

THE BANNER

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CSI Gets Money For What?

Kevin S.P. Mamakas

Staten Island Borough President James P. Molinaro donated \$325,000 to the college for special projects.

The projects include \$100,000 to build a climate controlled library rotunda entrance.

"I am delighted to be able to fund projects that improve the education environment for the students," said Molinaro.

The administration did not make clear if the \$90,000 to improve the Archives and Special Collections facility includes the renovation of the area that leaked sewage behind the reference desk.

"Service in this area had been inter-

Last Second Heartbreaker

Mathew Cirelli & Jennifer Miller

The second-seeded Dolphins men's basketball team, competing for their 12th CUNY title, lost a last-second heartbreaker to the first-seeded York College 56-54 on Friday, February 23. The title, which would have been CSI's first since 2001-02, earned the winning team a guaranteed spot in the NCAA Division III tournament. CSI and York split the regular-season series, with each team winning at home by double digits.

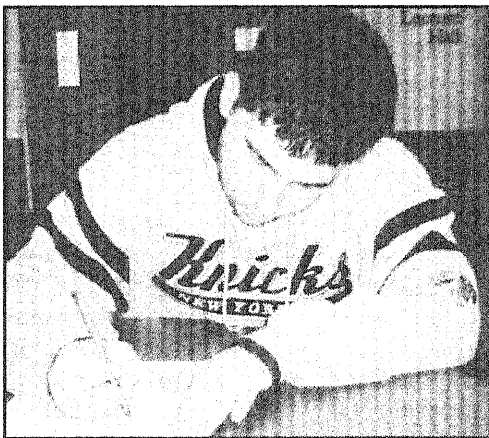
The Dolphins took a 27-24 lead into halftime but as the second half began they fell behind to the Cardinals. CSI began to close the eight point gap with ten minutes remaining and with one minute to play the score was tied at 49. CSI recaptured the lead with twenty seconds to go and five seconds later York's Jeffrey Boone scored one of two free-throws. CSI's Sean Weismuller was fouled next and hit both giving CSI a 54-

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Life and Basketball

Chris Olivieri

The sound of rubber rhythmically slamming against wooden floorboards surrounds Rodney Beliveau in the CSI gymnasium. It is a stuffy Thursday afternoon and Rod, as his friends refer to him, is fully engaged in his favorite escape. Rodney has schoolwork to think about, parents to obey, and a boss to answer to at the local supermarket but right now, it's all about a ball, a hoop and a passion for the game.



Rodney Beliveau may be doing school work in this photo, but he is waiting to get back on a basketball court. Photo: Chris Olivieri

Rodney Beliveau is of average build and is wearing a pair of blue basketball shorts and a white tank top as he practices. Today there is no pickup game to join in on. So Beliveau works on his skill-set for the next game. Normally Rodney would be playing against some co-workers or old school friends, but today his opponents could not arrive because of bad weather.

Standing at 5'4" he will never be LeBron James or Shaquille O'Neal. For Beliveau the fact that he is on the short side is all part of the fun. "Time and time again people will see this little guy walk on the court and think I'm a pushover," he said. "Then I start pushing them!" Surprisingly Beliveau moves on the court with grace and precision. Twelve years of practice have taught him the skills necessary to play along side those much taller than him.

Growing up Rodney enjoyed playing ball before ever watching a game on the television. Coming from a family that played the game religiously, Rodney had to work to become even adequate. "When I started I really really really sucked," said Rodney with a laugh. "It

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CSI Winter Sports Success, All Teams In Playoffs

Jennifer Miller

It was a successful season for the CSI winter sports teams. The Women's Swimming and Diving team earned the CUNY title against defending champions Hunter College on February 3. The Men's team followed close behind by earning second place on the men's side of the tournament.

The CSI swimmers set and broke their own records in both the CUNY Championships and the Metropolitan Championship Meet, which was held at Rutgers University starting on February 15. The three-day tournament enables students from NCAA Divisions I, II,



Men's and Women's Swimming teams set personal and school records during Championships. Photo: CSI Dolphins Website

and III to compete against each other. Both the CSI men's and women's teams placed the highest of the CUNY schools. The men

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Can't Drive 25
Speed Not
Enforced By
Radar

AnnMarie Costella



One of the two electronic signs catches a speeding motorists on loop road, but they will not get a ticket. Photo: AnnMarie Costella

Since the beginning of the fall semester, there have been 15 car accidents on Loop Road. In response to this recent problem, Public Safety has posted two electronic signs alongside Loop Road to show drivers how fast they are going. They hope this measure will get motorists to slow down.

"It's a precaution, but it's not connected with giving out tickets," said Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Robert Huber. "In order to give a ticket for speeding, you need a radar gun that is calibrated so that you can take it to court and it can be entered as evidence."

The newly posted electronic signs, which cost \$2,500 each, have not been calibrated correctly and often give incorrect readings that can reach as high as 68 miles per hour. "I would be shocked if anyone was driving 68 miles per hour, even though that's what the sign read. That's really fast," said Huber. "I've mentioned to Public Safety several times this past week that they need to recalibrate those signs."

The speed limit signs as well as the Parking Information Handbook say, "Speed Enforced by Radar," but that is false. Public Safety does not have any

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ADP

The New York Times The American Democracy Project

Thousands Want U.S. Out of Italy

Lucie Lauria

Vicenza, Italy, Feb. 17 - An angry crowd of Italian citizens flooded the streets of Vicenza, a picturesque, northeastern Italian city, to protest a governmental plan of expansion of the United States Army post Caserma Ederle.

Tens of thousands of concerned residents and anti-globalization activists, carrying "Yankee Go Home" banners, marched through the historical city center to protest the planned construction of Caserma Ederle II. Construction is expected to begin in September at the Dal Molin airport.

The former right-wing government of Silvio Berlusconi together with President Bush, contemptuously giving no heed to the will of the Italian people, decided on the expansion of Caserma Ederle by thousands of new American soldiers.

A part of the new centrist government of the centre-leftist Prime Minister Romano Prodi has been further continuing to ignore the public opinion in a supercilious manner.

The street crowd won't change our decisions," Corriere della Sera quoted Prodi's reaction to the demonstration. He couldn't have expressed his deeply rooted contempt for democracy and for the Italian citizens more clearly.

Alternatively, Fausto Bertinotti, President of the Chamber of Deputies, said on the



pages of Corriere della Sera that if it weren't for political ethics of his governmental office, he would have taken part in the demonstration against the expansion of the U.S. military base himself. According to Bertinotti, there are no governmental commitments that could not be revoked.

Another governmental dissident, Paolo Ferrero, Minister of Social Solidarity, told Corriere della Sera that "terrorism can be defeated not only by the police and magistrature but also by the active democratic participation. Those who march in the streets fight

not only against the government but also against terrorism."

The reputation of the U.S. Army has lived down a gradual fall from the position of a "liberator," after the WWII, to a "terrorist" at present. In the last sixty years, the U.S. has played an unexpectedly aggressive role in fomenting wars ranging from the WWII (Prescott Bush financed Hitler) to the wars in Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Afghanistan, Yugoslavia, and Iraq.

Italians can hardly be blamed for not embracing more and more U.S. troops in their country. The status of a smiling "Dollar Yankee" from Caserma Ederle has changed over time to that of an economically inferior and culturally incompatible "alien soldier."

Northeastern Italy has undergone a vast transformation from a poor rural area after the end of the WWII to a rich, pulsating economy. Nowadays it is the Yankee soldier who often enlists in the U.S. military to escape extreme poverty at home.

The Italian girls, who used to be so willing to marry handsome "all-American boys" in the past, now stay away from the poor, badly-behaved troops who wear oversized "urban-style" baggy sweat suits and unlaced Nike



sneakers, Corriere della Sera observed.

One of those badly-behaved boys, Sergeant Joseph, told a Corriere della Sera reporter: "Fuck you," lifted his middle finger and added, "We are used to raiding Baghdad. Four hundred anti-globalist tramps ain't gonna scare us away."

A few days after the demonstration, Prime Minister Prodi resigned, and the citizens are planning to block the treacherous bulldozers with their own bodies to defend their country against the occupiers and terrorism.

Atomic Peace

Dhanish John Babu

The atom is one of the three elements of limitless energy given by God to humans; the other two are the sun and the wind. This atom should work the machinery in peace and not drive engines of destruction. Efforts to this end are being made by scientists converting atomic energy into the fuel that will feed our factories and farms. This is the age when we should start thinking about the peaceful uses of atomic energy seriously.



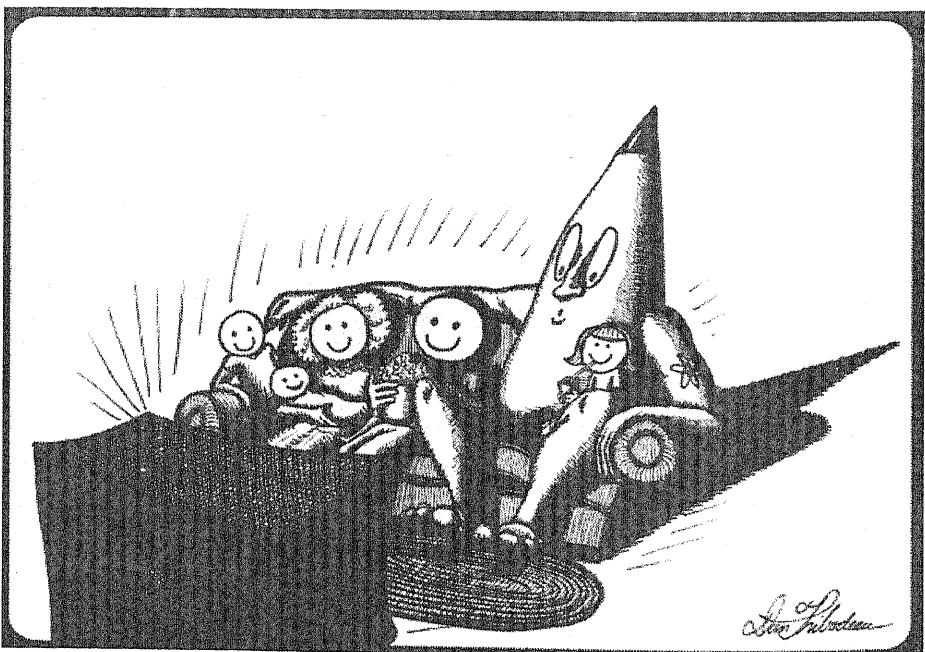
The predictions of scientists regarding peaceful uses of atomic energy are beginning to come true. This energy has already been successfully used to cut passages for the flow of water in rocky regions, to divert the courses of rivers, to drive ships and submarines and to act as power fuel in a dozen other ways.

The greatest peaceful use of atomic

energy has to be made for the replacement of fossil fuels that are likely to be exhausted during the next one hundred years. But apart from this tremendous advantage, atomic power can be controlled for purposes of eradication of various diseases and for making human life both happy and comfortable.

Atomic energy can drive our spaceships or help agriculture. In Greece the power of atomic fission is being concentrated on a tiny insect called the olive fly, which destroys olive trees and other vegetation. The experiment is aimed at controlling the growth of flies and their eventual extermination. A similar experiment was made in the USA on the screw worm, which attacks the hides of cattle.

Medical science, which has found diseases like cancer and leukemia defying its control, is now hopeful that atomic surgery and isotopic treatment will help it to con-



quer them.

A new scientific process of crime detection has been developed by a US scientist. Atomic watches and clocks, typewriters and computing machines and dozens of other mechanical contrivances which owe their exactness, speed and efficiency to nuclear power are beginning to appear in scientific workshops and may soon become marketable commodities.

These are some of the peaceful uses of the atomic energy. Many more are being discovered by the scientists; but the nations of the world are more inter-

ested in building up nuclear weapons. The future of mankind will be largely determined by the manner in which the present generation of scientists handles atomic energy. Let us hope that they will concentrate all their efforts on obtaining the maximum benefit from this wonderful perennial source of energy which can enrich the world in a thousand ways and which might also prove the greatest preserver of peace and harmony among nations when it succeeds in removing the causes that generally breed strife among people.

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Filling Up on Laughter

Hanna Shoshany

Giulia Rozzi is coming to CSI on March 1 to reject the idea that the comedy business is reserved for men only. She will inspire the audience by talking about her battle with bulimia and later do a comedy show.

Her unapologetic anecdotes about sexual experiences give hope to all women who feel as though in a bias society such as ours a girl mustn't be sexually open and keep the lock tightened on the chastity belt.

Having battled bulimia while in college, Giulia Rozzi makes it a point to tell her story to all who would listen.

"When I was in college all I really heard about were the extreme and dramatic cases of eating disorders and I couldn't relate because I didn't feel like my issue was as severe," she says of her experiences with struggling through a deadly eating disorder. "I felt like a lot of what I read and heard was so technical, lots of psycho babble and statistics were thrown at me; So when I was going through the initial recovery process I knew that once I was ready I wanted to use my ability and passion for performance and humor to talk to other people about my experience in a more laid back, humorous and hopefully relatable way."

Whether through her various articles, her monthly show Stripped at Mo Pitkins, or Mortified, a show where Rozzi hosts adults who read aloud their embarrassing young adult diary entries, essays, poems and letters; anyone can see that this girl is here to stay.

Aside from speaking about the everlasting struggles of body image and her sexual escapades, Rozzi is known for her uplifting stories of growing up with Italian Immigrant par-

ents.

Staten Island can relate, being that whether it is our parents or grandparents, we all have someone who is old school in our family, someone who thinks that food can cure from a fight with a boyfriend right down to receiving an undeserved bad grade. "My mom taught me food is love." The young comedian says.

"I love storytelling and while I love telling stories on stage I also love the idea of just writing a story," said Rozzi, "Giving it to someone and walking away so they can experience it without me watching for their reaction, as opposed to standing up where you are trying to get an instant reaction. My advice for anyone wanting to pursue writing depends on what type of writing they plan to pursue. The best advice honestly is just to write as much as you can, practice everyday and hone your craft."

The Women's Center has really outdone itself this time; Rozzi's show, Filling Up on Life and Laughter, is scheduled to take place on March 1, 2007. At 11:15 am Giulia Rozzi will be speaking at the Green Dolphin Lounge in 1C about her struggle with Bulimia and at 1:30 she will be performing her stand-up comedy routine in the same room. The Women's Center will also be announcing the winners of the raffle promptly after Giulia's show at 2:30 PM.

"Regardless of if you are a person with an extreme case of anorexia or a person who struggles with a small obsession to loose those last 5 pounds," said Rozzi, "I think people want to know that they are not alone in their struggles with body and food issues. I think my style of speaking encourages them to think and talk. On a personal note, sharing my story has been equally therapeutic for me."

HEALTH CENTER FAST FACTS

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Results available in 20 minutes
Stop by or call (718)982-3045 for an appointment

CSI Gets Money

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rupted from February 8 to February 13, 2007 due to a sewage problem nearby," said Chief Librarian.

The donation also includes \$135,000 for a transportation and visualization laboratory that will enable students and faculty to research the inconsistent transportation that students use to get to the college.

"CSI continues to be grateful for Brough President Molinaro's support," said CSI President Marlene Springer, "With this funding our students, faculty and community will have comfortable access to a wide variety of archived materials.

Speed

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Photo: AnnMarie Costella

radar guns in order to properly gauge the actual speed a person is going.

While it is true that Public Safety can't give you a speeding ticket, they can give you a \$40.00 summons for driving in an unsafe manner. The Parking Information Handbook classifies unsafe driving as: "Endangering pedestrians, property, other vehicles or drivers. Failing to obey posted traffic signs or the directions of college personnel responsible for traffic control."

Since September, Public Safety has given out 23 such summonses. However, you may appeal the summons and with no radar gun reading as proof, it's your word against the officer's word. "I think almost anyone can tell the difference between someone whose going 25 miles an hour and someone who is going 50 miles an hour, especially when they start passing other people on the road," said Director of Public Safety, Gene Martinez.

Huber feels that one's regard for one's own personal safety and the safety of others is enough to get people to drive at a reasonable speed, but without radar guns or speed traps, many students feel that the electronic signs are pointless.

Journalism major, Karen Herrera, 22, says she sees motorists exceeding the speed limit on campus all the time. "Everyone cuts each other off. It's very dangerous here," she said. "I saw electronic speeding sign yesterday and I realized that I was going a little fast so I slowed down." However Herrera feels that since no one actually occupies the vehicle where the electronic sign is posted students will not be inclined to slow down. "If there is no one to pull people over then what's the point," she said. "People are going to speed anyway."

As a pedestrian, Crystal Waistell feels the threat of unsafe motorists as she walks around the campus. "Word gets around," she said. "If people don't get caught then they are just going to continue to disobey the rules."

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From No Name to DJ Fame

Thomas Bello

Vincent Monterosso is a twenty-one year old sophomore at CSI. He was like any other kid growing up, except for his boundless imagination and ambition. In 1997, at the tender age of eleven, Monterosso began his own DJ Company, R.S.E. (Royal Sounds Entertainment).

During his childhood, Monterosso was fascinated with music and lights. He would turn off the lights in his bedroom, grab hold of three flashlights, and twirl them all in a circular motion, as if they were strobe lights. Then he would take an ordinary cassette player, and press the on/off button, to notion a type of "spinning" that a real DJ would do. "I always felt music was a passion of mine," he said. "I felt like DJ'ing was the closest I could be to the music."

Monterosso was determined both physically and mentally to start his own business. His uncle had been in the music business for over thirty years, in a band named "The Royals". He paid tribute to his Uncle by incorporating his band's name into the company name Royal Sounds Entertainment. "I wanted to credit my uncle for his influence on my dreams of becoming a DJ, so this was the best I could do," he said.

Monterosso gathered a bunch of his friends and decided to start small: mainly local parties, family get-togethers, and block parties.

"In order to make it in the business, it's all about your reputation", he said. With a few references here and there, Monterosso got his first "real" gig, a sweet sixteen. The party was a success and boosted his company's popularity.

Now "R.S.E" has over fifteen

employees, a mix of dancers, MC's and planners.

Even though Monterosso has been successful for the past couple of years, he does not plan to do this as a full time job. Eventually, after he graduates from CSI, he would like to pursue a career in graphic design.

In the meantime Monterosso says that owning his own DJ Company isn't bad at all. "I went from backyard gigs to fantasy weddings", he said. "It's like a dream come true!"

Life and B-Ball

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was pathetic." Watching him now you might find it hard to believe that this was once true.

Once he did begin watching basketball on television it became a love affair with the game in general. The Phoenix Suns are his favorite team. He especially likes their point guard because he is white, Canadian, and shorter than the average player.

Rodney uses basketball as an escape. For this twenty year old it's hard to decide what the future holds. Sqmeday Rodney hopes to work in marketing. But Rodney changes his mind about his future profession of choice fairly often. He once dreamed of being a fighter pilot because of the freedom that it allows.

All of the problems and difficult decisions seem to fade away on the basketball court. "All that matters is the moment you are in."

CUNY Playoffs

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finished in tenth place while the women came in thirteenth overall.

CSI senior Eros Qama, who earned the CUNYAC's Performer of the Year, had a time of 4:54.59, beating his own personal record in the 500-yard freestyle. He later helped CSI



Sophomore guard Melanie D'Ambrosi's late game contributions were crucial in CSI's victory. Photo: CSI Athletics Website

earn their best time ever (3:45.73) in the 400-yard medley finals along with teammates Nick Levintov, Vladimir Fedosseev, and Vadzim Zhgun.

The next day the teammates raced in the 200-yard medley finals, coming in tenth place and breaking the record set in 2005. They weren't finished yet. When the four raced in the 800-yard freestyle relay they set another CSI record by posting a time of 7:48.10.

Qama then swam in the 200-yard in

1:51.00, breaking his own record of 1:51.51 that he set earlier this year.

CSI freshman Tara Meiners broke a CSI record of 2:36.40 held by current Dolphins swimmer Cen Wang in the 200-yard backstroke. Wang also beat her previous record by finishing at 2:30.16 while Meiners' time of 2:24.77 replaced the old record.

Nick Levintov set the new CSI 200-yard backstroke record with a time of 2:10.50 while Qama finished sixth overall in the 200-yard butterfly event setting another CSI record at 1:58.24.

In the diving competition Margaret Borzymowski became CSI's first-ever diver to make the three-meter swim competition, where she finished eight overall in the finals.

On the basketball court, both the men and women made it into the CUNYAC playoffs. The women's team made it to the semi-finals, while they men made it to the championship game before losing to York College.

CUNY also selected two men and two CSI women from the teams as CUNY All-Stars. Nicole Estrada, Melanie D'Ambrosi, Sean Weismuller and Gari Blackett received plaques and were invited to the luncheon held at the Water Club in Manhattan.

Estrada had a career-high 38 points in a game on December 7 against Brooklyn College while D'Ambrosi recorded 42 points, the most in a CUNYAC game this season, against Medgar Evers College.

For the men, Weismuller, who was named CUNYAC Player of the Week on December 4, was second in the league in scoring, averaging 18.4 points per game. Blackett, is the league's leading rebounder and currently ranked fourth nationally.

OP-ED

Why Can't CSI Offer Hebrew and Arabic

Dolan Roth

The College of Staten Island has a large percentage of Middle Eastern students (Arabs, Muslims, and Israelis); yet it offers no language from that part of the world. The students on campus who want to take a foreign language from the Middle East can't, and if they are fluent in Arabic or Hebrew and want to be excused from taking a foreign language they have to travel to N.Y.U., on their own time, to take a test on which C.S.I. will receive a pass-fail result.

Funding for a beginners course (four credits) in a foreign language costs \$250.00 (non-degree), the same as any other four credit course. A teacher for this level needs a B.A. in that language, and enough familiarity with the language to teach it. Of course, each semester, when the student advances the teacher's academic standards must improve.

I'm sure that enough students will be interested in taking a new language; why not a Middle Eastern one. It's challenging, you'll know more about the culture, and learning a new language can be very rewarding.

A Message from SG Senator Dennis Gaffigan

I agree that voting in student elections will not get you free tuition or a guaranteed parking space on a rainy Monday morning at 10am in front of building 1S. Nor will voting in student elections get you \$5 textbooks that will sell back for \$4.50. Student Government cannot guarantee that you will get A's in all your classes simply because you choose to attend.

What voting in SG elections will get you is a diverse group of students that take their responsibility seriously. That responsibility is to protect the \$960,000 of student activity fees that students generate each year. A Student Senator makes decisions on how much money is allocated to enhance services in the library, modern language labs, math and science tutoring, improvements to the Campus Center and monetary awards to specific Academic departments through scholarships and mentoring. Student Government also does much more than allocate funds. The Student Government has club commission that puts in countless hours to help enhance your experience on this campus through arts and entertainment.

Student Government has the power to stand up for your rights with the Administration and the Faculty by saying no when programs and policies are what we feel detrimental to CSI students. Get to know a student senator, give that person your input, we can make this a better campus.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: Hunter College Suicide Raises Concern about Depression at CSI

I think its about time an article like this was printed. Its good to see that someone is getting the word out that Hunter and NYU aren't the only colleges with students who suffer from depression. Just because NYU and Hunter are well known colleges doesn't mean that they're the only ones with suicidal students who need help. I think all colleges should bring attention to this matter.

Steven Rojack

This article caught my attention because I had no idea CSI had a counseling center for mental health. I'm pretty sure most students have never heard of it before either. Its comforting to know that our professors and the staff still care about us. It's a shame that this incident happened but maybe it can lead others to seeking help before making the same mistake.

Amanda Erichsen

I think this is an article that reflects on a lot of CSI students. What I like about this article is that it reaches out to students without being judgmental. Students contemplate suicide all the time when life comes down hard and heavy on them, being aware of how this affects CSI is really important.

Shanaz Mohammed

I think its time for students to lower their standards and learn how to live for once. You can't please everyone. Too many people kill themselves. I thinks its enough, you want to kill yourself, fine...just don't do it for attention. You will get attention except we will forget you in like two days because we will stop caring. If you have a problem, open your window and scream, someone pisses you off, tell them. Go pray or something, don't hold stuff in. Life is too precious, at least for a short time so make the freaking most of it.

Jihane Tamri

I must say that my eyes were immediately drawn to this front page article when I saw the words "suicide" and "depression." This is a real issue that must be

Diversity According to South Park and Family Guy



You won't believe this is a lecture

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

2:30pm

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One of the funniest and most serious lectures a student can attend

addressed. I find myself working more and more on school work and trying to keep up. The pressure does get to a person an its true that it can push someone over the edge, I can completely relate to this article and I appreciate you shedding some light on this serious problem.

Houda Ghadban

Re: The Beacon, Kitchen Sink Runs for President

How on earth can a kitchen sink talk, let alone raise enough funding for a presidential run? Not only is this kitchen sink racist, he's Southern! The Beacon should make it a point to nip this sink in the bud.

Carlo Montegrino

Re: Depetro's Book Club

As a New York sports fan, I found this article very interesting and informative. It let us know exactly what this book was going to be about and gave us examples of debated topics that even the casual fan could understand. I may even find myself going to Barnes & Noble to purchase it.

Matt Musseo

Re: CSI Holds 2007 Golden Gloves Tournament

The Golden Gloves Tournament is a state known event and its good to know that CSI was the host. Coverage by Michael Cohen was both in depth and informative, I felt like I was actually there watching the event. More articles should be this descriptive.

Thomas Bello

I find your lack of sports coverage to be repulsive! Not a single mention of any of the four major sports! You choose the one sport, boxing, that has been in sharp decline for the past 10 years or so. People want to hear about baseball and football and basketball, do not deprive them of this. Marty Shottenheimer was just fired after a 14-2 season, I know he's hideous but at least he should be mentioned.

Mike McNichol

I was pleased to see that CSI was able to hold this year's Golden Gloves Tournament. I actually attended the event briefly and the article depicted it well. Events like this help CSI to stand out in the CUNY community. This event may encourage student to check out what other events CSI hosts

Mohammad Hamad

Re: Tap Wheres Our Money

I agree with you 100% Kevin. Tap should be given at any time of the year depending on the student's situation; School just reinstated my Tap after a grueling process of running back and forth from the Financial Aid Office. I had been receiving Tap for three years. I sympathize with those who are trying to get it in the first place.

Vincent Funaro

Re: War on Global Warming?

It may be a true fact that Al Gore and his movie evoked a bad response but we cannot close our eyes to the real threat of global warming, it's not a doomsday theory. It is a catastrophe that can prove harmful to the world in a slow and steady manner. Isn't it a fact that the North Pole icebergs are melting at a faster rate? The ozone layer is depleted more and more everyday due to the gases from our factories and industries. The matter isn't about AL Gore and his damn movie. It is a threat that we should take seriously from now on.

Dhanish J. Babu

Re: Valentine's Day Feels Like Cramps

I definitely hear your case with this one. As a guy, I think that Valentine's Day shouldn't be about insane amounts of money. Relationships can really rock, and every day during the year should count just as much as Valentine's Day, if not more.

Darren Weber

Awesome Article! Everything that you mentioned is exactly what I say every lovey-dovey season, including the phrase "Hallmark Holiday." Love should be expressed all year round, everyday, not just on social occasions. After all, do we only love each other on special occasions?

Jillian Spano

That article was so funny and really true. I used to love Valentine's Day, but this year made me hate the holiday. I agree with you 100%. It's just a holiday which was made up so that Hallmark can make more money. The only thing you gain on Valentine's Day is heartache and more weight.

Jackie Raco

Re: Sex and the Island

You took the words right out of my mouth! I love this piece. People make Valentine's Day bigger than their wedding day. I don't understand how this one day can make people so crazy. How is it that people are supposed to feel differently about their significant others on Valentine's Day and not on every day of the year? I've also been through some similar experiences, including that one guy's mother not liking you. I was so nice to her that it was sickening and she ended up liking me because I showed her that she didn't get to me.

Christina Moccia

Re: Clown Princess of Crime Strikes Again

I must say, just by the picture of Rachel Ray I was a little disturbed. However, this turned out to be an entertaining article. It's true this woman is out of control with her joy for everyone and everything. It's quit funny how she was compared to the Joker. I'm just glad that it's not only me who thinks she's a little crazy.

Nicole Tumbarello

So you only smoke when you go out?
Yep, you're a smoker.

For help to quit smoking, call the New York State Smokers' Quitline 1-866-NY-QUITS (1-866-697-8487)

The End of an Era



June 2007: CSI College President Marlene Springer Steps Down From Her Position

What Qualities Do You Want in the Next President?



While you ponder this and other profound questions, we here at *The Banner*—the official school newspaper, mind you— have taken it upon ourselves to stop random students to give their opinion on this very matter. What they say will blow your mind! From this day on, nothing will ever be the same again.

Photos and Questions asked by Allison Rider and Kevin S.P. Mamakas

Students Say



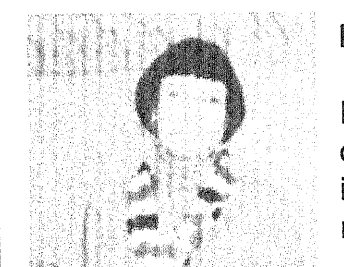
Adam Govia

Someone who can fix the parking problems along with the little stuff that needs to be done. Also someone who can encourage more school activities.



Sejdi Cobovic

I would like to see a President who is open to the ideas of sororities and fraternities on campus and really looks at what they have to offer.



Rose Marlari

I would like to see someone who has the ability to make everyone feel welcomed and included. I believe there would then be increased involvement in academics as well as social activities at CSI. Let's try and create an environment where things such as sexism and racism are eliminated!



Shanaz Mohammed

I would like to see someone who has a little more presence in the school affairs. Someone that makes a public appearance every now and then.



Billy Ruppert

A president that supports Greek Life and recognizes Greek Life on campus.



Ilya Geller

Someone who is nothing like the college administration that we have now. We need a President that will actually sit down with the students.



Tina Keita

I would like to see someone who really hears students ideas before just shutting them down. People work hard in college and our ideas and thoughts go unacknowledged and get dismissed before we even get the chance to prove ourselves.

Student Government Says



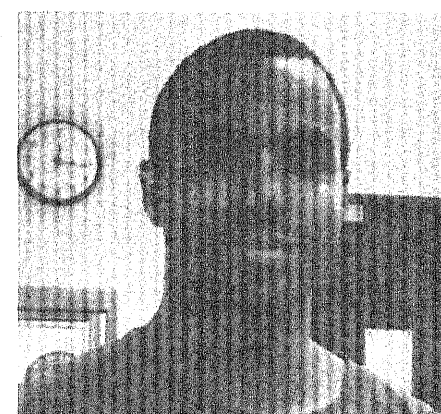
AJ Ramphal

I would like to see a President who knows the students come first.



Dennis Gaffigan

The next President should be very intoned to the Staten Island Community and promote CSI as the flagship college on the island. The person should also know the different between a Bagel and Bialely.



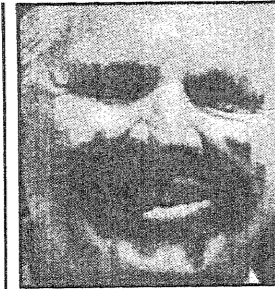
Gabriel Lugo

Someone who knows student affairs and student activities are a priority.



Area Woman Gets Cyber AIDS From Cyber Sex

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Got Turd?

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Area Man Tired of Girls Wanting to be Just Friends

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An Enrique Ignacio Inocente Joint

Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama Talk Smack

Political Watch

The war of words between leading 2008 Democratic presidential hopefuls Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama spread last Wednesday night, after the campaigns had earlier exchanged heated words when Clinton suggested Obama return funds to Hollywood bigwig David Geffen, who insulted her in a newspaper article.

"That bitch must be crazy," Obama said in response to Clinton's suggestion. "If she thinks I'm returning any money, she is as stupid as that haircut of hers."

Obama's attack on her butch haircut caught many by surprise, and Senator Clinton was none too pleased by his comment. "I may have a stupid haircut," Clinton said in response. "But it's not as stupid as his momma."

While Democrats have tried to engage in a vigorous debate on important issues, it seems they are unable to move beyond the politics of petty squabbles and personal insults. Obama used his official website to respond to Clinton's derisive remark about his mother. "It is sad Senator Clinton has stooped so low to resort to the dirty dozens, and if I wasn't such a decent, upstanding person, I'd say her momma's so stupid that she thinks Wu Tang is an oriental soft drink."

Clinton paid a visit to Obama's website and left a comment on the message board, countering his latest verbal assault. "This juvenile mom bashing is quite disheartening and I expected better from a fellow democrat," stated Clinton. "Besides, yo' momma so ugly that she



War of the Words: Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton's shit-talking continues unabated.

stuck her head out the window and got arrested for mooning."

The dissing did not stop there. Obama held a press conference yesterday to show off Senator Clinton's underwear, a pair of huge grandma panties with a smelly doodie streak down the middle. Clinton denied the shit-stained panties were hers, and con-

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Britney Spears Found Dead in Tub Full of Mayonnaise



LOS ANGELES, CA—Britney Spears was found dead yesterday in her penthouse suite at the Wilshire Grand Hotel. What is most baffling about her death is the fact she was discovered in a bathtub filled with mayonnaise. A note recovered at the scene written by Spears herself has led investigators to believe this was a suicide. "Why she chose to end her life by drowning in mayonnaise is still a mystery to us," says Detective Joseph Arbuckle.

Arbuckle would not divulge the contents of the suicide letter, but one following Spears' life up to this point knows full well it has been a tumultuous year for the former pop princess. On top of her divorce and eventual alimony settlement with ex-hubby, K-Fed, sources close to Spears state she had become troubled by the sudden realization her career as a popstar was over. She saw herself as a washed-up has-been with bad skin who was nothing more than a punchline in supermarket tabloids.

Spears was last seen alive in front of The Viper Room, arguing with the bouncer who refused to let her enter. Witnesses say she bawled hysterically and cried out loud that she felt unloved and abandoned by her friends and fans. Spears then stormed off in a huff, arriving at the nearest Costco a short time later. Surveillance cameras captured her buying a copious amount of mayonnaise, which she then loaded in her Kia Sportage and

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I Wish I Wasn't So Beautiful



By Adriana Lima

People think being a fabulously wealthy Victoria Secret's Angel is easy, but I'm here to say it is not. I am a role model for millions upon millions of impressionable woman—especially the fat ones with low self-esteem. Without me, whom would they aspire to look like? Nobody knows the burden of being beautiful more than myself, and sometimes I wish I didn't have this responsibility. There are times I wish I was just average looking, you know, like your typical Staten Island girl with badly highlighted hair

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Crippled People Aren't Special

Handicap Bureau

According to a recent study conducted by Harvard, it has been learned that physically handicap people are not as special as society likes them to believe. Their findings suggest that individuals with handicaps are not any smarter than the average person, do not have special powers that compensate for their disability, and, contrary to popular belief, God did not make them that way for a reason.

The Coalition for the Advancement of Healthy People (CAHP) is using this recent study to promote their agenda of bringing to an end what they call Crippled Affirmative Action. "We've got to stop humoring these people," says Ari Borealis, CAHP Vice-Chairman. "Why should those with handicaps have their own parking spots, their own toilets, their own entrances into buildings? I was on the bus the other day and was forced to give up my seat to a woman in a wheelchair. This is an outrage! I thought segregation was over!"

There are laws protecting the physically disabled from discrimination, but the CAHP wants to do away with all of them—calling any such legislation Gimp Crow Laws. "I don't care how qualified they are for the job, crippled people are a burden," says Borealis. "They demand special privileges and facilities denied to healthy employees. Their lack of mobility also hinders the flow of work because it takes them forever to limp, drag or roll themselves around the office." Borealis suggested they (enter call out here)

The CAHP also disapproves of the Special Olympics and demands the organization take Special out of their title because it is misleading. They suggest replacing Special with either Crippled or Gimpy. "We've got to get it out of their heads that they are special," says Borealis. "Special is a word used to connote something positive and we need to take it back. The handicap have shanghaied the word the same way the gays have shanghaied our rainbow."

Borealis continued his diatribe by adding that the handicap contribute nothing to society and should be dealt with in a pitiless manner. "They are a burden and should be shipped to an island of their own where everything is wheelchair accessible."

Another issue the CAHP wishes to address

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U.S. Military Fed Up With Being Diplomatic

"Can't we just blow shit up without having to apologizing for it?" says General Snowball.



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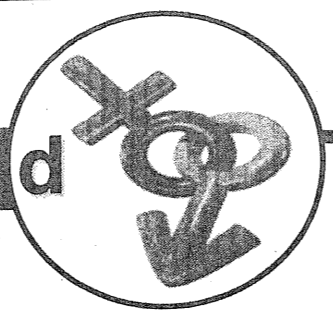
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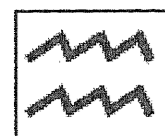
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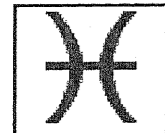


Screw Fortune Cookies



Aquarius: January 20 - February 17

Your ex will construct another failed attempt in order to make your life a living hell. While you are getting dressed to go out on the 29th, you will give into temptation and listen to Fairfield University's Thursday night radio show only to hear him say the following: "Yeah, my ex, she's a whore, and to be honest I never really cared about her." And if you think it can't get any worse, he will then go on to give out your full name, address, and home telephone number. Don't stress it though, by the end of the year you will be the sex columnist for your college newspaper... but of course you would NEVER make fun of that fact that he has a small penis. Right?



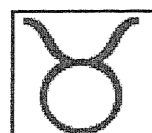
Pisces: February 18 - March 19

The planets are shifting in your favor, and for once in your life you will feel like you have total control. This of course, will last for a day... if you're lucky. Agreeing to go on a blind date on the 3rd will make you wish you stayed in with leftover Pizza Hut pizza and your vibrator. Your date will end up ditching you at a Chinese restaurant in uptown Manhattan just because you refused to get drunk and have sex with him. Before anger has time to set in, you'll stare blankly at the homeless man across from you playing Twinkle Twinkle Little Star on his guitar as you try to make it home in one piece. One day you'll get your revenge though, maybe not today, tomorrow, or within the next year. But, if you ever see that son of a bitch again, you'll graciously thank him for a lovely evening.... And then proceed to cut his balls off and give them to your dog as a chew toy.



Aries: March 20 - April 19

The full moon has lead you to be pickier about whom you make out with. There is nothing worse than sobering up when the lights come on to see that you have been playing tonsil hockey with Chewbacca all night. You will find yourself at a bar on the 23rd playing; I Can Drink Faster Than You. The second drink will be sent over by the guy that has been hitting on you... and well pretty much every other girl that night. You obviously still haven't learned the Drinking 101 lessons, because you would know to pace yourself. You are now the drunken sloppy mess that gets knocked out by bathroom doors. Your days of holding the reigning title of The Kissing Bandit may be long gone, but you feel the need to thank the guy who bought you the drink that lead you to becoming best friends with a toilet bowl.



Taurus: April 20 - May 20

This month is going to be extra crappy, so get ready to get dirty. On the 22nd, you will find yourself at that special someone's house. The sexual attraction will be so intense that you won't be able to make it to the bedroom before you start ripping each others clothes off. Just as you are coming up for air after you blew his "mind", he will ask, "Do you have your period?" At this point, you won't have enough time to think, Oh crap, it's already been 28 days? So, in preparation for The New York City Marathon, you sprint to the bathroom... only to be greeted by another surprise. With one foot in the door, your right foot will land in a fresh pile of mans best friend's leftovers. No worry though, a year from now you'll look back on this and laugh your ass off.



Gemini: May 21 - June 20

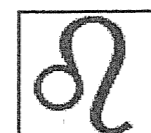
It's time to give up on being passive this month, grow some balls! Towards the end of the month, your gym buddy will dare you to spark up a conversation with the hottie lifting weights. You will then turn to catch a reflection of yourself in the door. Your hair is piled up on your head, you are sweating like a whore is church, and the black circles under your eyes due to lack of sleep give off the illusion that you were on a coke binge the night before. You have nothing to lose, so you will attempt to spark his interest with the worst pick up line ever. So, do you go to CSI? Within five minutes, you will learn that he is a 27 year old firefighter, and now more than ever you will hate being just 20. Ending the conversation, you not only ask for his number, but you will get it. That night you will accidentally delete it from your phone, but who cares; you were never going to call anyway. You just had to prove a point, even when you look like hell; your single and fabulous self can pick up a stud.



Cancer: June 21 - July 22

By the end of the month you will find yourself in your "happy place." But to be honest, that's not saying much. Subway knows you are no longer craving the meat when you order a Veggie Delight. Friends are starting to screen their phone calls because they can't deal with you crying every time they talk about their explosive sex lives. Your mom will blame you for her high blood pressure as you are about to pull a Britney Spears by shaving your head and getting two more tattoos. Lighten up already! Go grab a movie with some friends, but make sure it's right after you get a pay check. Your friends will refuse

to pay for your broke ass, which will force you to pay for a \$10.25 movie ticket... in quarters.



Leo: July 23 - August 22

It's time to have sex! After a month of planning, you will meet up with the guy you dated a year ago for coffee. Bring at least one condom that has been collecting dust in your room due to your dry spell, because someone is hitting the jackpot tonight. Within an hour into conversation, your windows start to fog up as you play a game of find the cannoli in the backseat of your car. As you reach the land of milk and honey, your body collapses and you scream out, "OH GOD!" Too bad you quit smoking, because a cigarette would be great right about now. Tonight will be the first time in months that you do not suffer from insomnia, because great sex really does make you sleep like a baby.



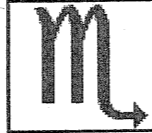
Virgo: August 23 - September 22

I smoke two joints before I smoke two joints, and then I smoke two more. Stress comes back to haunt you once again, so take Sublime's advice before you put yourself in a mental institution. On the 25th you and a friend will find yourselves in a cloud of smoke that leads you to believe that you're a philisopical genius. A Brooklyn accent will slip out of your mouth as your friend laughs uncontrollably, "Oh My God, you sound like your mother!" Your life flashes before you eyes, "I sound like my mother?! I am going to get married in my mid twenties and pop out babies?!" On second thought, put down the joint, and pull yourself together.



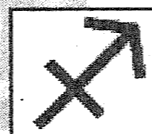
Libra: September 23 - October 22

It's your birthday and you'll cry if you want to. Your parents have jetted off to a tropical paradise and left you to wallow in your own crapulence. You are now left with two choices: be the responsible child, or the rebellious child. Being the bad ass that you are, you quickly choose to be a rebel without a cause, and throw yourself a birthday party in your backyard. You struggle to connect wires that will supply light for the evening, and you once again step in dog crap. A party that was supposed to have twenty guests; will have about forty. Half will not be familiar faces, so make sure to wear a name tag. Your bathroom will get whored around so much by the end of the night, that the septic tank backs up on to your front lawn. A guest who is trying to qualify for the Alcoholic Olympics will participate in Beer Bottle Tossing. Your parents would not appreciate a call from you in jail at two in the morning, so you are forced to kick major-



Scorpio: October 23 - November 21

You'll drag one of your friends to that Madonna concert you have been talking about for months. You'll pregame on your way to the concert, which will cause your buddy to pass out in her seat half way through the show. As you are dancing like a lunatic like a Virgin, you will take a second to notice the ratio between men and women at The Garden. Two hours later, the show ends, and you come to realize your speculations were correct. The only men that would go to a Madonna concert are either gay, or got dragged by their girlfriends. You'll think to yourself, WHY ARE ALL THE HOT ONES GAY OR TAKEN!? When you get back home, you will find yourself at a dinner watching your friend and her boyfriend fight. At this moment, you will be thankful for being single.



Sagittarius: November 22 - December 21

Working at Duane Reade had its perks. Going to work, was like going to a party. But like all good parties, this one came to an end. You'll keep in touch with your co-workers, and you will even fall for one too. You'll hang out, flirt, and receive the best damn back massages you've ever gotten. He'll insist he's not interested in you as more than a friend, but after three months of ignoring that fact, you'll just grab him and kiss him. He obviously liked it, because he kissed you back, but for the next month or so he will do what every other guy has done to you. Play games with your mind. On the 12th, he will give you the, "lets be friends speech" as he cuddles with you on the couch. Before you leave dazed and confused with blue vagina, your bad temper will get the best of you. You'll make up, fight again, make up; fight again... this cycle will repeat at least one more time. This time though, you'll come to realize that maybe you are better off just being friends.



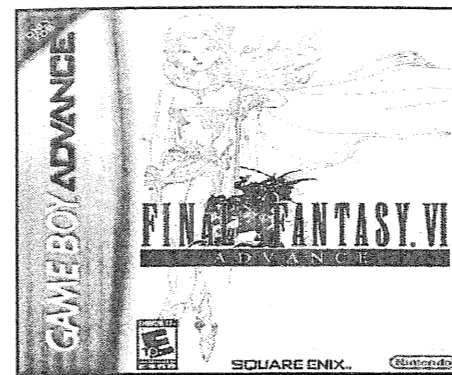
Capricorn: December 22 - January 19

On the 1st you will meet your very own "Mr. Big". He will stand at around six feet tall, have piercing blue eyes, a body that will make you want to be bulimic... and if you panties aren't already wet, he actually won't be an asshole! You'll go on two dates only to come to terms that you really aren't that into him. He'll call you on the 18th for date number three, but oddly enough you won't "have service" because you are convinced that this is the best way to "let him down easy." You my friend are the asshole.

FINAL FANTASY VI

A Fantasy Worth Revisiting

Dominic Fiduccia



Since its debut in 2001, Nintendo's handheld system, the Game Boy Advance, has been a mixed bag of great games from original 2-D titles (Pokemon Emerald, Sonic Advance series, and Drill Dozer), to the enhanced re-makes (Metroid: Zero Mission or Pokemon FireRed/LeafGreen) or straight ports (such as Super Mario World and Zelda: A Link to the Past).

Final Fantasy VI Advance from Square Enix falls somewhere in-between the enhanced re-makes and straight ports. It's not a direct port of the classic Super NES game, but there weren't enough changes to consider it an enhanced re-make, either. The storyline of Final Fantasy VI isn't especially original. It's actually a very typical plot

for a Role-Playing Game (RPG). The presentation is so well-done, you'll enjoy every moment of it. The story begins over 1000 years ago when a war involving the use of magic nearly destroyed the world. In the aftermath of the war, the power of magic was lost. As a result, people started to develop technology to replace magic as the primary way of life. Meanwhile, there is a powerful empire that is gaining strength and expanding its reach in an attempt to rule the world. The empire realizes that it will need more than technology to assert its dominance, so Emperor Gestahl decides to revive magic and use it as a source for his ultimate power.

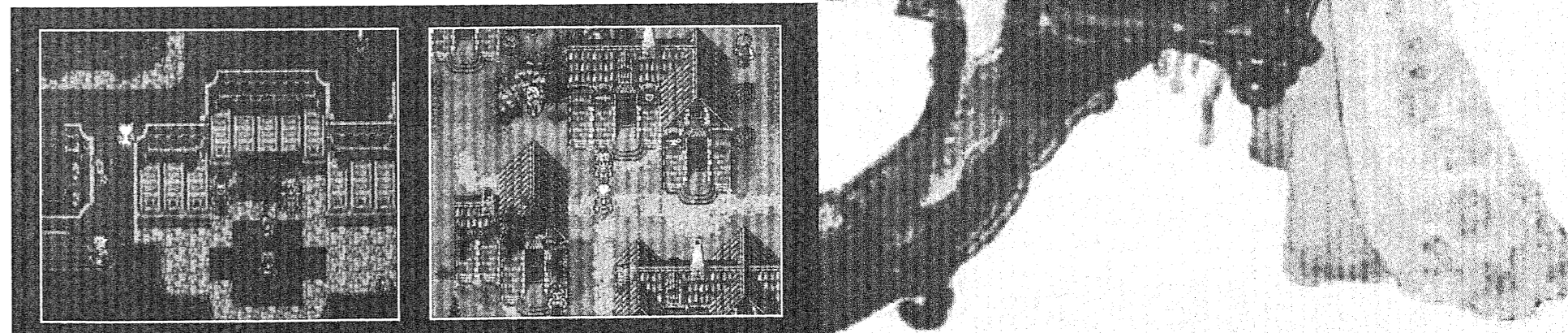
The main story is interesting, but what makes the game so memorable are all the details that go into the game. Even 13 years after its debut, this game featured the most playable selection of characters for a Final Fantasy game. You'll have fourteen different characters to choose from to form your party of four. The diversity allows you to have different playing experiences depending on which characters you choose. Each character has its own personality, background story, strength/weakness, and even theme song. You'll have to keep in mind that Final Fantasy VI is a very traditional RPG, so be ready to take part in

many tedious tasks, such as endlessly leveling up your characters and taking part in a lot, and I do mean A LOT, of random battles.

Still, Final Fantasy VI is one of the greatest games ever made. One reason is the game's final boss, Kefka. He's one of the Emperor Gestahl's top generals, and his ambition is matched only by his own madness. Kefka was one of the toughest final boss battles ever, and it's every bit as difficult to defeat him now as it was back in 1994. As for what is new in the game, the changes are actually very minor. The biggest difference from the original is dialogue. Much of the original text has been updated; the changes are mainly done so the dialogue makes more sense in translation from Japanese to English. Some of the spell, item, and skill names have also

been changed in order to clarify them. The biggest difference though, is the addition of a new optional side-quest dungeon called Dragon's Den; this is for gamers who want to add a level of extra challenge to their gaming experience.

Overall, Final Fantasy VI Advance is one of the best gaming experiences you'll have on the Game Boy Advance.



THE PRODUCERS

the new
AnnMarie Costella
review

NOW STARRING (drum roll)...Tony Danza?

Tony Danza the same man who in the 1980's starred in *Taxi* and *Who's the Boss*, playing characters named Tony because he would forget to respond to any other name is currently starring in the Mel Brooks musical, *The Producers* on Broadway. Surprisingly the 56-year-old star is in the best shape of his life dancing and singing across the stage like a seasoned pro. His vocal range and comic timing are impeccable and he adds new life to the role recently vacated by Nathan Lane. Danza, plays the role of Max Bialystock, a washed up Broadway producer who teams up with an unsuspecting accountant, Leo Bloom, in order to

launch a brilliant money making scheme. "Under the right circumstances, a producer could make more money with a flop than he could with a hit," indicates Bloom. "The IRS isn't interested in a show that flopped, so a producer could raise a million dollars, put on a \$100,000 flop and keep the rest." The plan then begins to take shape. Max beams as he explains the details: "Step 1: We find the worst play ever written. Step 2: We hire the worst director in town. Step 3: We raise two million dollars...One for me, one for you. There's a lot of little old ladies out there! Step 4: We hire the worst actors in New York and open on Broadway and before you can say Step 5, we close on Broadway, take our two million and go to Rio." Bialystock and Bloom put on

Springtime for Hitler, A Gay Romp with Adolf and Eva at Berchtesgaden, which they are sure will offend people of every race color and creed but instead it is regarded as a brilliant satire. The two are in deep trouble and hilarity ensues. *The Producers* is based on the 1968 Mel Brooks film starring Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder, but has been revamped to give it a more modern appeal. For example, in the original, Hitler is played by a pot-smoking, acid dropping hippie, whereas in the new version Hitler is played by a flaming, dress wearing, homosexual. Even if you don't like musicals or if you've already seen the movie, the play is still worth checking out. The excitement of watching and hearing live performers is not something that can be matched on film.



Photo: Google Images
Tony Danza is superb and he adds his own special flavor and charm to this already wonderful show. It is definitely worth the admission price. Go check it out. The Producers is currently playing at The St. James Theatre.

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Dolphins Lose in Playoffs

51 lead with fourteen seconds to go. York rebounded with a missed three-point attempt but regained the ball and sank a two-pointer. Robert Mesjasz was fouled next and with four seconds to play his two attempts missed. York's Teron Simpson picked up the ball and made a desperate attempt from half-court and sank the shot, earning the Cardinals three-points and the victory.

"He makes a crazy shot like that and we lose," CSI head coach Tony Petosa said to the SI Advance. "You see it on TV all the time and you say 'That can never happen to me.' But it did happen to us tonight."

Throughout the CUNY playoffs the Dolphins had solid team performances. In their quarterfinal victory over Lehman College, 62 - 55, Sean Weismuller, an All-CUNY sophomore center, led the team with 27 points, followed by Robert Mesjaz with 13. CSI also won the battle of the boards by 10, behind Gari Blackett's 16 rebounds.

What did not show up on the stat sheet, but was just as important, were the key plays made by freshman point guard Kyle Yocum. In a tight game, late in the fourth quarter, Yocum blocked what Lehman thought would be an easy layup and then took a charging foul. He iced the game with a steal with less

than 30 seconds remaining and hit two free throws after he was fouled. "Kyle took over the game down the stretch," Petosa said about Yocum's important play. "He made plays that changed the game."

The quarterfinal victory over Lehman advanced the Dolphins to the semi-finals on February 21 at City College. CSI defeated third-seeded Baruch by a final of 68 - 59.

The Dolphins had a balanced scoring attack led by Mike Jones, Mesjaz, and Weismuller, whom had 18, 17, and 14 respectively. Although they jumped out to an 18 point lead and led throughout the game, it was a much more hard fought game than the final indicates.

Jones, who led the team in scoring, was suffering from flu-like symptoms. Blackett had 12 rebounds as the Dolphins held the edge on the boards again, 38 - 27. However he left the game in the second quarter for a short time after he was cut on the chin. Ryan Hennessey, twice had to take a breather after running into screens from Baruch's 6-foot-9, 265-pound center.

"They came at us hard" and played "a physical game," as described by Coach Petosa. "I'm really proud the way we stood up and finished the job."

With a CUNY Championship Reach

Lady Dolphins Lose in Semi-Finals

Ednita Lorenzo

The CSI Dolphins women's basketball team lost 72-63 to the first-seeded Baruch College Bearcats in the semi-final round of the CUNY-AC Playoffs at City College on Tuesday, February 20.

The game started off a little rough for the Dolphins, who allowed the opening shots to go to Baruch. After five minutes of attempts, CSI finally got on the scoreboard with some three-pointers from Mallory Ameneiros. The Dolphins seem to be in the zone for much of the first half having lead at one point by ten points but they ended the first half down 31-29.

The second-half began where the Bearcats left off. They started to break through the Dolphins defense and managed to put some points on the scoreboard. The

Dolphins were trailing by 12 points but that didn't stop them from coming back. The CSI fans tried cheering them on but that couldn't stop the clock from running out. The game ended with Baruch advancing to the finals and CSI on a ride back home.

"They played a great game," said a Dolphins fan, "but it just wasn't their night."

It was a roller coaster season for the fifth-seeded Dolphins who ended 8-5 in the CUNY Division and 12-15 overall.

Only five players, Erin Alesi, Melanie D'Ambrosi, Nicole Estrada, Amanda Sanguinedo and Nicole Stefanski, returned from the 2005-06 team, leaving the team with nine freshman. The team started off with back-to-back losses at the Blue Jay Invitational in Maryland.

"We have a lot of work ahead

2007 CUNY Swimming and Diving Champs



The Dolphins women's swimming and diving team won the CUNY Championship, earning 478 points for their first CUNY title since 2001.

- Senior Margaret Borzymowski won the one-meter (205.75) and the three-meter (218.90) diving events.

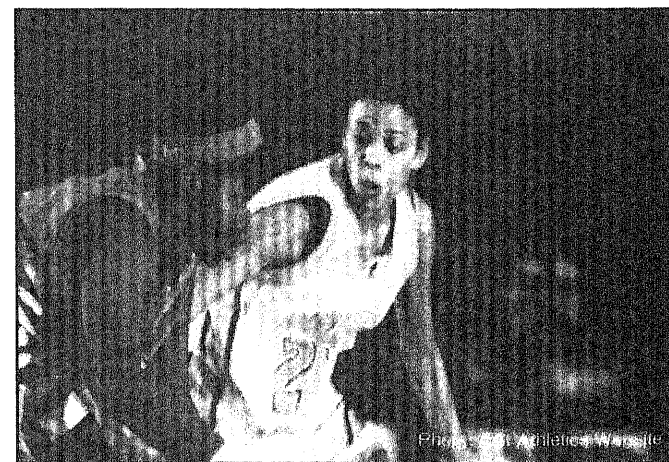
- In the 100 backstroke, freshman Tara Meiners won first place with a time of 1:07.19 and finished fourth in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:38.39.

of us," Coach Gualtieri said early in the season. "We have mistakes offensively, but we're working to maintain our defense, intensity and mentality."

The team got hard at work but had some set backs with a few injuries and some mistakes. The ladies suffered some hard losses during a six-game losing streak, but managed to get right back up and fight for a position in playoffs.

"CSI is really coming back strong," said another Dolphins fan. "It's not easy after a few losses like the ones they had, but the effort and skills are there."

Thanks to the help of some starters including Melanie D'Ambrosi, who averaged 17 points per game, and Nicole Estrada, who averaged 19 points per game, the



Dolphins were beginning to get back on their feet winning most of their final conference games.

The fifth-seeded Dolphins had advanced in the playoffs after defeating the fourth-seeded Hunter College Hawks three days before 50-49 in overtime.

It may have been a tough season for these ladies, but their skills and hard work led them once again to the playoffs.