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The World According to Professor Ming Xia

Matthew Roca

Professor Ming Xia understands a great deal about the development of the third world, Asian politics, and especially Chinese socialism— it's the kind of knowledge he knows first-hand. The Associate Professor of Political Science at CSI lived under Chinese Communist control for sixteen years, breathing what many people only read about in books and newspapers. Professor Xia, recollecting his thoughts about the Chinese regime, "I think it is a disaster and a crime."

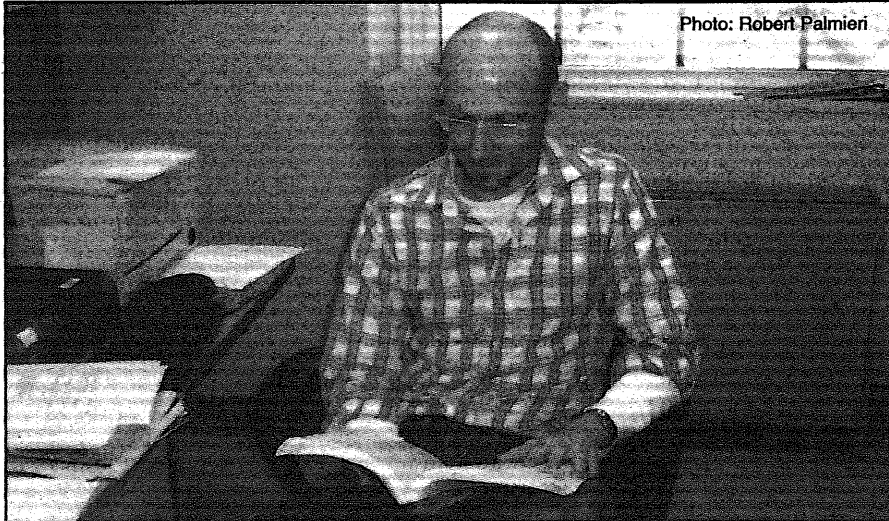
Xia, 41, was born in a city located in the southwest province of Sichun, called Cheng-Du. During his schooling there, he became fascinated with well-known statesmen throughout the countries of the Western world and began reading books about them, which conjured strong ambitions and goals for the future. "I enjoyed reading books about Kissinger and Richard Nixon; especially their memoirs...I dreamed of becoming a diplomat."

Years of hard work earned him a B.A. and M.A. from Fudan University of China, where he was then hired as an Assistant Professor. He taught at the university for

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Tennessee Farmer Takes Italian Journey

Photo: Robert Palmieri



Robert Palmieri

Imagine living the first twenty years of your life on a farm. Now picture yourself moving to the biggest city in the United States. This is what Gerry Milligan, a professor at the College of Staten Island, went through on his way to becoming an Italian instructor.

"Growing up my family had a farm, but I lived in the city of Maryville, Tennessee, so I don't think of myself as a farm boy," said Milligan. "My parents and grandparents made certain that I knew how to work a farm, but they also took me to at least half the United States before I was thirteen."

Traveling throughout the United

States was an educational experience for Gerry. He saw how life differed in big cities as opposed to rural areas such as his hometown.

Soon after taking an Italian class at the University of Tennessee, he found himself on a plane to Italy for the study abroad program that ultimately changed his life. He was on his way to becoming a professor; he just didn't know it.

Gerry adored the Italian lifestyle so much he returned for three more study abroad programs while attending the university. But despite his love for Italy and the language, his colle-

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Closet Closed

Fear and Poor Promotion Make National Coming Out Day a Disappointment

AnnMarie Costella

Twenty years ago, half a million people marched on Washington for gay and lesbian equality; this week, one lesbian woman, one gay man, and one bisexual man showed up for CSI's celebration of National Coming Out Day. Sociologists estimate that 10% of our population is LGBT, which translates into about 1300 students on this campus. So where were they?

Poor planning combined with the campus's location in the most ultra-conservative borough of Staten Island, may account for the poor turn out.

A handful of straight supporters joined the gay trio, as they chatted and feasted on rainbow cake. The administration remains hopeful that this small,

but important first step will encourage unity and acceptance.

Professor Kathleen Cumiskey, led an open discussion in

which she shared her own experience of coming out as a lesbian and encouraged others to share their thoughts and feelings. Cuminsky married her partner Robin Garber on April 18, 2006 in a ceremony in Toronto, Canada.

"We had to leave our own country to be respected and treated fairly," she said. "There is tolerance and then there is acceptance. We have some level of tolerance in this country, but when we get to the topic of legalizing gay marriage that's pushing the envelope and would require total acceptance."

Many of the participants were

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Planning National Coming Out Day: From A to Z

Kevin S.P. Mamakas

A relatively small amount of CSI students admitted to being gay or lesbian at the National Coming Out Day Discussion. And no one admitted to being bisexual or transgender. The event was still considered a success because both straight and gay students came together to support a person's right to choose their own lifestyle. In addition, many students who attended signed up to join the Gay/Straight alliance, a disbanded club that the college is trying to bring back.

Here is a behind the scenes peak at how the PDC planned the event:

Finding an Event

At the August 8 meeting, the Program Development Committee decided that they wanted to commemorate National Coming Out Day on October 11. We wanted to help CSI embrace the gay community. It proved to be a new and somewhat difficult experience.

After serving on the committee for two years, and as their current intern, I decided to take charge of the planning. My biggest task was explaining what National Coming Out Day is to the college community and choosing an event that would produce a good turn out. PDC told me that I had to thoroughly research the project before they would approve the funding.

I began to ask people interested in National Coming Out Day about what events people wanted to see. After not receiving a single response, I was lost for ideas. I decided to ask Director of Student Life and temporary PDC advisor, Carol Brower for some help. We finally decided on a Gay and Lesbian Film Festival during the week of National Coming Out Day and an open forum discussion on October 11. PDC approved our proposal and we were on our way.

Finding a Speaker

Luckily Brower knew professors and counselors that were willing to

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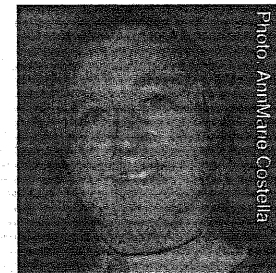
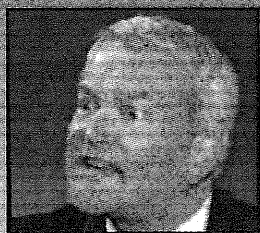


Photo: AnnMarie Costella

CSI Professor Kathleen Cumiskey had to travel to Toronto to marry her partner.

shared her



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Journalist Assassinated

Lucie Lauria

A prominent Russian journalist Anna Politkovskaya, who had faced death threats in the past, was found shot dead. Politkovskaya was famous for her articles about the Chechen war and of President Putin.

Politkovskaya's neighbor found her body in the elevator of her Moscow apartment building. The police found a Makarov 9-millimeter pistol and four bullets at her side, according to the New York Times. Politkovskaya was allegedly returning home from her afternoon shopping, and she didn't have time to carry all her shopping bags out of her car, parked in front of the building, Corriere della Sera stated.

The police, who allegedly knew the murderer's physical description, set forth a search for a tall young man. Reinforced patrols check on suspicious persons in Moscow.

Politkovskaya, who was forty-eight years old, had criticized the political situation in Russia and in Caucasus. "There are hundreds of such cases (of Islamic terrorism), which are being heard in courts all over the country," Politkovskaya wrote in Moscow Times. "Most of them were staged by our government in order to



enable the secret services to show how effective their 'war on terrorism' is."

Politkovskaya, a tireless investigative reporter, accused Putin of Stalinist-style torture and other abuse of Chechnyan civilians by government troops in her book "Putin's Russia and Dirty War: A Russian Reporter in Chechnya."

This highly respected journalist had frequently met with threats or suspicious incidents. According to The Guardian, "A few months ago, unknown assailants had tried unsuccessfully to break into the car her daughter Vera was driving."

In 2004, Politkovskaya mediated the school hostage crisis in Beslan. Aboard a plane to Beslan, she was poisoned by tea served during the flight.

Politkovskaya was born to a diplomatic family in New York. She returned to Moscow for her journalism studies. Later on, she began her career in Izvestia, a Russian newspaper. Since 1999 she had written political columns for Novaja Gazeta.

She cooperated with many world newspapers, televisions and lectured all over the world. Last year, she was awarded the Olof Palme Prize for human rights.

Will Republicans Pay the Price?

Lucie Lauria

Mark Foley's pedophile scandal threatens to influence the November elections as Republicans may pay for the wrong-doings of a single party member. Former Representative Mark Foley (R-Florida), sent sexually explicit messages to underage Congressional pages.

In Washington, Foley's scandal is growing and causing problems for Republicans across the country. In connection with the furor over Foley, Speaker J. Dennis Hastert became an object of criticism as well.

Hastert, who was installed as House Speaker eight years ago, failed to take effective measures after he had been informed about Foley's inappropriate behavior towards teenage male pages. However, Hastert refuses to become a casualty of Foley's scandal. It may shock the voter's trust in the party and its goals.

At first President Bush expressed his indignation over Foley's abuse of voters' trust, but now as the case develops, Hastert gets vigorous support from Bush. "Denny is very credible, as far as I'm concerned," Bush said. "And he's done a fine job as a speaker."

The scandal took on an extra edge because Foley, over the course of many years, pretended to be an enthusiastic defender of rights of the sexually abused children. After proclaiming the war on Internet child pornography, he turned out to be a pedophilic sex offender himself, who

had tried to enter the page dormitory after curfew.



ABC cited parts of Foley's instant messages with a former page. "You are in your boxers, too?" Foley asked.

"Nope, just got home," the boy answered. "I had a college interview that went late."

"Well, strip down and get relaxed," Congressman said.

The raunchy conversation was cut off by the boy's mother's arrival.

According to ABC, some Congressmen were already informed about Foley's inclinations in 2001. In the fall 2005, one of the boys complained about Foley's dirty proposals, and his horrified parents shared their concerns with a former senior aide to Foley, Kirk Fordham, who alerted the Speaker's office.

As the scandal has swept the country, questions arise about how many Republican voters will stay home on Election Day.

Habeas Corpus Busted

Allison Ryder

The Military Commissions Act, President Bush's pet "anti-terror" legislation, was recently passed. It allows for torture during interrogation and for people to be detained without probable cause. This act denies detainees their right to habeas corpus and also allows a person, terrorist or American citizen, to be held in custody indefinitely without probable cause. It also permits classified evidence or hearsay evidence and denies the prisoner the right to have legal representation.

The bill allows Bush to convene military commissions to prosecute "terror suspects." It sets new and specific guidelines, and provides definitions of abusive treatment. The bill violates habeas corpus which protects prisoners against unlawful imprisonment, and enables the indefinite detention of prisoners.

Senator John McCain stated that

the bill prohibits cruel interrogation techniques such as simulated drowning, but it is unclear about which specific methods will be allowed. Bush wields the authority to determine which techniques are permissible.

According to Section 1003 of the Detainee Treatment Act, which Congress enacted last year, "cruel, unusual, and inhumane treatment or punishment is prohibited by the Fifth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States."

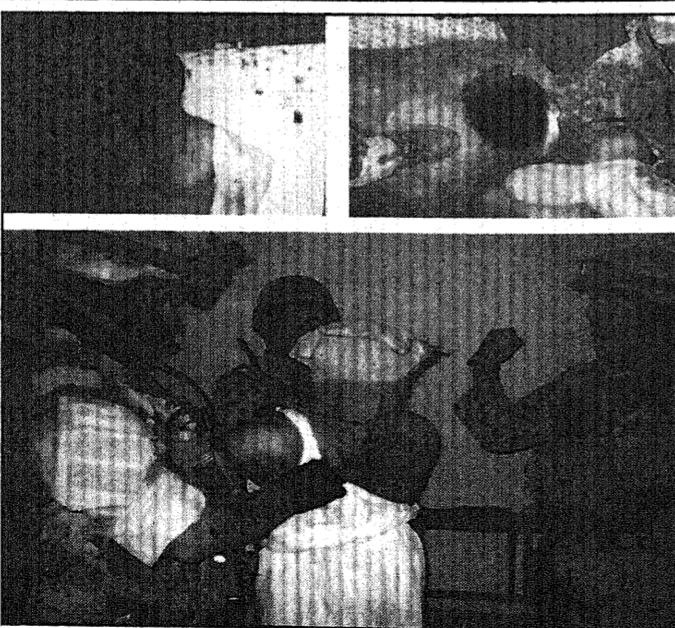
This act also requires the detainee to have a Combatant Status Review Tribunal (CSRT), which will challenge his detention. The people applicable to this act are those who were detained on or after the date this act was passed (in December of 2005).

Our students are deeply concerned

about the possible effects of the Military Commissions Act. "No one deserves to be tortured," a CSI student, Maria Czarnikiewicz, said. "It doesn't solve anything. It only causes more violence."

Others disagree. "Torture should not be allowed unless it's to get information in order to protect the country from harm, attack, or any kind of threat," said Billy Ruppert. "If the government has reason to believe someone is a terrorist or aiding the terrorist then we should detain and question them until we can determine the truth."

The Military Commissions Act allows for an innocent person to be held and never have the chance to prove that they are innocent, because they have no legal representation. The new legis-



lation pretty much gives the President and his administration exactly what they want. Now people can be detained with no cause, held for a period of time that can last forever, and habeas corpus has gone out the window for these prisoners. Our country of "freedom" is now taking away people's freedom along with various rights, with no reason other than an unsuccessful attempt to stop terrorism.

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vocal about their beliefs. "There should never be anything wrong with being who you are, as long as you're not hurting anyone," said Third Rail Editor-in-Chief, Perri Fisher. "There is this misconception that all gay men are card carrying members of NAMBLA. I have explained to my children that sometimes a woman loves a woman and that's ok and sometimes a man loves a man and that's ok too. It's a lifestyle that is as valid as any other. I won't treat it like it's a disease and I won't teach my children that."

Kevin Peters, 25, a Psychology major and openly gay student at CSI, said that while the coming out process was awkward, he is happier now than he has ever been.

"When I first came out of the closet, I wanted to run back in," he explained. "I still had that heterosexual dream." Peters says that others on campus are accepting of his lifestyle. "I haven't had any negative reactions. I've come out in a few of my classes and have had a good response," he said. "I've been lucky. I know that's not the case for a lot of other people."

Peters had a special message that he wanted to share with his fellow CSI students. "Life is so beautiful and diverse. Really look at yourself. Realize that you are unique and that's ok," he said. "Being different is great."

For some students being gay at CSI is a scary experience and makes the already difficult coming out process even more nerve racking. One student, who preferred to stay anonymous, bravely attended the National Coming Out Day festivities, even though she has not told her family or friends that she is a lesbian.

"It's the anticipation of coming out and not being accepted and being ridiculed that frightens me the most," she said. "I don't feel it's very accepted at CSI at all." She is angered by the homophobic comments she often hears from her fellow students.

"In the same way that they are repulsed by my homosexuality, I'm am repulsed by their heterosexuality," she indicated. "I know that's a terrible thing to say, but that's how I feel." She also had a powerful message for those narrow-minded individuals whom she encounters each day. "The comments that you are making is putting fear into the hearts of the gay and lesbian community," she said. "You're fear of us is making us afraid to come out and be who we are. You are the direct cause of our sadness."

Director of Student Life, Carol Brower was pleased by the turnout and felt encouraged by the positive interaction between both gay students and straight students who attended to show their support. She remained optimistic yet realistic about the future.

"No matter what this campus does, they are never going to erase the homophobia completely. It exists in every part of society. We can't expect miracles," Brower said. "We, as a society, allow it to be the prejudice that is ok to be spoken. Somehow it is still accepted, not by everyone, but people feel a lot freer expressing that bias than most others."

CSI must continue to encourage the acceptance of our LGBT population. We can't allow fear and ignorance to prevail. "For most people the coming out process is very long and very messy," said Professor Cumiskey. "Some people come out on National Coming Out Day and then never speak of it again."

Planning A to Z

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give a lecture on the subject. Not only did I have to fill out less paper work, but PDC didn't have to pay for it. This is a good thing because less money has to be spent from Student Activity Fees. After a few professors had to back out due to scheduling conflicts, Professor Kathleen Cumiskey confirmed her availability to speak at the event. We felt lucky to find someone who was willing to speak so openly about their sexual identity and the complexities of the coming out process.

Finding the Movies

The Birdcage, *But I'm a Cheerleader*, and *Lost and Delirious* were movies that people showed interest in, but after I discussed the films with my colleagues, we decided that some older movies would be more appropriate. In the end we

decided on *Brokeback Mountain*, the story of two young men who form a special romantic bond after months of isolation in the rural Wyoming, *TransAmerica*, which describes the journey of a pre-op transsexual, *Fire*, the love story of two New Delhi women who develop a physical relationship after their loveless marriages with their husbands fall apart, and *Long Time Companion*, a groundbreaking film that addresses the AIDS crisis as seen through the stories of seven different gay men.

Feeding the Guests

For this event, it was easier and less expensive to ask Dining Services to provide the food. The Fruit salad was omitted from the menu for obvious reasons. Instead, we got a variety of wraps, cheeses, and desserts including a very large rainbow cake.

Tennessee Farmer, Italian Journey

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giate focus was on a high paying job in economic development.

"When I was twenty three I got a job as an administrative assistant in an economic development office," he said. "I realized that I disliked working in an office and that making loads of money is not my professional goal."

Over the next eight years, Gerry Milligan worked hard to get his PhD at the University of Wisconsin. Eventually, he was offered his first teaching job and accepted a position at the College of Staten Island. To this day he has no regrets. He truly loves the Italian language and he often stresses the need for all of his students to visit the country that changed his life.

"He is a great teacher who loves what he does. I've had other Italian courses and not one of the teachers looked like they were into what they were teaching us," said student Daniel Florida. "I feel lucky to have him as my language teacher, maybe I won't fall now."

Milligan goes to Italy every summer to visit friends and research reports. His favorite city is Rome. He loves the atmosphere and the beautiful scenery. "Sharing such a positive and necessary experience is gratifying," said Milligan. "It is almost as if I am giving these students the secret code to accessing their own history. So many students want to know about their heritage, and being able to help someone in a personal journey is a profound experience."

Publicity and Promotion

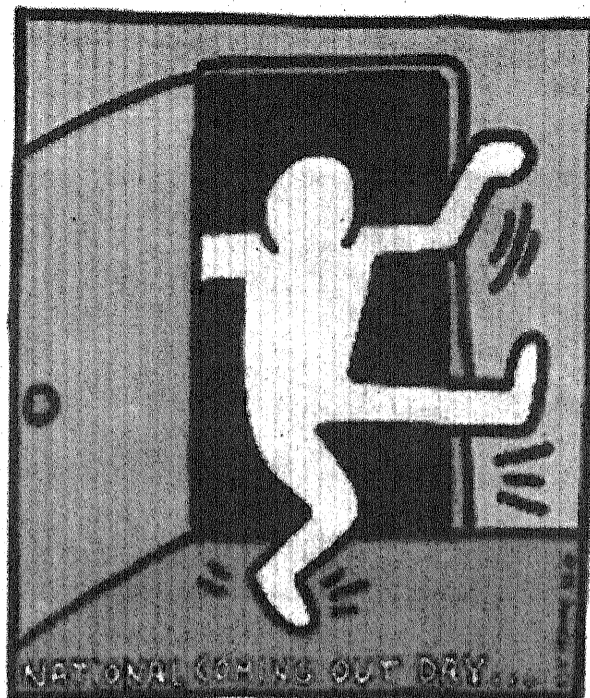
Promoting this event was probably the most difficult task. We were able to CLUE certify the event, but it was too late to advertise in the CLUE News. We placed a large red banner publicizing the event along the Campus Center Rotunda and handed out colorful neon flyers. Word of mouth is often the best way to advertise events so we tried telling as many people as we could find to listen. Still, I was worried about whether people were taking us seriously.

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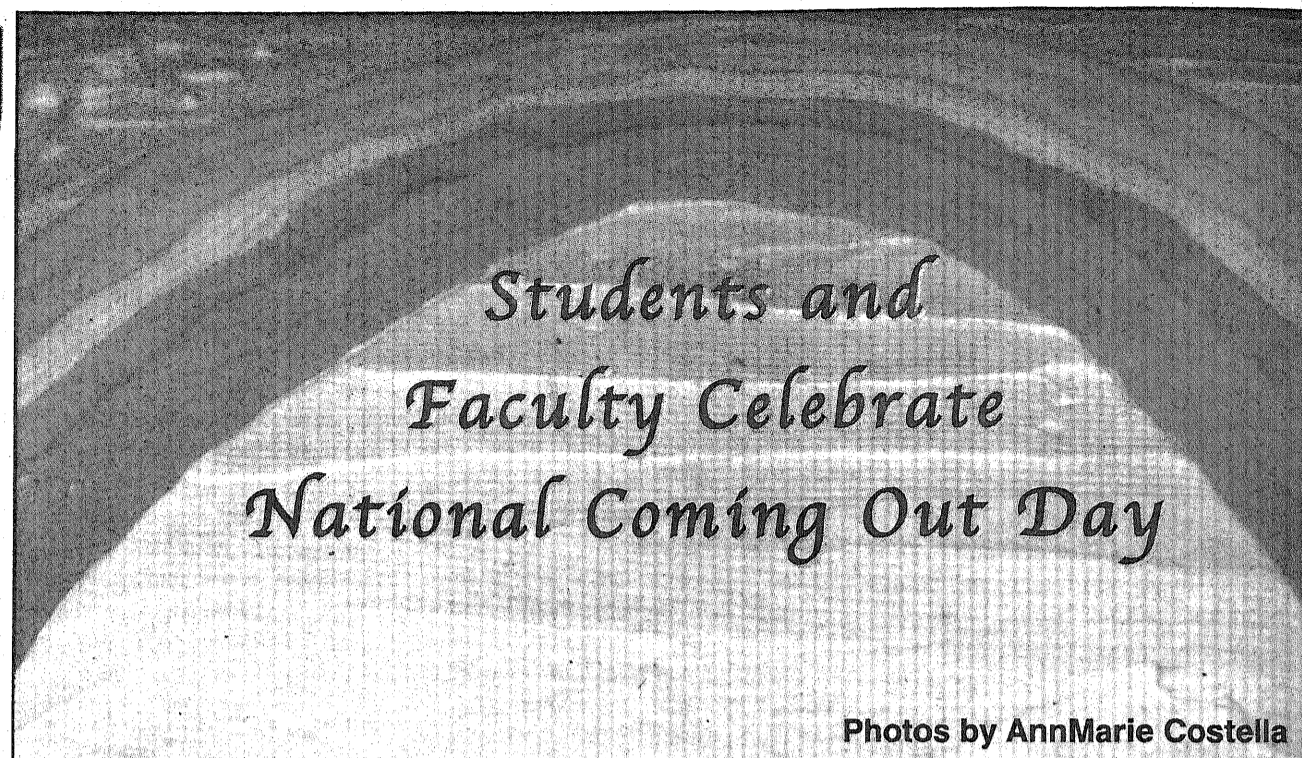
As I stated before, even though National Coming Out Day did not have a big turnout, it was only a stepping stone for more events that support the right for a person to live the lifestyle that they choose.

CSI students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender now know that there is a part of the college community that supports them.

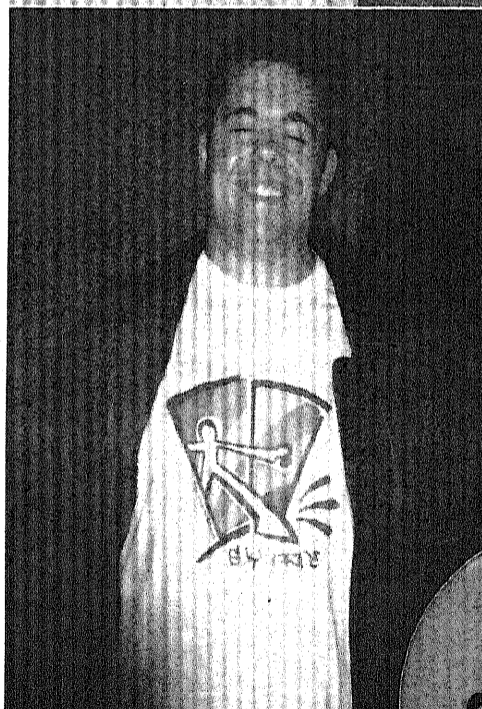
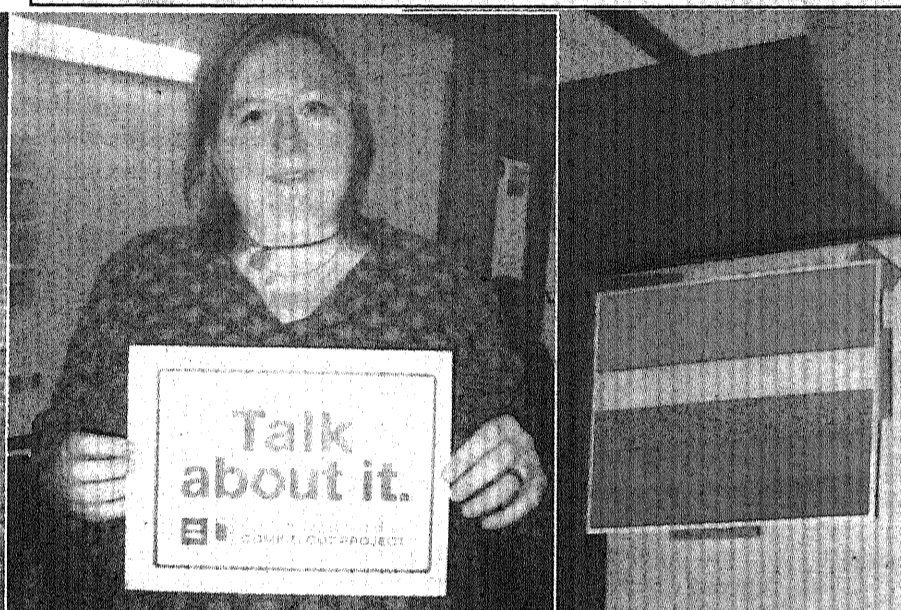
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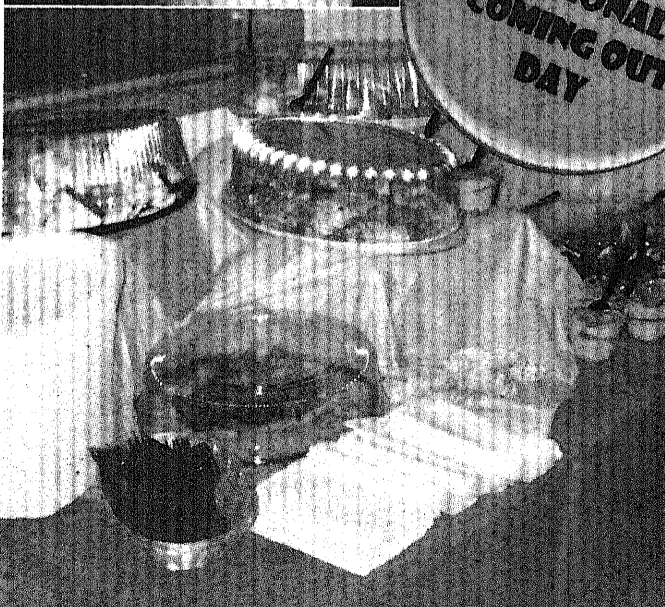
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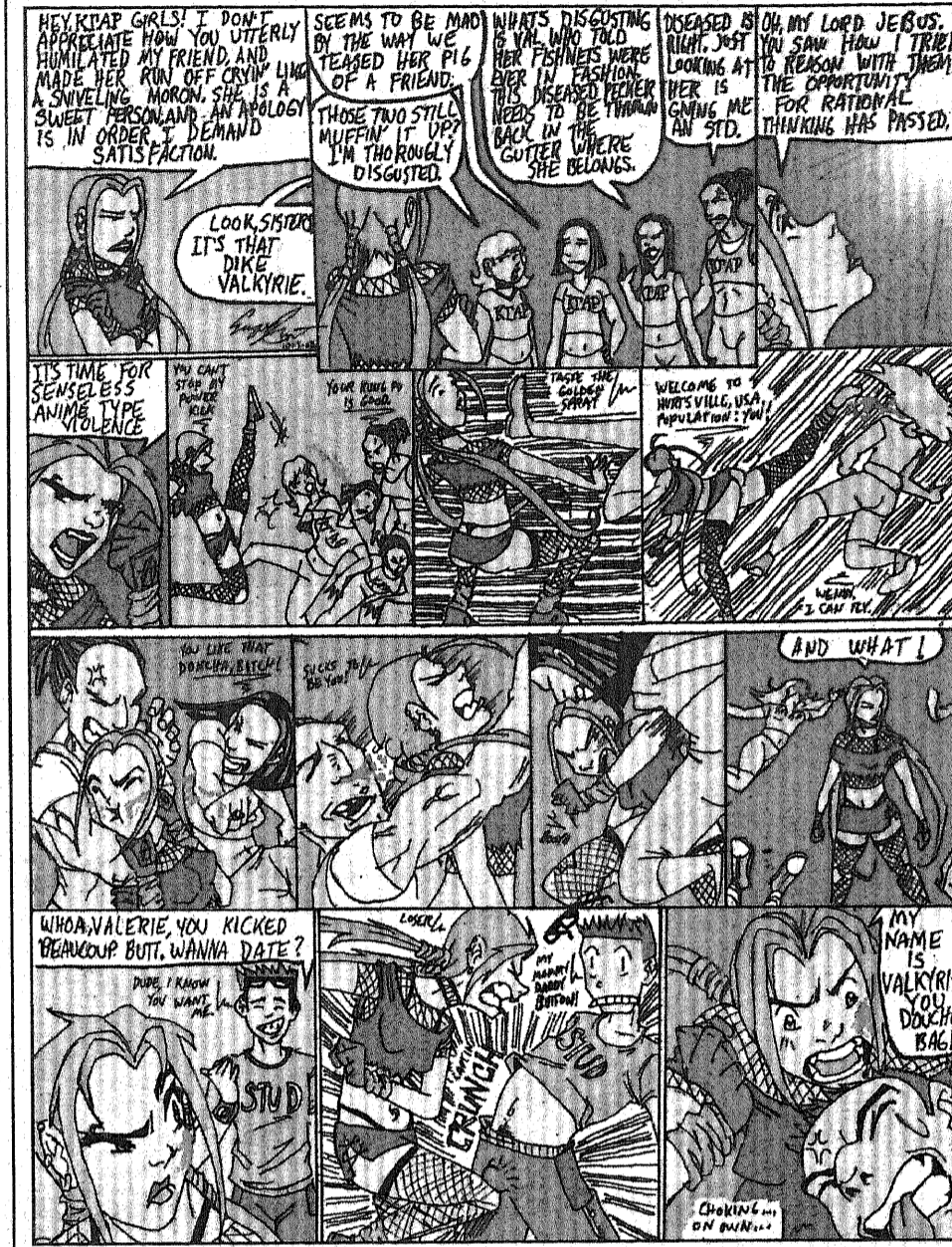
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Signed, Joey Teabags

donkey your having relations with, and get you a sexually attractive female.

Dear Joey Teabags. For your question, we have invited someone from a local fraternity. Frat Guy: "Duh, what's pretentious mean?" Well, there you have it.

Dear Ask, I don't think I'm pretty. I like this guy in my class, but I don't think he'll ever go out with me. I wish I didn't have such low self-esteem. I'm lost. What advice can you give me?
Sincerely, Wish I Was Someone Else

come out of the closet, but I'm too scared of what people might think. What's a good way of breaking it to them?
Yours Truly, Mister E

Dear Ask, I'm impotent, and have trouble getting it up. What can I do to alleviate this problem?
Cordially, Dexter Hotpocket

Dear Someone Else, You sound like a sweet girl, and I'm sure you're prettier than you give yourself credit. Any guy would be lucky to have someone as sweet, and if this guy you admire can't see that then he doesn't deserve you. Remember that you are beautiful no matter what they say. Words can't bring you down. I love you and Jesus loves you. Praise be to God.

Dear Mister E, Wearing nothing but a bowtie & leopard thong, jump out of a cake a la Partyboy, and announce your true sexuality to the world. Play some techno music for added effect.

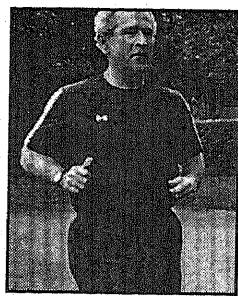
Dear Mr. Hotpocket It's obvious you are having sex with ugly chicks. That's the only reason to explain your deficiency. I mean, ugly chicks tend to make dicks soft. So drop whatever sea

Dear Ask, I've been meaning to

Dear Ask, What is your favorite type of animal?
Signed, Space Filler

Dear Space Filler, Cock. I loves the cock. I'm a farmer, after all.

Dear Ask, You're going to hell.
Sincerely, God



Commander-in-Chief Goes Commando

"My balls swing and sway for America," says President Bush.

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Ann Coulter Walks Into a Bar and the Bartender Asks Her Why the Long Face...Because, You Know, Her Face is So Freakishly Long

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CSI High School Students Not Happy With Seperate But Equal Facilities

Beacon National Bureau

STATEN ISLAND, NY—In an effort to ease tension between high school and college students, the College of Staten Island has separated its facilities so neither high school or college students have to interact with each other. CSI high school students have voiced their opposition to this resolution and have called it "totally uncool".

"I'm sorry those from the high school don't find the new arrangement to their liking," said Michael Gellar, Director of Student Affairs, "but this is a measure the administration must take to answer the string of complaints from college students."

Since the CSI High School for International Studies opened in September 2005, college students have been vocal on the matter of the rambunctious "tweens" running around, giggling obnoxiously, playing football on the lawns, and talking insistently about Degrassi. Things finally came to a head when college students lobbied for segregation. "These [high school students] are a nuisance that have plagued the campus for far too long," said Stephanie Rwanda, Chairperson of the radical student club, College Only for College Students

Committee (COCSC). "They are trees that need to be chopped down before they have a chance to spread their vial teenage angst."

Although terms of the segregation is to provide separate but equal facilities to all, high school students claim these facilities are anything but equal.

The water in the water fountain they provided us is brown, and our only bathroom is just a bucket in the janitor's closet," Barbara Waldorf Astoria, Spokesperson for National Association for the Advancement of High School People (NAAHSP). "We are human beings, and demand to be treated as such!"

The NAAHSP has since begun a student movement to promote their cause, but their efforts are pitted against college students that would rather see them gone.

"Those smelly, big head, wide-eyed high schoolers annoy the hell out of me," said James Crow, CSI senior.

"This is college, not high school, and we were here first. They call it an International High School, but I don't see what's so international about these snot-nosed kids. Those little bastards look like they belong in Port Richmond."

Aside from the separate facilities, high school students are now made to sit in the back of the loop bus, and must give up their seat to a college student if the bus

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Developing News



CSI high school students demand an end to segregation on campus. Protest rally to promote awareness doesn't end well.

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Civil disobedience spreads across Staten Island. National Guard called in to quell student uprising.

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John Stossel Makes Public Apology For Being a Pompous Dick

Beacon Douchebag Watch

John Stossel, co-host of 20/20 and proud libertarian, held a press conference at Lincoln Center to make a public apology for being a sanctimonious, magniloquent douchebag. Stossel admitted that his long, successful career as an award-winning journalist was without its low points. For decades, he has been battling a losing battle with himself. "I try to put on a brave face, but there's just no denying that feeling in my stomach that tells me that I'm a self-righteous loser," said Stossel, "Every time I look in the mirror, I can't help but look at my reflection and yell 'You fucking dick!'"

Stossel read off an itemized list of the things he wished to apologize for,

which included not leaving tips, throwing an iron at his assistant for not

pertinent information in his investigations to better promote his libertarian ideals.

He also apologized for his controversial beliefs. "I think sleeping with your cousin is perfectly fine, but maybe I shouldn't be telling the world my perverse sexual desire. It was so stupid of me. Stupid, stupid, stupid!" Stossel said, repeatedly slapping his forehead, then bursting into tears.

After this disturbing display, Stossel revealed that he is a

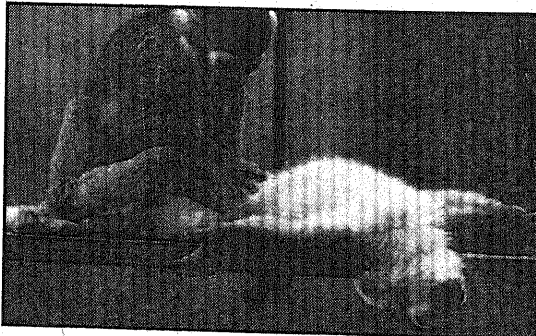
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John Stossel shown here admitting to have engaged in explicit acts of douchebaggery.

putting enough marshmallows in his hot cocoa, having a pretentious mustache, and leaving out and distorting

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INJURED DOLPHINS CLINCH PLAYOFF SPOT

Jennifer Miller

The CSI Dolphins Men's Soccer team has clinched a spot in the CUNYAC Playoffs by beating New York City Tech 3-2 at the CSI Soccer Complex during a torrential downpour on Wednesday.

Robert Wilkes scored the Dolphin's first goal seven minutes into the game. The City Tech goalie dropped the seemingly innocent shot and it rolled across the goal-line before he could smother it. The break was a well-deserved one for the struggling Dolphins team.

After a goal disallowed on an off-sides, CSI came back in the 25th minute with a goal by Adeyinka Olowu. A pass from Joseph Fassari went to Olowu, who had a breakaway with two City Tech defenders trailing close behind.

City Tech cut the Dolphins lead in half a minute later as Parra came out to the top of the 18 yard box. He knocked the ball from the feet of the City Tech forward, but the ball rolled to Sherard Harewood, who scored into the empty net.

The rain kept pouring down in the second half, which remained scoreless until City Tech player Bryan Ovalle tied the game at two with a goal in the 88th minute. With the score now tied and less

then two minutes left in regulation, it looked as if the game would go into overtime. The Dolphins fought back and with less than forty seconds left in the game, Stephane Martin headed the ball past the City Tech goalie off of a corner kick by Suljojman Musovic.

"It was a very exciting game to watch," acting Head Coach Francesco Oddo said. "I am proud of their efforts and the victory they earned. I'm glad they finally got what they fought hard for."

The win came after a six game losing streak in which they were outscored by 43-3 and outshot 213-83, including sixty-one shots faced against New Jersey City University on October 2.

Injuries have taken a toll on the Dolphins team for the entire season but more recently they have devastated the team. "We have been having a rough season this year," Oddo said. "In the beginning we didn't have enough players, then when we had enough we lost many players to injuries."

During the last two weeks, the Dolphins played without several of their key starters. Six starters were missing from the line-up on October 4, when the Dolphins faced CUNY rivals Hunter

College. Joseph Fassari, Adeyinka Olowu, Sam Musovic, and brothers Derek and Drew Surmanek missed the game due to injuries. Senior midfielder Robert Wilkes also had to miss the game, which they lost 11-0. The first place Hunter College Hawks pounded the Dolphins' net with forty shots. CSI goalkeeper Ronaldo Btsh played the first half before freshman Guillermo Parra took over for the exhausted keeper at the start of the second half.

The Dolphins also made some changes in their recent line-up, moving Anthony Rizzo to play sweeper and using Guillermo Parra as the starting goalie while Ronaldo Btsh played mid-field. "Rizzo is a player with skill and talent and during previous games I noticed he had a defensive mentality as he played," Oddo said. After talking to him, Rizzo told the team he had played defense until joining the Dolphins. "It was a simple decision to try him out in defense and it turned out well." Oddo also learned that Parra played goalie when he was younger and tried him out as a back-up keeper. "He impressed us all," Oddo said. "Although his experience and skill is missed on the field, we feel secure knowing that we have a

back-up in goal."

Oddo has acted as head coach since September 30, when Head Coach Vito Veneruso had a family emergency and went back to his native Italy. "Before the game started we all got together and dedicated the game to Coach Vito," Oddo said. "I haven't seen the guys that fired up in so long."

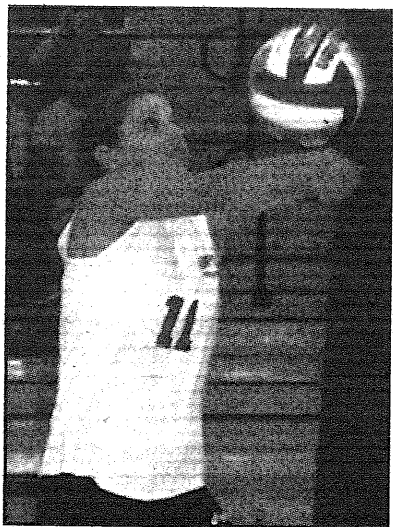
"We knew it was an important game because victory would assure us being in the playoffs," Oddo said. "Many of the injured players stepped up, came out and pushed themselves in order to help the team get this win and the rest played harder than before."

In CUNYAC play, the Dolphins are 3-4-0, locked in a fourth place tie with both Brooklyn College and Medgar Evers. They have one more conference match left to play before the season ends on October 23. The CUNYAC Playoffs will start on October 25 with the top eight teams in the league earning a spot in the post-season. The CSI Soccer Complex will once again host the Semi-Finals on October 28 and the CUNYAC Final match, which the Dolphins hope to advance to for the second consecutive season on November 4.

Women's Volley Scores!

Jennifer Miller

The CSI Women's Volleyball team had a successful week winning two straight games and three of four. The victories this week included New York City College of Technology, Cooper Union and The College of New Rochelle. They defeated the City Tech Yellow Jackets 3-0 (31-29, 30-14, and 30-25), the Cooper Union Hawks 3-0 (30-11, 30-25, 30-22) and the College of New Rochelle Blue Angels 3-1 (22-30, 30-22, 30-23, 30-22). They sit in seventh place with a record of 2-4-0 in the CUNYAC division. The two recent non-conference victories improved their overall record to 5-12-0.



Alba Basha earned CUNY Rookie of the Week twice in September. Photo: CSI Website

In the game at the CSI Sports and Recreation Center against Cooper Union, newcomer middle-blocker Caitlin Rogers had a game-high seven kills as well as three digs. Jessica Greibesland, a sophomore setter, also had a game-high with fifteen assists (169 on the season). She also added five service aces, two kills and two digs. Outside-hitter freshman Alba Basha had an excellent game against the Hawks with six kills, ten digs and five service aces. She has twice been honored as the CUNYAC Rookie of the Week (9/18 and 9/25).

An Open Letter From the CSI Men's Soccer Team to Their Coach

Dear Coach,

It is hard to be in two places at the same time, especially in difficult times like the one you are going through. Family is a priority and everything else comes after that. The whole team understands and wants you to know that your absence has not let us down. We understand your situation and would do the same if we were in your shoes. Even though you are going through one of the hardest moments of your life, you still showed up for half of our game the day you had to catch a plane. That demonstrated how much you care for our team and it meant a lot to us all.

We really appreciate your efforts and thank you for what you have done for us. We would like you to know that you are always in our hearts and minds.

We are very sorry about your loss and we hope you get well soon. The whole team will always be there to support you, as well as CSI.

Yours Truly,

2006 CSI Men's Soccer

Volleyball

10/19/2006	SUNY-Purchase	7:00 pm
10/24/2006	City College of New York	7:00 pm
10/28/2006	Marymount College	12:00 pm

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10/23/2006	Barnab College	3:30 pm
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