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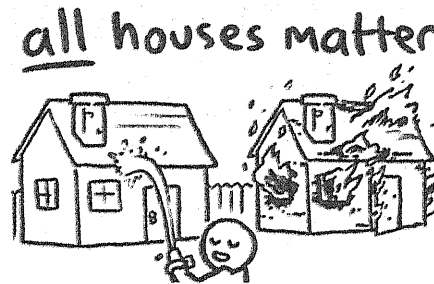
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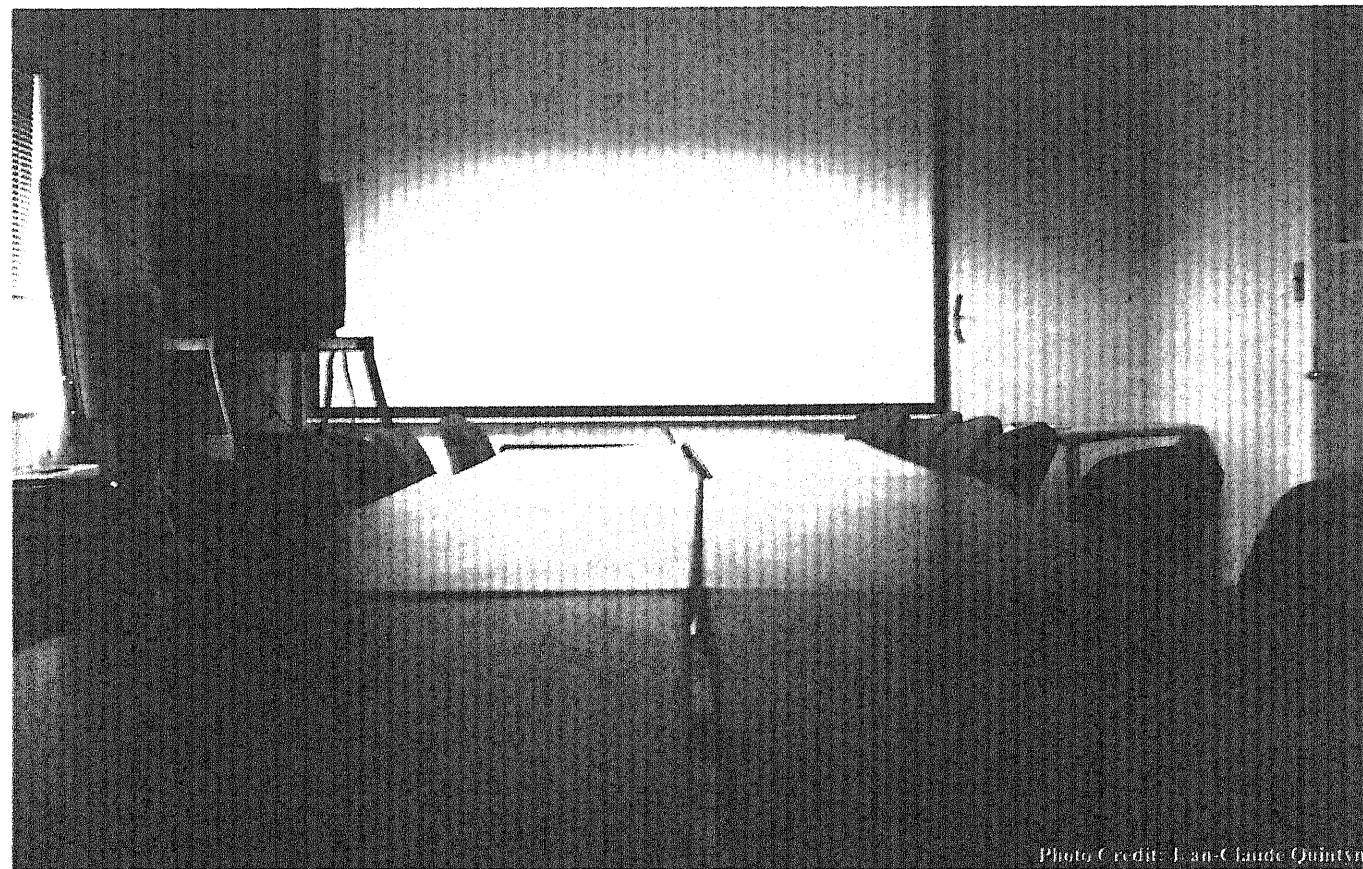


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Student Government is no stranger to controversy, as the election process was also investigated last year

### BY CLIFFORD MICHEL

CSI President William Fritz has rejected the results of last May's Student Government elections due to multiple complaints of candidates using illegal campaign methods, leaving students unrepresented and high-profile campus organizations unfunded.

President Fritz decided to throw out the election results from last May after listening to recommendations from the Student Election Review Committee (SERC).

Those involved with Student Government said that the decision didn't come easy.

"I think it's become very complex, there were a lot of issues that need to be looked at, and in the president's consultation," said Carol Brower, Director of Student Life. "He felt the complexities and unique issues weren't able to be resolved without the redoing of the entire elections."

SERC's creation was mandated by the CUNY Board of Trustees and all members are disassociated with Student Government.

*"It seems to be that the past two years there have been more complaints than we've ever had."*

SERC has decided to hold a completely new election for Student Government in September, allowing new members to run. The nomination period will happen over the course of a week in order to expedite the process, because of the weight and power Student Government has on campus.

Candidates for SG were accused of bringing laptops directly to students across campus, including the college's dorms, so potential voters could type in their SLAS information and vote for them on the spot, two sources told *The Banner*.

The Campus Activities Board (CAB), which regularly commands a budget of roughly \$200,000, is one of the largest casu-

alties of Student Government's recent scandal: the organization, which funds dozens of events every year, has no budget.

CAB typically hosts outdoor movie screenings, involvement fairs, performances in 1C, and the spring carnival. The organization is also popular among students for giving discounted tickets to Broadway shows, major sporting events, the Bronx Zoo, and amusement parks for sometimes less than \$20.

CAB also provides refreshments and funding for events and lecture series sponsored by professors at CSI.

"CAB puts on countless events on campus for students to enjoy," said RJ Mohamad, former CAB chairman. "It's ridiculous, but I'm not surprised...without funding we can't do anything for the student body."

Student Government didn't approve CAB's budget during the last academic school year, but the organization was ex-

## CSI Receives Funds to Build New Soccer Field

*CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER*

### CLIFFORD MICHEL

With funds from the New York City Council's Staten Island delegation, CSI plans to renovate its soccer field.

The plan was announced in late July at a press conference in the St. George Ferry Terminal. In attendance was City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, Councilwoman Debi Rose (Democrat, North Shore), Steven Matteo (Republican, Mid-Island), community leaders, and CSI President William Fritz.

Construction for the soccer field is anticipated to begin in early November, at the end of the soccer season and is slated to be completed before the fall 2016-17 academic year.

CSI's soccer field is currently over a decade old and features a section of metal bleachers and a beat-up fence.

Men's soccer coach John Tardy told *The Banner* that the replacement of the entire field was a pleasant surprise for him, that he had been seeking this change as coach since he started coaching at CSI three years ago.

"The athletics department talked to us, originally, about just doing the light, the fence, and the bleachers," Tardy said. "But now it looks like the entire field will be redone as well so we're really excited about it."

Tardy said that the construction of Dolphin Cove, which houses more than 400 students on campus, was a big motivator for him to push administration and athletics for a new field because he saw the potential for a larger fan base.

"It's a big attraction and can make people come out and watch us play and build more

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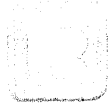
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## A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Another year at The Banner has begun and we are excited to bring the campus relevant news to the ever-changing life here at CSI, as well as what's going on in our homes and around the world.

In the last year, we've seen friends that we've worked and created great relationships with graduate, which has changed both the look and the voice of The Banner. But what hasn't changed is our will and passion to continue holding ourselves to the highest standards.

Our new and rapidly growing staff brought you the latest in a year filled with protests focused on civil rights and police brutality, which were driven by students, stories that shed light on new higher-education initiatives such as TEDx CUNY, and a push to draw back the curtain on what student government does with our funds.

Stories on making college life easier manifested themselves in the mold of our Politics, Arts & Entertainment, Lifestyles, Opinions, and Sex and the Island sections, as well.

Last semester, you trusted me with bringing the highest quality CSI centered news as possible, and with your and my wonderful staff's support, The Banner matched its previous year's record of publishing eighteen issues, the most The Banner has published in a single academic year.

This new semester, sharing the title of Editor In Chief with me is Diana Porcelli, a fierce presence who was previously our Lifestyles editor, a dear friend, and has been a staff member with me since I joined the paper in fall 2012. She is excited to bring The Banner to uncharted territory, and I am overjoyed to have her at my side.

As a new group of students join the CSI community, it is important to note that simply having a degree is not enough to assure future employment.

The basic requirements of what it takes to land a job has changed drastically since I entered college. Institutions and organizations are looking for candidates who have a

college experience that mirrors that of ten-year veterans, with the culture adopting a mindset of not what internships you've had, but how many.

Here at The Banner, staff members work tirelessly to put together a portfolio of clips and photos and refine skills that build their professional portfolio.

There's a rich environment in which staff members are available to incorporate the best of each of their interests and backgrounds to introduce and teach new things to one another. And over time, this resulted in The Banner transforming from a collection of students, to a family that has stuck together throughout the years.

We look forward to serving the campus community and would like to wish everyone a challenging and successful new year.

Yours,  
Jéan-Claude Quintyne  
Diana Porcelli  
Editors In Chief



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# BANNER POLITICS

## Socialists, Dynastic Candidates, and Longshots, Oh My!

### Complete Rundown of 2016 Democratic Field

BY CLIFFORD MICHEL

While the bombastic Donald Trump has been eating up airtime and column inches from the 16 other Republicans running, it may be hard to remember that there's also a field of candidates running for the Democratic party.



**Bernie Sanders, Independent Vermont Senator**

Bernie Sanders is an unabashed liberal filling in the political void left by Elizabeth Warren's unrealized presidential campaign, orchestrated by grassroots organizers on the left.

Sanders describes himself as a democratic socialist and he regularly caucuses with Democrats. Previously he served as the Mayor of Burlington in Vermont, a Congressman, and finally as a Senator, a position he still holds now.

He is currently on several committee assignments for the U.S. Senate: Committee on the Budget (where he is the ranking member), Committee on Environment and Public Works, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Sanders has taken on the bully pulpit on progressive issues and has spoken extensively on income inequality, universal healthcare, parental leave, climate change, and LGBT rights.

On the campaign trail, Sanders has spoken about raising the minimum wage, expanding Social Security benefits, making public college tuition free, and several other extremely liberal issues.

The Vermont Senator announced his pursuit of the presidency on May 26 and has taken a few steps to distinguish himself from other candidates.

Most pointedly is the fact that Sanders has not pursued the creation of a Super PAC to support his run (Super PACs are independent of campaigns and are not subject to campaign finance laws; every other candidate in the 2016 race has one).

While Sanders is still perceived as an underdog against the might of Hillary Clinton's campaign, he is no longer considered a long shot for the Democratic Party's nomination.

Sanders has been drawing huge crowds in early voting states and has, remarkably passed Clinton in the New Hampshire polls.

One of the most important issues to look out for in Sanders' pursuit of the presidency is if he will win the support of the labor unions.

The AFL-CIO, the national umbrella organization for the majority of the unions in the United States, usually backs establishment candidates who have a clear path to victory.

But there has been dissent and excitement on the local and state levels for Sanders' campaign, leading AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka to release a memo noting that local unions cannot "endorse a presidential candidate" or "introduce, consider, debate, or pass resolutions or statements that indicate a preference for one candidate over another."



**Hillary Clinton, former Secretary of State and New York Senator**

Hillary Clinton formally launched herself into the 2016 race in April and was almost immediately crowned the front runner.

The former Secretary of State showed signs of adopting liberal tendencies in her conversations as she compared CEO pay to worker pay and criticized hedge fund managers.

"There's something wrong where CEOs make 300 times the typical worker, there's something wrong when American workers keep getting more productive," Clinton told students and educators.

While her policy positions are far from set in stone, Clinton's patterns thus far show that the long-time politician will slowly unroll her positions and plans for the future if elected.

Thus far, Clinton has announced her position on criminal justice reform.

"There is something wrong when a third of all black men face the prospect of prison in their lifetimes, and an estimated 1.5 million black men are missing from their families and communities because of incarceration and premature death," said Clinton.

In her first step away from the direction of the Obama administration she advocated for the use of body cameras.

She said that cameras should be "the norm everywhere" and that "this is a common-sense step."

Clinton has also voiced support for addressing income inequality, voting rights, universal pre-kindergarten, and the tax code.

The impending result will likely push Clinton to the left on certain issues to maintain a liberal base that has been itching for another candidate, especially as Senator Bernie Sanders recently surpassed Clinton in the New Hampshire polls.

Clinton, after 25 years in the public spotlight, also has to deal with personal demons that have stuck around over time: the view that she doesn't understand middle and working class Americans.

Widespread belief among voters, and her need to change their opinions of her, can be seen in her 2008 and 2016 campaign launch videos. (In 2008, she made the announcement from her mansion.)

The recent controversy with Clinton using a private server and email address during her days as Secretary of State draws on a long-held belief about the Clintons—that they believe they are above the system.

This caused TIME to publish a cover with Clinton sporting two devilish horns in silhouette, with the title: "The Clinton Way."

The email controversy has refused to die down and opponents will likely draw on it later on as the race heats up.

On foreign policy, the G.O.P. has much to draw from Clinton's time during the Obama presidency. Everything from the Benghazi controversy to drone strikes is on the table.



**Martin O'Malley, former Governor of Maryland**

Martin O'Malley's pitch for the presidency goes something like this: I'm a liberal, but I'm no Sanders. I'm a manager, but I'm no Clinton.

Using his executive experience as Governor, where he achieved a few liberal successes, O'Malley is straddling the line between realistic and idealistic.

O'Malley strongly supported gun control in Maryland as well as criminal justice reform (he closed an abusive maximum-security facility) and same-sex marriage.

He has been extremely outspoken on im-

migration policy, calling illegal immigrants "new Americans." He also signed into law a bill that allowed the children of undocumented immigrants to receive financial aid for college.



**Lawrence Lessig, Harvard Law School Professor**

Lawrence Lessig is literally running on one policy point: campaign finance reform. He calls it a "referendum presidency."

His ideal presidency would only last a day because he wishes to pass his proposed piece of legislation, the Citizens Equality Act of 2017.

The bill would make Election Day a national holiday (to make it easier for people to go and vote), register individuals to vote at birth, discontinue gerrymandering of congressional districts, and give voters \$50 vouchers to incentivize individual donations over special interests.

The proposed bill does not address the impact of Super PACs or the Supreme Court ruling of Citizens United.

If Lessig were to get this bill passed, he said he would sign it into law and resign from office, passing the baton to his Vice President of choice.

"We have an issue with basic corruption that the vast majority of Americans would vote to reform, but which it's almost impossible to imagine Congress actually addressing," Lessig told Rolling Stone.

"You have an election where you're getting two for the price of one. You're getting the reformer—the person who makes it possible for the next president to actually accomplish something. Then you have a president who gets to enjoy all the benefits of a reformed system."

Lessig has said his Vice President "might" be Clinton or Sanders.

Lessig has never danced with elected office before, but he did create the Mayday Super PAC, the Super PAC to end all Super PACs.

Mayday, with \$10 million in funds, was crowd-funded and financed eight campaigns in 2014, but lost six of those eight races.

Lessig has said he will run if he raises \$1 million by Labor Day.

# CUNY Launches Med School

School Plans to Focus on Black and Latino Students

BY CLIFFORD MICHEL

CUNY announced the accreditation of the CUNY School of Medicine, a medical school to be located in City College's Harlem campus. The new medical school aims to increase diversity among doctors and train physicians for underserved communities across New York State.

The School of Medicine will launch its inaugural class in fall 2016 with 70 students. The medical school will be partnering with in St. Barnabas Health System in the South Bronx. The School is also expected to provide its students with earlier clinical experiences through a curriculum incorporating coursework and experiential learning alongside medical training.

State legislators and CUNY officials announced the school's accreditation in mid-July, focusing on the potential of training a generation of physicians that serve lower income neighborhoods.

"This action increases employment, research and learning opportunities for students and faculty members at CUNY School of Medicine in Harlem and will help our next generation of healthcare workers serve communities across New York State," said Governor Andrew Cuomo in late July. "This new school is another step toward making medical care more accessible for all New Yorkers."

CUNY Chancellor James B. Milliken followed suit, saying that a medical school under CUNY's umbrella was a natural outgrowth of demands of the healthcare industry in New York.

"We thank Governor Cuomo and state and city leaders for their support of CUNY's historic commitment of access to high quality healthcare education for underrepresented constituencies in New York," CUNY Chancellor James B. Milliken said. "The new medical school is a logical and necessary expansion [for] the college."

Word about CUNY's medical school have travelled through the tight-knit community of biology majors at the College of Staten Island, sparking hope for many students who may have viewed med school as a long shot.

Pablo Llerena, a junior biology major on the pre-med track, said he shared many students excitement about the medical school's launch.

Llerena, who assists Professor Sebastien Pojet with research on transmembrane proteins, said that he has faith that the medical

# CUNY, SUNY Unions Push Cuomo to Cover Costs

Emphasis on Bill Passed in State Legislature

BY CLIFFORD MICHEL

CUNY and SUNY faculty unions called on Governor Andrew Cuomo to sign a "Maintenance of Effort" piece of legislation on July 22 at Baruch College that would require the state to cover all mandatory costs to New York's public universities.

The bill, S.281a/A.5370a, would require the state to fund New York's two public university systems by paying for annual cost increases for utilities, rent, supplies and equipment, collective bargaining, and other expenses.

The State Assembly hasn't sent the bill to Cuomo, but he can request it.

State lawmakers and faculty union leaders said that tuition increase should go to funding smaller classes, hiring additional faculty, and creating more supportive services.

"This is a real chance for our governor to...make New York not just sufficient or just barely holding on in public higher education but a leader," said Barbara Bowen, president of CUNY's Professional Staff Congress, a union representing 27,000 faculty and staffers at the university.

Cuts in state funding to CUNY and SUNY campuses have forced campuses to cover costs through tuition hikes. The two public university systems have suffered a total of \$1.5 billion in cuts since 2008.

Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick, the Assembly sponsor of the bill, said that supporters of the bill have sent a letter to Cuomo asking him to sign the bill but have yet to hear a response.

"We've written a letter explaining we know the governor is committed to education...and we haven't heard back," said Glick.

school can help bridge an achievement gap for minority students.

"It's very exciting, I think it's going to give more people opportunities to follow their dreams," said Llerena. "It's also good for society as well, we're lacking in primary care physicians and CUNY's medical school

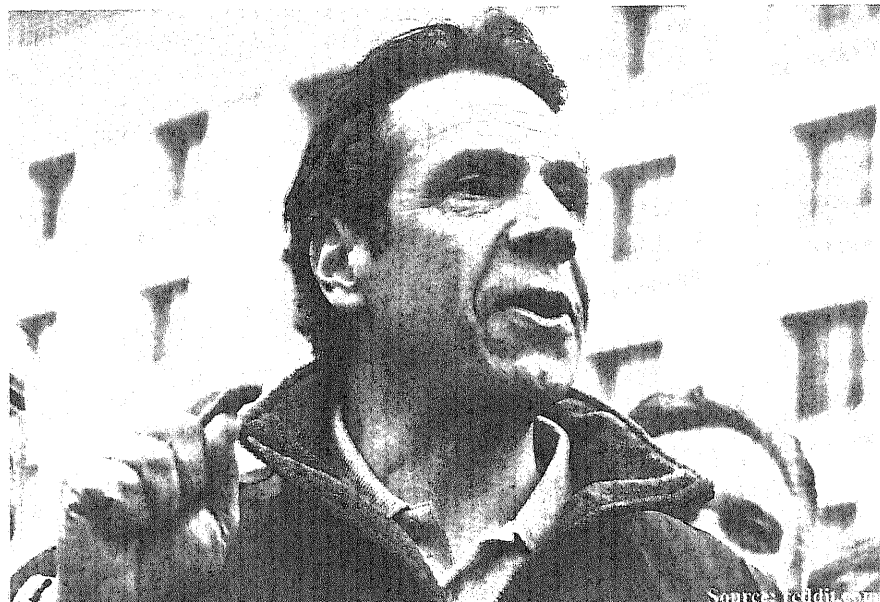
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can help supply that."

"We're underprivileged and definitely underrepresented in the community," Llerena continued. "I feel like the medical school can give us the resources we need."

According to a 2013 Kaiser Family Foundation study, New York State is meeting only 40 percent of its primary care needs, one of the lowest rates in the country.

The Liaison Committee on Medical Edu-



Source: reddit.com

"The only thing we want to hear back is that the bill was signed. And I'd be happy to be with him at a bill signing."

Tuition has been steadily rising at CUNY and SUNY over the past four years due to the NYSUNY2020 law, which requires a \$300 increase in tuition every year to improve education at the universities. Instead, advocates argue, the rise in tuition went towards maintenance costs at public campuses.

"By the time the NYSUNY2020 law expires next year, tuition will have gone up 58 percent at CUNY and 42 percent at SUNY. The State promised not to use those big tuition hikes to plug budget shortfalls, but that promise was not kept," said Sherrod Staton, a Borough of Manhattan Community College student who sits on NYPIRG's Board of Directors. "Many costs were not covered and stagnant State support did not keep up with cost inflation. We are here today to urge the governor to turn the State's rhetoric into reality by really maintaining support for higher education."

education, an accreditor of medical education recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, approved the new school on June 10 giving it "Accredited - Preliminary Status" following a review of its academic program, teaching facilities and clinical partnership.

The school is conducting a campaign un-

derway to raise \$20 million in interest-free loans for its students.

The CUNY School of Medicine at City College will be using the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education's facilities. Sophie Davies has long been recognized as a pioneer of the CUNY system for its focus on patient-centered, culturally sensitive approach.

Sophie Davis is also recognized for preparing underrepresented minorities for med-

Students at the College of Staten Island already faced higher tuition rates because of the college's large campus. While many students aren't focused on the politics in Albany, several said they supported any measure that puts their tuition dollars towards student services.

"It's really not fair and really annoying. You pay your tuition and realize it's going to all these random mundane projects," said Tijani Beck, a sophomore history major at CSI. "Anything that goes towards us, the students, I'm for that."

The effort to pass the piece of legislation also marks the latest chapter in CUNY-PSC's efforts to force city, state, and CUNY officials to sign a new collective bargaining contract for professors at the university. CUNY-PSC has been without a contract since 2010.

Representatives from the New York Public Interest Research Group, CUNY's University Student Senate, and various labor organizations, such as the AFL-CIO, were also in attendance.

ical practice. After five years of education at the Sophie Davis School, students traditionally transferred to fully accredited medical schools for the last two years of clinical education.

The majority of Sophie Davis graduates are licensed to practice medicine in New York State, many in primary care, with most serving in physician shortage areas or serving a patient base that is underserved.

CUNY was faced with the decision of either closing its medical education program or fully developing Sophie Davis due to an increased demand for transfer slots.

About 43 percent of the students graduating from the Sophie Davis School have been black or Latino.

In comparison, blacks comprise 6 percent of the nation's medical school graduates and Latinos are 5 percent of the nation's medical school graduates, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges.

## "SG Elections Ruled Null and Void" Continued from Front Page

pecting to get their budget approved by the newly elected Student Government over the summer.

Now, CAB is currently trying to cobble together a handful of events without any money.

WSIA, the college's student-run radio station, has also been left unfunded. The station currently cannot purchase office supplies or go forward with a joint project with CSI to convert to fiber optics.

The radio station will likely be unable to

attend the CMJ convention, a trip taken by college radio stations across the country.

"Without a budget we're more or less frozen," said Laura Parnizari-Maraio, WSIA's general manager.

There are a large number of clubs (around 40, according to CSI's website) that also receive funding from Student Government. *The Banner* attempted to contact these clubs, but ranking members didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

Last year the Student Government's election process was also investigated, but the election results were ultimately upheld.

In interviews with several former members of Student Government, who requested anonymity due to the nature of their comments, a culture of intense power brokering and hostility came to light.

Sources told *The Banner* about heated debates about whether CAB should be fully controlled by Student Government. The sources also spoke about infighting between members concerning a trip to Ireland members provided funding for and attended themselves as well as another incident where a member yelled at Vice President for Student Affairs Ramona Brown.

"There's an unfortunate environment that has been created over the past few years," said Donald Hudec, CSI's Student Government Coordinator.

"It seems to be that the past two years that there have been more complaints than we've ever had."

NOTE: RJ Mohammad served in Student Government last year while he also served as a member of the Campus Activities Board. Mohammad also ran to be President of CSI's Student Government last year and currently still serves in CAB.

## Affordable Tuition Gives CSI "Best Value" Title

Forbes Nods College's Best Bang-for-Buck Rates

BY VICTORIA PRIOLA

Nearly six in 10 full-time undergraduate students at CSI graduate debt-free, earning the college the "Best Value School" title.

This stems from the price of financial aid and the Macaulay Honors program offered at the school.

The program not only gives those who qualify free tuition, but a complimentary laptop and over \$7,000 in grants.

Students who do not qualify for financial aid miss out on opportunities for on-campus internships and jobs.

A work-study option is offered to students who need assistance paying tuition, finding jobs, and building work skills.

One recent example of this is comes with the "30,000 Degrees in 2025" initiative, currently in the works and involves CSI, Wagner, and St. John's.

According to the CSI website, the program focuses on increasing the amount of

college graduates by the year 2025 and creating The Staten Island Educational Partnership.

If potential participants do not qualify for FAFSA, this opportunity is not available to them.

CSI is currently the 154th best college in the northeast, and 433rd in the nation according to Forbes magazine. Wagner College came in 113th for the northeast and St. John's ranked 484th in the nation.

Still, CSI has one of the lowest tuition prices and highest graduation rate compared to its CUNY counterparts. According to the Staten Island Advance, students who receive no financial assistance pay roughly \$7,500 a year.

St. John's has followed CSI's lead and cut their tuition for all full-time students by \$10,000 to make college more affordable.

The tuition will cost \$27,500, and will take effect this academic year.

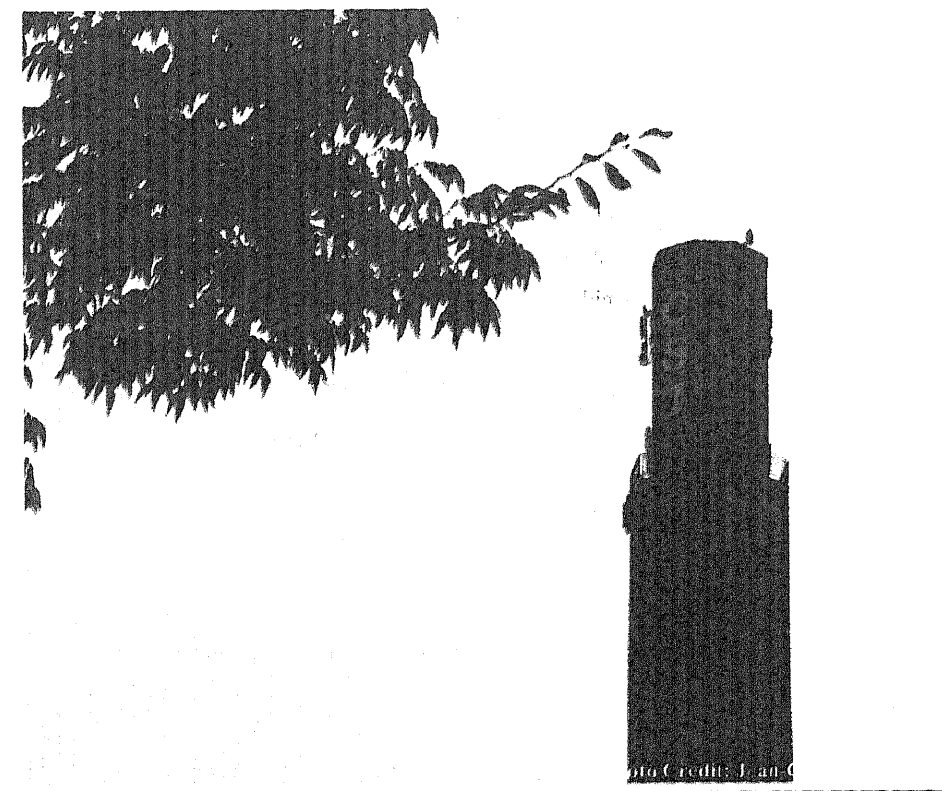


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## "CSI Building New Soccer Field" Continued from Front Page

of a fan base. It's a great way of getting the community out as well," the coach said.

"We have a bunch of other soccer teams that use our field, so being able to have them there for games now when they're not in school will be great."

While underlining the impact the new field could have on the college community, Tardy underscored that the most excited members of the CSI community are the 44 players on the Men's and Women's soccer



roster.

"I know the seniors are pretty bummed out that they're not going to get to play on it. But our underclassmen are really pumped up and really excited about it," said Tardy. "It's going to be a great tool and it shows us the improvement of the program overall."

Every year members of the New York City Council each receive \$400,000 in discretionary funding to dole out to community organizations in their district and borough.

The Council's Staten Island delegation is made up of two members this year (Coun-

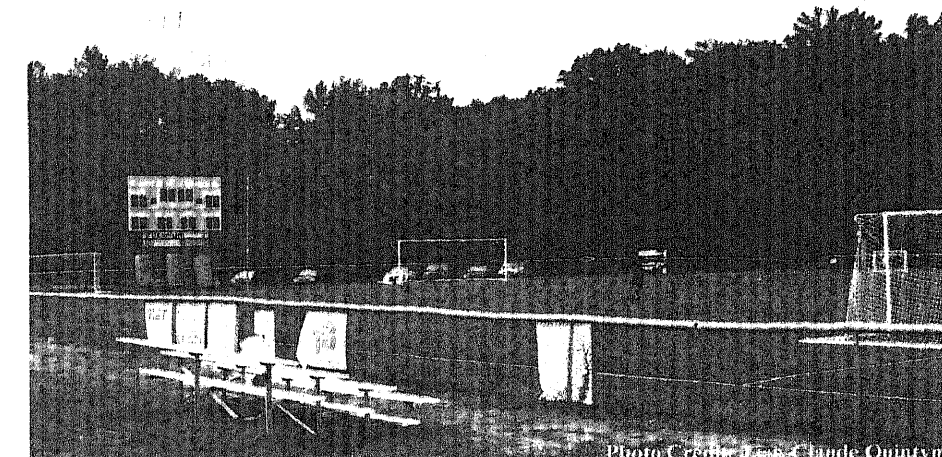


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cilmember Vincent Ignizio stepped down to work with a Catholic nonprofit).

Usually the delegation funds one project a year at CSI, such as last year when they provided funds for a new screening room for the media culture department.

Besides \$20,000 going directly to a study mandated by City Hall, it is unclear how much of the \$30,500 in expense funding and the \$225,000 in capital funding CSI will be allocating the complete renovation of the soccer field.

Officials from the athletics department and CSI's Office of Communication didn't

immediately return a request for comment.

When discussing his goals for the upcoming season, Coach Tardy didn't shy away from setting the bar as high as possible.

"As far as our goals go this season, we're looking to win a CUNYAC title," Tardy bluntly expressed. "Like we did last year when we won the regular season, make sure we win the regular season again."

The Lady Dolphins will start at home on September 1 as they face off against NJ City University, while the Men's soccer squad will begin on the road at Purchase College on September 2.

# BANNER LIFESTYLES

## Bralettes Taking Over Lingerie Scene

*New Collection Swaps Comfort for Bras*

BY VICTORIA PRIOLA

Victoria's Secret is one of the latest companies to include bralettes in their Body by Victoria collection.

To welcome the new line, VS recruited an entire new team of angels: Kate Grigorieva, Taylor Hill, Elsa Hosk, Martha Hunt, Jac Jagaciak, Stella Maxwell, Lais Ribeiro, Sara Sampaio, Romee Strijd, and Jasmine Tookes joined the VS team to display the comfort and flexibility of the trending undergarment of 2015, the bralette.

While they may remind you of bandeaus, who had their glory days in summer 2013, there are minor differences that tell the two garments apart.

Bandeaus are commonly strapless but like bralettes, the structure of bandeaus have recently included spaghetti straps.

To differentiate the two, bralettes have thicker straps. Bandeaus also give extra coverage in the middle bust area where bralettes lack.

Bralettes resemble low cut sports bras. Sports bras are structured as activewear so the spandex and nylon of the sports bra is made to be tighter and more sweat absorbent. Bralettes are made with cotton and lace which gives it a lighter and looser feel.

The Lounge bralette from VS is described on their official website as "The cutest and comfiest way to do downtime. A su-



On days it's too hot to wear a sweater and too cold to wear a bra, bralettes will give you comfort and the confidence you need

per soft bralette with pretty ruching between the cups."

Most bralettes are underlined for coverage and include wireless cups. Bralettes are typically for a bust size of 30A to 38C, according to Wordpress blogger BraFitAdventure.

Bare Necessities have a line of bralettes that go up to size 44C.

The cheapest they go for in that size is \$15 from Bare Necessities. Aerie and American Eagle sell sizes from small to extra large

for \$19.95 each.

This undergarment will run you \$40.

The bralette structure was commonly seen in 2015 swimsuit collections from stores such as Tillys and American Apparel. They come with removable cups and have cut outs in the chest area.

Stars like Nicole Richie and Kylie Jenner have taken to Instagram to prove that wearing bralettes as a shirt is socially acceptable.

While that may be okay in the life of luxury, the lack of padding doesn't mix well

with the occasional, but present, summer breeze. If you want to avoid cutting glass, wear a shirt or jacket over your bralette.

If you're feeling brave and want to take the plunge, wearing a bralette with high waisted shorts or maxi skirt makes for a great beach outfit.

Free People has a bra that is meant to be worn over clothing called the Pyramid Harness. It's a \$12 bra for your bra, in the simplest terms.

Bralettes are going to become popular as the summer transitions into fall. On those days where it's too hot to wear an undershirt with a sweater and too cold to wear just a bra, bralettes will give you the comfort and the confidence of knowing that you are dressed for the weather.

"You feel cute without being uncomfortable and sexy without trying to make your girls something they're not with a mound of padding," said Kelsey Manning as told in a post from The Gloss.

"I don't want to make them feel like they're not enough for me."

If you're a fan of the wired bra, fear not. By the looks of it, this trend will not overshadow what has been a classic choice of undergarment to the millennial generation.

You should, however, treat yourself to an experience in a bralette.

Your girls will thank you later.

## New Trend Wrapping Up Weight Loss

*Detox Wraps Taking Over ItWorks! Market*

BY LOREN TRAPANESE

Whether it be diet pills or the "Hottest!" juice cleanse, there's always something new in the fitness world that helps people easily lose weight.

ItWorks! released a new product that has both women and men literally wrapped up in their new "bods."

Wrapping a non-woven cloth made with plant-based ingredients around your trouble spots is new way in which you can reach your weight loss goal.

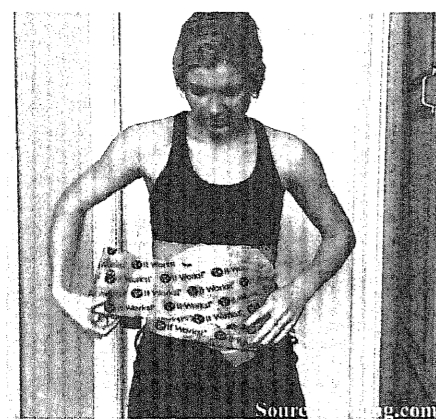
"When you put the wrap on it makes you feel cool and tingly, it feels like it's working," said Amanda Trapanese, a frequent wrap user.

"When I take it off the effects are clear and I can definitely say I feel great."

The wraps, also referred to as applicators, come in a box of four and they tighten, tone, and firm your skin. They also minimize cellulite and improve skin texture.

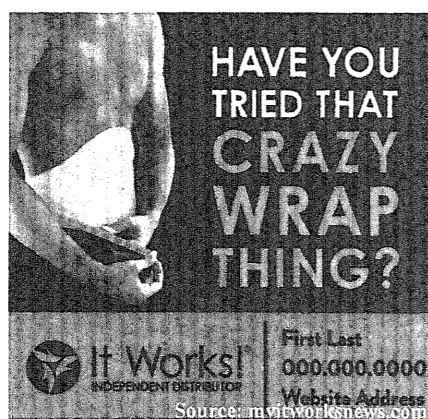
You can use them on any part of your body to give a little confidence boost: Buttocks, sides, arms, neck, abdomen, legs, and back.

First-time users are instructed to leave the wrap on for 45 minutes to test the skin's sensitivity to the lotion and after that, repeat the process every 72 hours.



When the applicator is used, any plastic wrap, like saran wrap, can keep it in place. The "Fab Wrap," which can also be ordered, keeps them in place for the duration of usage.

"I am so happy with the results from using the wraps," said Nicole from Long Island. "I lost inches around my waist after



only three wraps."

It may sound bizarre to wrap yourself in a cloth lathered in detoxifying ingredients but it surprisingly does the job.

I decided to give this new fad a try because any product that helps you lose weight is worth trying.

Standing there smelling like mint leaf with the wrap tightly hugging my abdomen, I felt the tingly feeling working its magic and got pretty anxious to see the results.

By the time the box was empty, I noticed that my stomach looked better.

After the difference I saw on my stomach, I definitely wanted to use the wraps elsewhere.

The Ultimate Body Applicator, which is the box of four wraps, costs \$59—that's without defining gel and the Fab Wrap. The defining gel is \$45 and that is used twice a day, between applying the wraps.

Lastly, the Fab Wrap, which helps to keep the applicators in place, is \$5. So, in total, you're looking at a \$108 deal.

The price isn't too shabby for a weight-loss product. It's all natural and gives effective results.

What do you have to lose? When something is good for you and makes you feel good, it's a win-win.

ItWorks! sells a multitude of products for both men and women looking for an alternative way to give their bodies a quick lift as well as all-natural dietary supplements.

"I swear by using these wraps, they really do work," said David, a sales representative of ItWorks!. "You need to see the results for yourself and you'll agree."

# BANNER LIFESTYLES

## Highlights of Newest OSX and iOS

*El Capitan and iOS 9 Coming in September*

BY EMILY ZODA

With the hype of a new iPhone coming out on September 9, the first ever iOS public beta rolled out on July 9, along with the second Mac OSX beta, named El Capitan.

These betas are available through the Apple Beta Software Program that started last year with the Yosemite beta.

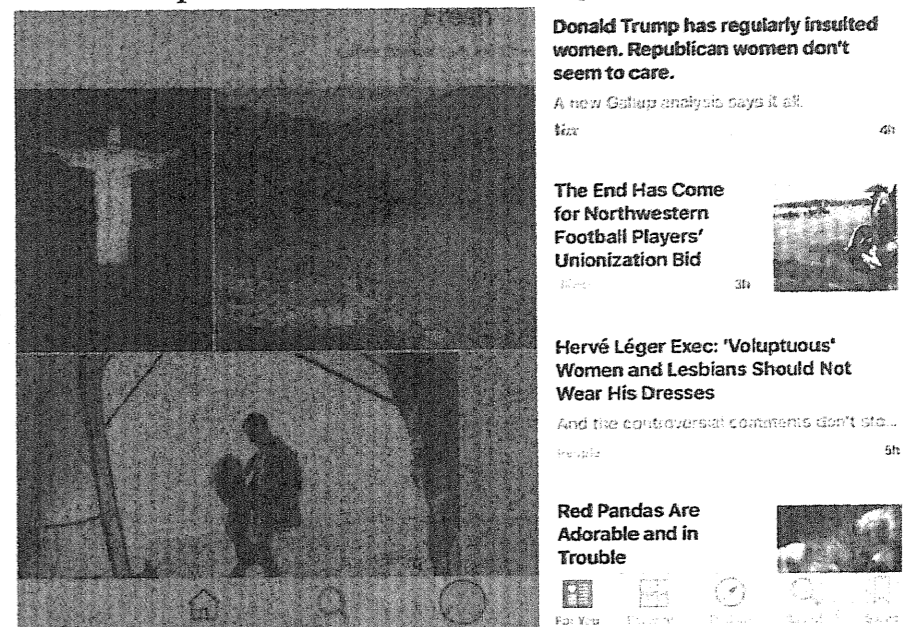
I downloaded El Capitan, which, if you're wondering, is named after a mountain, immediately after getting the email notification, but was reluctant to use my iPhone for beta testing keeping in mind that any and everything could go wrong.

But after hearing about the newly designed News app, replacing the Newsstand app, I had to get my hands on it.

Using my iPad mini to download the iOS, the process took no longer than 20 minutes. The first thing that got my attention was the new system font called San Francisco, giving an honorable nod to the motherland of tech.

The Spotlight search has been made more accessible by being stationed to the left of the home screen, similarly to the way Google Now is on pure Android devices like the Nexus. It displays the most recent apps you've visited and people you've contacted through Messages.

It can give you suggestions on places



While viewing another app a sidebar pulls out accessing other system apps, one of the newest features of iOS 9

to eat, movies to see, and news you might want to read, making the overall perception of Spotlight a lot more helpful than it's ever been before.

The News app is a simplistic answer to reading news in a hurry. It asks you what topics you like to read about and where you want to read from.

It then displays articles in a familiar newspaper format. It's everything you want to read, all on one page.

When you want to read the full arti-

cle it'll expand the story for you and when you're done, bring you back right to where you were browsing. If you're a news fiend like me, you'll enjoy it.

Another feature for iPad is a sidebar you can access by dragging your finger from the side of the screen to pull out a menu where you can open apps from—unfortunately, at least for the moment, these can only be system apps.

When I opened it, it displayed stories from News that I was able to read while in an-

other app. However, I couldn't scroll through both of them at the same time, rendering the feature a distraction from the initial app I'm currently in.

Switching to El Capitan felt a lot smoother when switching windows and apps. The font looks particularly nice on a larger screen.

I opened up Safari to do some web browsing and came across the pin feature, where you can keep a tab pinned in the browser and it'll be displayed as a little box on the side until it's needed again. In Yosemite if I had too many tabs open it would create a scrolling tab effect which threw off my workflow, so pinning tabs will be of great use.

The Notes app brought some more changes, too, being that lists can be made and adding pictures to it transforms it into a mini version of Pages. What's better about the app is that you can access notes across all your devices. A grocery checklist or an address from Maps is readily available for later or on the go.

Overall, the user interface is consistent when switching from Mac to iDevices, with important ones being the font and more-helpful-than-Siri Spotlight search.

If you get the notification for the iOS 9 or OSX update, it's safe to say it won't be a headache.

## Windows 10 Upgrade: Yay or Nay?

*New OS the Best of Windows 7, 8*

BY LUCIA ROSSI

Look out OSX, the new Windows 10 operating system is here, and it's free.

Microsoft released the OS upgrade, Windows 10, on July 29 and it created quite the buzz. Although there are major bugs that need fixing, Windows 10 is the perfect mix of the best of Windows 7 and 8.

If you're interested in trying it, download it soon because it's only going to be free for a year, after which it will cost \$110.

Windows 10 restored the start menu that Windows 8 ripped away. The start screen tiles still exist, but have been incorporated into the start menu.

On its left side are the power links and the right features the tiles which can be customized to your liking.

Continuum also makes its debut, which makes switching from desktop and tablet mode seamless for the people with PC's that have detachable keyboards. Tablet mode is nice if you like to take the full screen approach.

Windows 10 also has an Action Center. There is a square text icon in the bottom right corner of the screen that will open it and display notifications, like emails.

Cortana makes its way from Windows

multiplayer games. A new browser joins the update: Edge, formerly known as Project Spartan.

Some features are nifty, like the ability to annotate with keyboard, pen or finger, or being able to use reading mode, or having a reading list that is available offline, and being able to read PDF files—features definitely useful for students. And Cortana is built-in as well.

There are some unsavory things people have to deal with when it comes to Windows 10, like going through that long and treacherous installation.

My main issue came with the update causing my computer's drivers to not work properly. Every time I tried to watch a video, my laptop would either freeze, restart, or the video would go green.

To fix the issue, I downloaded a program called "Drive the Life" which helped solve the problem quickly.

Many tech enthusiasts are very bothered that Windows 10 still uses NTFS disk technology.

NTFS is the filing system that can erase data if your laptop suddenly crashed, leading to that long and excruciating recovery phase.

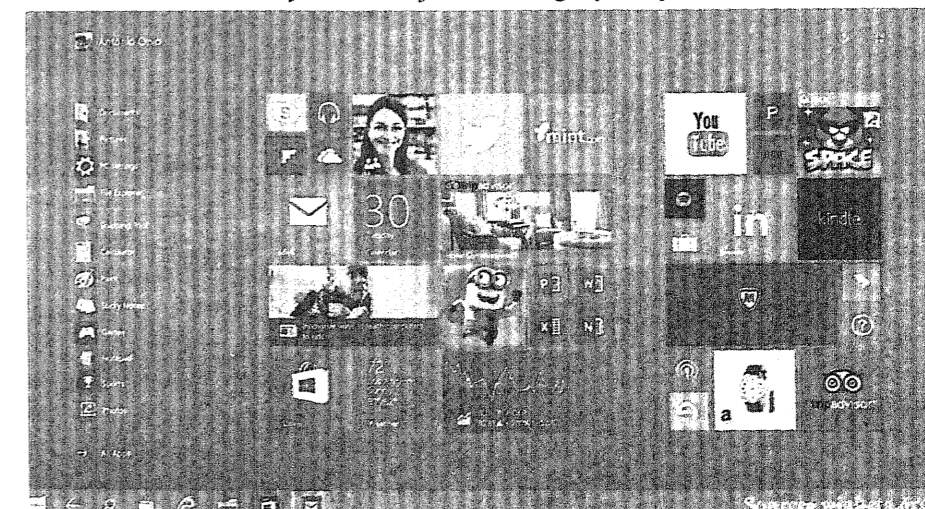
Some people are afraid that Windows 10 is actually "spyware" that misleads users so they can make more money and steal people's information.

Justin Hutson, a former SUNY student, says he dislikes "that they can store and track personal data [and] cookies."

Giving Microsoft the benefit of the doubt, Windows 10 just came out, so of course there will be bugs and other obstacles.

It may be irksome and tiring but we are in this trial period, that's why it's free. We are testing this and determining its value.

Despite its flaws, this operating system seems to be a promising tool for all students and tech users. It may even be catching up to Apple.



# BANNER ARTS

## To Kill A Writer's Integrity

"Watchman" Disappoints After Months of Wait

BY CLIFFORD MICHEL

The release of "Go Set a Watchman" was anticipated for months. Literary circles around the country were buzzing about Harper Lee's follow up to the classic American novel "To Kill a Mockingbird." Midnight releases and book parties were held at virtually every bookstore.

And while the novel sold 1.1 million copies in its first week alone, the praise and excitement abruptly ended. There were no musings as to whether the sequel would find its way into high school classes or become a timeless classic.

Instead critics and readers began to hone in closely to the stream of rumors that preceded the release.

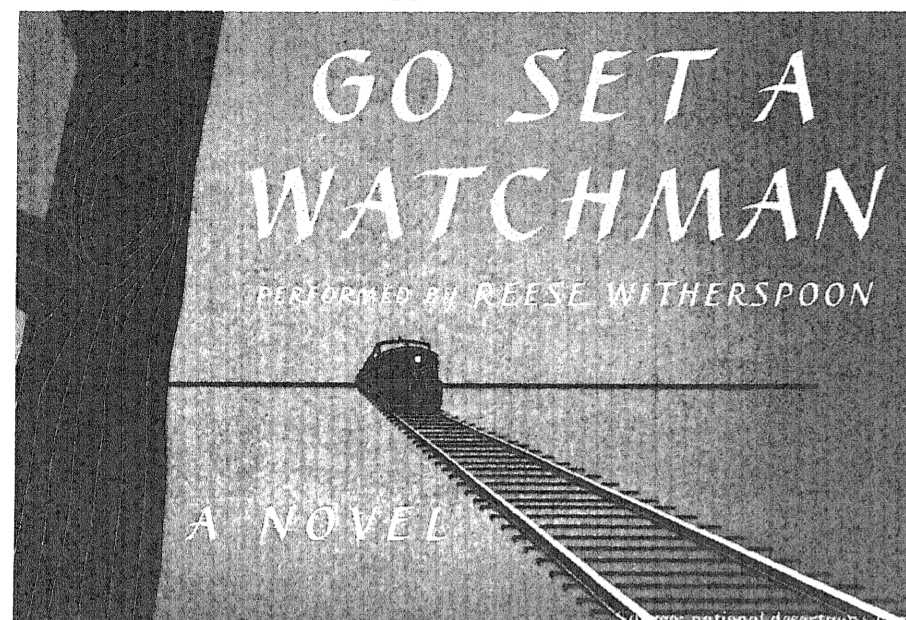
Chiefly amongst them was the idea Lee never wanted the novel published at all. In the past, on multiple occasions, Lee told media outlets that she didn't plan to write another novel.

A report from the New York Times speculated that Tonja Carter, her current caretaker and lawyer, may have found the manuscript for "Go Set a Watchman" in October 2011 while meeting with Lee's literary agent, Samuel Pinkus, in a bank.

"Ms. Carter was present in the safe-deposit room and, along with Mr. Caldwell and I read manuscript pages," Pinkus told the New York Times.

Carter has denied that she saw the manuscript at the time and "Watchman" publisher, HarperCollins, has stood by her side.

This conflicts with her official report that she found the manuscript in August 2014 and



the timing is also convenient as some have wondered if Lee's now deceased sister and then Carter, Alice Lee, would've allowed Carter to give the manuscript to publisher HarperCollins.

Lee is also partially deaf and blind and is also suffering from memory loss, leaving a sinking feeling in the stomach of every reader that Lee's closest aides may have taken advantage of her.

"Go Set a Watchman" reads like a very crude first draft and evidence seems to point to it: according to a notecard used by one of Lee's earliest agents, "Watchman" was the original title for "To Kill a Mockingbird."

The story portrays a much older and racist version of Atticus, a literary figure that has come to represent justice and racial progress in America. The reader is forced to accept that Atticus was always this way and the nov-

el, which is billed as a sequel to "Mockingbird," fails to provide sufficient reason for his racist views, besides a few scenes where he is depicted as bothered and annoyed at the state of the world.

It is a far cry from the just, level-headed Atticus many have grown to know and a sloppily transitioned version at that.

The book follows Jean-Louise, known primarily as Scout in "Mockingbird," as she rediscovers Maycomb, Alabama on a short visit.

She soon realizes the town's increased racial tension in the form of a White Citizens' Council, which the book describes as a watered down version of a Ku Klux Klan meeting.

The story culminates with Jean-Louise confronting those closest in her life about their racist beliefs. In all of these exchange-

es, Lee paints a portrait of an incompetent Jean-Louise, whose time in the city simply blinds her from seeing where others are coming from.

In exchange after exchange, Jean Louise is put down and even in her most in-depth confrontations, fails to make a coherent argument about race, and even voices some of her own concerns about it.

Her beloved Uncle Jack says that it's time to come home to the South to help change things and Jean-Louise tearfully embraces her father, thus making him a sympathetic figure.

In other words: she was wrong. Her racist family members? Well, that's just who they are.

The only redeemable quality of "Watchman" are the vivid flashbacks that tug on readers memories of "To Kill a Mockingbird." The flashbacks also have very relatable and charming coming-of-age quality to them as they explore Jean-Louise's adolescence through the eyes of a resistant tomboy.

"Watchman" essentially asks the reader to accept these retrograde beliefs on race and discrimination. All these inconsistencies compounded with clichéd writing force us to wonder if this book should've ever been published.

Walking and smiling past other excited readers all carrying the same novel was fun and inspiring; it made reading (what was perceived at the time of the release) good literature cool.

But be assured, "Watchman" is no classic. In fact, I believe if Lee were more able to do so, she'd be the first to criticize it.

## "Fantastic Four" is a Fantastic Flop

A Reboot that Should Not Exist

BY MATT MCKENNA

Fans were not sure what to expect after the release of the Fox-produced reboot of "Fantastic Four," and upon viewing were very disappointed.

The story was written poorly, the actors didn't seem enthusiastic, and character relationships were poorly developed. "Fantastic Four" isn't worth the price and audience members are better off seeing this on the internet, or not at all.

The movie follows a group of gifted young scientists trying to discover a new world in a new dimension. Reed Richards, played by Miles Teller, works with his best friend Ben Grimm, played by Jamie Bell, and other gifted young scientists to make a device that can teleport people from Earth to a planet in a different dimension. After testing the device, a horrible accident occurs that gives each of them unique powers.

The group is under government surveillance: Ben, now a rock monster, is tasked to go on several missions for the military, as well as Johnny Storm (Michael B. Jordan), while his sister Susan (Kate Mara) struggles



to control her powers.

This movie could have been done way better, even director Josh Trank believes so, expressing that its failure is Fox's fault.

The story's weakest points are in dialogue, progression, and character development. The lines spoken sounded random and not that relevant to the story.

The progression of how everyone got

their powers was awkward due to the time skips within the story. The characters really had no development because the only thing that changed for them was that they got powers.

The characters also didn't have any relationships with one another. The characters are like coworkers who pass by, say hello, and walk away. Even the siblings don't share

a bond until something they care for is taken away.

The villain is perhaps the worst created in the Marvel universe. Victor Von Doom's plan to destroy the Earth seemed illogical because it was very blunt and unexplained. His powers aren't in any way related to those of his comic book counterpart either.

The special effects that accompany his attacks aren't believable and the costume design isn't up to par either. Surprisingly enough, Toby Kebbell, who plays Victor Von Doom, did a great job as Koba in "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes."

Even fans are debating which "Fantastic Four" movie is worse. Many say that the 2005 version is better than this one because at the very least, that team had camaraderie. I personally would have to agree with this.

Perhaps the only decent thing about this reboot is the soundtrack. It's tolerable and works well in some scenes.

To put it in a nutshell, this wasn't a superhero movie. It was more like a science fiction movie about scientists trying to make a discovery who obtain powers in the process.

# BANNER ARTS

## Staten Island Yankees Go "Game of Thrones"

"Meet George R.R. Martin Night" a Hit

BY LUCIA ROSSI

The Staten Island Yankees may be a minor league franchise, but their August 8 game against the Hudson Valley Renegades was nothing but major.

Richmond County Bank Ballpark, home of the Yanks, hosted a "Game of Thrones"-themed "Meet George R.R. Martin Night."

Staten Islanders flocked to this game in droves, breaking the attendance record with 7,529 fans.

The Yankees, renamed Direwolves for the night, did not disappoint when they beat the Lannister Lions, 10-1.

Nothing draws people together better than getting free merchandise. People were waiting on line for hours in hopes of being the one of the first 2,500 fans to get in to receive two free books, "Game of Thrones" and "Fevre Dream," and a limited edition Staten Island Direwolf hat.

The first 400 people to get inside received wristbands that allowed them to meet George R.R. Martin and get their books autographed. Some of the many hats and books given away are currently being sold on Ebay from \$30 to \$100.

No "Game of Thrones" event would be complete without an iron throne. This throne, however, was made of baseball bats instead of swords. Everyone took a turn sitting on the throne and taking photos, including Martin himself.

Both teams were dressed for the occasion with special Direwolf and Lannister jerseys. These game-worn jerseys would later be auc-



Staten Islanders breaking the attendance record with 7,529 fans; (Below) George R.R. Martin

tioned off to support Martin's favorite charity, the Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary.

The nonprofit organization set up a booth for donations and brought an arctic wolf, named Flurry, to the game.

People wanted to pet the wolf that so closely resembled Jon Snow's direwolf, Ghost, but were turned away by Leyton Jay Cougar, Flurry's handler.

"Wild animals are not pets," Cougar told the audience.

The sanctuary rescues abused and abandoned wolves and needs \$1,000 a day to support itself, according to Cougar. So far, they have raised \$8,000 from the auction of the jerseys and were given a large \$10,000 check from the SI Yankees at the game.

To start the game, the show's theme played on the big screen, but instead of



showing the map of Westeros, it was the map of the five boroughs. Many Staten Islanders showed their love and enthusiasm for "Game of Thrones" by cosplaying as their favorite characters for the event. The audience's energy was strong as everyone chanted with

the familiar bell sound, "Shame! Shame! Shame!" every time a player on the opposing team was out, and the shame on the players faces were evident.

Throughout the night, fans were treated to a series "Game of Thrones" music, videos, and games. Every time the Direwolves scored, the loudspeaker played the sound of a wolf howling, which got everyone to howl, too.

At another point in the game, the Night's Watch oath was displayed and many fans swore their loyalty in unison. It is also worth mentioning that the wall in the outfield actually said "The Wall" across it. Needless to say, the attention to detail was impeccable.

The Staten Island Pinstripe cheerleaders represented Targaryen and Tyrell. The mascots, Scooter and Red, played "Game of Thrones" games with young fans. There was a joust, a trial by combat with foam swords, a reenactment of the Red Wedding where the mascots were married then chased down with water guns, a white walker relay race, and a cosplay contest.

Cynthia McCloskey, one of CSI's Hub employees and S.I. Yankee season ticket holder, was surprised by the large turnout.

"If they do more events like this, it could get people to come back," she said, "This proves they can do it."

This was a momentous occasion for the Yankees and will hopefully pave the way for similar events in the future.

"And remember...winter is coming," said Martin before he left the stadium.

## Next Installment of "Fifty Shades" Goes Deeper

"Grey" Gets Into the Mind of Christian

BY LUCIA ROSSI

It's not new how much of a hit the book series "Fifty Shades of Grey," is. This time around, readers are given even more than before with the retelling of the first book "Grey."

On June 18, Christian Grey's birthday, Grey was published and sold over 1 million copies in the first week of its release.

There is no doubt that E.L. James has once again created a success, despite backlash from critics and readers who believe the love is actually abuse.

But here's the real question: Is this recreation cheap or does it give readers the insight they craved from the first book?

Controversy between critics and fans who debate the answer to this question toggle between critics finding that Grey suffered from the same issues present in the first novel, but fans were eager and excited to relive the experience through the eyes of the man who owns the playground.

Some see Christian as a dog who only thinks of sex, others see him as an abusive psychopath, some see him as a victim, or a tortured soul in need of nurturing.

No matter how he's viewed, people need to understand that the things he says, does, and thinks, no matter how ridiculous or unheard of, is just the way E. L. James made him. It may not be agreeable, surprising, or enjoyable, but this is Christian Grey. Take it or leave it.

Many have complained that this book is too much like the first, that it doesn't do much differently. Why should it? It is a reboot, after all.

The mirroring between Christian's reactions along with Ana's makes their love story more intimate. What readers gain here, besides Christian's thoughts, are those scenes when he isn't with Ana.

Scenes that made readers ask the questions "What is Christian like at work? What is he like with Elliot and the rest of his family? What are Christian's past BDSM relationships like? What is Christian's relationship with Elena? What is Christian's PTSD like? How does Christian's feelings for Ana evolve and push him to do those crazy things?" are all answered within this book and it's what makes it different from the first.

Getting inside Grey's mind means seeing

more of his personality, tendencies, impulses and thinking. Everything he says and does makes sense to his reactions and expressions from the first book.

Whenever he was with Ana, he constantly changed his mind about the future of their situation. For him, everything could come crumbling down in an instant, which became irksome.

The novel also reveals more of his flaws. Readers see how truly controlling, possessive, and impulsive he is.

Ana, however, is a capable woman who realizes she doesn't have a single submissive bone in her body, which makes her a good fit because she counteracts Christian's traits.

Having a flawed male character is attractive and having Ana make him constantly second-guess himself, making him do things he would never do, makes their relationship attractive.

Christian constantly gives into his instincts because he can get away with it. He is handsome, has power, and is rich.

While Ana was listening to her inner goddess, he listened to his libido, which was his comfort against the "darkness" within

him. So it is similar, but it is still different too, as it should be.

A very important part of understanding Christian Grey is understanding why he is "fifty shades of fucked up," as he says. Grey's mother issues are reflected through his nightmares and memories of abuse that recur but change as his relationship with Ana continues.

There are a lot of scenes from his childhood that shed light on why he is the way he is. It also helps create a connection to his memories, his mother, and Ana.

One scene that was particularly insightful was his therapy session with Dr. Flynn.

On a separate note, I didn't notice just how quiet Ana actually is until I read this book which illustrates how good Christian is at reading her correctly without her saying anything.

Overall, Grey opens doors to mysteries that were left unsolved in the first book. Although the writing style is similar to the first, it is indeed an improvement.

It was refreshing to have the narrator be the most complex character in the story, fifty shades and all.

# BANNER OPINIONS

## The Problem with "All Lives Matter"

*Slogan Just Misses the Point*

BY JÉAN-CLAUDE QUINTYNE

"All Lives Matter" should not exist, at least, when it refers explicitly to Black Lives Matter. Does that bother you? Well, it shouldn't.

The hashtag was created out of misunderstanding of the significance of "Black Lives Matter." And it's disturbing how badly "All Lives Matter" misses the obvious meaning behind it—I'll get to that later.

I will admit I was quite taken aback when "All Lives Matter" surfaced, because I couldn't believe there were people who actually thought that a group functioned under the mindset that their race, creed, and what-have-you took precedence over everyone else's.

Weird.

And in spite of the intensity of the racial tension the nation faces, with disheartening video of unarmed black men and women murdered in cold blood, murdered "accidentally," and slaughtered while in bible study, "All Lives Matter" still doesn't get the message.

Yes, it is absolutely true that all lives matter. It's a general rule that most people inherently abide by.

But here are two (of many) problems with "All Lives Matter."

The first lies in why the slogan couldn't rise in response to the many issues all of us face, such as quality of life—take the Factory Farm industry, for instance.

Factory Farms are significant contributors to the release of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, which intensifies Global Warming—a cause of severe weather, extinction, severe drought, and heat-related illness and disease—how many people and wildlife die as a result of these again?

The farms transformed the homely, quality-first production of food into a warped, assembly line fragment of its former self. Animals in the farms live horrible, short lives and, among other things, are treated to a diet of hormones, medicine, and the parts of other tortured animals which we, in turn, consume.

We get all kinds of sick and watch our health weaken and don't know why. The powers-that-be at factory farms know why, but continue to mass-produce this bad food. All lives don't matter to them.

Similar systems are found in Big Tobacco and Big Oil, who have ruined more lives than the dollars in their pockets. Why hasn't "All Lives Matter" targeted them?

The second and major problem with the

slogan is the fact that the qualifier is tone deaf.

What "Black Lives Matter" communicates is the grim reality of racial vulnerability that blacks face on a daily basis, which is what "All Lives Matter" completely misses.

And one point this slogan makes is that black lives shouldn't be disposed of so easily, that it's absolutely ridiculous that the notion that those whose lives are perceived



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as threats to the ones that accent and personalize white privilege can be neutralized in the name of that life, exists.

In a country where black people are still perceived threats while leaving a convenience store unarmed, shot while standing in a park before being asked any questions, or in a chokehold repeatedly stating that he cannot breathe, the value of their lives need

to be recognized.

This recognition needs to be prevalent in a system where all lives are supposed to matter. If all the lives that have not mattered and have been fighting to matter finally achieve that recognition, if they are seen, if their existence and significance is acknowledged, then "All Lives Matter" wouldn't be as unnecessary as it is.

To further clarify this, "All Lives Mat-

slogan forces itself to be a stage in a process that's going to take who-knows-how-long.

And the blindness serves as an example of a rudimentary, "post-racial" mindset of whiteness. Is the slogan not borne out of an image of glamorized white bodies, where the many high-pitched responses to "Black Lives Matter" arrived in some form of "What are they protesting now?" or the disproportioned "All Lives Matter" march that happened on August 30?

Unfortunately, the climate is such that responses to important movements like "Black Lives Matter" receive harsh criticisms that are structured in whiteness as the norm: It arrives with definitions of style, preference, and convenience.

And it becomes exhausting to talk about for those who are inconvenienced because it's too difficult to properly acknowledge and take action against these terrible incidents.

There shouldn't be resistance to "Black Lives Matter."

Anti-black racism and police brutality is real, and has been for a long time. Now, there's way more evidence than there ever was, with videos spreading all over the globe, further strengthening the motivation and method to act. And in spite of that, blacks are still slain.

Who out there who's tired of this wouldn't chant "Black Lives Matter."

"Intersectional politics (and practice) is not just theoretical—it is the lifeline upon which we depend for our collective liberation," Alicia Garza, co-founder of Black Lives Matter, said in an article on thspp.com.

Furthermore, removing "Black" from the slogan is to rip black voices from the conversation—a brutal mistake that erases the origins and contributions blacks made to start and get it moving, not to mention that its removal would be a repeat of another horrible part of history: How many people know that the Statue of Liberty was designed by a black woman or, more recently, despite what people think about Kendall Jenner or model Cara Delevingne's latest "epic" hairstyles, black people have worn cornrows since the dawn of time.

And if, by chance, any "All Lives Matter" supporters are reading this, and they still don't get why their slogan is odd, they'll get the point if I apply their response to Black Lives Matter to the other messages that accompany it:

"All Hands Up. Don't Shoot." "We All Can't Breathe."

# SEX AND THE ISLAND

## The Banner Ladies Talk Catcalling

*Get it Straight: It's Not Cool*

BY BANNER STAFF

You know that feeling you have when someone is burning a hole into the back of your head? Yeah, I get that too sometimes. I would not call it catcalling, I would say it is more of cat-staring, (is that even a thing?).

When driving to work, or even walking across campus I feel myself getting stared down, and the viewers aren't discreet at all. Most of the time I see the person doing it and they do not care at all that you are aware of them. Some women take it as a compliment, others, like myself, just think it's straight gross and animalistic.

Yes, in the wonders of our fellow animals of the world, the male would make very odd noises or show off his moves, and in some cases their beautiful colors. I would rather have a bird show off his colors than make some weird noises to get my attention, but that's just me.

When being catcalled try not to react to the person, because that's all anyone wants to see. Just keep walking and keep your head high, ladies!

Diana Porcelli, Editor In Chief

Even the name sounds like a nasty bit of business, and guys who use this tactic to get a lay are no different.

Every woman they encounter will most likely have a story dating back to the years of puberty about guys who have wanted and begged for their attention because they were "the most gorgeous girl I've seen all day."

I've been dying my hair since high school, but more recently I've made the change from red to blue/grey. My friends love it, my family loves it, and the guy carrying cargo on the corner of W 40th had to stop himself and look me up and down and say, "Yo. That hair is working for you."

Yes, I understand it's a harmless observation, but men can think (contrary to popular belief that they can't) to themselves and not make a random stranger on the street feel like everybody needs to look at her.

But that's exactly what happened. Other men on that corner looked at me after his comment and stared up and down because, lucky me, I had a skirt on that was doing well for my curves.

Being a curvy, blue-haired woman is apparently a haven for men to pounce and make side commentary as if I'm a unicorn.

Note to catcallers: You've seen a woman before. Believe it or not, a woman gave you life.

Don't make another woman take that away from you just because you felt the need to go loose lips on a public sidewalk. Don't you have a brain?

Emily Zoda, Web Editor

Most people would say they are lucky to live within walking distance from their

job, home, and school. As a matter of fact, I consider myself very lucky. However, every day I walk with the paranoia that I will be catcalled.

It has happened more times than I can count and it leaves a bad taste in my mouth. I wonder, why me? Am I just convenient? Is it the bright red hair? It's probably the bright red hair. That's always their opening line. I get it, I stand out. That doesn't mean you need to call me out on it. What do men gain?

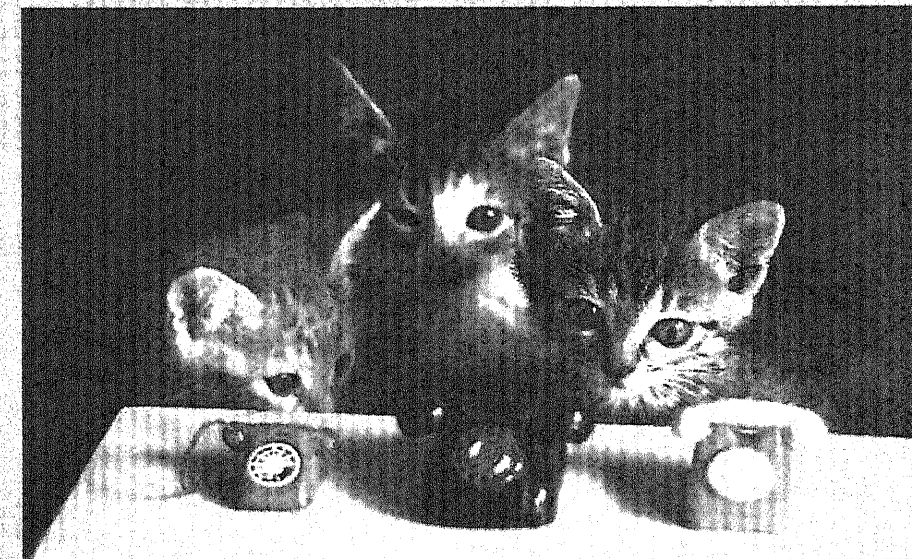
It doesn't matter if I wear baggy, big clothing, or no makeup, it still happens. I should be able to walk to school or work confidently, knowing that I am safe and am not

the soda is?" What I can't handle are old men following me saying, "Hey, how would you like to make a hundred bucks?"

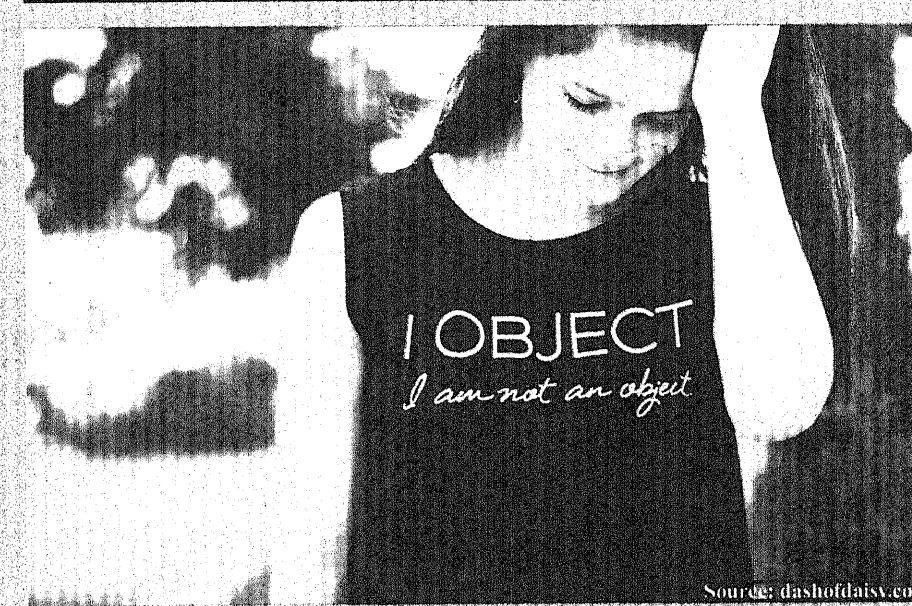
This makes me wonder, what do I look like to these men? This truly makes me feel like I am not a person to them.

To get a better idea of what men think about catcalling I asked some of my colleagues for their opinion. Their immediate responses were: "I'm a father," "It's derogatory," "It's inappropriate," and "It's a male standard."

But men could be fathers and still catcall and they may know it's inappropriate and not care or just don't agree, and they shouldn't be



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going to be in danger of getting picked up, hit on, or honked at. I appreciate compliments. Who wouldn't? But I'd like them when they are given politely.

Recently, working men in a truck did the slow drive-by next to me and stared. They even rolled down the windows slowly and I could feel their eyes looking at me up and down for quite some time.

I didn't think catcalling could be silent, but they proved me wrong. Needless to say, I tried not to make eye contact.

At work I handle customers saying things to me like, "Hey gorgeous, you know where

brought up to believe that this is something normal for them to do.

I asked an associate what can be done about catcalling and he said, "Stop looking the way you do, walking the way you do. What can I tell you?"

He tried to stump me by asking, "What if it was a hot guy doing it?" This made me hesitate. The truth is, a hot guy would be instantly less attractive because he's catcalling me. If the man is attractive or wealthy, it doesn't give them the privilege of being rude.

"Catcall them back," the associate told me. Although that isn't something I feel I

have the guts to do, but it's not necessarily a bad idea.

A good colleague of mine said, "It's just in the moment. It's a part of society. You girls are cursed." In that moment, I think he felt glad that he was a man and he understood. I don't think it is women who are "cursed," I think it is the men who are "cursed" with ignorance.

Lucia Rossi, Arts and Entertainment Editor

Catcalling further proves that human beings have learned absolutely nothing throughout history. It has unfortunately become an American pastime to analyze and degrade everything in our environment.

For generations, women have been forced to turn a blind eye and not get offended by gawking men. The fact that it's still a common occurrence is ridiculous. But, what if it happened to a man?

Catcalling is like the common cold; it hits everyone. Women are not all innocent either.

Men may feel uncomfortable with women who approach them on the streets, but their concerns and cries for help are seen as "weak" and "unmanly."

They aren't taken as seriously as women are when it comes to sexual harassment and, in some cases, rape.

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Lauren Southern, a commentator at The Rebel, uploaded a response video to her controversial picture that features her holding a sign that says "I don't need feminism because I believe in equality, not entitlements and supremacy."

In this video, she says feminism is not about gender equality, but more concerned with degrading men and stereotyping them as misogynistic.

She goes on to say that her rape accusations and children's custody rights would be taken much more seriously, opposed to her male counterpart.

Catcalling is not synonymous to rape but women are given more sympathy when it comes to any situation where sexuality is concerned opposed to men.

As much as it's been displayed as a "women's daily issue," it's eye-opening to see it from a man's perspective.

My personal rule of catcalling is: just don't do it. Male, female—whatever. Don't talk to someone who has no interest in talking to you and don't degrade anyone. Is that so hard?

Some people make the argument that catcallers have freedom of speech. If that's the case, I should have the freedom to slap them into next week, and call it "self-defense."

Victoria Priola, Lifestyles Editor

# SPORTS

## New Shortstop Takes Next Step to Bigs

*Kyle Holder Plans to Impact S.I. Yanks*

BY JOSE RIVERA

In the 2015 first-year player draft the New York Yankees selected Kyle Holder, a shortstop out of the University of San Diego. Holder is now manning the position that was held by his idol in the city where he's dreamed of playing.

Every kid who grows up with a passion for baseball envisions himself being called up to the majors, and in June Kyle Holder's career has changed, placing him now under the microscope of New York City.

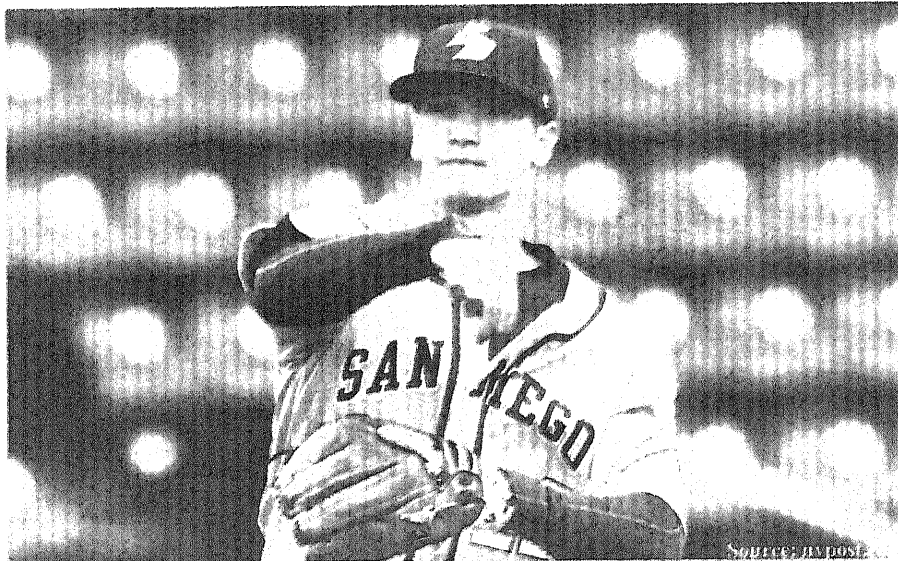
"It was definitely a blessing to be drafted by a prestigious organization like this," said Holder, "It was a crazy experience and I loved every moment of it and now it's just time to get to work."

The Yankees selected Holder with the pick in the first round of the draft. The Yankees had the fortunate opportunity to have two first round picks and it could not have come at a better time in the franchise's history.

Everyone knows the Yankees are an aging team with aging players and need to start injecting some young talent into the organization.

Many would say the Yankees need to rebuild, but when you play in a market like New York City, you do not get that luxury. The fans and media will get on you quick and will make sure you know how they feel.

Luckily for the Yankees, many good young prospects could be on the way and Holder, who is just starting his professional career for the Yanks, could be another good



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young talent to keep your eyes on.

All eyes will be on Holder this year as he plays for the "Baby Bombers," better known as the Staten Island Yankees. Holder, who is about six-feet tall and 185 pounds, is known more for his defense and looks to improve on his hitting this season.

Most important is the focus he's putting on his transition as he leaves family and friends behind on the west coast to achieve his dreams of playing in the MLB.

"It's always hard leaving the family, friends, and even coaches back at home. But this is what I always wanted to do since I was a little kid," Holder said. "Bottom line is that this is a dream come true to be drafted and I love it out here."

Holder was recruited by seven universi-

ties before choosing San Diego and was no stranger to success. In high school he finished the season with a .340 batting average and helped lead his team to the finals. In his last year at San Diego, Holder hit .298 in 52 games and also had three home runs with 29 runs batted in.

But things will be different now. Kyle is now going to play for an organization that drips with memorable moments and is enriched with legends.

One has to ask if he feels the pressure of potentially filling the shoes of his childhood idol, The Captain, Derek Jeter.

Holder says, "I try not to think about that kind of stuff when fans mention it," he chuckled. "It's definitely just a distraction about how I'm supposed to fill his shoes and

I don't really think about that."

"Derek Jeter is definitely one of the role models that I looked up to and he's a fantastic player, and a sure Hall of Famer and I just try not to look at this as replacing him," he continued.

"I'm just out here trying to get better every day and most importantly trying to help my team win."

Holder is also excited that he's gotten the opportunity to play in Staten Island and is using this time to look at it as a preview for the atmosphere he's expecting in the future. He's even taken time to enjoy some of NYC's special offerings.

"I love everything that goes on here in Staten Island. It's a cool place to play and to overlook the park and see Manhattan. And just playing in front of this fan-base and playing with this group of guys and these coaches have been great. I love it. And to answer the pizza question, yeah, New York Pizza is definitely better than California pizza."

Currently Holder and the S.I. Yankees are in first place and are marching down the stretch to a playoff push.

Holder is hitting .186 on the season with 8 RBI's and has flashed amazing defensive plays.

Fans should be excited to see him in the future.

"I'm a guy who works hard; work ethic will always be there. I'm going to always hustle down the baselines, [be great defensively], and do whatever I can to help my team win."

## The Banner's Jets and Giants Preview

*Season Looks Brighter for Giants, Jets Lockjawed*

BY JUSTINE CARUCCI

On the New York Giants front, Steve Spagnuolo has returned for his second stint with the team after putting together a championship-worthy defense in 2007.

Spagnuolo has his work cut out for him this season as Michael Strahan and Justin Tuck are gone, figuring out Jason Pierre Paul's medical condition, and whether Jon Beason will finally have an injury-free season.

Defensive End Jason Pierre Paul suffered a severe injury in July when he had his index finger amputated after an incident with fireworks.

New York Giants doctors have yet to see him or obtain any significant information on his injury.

"The biggest concern is we don't know what the extent of the injury is," Mara said in an interview with New York Daily News. "When he shows up, we'll evaluate him. We've been led all along to believe by his people he'll be able to play this year."

If Paul comes back to sign his \$14.8 million contract, he could be placed on the team's Physically Unable to Play list, leaving

him without a paycheck or playing time.

The Giants can retract their offer, but that seems unlikely with Paul's 12.5 sacks in the 2014 season.

This situation is a delicate one for everyone involved.

"Until he's back, we'll focus on the guys we have," Spagnuolo told the New York Daily News.

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On the other side of the ball, seeing what Odell Beckham Jr. has in store for the team, after an outstanding rookie season, has the league buzzing.

Beckham, with 1,305 yards and 12 touchdowns on 91 catches in 2014 will face less coverage with Victor Cruz having a healthy season.

Two big threats on the outside will make

Quarterback Eli Manning's job that much easier.

The 2015 offseason for the Jets has been nothing short of dramatic. The arrest of Sheldon Richardson led off the team's string of comical headline mishaps.

Already facing a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy, Richardson was apprehended by police

after being clocked at 143 mph.

If that wasn't bad enough, the car that held a 12-year-old child and a loaded handgun also reeked of marijuana.

So much for that promise he made to his team of not being mentioned in the news again.

In a dispute over a \$600 plane ticket, IK Enemkpali "sucker punched" starting Quar-

terback Geno Smith. The punch left Smith with a mangled jaw, unable to play for six to ten weeks.

Former Jets coach, Rex Ryan, was more than willing to pick up Enemkpali the moment the Jets cut him for his ludicrous behavior in the locker room. This debacle leaves Ryan Fitzpatrick front and center.

Under first year Head Coach Todd Bowles, Fitzpatrick will have two big targets on the outside, Eric Decker and newest addition Brandon Marshall.

Wide receivers are a crucial part of Offensive Coordinator Chan Gailey's system, which likes to work out of spread formations.

The strong front seven of the Jets' defense will be backed by a revamped secondary.

Familiar faces, 2014 Super Bowl winner Darrelle Revis and Antonio Cromartie, head the unit as the team also added former San Diego Charger Marcus Gilchrist, who will be playing safety this season.

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