

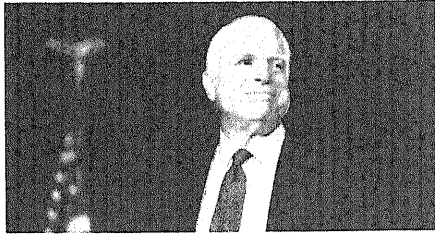
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A Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

The Banner's New Voice and Vision

BY: VERONICA PISTEK

To the Reader,

Greetings Banner readers! My name is Veronica Pistek, a Macaulay Honors College sophomore here at CSI. During my freshman year, I made my mark as a writer, took on the role as a section editor of The Banner, and ultimately was elected as the new Editor-in-Chief.

I am beyond honored to be chosen for this position, and even more thrilled to provide our campus with news, entertainment, a community for shared interests, and an outlet for voices to spark change.

In the past, The Banner as a publication has been known to investigate campus related situations, uncover important information, but also allow students to express themselves.

Specifically, writers are able to write their opinions, provide insight to current politics, give the breakdown on current sports, dive into the latest entertainment, and even give tips about health, beauty, and sex to the readers on campus.

Presently, my vision for The Banner is to not only remain working and writing as a real publication and incorporating our past values, but to also open communication between our staff, administration, programs, organizations, and clubs with the student body.

Also, I desire to know what our readers want to read. In order to do this, I hope to open communication with The Banner and our readers with survey drop-boxes and opportunities to contact our staff with opinions and important newsworthy content.

I hope to consistently reflect on our past and work toward improving our fu-



The Banner's Veronica Pistek prepares for her position as Editor-in-Chief.

ture content to cater to the interests and demand of our audience.

A motto that I live by but I also feel is relevant for all students here at CSI to remember is to reflect upon and evaluate the past, truly experience the present, and set a precedent for the future.

With this newspaper, I hope that my team and I can utilize these three tenses to reach an audience that desires to find their purpose at CSI, but also their purpose for the future.

It is easy to go day-to-day at college just traveling from one class to another and then going home to study, work, and start the routine all over again.

By staying informed about the events, news, and endless opportunities at the College of Staten Island, it might inspire some to get involved and use their voice and vision to provide fellow students with the best education, experiences, and opportunities that lie right here on our campus (and ditch that boring routine that naturally happens as a college student).

So, we welcome and encourage anyone and everyone to join in and get involved with The Banner. Our team collectively shows initiative by sharing and pitching article ideas, writing and taking photographs for each issue, and editing articles consistently.

Our club also yields opportunities for editorial and managerial positions—all of which can be a great addition to one's resume.

Besides working hard as a team, every Thursday during club hours our team experiences a creative environment filled with fun, free food, and a place to make lifelong friends. Swing by 1C Room 228 to start your journey as a journalist!

I look forward to this journey and I wish you all a year filled with knowledge, ambition, success, and inspiration.

Sincerely Yours,
Veronica Pistek
Editor-in-Chief

Three Break-ins Occur at CSI's West Administration Building

Back-to-Back Burglaries of Cash, Checks, and Parking Registration Cards

BY: VICTORIA IFATUSIN

On the morning of Monday, August 27th, officials were informed of a break-in that occurred in the Purchasing Office of 3A, the West Administration Building, according to the Interim Vice President, Hope Berte.

Emails from Public Safety, written by Berte, were immediately sent to students and staff about the situation, mentioning that NYPD was contacted for a search of the scene.

Although, it didn't stop there.

In the same email, Berte states that, "a second break-in was reported in the Office for Parking Services located in

the same building," on the following Wednesday – August 29th – at 4 AM.

The same protocol was followed along with the mentioning of hope that the security footage and evidence would detain the criminals.

Yet, the email did not indicate if anything or what specifically what was stolen.

It wasn't made clear to the community of CSI until August 31st, where another campus-wide email was sent out, saying that "cash, checks, and parking registration cards, plus a credit card were among the items stolen from the offices," according to Mary-Jeanne Hennessy, the

Director of Auxiliary Services.

Thus, employees in the building began a thorough evaluation of the office.

"After a review, it has been determined that all outstanding checks and registration cards have been accounted for and matched with unprocessed check payments," said Hennessy.

Once again, the burglar came back for a third time.

An email was once again broadcasted to all members of the CSI Community on the evening of Thursday, September 6th. The incident occurred that morning

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All Aboard Staten Island's New MTA Express Bus Service

Express Bus Service Shakes up Commuting for CSI Students

BY: LUCIA ELMI

Commuters are unsure of what the future will bring with the MTA's recent express bus service changes at the start of the new school year.

An over-do transportation service adjustment has finally made its way to improve Staten Island's shaky express bus service to Manhattan.

As much as it was a needed change, transition isn't always easy for thousands of working commuters that rely on the MTA's express bus service to get to and from work. This includes many students commuting to and from the College of Staten Island through those same bus services.

Although the new bus system was designed to ease commuting for Staten Islanders, it has unfortunately brought with it a number of challenges. One in-

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Staying in the Loop With the Loop Bus

Critical Changes for CSI's Campus Bus Cycle

BY: ANES AHMED

With the introduction of a fresh year comes a new set of policies and resources that students either need to grow accustomed, or say goodbye to.

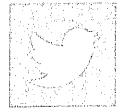
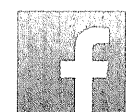
This semester has students unfortunately saying goodbye to the former loop bus schedule.

Effective on Tuesday, September 4th, 2018, students were informed by email that in-campus transportation services would reduce from a two bus cycle, to a one bus cycle.

While seemingly trivial, this development may challenge numerous students who need to rush to class or be dropped at a stop near a certain building.

The campus buses are now functioning as a Peak and Non-Peak Service. For Peak Services, buses will routinely ar-

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BANNER POLITICS

Commemoration of an American Hero

Many Mourn Over the Recent Passing of Former Senator John McCain, But What's in Store for America?

BY: SAMMY QUARRATO

John McCain gave his life to his country for much of his long career. McCain, as you may know passed away on Aug. 25, 2018, just four days before his birthday.

McCain was Arizona's senator since 1987, and was eventually replaced by another longtime respected senator, Barry Goldwater.

He was a man of the people not just in office, but also as a captain in the United States Air Force during the Viet-

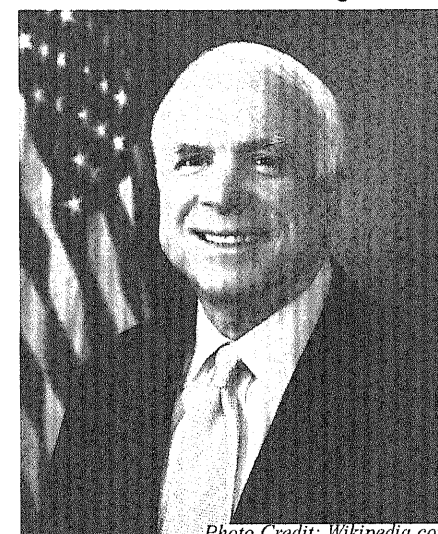


Photo Credit: Wikipedia.com
 John McCain is remembered as a cherished senator and war hero.

nam War. During that time, he was captured by Northern Vietnamese soldiers who had sided with the U.S.S.R. during the Cold War at the time, and was later released.

The issue at hand is what the consequences of his death are and how it will affect the Senate and midterm elections this season.

John McCain had been a member of the Senate for decades, thus he had contributed a number of votes for reform.

With his absence, tracking of votes and maintaining consistency may become an issue. One of McCain's most influential votes that come in mind is for Healthcare, which was his last memorable political moment in his career.

The bill's purpose was a skinny-repeal of Obamacare, where it was estimated that 32 million people would lose healthcare coverage if Obamacare was fully repealed in the Senate. The GOP came to a decision of a 50-50 vote due to two Republican senators already making it clear they would vote against the repeal of Obamacare.

McCain dropped a number of hints in a speech before putting in his vote, stating that his intentions to vote against it was highly probable.

However, Republicans were confident that such an outcome was not going

to be the case due to how many of them exchanged words with him before he casted his final vote.

Additionally, it was said that Trump himself called McCain, attempting to convince him one last time to vote in favor of the bill so that the vote would come to a tie, allowing Pence to cast the tie-breaking vote.

Instead, many were shocked, including the GOP, at the dramatic thumbs down, and a smile from McConnell's face disappearing instantly. Thus, the established system was saved.

In addition to this vote, McCain made a number of other votes that have been viewed in a less favorable light to critics and politicians.

Some people felt that his take on certain issues was unlike his Republican background, while others thought it showed a willingness to grow and become more accepting on topics that had for a long time been controversial.

For example, his stance on abortion changed throughout the years. Early in his career he stated that he was pro-life and believed that all life started in the womb.

However, years later he claimed that he respected both pro-choice and pro-life reasonings and felt that he didn't have an overwhelming need to tackle much with

the issue. The same followed for his view on issues such as stem-cell research, immigration, LGBT rights and gun laws. Overtime, he eventually changed his opinion and, to an extent, was simply following the belief of the majority.

Due to the intense political climate between Democrats and Republicans, following the opinions of the people as a whole and not just your state is just as much of a priority, if not an even larger one, to ensure that people's voices are heard.

John McCain will be remembered for his public service to this nation, and how much he affected both the political climate and the everyday lives of Americans.

Due to his untimely passing, it has been predicted that the Senate will not reach across the majority as much as he did during his long career as a member of the Senate. A memorable quote from him was when he referred to Democrats as, "My friends from the other side."

In the future, Washington may not have someone as upstanding and independent as McCain, but we won't know for sure until the midterm elections come along.

R.I.P. John McCain: 1936-2018

A Pending Global Economic Crisis

The Emerging Crisis in the Global Economy

BY: CHERMO TOURE

It seems like it was a century ago since the Great Recession took place, where a vast majority of people across the globe were losing their jobs, houses, and livelihood. However, the Great Recession was only ten years ago.

But how would it sound if someone were to tell you that there might be another Great Recession around the corner? It would sound crazy.

However, some economists and political scientists, who politically identify across both spectrums, have concluded that there is an emerging global economic crisis about to happen. For example, leading economist Richard Wolff has said on numerous occasions that the world is heading for an economic collapse.

There is a plethora of sources could be responsible for causing the next global economic crisis, but the crisis that is manifesting in emerging market economies is something to be concerned about.

While the mainstream media in the U.S. directs most of their attention to Trump and the Muller investigation, what doesn't get much coverage is the crisis going on in some emerging international market economies.

In Turkey, for example, their national currency is on the brink of collapse. According to the Financial Times, the crisis with their national currency began when the United States and various countries of the eurozone started to introduce their quantitative easing program.

Financial Times also explains that Turkey started losing it funds through the quantitative easing program, and the

United States and eurozone countries are to blame. Consequentially, investors in the country panicked and started moving their investments elsewhere.

As the problem in Turkey is still ongoing, South Africa is experiencing its own economic recession as well. According to Reuters, the reason for this recession in South Africa is because the country's economy had contracted both in the first quarter and second quarter of 2018.

currency crisis. According to The Guardian, Argentina's central bank increased its interest rate to 60 percent in order to try and curb the plunging of their currency. The government of Argentina is also practicing austerity to try to restore foreign investors' confidence in the country. This attempt, however, was proven ineffective.

Judging by the number of similar issues worldwide, it is evident that the United States has played a major role in

economies around the world to pay off their U.S. loans.

With the world economy being its most interdependent than it has ever been, U.S. tariffs on other countries has created a negative effect on the international economy.

According to Forbes, Turkey's U.S. tariff on steel and aluminum has reduce their steel and aluminum trade by 56 percent. This caused an overall 5 percent reduction in Turkish steel and aluminum trading, thus giving Turkey less money and causing the markets to react in a negative way.

Still, Turkey's economic crisis is nothing compare to China's. China has been statistically shown to be one of the world's fastest growing economies. It is expected that they will surpass the United States as the world's leading economy.

However, with the United States' recent tariffs on Chinese goods, it could cause an economic slowdown in China. According to Bloomberg, if the Chinese economy growth rate slows down because of these tariffs, it would be hard for China to make a swift recovery. With China as one of the two largest economies in the world, an economic slowdown in China could have a domino effect on the global economy.

As the United States continues to place tariffs on China, China also continues to retaliate by placing tariffs on U.S. goods. With the two largest economies in the world engaging in a trade war, this could have a detrimental effect on the global economy.



A highlight of some of the leading global economies of the world.

Reuters also stated that South Africa will not be getting out of their recession very soon. This is because the inflation in South Africa is at 5.1 percent. Additionally, rating agencies have put South Africa's sovereign ratings at near "junk" status.

Similar to the crisis happening in Turkey, Argentina is also having its own

why these emerging market economies are heading toward a downward spiral.

With the Federal Reserve banks increasing their interest rates, this has caused emerging markets' currencies and stock markets to tumble, according to The Guardian. This increase in U.S. interest rates also makes U.S. loans more expensive, thus making it harder for

Making the Most of Those 204 Acres

What Students Can Expect This Year From Campus Planning

BY: OLIVIA FRASCA

The College of Staten Island is the largest campus of the City University of New York. At 204 acres, there is room for constant improvement and development.

The second floor of new building, 2M, was opened for classes, along with completion of the entry plaza to building 2N.

Most importantly, the entire Loop Road was replaced and now offers smooth, pothole free access to parking lots.

So now what?

Hope Berté, Interim Vice President for Campus Planning, Facilities Management, and Operations, and Lillian McGinn, Director of Campus Planning, met to discuss upcoming projects and maintenance at CSI.

The two women agree that entry plazas are definitely an area of critical

maintenance this year. Over the last few months, the entrance of 2N was completely redone and now features a welcoming circular entryway, benches, and planting.

Beginning this semester, the main entrances to buildings 1N, 5S, and 3S will be remodeled, too. The new entry plazas will have open space and additional seating for students to use.

Another upcoming project to commemorate the history of CSI's land is called The Willowbrook Mile. The project is a collaboration with CSI, the Institute for Basic Research in Developmental Disabilities, and the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities.

The Willowbrook State School was a mental institution in the mid-20th century and unfortunately the site of unethical studies. A class-action lawsuit against the institution paved the way to civil rights for the developmentally disabled.

After Willowbrook was closed, it later became the grounds for the main campus of the College of Staten Island.

Berté and McGinn explained that The Willowbrook Mile will be a walking trail featuring signage and reflection stations throughout the campus. The trail will shed a light on the historical significance of the land.

DASNY, The Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, is the primary contractor for the college. DASNY and CUNY will begin sidewalk repairs starting with the most damaged concrete on the north and south academic loops and backtracking to the 1C Campus Center and 1L Library.

This new sidewalk repair is critical for the safety of CSI's students and faculty, especially those who are disabled and should be able to navigate the campus with ease.

New fire alarm systems and building evacuation plans are expected to improve campus safety. Fire drills in the Library, Campus Center, and IR will occur over the year.

The college is also considering ways to build a greener campus. Many students have noticed umbrella-looking stations outside of the campus center. Berté and McGinn call these stations "solar docks," which are part of the "adopt a bench" campaign.

The docks use solar panels, a smart and sustainable source of power that Campus Planning hopes to install in other parts of the college. Students can sit outside on the docks and charge their devices with ease.

Probably the most anticipated changes are the reconstruction of the athletic fields. Berté and McGinn have begun to work with consultants to redesign the

soccer field.

The new soccer field will include bleachers, accessible spaces, and fencing. The 2003 turf from the soccer and softball field will also be removed and replaced by new turf.

Meanwhile, the baseball field will undergo a new installment of synthetic turf. The infield of the track also has funding for synthetic grass, which will require less maintenance in the long-run.

Although many plans are in the works to improve the campus, it will take time before students notice significant changes. Campus Planning and Facilities Management have to manage tight budgets; construction is made possible by outside grants from organizations and local politicians.

Perhaps the biggest challenge to advancing these projects is scheduling with contractors such as DASNY. Campus Planning has limited say in when these contractors decide to start construction.

As a result, construction may come at an inconvenient time for students, faculty, and staff.

What's important to Berté and McGinn is that these projects are pushed through and not put off. Changes are speeding up, and the campus is well on its way to becoming more appealing and sustainable.

Students can expect email updates from Campus Planning and Facilities Management Operations as these changes progress. For more information on ongoing and future projects, visit the CSI website.

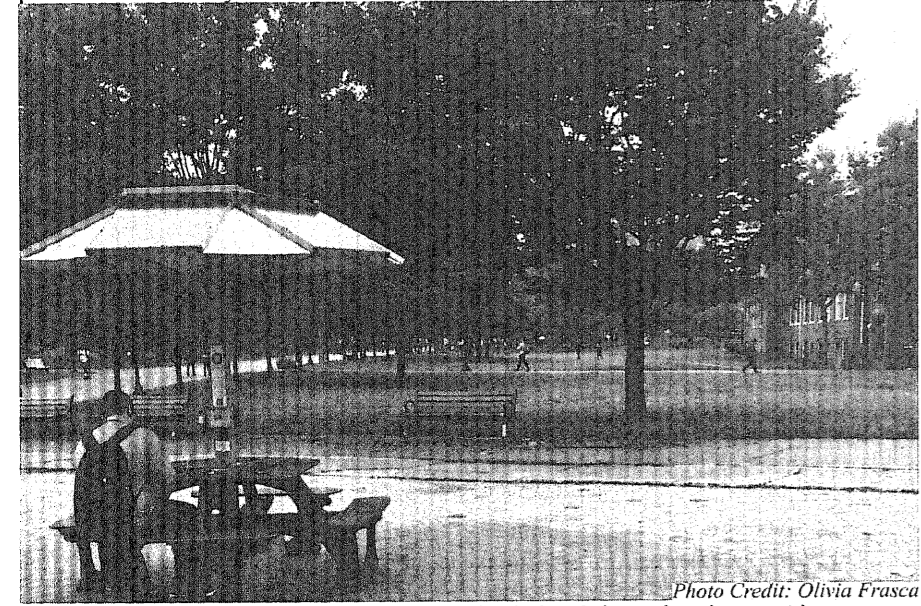


Photo Credit: Olivia Frasca
Outside of the Campus Center, students can sit at a solar dock and charge their devices with ease.

"Staying in the Loop"

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rive in ten minute intervals; however, the buses will only drop-off riders at building 1A and 2A during set hours throughout the day.

That isn't much of reach for people whose classes stretch throughout our extensive campus grounds.

For Non-Peak Services, the loop ride provided has extended their time from a 10 to a 20 minute wait, while still maintaining thorough availability to be departed at any stop around campus.

All accessibility and their variations to rides will begin at the entrance of the college at Victory Boulevard, with the Peak Service concluding at Administra-



Photo Credit: Anes Ahmed
The new Loop Bus schedule might have students rushing across campus to get to class.

September 2018 Loop Bus Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				August 30 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	August 31 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	September 1 Fall Semester Saturday Schedule
September 2 Fall Semester Sunday Schedule	September 3 College Closed No Service	September 4 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	September 5 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	September 6 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	September 7 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	September 8 Fall Semester Saturday Schedule
September 9 Fall Semester Sunday Schedule	September 10 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	September 11 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	September 12 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	September 13 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	September 14 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	September 15 Fall Semester Saturday Schedule
September 16 Fall Semester Sunday Schedule	September 17 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	September 18 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	September 19 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	September 20 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	September 21 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	September 22 Fall Semester Saturday Schedule
September 23 Fall Semester Sunday Schedule	September 24 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	September 25 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	September 26 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	September 27 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	September 28 Fall Semester * 1 Bus	September 29 Fall Semester Saturday Schedule
September 30 Fall Semester Sunday Schedule						

tion Loop Road and Non-Peak Service at the entryway of the campus.

The purpose of these changes is due to the continuation of offering assistance within available resources. Yet, the new operations can damage the college community's daily programs and further result in an inconvenience, tarnishing the value our in-campus mobility formerly

possessed.

Photo Credit: CSI.CUNY.edu

Luckily, the Ferry Shuttle and Accessibility service have remained untouched and will continue to function naturally.

"All Aboard"
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-convenience for commuters are the fewer bus stops available along bus routes.

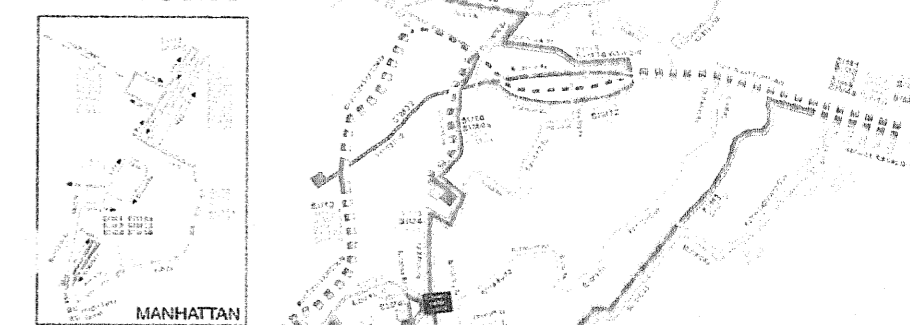
The upside to this is that less bus stops mean shorter travel times getting to and from Manhattan, but the downside is that it will require travelers to walk farther in order to get to their designated bus stop.

Another problem that has been encountered are the larger time gaps in

bus service which have inevitably led to overcrowding on buses and bus stops, even more so for people waiting at bus stops bordering Staten Island exit routes, such as those closest to the Verrazano Bridge.

Additionally, the lack of knowledge MTA bus drivers have on this new design adds to the confusion surrounding the new bus service. People are unsure of where to ask and receive accurate

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Weekday Peak Hours

Photo Credit: MTA.info
information regarding how they should plan out their morning and evening commutes along the Manhattan-Staten Island routes.

Despite the many difficulties, the MTA is working hard to continue to improve this new system for their customers. It is expected that addition changes will be made throughout 2019 to ensure the most effective travel for Staten Island and Manhattan commuters.

The MTA has also taken particular care in providing security for their student customers and have sent representatives to CSI's Willowbrook campus during the first week of the Fall 2018 se-

mester to answer any questions students had about the scheduled changes.

Patience will be needed to implement the necessary changes to make traveling easier for everyone. In the meantime, everyone should hang on tight. It's going to be a bumpy ride.



Photo Credit: silive.com
Commuters are unsure of what the future will bring with the MTA's recent express bus service changes at the start of the new school year.

"Three Break-ins"

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and the police were called. NYPD now had the assistance of employees working in the building, even "after business hours," said Hennessy.

But, the situation had escalated. "\$20,000 in checks and cash" were stolen from the building according to SILive.

"Checks were stolen during the commission of this crime," said Hennessy.

Serious action has since been taken. Hennessy mentioned that the customers of the stolen checks are being contacted directly, as well as advising them of the actions that will be taken for the stolen checks and cash.

Not only will the owners be contacted by email if they do not confirm the receipt in the email, but they will also be phoned if the confirmation is not sent.

According to NYPD and the college in the SILive article, an unidentified person cut through the screen of a window in order to enter the Purchasing Office, and a credit card used by an employee was stolen from the office on August 24.

"The suspect attempted to use the Purchasing Office credit card information at a McDonald's at about 1:30 AM on Monday August 27, and also to pay

for cable TV. The attempted transactions triggered fraud alerts and the incident was on that Monday, according to police," said SILive.

Room 106 in the Parking Services Office was also broken into on August 29, the day of the second burglary.

A safe was removed from the room, taking mail that contained checks and registration cards.

In an earlier article written by SILive, a CSI statement mentioned that "campus security has been beefed up" due to the incident occurring.

According to the earlier email from Hope Berte, she mentioned the various ways how Public Safety "has been beefed up" to prevent the situation from happening.

"For the foreseeable future, to ensure the safety of all members of our College Community, Campus Public Safety will conduct building safety checks prior to the start of each day."

The Interim Vice President also stated that Public Safety will supply services for escorting students or anyone on campus who feels unsafe walking alone. This is possible by calling to request one at the extension of 2111.

Safety precautions for the students and staff were also given.



Photo Credit: Veronica Pistek
NYPD arrives at CSI to investigate the back-to-school burglaries.

"Never enter a location if you see that a door or window has been forced open. Go to the nearest safe place and contact Campus Public Safety immediately."

Members of the campus community were also advised to take appropriate measures to protect themselves, personal and school property, especially at night.

If any information is known about the

incident or the identity of the suspects, Public Safety encourages all members of the university to take the steps to contact Michael Lederhandler, Campus Public Safety Director, at extension 2113, or via email Michael.lederhandler@csi.cuny.edu.

SPORTS

Coach McFall is Helping CSI's Runners to Rise

Elevating the Culture of CSI's Cross Country & Track and Field Team

BY: VERONICA PISTEK

Jason McFall, CSI's newest Cross Country and Track & Field coach, as well as Coordinator of Athletic Operations, is no stranger to the life of a student-athlete.

As coach McFall finishes up paperwork to provide his undivided attention to the interview, one can already sense his passion and urgency to provide the best to CSI's Athletic Department as he possibly can.

The eager and focused McFall attributed his passion for running and coaching to his own college Track & Field coach, who encouraged him to take a bold chance to follow his dreams.

Now coaching here at The College of Staten Island, the Yonkers native is taking his diverse levels of experience to inspire and train the current runners on his team.

Amongst various coaching positions

at universities such as NYU, Lehman College, Concordia College, McFall credits his most fulfilling years at his alma mater, Woodlands High School in Hartsdale.

Serving as a Physical Education teacher and coaching the women's team at his old high school, the aspiring leader found himself in the perfect position to stay close to coaching, recruiting circles, and remain aware of which schools have the hottest athletes.

Ready to represent a new running community, McFall is encouraging Staten Island athletes to look no further than their own neighborhood for great running opportunities.

With his eyes wide open and his determination guiding him, the Track and Field coach has high hopes that the varsity team will start making a name for itself and for Staten Island within the next few years.

"The more that we are able to be, and now that people can see that Wagner College is not the only place on the island with a Track & Field program, I think we'll start getting a lot more attention... once we get through this year and are just being as a team, I have hope that we will start to make an impact," McFall enthusiastically expressed.

With a big trophy displayed on his desk, McFall pointed to how the Ladies Cross Country team took home a win early this September at the Baruch Invitational Meet.

Proving to start the year off on a positive note, the team's guiding force has a major goal: to create an established and elevated culture for his athletes on campus.

"While the team does not need an overall transformation, it needs an established culture. I am always trying to make teachable moments for the students... There is definitely a need to elevate the program," McFall explained his goals.

"Especially since it used to be just Cross-Country season for the first two months of school and then it's a whole year until they are back again. I believe that there is a good mix of inner and outer borough students that can learn from each other, just as the distance runners and sprinters can learn from one another."

An exceptionally driven and inspiring leader, coach McFall does not take

credit for much of the motivation and dedication that the student athletes have been displaying.

Though he expresses to his team that accountability for one's actions is key, his athletes are taking the initiative on their own to get better as students and runners.

While wiping tears from his eyes, McFall was not afraid to express his emotion and excitement that the team already has been proving themselves as a group of leaders.

"There are leaders that are here, it is not just a social club... I receive texts every morning from my students telling me that they ran five miles. The freshmen are beginning to take initiative, and the upperclassmen are taking initiative to bring them to campus. I am very excited and overwhelmed with emotion from their response. I treat them like family, just as I treated my old teammates like a family."

McFall's passion combined with the small successes of the team so far have set the tone for the upcoming seasons for the Dolphin runners, and the impact that the running scene at CSI will have upon the youth on Staten Island.

"It is paramount to start inspiring the next generation, it can spark a conversation initiate the fire for younger runners."

Overall, the humbled coach credits the great facility, staff, families, leaders, and runners for the great things that are going to come along in the future.

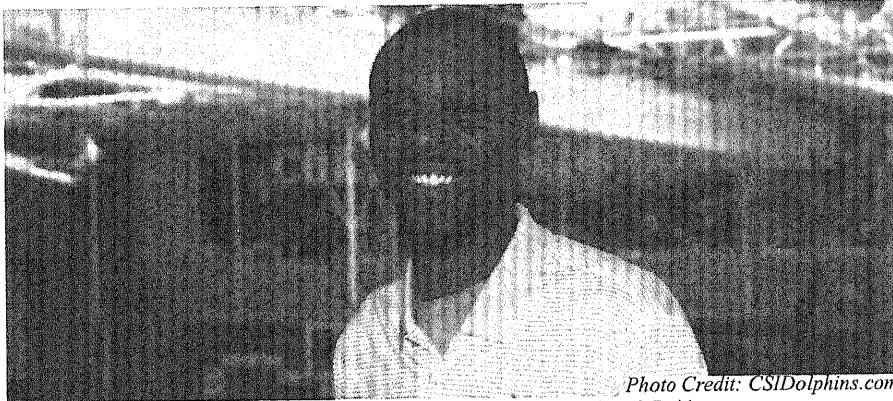


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Jason McFall, a new guiding force for CSI's Cross Country and Track and Field team.

The Yankees' Odds for Playoff Success

Insight into A Possible Bright Future for The Yankees

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The New York Yankees have entered a new era in 2018 since Joe Girardi, their manager of the past 10 seasons, is now gone.

Currently, in his place is Aaron Boone, best known for his walkoff homerun in 2003 that sent the Yankees to the World Series that year.

This surprised many fans as the Yankees were one game away from going to the World Series last year. Now, there is a new Yankees team.

Giancarlo Stanton came in a trade with the Miami Marlins for Starlin Castro and two of the Yankees' top prospects have made the jump to the Major Leagues: Gleyber Torres and Miguel Andujar.

The 2018 season will be the 26th straight season where the Yankees finish with a winning record.

And once again, they are playoff bound, heading to the American League Wild Card Game for the second straight year and once again hosting it in Yankees Stadium.

They will either be playing the Oakland Athletics or the Houston Astros, depending on who wins the AL West.

If the Astros win, then the Yankees will have an easier time facing the A's in the Wild Card Game.

If the A's win, then the Yankees'

season will come to an end against the Houston Astros.

The Astros have ended the Yankee's season in their last two postseason appearances- first in the 2015 Wild Card Game, and last season in the ALCS en route to the World Series.

The Astros have gotten the better of the Yankees over the past few years, and will continue to do so despite the Yankees getting better at winning games against them.

In a recent "Ask Me Anything" on Reddit, Ben Reiter, who wrote the Sports Illustrated cover story predicting the Astros would win the World Series last year, as well as the book "Astroball: The New Way to Win it All," predicts that the Yankees will win the World Series in 2021.

This makes sense for a couple of reasons.

First, these Yankees are too green.

Andujar, Stanton and Torres have not played in an MLB postseason game yet.

The second reason is that the Yankees need a few more years of seasoning before the players at the center of their future to reach their primes.

As for the Red Sox, the Yankees will most likely have to face Red Sox in the Divisional Series if they win the Wild Card Game, seeing how they have the best record in the league.



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The New York Yankees are predicted to be successful in their new era.

And who has the second best record? The Yankees.

According to ESPN.com, the Yankees have struggled against the Red Sox this season, having a record of 5-8 against them.

The last time these two teams played, the Red Sox swept the Yankees in four games, including a come from behind walk off in extras to finish the sweep.

But the season is far from over, and the Yankees play the Red Sox two more times this season, including a three game series against them in Boston to finish the season.

If these results hold and the Yankees can win the AL Wild Card Game, then it would be the first time that these two times would meet in the Divisional Series.

Previously, these two teams met in the American League Championship Series in 1999, 2003, and 2004.

The Yankees won the first two times, then the Red Sox won in 2004 after trailing in the series three games to none.

The future is bright for the Yankees, but it is all about meeting that potential and bringing their dreams of a 28th World Championship to reality.