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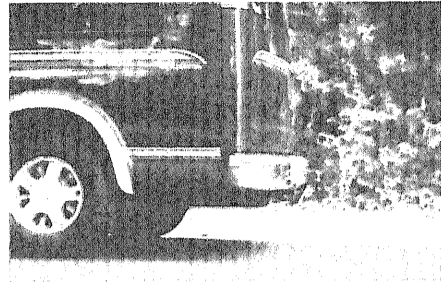
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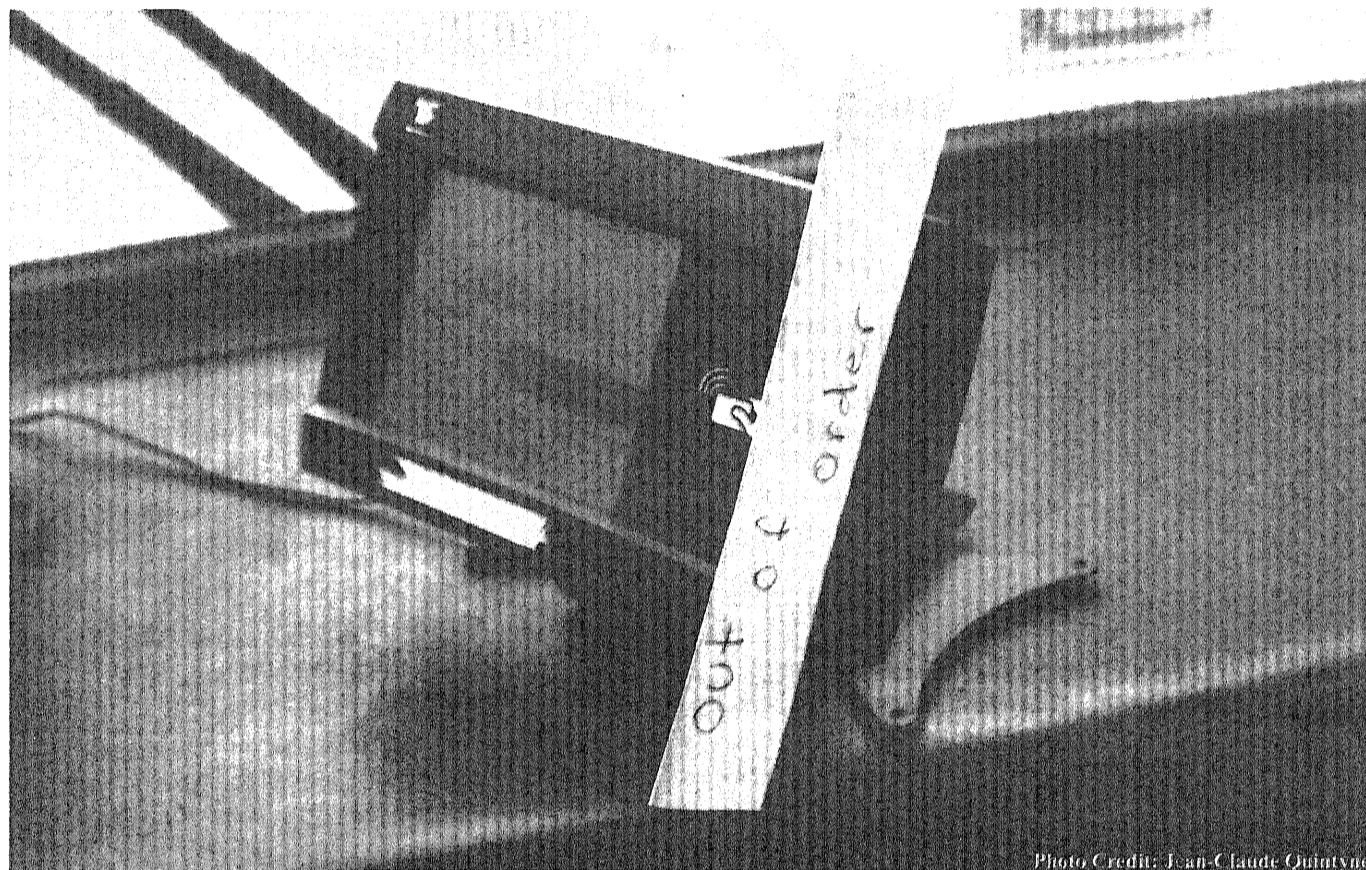


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A device that allows students to board the Ferry Shuttle and Loop buses after swiping their Dolphin Cards is the latest attempt Finances and Administration has taken to maintain CSI's million-dollar bus service

BY VICTORIA PRIOLA

After four years of financial turmoil, CSI turns to students for assistance to support Loop and Ferry Shuttle service.

CSI Student Association added the \$40 Transportation Fee to Student Activity fees, which students pay each semester, to continue funding the \$1.6 million bus service.

"Transportation services are great but they are a luxury," said Ira Persky, Vice President of Finances and Administration. "Some people forget that and assume it's expected."

According to the Bursar, the fee was implemented during the first week of the fall 2015 semester after tuition bills were released.

Minutes from a Student Government meeting on November 6 state that the College received a \$400,000 grant from the

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state to keep the buses running.

CSI applied for the same grant in 2014, receiving \$185,000.

Over a year ago, Persky proposed the Transportation Fee, believing it could get CSI out of debt.

SG held several meetings throughout the fall and spring semesters discussing the proposal.

According to the meeting minutes, Senators felt the fee was unfair to students who drive to campus because they already pay \$111 for a parking decal.

And in a meeting in April of last semester, an overwhelming vote in favor of the fee was passed, with three rejections and four abstentions.

"Our SG didn't agree on much this year," said Donald Hudec, SG Coordinator.

"But they all had the student's best interest in mind."

When no alternative options proved to be successful, a petition to implement Persky's plan called "Save the Shuttle" was created and brought to students.

The petition received 2,000 signatures, which were verified by Carol Brower, Director of Student Life, and the rest of her department and received votes from 803 students online—74 percent of all voters—during the 2015 spring SG elections, according to Hudec.

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New Roadway to Alleviate Traffic on Victory Blvd

PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION ON CHRISTOPHER LANE AWAITS APPROVAL

BY LUCIA ROSSI

Councilman Steven Matteo and Staten Island Borough President James Oddo submitted a proposal to the New York State Department of Transportation for the construction of a new roadway through Christopher Lane on July 7.

While the proposal has not been approved yet, the project aims to alleviate traffic on Victory Boulevard.

"This project takes a chaotic, inefficient corridor and improves it by a measurable degree," said Borough President James Oddo in an interview with the Staten Island Advance.

CSI President William J. Fritz also received the proposal and supports the project, believing it will provide a smoother flow for the 15,000 students and 3,000 employees who commute to the campus every day.

"The impetus of this vital project will be supported by the college's Traffic and Transportation Task Force, High Performance Computational Center, and faculty experts," Fritz said.

"I look forward to continuing these discussions in service to our community in order to ultimately provide congestion relief to the 300,000 vehicles that travel this stretch of Victory Boulevard on a weekly basis, as well as the neighborhoods that call it home."

Oddo and Matteo pitched the proposal to extend the lane southward through the Willowbrook Park woodlands and into the campus.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RE: Staten Island Yankees Go "Game of Thrones"

I think that Lucia Rossi wrote an interesting article about the Game of Thrones event at Staten Island Yankee Stadium, but missed some of the more quotable moments. For instance, when George R.R. Martin made his appearance on the field, the GOT mastermind threatened to "kill another Stark if the Direwolves don't come back." The quote from the CSI worker made it more prevalent to our campus life and also illuminated a good point about the lack of attendance at the stadium.

Ryan Miller, COM 438 Student

RE: "The Problem With 'All Lives Matter'"

I read through Jean-Claude Quintyne's article and I agree with the argument presented between the All Lives Matter slogan and the Black Lives Matter slogan. All Lives Matter makes the whole issue into a generality while Black Lives Matter has impact and value. African American lives and events regarding them is a huge glaring issue, one that ALM fails to recognize. Although every person's life should be equal, they unfortunately are not. Who are the victims of police brutality? Who are the people being arrested without probable cause? For the people who understand the message behind BLM, further support and activism is necessary. For those who don't understand, they need to step aside.

Gabriel Davila, COM 438 Student

RE: "New Shortstop Takes Next Step to Bigs"

This article by Jose Rivera is a very

well reported piece. I can tell that the author cares about the subject matter a great deal. What is great about this article is that it makes me want to look up Kyle Holder and his career stats considering I had not heard of him before reading this. Also, this article details how Holder feels about playing for the Yankees organization so it shows a personal reflection on the topic of the person being interviewed. This is very well written and reported article.

Christopher Hepworth, Senior

RE: "Socialists, Dynastic Candidates, and Longshots, Oh My!"

After reading many articles and watching much coverage about the Republican nominees, including the not-so-humble Donald Trump, it is very refreshing to see some Democratic coverage of many good candidates, including my candidate of choice, Senator Bernie Sanders. With a lot of news coverage in the pockets of wealthy wall street bought politicians, it's good to expose people, particularly the millennials to whom interests liberal candidates most appeal, to some of the Democratic viewpoints of those who oppose socioeconomic inequality, and the wealthiest 1 percent of the country. It makes me proud to be a well informed CUNY student.

Mike Potenza, COM 438 Student

RE: "New Trend Wrapping Up Weight Loss"

I was pleasantly surprised to see that The Banner covered this new crazy waist-training fad. I keep seeing it all over Instagram--on the Kardashians' feeds, namely--and I think it's utterly ridiculous--and

fascinating. However, although I loved that you tried the ItWorks! product for yourself (and I cannot believe you actually achieved results) I felt like the article read like the transcript of an infomercial for the product. What are some of the downsides of these waist-trainers? Can they cause long-term damage? Are the results only temporary?

Hilary Shepherd, Senior

RE: "CUNY, SUNY Unions Push Cuomo to Cover Costs"

This was a nice article on an important issue and it was written in a way that kept it interesting to people who may not be normally interested in the topic. The only thing I would change is I would like to see a quote or some information from people who don't support the bill. After reading the article I was wondering if this is such a great bill, why has it stalled for this long and who, besides the Governor, is making this bill take so long to pass. Also why is the Governor taking so long to sign it.

Tommy Gallagher, Senior

RE: "Next Installment of 'Fifty Shades' Goes Deeper"

I am a big fan of this article, especially because I feel this book got so much criticism and hate from the get-go. Like the article stated, it's a reboot which means you're reading the same events through a different perspective, so I'm not sure what everybody else expected out of this book. I personally am a fan of his flashbacks with his mother and his responses to Ana's email. Great review!

Nicole Derosa, COM 438 Student

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BANNER POLITICS

Analyzing Ramos, Trump, and Hispanics

Clash with Celebrated Reporter Further Distances Trump from Sanity

BY CLARITZA QUEZADA

Donald Trump, who leads the polls among Republicans running for the 2016 Presidential election, made another mistake when he argued with Jorge Ramos, one of the most influential Latino reporters in the United States.

During a press conference in Iowa on August 25, Ramos was ejected when he asked the GOP candidate a question regarding his proposal to deport 11 million undocumented immigrants.

Trump refused to let Ramos ask any questions. Growing frustrated, Ramos decided to take matters into his own hands by calling out.

He repeated, "You cannot deport 11 million people. You cannot build a wall for 1,900 miles," referring to comments Trump had made in the past about building a wall that would separate the Mexican-American border.

Trump, irritated, began a shouting match with Ramos. "You do not have the right to ask questions," he told Ramos. "You haven't been called."

In addition, Trump suggested that Ramos should "Go back to Univision."

Ramos was ejected from the press conference. A video surfaced online showing the reporter being harassed and yelled at Trump's security personnel.

Men in black suits are heard mocking him and telling him to "go back to [your] country" and "You don't belong here." Ramos fought back, stating that he was a citizen of the United States.

This is also the first time that Ramos has ever been kicked out of a press conference. Ramos was let back in and was allowed to ask questions.

However, this isn't the first time that Trump and Ramos have clashed.

Ramos has been upset with Trump's comments since his announcement earlier this summer.

On June 16, when Trump announced that he was running for president as a Republican, his unscripted comments on Mexico and South America featured, "When Mexico sends its people, they're not sending their best. They're not sending you."

"They're sending people that have lots of problems, and they're bringing those problems to us," Trump told a room filled with extras who were paid \$50 to attend.

"They're bringing drugs. They're

bringing crime. They're rapists. And some, I assume, are good people."

These comments led to outrage on social media and many businesses broke their ties with the business tycoon.

The real estate mogul lost a handful of influential companies such as Macy's, which dropped his clothing line.

Performers scheduled for Ms. Universe such as J Balvin and Mexico's representative both withdrew from participat-

ing the largest minority group in the United States.

Currently, they comprise at least 11 percent of the voting population. If anything, Trump should fight for their vote and make smarter decisions.

After the 2012 election, the GOP commissioned several wise men of the party to create a moratorium white paper on why the Republicans lost the White House.

The white paper, "Building a Winning



Trump insisted that Ramos sit down and tell him "You do not have the right to ask questions," he told Ramos. "You haven't been called."



Source: washingtonpost.com

ing in the televised pageant.

Both Univision and NBC broke their contracts and also decided not to air Ms. USA this past summer.

Trump, in return has sued Univision for \$500 million and has stood behind his comments.

Since his announcement, Ramos has been trying to set up a formal interview with Trump, even going as far as writing Ramos a handwritten note with his number.

Trump rebuffed his efforts and posted the note in its entirety on Instagram. The post has since been deleted.

According to CNN, 82 percent of Hispanics view Trump unfavorably. This is important considering Hispanics are

include building a wall on the border between Mexico and the States.

Trump has given very few insights into his views on domestic policies and even less on foreign affairs.

Trump's hostility towards Hispanics may turn out to be extremely troubling for the Republican party down the road.

The GOP's attempt to court Hispanic and Latino voters for the 2016 race are the reason that candidates such as Marco Rubio, a Cuban American, and Jeb Bush, who is fluent in Spanish, were championed as early favorites.

Now, according to a CNN/ORC International poll, Trump tops GOP candidates with 30 percent of support from likely primary voters, while Bush is at 9 percent and Rubio has fallen down to 3 percent. Trump's high polling also makes it borderline unethical for news media to not cover or ignore him.

The conversation around immigration policy has also been regressed to the simplistic solution of building a wall, stripping certain immigrants of birthright citizenship, and deportation.

To add to the controversy, Trump's series of derogatory comments have also been directed towards women, giving Democrats a chance to frame the Republican party as a party of older white males.

Latino youth have expressed outrage on social media, putting up memes of Trump and asking questions.

On Twitter, numerous hashtags have been created that questioning Trump's policy positions.

Pundits have been speculating that Trump may have an approach to the campaign similar to Obama's 2008 effort, in that minority youths, this time Hispanics and Latinos, may register and vote at higher rates than usual.

His comments will surely drive more immigrants to the voting polls, helping to avoid the disaster of his becoming our next president.

When asked about the recent conflict, Ramos explained his reasoning behind asking the questions at the conference, stating that:

"When human rights are involved, when immigration rights are involved, when discrimination and racism is involved, we, as reporters, have to take a stand."

Trump has said that some of his plans

Former Swim Coach Aims to Sue College Again

Soloviev Claims Racism, Sexism, Age Among Reasons for Termination

BY CLIFFORD MICHEL

An arbitrator has ruled to uphold the November 2011 firing of Oleg Soloviev, a former College of Staten Island swim coach, and has once again rejected his \$25 million lawsuit against the College.

The arbitrator cited the fact that the coach promised Russian student-athletes housing and jobs, including ones as life-guardians before entering the United States.

"The employer had just cause for termination," wrote Deborah M. Gaines, the arbitrator, in late August.

"The recorded evidence establishes [Soloviev] had a long tenure with the college and an established history of dedication to his duties and athletes," Gaines wrote.

"However, none of these factors can provide sufficient mitigating circumstances, given the magnitude of his dishonesty and misconduct in this case."

In Gaines' recent ruling she put a portion of the blame on CSI for "[failing] to exercise enough oversight" on Soloviev.

A CSI spokesperson contended that the college acted to the best of its ability in the handling of Soloviev and said that administration is content with the arbitrator's ruling.

"The college has always maintained that it has acted in a lawful and just manner, and in the interest of safety for our students and our community members, in regards to this matter," Kenneth Bach, CSI's spokesperson, told the *Staten Island Advance* in a statement.

"We are pleased that the final resolution has been reached in support of our position."

Soloviev told the *Advance* that he will, once again, appeal the decision.

Soloviev's misconduct came to light when CSI President William Fritz alerted the campus community via a December 2013 letter stating that the NCAA was looking into possible violations to the organization's bylaws.

Penalties from the NCAA included a four-year probation placed on CSI and a two-year postseason ban for the Men's swimming team.

A few months after the NCAA announced penalties against CSI for Solo-

Speech Pathology Major in the Works at CSI

Linguistics Department Looks to Meet Students Demands

BY VICTORIA PRIOLA

A Speech Pathology program is in the works at CSI with the help of sixty students and professors Jason Bishop, Linguistics professor at CSI.

When completed, CSI will be the only institution in Staten Island that offers it.

"Language is a window into how the brain works," said Jason Bishop, Linguistics professor at CSI.

"It was not something that was invented. There is a science behind it."

Creating Speech Pathology as a separate major has been an ongoing project for a year and a half, according to Bishop.

After discussions with the College, a linguistics lab was built in 2S near the Writing center this summer to give students necessary resources to enhance research.

The lab and its equipment cost roughly \$60,000.

Although linguistics is the study of language, it is considered a science. There are currently 60 Linguistics majors at CSI, and the department hopes to hire their third and fourth professors within the next two years.

In the hopes that a separate major for speech students is in the near future, the Linguistics and Speech Sciences Club was created.

Speech student Steve Arriaga is the club's president, and works with Julianne Millen as vice president, Juliana Colon as secretary, and Jessica Spensieri as treasurer.

For a career as a Speech Pathologist, Bishop says that a bachelor's degree is not required. Those who want to pursue a career in speech must receive a Master's degree and complete several certifications.

They can get a head start by having the

view's actions, the former coach filed a \$25 million lawsuit against CSI, alleging that his ethnicity, age, and sex were the reason for his termination.

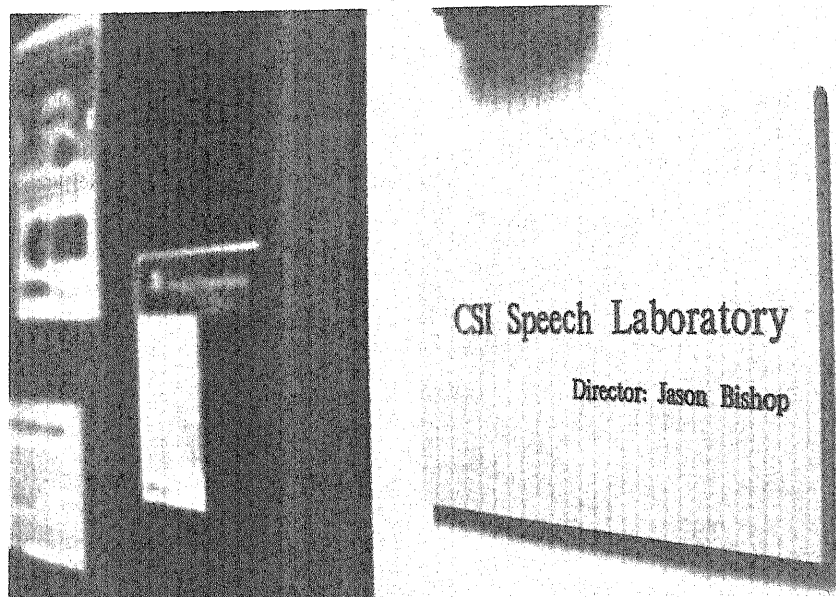
Soloviev claimed that his replacement received almost double the pay he received when he was first hired and that women

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workers also received higher starting salaries.

A Brooklyn federal judge, William F. Kuntz II, dismissed the lawsuit last May, saying that the coach failed to back up any of his claims with coherent evidence.

"Mr. Soloviev has shown no connection between his termination and his gender, race or national origin," Kuntz wrote



option to take graduate school classes at the CUNY Graduate Center in Manhattan.

"With this club, we hope to inform the college community about what linguistics is in hopes of getting more students to major in linguistics," said Arriaga in an interview with *The Banner*.

"We also plan to provide tutoring and study groups since linguistics courses are small in number and since we're such a condensed group."

During the summer, the department looked for volunteers to participate in lab research.

According to Bishop, the goal of the speech research is to identify differences in the general population.

They are interested in autism speech because it contains results that fall into many categories of diseases.

Their research will continue throughout the semester as will their need for help from students.

For students interested in helping, Bish-

op says the first step is to reach out.

"The [linguistics] department is helping me by letting me take the classes I need to get where I want in the future," said Spensieri. "Without this program, I wouldn't be doing any of that. It's making my academic career more successful."

The NCAA's official Notice of Allegations in 2013 rocked CSI Athletics to its core.

The NCAA found that "the Administration never required him to give an accounting of his recruitment activities." The NCAA also discovered that the coach was recruiting players both electronically and while vacationing abroad. The association also ruled that CSI indirectly provided funds for the recruited students by lowering swim-lane rates at a private swim club.

Since the Notice of Allegation, Athletics has been placed under direct supervision of the President's Office and President Fritz created a "compliance team."

The team consists of various members of CSI Administration, faculty members, a student representative, and the Athletic Director.

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"Save the Shuttle Fails Students" Continued from Front Page

The parking decal covers the cost of the office operations, parking lot maintenance, public safety vehicles and the Dolphin Cards system.

According to Persky, the roads on campus were not built to endure what they do on a daily basis.

"No one likes paying for things they don't utilize," said Persky.

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make parking very difficult."

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"Traffic Alleviation on Victory Blvd" Continued from Front Page

"We believe a new collector road and additional entrance drive to the College of Staten Island can be created adjacent to the southern map line of Victory Boulevard within the bed of existing mapped parkway.

The parkway right-of-way adjoins the campus proper to the west," the letter for the proposal stated.

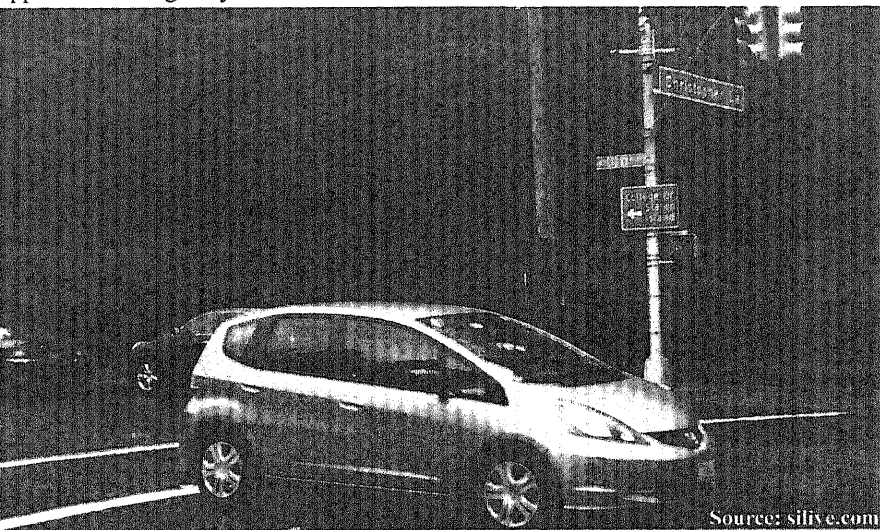
This indicates that the land is the property of the Department of Transportation's mapped unbuilt highway.

Oddo and Matteo believe this will help quicken the bureaucratic process.

"Government needs to learn how to get out of its own way and complete projects in a much more timely fashion," Otto said.

"It should not take two decades to complete a project that everyone agrees on."

With five pedestrian fatalities from 2008 to 2012 and a speed limit that was dropped to 25 mph as of last June, Victory Boulevard is known as one of the most



Minority Leader Steven Matteo (above) proposed the construction project with S.I. Borough President James Oddo

dangerous roads on Staten Island. An NYPD officer has been placed to handle traffic during rush hour, the Smart Lights have been added to cut down on speeding, and traffic signs have been added to prevent the blockage of the traffic box in front of the campus.

"The intersection is a problem not only for passing drivers but also for the local Bulls Head community," Matteo expressed.

"The situation is so bad that it's clogging residential streets with cars looking for any way to get around this area, makes some of these blocks dangerous."

The cost of the project has no estimate and no discussions about how it would affect traffic at CSI have taken place.

"This [project] will take cooperation from city, state, agencies and CSI, but this is a very practical improvement to a long-standing problem," said Oddo.

Students Prepare for New Semester of Expenses

End of Summer Brings Beginning of Scholastic Stress

BY RYAN MILLER

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SPORTS

MLB Heats Up as Postseason Approaches

New Yorkers Cheer As Mets and Yanks Push for First

BY NICK CERASO

The National League

With 25 games remaining in the regular season the Mets, at 76-61, lead the second place Washington Nationals by five games in the National League East.

On July 31 the Mets acquired Yoenis Cespedes and have been 23-11 since, leading the National League runs scored during that time. During that span, he's batting .311, with 13 home runs, 31 RBIs, and 24 extra-base hits.

The biggest problem for the Mets is how many more innings Matt Harvey will pitch before being shut down.

Harvey is coming back from Tommy John surgery after missing all of the 2014 season. Harvey has thrown 166.1 innings and all signs show that he won't go over 200.

The Mets will look to go with a six-man rotation the rest of the season to begin putting the brakes on Harvey. The starters include the young Jacob DeGrom, Noah Syndergaard, and Steve Matz.

Only eight of the Mets' remaining 25 games are against teams with a record of .500 or better, including five against the Nationals and three against the Yankees. Six are home games.

The Mets have played incredible at Citi Field, as they are 45-24 at home, which is fifth best in the MLB.

Their next two games are on the road against the Nats, after winning the first of the series on Labor Day.

The Nationals were the favorite to win the World Series before the season started.

But they have been plagued by injuries all season.

And since the beginning of August, the Nationals are 17-19, finding themselves in two must-win games against the Mets.

The Nationals only have five more games against teams with a record of .500 or better, three of which will be played at Citi Field at the end of the season.

In the NL Central, the St. Louis Cardinals, at 87-50, hold the best record in baseball and look to win the division for the third consecutive season.

Despite losing Adam Wainwright for the year, the Cardinals starting pitching hasn't missed a beat as they have an ERA of 2.77.

But it's not just the Cardinals doing well in the Central, as the Pittsburgh Pirates, at 81-55 and Chicago Cubs, at 79-57 hold the next two best records in the League.

The Pirates are 5.5 games behind the Cardinals and look to head to the postseason by taking the Wild Card for the third straight season.

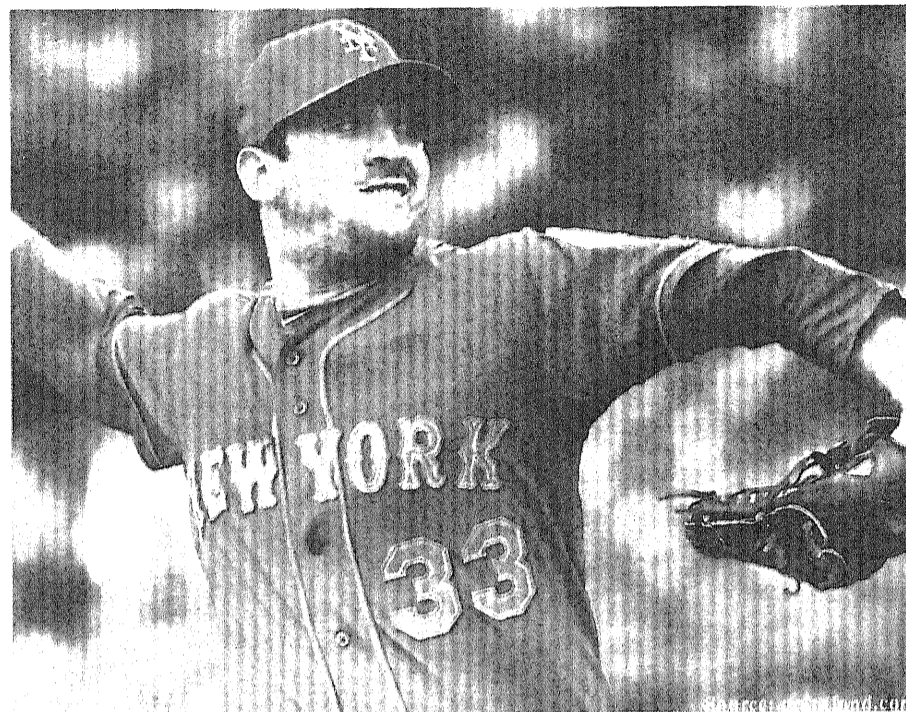
The Cubs currently hold an 8.5 game lead over the Nationals and a 9.0 game lead over the defending World Series Champion San Francisco Giants.

Unless a major collapse by either team, the Wild Card will feature the Pirates and Cubs, with the winner playing the Cardinals.

The Los Angeles Dodgers hold an 8.5 game lead over the Giants in the West.

"I hope we're panicking a little bit," said last year's National League MVP and Cy Young winner Clayton Kershaw.

"I think panic's a good thing, to a certain



The biggest problem for the Mets is how many more innings Matt Harvey will pitch before being shut down

extent."

Since Kershaw said that, the Dodgers have gone 12-2, and with teammate Zack Greinke, it will be tough for the Giants to catch the Dodgers.

The American League

The Yankees are a half game behind the Toronto Blue Jays for the American League East and lead the Wild Card by 5.0 games over the Texas Rangers.

The Yanks, who look to make the playoffs for the first time in two years, have been carried this season by Alex Rodriguez who missed all of 2014 season due to suspension. Rodriguez, now 40 years old, is batting .256 with 29 homers and 77 RBI.

The Yankees have 10 of their remaining 26 games against teams .500 or better, seven of the 10 games against the first place Blue Jays, with four games against Toronto in mid-September.

The Bombers are planning to shut down starting pitcher Nathan Eovaldi for the next two weeks who's suffering from elbow inflammation. Eovaldi, who is 14-3 with a 4.20 ERA, leads the Yankees in wins.

The Blue Jays, before the trade deadline, acquired all-star starting pitcher David Price and shortstop Troy Tulowitzki.

The moves have proved successful, as Toronto leads the division after going 21-6 in August and 25-8 since August 1.

The Blue Jays will only play three games outside of the division for the rest of the season.

The Blue Jays have been lead by Josh Donaldson, who's batting .306 with 37 home runs, 115 RBI and 107 runs scored. He leads the MLB in RBI and runs, and is third in the league in home runs.

In the AL Central, last year's American League Champion Kansas City Royals are on the same path this season as they have the best record in the American League. The Royals, at 82-55, lead the Minnesota Twins by 11 games.

While the Twins have surprised most people and only trail the wild card by a game and a half, the Royals have had a commanding lead over the division all season.

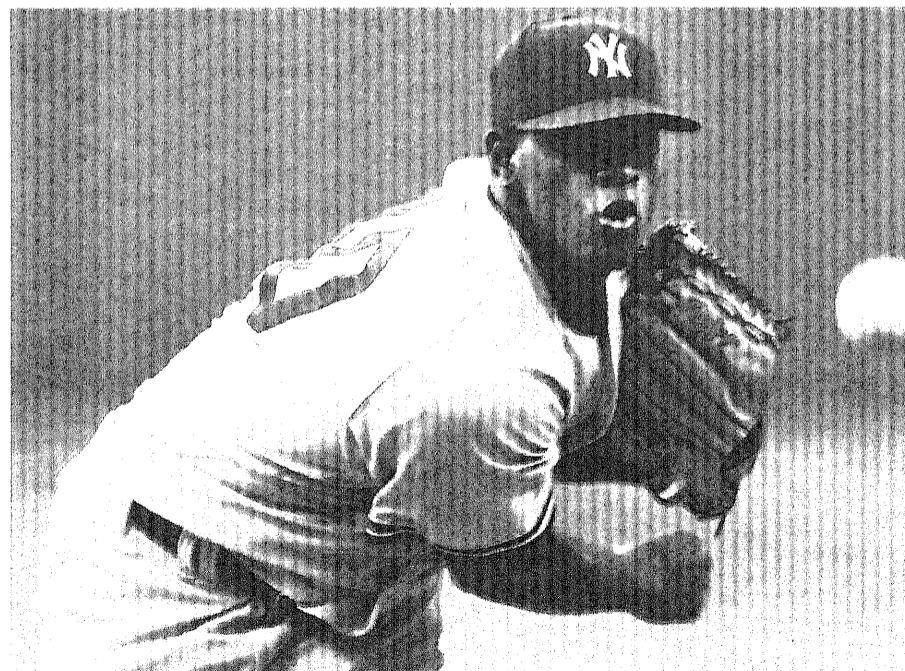
The Royals acquired starting pitcher Johnny Cueto and ultimate utility player Ben Zobrist.

The Royals are hoping to end the regular season healthy, as two of their outfielders, Alex Rios and reliever Kelvin Herrera, have chicken pox.

In the West, the Houston Astros lead by two games over the Rangers and five and half over the Los Angeles Angels.

The Astros have already won more games this year than in 2014. The Astros have been lead by AL CY favorite Dallas Keuchel 17-6 with a 2.29 ERA and 185 strikeouts. They're looking for their first division title after moving to the AL in 2013.

The Mets and Yankees both are trying to reach the playoffs. The last time the Mets made it to the postseason was in 2006, which was the last time both New York teams were in the playoffs at the same time.



Luis Severino, who made his Major League debut on August 5, has been nothing short of spectacular for the Bombers