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# New Emergency Boxes To Improve Campus Safety

#### AnnMarie Costella

CSI will be replacing the emergency boxes on campus with newer high-tech models. The upgraded system will have audio/visual capabilities and is designed to improve response time, decrease the



, decrease the number of false alarms, and improve the general safety of the c a m p u s . J o h n s o n Controls, an independent contractor, will be

installing

the 370 new

Emergency boxes, like this one near the Campus Center, will soon be placed throughout CSI.

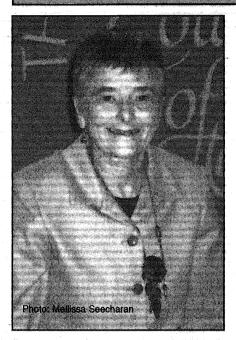
boxes this semester at a cost of 2.2 million dollars. The old boxes were removed in late Spring 2006.

"Overall, CSI is an exceptionally safe environment. There has not been an assault since 2004, but the need to create a secure environment can't be taken for granted," said Vice President for Finance and Administration, Angelo J.

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### Springer to Step Down

Announces in college-wide e-mail her tenure will end in June.



#### **Mellissa Seecharan**

n a decision that caught CSI by surprise, President Marlene Springer announced that she will end her 13 year career by stepping down on June 30, 2007. Dr. Springer has felt the cheers

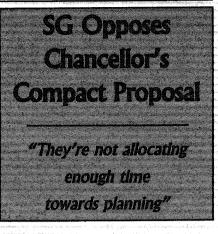
and jeers of critics, recently, receiving bad press as a fiscal battle ensued between Student Government, CSI Association, and the administration. President Springer told us she wished she had handled the fiscal issues differently, but the fiasco did not play a role in her decision to step down as President. "I thought about doing it [stepping down] last year very seriously," said Springer, "but the master plan was not yet in the works. The dormitories were still in an initial stage, and the 5 year plan for the next year, academically, was not well under way and now it's in way of completion. It just seemed like a good time."

Springer recently granted the Banner an exclusive interview. Here's the rest of the transcript:

#### Banner: I've spoken to some professors, and having been a student here the perception is that you've been out of touch.

Springer: No, that's not true. I meet with students probably more than any president in CUNY and there's 12,000 of you - and you're going to talk to the student who has basically said, 'no I haven't seen her." That's going to be

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Mellissa Seecharan

Student Government met with members of the administration to discuss concerns over the proposed allocation of funds in the Chancellor's compact.

"It's a draft," said David Podell, Vice President of Academic Affairs. "We're not opposed to refining it."

During the first meeting held on September 20, SG President Arishna (AJ) Ramphal and Senator Dennis Gaffigan questioned Podell and Carol Jackson, VP of Student Affairs, about the college's proposed spending of \$32,000 for two janitors, under the category, Student Services.

"How is this a student activity?" asked Ramphal.

"Somehow we ended up with two janitors," added Gaffigan, in support. "This is not acceptable from a student's perspective."

The discussion continued on September 26 when President Springer and her cabinet were present. The revised proposal included new sections in which suggestions made at a SG meeting were incorporated into the budget. However, many still believe the proposal is flawed.

"We had a problem with items not fitting the criteria," said Michele Payton, VP of the CSI Association and Head of the Budget Committee. "That's why we were up in arms."

The Chancellor's compact is designed to fund CUNY through philanthropy, savings efficiency, and an increase in student enrollment, all of which are considered unreliable according to SG Vice President, Ilya Geller. They're not allocating enough time towards planning," said Geller. "Some of the money came from John Marchi. He's retired so we can't count on receiving the same amount of money."

Technology Advances Cheating in the Classroom

as hell," claims one student.

in it."

cheat."

a Chinese test because it was as hard

a test might have nothing to do with

their major. One undergraduate said, "I

was forced to take a class I wasn't

interested in and felt no guilt cheating

can. "Students are going to cheat,"

argues a student. "It's like a drug. You

can mess up the probability, but we are

still going to find a way to continue to

know they are cheating. "A lot of times,

students don't do it intentionally," said

CSI Head Librarian Wilma Jones.

Sometimes students just don't

Students, specifically freshman,

For some students, the subject of

Some cheat just because they

#### Kevin S.P. Mamakas

Students cheat. It is not a phenomenon that the young minds of CSI have recently come up with. Surveys across the nation show that up to 75 percent of students have cheated. CSI is no different.

"I don't think I had a class yet without catching a student cheat," says English Professor Miranda Sherwin. "I offered a pizza party to the first class that doesn't. I have not had to go into my pocket yet."

#### **Motives to Cheat**

Students are motivated to cheat for assorted reasons. The subject of a test may be too difficult. "I cheated on



People of all ages attended the rally for Dafur. Page 7



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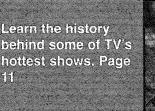
"The education system has failed to prepare students for college," Professor Sherwin said. "However, it is not an excuse."

#### High-tech & State-of-the-Art Cheating

Students are finding new ways to cheat on multiple choice tests and short essays. Numerous websites have recently been designed to encourage and help people to cheat.

According to these sites, one of the newest technological methods is

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Even Bono gets tired of saving the world. Page 8

# IDP The American Democracy Project

# Judge Porzio's Run For **Civil Court**

#### Lucie Lauria

Women love Judge Ralph Porzio. In the spring, at the Staten Island Film Festival, they hugged

and kissed him in public. In front of the St.George Theatre, dozens of women surrounded the judge, embracing him and fighting among themselves to get closer to him. Female social workers who admire his work and grateful victims of domestic violence he ruled in favor of in Family Court love him

A Family Court Judge of ten years, Ralph Porzio stands officially as a candidate for Richmond County Civil Court Judge.

Porzio, a Republican, who was appointed to Richmond County Family Court in 1996 by the then mayor Rudolph Giugliani, was approached by the Republican Party in May during the Staten Island Republican Convention and invited to run in the November general election for the Richmond County Civil Court.

Even though Porzio belongs to the Republican Party, seventy percent of the people working on his election campaign are Democrats, mostly social workers, who know Porzio's work from the Family Court. They know that he would listen to both sides and then decide which one makes sense. They encouraged him to run in the election to make a difference. He knows there are always people trying to trick the court. Porzio works fast. He has one of the highest ratings of efficiency in the courts in Richmond County. Porzio also coaches other judges how to work faster and more efficiently.

"This is one of the very few judicial races only for Staten Islanders," Porzio said. "I'd be very pleased and much honored to be elected a judge to Civil Court." Porzio patted his grey short hair cat, named Gabriel, sitting on a creamcolored plush couch by the window of his living room in the Swiss style house near Silver Lake, Emily, his other cat, a calico, was climbing up a leafless artificial tree enclosed in a third-floor, outdoor playpen, which connects to the house. His wife Geraldine, a petite brunette, and two cute little daughters sat in wicker chairs on the patio. The girls were waiting for

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their dad and, at the same time, their soccer coach to take them to practice. "Until the end of the last year I was a judge," said Porzio and took a gulp of

> Pilsner Urquell Czech beer. "I had an intention to reopen my private law practice, but a lot of people encouraged me to run for Civil Court." Porzio believes that

the position

of a judge creates a tremendous challenge. One has to be ethically strong and has to have the utmost integrity because the responsibility is so great. A judge has to use all of his personal experience and apply it to the law. To be a judge constitutes a position of honor in contrast with a much more profitable private practice. Currently, Porzio works as a judicial hearing referee because his ten years' Family Court tenure passed in the end of the last year. He judiciates high-conflict custody and visitation cases in Family Court.

Porzio, the only conservative Republican with ten years of experience as a judge, is running against two Democrats. In 2003, he ran for Supreme Court, which included the entirety of Brooklyn.

The judge, a native Staten Islander, was born to a modest middleclass second generation Italian American family. During his studies at St.John's University he worked as a basketball referee and, later, in law school, as a paralegal. As a student, he wanted to be a professional athlete, but became a judge instead. Porzio used to run long distance for St. John's University, and he also ran a few marathons. He graduated from St.John's Summa Cum Laude in 1980. Four years later, he obtained Juris Doctorate at the same university.

Years ago, Geraldine, an attractive sociology student, met a young attorney Ralph in a bar, where he was hanging out with an old guy. She thought that he had to be a good guy when he would go to the bar with old guys. But they didn't exchange phone numbers then. Some time later, Porzio's sister in law, who, by coinci-

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## The Devil is at Home

Lucie Lauria

Although the neocons were ready to nuke Iran, they had to change their plans in the last minute. Internet, the thorn in the side of their propaganda, convinced a dangerously large amount of their "target subjects" that all is not well with their "terror campaign." And all is not well with their military campaign as well - Afghanistan has turned into a heroine hellhole, Iraq, shaken up with a civil war, lies in tatters, the US Army is dug up in holes, and the "operation Lebanon" failed.

"The U.S. Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice invited her colleagues from the so-called Six - Russia. China. France, England, and Germany to dine at the fashionable New York hotel Waldorf-Astoria," Pravda stated. "Originally the meeting intended to discuss the U.N. resolution concerning the sanctions against Iran." At the end of the dinner, Nicolas Burns, the U.S. Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, announced to the press that "all the foreign ministers participating in the discussion unanimously expressed their strong support for the initiating of talks between the European Union and the Iranian government... Diplomacy is the only thing we are considering." At this point, the world public opinion has precluded the neocon warmongers from spending more "collateral damage" on their way to the world dominion.

Bush, a fervent advocate of the long war against Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon, and Iran, joined the ranks of the Holy Inquisition's fans as well. One has to look closely at today's date to make sure it's not the year 1415 while reading about the medieval torture Bush has been rooting for. For instance, "waterboarding" is not another term for surfing, but a medieval torture technique invented by the Holy Inquisition. Other entertainments offered by the CIA program include shoving the prisoner's head into a toilet, death threats. execution simulation, intimidation by aggressive dogs, extreme temperature changes, no sleep and other creative forms of mental and physical abuse. which have been implemented on prisoners by the CIA interrogators.

Bush must have grasped that may be held responsible for these grave breaches of article 3 of the Geneva Convention and has tried hard to have the article 3 gutted. His effort has met with only a partial success, since Bush had to drop his demand that Congress redefine to what extent the US has to abide by the article 3 of the Geneva Convention. On the other hand, "the Bush administration and Congressional Republicans reached agreement on legislation governing the treatment and interrogation of terrorism

suspects ... " the New York Times stated. The compromise deal will enable the CIA inhumane interrogations to continue. although the gravest breaches of the Geneva Convention will be banned.

The White House proposal to make the standard on interrogation treatment retroactive to 1997, in order to avoid prosecution of the CIA personnel and of President Bush, has been approved of by the senators. Under the US Constitution; however, retroactive law is ineffective. Dubya has been receiving wrong advice from his lawyers, who convinced him that the president is above the law.

When a president puts himself above the law, people's freedom and lives are at risk. Not only didn't Bush give a thought to the impact his torture laws would have on the fate of captured American soldiers, but he also revealed what may be in store for American citizens in general.

A mere week before the torture scandal broke out, Bush was defending unlimited wiretapping of American citizens and spying on their emails without a court order. Bush's proposals indicate that America may be heading towards a totalitarian regime cut out of Orwell's novels.

Bush's famous utterance "I just want you to know that, when we talk about war, we're really talking about peace" - George W. Bush, (June 18, 2002, speech)- confirms once again that Dubya's role model may not be Jesus but Orwell.

Bush admires Franz Kafka's famous novel "The Trial" as well, since he arduously supports establishment of military tribunals which will enable to try and sentence indicted prisoners to death under classified evidence. This scenario Dubya copied from Kafka's "The Trial", in which the main protagonist is executed without ever knowing of what crime he had been accused.

Bush lacks basic moral principles and common good sense. Eventually, the neocon's trap will snap shut and their fall boy will get stuck in it. President Nixon was impeached for wiretapping one office, President Bush wiretaps nearly the whole world. The world seems not to be ready for Bush's Animal Farm yet.

In 1960. Nikita Khrushchev, a former pig herdsman, pummeled his shoe on the table at the General Assembly and shouted "We will bury you!" The Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez brandished Noam Chomsky's "Hegemony or Survival: America's Quest for Global Dominance" and stated before the 61st session of the U.N. General Assembly that "...our brothers and sisters in the United States should read this book because their threat is right in their house. The devil is right at home...The president of the United States, the gentleman to whom I refer as the devil, came here, talking as if he owned the world. Truly. As the owner of the world."

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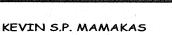






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true. I meet with the students more than any president in all of CUNY. I've had very good support from the students over the years. Same with the faculty. They just passed a major resolution asking for my leadership. You're always going to get people who, maybe, I've turned them down for promotion, you know, they don't tell you that. Or maybe, I've turned them down for tenure, or maybe they're under some other problem. But you're going always going to get people like that. But by and large, I am very pleased by the cooperation I've gotten from the faculty and students.

B: I've actually attended a lot of the town hall meetings ... S: all of them

B: ...where you've spoken to the stu-

dents and they never actually took advantage of coming to them and meeting you...

S: Well it's their option whether they want to come or not. I know that they have very busy lives - they have children. But I have a busy life too, so between us, we try and cross whenever we can. I walk the campus often, less so in the winter, and I told SG whenever they want to meet with me, I'll gladly set up a meeting so that's very good.

B: Right now the student body, I think, is very apathetic to CSI or anything related to CSI because it is a commuter school. A lot of the students come to class and leave - they don't really get involved. So with the addition of the dorms and other future programs, it will build spirit.

S: I hope so. Some of our students, true, are apathetic, but also our students have tremendous pressures on them. And uh, they're not apathetic about raising their children. They're not apathetic about, you know, other things. They have to

Cheating

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for students to take digital pictures of

study notes and store them into an I-

pod to view during an exam. They can

also dictate their study notes or pre-

made essay into the I-pod and listen

ture of an entire test or text message

a question using a cell phone. A stu-

dent would then send it to a person in

a different location who is waiting to

respond with the answer. "I know what

happens from time to time with the

text messaging," states Prof Heller.

"The trend towards larger and larger

classes makes it harder and harder to

make previous cheating methods.

These advanced techniques

Large overcrowded classrooms

are the perfect catalyst for those

catch students."

seem old-fashioned.

The Opposition

Another method is to take a pic-

to the recording during the test.

make choices as they go. And also they take, 12 hours of classes. By the time vou have 12 hours of classes, possibly a job, and raising a family and a commute to school, you don't have a lot of time for other things and I understand that.

B: Do you have any regrets?

S: Oh ves. There are things I would've done differently at some time or another, but if you don't look back and say, "I would've done that different" you don't learn. But by and large, major, no.

B: With the recent fiscal fiasco that shed a negative light on the administration, would you have done anything differently?

S: Yes, I think I would've probably looked at the ear-markings differently. It was something we worked out amicably, and I'm delighted for that. I now have a very good working relationship with the Student Government, That's the positive thing that came out of it.

B: What prompted you to step down? S: Basically I thought it was time. I've been here for 12 years, almost 13. I'm at that stage in my life where I've accomplished a great deal with the help of everybody else, and I just wanted a different challenge. This job is a 24/7 job, and I just wanted more time in my life to devote to other things.

B: How has the student body changed over the past 13 years?

S: There are more women in CUNY than men, and that's true in many, many institutions across the country. Our number of African-American students have increased, and I'm delighted with that. We also have a student body, I think, that is better prepared than it ever was.

#### B: How will your departure affect CSI? When you think of CSI, your name comes to mind.

S: The institution is a wonderful place, and my name is associated with it because I'm president. When I leave, the next president's name will be associated with it. I think that's a very good thing. You move on, and the institution will con-

inclined to cheat. Since there is no abrupt plan by the state, city, or college to decrease the size of classes, putting equations in a calculator, using cheat sheets filled with vocabulary and putting them in odd places, or paying for a paper to be written, remain traditional and effective ways to cheat.

However CSI is taking action to prevent cheating. "The campus bought a tool called turnitin.com a few years ago," said Chief Librarian, Wilma Jones. "It is used to prevent plagiarism." A professor can submit a document and search thousands of databases to see if any part of the document has been plagiarized. This tool is advertised to the faculty by the Center for Excellence in Learning Technologies, located in the Library.

"Even typing a phrase into Google can help detect plagiarism," says Prof Sherwin. "It is becoming harder and harder to tell if something is written by a friend, but I give enough writing assignments to know each student's

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tinue to grow. I want it to be in very good shape when I leave. I want the community to think well of it. My chief job while I've been here is to try and build and institution that the students will be proud of and will say, 'I'm glad I went to CSI.' B: When June 30th comes around.

what's the first thing you'll do without a title attached to your name?

S: I'll be fine. I'll get a lot of my life back, although I enjoy the life that I have. I will be a university professor. I was a professor when I started, and it seems to me that life goes full circle.

B: And you're still going to be affiliated with CUNY?

S: Yes.

B: What will the process be like when choosing you're replacement?

S: I won't have anything to do with it. When they chose me they did a national search. I think there were over 60 people in the search. We had 3 days of interviews. I interviewed with the college, with the search committee, with the Board of Trustees, and with the union.

B: And what qualities would you like to see your replacement have?

S: I would certainly like to see someone who has integrity, who stands up for what he or she believes in, who is dedicated to CSI, and enjoys the job.

B: Do you have a message for the student body and the incoming classes? S: What I would like to see them do is be very proud of their school, and to work very hard to make the citizens of Staten Island understand that. Our students can get as good of an education here as they can get anywhere. They get it for, what is difficult sometimes for them, but it's still \$4,000. That's a lot different than other schools that charge \$30,000. You've got labs here that certainly much more expensive schools don't have, you've got quality professors who have been educated in the best schools in the country. The school has a lot to offer, so I hope that all 12,000 people will turn into a cheerleader for the school.

style.'

On math and science tests, these methods don't help. "I am not personally diligent," said Professor Heller. "I am usually doing something else while they take the test. The way I discover cheating is usually through students having the same bizarre wrong answers."

It has become increasingly easy for students to cheat and increasingly hard for professors to know how their students cheat, but the college has come up with an effective deterrent, the Academic Integrity Policy. It states that any student caught cheating can receive a lower grade, get suspended, or expelled. However, it is ultimately up to the professor what punishment a student will receive. "It is pretty much impossible to prevent students from cheating," states an anonymous stu dent. "The only way to completely eliminate it is if we become a totalitarian society. And no, I don't want that."

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#### **Emergency Boxes** -continued from page 1-

Aponte. "This new system is not a response to a pattern of crime, as it is a system to help people on campus facing medical emergencies, unexpected transportation problems, etc."

Further, the visual capability of the system provides invaluable data. "It gives any responding officer more information about what's going on," said Director of Marketing, Robert Huber. "You can never have too much intelligence in public safety."

In the past when someone used the old model "squawk boxes" an alarm would sound in the public safety office and all available officers would respond to the scene. This system was inefficient because since there was no way to see or hear the person in trouble, the officers had no idea what level of emergency they were dealing with. Also, routine maintenance checks showed that many of the old boxes were not functioning.

The new system will aid public safety in saving time and man power, while ensuring that students receive the help they need. "The audio and video features of the new emergency boxes allow for a more customized response," explained Aponte. "Now, depending on the nature of the call, appropriate levels of public safety response can be anticipated. For example, a severe health emergency would still require significant response but would also allow for Public Safety to dispatch an officer who is also a licensed emergency medical technician, while a dead car battery might require one officer to respond."

In addition to the new boxes, public safety is increasing the number of officers on patrol during evening hours. The administration is also working on a plan to provide handicapped students with a handheld device that they can press in order to activate the nearest emergency box. As a supplementary safety measure, Vice President Aponte recommends that all students program the telephone number of public safety (718-982-2111) into the speed dial on their cell phones. Students should contact public safety whenever they need help or feel that their personal safety is being threatened.

Director of Public Safety Gene Martinez, declined to comment.

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dence, also happened to be Geraldine's sister, thought Ralph would be a good match for her sister and gave Ralph Geraldine's number. "It's only lunch," Ralph told Geraldine on the phone. "We'll have a good time." They apparently did and still do because the judge says, "My wife is my best friend."

At present, Geraldine Porzio Cicero teaches sociology at St.John's University, while Porzio teaches legal studies at Saint John's and also at CUNY. In addition, the judge has been coordinating the CSI Paralegal Program for five years.

"He is very sensitive. One of our classmates was sixty years old, a very nice man, he died in the middle of the program." Carolyn Soriano, Porzio's former paralegal program CSI student, said. "I remember the judge was crying when he was telling us about that. He really feels attached to his students." Soriano now works for Porzio in his election campaign as a campaign treasurer after she had completed the paralegal studies program a few years ago. "I'm trying to learn from him. He is like the samurai, and I'm his apprentice."

As Porzio's student, Soriano learned that the judge has integrity. "He is the person I'd like to be one day," Soriano said. "The more you know him, the more you have respect for him." In Soriano's class, there were many blue-collar single moms. They went to paralegal class to make something of themselves. The judge, never condescending, encouraged them to make themselves better. He has a lot of understanding for poor people.

Porzio believes that working as a paralegal before law school or during law studies contributes greatly to aspiring legal professionals' work experience and is a useful preparation for their future job as an attorney or as another legal professional. The judge considers his former paralegal job a wonderful education.

In the future, Judge Porzio intends to reopen his legal practice if the election doesn't work out, but he also has a message for CSI students. "All the students should come out and vote. Our country changed in the sixties and seventies because of the power of students. Every student should vote and have a voice in their government."

## It's Not TV, It's HBO\*

#### Debra Santulli-Barone

You rush to class to find a decent seat. Ten minutes into the class, a student plops down in to the empty seat next to you. It shouldn't be a problem, but unfortunately, this particular student has a foul smelling aroma. Noses start to twitch and heads turn.

To escape the stench, you make a 90 degree turn in your seat; since you can't possibly drag

your chair across the room. Can a bar of soap be that costly, and what's not to like about bathing? "I had an art teacher that smelled of body odor." said communi-

cations major, Enrico

Turchi. "He was a nice guy, and a great teacher, but I wanted to chase after him with a can of deodorant during the whole semester."

General hygiene is taught in elementary school, while others learn it at home. Some parents even habitually run after their children with soapy wash clothes. However, in many cultures smell has a profound significance.

In Ancient Greece, Socrates opposed having men wear perfume or cologne. He believed that it mashed the natural odor distinctions between freemen and slaves. George Orwell stated:"The class distinction in the West...could be summed up in four frightful words... "The lower class smell."

Not all smells were considered bad. Members of European aristocracy reeked just as much as any other class. But that was a good thing.

In the West, the holy person was believed to have an 'odor of sanctity' or a presence of the Holy Spirit. Evil had the stench of the Devil

The U.S. obsession with cleanliness distinguishes social status and sets the standards for the community. Perception of attractiveness heavily depends on body odor. "I had a Saturday morning class where this one guy, in his mid 30's, didn't smell good," said communications major, Stasiu Tyburski. "I had to get up and move," he

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said. "The guy should know better." Dr. Sandra Hunt, CSI Professor of Neuropsychology believes that depression could be a factor. "The depressed person experiences fatigue, feelings of withdrawal from life, and has low self-esteem,"she explained. "They might not shower or leave their home. General grooming such as, showering or changing clothes

doesn't embrace body odor. "There's

always that one person that stinks."

said communications major, Moleed

and there was a professor that wore

tank tops, no jacket or deodorant."

indicated business major, Lori Katz,

"Every time she reached for the mail-

curtails the opportunity to cultivate a

relationship with the smelly per-

son.Of course, if you are already

friends, you could kindly suggest

hygienic solutions for the sake of

both parties. But if you haven't

become friends, could you be miss-

ing out on the best friendship of your

life? How does our society get past

the smell? And if we do make friends

with them, will we be shunned too?

Can we set aside the biases of our

own culture to perceive the world dif-

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chatting with them. You might actual-

ly learn that they are the most loyal

person you have ever met.

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To be fair, I was part of apathetic academia until I took a Journalism class at the end of my sophomore year. Imagine how surprised I was when I learned about the Banner. CSI had a newspaper? Gasp! But wait, nothing ever happens at CSI; it's practically a wet blanket. What's there to write about? What can I join? Maybe PDC, NYPIRG, Student Government, Hillel, a sports team, or one of the six publications on campus. Get my point? Stop complaining and try to make a difference. Improvement starts with us.

-Mellíssa Seecharan

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# Editor's Note

"There's never any time!" Do you remember that glorious caffeine pill/ "I'm so excited" break down by Jessie Spano? It's the Saved by the Bell episode that will forever live in infamy. We died with laughter upon seeing it (some of us still do), but who would've thought that little Miss Showgirls might be right? September has come and gone. Are we all awake? It's already October. I'm not ready for ghouls, goblins, turkeys, or Christmas

Whenever I ask a fellow student how they are doing, the response is always "I'm tired". Rightfully so. We all have lives, and things to do. However, this should not act as a barrier from getting involved in school activities, yet it does. Student apathy is a deadly disease that is currently affecting CSI. I was recently granted an interview with President Marlene Springer, where I suggested that the student body was apathetic. Dr. Springer's response was quite politically correct; not at all reflective of what those students, who are involved in clubs, athletics, publications, and the other umpteenth million activities on campus, believe. These are the people who can judge because they organize the events and set up the meetings, in which a small percentage of students participate.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Re: Editor's Note

I think that it's unfair that you would automatically assume that people who found the Gay Pride pictures offensive are ignorant and closed-minded. Imagine a little kid asking you what the phrase "suck it hard" meant after looking at the paper that had pictures that you people decided to put into it. There may not be children on campus, but I know people that do have younger relatives and they do go to CSI and read The Banner.

- Matthew Roca

Personally I wasn't offended at all by the pictures in the last issue. Perhaps it is because my closest friend is bisexual and I have numerous other gay and lesbian friends. I think that it is the responsibility of the reader to be open-minded and understand that even though it may have made some uncomfortable, it is a representation of the diversity of the country we live in.

- Nicole Castellano

I would like to thank you, Mellissa, for not giving in to those who feel it is still okay to try and speak out against someone else's lifestyle. You are right in wondering why college students aren't less ignorant. Times are different now then in the past, and people have the right to live how they want and not be afraid to live that way. People who don't want to see shouldn't look, and it is your responsibility Mellissa to report the news no matter how much it offends. Thank you.

-Chris Mical

have nothing but respect for the LGBT. People should not be judged or hated against by their sexuality. However, I feel that it is annoying to shove it down our throats. We get it, "you're gay," who cares. Stop shoving it down our throats with gay flags and whatever else. As far as pictures are concerned, nobody wants to see two gay people making out. Time to get over it and move on. As far as October 11, give me a break.

- Adam Salhany

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#### Re: Student vs. Student

After reading this article, I felt that I now have more respect for CSI. The fact that the college is attempting to help high school students to adjust to college life now, shows that the college realizes how important it is to prepare these students. - Elizabeth McNelis

Until recently I saw the negative side of High School at CSI. I was unaware that the high school had rights to building 5N after going into the building to meet with a classmate and soon to my discovery I was rudely directed to a different entrance and told that the high school students. What? Excuse me for thinking that my hard earned tuition didn't give me access to everything on the CSI campus. I think it is wrong and although there are many advantages for the school funding this high school, there is still a huge disadvantage for college students and this school wouldn't be here without us!

- Patrea Patterson

Although it is a great honor for these high school students it's a great pain for college students. One of the reasons students enjoy college life because it separates them from their high school experiences whether they be good or bad. If the high school students cannot act like adults then kick them off campus and put them back in their normal high school routine. College will come soon enough for them.

- Lauren lervasi

Putting a high school on campus was one of the worst ideas CSI and CUNY ever had. This campus is already overpopulated. If some of the high school students drive are we going to deny them parking? Or make out own situation worse. When I visit the Campus Center during lunchtime it's overrun with high school students. When I graduated I figured I had finally escaped the immaturity found during that stage of life. Not to mention the wait for food is horrendous and the high schoolers constantly cut in line.

- Laura Parnizari

Rather then look for mommy and daddy to banish these 9th and 10th graders to the corner, a place they already seem to be, 5N. Perhaps our so-called fellow college students should embrace these youngsters and give them a solid lead to follow. As adults, that is our responsibility- we are role models. Whining because kid sister won't leave our room is stooping to the level we seemingly wish to rid ourselves

- Art Morelli

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#### Re: Sex and the Island

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The article about Sex and the Island bothers me. It is cool to talk about sexual activity, but getting that deep into it, come on now: I don't think anyone wants to read about shaving your privates or how clean it is. I understand that a lot of people like to do what this article explains but don't put your business out there. Especially describing how someone should share their genitals, sure it is sexy to be clean, but keep it in the privacy of your own

Nicole's sex column this week was the most amusing article to read after my long, tiring morning. It's very diverse, edgy and real. It couldn't be any better!

- Lori Katz

I must say that I am more entertained reading this one section of the paper than anything else. I must commend you vet again on a job well done. It's so funny because it's true! Many people won't admit about the Coochie Cream or Waxin Da Hood but people do these things and it kills me inside when someone writes about it because when you look at your best friend or even a classmate you'll always wonder ... "Does she really have coochie cream?" Thank you Nicole for making me laugh, can't wait to see what you have next time.

- Mojeed Amusa

I think that this article is absolutely ridiculous. You're trying to be funny, which is cute, but come on now. This is a college newspaper. Shouldn't it be about events at the college or some local news? This article is just plain stupid and inappropriate. Thanks for the information but I don't think anyone goes to college to learn how to "tame their beast."

- Marisa Schaefer

Re: CSI's PR Strategy: Blame the Coach

personally agree with Jason Fein and David Pizzuto's claims that they were in no way trying to blame the assistant coach for the loss, but just displaying the facts of what transpired in the game. If the head coach wasn't coaching, it needs to be mentioned, regardless of the team's performance.

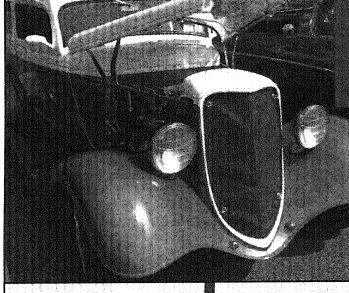
It appears to me that this is an issue of a team of soccer players that were frustrated by a loss, and many have taken the intentions of the game story out of context. The folks at the Sports and Recreation Center try their best to remain unbiased in the writing of the post-game stories. don't fault them for the story.

- Stephen Spagnoli

#### Re: Khaki Clad Crocodile Hunter Dies **Ironic Death**

Although I feel awful about Steve Irwin's unfortunate death, it did not surprise me. When one intrudes on an animal's environment, they must expect the animals who do not know any better to be on the defensive. Even though Irwin was a professional, he gambled with his life every time he interacted with the animals.

Lauren Demetrio



#### AACA 30th Annual Car Show a Success

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#### **Campus Parking a Problem**

Four hundred-and-fifty antique and new cars crowded a large part of the campus for the 30th Annual Staten Island Region Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) Car Show and Flea Market.

More then 100 extra cars arrived to the event, which caused late arrivals to overflow onto the grass. Buildings and Grounds worked hard to repair the damage that was done. Kevin Kennan, the event organizer, was surprised by the parking problems. Welcome to CSI.

Kennan considered the event a success. "The facilities are phenomenal," he said. "We are filled up and trying to make accommodations for the extra cars that showed up."

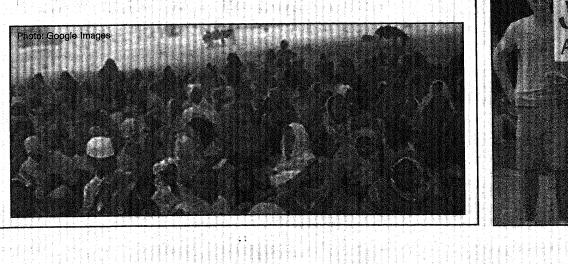
The AACA donates to multiple charities every year. They also raffled off a 1966 Ford Mustang. The car was bought by the AACA last year and was fully restored for the raffle.

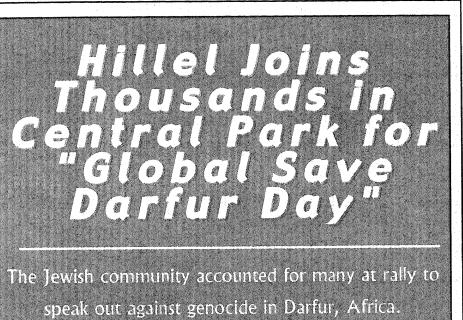
To thank CSI for the use of facilities, they will extend the charity to one student who will receive a scholarship for a year.

Rick Botte originally bought his 1955 Pontiac Star Chief for \$400 in 1979. He restored it to mint condition and entered for a Class 3 (1946-1959) production award. "I come to this show every year," he said. "I always have a wonderful time." -Kevin S.P. Mamakas

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Park forum.





#### **Stefanie Plust**

Children held hand painted signs proclaiming: "Stop the Murder" and "Save Darfur". A mix of ethnicities and ages wore orange stickers to represent Darfurian victims individually. A New York resident attendee, Margret Batzcock's sticker read, "I'm standing for Darfur victim number 200, 852". The stickers were numbered 1 through 400,000.

Since the conflict began, an estimated 400,000 people have been murdered and 2.5 million displaced. It is 2006 and a holocaust rages on in the Darfur region of the Sudan. A police estimate of 20,000 people attended the East Meadow Central

The peaceful yet emotionally charged gathering featured speakers and musical performances. Actress Mira Sorvino spoke comparing the Sudanese regime to a "sociopathic parent." She described children "being shot in their mother's arms and purposely poisoning wells with dead bodies in them."

Ethan Rafal, a student journalist/ photographer who was detained in the Sudan told his story. All of his documents were confiscated leaving him only with the words of his personal account. "Close your eyes," he said, "Imagine children's sandals drenched in blood starring at you. The sun reflecting shards of glass and metal covering the streets."

A former slave in the Sudan, Simon Deng spoke asking the attendees, "Be the voice of the voiceless. I know what it is to be a victim. I saw kids dying in their mother's arms in

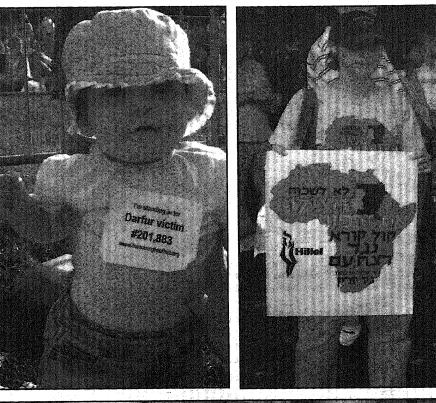
the refugee camps."

The band OAR performed and has allowed the Save Darfur campaign to come on tour with them. "I don't want to be another passerby," they sang. "Give me one shot in my life." They also sang a rendition of Bob Dylan's, "The Times They Are A Changing."

Many people from Sudan attended the rally. "We support our people," Sabri Taha who writes for an online newspaper arabic Sudaneseonline.com. "I walked from New York to Washington the first time. I have family in Sudan and I worry about them." The first rally/protest to save Darfur was held last year in Washington D.C.

Beginning in 2003, a government-backed militia known as Janjaweed has been systematically raping and murdering the Darfurian people. Despite a peace agreement made on May 5, 2006, nothing has changed. The African Union has no mandate to protect civilians and is inadequate to do so. The Save Darfur Coalition and many other supporting groups are asking the U.N. to take over and fulfill the peacekeeping mission. However, the Sudanese president, Omar al-Bashir, has continuously rejected any notion of a U.N. intervention. David Rubenstein, organizer of the rally and member of the Save Darfur Coalition, had the final words at Sunday's event. "Wake up world," he said. "Twice as many people as you see here today will die every month in Darfur."

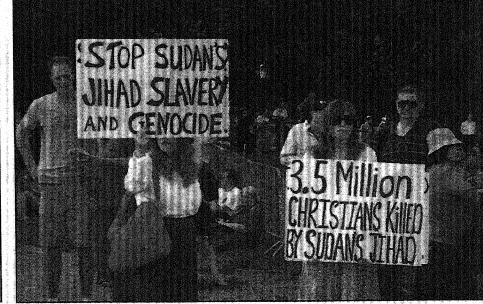
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#### Nicole Bonelli's

#### They don't call it a job for nothing

Breathe through your nose, no teeth to skin contact, double check your gag reflexes, and get ready to blow. We girls might not always love taking part in some Lickity Split action, but we can really learn to enjoy it more when the art of communication is mastered. As horrible and anti-feminist as this sounds, deep down, (ahem), we know the real way to a man's heart is not through his stomach, but a little lower. There are no ifs, ands, or buts about it, in order to keep a man happy and loyal; up to par blow jobs are necessary. (Just remember that it works both ways guys.) Start playing your violins, and grab a pack of tissues, because most of us girls have a few draw backs that keep us from engaging in the game of "find the Cannoli" as often as you'd really enjoy.

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I asked several of my friends what holds them back from traveling to the land of the unknown, and the news isn't that heart breaking. Chances are, if your girlfriend is not getting down on her knees all that willingly, it's not because she is afraid of your "oversized" penis, but because she's faced with one of these five minor dilemmas. Just apply these straight to the point, girl approved techniques and you'll easily overcome her objections. If you're lucky, you might introduce her to a serious oral fixation.

#### Penis Complaint #1 Your Spunk is Funky

The problem: "To be perfectly honest it can just get straight up funky down there "

The Solution: Well, we have all heard that milk does a body good. But there is actually something else out there that can do your body even better. Fruits and veggies are not only beneficial for keeping you healthy and in shape; they can also control the intensity of your spunk. It has been proven that eating a daily dose

of "healthy candy" will in fact make your nether region smell and taste better. Now don't expect it to smell like an exotic garden, or for it to taste like chocolate fondue, but there will be enough of an improvement that you will no longer cause your girlfriend to run to the bathroom for a quick fix of mouth wash.

#### Penis Complaint #2

I think I pulled a muscle! The problem: "I know my boyfriend loves when I give him head, but I don't like the feeling of getting my tonsils checked out by his penis."

The solution: The key to a good blow job boils down to one major factor, positioning. If your girl is hanging upside down with her legs over her head, while she is trying to give you head, don't expect it to last long. The feeling of total discomfort will make her want to throw in the towel, and I can promise you that it will leave a bad taste in her mouth, (I had to say it). However, if you pay attention to the comfort situation before she takes you to a new level of comfort, the outcome will definitely work in your favor. Try sitting on a couch, this way she can control the debt of infiltration, and can keep check of her gag reflexes. (I recently heard a story about a girl that could not control her gag reflexes during a blow job, and now is known as the blow job throw up girl. I'm pretty sure it's safe to say that no one what's to steal this girl's fifteen minutes of fame.) If you are too lazy to get out of bed, (or if the Yankee game is on), having her kneel between your legs will allow her to alternate between deep throating and pulling back.

I'm about to reveal a girls secret weapon for blow job positioning. When your girlfriend is sitting down, and you are standing in front of her, this allows her to have the control to use her body to move her mouth back and forth on you.

Her neck won't get tired, and this will also allow her to use her hands to play with your balls. (aka lefty and righty).

#### Penis Complaint #3 It's boring as hell

The problem: "Sometimes blow jobs give a new meaning to the phrase "are we there yet?" It seems like he is never going to orgasm, and it's during these times I just can't help but to think about shoe shopping."

The solution: Blow jobs are a lot of work, (hey it's not called a job for nothing), and this is the only circumstance when we won't complain about you being a quick-

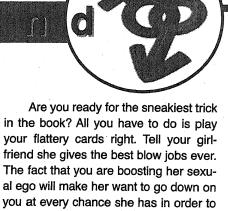
All systems not go? Don't think of changing things up as a way of throwing the BIG O off course. There are going to be times that guys just can't get there with some hot mouth action. Sometimes, they need some hot I want to get inside of you action. It's a nice way of saying, "this isn't going to happen anytime soon, it's not your fault, so instead of giving you lock jaw, let's try something else." Hey, sometimes actions speak louder than words

#### Penis complaint #4

All that hard work for nothing

The Problem: "I know I should give him more head, but there isn't a whole lot of temptation. He blows a load, big woop. I would rather just have sex, so I can get some pleasure too."

The solution: Make sure she knows good things come to the girlfriend that goes below the belt. And just don't tell her, show her. After she has given you a good time, give your tongue a work out on her hot spots for a while. I can promise you, she'll be quicker to initiate oral action once she knows her turn is an orgasm away.



al ego will make her want to go down on you at every chance she has in order to trv to make each time better than the one before it. Let's face the facts; every girl loves to let her competitive side shine every now and then. No girl can resist the urge to prove that she's better than your exes. So sit back, relax, and let her prove it over and over again, ok and maybe one more time to get him through the ten hour span until he sees you again

#### Penis Complaint #5 Where is the love?

The problem: "What, you can't even take me out to dinner and a movie before I blow you anymore?"

The solution: sure YOU might think getting a blow job is more romantic than a dozen long stemmed red roses, but what a shocker, (two in the pink one in the stink), your girlfriend probably doesn't. Your goal is to convince her that her oral affection is a building block to a budding relationship.

All girls eat up sweet talk, (even girls like me who think it is all a load of bull shit.) Sweep her off her feet with lines such as, "wow that really made my day", and "how do you always know what I want?" You already know we are suckers for romance, so don't be afraid to take advantage of that. We girls take pride in taking care of our men, so it is your job to convince your girlfriend that getting head is better than her homemade brownies. (The only thing that could probably be better is oral sex and brownies... at the same time).

XBOX LIVE

#### Dominic Fiduccia

One game in particular that is noteworthy is Hexic HD. It's a puzzle game created by Alexey Pajitnov, who is also the creator of one of the greatest puzzle games of all-time, Tetris. In Hexic HD, the object is to rotate red, blue, light and dark green, yellow, pink, and purple hexagons to create groups of pieces touching two or more identical pieces. Select three adjacent pieces, and then select which way you wish to rotate them. The pieces will continue to rotate until one of them touches two matching pieces, the cluster disappears from the board, and the pieces above it fall. The best part of Hexic HD is that it's the only Xbox Live Arcade game that is free. There is also Zuma Deluxe, where you play a giant Aztec toad. The

objective is to eliminate all the balls rolling around the screen, before they

reach the Sun God, or Skull. As soon as one ball reaches the Sun God, the rest and the player loses a life. To prevent the balls

reaching the Skull, the player can eliminate the balls by firing a colored ball towards a group of two or more of the same colored balls. When three or more of the same color come in contact, they explode, possibly triggering other explosions as part of a chain reaction.

It's All About the Games

ARCADE

There are a lot of great games coming soon to Xbox Live Arcade such as

> Midway's classic Arcade titles Paperboy and Root Beer Tapper. Namco has Dig Dug and Ms. Pac-Man on the way. Konami is going to offer the Arcade Sports title Track & Field from 1983.

Some of the best new offerings yet to be available include Konami's NES classic, Contra, and Sonic the Hedgehog from Sega. Another game that will not be available until early 2007 also happens to be a PS1 classic, Castlevania: Symphony of the Night from Konami.

While Xbox 360 may get attention for its

HD style graphics, and great multiplayer on-line gameplay, many gamers are turning to the Xbox Live Arcade for their gaming pleasure. It shows that simple, fun, and addictive games, arcade and console 2-D classics are still fun to play. If you need proof that the yet to be released rival systems, Nintendo Wii and Sony's PlayStation 3, are taking Xbox Live Arcade very seriously, the simple answer is they are. Nintendo will be proving their new system, the Wii, with what is called the Virtual Console, which will allow gamers to play not only the greatest Nintendo games of all-time, but also the greatest games from Sega and a selection of classic TurboGrafx-16 games from Hudson Soft, The PlayStation 3 will have the PlayStation Network Platform (PNP), which promises to have features similar to the Xbox Live Arcade and the Xbox Live Community as well.

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# Dare to Be Stupid - Weird Al Returns

#### AnnMarie Costella

Put on your Hawaiian shirt and dust off that accordion. Weird Al Yankovic, the parody pioneer, who in the past has brought us such classics as: "Pretty Fly for a Rabbi," "Amish Paradise," and "Dare to Be Stupid," is back with his 14th studio album entitled: "Straight Outta Lynwood." It consists of both parodies and original tunes. Unfortunately, while it does have its strong points, many of the tracks leave much to be desired.

On the single, "White and Nerdy" a parody of Chamillionaire's "Ridin," Al doesn't miss a beat. He shows off his rapid rhyming skills and proves that he can adapt his voice to a myriad of singing styles. It is the best song on the album and is sure to become a Weird Al classic. The music video demonstrates the offbeat sense of humor we've come to expect from Weird Al. It features a wonderful cameo appearance by Donny Osmond, whose hysterical dance moves alone, are reason enough to check it out. "Canadian Idiot," finds AI taking pot shots at our wacky neighbors to the north. He sings: "Don't Wanna be a Canadian Idiot. Won't figure out the temperature in Celsius. See, the map, they're hovering right over us. Tell you the truth, it makes

#### me kind of nervous

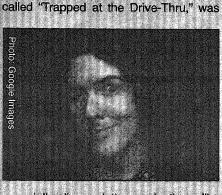
Al uses his unique accordion laden brand of polka to concoct "Polkamania!" a numorous medley of modern hits like: "Let's Get It Started," "Drop It Like It's Hot," "Candy Shop," "Take Me Out," and "Gold Digger."

"Don't Download This Song," an over the top "We Are the World," style anthem is by far the best original song on the album. It humorously preaches the evils of illegal file sharing, and lampoons self righteous rockers such as Metallica's Lars Ulrich. Al pleads: "Don't take away money rom artists just like me. How else can afford another solid gold Humvee? And diamond-studded swimming pools, these things don't grow on trees. So all I ask is, everybody, please...Don't download this song. Even Lars Ulrich knows it's wrong."

"Virus Alert" is a silly but catchy track about computer viruses. Al warns: "Look out! It's gonna melt your face right off your skull and make your iPod only play Jethro

"I'll Sue Ya," a tune about frivolous suits done in the style of Rage Against the Machine, and "Close but No Cigar," which is reminiscent of "Short Skirt, Long Jacket," by Cake are mildly interesting, but mediocre at best.

The 11 minute homage to R. Kelly's



opera "Trapped in the Closet,"

specially disappointing and others like Weasel Stomping Day," and "Pancreas, are so awful they need not be described.

Unfortunately, Al's satirized version of the nauseating James Blunt balled "You're Beautiful," aptly titled "You're Pitiful," did not make it onto the album. However, you can legally download it for free on Weird AI's official MySpace page: www.mvspace.com/weirdal.

If imitation is truly the sincerest from of flattery, then Weird Al will be around for a long time. "Most artists seem genuinely flattered to get the 'Weird AI treatment,' he said. "Some groups, including Nirvana, have publicly stated that they didn't realize that they had really 'made it' until they heard my parody."

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#### Did You Know ...

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Al began his music career way back in 1979, when he started sending song parodies to radio disc jockey, Dr. Demento. Now more than two decades later he is continuing to make us laugh without being cruel or using profanity. Further, he always obtains the consent of the original songwriters before doing a parody. "While the law supports my ability to parody without permission, it's very important to me to try to maintain the relationships I've built with artists and writers over the years," he explained.

#### Top 10 Weird AI classics:

- 1. Dare to be Stupid
- 2. Pretty Fly for a Rabbi
- 3. Living in the Fridge
- 4. Eat it
- 5. Amish Paradise
- 6. Another One Rides the Bus
- 7. Gump
- 8. I'm Fat
- 9. My Bologna
- **10. Smells Like Nirvana**



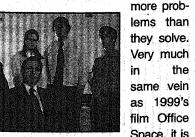
#### John DePetro

As the calendar turns from summer to fall, TV networks roll out the new crop of "must see" hits and their version of "TV's most anticipated new drama/comedy." Once these shows have been weeded through, only a few manage to become mainstays of television. Here's a review of some of the

The Office- Many of America's white collar jobs are filled with mind numbing monotony and bosses who seem to cause

the

vein



this familiar repetitiveness that draws more viewers to the show each week.

Based on the Emmy Award winning British television series of the same name, The Office debuted in March 2005 on NBC with a short run of six episodes. The style of the show is something much different than of a typical American sitcom. The unusual mockumentary-style approach of the series made it a risk for airing in the US along with dialogue that is crammed with uncomfortno laugh track to tell the viewers when it's derfully by John C. McGinley.



time to laugh.

couple Jim and Pam. Instead of a coffee house, this "will they or won't they" romance best shows still on television since their is set in the confines of workspaces and cubicles. If you like smart, subtle, uncom-

> Scrubs- For all intents and purposes Scrubs is about all of us. Everyone has a dream. But what happens when it actually comes to fruition and you discover that your ideal job might not be exactly what you expected?

The first season of Scrubs centers on new medical school graduate JD, his best film Office friend and roommate Dr. Chris Turk and love Space, it is interest Dr. Elliot Reid all finding their way career of former Batman and Robin star outshines any Simpson clone out there. \_\_\_\_\_ through their

internships at who likes to make long and

Steve Carrell stars as Michel Scott. The hate relationship between JD and Dr. Cox. or not, intelligent humor and characters that comedian's dead pan technique fits perfect- JD wants nothing more than Dr. Cox to be never change. ly with the oblivious and egocentric world's his mentor and Dr. Cox wants nothing more worst boss who makes you cringe with than JD to leave him alone. The humor of the the late eighties on the sketch comedy proevery thoughtless comment he blurts out. show comes from the awkward way which gram The Tracey Ulman Show, The John Krasinski and Jenna Fischer co-star the characters interact with each other, Simpsons immediately became a national as the now proverbial "Ross and Rachel" whether it's JD sleeping with his mentor's ex- hit once they received their own show. wife or Cox's never ending battle against evil Everyone wanted Simpson merchandise Chief of Medicine Dr. Bob Kelso.

ER- Twelve years ago, NBC premiered fortable and sweet humor, this show is for this fast-paced ride into the emergency room of Chicago's County General Hospital and has been disappointing since. The first sea-

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George Clooney.

Sacred Heart the episode titled Love's Labor Lost, perhaps ates or generate an audience that isn't Hospital. Along one of the best hours of television ever pro- there from the very beginning. Obviously the way, they duced. This single installment is a micro- The Simpsons and ER have been able to meet Dr. Cox, a cosm of the excellent first season of ER and continue having success for over a decade. narcissistic long sets the bar for the series at an incredibly It will be interesting to see if Scrubs, entertime resident high level which it still often reaches.

humiliating have tried over and over again to duplicate successful as they deserve. able silences and blank stares. Plus there's speeches to all of his students, played won- what FOX started seventeen years ago. Still the smartest show on TV, The Simpsons

The heart of the show lies with the love- offers what no other sitcom can, animated

Based on animated shorts that ran in



and t-shirts banned schools for endorsing underachievenent.

has evolved into,

as Snakes on The Simpsons came from humble begin-Plane's nings. The drawings were crude and the Julianna characters undeveloped. Even though the Margulies and series wouldn't really hit its stride until the reinvented the third and fourth seasons, the first year still

The hardest thing a show can do is The highlight of the initial year came in either sustain the momentum it initially creing its 6th season this January, and The Office just beginning its 3rd season, can The Simpsons- Television networks build a larger audience and become as

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# Challenges Await Reigning **CUNYAC Champ Dolphins**

#### John De Petro

From the first day of training camp to the last seconds of the season, every team has one goal. Win. But it's hard at the top. When everyone knows you're the team to beat, you carry a target on your back all year.

After winning the first-ever official CUNYAC title in 2005, the CSI Dolphins women's soccer team now has the difficult task of defending their crown. Having gone unbeaten in conference play, with a record of 4-0-1 last year, there's no doubt that division foes already have CSI circled on their schedules as the Dolphins look to continue their dominance over the league.

Since CUNY conference play began in 2004, the Dolphins have been undefeated. Their record in the league has been an outstanding 11-0-1, which includes last season's first-ever official CUNYAC playoff.

However, the opposition won't be the only test for the team this season. The Dolphins now feature a revamped lineup that includes three starting freshmen and a change of position for many of the returning starters, including a split of time at goal. Re-establishing cohesion among the athletes may become problematic for head coach John Guagliardo and company as the season progresses.

The sky over the CSI Soccer Complex was covered with dark clouds all morning, but when the women's soccer team took the field against the City College of New York Beavers on Saturday, the sun began to peak through.

As soon as the Dolphins stepped on the field against CCNY, the confidence of the Dolphins was apparent. Without wasting time, the Dolphins took control of their foe and the game. From the outset, the strength, size and speed advantage of the Dolphins was obvious as CSI ran around, over and through the Beavers all afternoon long.

Danielle Narwick scored the game's first goal with an assist from Lauren Baydal at 3:39 into the first-half opening the floodgates. Narwick added her second goal of the game less then six minutes later. The onslaught continued as two goals by Shannon Connelly sandwiched a pair of goals by Daniella Otaiza. All four of these CSI goals came within a span of eleven minutes.

The first-half ended with CSI lead-

ing a blowout 6-0 over CCNY. The Dolphins outplayed their conference rival for the entire opening half, spending more than thirty minutes inside Beaver territory, firing twenty-two shots compared to their opponent's four.

With a big lead and the game pretty much in hand, the Dolphins dialed down the attack against their outclassed adversary. CSI tacked on a goal scored by Lauren Baydal in the 54th minute off a penalty kick. The day's scoring was capped off by freshman Melissa Cimilluca. Playing keep away, CSI managed to wear down the clock the rest of the way putting the final score at 8-0.

For the Beavers, the lone bright spot was freshman goalkeeper Yuri Giraldo, who saved twelve of the Dolphins twenty shots on goal. On the other side of the field, CSI netminders Tina Bellocchio and Jennifer Miller split the Dolphins' first shutout of the season. The win over the Beavers kept the Dolphins career record in the CUNY conference at an unblemished 12-0-1.

The Dolphins will play the remaining ten games of the season over the next three weeks. They will face CCNY again and Medgar Evers College twice before post-season play begins on October 29.

The team has the tools to put the pieces together once the playoffs begin. The greatest advantage CSI has is that they feature the return of last season's top six scorers. Sophomore Fiosa Begai led the team with twenty-nine points as

a freshman. CSI's all-time leading goal scorer senior Shannon Connelly returns with fellow seniors Daniella Otazia, Bukurije Begai, Danielle Narwick and last season's CUNYAC MVP Lauren Baydal.

The roster consists of twenty athletes, half of whom are underclassmen. The mix of older and younger students should provide CSI a healthy balance of experienced veteran leadership and youthful excitement. It has fallen on the shoulders of the seniors and juniors on the roster to make the necessary adjustments in order to lessen the burden for the novice freshmen and sophomores. Despite the rocky start, the CSI Dolphins will keep fighting and playing hard down to the last second that ticks off the clock.



ured During Star Playe Game

#### **Jennifer Miller**

One of the Dolphin's star defenders will be sidelined four to eight weeks with a third degree sprained ankle sustained against FDU-Florham.

During the first half of the game in MRI Newark, NJ, captain Joseph Fassari ment later in the caught up to an opposing player on a breakaway. Fassari slid and knocked the ball away, saving a potentially dan- been injured in gerous scoring opportunity just inside my life," he said. the 18 yard box. "My left foot got "This is the first caught in the turf," he said. "My whole thing and body just fell over it and rolled out in a hard to take. I bad way."

Fassari lay on the field for five to be here this minutes before trainer John Nostro year. It's hard, carried him off the field. During halftime, Fassari went to the emergency room. He spent five hours in the waiting room before getting x-rays, only to be told that because of the swelling, earned they could not give a clear diagnosis.

"I was depressed in the hospital," he said. "It was just a long time in the Athletic Awards Banquet. Coach Vito

waiting room and you don't know what's wrong with you." He left the

hospital on crutches, painand killers, scheduled an appointweek. "I've never

it's sacrificed a lot two games into the season and it might be over."

Dolphins' captain, Joseph Fassari, sprained his left the

ankle in the Rutgers Scarlet Raider Classic

Tournament. He will be out four to eight weeks.

Veneruso noted that the way he was playing this season, he probably would have earned the

MVP award. "He's solid," verv Veneruso said. "He knows what needs to be done back there."

"If the doctor says I'm able to come back, I'll work hard," Fassari said. "Hopefully the doctor gives me good news and I can get back soon."

The men's soccer season ends on October 23 with a game at Polytechnic University. The CUNYAC Playoffs will start on October 25.

Fassari Coach's Award at last year's