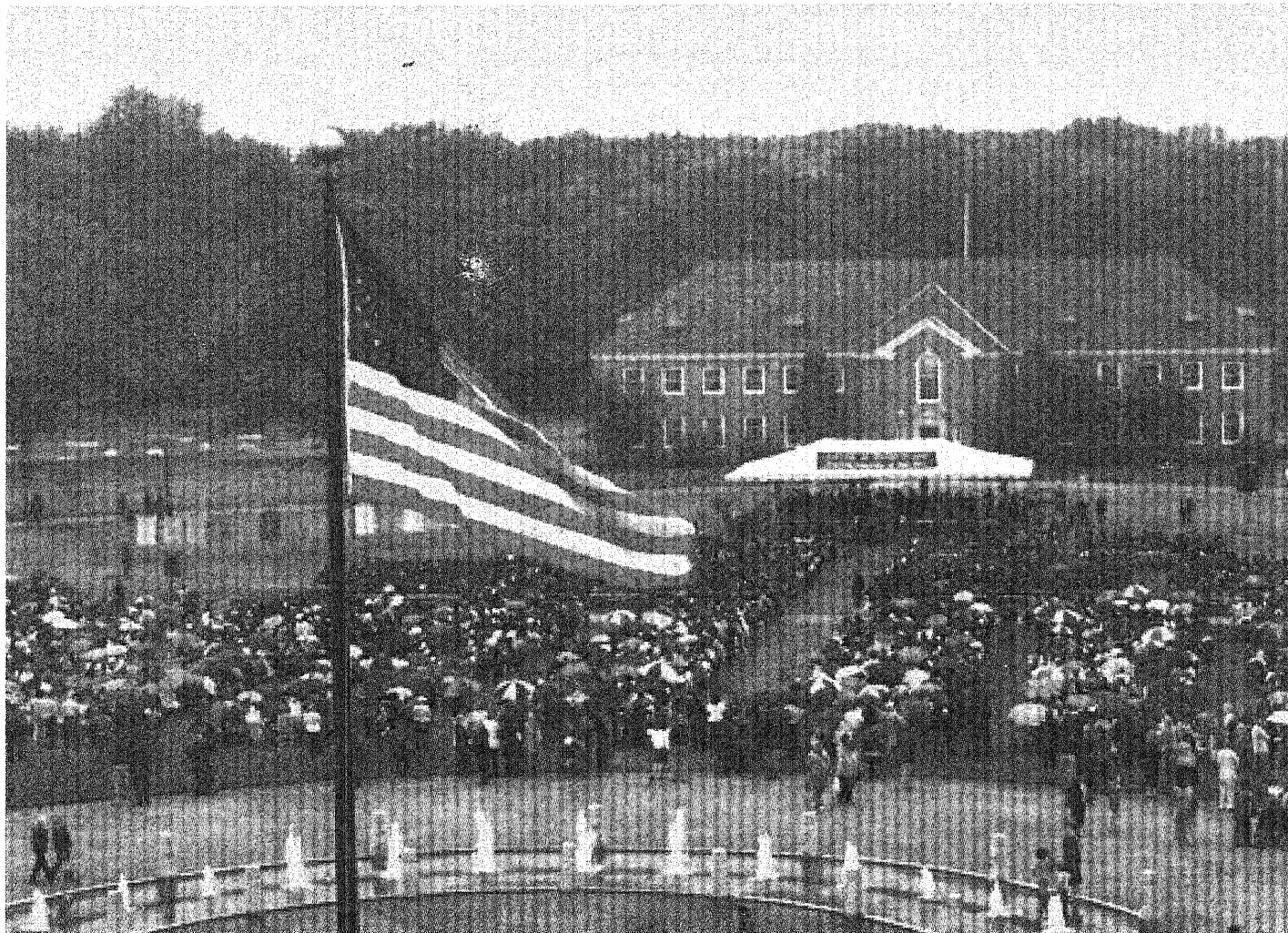


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IN RAIN, CSI GRADUATES SHINE



At May's Commencement, 1,233 students were registered to graduate according to the Registrar.

Photo from CSI

Super Senior

It's Not Impossible to Graduate in Four Years.

BY ATTIYAH REHAN
CONTRIBUTOR

Every student wants to graduate within four years. However, not everyone gets what they want and graduates on time. In most cases, the students cannot be blamed for not graduating on time. However, some students have managed to finish school on time by occasionally taking classes during the breaks.

"It's not impossible to graduate in four years," said Sasha Hernandez. "After all, I am graduating in 2 and half years."

English major Sasha Hernandez, a 19 year old sophomore, is registered to graduate in December of 2010. She mentioned that she had to take classes during summer and winter session, and she also took classes in different CUNY colleges. She said that since her major requirements were given during every session, that made things easier for her.

"Because I am registered to graduate in January, I have many plans but there is one thing that bothers me," said Sasha. "The feeling of graduation, walking down the aisle to get the diploma will always be missing from my college experience but I'm still happy to have a jump start."

Not everyone gets lucky like Sasha. Communication major Tiffany Morales, a 22 year old senior, mentioned that she will have to stay in school for an extra semester. She said that CSI only offered a certain amount of classes for her major per semester. Some had time conflict and nothing was offered during winter or summer break. For that reason she has to attend college for another semester.

"I wish they offered something during the breaks or offered more than five classes," said Tiffany Morales. "I had everything planned out but now all that planning is worth nothing."

According to the Registrar's Office, only 1,233 students are registered to graduate this June. However, Janet Riley, who had the statistics for graduation said, "1,233 students might be registered to graduate but there is a big chance some will not make it."

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Students Awarded at Honors Convocation

Event Recognizes Hard Work of 317 Students

BY MICHAEL YOUNG
CONTRIBUTOR

Last year, President Tomas Morales decided to scrap the annual Student Awards Ceremony and bring forth the new Honors Convocation. Casual dress was out, cap and gowns were in.

The Honors Convocation, which takes place on May 26th, is organized collaboratively between Student and Academic Affairs. Students who have received honors in their major, departmental awards, and performed service to the CSI community are recognized at the event. This year, 317 students were sent invitations, and each is invited to bring two guests.

"It's an evening for students who have achieved academic excellence and service and leadership awards," Carol Brower, the Acting Associate



(From left), President Tomas D. Morales, VP (s) Michael Kress and Milton Santiago. Dean for Student Affairs, said.

Prior to last year, the Honors Convocation was called the Student Awards Ceremony and was held in the Green Dolphin Lounge in the Campus Center. The event is currently held in the Concert Hall in the Center

for the Arts- a more prominent, formal setting.

"It actually gave it a bit more pomp and circumstance," Brower said.

So what distinguishes the Honors Convocation from Commencement, which takes place two days later?

"In some ways, the students and families find it more exciting because they are recognized individual-

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American Democracy Project

O.D.S.: Obama Derangement Syndrome

BY MICHAEL MILEY
CONTRIBUTOR

Barrack Obama has barely been President of the United States for four months now but yet Republicans and Right-Wingers in this country foam rabidly at the mouth over the mere mention of him and his programs at every speck and turn. Yet for eight years the Republicans and those on the Right labeled Democrats and those of us actually on the Left of suffering Bush Derangement Syndrome. In which at the mere mention of the name George W. Bush would send "Lefties" into sputtering foaming at the mouth maniacs. But what is the difference between these two "syndromes"?

Well the answer is very simple, in the fact that a few of us on the Left had (and still do) actual grievances against Bush and his administration. Grievances that for eight years were either shouted down by the Right, ignored or forced into submission through lies and fear. The phrases "love it or leave it, America hating, blame America firsters (sic)" or questions such as "why don't you love America?" On and on ad infinitum, were thrown at us. But Obama (at this writing) has only been in office for just about over 100 days, not long enough for him to have earned actual grievances from the

Right, if anything those of us on the Left have real grievances with him, but that is an article for another time.

Yet sans any actual ties to reality or beyond the fact that Obama is a Democrat, the Right attacks him almost like the Atlantic into Gibraltar. But to those of us possessing sound mind their claims ring hollow and untrue, and their lies and insinuations shrivel up in the face of facts and reason and not just the Right's insanity, but also the distortions brought to you by the media. For example only in America is a four percent increase in the military's budget considered a massive decrease. We also see a rising chorus of people crying poverty for the future, but yet where were these people for the last eight years, while Bush and his ilk bankrupted our nation. Taking us from a billion dollar surplus, to trillions of dollars of debt, and the billions of dollars that are spent a day in Iraq?

We have a disconnect with reality, highlighted by Charles Krathmer claiming that because Obama sees the G20 as the "wave of the future" and the best way to improve the global economy, is a bad thing instead of Churchill and Roosevelt deciding the future of the world economy over a glass of brandy, as relishing in our nations decline! Its mind numbing nonsense, to say that the

imperial way is the way that our democracy should behave boggles the mind.

Then there are the people who decry Obama as a socialist, fascist, evil doing Muslim "bad guy". I'm not even going to touch the "Muslim bad guy" angle, because anyone who truly believes that needs to be committed. The allegations that Obama is a fascist are less numerous than those that call him a socialist, so I'm going to put that aside for now and tackle the issue of him being a socialist. First off, Obama is not a socialist, for the very same reasons that Otto Von Bismarck and FDR weren't socialists. Bismarck and Roosevelt enacted socialist programs, and Obama wants to enact programs that we have deemed to be socialist in order to ease tensions among the populace. Bismarck created wide spread social programs in Germany in order to make people less likely to support the socialist parties in Germany in the 1870s. Franklin Roosevelt created Social Security, the F.D.I.C. the N.R.A the W.P.A, the T.V.A. and the rest of the alphabet soup of New Deal programs in order to avoid a new civil war that was brewing in the early part of the 1930s.

These programs were not enacted to make sure the workers would rise up and seize the means of production. They

were enacted in order to create a stable society and weaken any base that radicals may have exploited to their own advantage. The same applies to Dwight D. Eisenhower, a staunch anti-communist and Republican president from 1951-59, who would have called anyone who wanted to dismantle the New Deal as crazy. And if he were president today, he would be advocating programs possibly more "radical" than what Obama is proposing. So we see that Obama is not a socialist, but an Eisenhower Republican!

Also I would like to say something about people who suggest that Socialism and (modern) Liberalism are ideologies of hate. They're right, we do hate. We hate the idea of poverty, injustice, inequality, racism, ignorance and want. For if it is wrong to hate these things, and to see them done away with than I would not want to be Right. In the immortal words of the socialist Eugene V. Debs "Years ago I recognized my kinship with all living beings, and I made up my mind then that I was not one bit better than the meanest on earth. I said then, and I say now, that while there is a lower class, I am in it; and while there is a criminal element, I am of it; and while there is a soul in prison, I am not free."

A WORD ABOUT ZOMBIES

BY THOMAS MORRISSEY
STAFF WRITER

I'm currently working my way through the trade paperback The Walking Dead series, collections of the comic and, in its entirety, a hell of a story. It's set in the original zombie-overrun world of George Romero, and follows a group of people surviving. Terrific stuff.

Zombies are like a pair of black shoes—they go with everything. I'm not sure I could name a movie that wouldn't be improved by the addition of hordes of the walking dead (well, maybe The Passion of the Christ, although—as the more astute comic book fans among you know—Jesus Hates Zombies), and even the NY Times bestseller list features a re-imagining of the Jane Austen classic, Pride and Prejudice and Zombies. Re-imaginings and reinterpretations notwithstanding (sorry, 28 Days Later), the zombies everyone knows and loves are from the world of Romero's 'Living Dead' movies: slow moving, non-intelligent, insatiable in their hunger, nearly unstoppable in their numbers. Kind of like a Democrat majority in the government.

"Oh, he went and made it political." Yeah, I had to—this is a political column. And since it is my last column (this year, anyway) (dry your eyes, you on the Left), I wanted to leave everyone with something to consider: if you choose to follow a person, or a movement, are you going to know what you're talking about, or will you be a zombie?

All year long, I've been offering facts about Barack Obama, his life, his philosophy, and his politics. I know this information is out there, and yet when I speak to people about the economy or foreign affairs or, well, anything outside of American Idol or the latest superhero movie, I get angry defense of the man who "at least speaks better than Bush!" What are people not getting? Or, what am I missing?

What is the mindset that allows someone to see Socialist mobs from ACORN—Obama's foot soldiers and money-launderers (see Anita Moncrief's stuff about ACORN shifting funds for illegal purposes (she was there, people))—, how does someone see these people threatening citizens (AIG execs) who

were following the law and call it a positive thing? When Obama says, "I'm the only thing standing between you and the pitchforks" to the heads of international banks as a way of getting the banks to whatever he wants, how is it possible to think that's good? Set aside personal agreement or disagreement with the players—this is blackmail, plain and simple. It is using the mob (ACORN) to threaten businessmen to go along or be destroyed, and it is the President of the United States doing it. What is this, 'A Piece of the Action' (Original Star Trek fans, you know what I mean)?

Our government was designed with a series of checks and balances to prevent it from becoming too powerful or too intrusive into the lives of America's citizens. The Legislature writes the laws, the Executive signs the laws, the Judiciary enforces the law. (I realize this may be new to some of you who were indoctrinated by, whoops, I mean, went to public schools, but this is Civics 101.) With the Leftist/Democrats in power, they are writing laws nobody reads (Stimulus Bill, anyone?), using the gov-

ernment's power to force private companies to do what the President wants (GM takeover—good luck selling those idiot 'green' cars), and allowing judges to make up laws based on 'empathy' rather than fact, precedent, or—I don't know—REASON.

None of this is good for freedom, people. None of this promotes the traditional American values like self-reliance, inner strength and trust in the rule of law. Some say this shows how Obama is stupid and inexperienced. I disagree. I think this is all very deliberate. When you see where Obama comes from and who inspired him, when you take into account how intelligent Obama is supposed to be, I think everything he is doing is designed to weaken and ultimately collapse the freedom and capitalism of America. I said it before, but it bears repeating: I believe Obama is neither honest nor honorable. I believe he is shady, slick and the front for a political

Honors Convocation

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ly," Brower said. "You go to Commencement and there's 2,000 students in the audience."

The individual recognition is a major plus for students who have worked hard during their four years. When students arrive at the event, they are given a card that lists all of the awards they are receiving, and they are called up onstage and given all of them at once.

Although most students who are invited do attend, there are some who skip out on the ceremony. Brower advises that all students who are being honored should attend, because they are being applauded for their contributions and hard work.

"This is a special night to really recognize this accomplishment," Brower said.

One of the big awards of the evening is the Student Dolphin Award. The award is given to a number of faculty and staff, but to only one student with a record of outstanding service and academic achievement.

This year, Peter DeCrescenzo, the Student Government President, will be receiving the award.

After the formal ceremony, students

attend a reception outside and take photos with the President, which are then posted on the CSI website.

Susan Amin, currently a medical student at SUNY Downstate who graduated in the class of 2008, recalls her evening at last year's Honors Convocation fondly.

"I felt like the Honors Convocation very much added to my final days at CSI," Amin said. "The general Convocation is so massive and crowded, so it was nice to have that small, more intimate ceremony."

Jaclynn Ng, a graduating senior, is headed to the Albany College of Pharmacy in the fall. With graduation approaching, Ng is staying focused—she still has four finals and a biochemistry thesis to complete.

"I'm ready to finally be out," Ng said. "It's good that we get recognition after working so hard."

Current students looking for the added distinction at graduation, whether it be next year or in the next few years, should continue to study hard, take challenging classes, and get involved on campus.

"Students can expect to feel an added sense of accomplishment, a cherry on top of the graduation experience," Amin said.

"This is all about excelling, getting involved through leadership," Brower said. "It's not one you can apply for."

4 Year Grads

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Janet mentioned that graduation numbers have gone up since last year. "CSI graduation rate is now up to 82% for full time students," said Janet. "And everyone is hoping that it keeps rising."

Biology major, Sal Basile, a22 year old Senior, is registered to graduate this June. He is one of the students who would be graduating in four years. Sal mentioned that he took all the classes CSI offered for his major during spring and fall semester. He attended summer session for language and that was only once. Sal pointed out that most of his courses were offered more than one time a week and that was one of the reasons he finished his bachelor requirements in four years.

"Graduating in four years is hard, managing at least 4 to 5 classes with

work makes it harder," said Sal. "But all the hard work was definitely worth it. I'm on time with everything, now let's hope for a good job."

ZOMBIES

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philosophy and process I find repugnant. I would not vote for him. Ever. Keep your eyes open, people. Fight for freedom every chance you get. If you don't—or won't—, prepare for the Zombie Apocalypse, where hordes of mindless Leftist/Democrats moaning 'Hope and change...' will eat you alive. Don't let them infect you. Stay informed.

A Final Look at the Fashion Editor: Get to know the person behind the articles

BY LATHLEEN ADE-BROWN
FASHION EDITOR

The room temperature upon entering this particular clothing store was extremely humid. Fast paced shoppers and destroyed clothing racks made the vibe uneasy. The music began to pump through my veins as it blared through the overhead speakers. "You said you wanted to go shopping, and you're not even looking around," my sister reminded me as she casually browsed the store herself.

I couldn't take the atmosphere of shopping. I left the store as quickly as I entered it. This was a reminder to me that I hate shopping. I am easily turned off by a messy store and unorganized clothing racks. In order for me to browse a clothing store, it has to be in order and extremely mellow.

My style is very hard to keep up with. It changes with my mood. "You look a hot mess" is the message I usually get from my friends and family after I am done getting dressed in the morning. If my mood is sad, I wear dark colors. When I am angry, I throw on weird prints or perhaps destroyed jeans. The fact that I hate shopping limits me to certain trends. I am old fashion and love to stick to the basic and preppy. I love Ralph Lauren and I think he has a genius style, not enough weird prints but I make it work.

We all know that Michael Jordans are sneakers that are timeless and probably will never go out of style, ever. Perhaps this is part reason why this is part of HIS style, with matching Rugby Ralph Lauren shorts. And if you're looking for the time, you don't have to look any further than Casio G-shock watches, which are classic and most of all sexy.



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SUMMER ELECTRONICS

BY ANDREW DILORENZO
GEEK ON THE STREET

"The have to's right here in a nutshell."

Towel. Check. Suntan Lotion. Check. New gadget to use while on the beach. Uh-oh. Yup, it's the time of the year when companies from around the world come together and release their new electronic gadgets into our world to help us and make us look cool in front of that hottie near the water fountain once you got to the beach. I'm here to give you the 411 about it all. So, get ready for this crazy journey.

PALM PRE

Manufacturer: Palm Electronics
Website: <http://www.palm.com>
Retail Price: \$199 after rebates.

Deemed the next generation of the Palm by internet insiders, this new cell phone on the block sports an advanced multi-touch display and a radically overhauled operating system capitalizing on the benefits of cloud computing. Both Palm and Sprint, which is the telephone provider for this big boy, promised it will be in stores by the first half of the year, and it is. Release date is June 6th.

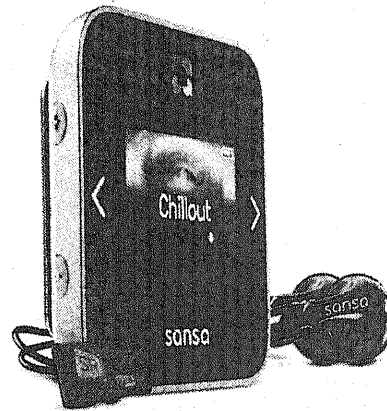


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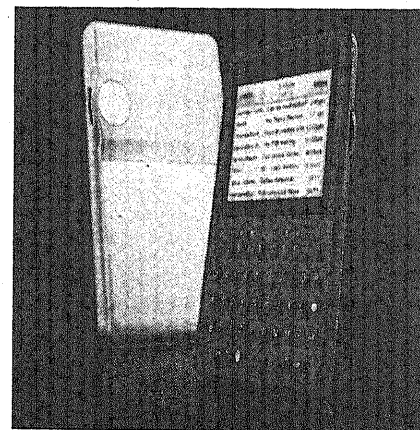
SANSA "SLOT-RADIO"

Manufacturer: Sandisk Electronics
Website: <http://www.sandisk.com>
Retail Price: \$19.99 and up.

This new mp3 player from the "Sansa" family of devices boldly goes where no man has gone before: pre-loaded cards with genre music on it. Instead of downloading your favorite band like what we're used to do, Sandisk has produced micro-SD cards with different genres on it. Some of the genres include hip-hop/rap, rock, jazz, and even country. The cards cost around \$14.99 in most retailers that sell the player.



Sansa Slotradio



Peek Device

PEEK DEVICE

Manufacturer: Peek, Inc.
Website: <http://www.getpeek.com>
Retail Price: \$49.99-79.99

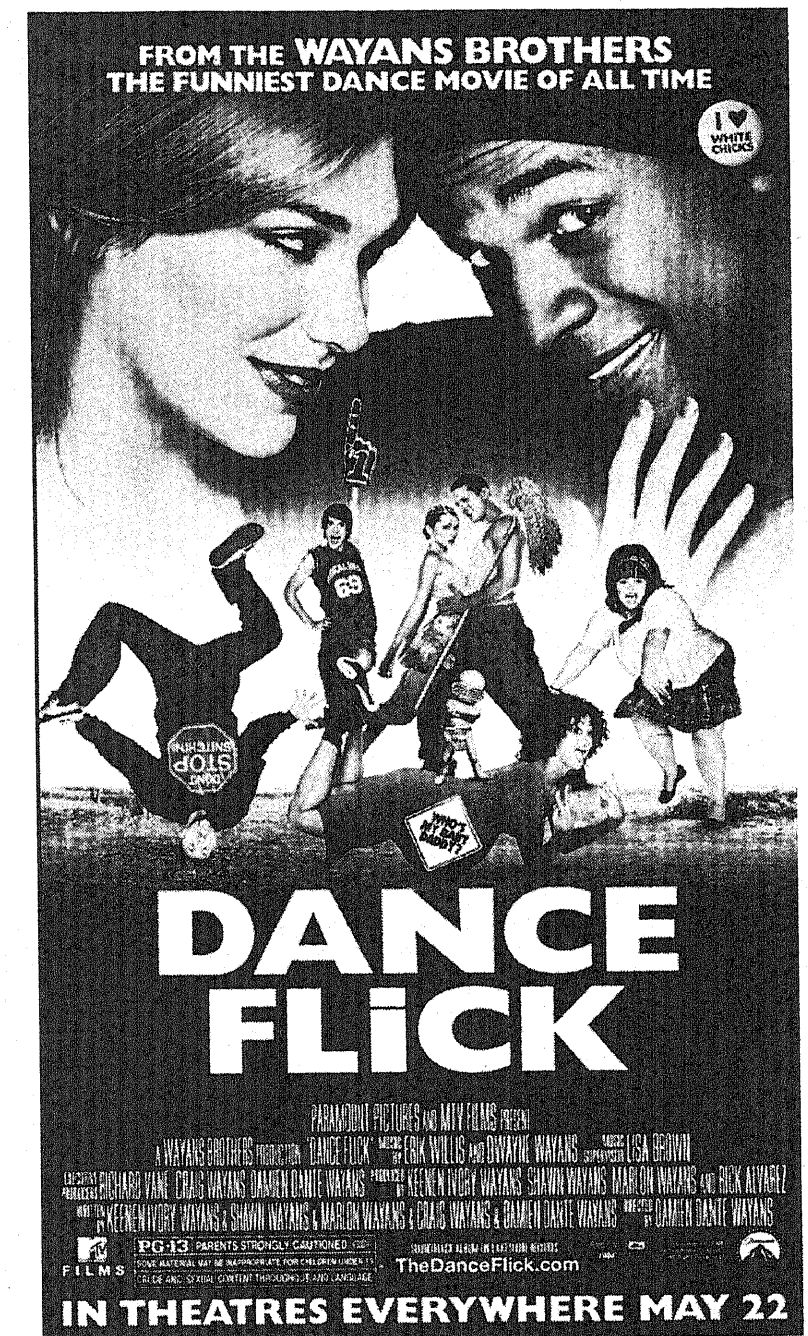
According to the website, "Peek is a mobile device devoted to email and texting. Without the contract." Does it hold up? It does so. The first device that can use email and texting via Wi-Fi signals and not without a cell-phone provider does a dang on good job with it, and all you need is a credit card. It's \$19.95 a month for the service. And you can buy the devices at your local Target or RadioShack.

I just wanna thank Bill Kline and Vincent Forte on introducing and letting me write in this wonderful newspaper. I shall be back with you guys in the fall, writing more stories that only the Geek on The Street can do. Til then, America.


LOOK WHO WON AN SG SCHOLARSHIP...

Name: Joseph Yee
Major: Computer Science


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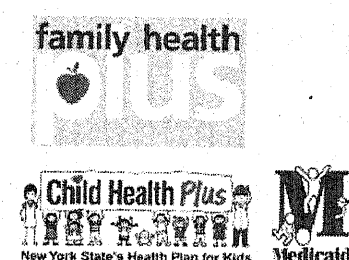
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So You've Graduated (Now You Can Die)

BY VIN FORTE
VALEDICTORIAN

Congratulations, graduates! You now have in your possession a real, live college diploma. Now you can prepare for grim death.

Sure. Getting your degree marks the turning point from "I'm in the real world, now" to "Holy sh*t, I was sheltered in there. Now I'm f**ked."

By moving along to this point in your lives, you are merely waiting it out on the long road of mild accomplishments on the way to your body's slow physical decay and ultimate demise and burial inside the upper-Earth's crust.

Yes, yes, events like marriage and childbirth may ensue; but let's be honest; your best years are clearly behind you now. No more keg parties at the beach and unprotected sex in the vestibule behind the snack machines in the Campus Center. No, no, no, no, no. It's time to draw-up your will and purchase a burial plot in preparation for your grand decent.

"But Vin, you're making it seem as if I'm going to die tomorrow." And how.

You might as well be dying tomorrow. Say you are a Journalism major. For the past four to seven years you have been studying how to write a damn good article. Whenever you make a faux pas, your professor corrects you.

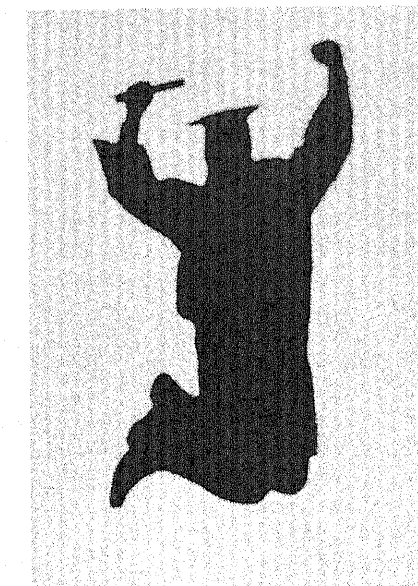


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Now that you are in the real world, suppose you get hired by the New York Times. You submit an article on Nancy Pelosi getting caught scissoring with Ruth Ginsberg. Of course this story is in no way factual and you are promptly fired.

Because of this massive gaffe, you are now blacklisted from almost every publication and are soon forced to write for the only paper that will hire you: The Staten Island Advance.

Had you been in college, your professor would have scolded you and that

would have been the end of it. Now you have to concern yourself with lawsuits and blacklisting.

It's risk. In college everything was trial and error. Now that you're out of it, every step you make could be your last. Your career ended at the drop of a hat.

Therefore, you might as well just kill yourself and end on a high note. You're probably making the rounds at graduation parties, looking at your new diploma on the wall, looking at the world in front of you, ready to take on anything in your path. Anything beyond this point can only let you down.

Besides, most of you believe in some form of heaven, right? If that's the case, then what better time to transition into eternal glory than now?

If you stay on Earth with that diploma of yours and fail, your entire life will have been meaningless. If you end at your graduation and then present your diploma to God, you won't need it, but at least when God rips it up in front of you you'll have the consolation prize of eternal happiness.

Now I'm not advising anyone to kill themselves, I'm just letting you know that your life from here on out is going to hit a brick wall of stress and ever-looming failure.

Happy Graduation!

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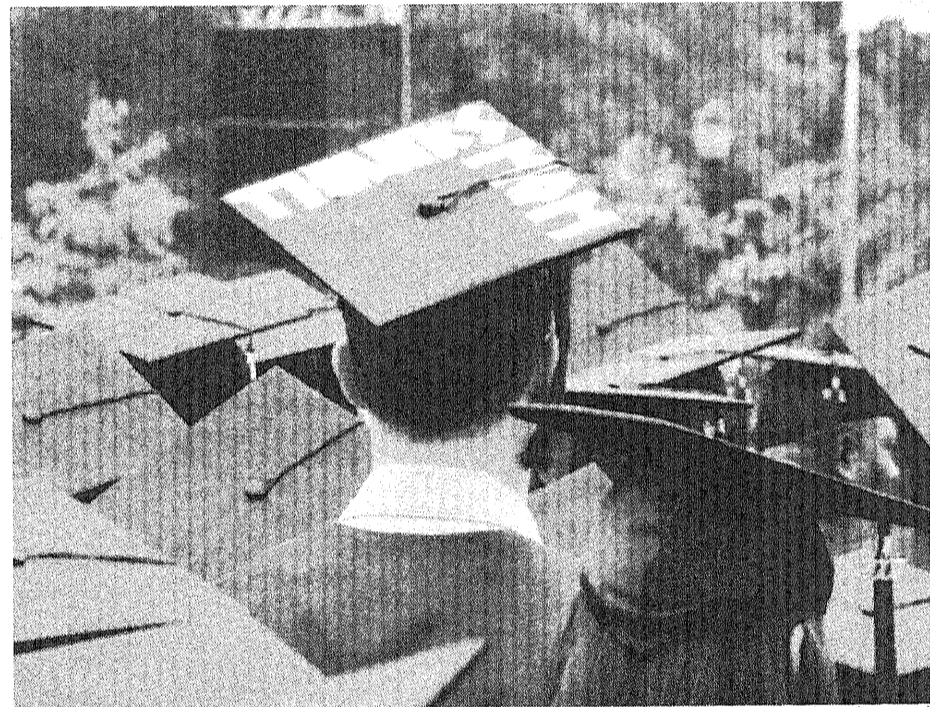


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BANNER SPORTS

Red Bulls gain vital win against Real Salt Lake

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The New York Red Bulls were victorious scoring 2-0 in their match up against Real Salt Lake on April 18th, at Giants stadium gaining their first win of the season. The two goals were made by Red Bulls key strikers Macoumba Kandji in the 2nd minute and Juan Pablo Angel in the 57th minute. The Red Bulls came into this game with two draws and two losses, which made this game an important one. This game also marked the return of goalkeeper Jon Conway. In last weeks game against the Houston Dynamo goalkeeper Danny Cepero, suffered from a concussion after colliding head-to-head with Houston's Kei Kamara.

Jon Conway had served a 10-game suspension for violating Major League

Soccer's substance abuse policy. Conway had tested positive for a performance-enhancing substance on October 16th, 2008. Despite the suspension he rose to the challenge and maintained a clean sheet making a number of crucial saves in the second half. Conway said, "I didn't really have much to do on the first half; I thought we controlled the game quite well, we were pretty successful coming out of the back. Second half, you know it's going to happen, you know they are going to catch the flow of play. I thought all in all, defensively, we were great. It was great to see Juan Pablo (Angel) get one, which for me ... as soon as he gets that first one, he's bound to start lighting it up, so I'm pretty excited about that."

Kandji's early goal set the pace of the game in the first half. This being only his third game showed what he can do given the opportunity, "Kandji obviously brings a lot of creativity and athleticism and I think this whole season and preseason, he started to understand the intricacies of the game, where he needs to be defensively and where he needs to help out as opposed to last year when he got caught up in tricks and things like that. He's settling

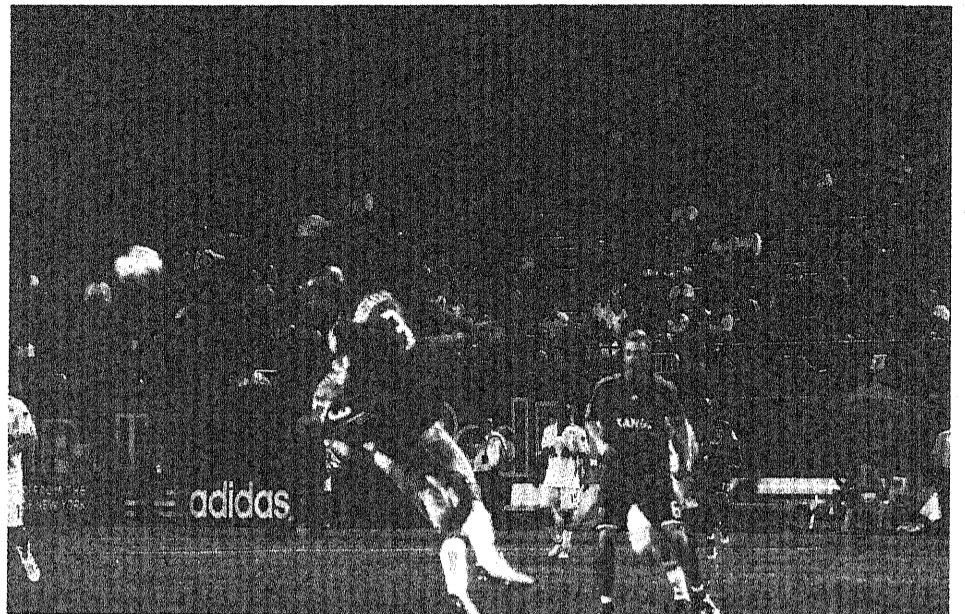


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into the team and MLS very well.", Said teammate Seth Stammers.

In the second half however Real Salt Lake started to press the Red Bull defense by pressing forward. They nearly equalized the game when Yura Movsisyan's deflected shot passed Conway and headed towards the back of the net, but was saved by Kevin Goldthwaite who cleared the shot just in time. It was in the 57th minute where the Red Bulls had secured their lead when Kandji cleared the way for Juan

Pablo Angel to make his shot scoring the second point. Coach Juan Carlos Osorio said that he was.. "Very pleased with the performance tonight. I think it was always difficult coming into this game. They are a very good attacking team. And we limited them to very few chances so I'm very pleased. I think when you have the commitment that we showed today, the clinical finishing that was showed, I think we showed signs of a good team and hopefully, we can repeat that in the next games."

Sports: a look back at the year in photos

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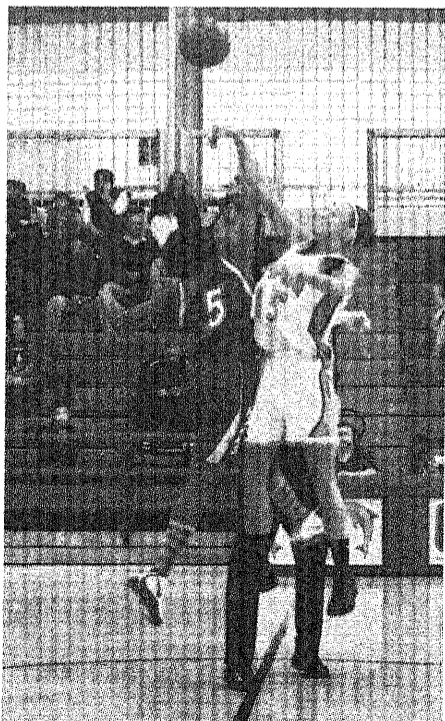


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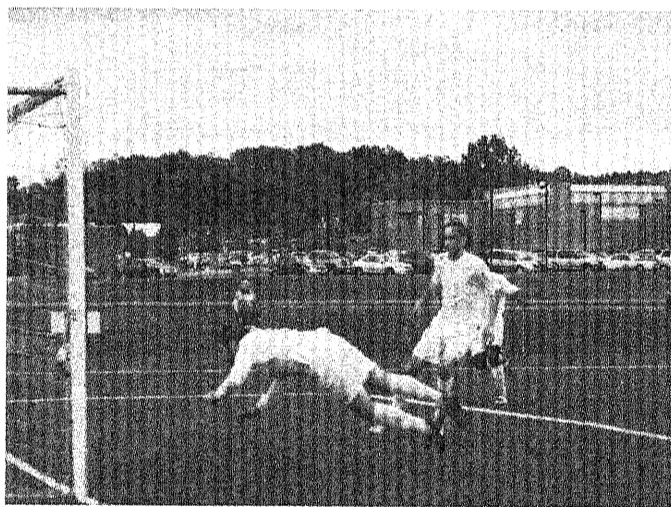


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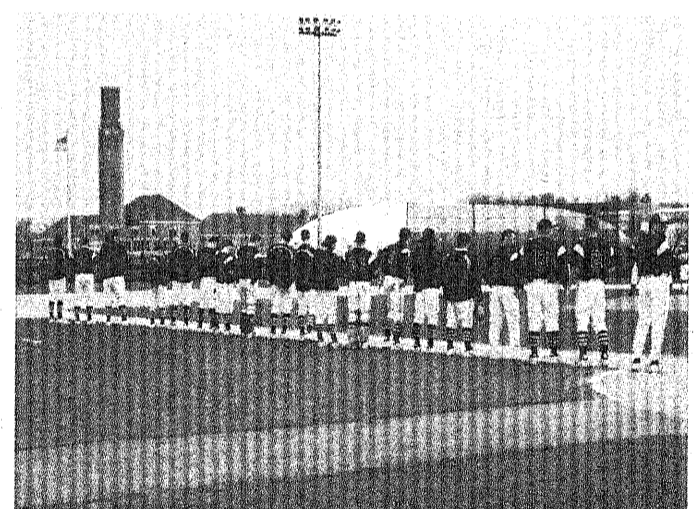


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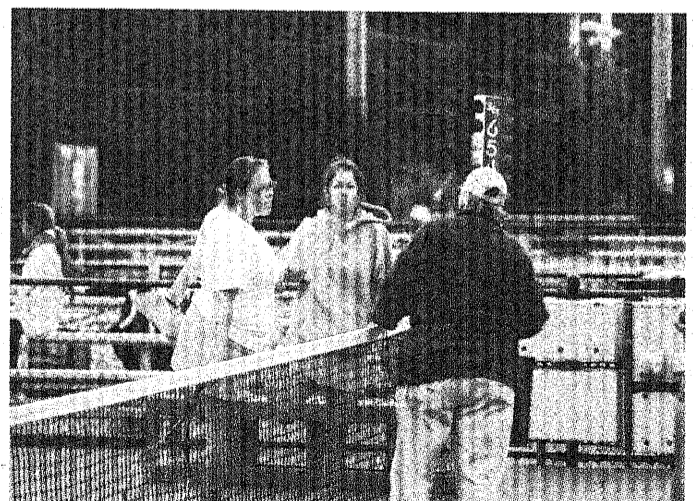


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