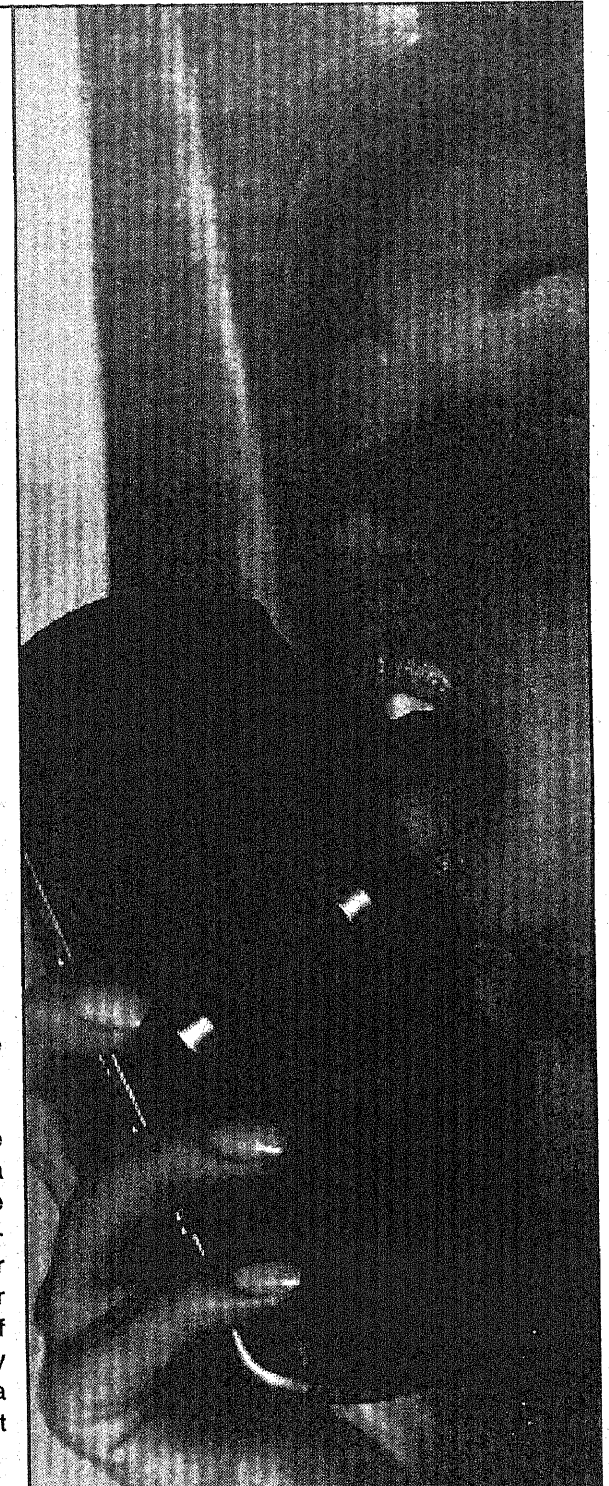
35 fighters to choose from with 4 of those fighters exclusive to this game. The graphics are fantastic and the gameplay returns to this fighters roots. Unfortunately, this game has been made available for the PlayStation 3's PlayStation Network recently as a budget title. No longer making this game a PSP exclusive.

**4. Ultimate Ghosts n Goblins (Capcom)**

In a remake of the classic 1986 NES game, Knight Arthur returns to save the Princess once again from the new Demon King. The Ghosts n Goblins series has always been known for its level of difficulty (which has earned a loyal fan following, but also a number of haters for the same reason). Despite how anyone feels about the series, it's nice to finally see a good 2-D PSP game.

**5. Metal Gear Solid: Portable Ops (Konami)**

After two card battle games for the PSP, Konami finally released a Metal Gear game that gamers have been waiting for. Featuring a storyline that takes place shortly after the events of Metal Gear Solid 3 for the PS2, this game features all of the great stealth based gameplay that you would come to expect in a Metal Gear game, but made to fit on a handheld like the PSP.



# Taijiquan Through the Western Gate

BY LUCIE LAURIA  
STAFF WRITER

Rick Barrett's book offers nontraditional ways to improve one's health, mental focus, athletic performance, or self-defense skills through the thousands of year's old Chinese art of Tai-chi ch'uan. The book weaves together the pearls of the ancient martial art philosophy and modern scientific concepts.

The author, Sifu Barrett, who is a senior student of Grandmaster William C.C. Chen and a world-famous push hands player, has pursued the secrets of taijiquan and energy healing for more than twenty-five years. In 1997, Barrett won 4 Gold Medals in National Push Hands competitions in the Super heavyweight Division and 2 Gold Medals in the Middleweight Division. He teaches taijiquan workshops all over the U.S. and also on Staten

Island at the Snug Harbor Cultural Center.

Barrett's book opens the western gate of ancient oriental secrets in twenty chapters, in the last of which he reveals the "secret of the golden flower" - Barrett's metaphor for the relationship between the original mind and the conscious mind.

The author illustrates the well-guarded treasures of the Orient's inner practices to average westerners in a charmingly readable way while he also applies modern scientific explanations. For athletes, the book reveals how to get into the "Zone." For stressed-out students, it offers a supreme mental focus, and for those who suffer from health problems, the book brings about a tool of self-healing. At the same time, Barrett's book can serve as an invaluable resource for experienced martial arts practition-

ers.

In the introductory chapters, Sifu Barrett demystifies the ancient philosophy and techniques of the art of taiji. Barrett delves into the integration of the different levels of being - spirit, mind, and body. "Each has its role and performs better when acting in resonance with other levels. It is then that we are rewarded with health, wisdom, and power."

The author shares his knowledge about "entering the zone" where "brute force is discouraged in favor of the highly efficient use of a relaxed body and keen sense of internal energy." And if he stays in the "zone," Barrett, a fifty-year-old man, wins easily a tennis or basketball match against players a third his age and three inches taller.

Not only athletes, but also ordinary folks can appreciate when oppor-

tunities present themselves, gift wrapped, Barrett writes.

Body/mind wisdom and art of taijiquan are performed in a highly conscious way, for the students to experience the mental, spiritual, physical, and energetic levels of their being in a perfect harmony.

The study of taijiquan reprograms the reader's consciousness and bodily functions. Taijiquan students acquire a higher order of relaxed efficiency, which improves their wellness and health, and gradually allows their bodies and minds to change in ways that resonate with the pulse of life, Barrett claims.

Barrett, borrowing from medieval scholastic St.Bonaventure, explains that humans perceive with three eyes: eye of flesh, eye of mind, and eye of contemplation and recommends to all to keep their three eyes wide open.

## Sports Coverage Covers Boxing

BY MICHAEL COHEN  
STAFF WRITER

In the eighth round, in front of a hometown crowd, in St Paul Minnesota, featherweight prospect Jason "The American Boy" Litzau cracked Aldo Valtierra with a counter left hook that would have sent him to the canvas even without the upstairs right that followed to ensure a knockdown.

At the same time (around 10:30pm) the Dallas Mavericks scorched the Golden State Warriors with a third quarter 15-2 run.

Even with \$100 riding on the Warriors my TV stayed on ESPN 2 for the Litzau-Valtierra fight. If I watched the fight, how do I know about the Mavericks' third quarter run that helped kill my bet? How do I know it was Josh Howard who erupted and led the run?

Sportscenter of course. Sportscenter, ESPN News, NBA TV, FSN, Mike and Mike in the Morning, Stephen A. Smith and every other sports outlet you can think of.

This is a problem. The media's lack

of boxing coverage reinforces the common misconception that boxing is in a state of "decline," when actually the sport currently thrives with such fierce competition (except for the heavyweight division) that this might arguably be one of the greatest eras in boxing.

Regardless of Litzau-Valtierra being aired on ESPN 2, neither Sportscenter nor ESPN News mentioned Litzau's Wednesday Night Fights performance. Not even ESPN.com, which has a decent boxing page, reported anything of the body battering and chin tapping featherweight bout.

Despite a hoop jones and a lingering C note bet, I had to watch the fight. Sportscenter wouldn't dare show highlights of a Fight. There might be some exciting golf clips to show. Surprisingly, the next morning, ESPN.com had no recap. A blurb on maxboxing.com provided the most immediate coverage.

On most nights I'd rather watch a brawl than a ball game but with money on the line it was difficult to fully enjoy the fight. No one should ever get stuck in that predicament. One should be

able to watch his bets crumble on live television and still have the opportunity to watch the fight highlights. But "girly man" corporate executives deprive the public of boxing for two reasons; soft backgrounds and financial interests.

These second generation "rich kids" (i.e. Jim Dolan) who inherit TV networks, arenas and whatever the fuck else their parents left them, have a distorted vision of sport. Raised on golf they have little care for boxing. Not to say there is anything wrong with liking golf, but if someone finds golf more entertaining than boxing that does make him less of a man.

Speaking of Dolan, his disastrous run at MSG has not only buried the Knicks and Rangers but also buried boxing history. On MSG's 50 Greatest Moments At Madison Square Garden, only six fights made the list. The show was clearly a "suck-up" to Knick and Ranger fans, infuriated with consistent losing seasons. As Jeff Ryan wrote in Ring Magazine, "MSG network obviously concluded that any night on which a boxing ring was set up in the building

was just a wasted evening that killed time between Knicks and Ranger games."

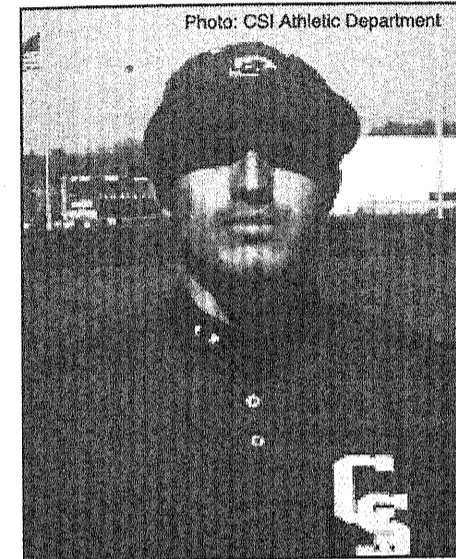
Boxing has acquired an almost underground cult-like following. The NBA playoffs mean the end of the season for point spread betters, so the games have value and ESPN needs to accommodate the late night drunkard looking for highlights and gambling results. But boxing is still a sport and the worst Fight will always have more entertaining highlights than the best golf tournament.

Litzau battered Valtierra for ten rounds and won the decision. Valtierra had solid legs until the eighth round when he received a left/right combo and met the canvas. As Valtierra went down so did I. The warriors blew the spread, even with nine points. I went 0 for 3 on the evening's playoffs basketball games. No way I can forget that, falling asleep with Sportscenter on TV, constant highlights of the three basketball games that I lost miserably on. Maybe Litzau-Valtierra was a dream.

# Dolphins Sink Fourth Straight

BY MATT CIRELLI  
STAFF WRITER

April 25 - On a grisly, overcast Wednesday afternoon in the Bronx the CSI baseball team lost a tough 8 - 6 conference game to Lehman College.



Sophomore outfielder Joel Pratts led the Dolphins with three hits and three RBIs.

It was the Dolphins' fourth straight loss, equaling their season's worst streak. This comes after the team appeared to hit their stride by stringing together their best winning streak of the season, including three conference victories.

Now the team finds themselves struggling to keep their playoff hopes alive. With a division record of 5-7, CSI is clinging to the fourth seed, the last available slot in the CUNYAC conference. It is an unfamiliar position for the four-time defending CUNYAC champion Dolphins, yet the team is still confident that they will be in the mix for a fifth consecutive title.

"There is no quit in this team and we are confident that once we are back to 100 percent we will rebound and contend for the title," outfielder Anthony Piccirillo said. "A-Pic", last year's tournament MVP, refers to injuries that have sidelined himself and fellow starter Mohammad Hamad. Both have recently returned to the Dolphins' lineup.

Hitting has not been the problem recently for CSI. "In our two losses (to City College), we had 16 hits and 13 hits," Head Coach Bill Cali said. "We scored 15 runs and 9 runs. That should be enough to win ballgames."

But inconsistent pitching and fielding has hurt the team, and continued to do so in their ensuing losses, a 17 - 7 beating by New Jersey College and the Lehman loss.

For the past four years it seemed to be automatic that the Dolphins would be in the title game. This year's team has faced a much more difficult road, and must bear down both on the mound and defensively if they plan to make the playoffs and be a contender for the CUNYAC title.

# Lehman College Faces Two Year Curse Against CSI

BY KATHRYN LOGATTO  
CONTRIBUTOR

The Dolphins defeated Lehman College Lightning 6-5 and 8-5, sweeping the April 14th double-header and keeping a two-year winning streak alive against the Lightning.

The first game started at noon and both teams appeared pumped and ready to play. Lehman came out fierce, leading off with a four-run first inning off Kareem Benjamin's three run home run. In the bottom half of the inning, Lehman second baseman Jhanny Reyes forced CSI into a double play.

CSI rallied back in the second inning and knocked in three runs. Both teams added a run in the fourth inning and CSI eventually came back in the bottom of the seventh inning when sophomore Joel Pratts drove in Devon DiCasoli and Andrew Baio.

In the second game of the double-header that began at 2:40 p.m., CSI jumped to a three run lead. Lehman began a comeback in the top of the fourth when third baseman Andrew Rosario drove in two RBIs. But CSI answered in the bottom of the inning with three runs of their own. Lehman would go on to add two more before the sixth inning, tying the game at five.

The Dolphins' Baio then scored on a hit by DiCasoli, who reached

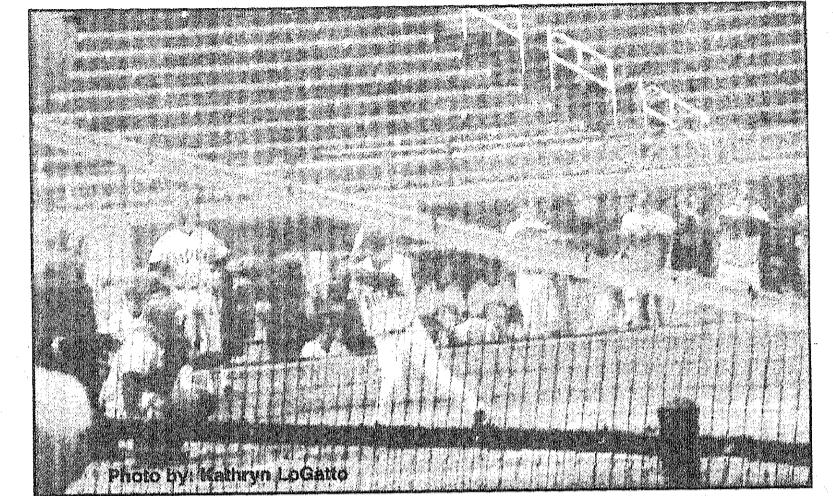


Photo by Kathryn Logatto

scoring position himself before being driven in by designated hitter Matt Thompson.

Lehman starting pitcher Jason Grijalba gave up eleven hits and eight runs to the Dolphins. Head Coach John Quirk, a former Chicago White Sox draft pick, replaced him with Kenny Bonet. Bonet gave up one hit and ended the game with a strike out.

The Dolphins' relief pitcher, Daniel Gonzalez, recorded a win in game one and a save in the second game. The pitcher is building a reputation for his knuckleball and has been known to use it for a quick strike out. His knuckleball helped him to get two of the Lightning players to

strike out. The small crowd at the CSI Baseball Complex noticed Gonzalez's fiery knuckleball. Once the freshman threw his first pitch, the crowd took notice and an audible "whoa" could be heard from the fans in the bleachers.

"I know nothing about baseball," onlooker Jacklyn Zaremski said, "but that kid is good."

Even the Dolphins Head Coach Bill Cali has proclaimed his confidence in the rookie. "He can go everyday," Cali told the press. "He had two saves last week."

The Nor'easter the following day forced a third match between the two teams to be rescheduled.

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thing."

Hamad had been playing a flawless second base and batting above .300. His loss was felt in the dugout as well as on the field.

"Having Moe playing keeps everyone relaxed on the diamond because of his leadership in the dugout," said freshman Rudy Piccirillo, "and it spills into the playing field."

Nobody knew the severity of Hamad's injury, but the feeling was that he could miss some serious time during the season.

The Dolphins scrambled to try to replace the leadership and production of the two players who were both integral parts of the team. A platoon of different players attempted to fill Piccirillo's hole, while freshmen Brian Phillips and Rudy Piccirillo held down the fort at second base for CSI.

Over the next few games, in pursuit of their fifth straight CUNY Conference title, the Dolphins 1-8 record put a damper on their hopes for the playoffs.

"We were horrible, plain and simple," said Rudy Piccirillo. "Losing Ant and Moe really hurt our team but that is no excuse for some

of our latest games."

In one of the biggest upsets, the Dolphins stunned the fifth ranked team in the country. They defeated the Kean University Cougars 6-5 in a pressure filled game on April 9. And despite dropping their next game 14-0 to Ramapo the win reignited the team.

Hamad, a junior, and Piccirillo, a sophomore, returned to the Dolphins lineup three days after topping the Drew University Rangers 6-3 on April 11. CSI seemed to click on all cylinders heading into the key part of their season and in the middle of making a playoff push. In the April 14th double-header against Lehman, the duo returned to action and the Dolphins swept the visitors in Willowbrook. Hamad platooned second in the first game of the doubleheader and was steady as a rock in his return.

"It felt great to get back out there and contribute to the team," Hamad said. "Especially after getting hurt last year and missing our championship run through the playoffs. I wanted to be part of this run."

Piccirillo contributed three hits, two runs scored and an RBI in the games, all while looking like he never missed a beat in the field.

"Having Ant and me back is nice," Hamad said. "But the team as a whole must get better and step our game up to make some noise in the playoffs."

## CSI STUDENTS RECEIVE CUNYAC HONORABLE MENTIONS

Every year, four CUNY student-athletes and thirty-five honorable mentions are acknowledged at the Michael Steurman Scholar-Athlete Awards Ceremony.

This year, three CSI students athletes received honorable mentions. Soumitri Seshadri from the men's tennis team, Bukurije Begai from the women's soccer team, and Eros Qama from the men's swimming & diving team were all chosen.

Begai, a captain on the soccer team, has a 3.567 GPA. During her time at CSI, she led the team to three CUNY Championships and was named a 2005 CUNYAC All-Star and a 2006 Hudson Valley Women's Athletic Conference All-Star.

Seshadri has been on the Dean's List for four years and has a GPA of 3.827. A student in the CUNY Honors College, he double majored in Engineering Science and Physics and minored in Mathematics.

Qama, also a four-year Dean's List student, had a GPA of 3.537. In the pool, he set five new CSI records during the Metropolitan Championship Meet and was named CUNYAC Performer of the Year.

This year's ceremony will be held on May 16 at Baruch Collg.

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## Sweet Sweep

**Complete Games from  
Varriale, D'Arpa  
and Rossetti  
Carry Dolphins**

BY MOHAMMAD HAMAD  
CONTRIBUTOR

The Dolphins softball team won three games in a triple-header at the CSI Softball Complex. Their first opponent, conference rival the Brooklyn College Bridges, dropped the first game to CSI by a score of 13-1. Next came a double-header sweep against non-conference opponent the Drew University Rangers that they won by scores of 10-1 and 4-3.

In the Brooklyn College game at noon, the Dolphins' Kari Drew Varriale pitched a complete game for the victory. She threw a great game tossing five innings and allowing one earned run on six hits while walking three and striking out six.

"I went out there and just tried throwing strikes," Varriale said. "I just knew I had my defense behind me to back me up."

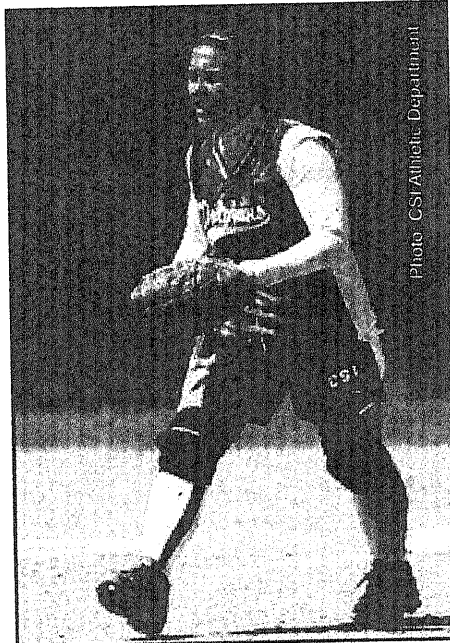
On the offensive side for the Dolphins they received tremendous results from sophomore catcher Nicole Estrada, who finished the game 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Freshman first base player Stefanie Allen finished the game 4-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBIs.

The Bridges received their only offensive output from sophomore third base player Lindsey St. Jour, who provided the only run for the Bridges going 1-for-2 for the day.

After defeating Brooklyn, the Dolphins took on Drew University at 3:30 p.m. Top pitcher for the Dolphins, senior Christina D'Arpa, took the mound and tossed a complete game. She gave up one run, which came unearned, three hits and did not walk any. She had four strike outs.

"Once I get in a rhythm I feel good," said D'Arpa. "As long as the team and myself go out there and give one hundred percent, we usually come out with a positive outcome."

The Dolphins spread out a highly offensive output against the Rangers and received big games from several players. Senior infielder Brienne Russ finished 3-for-3 with one run scored and five RBIs. Junior



Senior pitcher Christina D'Arpa struck out four batters against Drew University.

outfielder Michele Mazza finished the game 2-for-2 with a homerun, two runs scored and two RBIs while Estrada put forth a perfect 3-for-3 contest with a run scored and an RBI.

For the Rangers, April Jacob recorded her team's only RBI in the fourth inning with a single.

The Dolphins saved the best for last and defeated the Rangers in the last inning of the game. CSI pitcher Katie Rossetti also pitched a complete game and had a great performance, allowing no earned runs in her outing. Her biggest obstacle came in the sixth inning when she pitched herself out of a bases loaded jam with a strike out and two groundouts.

"I focused on one batter at a time," Rossetti said. "I knew I needed at least one strikeout and I got it. My defense did the rest."

The game was tied at three going into the final frame of the sixth. The Dolphins had junior outfielder Megan Donohue on third base when senior D'Arpa scorched a grounder to second base. The Rangers' Cailin McGorry threw the ball home but Donohue slid around the floating tag of the catcher to score the winning run.

"I just tried to put the ball in play and it worked," D'Arpa said.

On the day, the Dolphins pounded 33 hits at the opponents in the three games. Estrada and Allen provided six hits each.

"It was a fun day," Estrada said. "The games go quick when you're on the winning side of things."

The team hopes to make it back into the CUNYAC championship game after being upset last year by rivals Hunter College.

## Follow Dolphins Sports Live Online

The CSI Athletic Department has launched a new live stats feature on csidolphins.com. "We're very excited to be able to provide live stats via the Internet for our fans," Athletic Director Jason Fein said. "It's an easy way to follow the Dolphins' action right from your desktop."

It debuted on April 23 when the Dolphins baseball team took on The College of New Jersey at the CSI Baseball Complex.

The April 24 women's softball game final home game of the regular season against the College of Mount Saint Mary was also featured. Fans at home could follow the game with the up-to-date stats as the Dolphins defeated Mount St. Mary 3-1.

Next season the Dolphins and the Athletic Department plan to add audio capabilities so that the games can be broadcast live over the Internet.

"Of course, we'd prefer that folks come out to the games in person," Fein said, "but this is a good alternative when you can't."

—Jennifer Miller

## Injury Bug Slows Dolphins

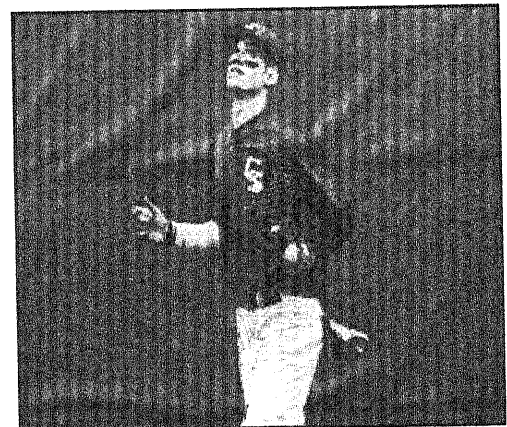
BY MATTHEW MASSEO  
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In a season with a tough schedule the Dolphins limped out the gate with a 2-5 record. The last thing they needed was to have two key players from last year's championship run go down early in the season for extended periods. But that is exactly what fate had in store for the Dolphins when Anthony Piccirillo injured a finger and Mohammed Hamad pulled his hamstring.

Piccirillo, the stud center fielder and lead off catalyst for the Dolphins lineup, found himself on the wrong end of a freak accident in mid-March. One of heavy, metal doors in CSI's Sports and Recreation Center came crashing down on his ring finger while he was working out for the baseball team. The reigning CUNY Conference Rookie of the Year and CUNY Conference Tournament

MVP's fingertip was torn off and required surgery immediately.

"I plan to be back in two weeks no matter what," Piccirillo, lounging around with a cast from his fingers to his elbow, said after his surgery. "I don't think I'll miss more than that."



Anthony Piccirillo, Dolphins center fielder warms up by shagging some flies before a game. Photo: Matt Masseo

The Dolphins' second baseman, Hamad, whose steady bat and glove anchored the right side of the infield for the past two and a half seasons, pulled up lame while trying to beat

out a ground ball hit to shortstop in SUNY Maritime's 6-2 victory over the Dolphins on March 28th.

"I just busted it down the line like I always do, trying to beat out the throw," Hamad said. "I felt a sharp pain by my hammy and I knew immediately I pulled some-

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7 P.M.



The Dolphins will host Breast Cancer Awareness Night during their game against Ramapo College at the CSI Baseball Complex. The team will be donning pink jerseys to raise awareness. Last year the Dolphins raised over \$3,500 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.