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## CSI Remembers September 11th Ten Years Later

BY MARISSA PESSOLANO

The tenth anniversary of the September 11th attacks has brought about conversations among students and faculty around CSI's campus.

In order to further reflect and remember the tragic events of that day, the college held a World Trade Center Memorial on September 9th on the lawn between 2N and 2A.

The memorial began with a welcome by President Morales who spoke about the tragedy and the many lives lost that day. He then continued by announcing that there would be a new building built in the space that they were standing in order to preserve that part of campus.

After his words and a positive reception by the guests, Stephanie Geraci gave a violin performance of "Meditation" from Jules Massenet's Thais, followed by poetry written by Professor Cate Marvin.

Student Joseph McDonough from the CSI Armed Force's Club then took the podium to address the audience, speaking about lost family and friends.

Before the closing thoughts, some of the CSI Alumni Board Members read out 27 names of CSI Alumni who lost their lives, many of whose families were there.

During the ceremony, emotions were high as those in attendance reflected on memories of their loved ones and how the attacks still affect their lives ten years later.

Like so many people do, CSI staff member, Michael DeAngelis, remembers where he was that day.

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President Morales revealed a new 9/11 memorial plaque at CSI's memorial service.

## CSI's Anti-Anti-Smoking Liberty Party Lights Up



CSI's new no smoking regulations have gone into effect, which means that smokers, like Mark Revello (center) have caught the attention of CSI public safety. No tickets or penalties are yet in effect. A new student organization, "Young Americans For Liberty," plans to protest.

### New Campaign Gets Mixed Reviews

BY LEEOR BRONIS

A new student organization has been created at CSI with its first project aimed at fighting the new "Change is in the Air" tobacco-free policy on campus.

The Student Government established a chapter of Young Americans for Liberty, a nationwide group dedicated to promoting

democracy and freedom, on campus. The group officially endorsed removing the ban and said this will be on the main agenda for the Political Action committee of Student Government.

"We are not pro smoking, we are pro freedom," Anthony Librera, 22, Chairmen of the Publications committee for Student Government said.

The reaction to this new policy has not fared well with some students, who believe it is a violation of their constitution rights as citizens.

"CUNY's responsibility is to education," Librera explained. "This is a joint effort to a violation of rights on a group of people and turning us into second class citizens."

The "Change is in the Air" campaign was placed into full effect this semester, with the plan to transition the campus into a non-smoking area by September 2012. The campaign worked in conjunction with CUNY's decision to forbid smoking on all 23 of its campuses.

The CUNY board of trustees presented President Morales with the policy, and he was

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## Despite The Odds, Student Finds Success

### Disability Gives Stephon Melvin Reason to Try Harder

BY JOSHUA SORENSEN

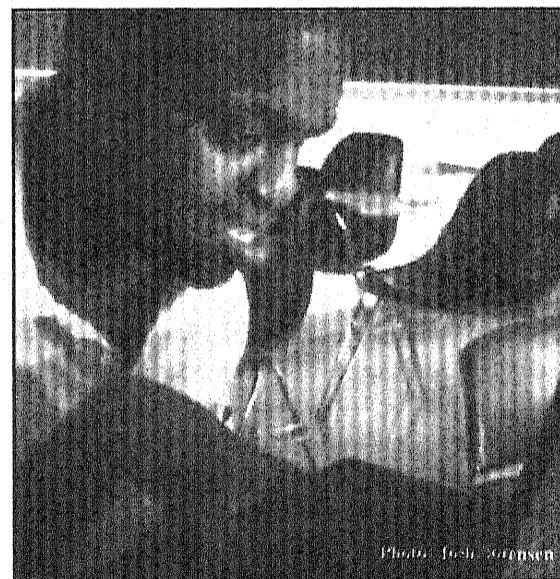
A lot of time and effort throughout CUNY has been directed at students with disabilities, and the story of Stephon Melvin at CSI shows the fruits of these efforts.

"Walking through the passage-way, I was often stampeded by other students, with no regard to my disability," Said Stephon Melvin, as he reflected on his experience at Port

Richmond High School in Far Rockaway Queens in 2007.

Melvin has deformities from Amniotic Band Syndrome, a disease which developed while in his mother's womb. Melvin was born with one arm, in which he has two and a half fingers. He only has use of one eye and has noticeable scarring on his face.

Melvin's problems made him an easy target for high school bullies. When he graduated Port Richmond High school his family moved to Staten Island, and he had the opportunity to attend the College Of Staten Island. After Melvin became a college student, he found himself being viewed in a



Various forms of modern technology allow Stephon Melvin, who has suffered from Amniotic Band Syndrome, to function in a classroom setting.



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## Tripoli Falls to Rebels, Future of Libya in Question

BY MICHAEL MILEY

For Libya, the easy part of the revolution is over, now the truly hard part begins. With the collapse of the Gaddafi regime the question of the future now takes the forefront.

In order to prevent a power vacuum the National Transition Council has moved from the Benghazi, in the east, into Tripoli. The importance of this move being stressed by

hands, effectively signals the end of his regime. We must now wonder, what direction will the NTC take Libya into? Will the NTC step aside and actually aid in developing a new democratic government remembering that its place is to be transitional. What of the rebuilding efforts?

Will Libya fall into the old trap of Western neo-imperialism, with Western companies coming in, buying up the old

*The future of Libya hangs in the balance. Will we see actual change in Libya, or will the new leader be the same as the old one?*

Joma Sayehi Eltayef, who is in charge of coordinating the securing of Tripoli, saying, "We can't leave any opportunities for remnants of the regime, or a vacuum. We need a strong grip so that we don't have chaos. As soon as the regime falls, we have an alternative ready to take over."

Gaddafi is still on the loose, with rebels fighting pro-Gaddafi resistance pockets in Tripoli and across Libya. All is not clear for the NTC, especially as they come under criticism by the people of Libya. With The Christian Science Monitor reporting "The leader of the NTC 'has lost his credibility by repeatedly lying to the press," said a woman who asked to remain anonymous while criti-

cal industries and extracting the wealth of the nation for their benefit instead of that of the people of Libya? With the NTC expressing ideas of limiting investment into Libya from countries that did not support the rebels, this is a distinct possibility, but it is too early to tell.

An official at the Libyan oil firm Agoco, as reported by Reuters has said "We don't have a problem with western countries like the Italians, French and UK companies. But we may have some political issues with Russia, China and Brazil." This stance has China scrambling to reaffirm its ties to Libya. China abstained from voting in the UN Security Council vote that authorized



From top: Libya is located in Northern Africa, between Egypt and Algeria. Libyans gather to celebrate the ending of Ramadan and the liberation of the city in Martyrs' Square in Tripoli. Popular sentiments run against Gaddafi.

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cizing the rebel leader because she came from a prominent family in Benghazi. A spokesman for the council refused to talk when contacted by phone."

There has been controversy of the rebels claiming they had captured two of Gaddafi's son's Saif al-Islam and Mohammad. Saif who was reported by the rebels as being captured and readied to be handed over to the International Criminal Court, walked into the Rixos Hotel in Tripoli where the regime has been sequestering foreign journalists, denied being captured by the rebels. Meanwhile his other son Mohammad who was captured the night rebel forces entered the city, has managed to escape.

While these are worrying aspects about the NTC, their victory is assured. Though their caution victory will not be complete until Gaddafi is captured, with pro-Gaddafi forces falling back and strong holds falling, like Bab al-Azizya, which was Gaddafi's stronghold and compound, which has fallen into rebel

the NATO bombing campaign, expressing "deep concern" about them. In spite of that China has praised the rebels and the NTC. With China's State run news agency Xinhua reporting that the rebel leader had urged Chinese enterprises to return. With Abdel Hafiz Ghoga, the vice president of the NTC saying it would honor all of the contracts and deals agreed with the Gaddafi government.

The future of Libya hangs in the balance. Will we see actual change in Libya, or will the new leader be the same as the old one?

We must not fall into cynicism so soon, but we must remain optimistic with in realistic bounds. The writing on the wall is not yet clear on this issue. In the coming days, weeks and months it will be. By then, all we can do is hope. The people of Libya will now be the ones to hold control of their destiny.

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## President Morales Has a "Masterplan" for CSI

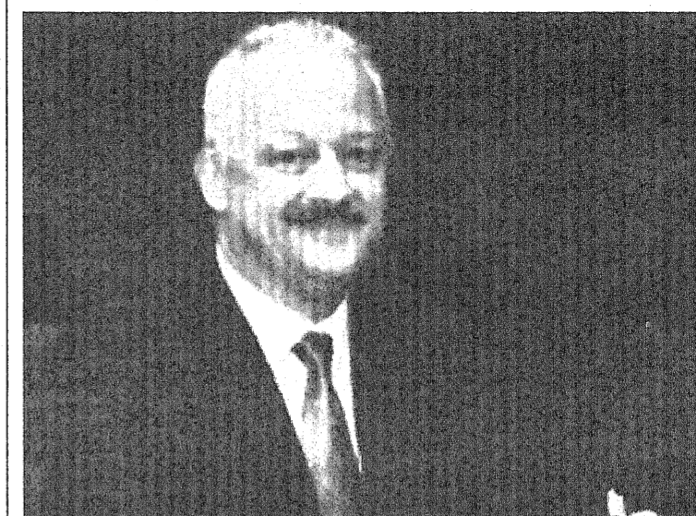


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TO THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY:

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I welcome back our returning faculty, staff and students. For those who are new to the College, including the incoming student class of 2015, I also extend a very warm welcome.

As you arrive on campus, you will notice CUNY/CSI's tobacco-free initiative, Change is in the Air,

displayed in posters and flyers throughout the buildings and common areas. While the slogan Change is in the Air provides notice that smoking and other tobacco use will only be allowed in designated smoking areas, in support of the health and wellness of our campus constituents, it also serves as an appropriate metaphor for the positive and exciting transformation taking place at the College.

For the fifth consecutive year, the College has experienced record enrollment as more students are making the choice to attend CSI, a wise decision which will transform their lives and prepare them for success in today's evolving society. Our robust enrollment, in conjunction with CUNY's new rational tuition policy, will help to provide the necessary resources for our unwavering commitment to student support and achievement despite these fiscally challenging and uncertain times.

The academic profile of our students is changing. The SAT scores and the College Admissions Average (CAA) of the incoming baccalaureate class have reached heights unparalleled in the history of CSI. The consistent trend in the elevation of the academic excellence of our students is reflected in their achievements in our classrooms and laboratories. Indeed, for the first time in the history of CSI, one of our students was named a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship winner, one of the most prestigious honors in the sciences, which is awarded to only 300 students across the country. This is but one example of the many honors recently bestowed upon our diverse and accomplished student body.

As a testament to our commitment to student success, this summer CSI implemented a completely revised and expanded New Student Orientation program which involved the contributions of virtually every department on campus. All incoming freshman were required to attend a two-day orientation during which they received essential information about their first-year experience. The orientation highlighted the importance of academic advisement and culminated in the registration of classes.

In support of student academic excellence, we celebrate the arrival of an extraordinary group of new faculty and administrators to the CSI community. This accomplished and diverse cohort of faculty and staff represent some of the most promising talent in their respective fields, and they are certain to contribute to our evolving status as an outstanding educational institution.

To continue to advance the College's mission of excellence in faculty teaching, research and scholarship, September marks the official opening of the College's new Faculty Center for Professional Development. The Center will offer a dedicated space for professional development workshops and enhanced opportunities for interactions and collaborations among all faculty through a broad spectrum of leadership, pedagogical innovation, and scholarship support activities.

The new academic year also marks the achievement of historical institutional milestones. After two years of dedicated work and guidance by the College's Institutional Planning Committee and through extensive, campus-wide discussion, participation, and collaboration involving hundreds of faculty, staff and students, the College's new Strategic Plan, Many Voices, One Vision, has been completed. The new Strategic Plan sets forth a full range of goals and actions which will move CSI toward fulfillment of its new

*"CUNY/CSI's tobacco-free initiative . . . [is] in support of the health and wellness of our campus."*

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This fall, the College will also complete an initial draft of our Self-Study report as part of the Middle States reaccreditation process. The Self-Study, which involved the participation of over 130 members of the broad campus community, sets forth a comprehensive assessment of our institution guided by the 14 standards of excellence prescribed by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. The Self-Study will serve as the primary document utilized by the Middle States Visiting Team in conducting its evaluation of the College in the spring. The initial draft of the Self-Study will be disseminated campus-wide very shortly to provide an opportunity for the College community to offer feedback and suggestions before the document is finalized.

For all that we have accomplished together, and for all that we will achieve together this year, let me express my deep and profound appreciation and respect for the invaluable contributions of all faculty, staff and students. As one of the many events scheduled this year to celebrate the College community, I invite you to attend CSI's inaugural Homecoming event which will take place on October 1, 2011.

I am confident that with your continued support, we will discover new opportunities to provide access and excellence at CSI. This is truly an exciting and transformative time at the College as we usher in a new era of innovation, creativity, and collaboration. Today, more than ever, Change is in the Air at the College of Staten Island.

Sincerely,

Tomás D. Morales, PhD  
President

The Banner is now offering internships to CSI students. Internships usually take place for one semester and offer opportunities to learn about Journalism and New Media.

Through these internships students will become involved in the operation and production of The Banner. Internships will work a minimum of 12 hours per week. Internships will focus on blogging, correspondence, editing, fact-checking, graphic design, layout & production, photography, reporting, web design, etc.

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"I was in Tottenville High School and I was terrified. I didn't know what was going on. Seeing everyone starting to panic and leave the school didn't make me feel any better. It was not a great feeling," Michael explained. "Ten years later I still think about it every once in a while. Luckily I did not lose anyone, but what happened that day is and will always be a part of me."

Similarly, Student Ashley Asaro recalls, "I was in 6th grade when my principal made an announcement for us to all go into the auditorium to tell us what happened. I was scared because my uncle was working the World Trade Center and my dad was working a block away. I was concerned for my family and that was all I could think about."

"I am still affected today. My uncle was in the hospital for a month because of it. It was a scary time," Asaro remembers. "I go to the prayer session at Alice Austen Museum every year. My family and I light a candle and we remember all those who died that day."



Arthur J. Merola, President of the CSI Alumni Association Board gives a speech at CSI's 9/11 Memorial.

**"CSI's Anti-Smoking Party Lights Up"**  
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asked to appoint a task force and start a campaign that was assigned to create an overall plan for the mission. They will have until next September to impose the rules, allowing them time to create educational campaigns, post no-smoking signs and provide counselors trained in helping smokers to quit.

Student government has been opposing this ban since its first announcement in January 2011. According to Librera, the group planned to set up a protest against the ban at CSI last year, but was arraigned to stop by senior officials of CSI, whose names Librera prefers to be on the basis of anonymity.

Despite their past struggles, Student Government plans to hold events in the future to continue protesting the ban.

Ken Bach, CSI's Director of Communication believes that members of CSI's community should not place blame

solely on the College itself, as this is a CUNY based decision, though he applauds their desire to share their feelings.

"The great public debate is part of a great college experience," Bach said.

Morales' task force, which consists of a variety of members of the campus including Health counselors, Public Safety officials, a

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professor of History, and two student representatives, believe the designated smoking areas, as well as displaying "Change is in the Air" posters on every building, car and pole around campus are all a component of starting the preparation into the 2012 policy.

"We were given the option to discuss several routes," Linda Conte, head of CSI's Health Center explains of their decision to create designated smoking areas around the campus,

rather than starting the semester off tobacco-free. "We thought this would be a smooth transition to the tobacco-free policy."

A series of comprehensive health workshops titled "We Get Fit" have been created by the Health Center to explain the reasons for the smoking ban, as well as a resource for information on how students and faculty

hibit it on college campus, we just happen to have a large campus with a large parking lot."

Until December 31st, Should a member of the college's staff, faculty or students be seen smoking in a non-designated area, they will be given a verbal warning from public safety. From January 1st 2012 to June 30th 2012, any violators will be issued notices of violations from public safety; if they are not complied with, violators will be subject to further enforcement actions.

CUNY's Decision

stems from New York's City's new anti-smoking laws. Bloomberg administration and the City Council have banned smoking in almost all indoor spaces and have now expanded it to include beaches, parks and plazas.

"New York City is turning people into black sheep's," Librera explained. "As students, we need to learn how to say no more often."

alike can lead a healthier lifestyle.

"Everyone should be a part of this culture change," Conte explains.

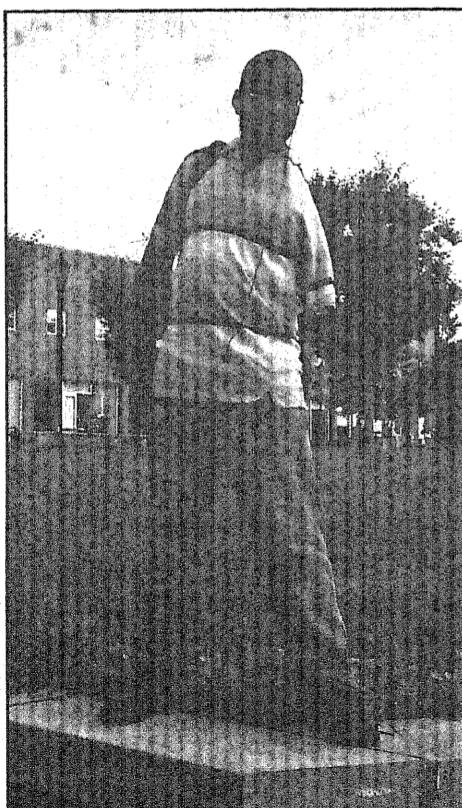
According to CSI's official Implementation Plan made available on their Tobacco Free website, smoking is banned on all locations of the Campus' property, including vehicles parked on campus parking lot.

"People have a love affair with cars," Bach explains. "But CUNY policy does pro-

When Melvin is not wrapped up in College life, he spends most of his time watching Japanese cartoons and playing video games. With help of his Aunt, he learned to use the controller by putting his pinky on the control buttons and his pointer finger on the movement button.

Once he learned to play video games, he learned to connect with a whole new world of people, a world who does not view him as a disabled 23 year old African American man, but rather, as a good gamer. His preference in video games are role playing games, which he views as an escape from the harsh world around him. In his game world where he can live a life as one of the video game characters.

"With time and a lot of effort, if people took time to know me, then maybe they will accept me as a normal person," Melvin said when asked how he wants to be perceived by everyone around him. Whether its watching him play video games or sitting next to him in College, Melvin not only inspires us but makes us work harder, because if he can do it than why can't we?



Despite challenges, Stephon Melvin adapts to life as a college student.

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whole new light by his peers and professors.

Instead of being heckled and pushed into lockers, doors are opened for him, fellow students greet him and show him more respect than he has ever received. Melvin still has a lot of adjusting to do when dealing with the people surrounding him, but to watch him carry out the smallest of tasks is inspiring.

The evolution of technology made it possible for Melvin to accomplish more in a class room setting. With A laptop, smart phone, and special pen to take notes with, Melvin found new ways to accomplish his goals without the need for a paralegal.

"It is an amazing feeling to be completely independent," Melvin said with a giant smile on his face. "I dreamed of it my whole life." Disability services still provides assistance when needed, but visits are becoming far and few between, as Melvin adjust and gets more comfortable taking his own notes and carrying his own bag.

**Staten Island Tomatoes, Eggplants, Peppers Up for Grabs... Better than Cafeteria Food**  
*New Garden Encourages CSI Community to Plant and Eat.*

BY LEEOR BRONIS

Walking along the Campus Center it is almost impossible not to miss the five foot high sunflower fence circling around a small but promising garden. Erica Zito, Vice President of the Green Thumbs organization at CSI, sat down with The Banner to discuss how the project got started and why it is important to plant make your own fruits and vegetables:

**The Banner:** This garden is amazing! What made you decide to start this project?

**Erica Zito:** We started the group last November because we wanted students to have the opportunity to watch something change and grow on campus. CSI is not known for its sense of community and we are hoping that a garden might change that.

**TB:** How did you pitch the idea to CSI's organizations?

**EZ:** We work in collaboration with

NYPIRG and several other organizations on campus. We pitched the idea for the garden to NYPERG first and together we set up a grant proposal to President Morales who backed it right away. After that we got started on the garden.

**TB:** How can students get involved with the project?

**EZ:** Student volunteers are always welcome. Students get their own volunteer plots and for every twenty minutes they spend in the garden they receive green thumbs points. After a certain amount of points they get to take home the vegetables they have planted.

**TB:** The giant pumpkins you planted last year were amazing. What do you have in store for us this year?

**EZ:** The pumpkins last year were insane! I think they weighed about 81.5 pounds. We will definitely have some pumpkins this year but I don't think we can compete with last year.



Top: Erica Zito of the "Green Thumbs" Garden looks over her five foot high sunflower fence. Bottom: Freshly grown eggplants and tomatoes are Zito's prize vegetables.

**From Stand up to Sketches: CSI Film Students Band Together to Form Comedy Troupe. Ha ha ha . . .**

BY LIANNA RODRIGUEZ

Back in March I was offered a role in a sketch for a budding film crew called "Far Fetched" that mainly consisted of CSI film students. I had never acted before nor was I familiar with the filmmaking process. I was the new kid on the block. I didn't know anyone except Manny, one of the founders of "Far Fetched," so at first I was extremely shy. Little did I know that I would be a part of this promising comedy group and establish friendships with these people.

On the first day of shooting "The Flasher" a sketch in which my character is taunted by an obstinate flasher, I was instantly impressed by their professionalism and dedication to the craft. All of their equipment was brand new and top of the line. I also didn't realize that I was acting alongside a notable Canadian comedian named Adam Pateman who was absolutely wonderful to work with. These weren't young adults fooling around with their parents' video camera. These were people with dreams of submitting their films to prominent film festivals such as Sundance, Tribeca, and Cannes.

Working with a group of people in any situation can be difficult. Committing oneself fully to any project that offers little to no pay can really be a test one's commitment. But despite it all this group has managed to maintain solidarity and will only continue to grow as the future progresses.

In the mean time "Far Fetched" has won



The Far Fetched Crew, a group of young and hip CSI film students, pose on the set of their latest project "Movie Meathead Night".

quite a few awards for their efforts. These awards include people's choice and best 300 level at CSI's annual film festival.

Christine Simon who directed "Half way home" a short film starring Emily Nacchio as a young girl who lives in an unstable home and has a philandering boyfriend won best film at the festival as well.

Manny Rondan and Matt Ciuffini, Comedians, who have been best friends for years currently host a bi-weekly comedy show at Tantra lounge on Thursday nights. Phil Hanley, Max Fox, and John Szeluga are some of the top notch comedians who have performed at these bi-weekly events. Manny's brother, Sid Cohen, who is also a part of "Far Fetched" often goes up on stage and delivers a stellar stand up routine that leaves the audience in stitches.

Rob Casey, plays bass and sings for his band "Big flats" that David Rodberg is also a part of. David plays the drums and sings as well.

Their psychedelic, feel good music has been featured in plenty of Far Fetched skits. The most noteworthy song being "Let's drink beer" which is a catchy tune that eventually grows on you - especially when you're in the vicinity of beer.

Behind the scenes there's Michael Bryk and Mark Scherel who regularly film and edit the videos. This past June they created a Youtube channel where they uploaded all of their videos and continue to add a new one every week. The most viewed video is "The Flasher" with over 3,500 hits followed by "Bus stop sketch" which has over 450 views. The plot revolves around Superman and the Green lantern piquing the curiosity of onlookers.

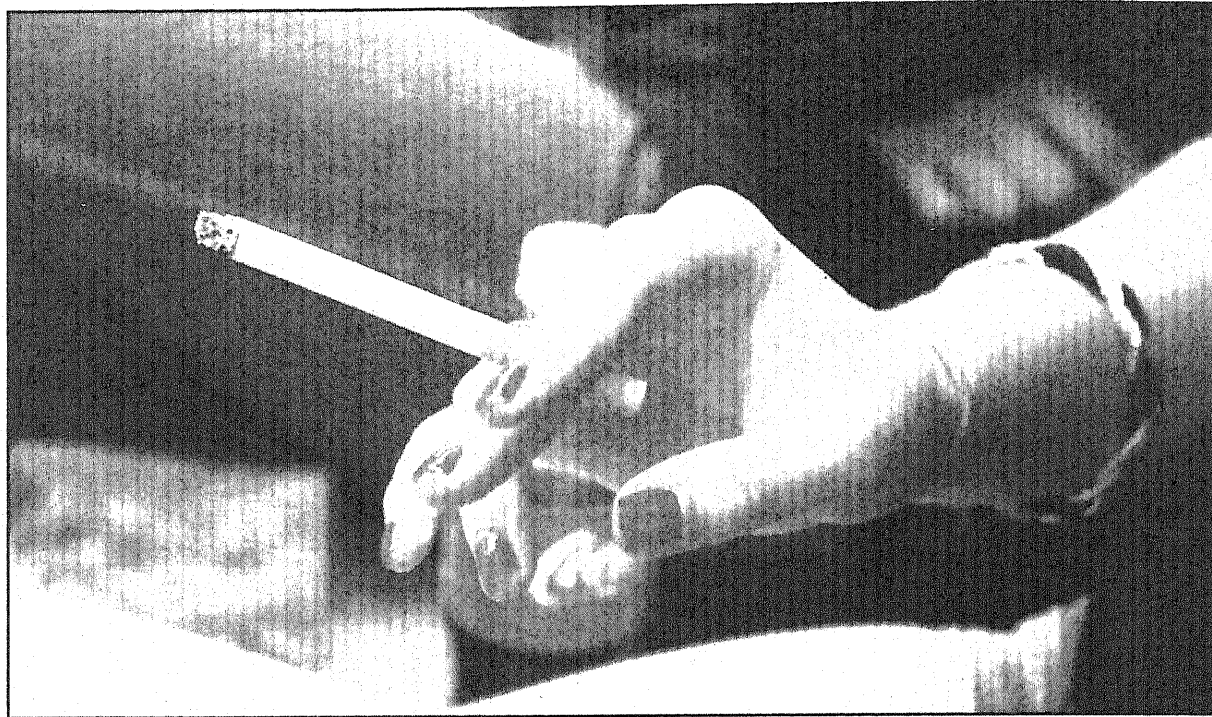
As time goes on they continue to work vigorously on upcoming projects. Matt, Dean, and Manny are always setting aside a day or two to develop new ideas for sketches.

One project they're excited about this upcoming fall is producing a TV series that they are uploading on Youtube. They also hope to dabble in drama and other genres. The group continues to expand with recent addition, Emily Nacchio, who has an upbeat attitude and delivers an exceptional performance every time. So far she has appeared in "Sexy thoughts" and "Board Games." Also newly joined are Alyssa Bono who serves as a make up artist and Elmer Vargas - a camera op. Far Fetched will continue to thrive as a team and exceed in the Film industry.

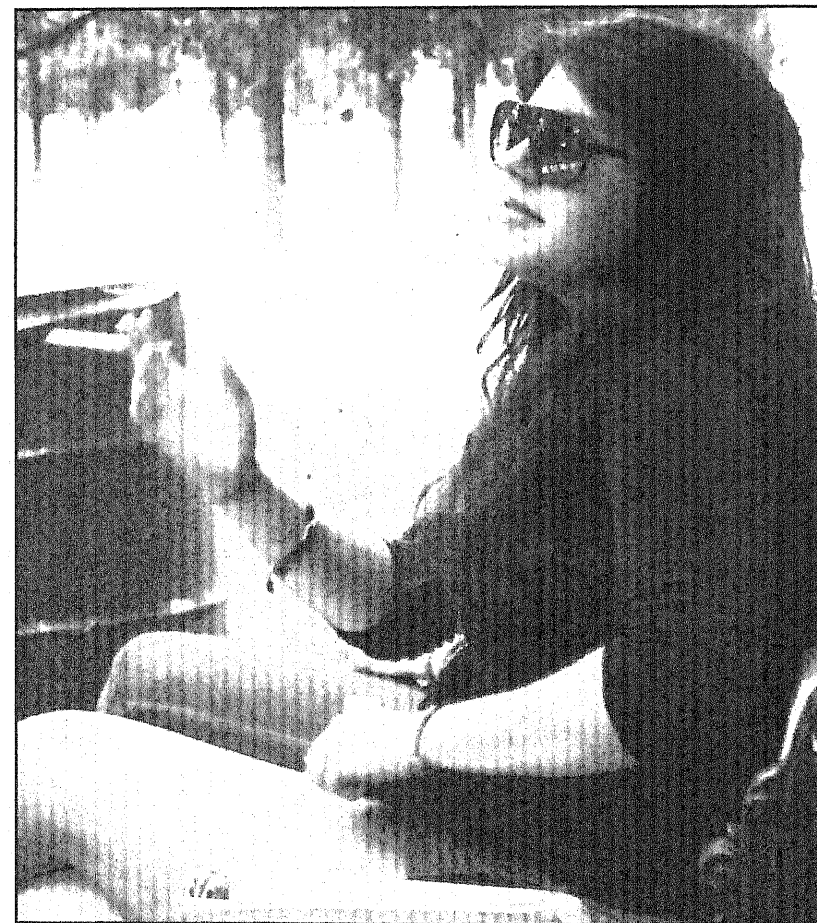
# SMOKERS BEWARE...

*CSI Wants To Put You In The Corner*

*"Banning smoking at CSI is impractical because we are the largest CUNY campus," Anthony Librera, 22, Chairmen of the Publications committee for Student Government said. "This entire policy will be impossible to regulate."*



*"They Put us away in a remote, wooded areas like we're an eyesore," said Elizabeth Tcharnyi, a freshman at CSI pictured here taking a smoke break between classes. "I can feel people stare at me and think, 'Look at these people, they're the smokers!'"*



*"I come to class twitching," said Amanda Olivieri, left, a sophomore At CSI. "Now that I can't make it to class on time, I have to cut my cigarettes short. I now find myself smoking more than normal because I just can't get my full fix."*



*"This ban is unnecessary," Saman Mahmood, right, explained as she took her smoke break with friends, Blake E., left, and Gabrielle Leondis, center. "It is another way to get money from students. Why do I pay tuition to this school so I can feel like I am in high school again?"*

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# BANNER STYLES

## Flash vs. Class: Fashion Week's Big Debate

The Spring 2012 ready-to wear season came to a close last week. New York City's top designers showed off their collections of what seemed to be split themes of classic Gatsby inspired 20's pieces and colorful eye catching patterns.

BY LEEOR BRONIS



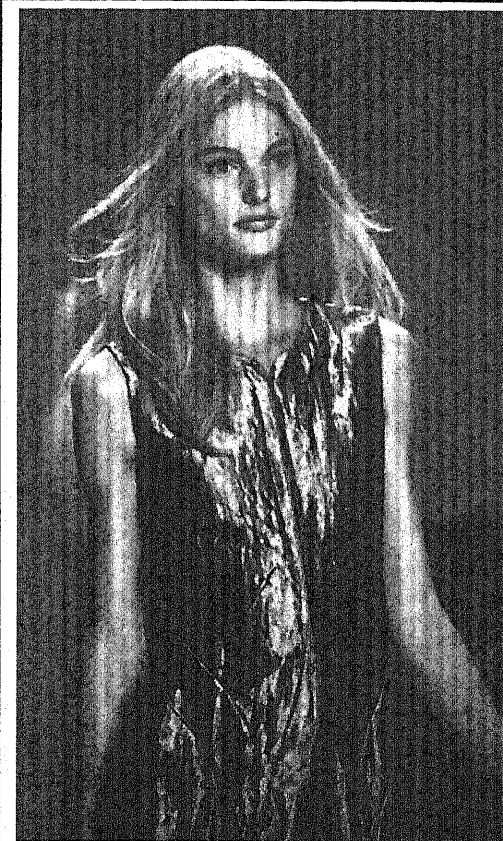
Marc Jacobs collection, above, proved he was still the showstopper of New York Fashion week with his drop-waist flapper dresses, denim work wear and sporty sweatshirts paired with metallic see-through plastic cowboy boots. The 1920's style clothing while full of notable pieces, such as cellophane organza, clear plastic and polyester gingham, Jacob's pieces looked a bit repetitious when compared to previous collections.



Jason Wu said he was turning up the edge in his collection this season and cited KAWS, the graffiti artist who came to fame for his inked-up ads of Kate Moss in the nineties, as a major source of inspiration.

Though edginess was his motive, his results were true to his style aesthetic, classic and proper. Wu chose a nearly weightless nylon "that moves like chiffon" for his outerwear.

His shorter-in-the-front, longer-in-the-back ball skirts were as flirty as they were versatile.



Photos: newyorkmagazine.com

In contrast to this week's in-your-face color and over the top patterned prints, Francisco Costa of Calvin Klein displayed the clean palettes and classic lines he is always known for in his spring collections.

Calvin Klein's womenswear creative director turned out a variety of slip dresses, tailored suits, and flowing evening gowns in shades of ivory, pale yellow, silver, and black.

The softness and the femininity of the collection was a new direction in contrast to sculptural constructions that used to define his work.

# BANNER ARTS

## Young Money Entertainment Signs CSI Student

### Local White Boy Rapper Competes with the Big Leagues

BY MAY KATTARIA

With a CD coming out this Halloween Daniel Mulligan is Staten Island's own Rap Star. Featured in over a dozen magazines, and heard on several radio stations.

The infamous music IAMU online magazine, where Mulligan was their featured artist of the month, praised the young islander as an up and coming rapper to be watched for. "I love to rap; it's my way of expressing me." Daniel Mulligan said "Just because I'm white and from Staten Island don't mean I don't know how to break out a rhyme."

Mulligan first started out in the rap game at the age of 16 when he had submitted a rap tape to Empire State Records and had gotten accepted to be one of the artists featured in the Records next volume, Empire Records is owned by Young Money Entertainment whose CEO and founder is the famous rapper Lil Wayne. When the CD, Empire State Volume 4, was released the YouTube version of Mulligan's rap got over 20,000 views. "I didn't know what to think, I thought I was dreaming" He said "Didn't think I would get this many hits in such a short period of time from the release."

Spaced Out is Mulligan's CD that will be reaching shelves on Halloween 2011.

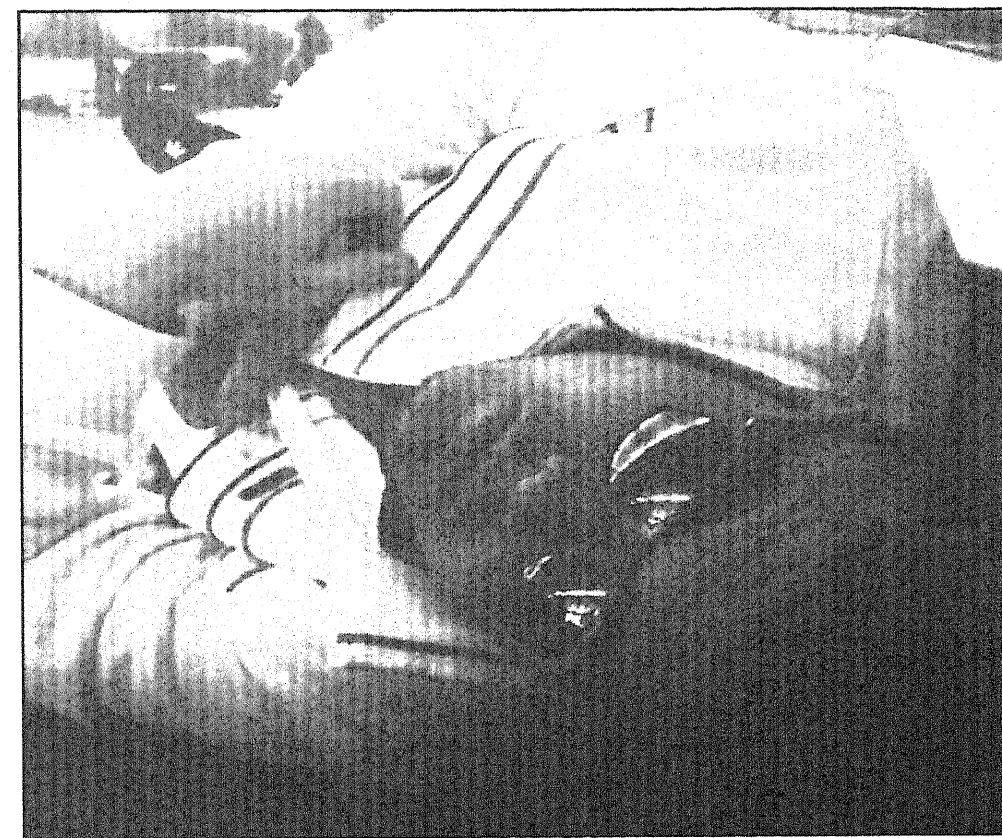
Artists such as Mac Lethal, who was recently signed with Black Clover Records, will also be featured in this CD along side the main event, Mulligan a.k.a. Dan Mullz. ID Labs who produce for Mac Miller and Wiz Khalifa assisted with the creation and studio time for Mulligan's Spaced Out record.

Accumulating over 750 followers on FaceBook and Twitter, Dan Mullz has fans from all over the country, from Atlanta to California.

"I do it not to make money or even for a career." He said "I do it because I love it."

Mullz is planning on doing a College Tour when the CD, Spaced Out, gets released. The College Tour will take effect in the beginning of November and will conclude in early January 2012. Such colleges that are on the tour list are Gettysburg College in Upstate New York and Brooklyn College in Brooklyn New York. The raps and songs that will be performed will be all from his Spaced Out CD including some of his original raps and lyrics from previous records.

"I don't rap about drugs or guns or money." He said "Well simply put because I don't do any drugs or own any guns." The modest rapper doesn't intend on making rapping a career even though Mullz has



Photos: May Kattaria

Daniel Mulligan determines which pose to do for the cover of his upcoming CD, Spaced Out, set to release on Halloween 2011.

been sponsored many times from various Companies and Studios to perform and create singles. The latest sponsor for Mullz is Cherry Bomb Studios.

Every two weeks Mullz goes off into a different city to battle other rappers. Grind Time Battles is a company that sets up Live Battle that are taped and later on uploaded to YouTube. Once the Battles are on the internet they have potential of more than 27 million

views. With a combination of another 30 million listeners to DJ Sound Off Radio, DJ Mafia House, and Jango Radio, all in which Mullz had been interviewed there for his initial appearance at the Grind Time Battles.

"A younger kid came up to me and told me how much he saw me as an icon to him." He said "That's when I realized how much more rap meant to me."

## CSI Rocker Records with Sonic Youth Legend

BY FRANK FORESTA

Last year, Andrea Hansen received a grant from COAHSI that allowed her to record her new album in a studio. A producer was also in the budget, which allowed her music to get bigger and better.

"I was able to spend everyday for two weeks dedicated to the studio, not worrying about the sound," said Hansen. "Everything was enhanced."

COAHSI, the Council on the Arts and Humanities for Staten Island, gave Hansen the ability to achieve her goal with their grant.

Hansen had already been dedicated to music for almost a decade before she applied for the grant. She dropped out of college and moved to Manhattan all those years ago because the band she was with at the time, "AM Radio," was on a label and had a four-sided LP, which made it look as though they were going to make it.

Then tensions arose between some of Hansen's band members and another band came around that wanted to purchase their band name. Hansen and the other band members sold the name and eventually broke up, leaving her a solo act.

She made solo demos for years, while

holding odd jobs to support herself, but it was clear that something had to change. She joined together with Anthony Vitale, who made the cover art for her solo demos, and they made their duo, "Painting Soldiers."

It was then that Hansen applied for, and received, the grant that would allow them to make a studio album. They worked with producer, Lee Ranaldo, who was both a guitar player and a co-founder of popular 90s band "Sonic Youth." This resulted in the completion of "Wet Woods," "Painting Soldiers" debut album.

Their music is folk with a punk influence. Hansen sings and plays the acoustic guitar on "Wet Woods," while her band mate plays the keyboard. The album has a total of eleven songs on it right now.

Hansen is also thinking about trying to get a label involved with "Wet Woods," which, to her is very exciting. A label would provide her with a large amount of marketing and distribution, which are both important factors when releasing an album.

Now that Hansen recorded the album, she is anxiously awaiting its cover art and release. In the meantime, though, she moved back to Staten Island and decided to go back to school to complete the second half of her



Photo: Frank Foresta

Aspiring musician Andrea Hansen has recently cut an album with Lee Ranaldo of "Sonic Youth" fame. Hansen's album was made through a grant provided by the arts and humanities group COAHSI.

English major with a focus in literature.

"College will provide me with something more solid, because leaving school on a dream was wishy-washy," said Hansen. "Music and college are a good balance too. I distract myself from school with music sometimes. Its also good to do both things and see what happens with each one."

While doing all of this, Hansen is also working part-time filing at a law office and debating going for a masters in library science, because of some previous work she has with library systems. After all, it is in good sense to backup your backup plan and Hansen shows no signs of

slowing down.

Hansen definitely showed that she has both the talent and dedication to keep trying to obtain lasting success. Thinking about all that she has done to get to where she is today is really amazing.

She has been through one band breakup, two relocations, and countless part-time jobs all because she is determined to pursue her passion.

"In the end it was all worth it," said Hansen. "I got a lot of experience in the industry and music is my passion so I had to at least try."

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## FIRST-EVER CSI HOMECOMING DAY Saturday, October 1, 2011

### 9:00am

- CSI Breast Cancer Walkathon. Walkathon Registration 'til 10:00 a.m. (Great Lawn)
- Homecoming Registration - ongoing until 12:00 pm (Sports and Recreation Center, Building 1R and Great Lawn)
- Continental Breakfast (\$6 adults/\$4 kids - (Sports and Recreation Center, Building 1R)

### 10:00am

- CSI Breast Cancer Walkathon (Great Lawn)
- CSI Men's Soccer vs. NYPD Men's A Team (Exhibition Game - Turf Soccer Field)

### 11:00am

- Career Speed-networking between CSI Alumni and Class of 2012 Seniors (Campus Center, Building 1C, Green Dolphin Lounge)
- Campus Bus tours begin (ongoing 'til 2:00 pm). Tours depart from and return to front of 1R.

### 12:00 noon

- CSI Women's Volleyball Game vs. Culinary Institute of America (Sports & Recreation Center, Building 1R)
- Oktoberfest- themed Lunch (Campus Center, Building 1C) (\$15 adults/\$6 kids meal) CLUE credit pending Alumni Reunion Classes ending in 2's and 7's. Reunion tables in Campus Center, including ARP, former & current faculty

### 1:00pm

- Outside musical performance (Plaza outside Campus Center)

### 2:00pm

- CSI Women's Soccer vs. John Jay (Turf Soccer Field)
- Italian Gelato Party (Sports and Recreation Center, Building 1R) CLUE credit pending

### 6:00pm

- 30th Anniversary Dinner for CSI's WSIA Campus Radio Station (\$25 per person. Campus Center, Building 1C)

\*ALL DAY EVENTS: Alumni Association Board Tent (in front of 1R); WSIA Radio outdoor Broadcast, open house and tours (1C); Family/Children attractions, such as Pumpkin Patch/Face Painting for kids, etc. (between 2N and 1C)

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# BANNER OPINIONS

## 9.8 Reasons *Not* to Pay 98 Dollars for a CSI Parking Pass

### Ten Reasons *Would Have Been Too Much*

BY ANDREW DILORENZO

- 9) You can afford to buy textbooks for your classes.
- 9.1) You can afford to pay an outstanding bill off and not be in debt to society.
- 9.2) You can afford the rising cost but low quality food in the 1C cafeteria.
- 9.3.) You can afford to buy gasoline for your car and have to sell an organ for it.
- 9.4) You can afford that novelty Star Wars shirt from your local Target.
- 9.5) You can afford that ridiculous toll that students from Brooklyn and beyond have to pay to come to the Island.
- 9.6) You can afford to make a donation to a charity of your choice. (i.e. the Andrew DiLorenzo textbook fund.)
- 9.7) You can afford to buy a "reserved for" parking plaque and guarantee a spot for yourself.
- 9.8) You can afford to both carpool with another student and chip in for gas, that way you can "pay it forward."

The students of CSI have been recently crying the money blues, but it's not because of the "usual suspects" of college spending.

The recent tuition hike that transpired over this past summer has a little to do with the situation, but that's not even what the students are upset about. I'll give you a hint: it has something to do with your classic transportation device. I'll give you a minute to think about this. I'll wait, and I'll even put on some thinking music in the background.

(Think about the "thinking music" from Jeopardy.) Time's up. The correct answer is "what is the car?"

That's right; the students are outraged at the huge increase that they have to pay in order to park their vehicle on the CSI campus. They have a right to be mad too, since the increase bumped up the yearly pass price to 98 dollars. 98 dollars! That's two dollars less from 100 dollars. The college says it has to do with the "rising cost

of road repair" and the new spots that were opened up last fall. Those are 4,000 more spots that still don't guarantee parking, especially when you are driving around your building for 15 minutes looking for a spot.

When I started at this school five years ago, I paid 60 dollars to park my car on campus.

I can use 98 dollars in many different ways, and to show you I'm not kidding, I

came up with a list of reasons why you should not have to pay 98 dollars for a glorified sticker to put on your car window.

Because it is 98 dollars, I decided to come up with 9.8 reasons why you shouldn't do this, see above.

## Ask Sandra: She Has All the Answers...

### The Banner's Resident Advice Columnist Answers CSI's Toughest Questions

BY SANDRA CHAMOUN

Dear Sandra,

I am a freshman at CSI and I am having trouble deciding what my major should be. I would really love to explore some majors in the Arts and Performance departments; however, my parents keep pushing me towards practical majors, like Nursing and education. Should I choose the major that is most likely to find me a job, or the one that will most make me happy?

Dear Major Seeker,

While it maybe good to take the advice of the ones that we love, it maybe in your best interest to chose a major that you like because when it comes down to the important part, you are the one who will be in the classroom taking this classes and then in the field doing the work. As far as some helpful tips you should consider doing some self searching to see what fields match your likes and dislikes. Try putting together a list of possible careers and do research on important aspects of these jobs such as, how many years of study one needs, if there are current job openings and starting salaries. One should to cost-benefit analysis on drawbacks of each job (since all careers have drawbacks). Field experience and shadowing professionals in those fields is also helpful.

Dear Sandra,

I am going into my final year at CSI and I am beginning to start the application process for graduate school. So far my academic career has been carefree, now I have to worry about GRE exams, thesis papers and admissions essays, all while focusing on my final classes. I am worried that I wont be able to juggle all of my responsibilities and the pressure is really starting to get to me. How should I handle it?

Dear Graduate School Seeker,

Even though the graduate school application process is a very hard and time consuming. It is one that has positive outcomes. It may seem like a largely confusing mountain of responsibilities, but you should look at it as many little steps leading to a wonderful payoff at the end. So with this in mind look at this as a learning experience and break up your activities into small weekly goals. As every week passes you can check off one task after another and before you know it you will reach your destination. Stay positive and determined and you will not be disappointed.

Dear Sandra,

My ex-boyfriend and I are both Juniors and Computer Science majors at CSI. He cheated on me over the summer and I immediately broke things off. He is constantly trying to win me back with, flowers, drunk calls and texts, sudden unannounced arrivals at my job. We have three classes together this semester and I know seeing him everyday will be torture. Should I just ignore him, or try to make an effort to communicate?

Dear Computer Science lover,

I would like to start off by saying that your decision to break up with him was one that is both smart and admirable. You were fortunate enough to have found out about his infidelity and the truth is that he may have cheated on you on other occasions before this one but had not been caught. Next I would like to state that you must try your hardest to remind yourself of why you broke it off with him in the first place. This is so when he comes to you with his oh so played out lines of "I love you" and "I want you back", you can be strong enough to deny his advances.

Dear Sandra,

At the end of last semester, my professor and I would shamelessly flirt with each other before, after and sometimes during class. I never really thought anything of it, but I now have a class with him next semester and I am afraid my infatuation with him will keep me from my work in the class. I know he feels the same about me, he is just too afraid to admit it. I am not sure if perusing him would get me into trouble with the college, is it even worth testing out?

Dear Shameless Flirt,

While I can see that this predicament is the fault of both parties involved, I would like to advice that you take the first step into stopping this "shameless" rendezvous before someone gets hurt or worse expelled. Situations such as this can seem harmless at first but one thing our politicians have taught us is that this type of activity can come with great consequences that are not worth the short term excitement of an on campus romance.

Dear Sandra,

# BANNER SPORTS

## Coaching Change Leads CSI Volleyball to Victory

*With win over Medgar Evers, Lady Dolphin's volleyball halfway to 2010 win total.*

**JAMES MARDIKOS**

After dropping the first three matches of the year, CSI rebounded over the weekend getting its first win of the year over John Jay 3-1.

The squad then returned home this past Tuesday night and had no problem with Medgar Evers college taking care of them handily 3-0.

The Lady Dolphins jumped out to an early 6-0 lead in the first set, which set the tone for the entire match. They would breeze to a 25-14 win in that opening set, followed by a 25-21 second set victory in which the Lady Dolphins led the whole way. Medger Evers made an effort in the third set keeping it close throughout but ultimately fell 25-20 giving the Lady Dolphins the 3-0 match victory.

With the new found early season success, the Lady Dolphins could be poised for a CUNY championship run, something that Danielle Ponsiglione, CSI's senior hitter, quickly brushed off, "We haven't really discussed concrete goals yet" said Ponsiglione, "I think we're more focused on having fun playing to our potential and building a new foundation for what can hopefully be a great volleyball program at CSI".

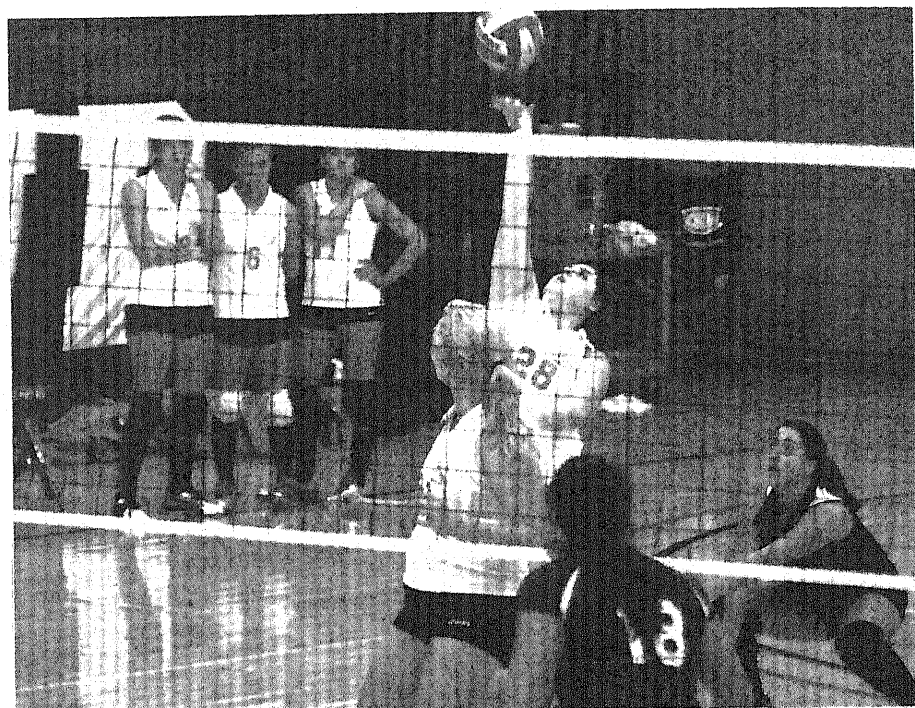
The Volleyball program at CSI had been lacking over the past decade, posting just one winning season over that time span. Last season was no different as the Lady Dolphins staggered to a 4-17 record.

So far, just six games into the 2011 season, they found themselves halfway to that 2010 win total and they had one person to thank for that; new coach Atef Dosse.

Dosse, a former professional volleyball player in his home country of Egypt, performed a major facelift on the program in his short time there, "He's really doing a great job so far" said Ponsiglione, "we've had seriously intense practices jumping hurdles, running and what not, which is a big change from what we did last year".

Another big change is the roster. This year's team consists of 11 first year players to go along with 4 returnees. Despite all the change, team chemistry hasn't been an issue so far according to Ponsiglione, "He understands we're all kind of new in some sense to not only the sport, but to each other and he's been able to make us connect well and the confidence as a team is growing".

The Lady Dolphins Volleyball team will return to action at home Thursday September 15th at 7:30, followed by a CUNY conference trip to matchup with Baruch on Tuesday the 20th, and finally a return trip home the 27th for another CUNY matchup against CCNY.



Lady Dolpohin's Volleyball defeated John Jay 3-1 for their first win of the year.

## CSI Women's Soccer Suffers First Loss to NJCU, 5-2

**EDNITA LORENZO**

Womens soccer looses to NJSU, 5-2  
The CSI Women's soccer team underwent their first lost to New Jersey City University on September 13th. The Dolphins justify their loss by claiming that they are paying critical attention to the low points of that intense game and making note not to repeat it.

If all goes well with the Lady Dolphins, that ECAC bid can be inching closer to their goal.

The team started off with a 3-1 overall record and 1-0 in CUNY. The Lady Dolphins have put in a total of 18 goals in 4 games and still have plenty of soccer left to play.

Under the coaching staff of head coach John Guagliardo and his assistant Melissa Neglia, CSI has much to work with this season, carrying 23 on the roster for the first time and showcasing a multitude of talent.

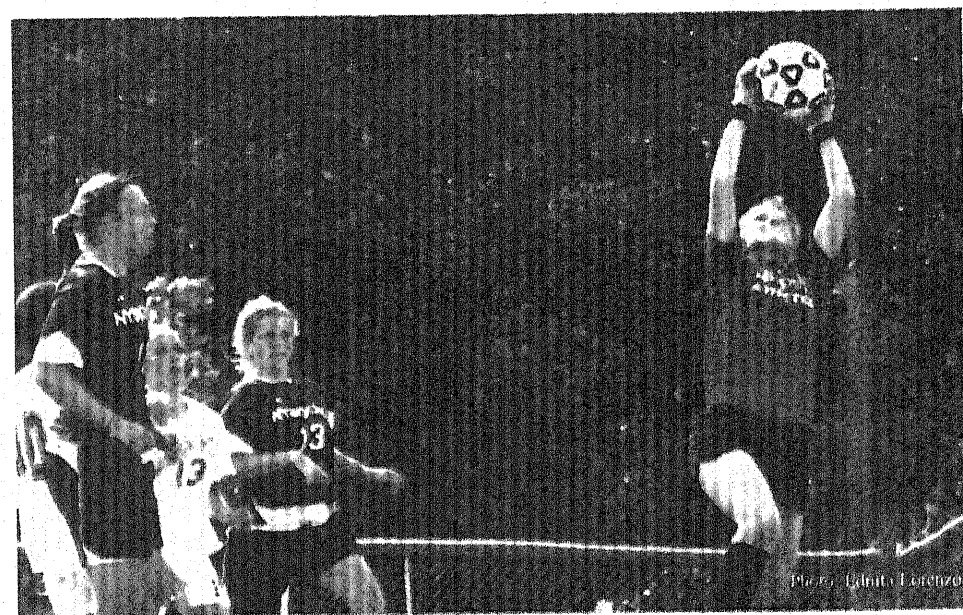
With power forwards Natalie Tombasco and Demi-Jean Martorano leading in goals, the team had no shame in aiming for the net. Along with Captain Lauren Neglia, the rotation of players in the midfield had lead to danger for their opponents and caused some serious damage.

Holding down the backline, Amanda Percaccio and Nicole Quattocchi were in sync with each other to make sure the keeper had close to nothing heading her way.

Unfortunately, starting goal keeper, Victoria Donegan was out recovering from surgery but quick thinking Guarigliado had managed to find some hot hands.

This season sees Valerie Incontrera in between the pipes. She had already established her first shutout against York College and was looking to keep out anything going her way.

The Dolphins were stacked up and down the field. By that time several fresh faces were more than comfortable with the



New Jersey City University hands Lady Dolphin's soccer team their first loss of the season on September 13th

Dolphins playing methods. Freshmen Samantha Wysokowski, Melissa Gelardi, Gabriela Galeano and Alyssa Colasurdo made impact to keep the Dolphins on top of their game.

Despite their loss, the team will be setting its sights on an ECAC bid once again, the second of its eight season career.

While the Dolphins are in action away for until September 19th, you can always catch the live action on the CSI Athletics website, [www.csidolphins.com](http://www.csidolphins.com). Check for complete schedules, game scores and anything new on the Women's soccer team and all other sports team.