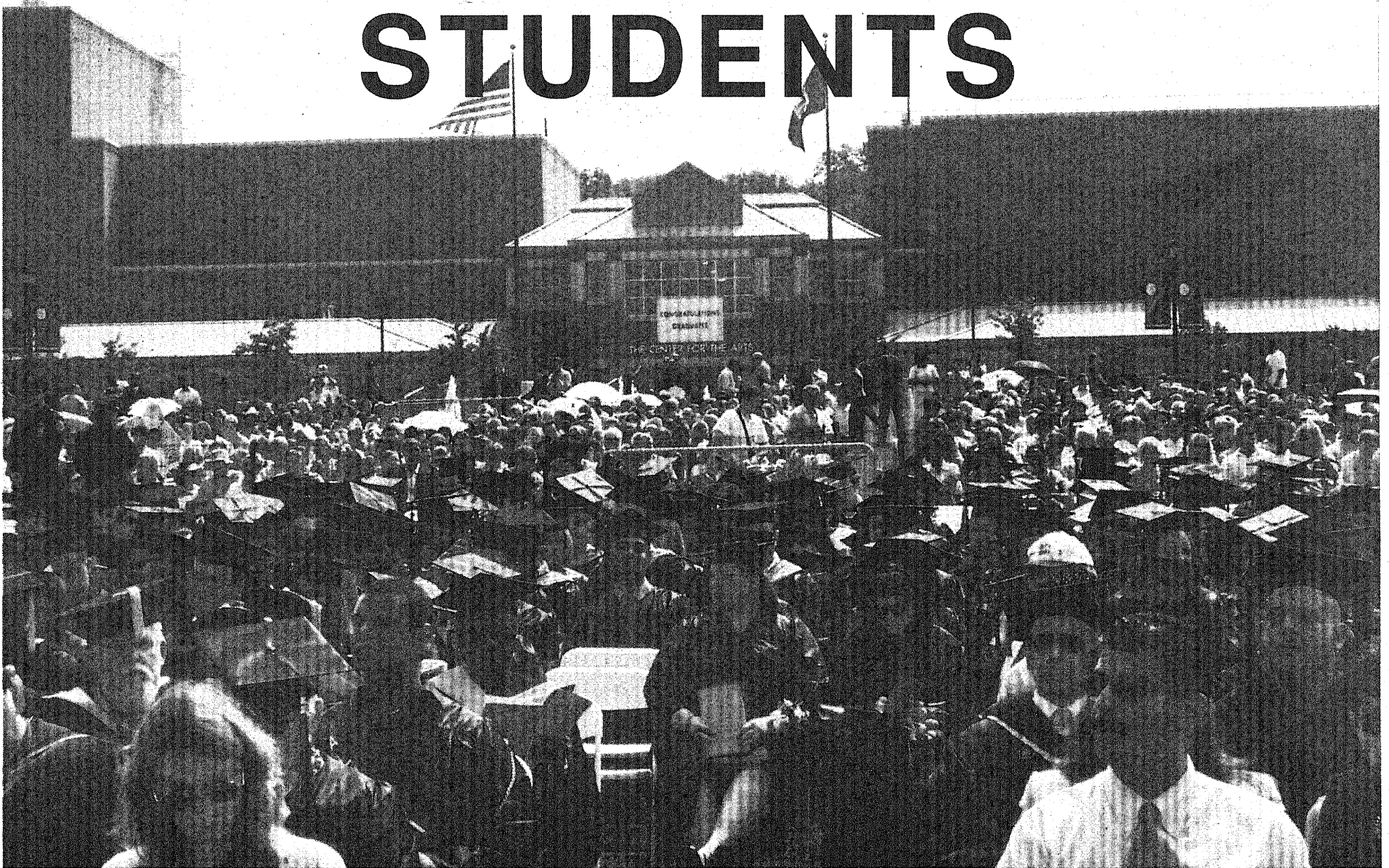


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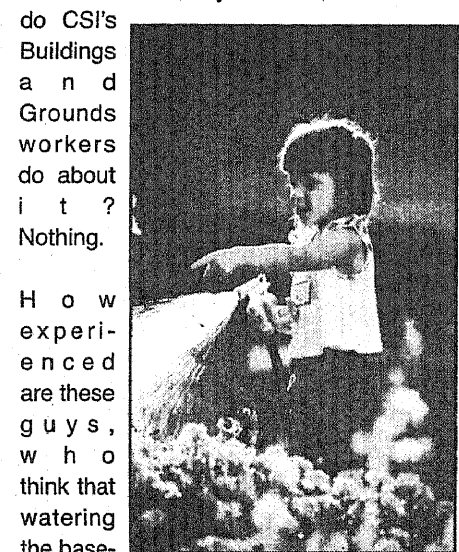
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# Complaints, Raves, Rants, and Praise

## Wash Out

Playing on CSI's baseball field that feels more like playing on cement and running on the beautiful green grass of the field feels more like running through a Staten Island street filled with potholes. If you need a nice cold drink, just walk over to the home team dugout where they have a water fountain that dispenses ice-cold water. Unfortunately it doesn't work. What do CSI's Buildings and Grounds workers do about it? Nothing.



How experienced are these guys, who think that watering the baseball field two hours before game time with a hose for about five minutes will soften it, especially on a 80 degree day when it dries up like a raisin ten minutes later?

Apparently the B & G workers don't know what they're doing. There should be a class offered at CSI, to show them how to properly take care of a field. I propose that they try watering the field 15 minutes before a game using a sprinkler system that is embedded in the ground. During the off-season they should fix the holes on the infield grass and repair the water fountains.

— Mohammad Hamad

## Kicking and Screaming: The Vending Machine Blues

There is a question that has been on the minds of many CSI students. Why can't the school get new vending machines? They always seem to be out of order. I often find myself praying that it doesn't give me iced tea when I pressed the button for Sprite. Sometimes it's not even about getting the wrong drink, it's about getting the wrong change.

One out of every five students has experienced problems with the vending machines. A classmate of mine went to get something to drink and got all nickels in change. I'm sure that made his day. I mean who doesn't want a bunch of nickels?

I've seen people kicking and screaming when their snacks get stuck in the vending machine. No matter how hard they try, it never works.

Not all the machines are bad, but it's a pain to have to walk to another building when you are hungry and pressed for time. I love those 1-800 numbers that are stuck to the machine that you're supposed to call when there is a problem. Calling the product delivery people is no help at all and the Coca Cola Bottling Company could care less that the vending machine ate

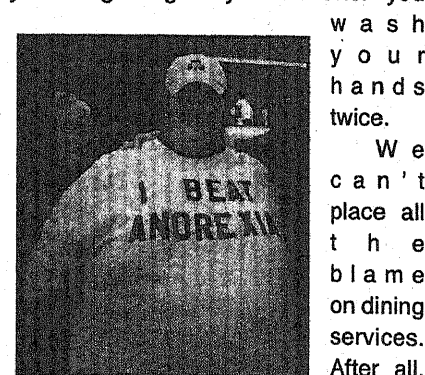


driving me but many others to insanity.

— Shanaz Mohammed

## Dine In and Dig Your Own Grave

There is nothing more important than the food I put in my body. I value my health. During my first semester at CSI, I began to realize how dangerous and unhealthy the food from the cafeteria in Building 1C is. There is no faster way of reaching your deadly goal of high cholesterol or obesity than to eat the deep fried food that they sell. It will leave your fingers greasy even after you



wash your hands twice. We can't place all the blame on dining services. After all, we choose what food we purchase. They do have "healthy" alternatives - shriveled oranges, wilted lettuce, rock-hard, high-carb bagels, or delicious pre-made (or rather, pre-aged) chicken ciabatta.

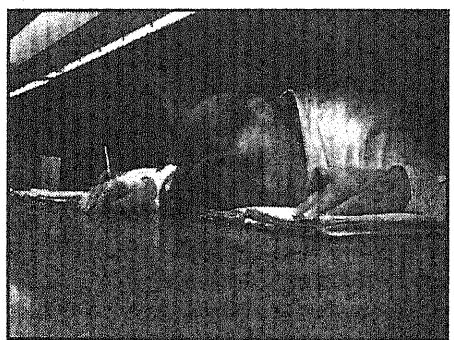
I am appalled that the head of dining services, Jodi Merenzino, would offer spoiled and fattening meals to make me sick between classes, not to mention the hefty price. Fixing this problem is simple. Food must be stored at 35 degrees Fahrenheit to prevent spoiling. Rotten food must be thrown out. Students need fresh, healthy snacks to help energize them for class.

— Nicole Tumbarello

## CSI Helps You Get Your Zzzzz

With four years of college under my belt, graduation approaching, and the fact that I am a little older than most CSI students, I can't seem to fathom the mentality and fracture in the moral ground of some students. I have noticed as the years go by that it just keeps getting worse.

Most CSI students just don't care about their education or the education of those around them. If they do, then they sure as hell fooled me. Students arrive late to class while others repeatedly interrupt the flow of the lecture. Coming unprepared to class is a huge trend. Students don't do the assigned reading and then they have the audacity to sit there the whole time and look bored. Have the



common courtesy to take out paper and a pen and at least pretend to learn. Intellectual classroom discussions are hard to come by and they usually end with the student answering back in a rude and disrespectful manner.

Why do college students still behave like adolescents? Does it have to do with the level of the course or the age of the student? Is it the way they were raised or their background? Could it be a constant reminder that CSI is a last resort, cheap CUNY College? Maybe it's certain professors who stoop to the level of students?

It is essential that something be done to change this situation before it gets worse. I believe teachers should apply stronger penalties to lazy students. I also think it would be beneficial to adopt the structure taken by intermediate schools. Students are placed in classes according to their behavior and IQ or grade point average. In a perfect world, students would help shape the environment that they will become products of.

— Stephanie Palmieri

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## To the CSI Community

"All of us can be very proud of what CSI has accomplished during the last 13 years: we have provided more bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degree opportunities for our students; we opened the CSI High School for International Studies; we joined the CUNY Macaulay Honors College and started the Verrazano School (a competitive, highly selective new program for undergraduates). Meanwhile, our students get better and better every year, and we continue to build a very distinguished faculty. I know that CSI's tradition of excellence will continue to expand in the coming years, and I am honored to have had the privilege of serving the College through such a wonderful and inspiring period of growth. It has been a great time for me, and I thank everyone who has helped make it all possible. CSI's future is exciting, and I wish everyone the joy of being part of that excitement."

□ Dr. Marlene Springer



## Course Schedule Books Now Obsolete

BY ANNMARIE COSTELLA  
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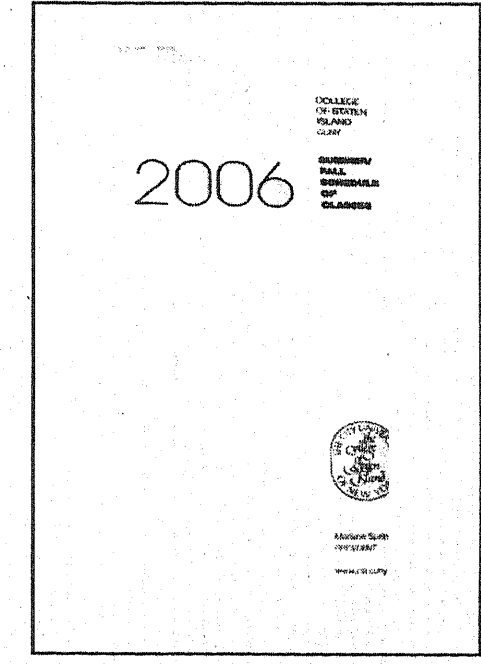
Starting this fall, CSI will no longer be printing course schedule booklets. All class listings will be available online through esims. This step is part of a long term CUNY wide initiative to create a paperless environment and become more ecologically friendly. "We felt this was a very good way of moving in that direction," said Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Robert Huber. "We are not the only campus that is doing this; other campuses are doing it as well." Students were notified of the change via their CIX accounts.

The administration believes that the benefits and convenience of esims far surpasses that of the course booklets since it is updated frequently and allows students to view schedule changes in a timely fashion. They can also check to see which class sections are open and how many seats are available. "It's much more of a living document, whereas the information in the course booklets is already a few months old," said Huber. "Everyone seems to get their information online and it's less expensive."

The elimination of the course booklets will save money and trees, but it also has disadvantages. Some students will miss the portability of the booklets. They can read them at work, in-between classes, or while riding the bus. There is also an inherent satisfaction that comes from thumbing through those delicate gray

pages and circling classes that strike your fancy. In addition, entering all the printed data into the online system and updating it frequently is time consuming since it must be done manually.

Each semester CSI was printing 16,000 course booklets on recycled paper at a cost of between \$17,000 and \$20,000. In the future, the administration will continue to look for ways to reduce the amount of paper the college uses. "Landfills are filled with newspapers and paper products," said Huber. "Doing everything electronically is better for the environment."



## Flower Power



BY ANNMARIE COSTELLA  
CO-MANAGING EDITOR

Spring is in bloom and nowhere is that more apparent than at CSI. Several dozen new flowerbeds and tiny sculpted trees have been planted all over the campus in an effort to make it look more beautiful and welcoming to visitors. "I don't think you can miss it. It just jumps out at you," said Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Robert Huber. "That's the great thing about landscaping."

Commencement is rapidly approaching, but unfortunately graduates can't tip toe through the tulips or stop to smell the roses on the way to getting their diploma. Both tulips and roses are perennials. Perennials only last a few weeks and die at the first sign of cold, but they re-grow the following season. The administration, however, has chosen to plant annuals. Annuals like pansies and daisies are hearty and bloom well through autumn. Unfortunately, once they die they have to be removed and replaced with new ones.

Several students and faculty members have already noticed the colorful floral arrangements. "The campus should look this beautiful all year long," said English major, Brian Gonzales. "It improves CSI's overall image." Director of Student Life, Carol Brower, enjoys gardening and is pleased with the landscaping changes. "I know seeing the flowers everyday makes me feel good," she said. "I love flowers."

Stone terracing surrounds some of the new flowerbeds while others encircle trees on the great lawn. The administration paid \$4,000 for the botanical ornamentation out of the OTPS (Other than Personal Services) budget. Buildings and Grounds workers will perform routine maintenance such as pruning and watering to ensure plant health and vitality.

"Landscaping can make a statement," said Huber. "I think the statement we're making is that this is a welcoming and friendly campus. It's a delightful place where you can feel good about yourself."

## CSI Advisers: Friend or Foe?

When new students come to CSI to register for their first semester of college, they are looking forward to four years of higher learning.

CSI, however, should tell prospective students that it is likely to be six years before they graduate. This problem can be attributed to a lack of advisement. Freshmen have upper class men telling them what courses to take. The so-called academic advisors have no clue what they are doing. They don't offer any useful advice. They just basically show you how to use the esims program.

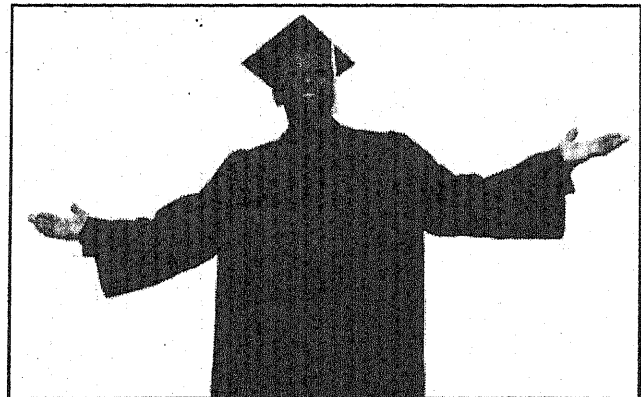
Marianne Carlin, the Director of Academic Advisement, needs to

change the system. Each student should be assigned an advisor as soon as they walk through the door.

They should be told that even though CSI offers mostly 4 credit classes, they should take more than 12 credits per semester.

Freshman registration has become a distant memory and the changing system would not benefit myself, but I do not want future students to be misguided by advisors who do not tell you what you need to do.

— Normand Sweeney



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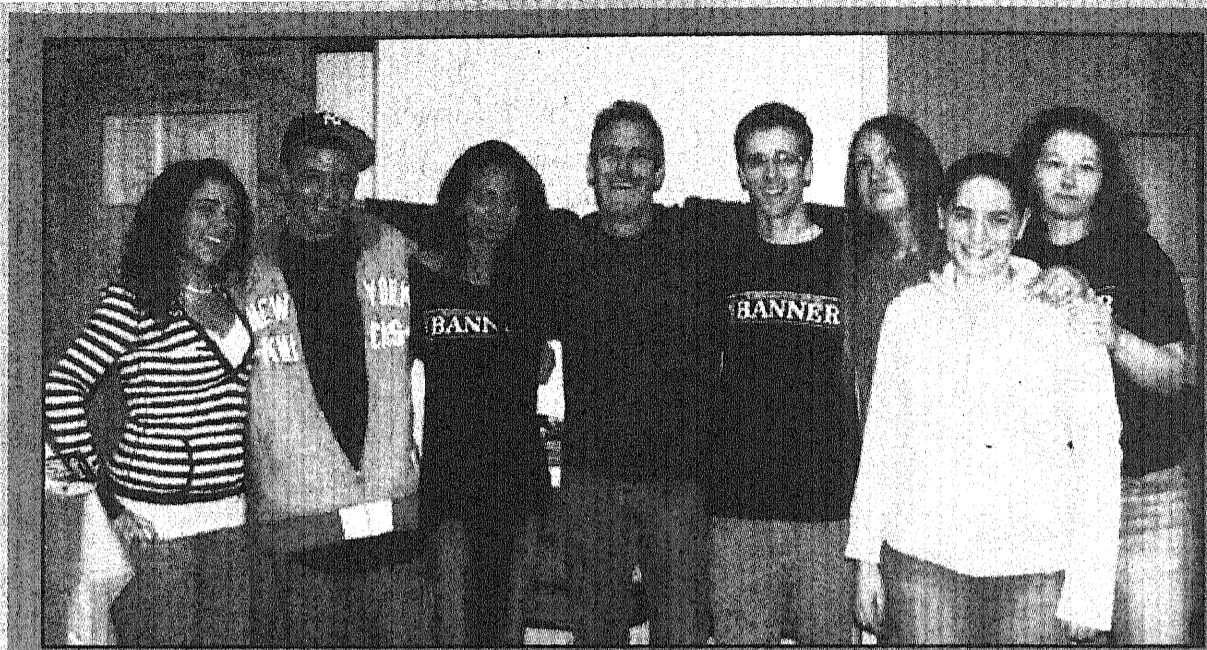
Take a Trip Down Memory Lane

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By [Author Name]

When the Banner first started in 1977, it was a small, handwritten newsletter. It was the work of a few dedicated individuals who saw the need for a voice on campus. Over the years, the paper has grown into a professional publication, but the passion and commitment of its members have remained the same.

Members of the Banner have worked hard to make it what we hope is the best paper on campus. We have a great staff of writers, editors, and photographers who bring you the news, stories, and opinions that matter to the College of Staten Island community.

Support the Banner! We need your help to keep this important publication going. Please consider donating or becoming a member today.

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### 30 Years of the Banner

By [Author Name]

It's hard to believe, but the Banner is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. From its humble beginnings as a handwritten newsletter to its current status as a professional publication, the Banner has come a long way.

Over the years, the paper has covered major events on campus, provided a platform for student voices, and served as a vital link between the student body and the administration. It has been a witness to the growth and development of the College of Staten Island.

As we look back on 30 years of the Banner, we are proud of the dedication and hard work of all those who have contributed to its success. We look forward to the next 30 years and the continued growth of this important publication.

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### College and Scholarship Programs Prepare Students for the Future

By [Author Name]

At the College of Staten Island, we are committed to providing our students with the best possible education. Our college and scholarship programs are designed to prepare students for the challenges of the future.

Our college programs offer a wide range of courses and majors, allowing students to explore their interests and develop their skills. Our scholarship programs provide financial support to students who demonstrate academic excellence and leadership potential.

By providing these programs, we are ensuring that our students have the resources they need to succeed in their studies and in their careers. We are proud to be a part of their journey and to support their dreams.

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### License Renewed

By [Author Name]

The Banner's license has been renewed for another year. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the staff and the support of the community.

The license renewal process was a rigorous one, but we were able to demonstrate the value and quality of our publication. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the College of Staten Island community.

We will continue to strive for excellence and to provide the best news and information to our readers. Thank you for your support and for making the Banner what we hope is the best paper on campus.

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### Advance in Junction with Multiple Functions

By [Author Name]

The Banner has made significant advances in its operations, thanks to the hard work of our staff and the support of our community. We are proud to have achieved these milestones.

Our new website has been launched, providing our readers with easier access to our content. We have also improved our printing process, ensuring that our news is delivered to your door in a timely and professional manner.

These advances are a result of the dedication and hard work of everyone who is involved in the Banner. We are committed to continuing to improve and to providing the best news and information to our readers.

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### CSU's Education Department Up For Credit Review

By [Author Name]

The College of Staten Island's Education Department is currently under review for credit. This is a process that is necessary to ensure the quality and integrity of our programs.

The review process will involve a thorough examination of our curriculum, faculty qualifications, and student outcomes. We are confident that we will be able to demonstrate the high quality of our education and to earn the credit we deserve.

We are committed to providing our students with the best possible education and to meeting the needs of our community. We are proud to be a part of the College of Staten Island and to the work we are doing to improve our programs.

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### Virginia Tech Shootings Leave CSI Campus on Edge

By [Author Name]

The recent shootings at Virginia Tech have left the College of Staten Island campus on edge. We are all concerned about the safety of our students and staff.

While we are grateful for the support and solidarity shown by our community, we are also aware of the need to take steps to ensure our own safety. We are working closely with campus security and law enforcement to identify potential threats and to develop plans to address them.

We are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students and staff. We are proud of the resilience and strength of our community and we are confident that we will be able to overcome these challenges.

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### Are They Made of Gold?


By [Author Name]

The question of whether or not we are made of gold is a topic that has been discussed for centuries. It is a question that is still relevant today.

At the College of Staten Island, we are committed to providing our students with the best possible education. We are proud of the hard work and dedication of our staff and students and we are confident that we are made of gold.

We are committed to continuing to improve and to providing the best news and information to our readers. We are proud to be a part of the College of Staten Island and to the work we are doing to make a difference.

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