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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Wayne Peacock

Editor-in-Chief

Goose Poop is the single most unifying thing on campus. Regardless of race, sexual orientation, religion, gender, size, weight, appearance, musical taste,

All the news that's fit to print... and some that probably not.

field of study, G.P.A., or job, we all have stepped in the greenish white logs of unity.

People complain about the poop, and I'm not saying I like it, but it is the one thing that binds us all. Anything that brings people together can't be bad--so poop is good. Poop is real good.

Over 11-thousand people are connected by the poop. If the Student Government could accomplish this, the

school might run smoother. Although if the Student Government were laying in the grass all day, that would be weird. Who wants to deal with a Student Government Poop problem. Eeeewwwwww.

This is the first real issue of the NEW BANNER. New look -- New style - - New taste -- New staff. That's right boys and girls, your college paper is now run by maniacs. Maniacs with the sole purpose of bringing you, the students, a paper that is aesthetically pleasing, fun to read, and informative. We seek to produce food for the mind, eyes, funny bone and sex drive. News does not have to sound like news, and it sure as hell doesn't have to look like it.

College papers -- including the OLD BANNER -- are generally boring and generic. It's like they went out of their way to produce carbon copies of bland newspapers.

We at The Banner feel that you deserve more -- deserve better -- deserve the best. If by some chance you completely disagree with this approach to newspaper making, too bad. This is what we are making, and this is how we are making it.



The first amendment is even better than goose poop.

Feel free, though, to write your letters of complaint or praise and send them in. I do so love to argue, and praise is the paycheck for the soul.

People consider me someone who likes to rock the boat. Those people are wrong. I like to tip the damn boat over. Controversy is an ocean in which I happily doggy-paddle.

My first and paramount concern when I do anything is: Is it funny? Everything else comes second, if at all. To properly illustrate this I have scanned my face--see picture below. To accomplish the crushed face effect I pressed my face against the screen and dragged it up to the top, hence dicombobulating my features.

Now should I have painfully scanned my face? Probably not. Should I have included this picture in the paper? Definitely not. Is it funny? You bet your goose poop.

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Higher Activity Fees or Less Activities

Erika Gessin
staff Reporter

The Office of Student Activities' plan to increase fees has had students roaming CSI's campus for the past three weeks, collecting signatures for a petition to ensure that the proposal will be placed on the ballot for the annual student elections this week.

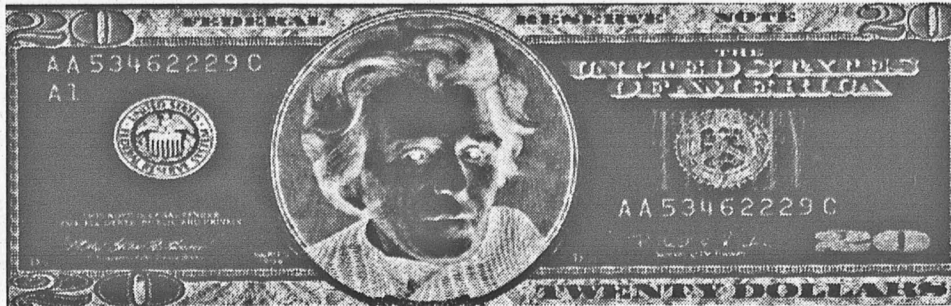
According to the proposal, the student activity fees, which are currently \$53 for full-time students and \$27 for part-timers, will be raised by an additional \$21, making the new fees \$74 and \$48.

The fees, which contribute to clubs, athletic programs, child care, student government, NYPIRG, and the campus radio station, WSIA, have not been raised since 1989, according to Marianne McLaughlin, Executive Director of the CSI Association.

Now, all of CSI's extracurricular activities are being threatened.

"The expenses have gone up, but revenues have stayed the same," said Ms. McLaughlin, who has been charting the activities' expenses since 1989.

The problem, she explained, is that the income has been the same every year, but the activities have increased, due to the campus' expansion and move to Willowbrook. For example, childcare used to have only 70 kids but is now up to 200,



and subsequently needs to cut its infant program.

The enrollment at CSI has remained stable at approximately 11,000 students per

year allowing the college to collect up to \$1 million for clubs and activities.

This figure is minuscule, however, considering that the budget for the Athletic Department alone is \$350,000.

As of June 1999, the Athletic Program, which is in the most trouble, will have no money in the bank. In June 2000, if the

Athletic Department is allowed to run their programs, they will be \$102,000 in the hole, which may result in the elimination of college teams and sports

altogether.

Other cutbacks may result in child care losing their infant/toddler program and a slash in the

"To keep things going we need to raise an additional \$2 million within five years,"

hours of service. WSIA risks losing equipment and an engineer, which could ultimately shut them down. The Program Development Committee (PDC), which organizes events such as plays and concerts, may have to cut back on programming.

Intramural Recreation faces severe cut-backs in all the gym activities, including aerobics and basketball, and also a reduction of hours. The Student Government may lose funds, putting clubs, publications, scholarships,

and the availability of library texts at risk.

The College may lose its medical services as the Health and Wellness Center may need to be eliminated, depriving students of consultations, emergency care, and treatment of minor medical problems.

"To keep things going, we need to raise an additional \$2 million within five years," said Ms. McLaughlin, "which comes out to a \$21 increase in fees per semester."

If the proposal goes through, CSI will have the third highest activity fee of all the CUNY colleges, just under Brooklyn and Queens Colleges.

As of Monday, March 29, the student petitioners collected more than 1,200 signatures to establish a vote.

The petitioners realize that the plan to raise activity fees should not be taken lightly. Students and administrators alike agree that extracurricular activities round out students academic background with valuable experiences which help prepare them for life outside the classroom, teaching managerial, leadership, communicative, and confidence building skills which are all assets in a highly competitive work force.

"These extracurricular activities are what make a college a college," said Merri Kauffman, assistant coordinator for clubs and organizations and a past Student Government President. "Whoever heard of a college with no team sports?"

The 114-Million Dollar T.A.P. Cut

Tabitha Elkins
News Reporter

New York State Governor George Pataki's latest budget proposal is bad news for CUNY and SUNY students and their families. While New York State, and the rest of the country, is experiencing unprecedented wealth and a record budget surplus, Pataki plans to cut TAP, the state grant program, by \$114 million dollars, and require students to carry a higher courseload to graduate.

Among the hardest hit are working families. A family of four with a combined income of \$50,000 and two kids in college would no longer be eligible for

TAP at all. This proposed cut would force many parents to choose between sending their kids to college and paying their mortgage.

Also, with many students struggling to get through their zero credit remedial courses, completing the proposed minimum of 15 credits could prove nearly impossible. Many of CSI's students juggle work, children and college. Under the new proposal, a working student who can't manage to complete a higher course load will have her TAP cut by 20%. This could easily discourage many students from even trying.

However, those most severely hit are CSI's WEP students, who will be expected to combine a 20 hour a week WEP assignment with 15 credits a semes-

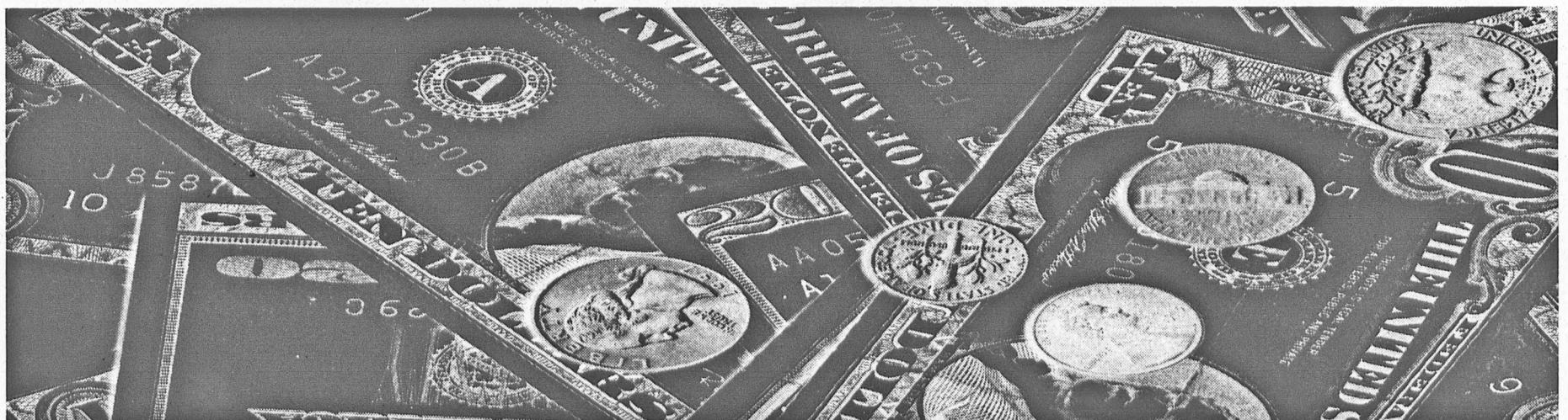
ter, as well as childcare for their children. Since budget restraints are threatening to cut CSI's Infant and Toddler Daycare program, many could be forced out of school, shattering their hopes of getting off 'Welfare and getting decent-paying jobs.

Pataki is a long-time foe of affordable education. In both 1996 and 1997, he called for tuition increases for CUNY and SUNY for as much as \$800 or more. Fortunately, the New York State Assembly thwarted his attempts. Last year, the assembly proposed an increase in state funding for higher education by \$127 million; Pataki slashed this funding by \$100 million.

Opponents feel education is a necessity in today's post-industrial economy. Without at least a 4-year degree, jobs

are nearly impossible to find. Some wonder why elected officials seem to be operating out of some past era, when education was for the rich only. They feel Pataki is attempting to fly in the face of decades of struggle for equality and education for all.

Opponents site the Supreme Court ruling in 1954's "Brown vs. Board of Education", the Supreme Court ruled, "It is doubted that any child may reasonably be expected to succeed in life if he is denied the opportunity of an education...(and such opportunity) must be made available to all on equal terms." Implying that education is not, as Pataki has stated in the past, a "privilege"; it is a fundamental human right.



G O O S E P O O P

Jeremy Condit

Associate Editor

"It's really the most amazing thing. The Canadian goose is the most prodigious, efficient shit machine in all of nature."

This is not the kind of line you anticipate from a person who works at the Department of Motor Vehicles. My father is an odd man, and understands things most people know better not to talk about.

"They like big, open, grassy spaces," he said, "like golf courses, or big lawns. And fresh goose poop is a pretty universal menace- on a good morning, you'll see golfers sliding and cursing their way across the course. People who have weddings in parks often find themselves in a



mine-field."

Anyone who has been to CSI for more than five minutes has noticed the problem of goose poop. No one mentions it out loud for more than a few moments, but the poop is there, and it's not going away. The geese are here. They've always been here. Now their kids have been raised here, and maybe grandbirds too. It's official: they like it here.

Birds in general have an efficient means of losing poop. Other animals require large amounts of water; this water is used to produce the urine that flushes away much of the waste in the animal's body. Instead, birds excrete uric acid, a compound that does not dissolve in water. This uric acid, called guano, is the whitish part of the bird's droppings. The uric acid is manufactured by the bird's kidneys; upon leaving the kidneys, the guano enters a chamber called the cloaca. In the cloaca, the guano is mixed with the solid feces before being passed from the bird's body. Then the stuff finds your shoes.

As their populations increase, all those birds excreting in one place could lead to

outbreaks of avian cholera, type C. botulism and other diseases, said David Post of Cornell University in the August issue of Conservation Biology.

"Conservation and management have helped the waterfowl recover but now populations are so high in some areas that they are causing ecological damage," said Post. Other studies have isolated

approximately 200 different bacteria in goose excrement. There is an ongoing investigation at Elmhurst College for the presence of Salmonella in the feces.

In late 1997, the DuPage Environmental

Commission conducted a survey of county residents to measure the level and type of concern there was, as a result of the increasing population of geese. From the survey results they found that, only 12.3% of the

respondents of the survey reported there was no problem with geese. The most frequently reported problem (87%) was goose excrement on lawns and sidewalks. Other concerns were overpopulation (48%), destruction of vegetation (47%), hostility towards people (35%) and water pollution (26%). No geese were available for rebuttal, and they don't take well to surveys anyway.

(The IPLAN report, detailing the concerns a city against goose poop, can be found online at http://www.dupagehealth.org/health_data/iplan_goose.html)

Ironically enough, Canada geese were once considered headed for extinction. In

the 1960s, their population in all of North America was estimated at 50,000. But intensive wildlife management revived their numbers. Now, an estimated 2 million giants are in the eastern United States.

The states that have been dealing with the goose problem on a regular basis have two options- shoot them or shoo them. It seems like almost no one wants to shoot them, and telling them to go away is about as effective as pushing someone out onto their porch and leave the door unlocked.

"If those fail, we issue egg-shaking permits," says Dave Sherman, biologist at Crane Creek Wildlife Station, in Ohio. Addling eggs - shaking or coating with oil - kills embryos.

New York City does not issue egg-shaking permits. In fact, for simply asking around the proper channels, somewhere a file on my life has grown slightly fatter, and my status has probably been raised from "potential public nuisance" to some arcane FBI clearance. Don't call too many agencies jabbering about goose and their poop, people or you'll be driven out of New York in one of those vans with the cages in the back.

Last year, Sandusky, OH officials fired ear-splitting explosives in parks and other breeding areas. The geese weren't fazed. Their nesting and brooding instinct was too strong to leave, said Dave Risley of the ODNR Wildlife Management Research

section.

"The urban goose problem is a cantankerous one. Once a goose becomes a problem it remains a problem. If we trap a goose, take it a hundred miles away, it will return to an urban setting."

In Guilderland, N.Y., geese are so pervasive at Girl Scout Camp Woodhaven that officials asked the Fish And Wildlife Service for a permit to kill them. Last summer, four hours a day was spent cleaning droppings from the beach.

Several big geese were sucked into the engine of a Concorde that had landed at New York's Kennedy Airport in 1995. No one was hurt, but it took five days for repairs.

While we're all dumbering up over Spring Break, the geese are taking every day to celebrate our absence. Maybe they even thought we'd left for good, and they celebrated their fowl triumph with vast goose

orgies. What better way to defeat those loud, non-pooping giants than to copulate in every hall, in every classroom, in every office? Picture the football field- a vast honking chaos of soiled fornication and flapping wings. So that when we return to classes the geese- and their poop- will have multiplied to Biblical proportions.

They will fill our classes- they will replace our professors. You will have to learn to speak goose in order to graduate. Giuliani will make speeches about raising tuition at the Goose School of Staten Island.

And we will all look back fondly on a day when parking was only slightly intolerable- when we were only competing with each other, and not millions of angry, territorial geese, for a place to park our cars.

These Boots Were Made For.....

Christie Huus

Contributor

I bought this great pair of Steve Madden boots at the mall the other day. I wore them to school the next day, and after about an hour, I ventured from the 3S building to the small cafeteria to get a cup of coffee. In a hurry, I cut across the grass which was mistake number two. Mistake number one was wearing the boots in the first place, and mistake number three forgetting that the entire campus is covered in goose poop.

Every square inch of grass and concrete seems to be covered with those small green logs. They're taking over our campus — the geese, that is. On

second thought, I guess it's the poop. I always see the poop, but sometimes not the geese.

Anyway, as I was walking through the grass (still on my way to get coffee), I overheard two girls talking, one saying, "I hate walking through this s@#t." I thought to myself, "I hope she's walking around it, not through it." But then I remembered at times it's hard to walk around it because it's everywhere.

I walked into my next class and noticed that there was poop on the floor — probably dragged in by someone's shoe. As people commented on how gross it was, one guy was sympathetic to the birds. "It's a small price to pay to have them on our campus," he remarked. "Besides, it's not like they're sitting on my car or stealing my stuff,"

he continued.

For the most part he's right. They basically mind their own business, with the exception of the poop, of course. But think about it. What if they did start taking over the campus? What if one day instead of seeing poop on the classroom floor, there were geese sitting on the desks? It could happen.

Imagine sitting in circles in your English class, half students and half geese. And you know they couldn't move their own chairs into the circle so you would be forced to do it for them.

I actually overheard a similar conversation going on in the library. Two guys were having a very serious conversation about having classes with geese in them. "They're like takin' over," one said. To which the other

replied, "What if one day we went to class, and we like had a goose for a professor?" This intelligence all sparked by a little bit of poop. Okay, a lot of poop.

But aside from the poop, I do have to admit it's nice to have the geese on campus, much nicer than pigeons or those giant steroid crows that scare my dog. But the poop is a problem. It's only funny when you're safely inside joking about it with your friends, not running to your next class worrying if you've ruined your new boots by stepping in it. As far as the geese taking over, I guess we'll have to wait and see.

College can Sometimes be quite Interesting

A New Series Spotlighting the Events and happenings on or around campus

By Greg M. Janover
contributor

The College of Staten Island welcomed top comic, Scott "Carrot Top" Thompson on March 6th to The Concert Hall at the Building for Creative Arts.

Smokescreen and an explosive bang startled the audience moments before Carrot Top jumped on stage. "Man do I feel like I'm performing inside a liquor cabinet," said Carrot Top, describing the wooden decor of the room.

The stage was filled with trunks of various shapes, sizes and colors, as well as music that ranged from rock to country to rap. Police sirens were also utilized.

During his act, Carrot Top included a beer slam contest. Carrot Top wanted to see if anyone in the audience could chug a beer faster than he could. Carrot Top won, although his beer can

looked suspiciously like one of his props.

Carrot Top's act featured his trademark brand of prop comedy, including a spanking paddle with Barney the Dinosaur's picture on it, a President Clinton wig, and a tool belt with a pay phone attached to show the audience how a redneck's cell phone would be. He also brought out an orange traffic cone and placed it in front of him as a way to poke fun at Staten Island because of the construction problems. All of this was going on as he was continuously running around the stage.

In his finale, Carrot Top por-

trayed Axel Rose, Alanis Morissette, Steven Tyler and Mick Jagger, interpreting their songs in his own fashion. During U2's song, "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For," the stage went dark and

Carrot Top used a flashlight as though he were looking for something. He attacked Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On" by putting a lifesaver around his neck. Some people in the front row

were drizzled with water. When Carrot Top performed "Start Me Up" by the Rolling Stones, confetti was thrown all around the auditorium and toilet paper

streamed through out the air, seeming to shred into thousands of little pieces that landed randomly in the audience.

"He's so funny! All of his props he thought of himself," said Tiffanie Giordano, 11. Besides in Staten Island, Miss Giordano and her family saw Carrot Top in New Brunswick, New Jersey and in Las Vegas, Nevada. Tiffanie's Aunt, Teri Martinelli said, "I'd see him every day if I could. I'd love to take him home."

Brian Quinn never saw Carrot Top perform live before and, after the show, said, "I had no idea it would be this entertaining." Before Carrot Top left, several audience members ran up to the stage to shake his hand and tell him how much they loved his performance.

Carrot Top told a Banner reporter his thoughts about the show: "Great to finally perform here on Staten Island. The audience was great. They warmed up great!"

If you want to read about Carrot Top or know where he will be performing next, go to www.carrotop.com.



BANNER Letters



Letters to the Editor:

From Professor Marguerite Rivas' remedial writing class (ENG 001, Section 1579)...

Dear Editor:

After reading and discussing your newspaper article in class, I was surprised that the CUNY system is allowing the ending of remedial classes. I can not speak for all of the students who are taking remedial classes, but I can only voice my opinion.

Remedial classes are geared to help a student like me who had been out of school for twenty-five years. I know it's very hard to come back to school and compete with younger students. This is my first semester back in college at CSI, and I am very impressed with the instructor and professors here. The reason is that they make me work very hard; that's because they care.

I really thought that going back to remedial classes was for dummies, but I was wrong. I am not ashamed to say that I was wrong. I am not ashamed to say I was wrong. I have very well trained instructors, and I am doing a lot better than yesterday and that is a plus for me. I had taken the CUNY placement test, and failed the writing test and now I am in a remedial class to enhance my writing skills. I will pass the CUNY remedial courses if I work harder at it. If the Governor and Mayor and all of the big shots end remedial courses, what will peo-

ple like me do?

Yours truly,
Sam Edwards

Dear Editor,

The feeling I got from this situation about cutting the remedial classes was nausea. First, the thing I find ridiculous is the fact that they want poorly taught high school students to take entry level exams.

Adults that are returning from years in the work place or many years out of the school environment can't possibly remember all the info for the tests. That situation refers to me. I've been out of school for many years taking care of my family. Now I've decided to go back to school. I am not a stupid person, but if I decided to return in September 2000, they would have labeled me so. I find this attitude very unfair. It would be nice to make the CUNY Board of Trustees take these tests and see if they would be qualified for a college career.

The problems these will cause are many. Another problem would be the overcrowdedness in the community colleges, which is what is going on in the high schools. This is what started all the problems we are having now.

Rphana Gambill

Dear Editor,

I have just been informed of the decision made by the CUNY Board of Trustees to eliminate remedial classes from CUNY Senior Colleges. This decision I feel will not benefit anyone. Being a remedial student myself, I feel that remedial classes are a great help for students who need it. Eliminating these classes are not fair. It is not right to have a student not to be allowed to attend CUNY Senior Colleges just because they couldn't pass one test. Students are stronger in some subjects than others but they shouldn't be penalized for it. Other students aren't good test takers. I know for me I had a hard time writing a perfect essay in a short amount of time. Even though I didn't pass the test does not mean I can't write. I feel students need remedial classes and to cut them will only make things worse.

Sincerely,
Michele DeRosa

Dear Editor,

Last year I was in St. John's, and I did very well in English and math. I took the test here and did

bad in both, but in St. John's I was in higher classes and this stuff I learned years ago. Does that make me stupid, I don't think so. I think this test itself is unfair. Going to remedial classes brushed me up and now when I take this test I'm going to ace it. But people in my remedial classes are not dumb, in the beginning I thought so, but now I know these people, and some are very intelligent. They should just get rid of people who are doing bad academically, and not people who did bad on one test, and are stuck in classes because of one bad day. If this law passes it would be unfair to a lot of people who could be potential important people to the world.

Sincerely,
Ben Moss

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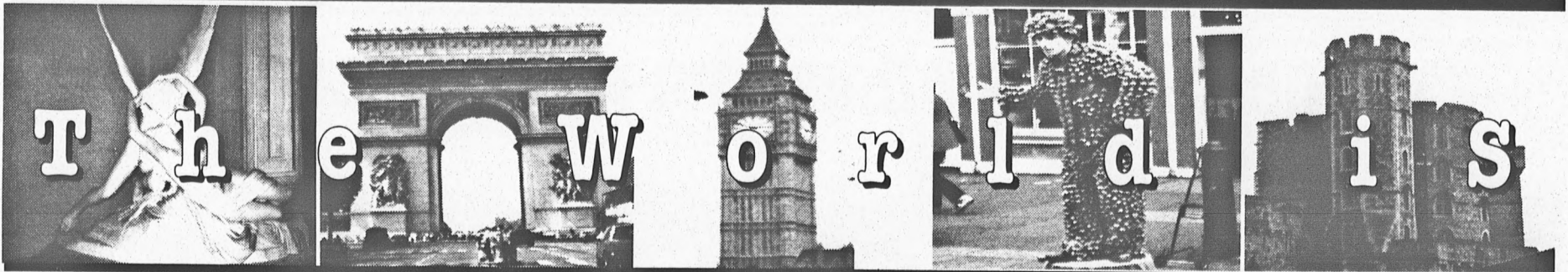
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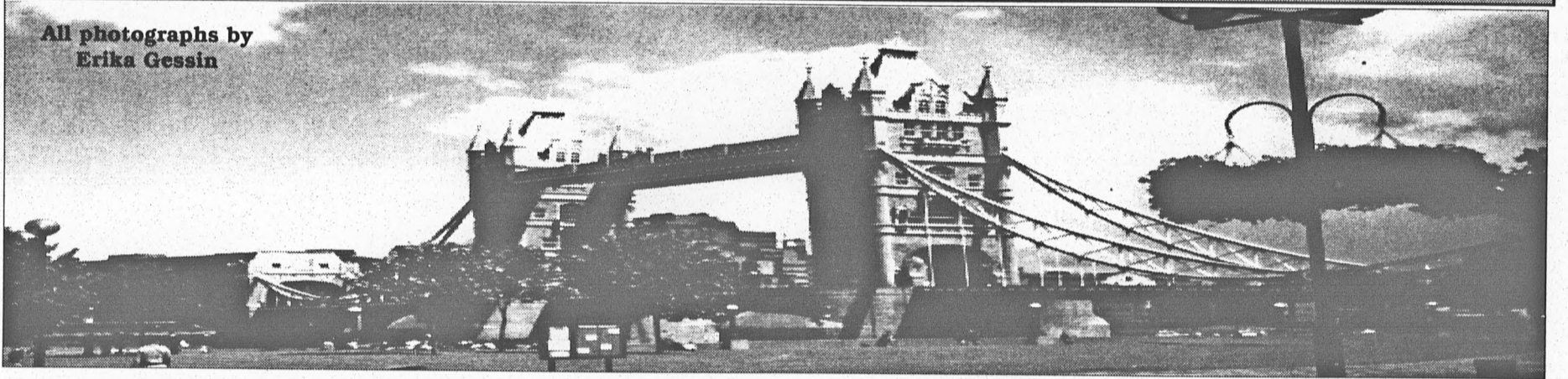
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Study Hard, Study Long, Study Abroad

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By Erika Gessin
Staff Reporter

Imagine strolling through the cobblestone streets of Rome, reading a novel at an outdoor cafe in Paris, or learning the meaning of ancient Chinese proverbs through a wise, old man.

All of these experiences can be yours by participating in one of the many study abroad programs offered at The College of Staten Island by the Center for International Service.

Study abroad is not only a great way to explore another culture, but it's also a great way to learn about yourself.

Maybe back home everybody considers you a princess. But you go off to London and live for three months in a flat with no microwave, no TV and little heat. When you return, you'll know if you're a princess.

Or maybe you're considered a mama's boy and your biggest fear is cooking for yourself. But after a few months, you realize that you're stronger than you

thought — you can deal with eating sauceless spaghetti every night for three months.

Besides learning about yourself, you'll also learn about other cultures: maybe that the English spend most of their time in pubs or that the Spanish don't go out until 3 a.m.

"It's an amazing experience," says Sophia Ginos, who studied in Florence, Italy. "It broadens your outlook on culture, people and the world."

The center, located in 2A-206, has been sending students abroad since 1984 to CSI-sponsored programs in Rome and Florence. As the center progressed, programs were established later in Ecuador, Greece, China and Denmark.

In the mid-80s, the center joined the College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS), which enables CSI students to participate in programs sponsored by other universities. There are now programs in over thirty countries, including Australia, Canada, England, France, Germany, Israel, Spain and Switzerland.

Students may spend a year, semester, summer, or winter (January) intersession abroad.

"The study abroad programs are exceptional," affirms Russell Davis, the China coordinator. However, few CSI students take advantage of the opportunity.

Surprisingly, an average of only 40-50 students, out of a population of 11,980 go abroad each year. In 1998, twenty-six students participated in the summer, five in January, seven in the fall, and nine in the spring.

Why do so few students get involved? Students may have the misconception that it is unaffordable or fear that their credits won't transfer, or they worry about the language barrier.

Yet, most students receive financial aid or scholarships, all course work done abroad appears on their CSI transcripts and applies toward their degree, and all overseas courses are taught in English, so there are no language requirements.

According to Davis, "It will provide you with a perspective of the world

that you as an American would otherwise never have. Put yourself outside your native culture. It's a great way to learn about another place and often the greatest way to learn about yourself."

He also believes it is advantageous to build your global resume. In a society which is becoming more involved in international affairs every day, employers in all fields will agree that it is beneficial for students to expand their cross-cultural horizons.

Past study abroad participants assert that besides expanding their horizons and padding their resumes, they have a lot of fun.

John Vitkovich, who studied in Ecuador last fall, says that he, "danced all night and woke up dancing!"

Theresa Badalamenti recalls Florence, Italy: "Great food, clubs, men!"

Find out about participating schools, countries, financial aid or scholarship options by visiting the Center for International Service or call 982-2100. Bon Voyage!

English Dreams

By Erika Gessin
staff reporter

The rain fell to the ground, the sky was overcast grey, but my future was shining bright. Looking back at all the times I walked, shielded by an umbrella, through the campus to my next class at Thames Valley University (T.V.U.) in London, England, I realize how lucky I've been.

I was a study abroad participant, who spent my fall semester in London. I was introduced to a very different and exciting style of teaching by sophisticated British professors. My eyes were opened.

At the University, located in Ealing about twenty minutes from the

heart of London, classes are offered for almost every major. There is also a required class in British culture which organizes trips for students to explore places, such as Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford-Upon-Avon and the mysterious Stonehenge. After I acquired a flair for the British accent, I was ready to take on the challenge of getting an "A" in a university where the country's academic policies are extremely different from the United States.

Grades are not primarily based on exams. Rather, you are marked on the level of academic ability which you display through written essays and presentations. I found that I really enjoyed this interactive assessment policy. I had the opportunity to write a commercial and a cover story for a mock newspaper, film a video entitled "The Shakespearean Dating



Game" in the school's T.V. studio.

But my favorite projects were presentations I did on British culture, including "British Rock Music," "Women & Exploitation," and "Britain & the Arts." Rebecca, a literature major at Delaware

University, became my new best friend. Together, we selected "The Role of Religion in British Culture" as our topic. For research, we took field trips to churches, temples and mosques, exploring all the major faiths and even some "cult-like"



Lumping Up The French

By Patrick Gorman
Contributor

It was a warm September night as the Mediterranean breeze flowed across the French Riviera, when I first got a taste of discrimination for being an American.

It all happened on what seemed to be just a regular night. I was an exchange student from New York City, and I had always heard that the French were very passive. I figured that there were going to be no problems for me while I was there. My roommate Alex and I were walking down the Boulevard, heading to the house of our friend, who was living by the port. We were laughing and joking, as we mostly did during our stay in Nice. As we were walking down the street, four men, who appeared to have been drinking, were walking up the street. Passing us, one of the men turned and screamed in a broken English accent, "F—k you." I came to an abrupt halt and turned to question this mult-lingual wizard about his insightful remark. He then once again blurted "F—k you."

Being the graceful New Yorker that I am, I pushed him to the ground, where he lay glaring at his friends to do something, but they stood motionless, just eyeing Alex and myself. He rose to his feet to once again enlighten me with his verbal mastery of the English phrase, "F—k you." Only this time it was followed by a swing of his fist. Being an amateur boxer, I was able to duck his punch, which left his face wide open for

my rebuttal. He once again returned to the floor, staring at his motionless friends. He slowly rose to his feet again to utter his catch phrase; only this time blood was streaming out of his mouth as he spoke.

Just at that moment a car full of French men pulled up across the street, and they yelled something in French to our new-found friends. They had asked them if we were Americans. As their bloody leader replied yes, another four men jumped out of the car with objects in hand. These men obviously did not know the first four men but felt inclined to help out the already uneven situation simply because we were American. Alex, quickly doing the math in his head, realized that we were now outnumbered eight to two. He turned and began to run down the block as I quickly followed. It was amazing to see how the three men, who before had stood like statues, now gained new life with the acquisition of four more men.

After three or four blocks of this cat and mouse chase, they caught Alex. I was another block down before I realized this. I turned and began to run back. While I was running, I saw them throw Alex into a parked car and begin to beat him to the ground. They were punching and kicking him in the back of the head. By the time I reached them I was filled with adrenaline and dove on top of four of them. I knocked down about three of them, including myself, but I quickly rose to my feet, as did Alex, before any of them could get on top of us.

I now realized that there was

nowhere to go; we had to fight our way out. This undeniable fact sent me into a rage. I was now punching everything that moved. I was filled with a rush of more adrenaline and began to enjoy the situation. I hit one of them, then another, and began to scream for them to come forward. I must have looked like a raging lunatic because they turned and began to run. Alex and I began to chase after them. They split up and ran into dark alleys. Alex and I stopped and collected ourselves and lost articles of clothing. I asked Alex if he was okay, but his only reply was, "They ripped my good sweater."

As we stood there catching our breath, a police van passed us and pulled over down the road. We caught up to the two cops and began to tell them our story. They told us to wait as they were giving someone a parking ticket, which we all know takes two cops to do. As we turned and looked up the block, we watched the eight men run to their car and drive away. We pointed and yelled as the cops just proceeded to go about their life-threatening duty of giving a parking ticket. I then realized that not only were we discriminated against by the people but also by the cops. So we decided to pass along the catch phrase, which we had heard all too often that night, to the police and walked away.

I had always believed that everyone liked Americans except for our usual foes, like Iraq and Cuba. I never expected problems with the French. I guess I am a little bit wiser now and little less ethnocentric.

religions. From praying to chanting to meditating, we tried it all. "A very informative, well-researched and fascinating presentation," was the general critique from our fellow classmates and professor.

What I learned in the classroom, however, was only half of my experience. After a bit of socializing with other students at T.V.U., I met a girl who introduced me to Micheala, a German-born student majoring in tourism, who is my current long-distance best friend. We moved into a comfy flat and hit it off immediately. The next two months became a series of cooking sessions — preparing huge dinners on our old gas stove and frequent visits to the Australian pubs where we drank Snakebites and danced to a band called Looney Tunes with our new Aussie friends.

It was with my new friends that I was able to discover the rest of London. It's alive with theatres, museums, shopping and exciting night life! No matter what your fancy, London has something to satisfy. When I was in the mood to expand my cultural horizons, I visited one of the many art galleries. The Tate Gallery and The National Gallery are among the best. To learn more about the history of London, I went to the Museum of London. I

absolutely love the theatre, so I spent much of my time on the West End. Similar to Broadway, you can see some of America's hottest film stars appearing in London on stage. I saw Kevin Spacey, Nicole Kidman and Anthony Rapp. Students are granted generous discounts.

Another one of my passions is shopping. My favorite places to spend money were at Covent Garden, Carnaby Street, the Camden Market and Harrod's. Okay, so I just window shopped at Harrod's!

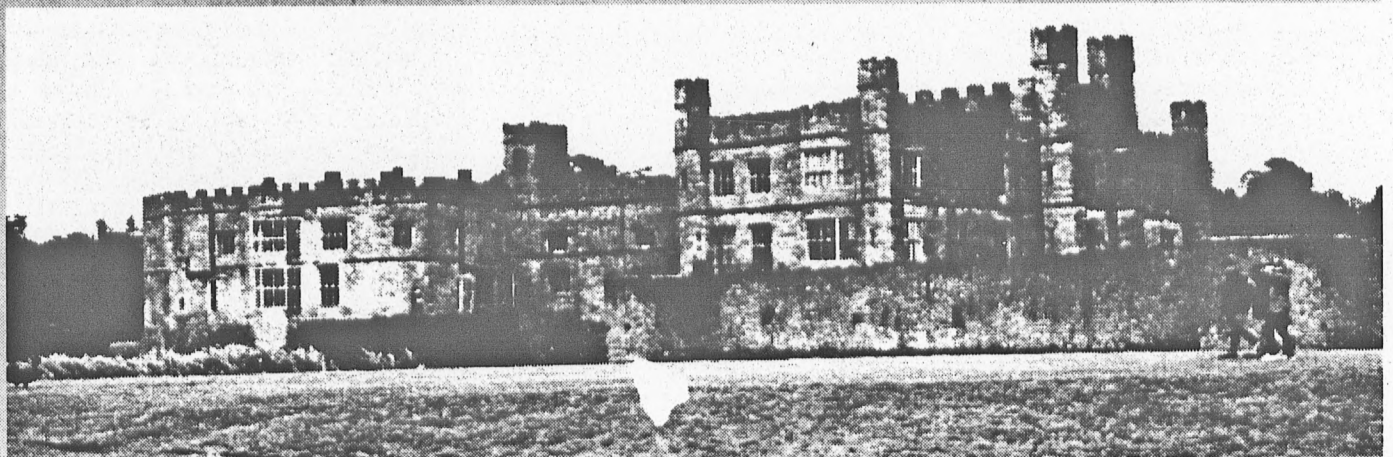
And one cannot speak of British culture with mentioning the pubs. From happy hour on, the pubs are packed —

and for a good reason. Pubs, I found, are the best places to gather with friends, chat with locals, and sip on cold ScruppyJack. Then, at 11 p.m. or so, when the pubs close, the city wakes up. A must-visit is Soho — with soulful jazz clubs and bars that stay open well after the rest of the city goes to sleep. Of course, there are the dance clubs, which play everything from techno to acid jazz to eighties pop!

Weekends ended up becoming more than just a time to party. Many students, including myself, used the weekends to travel, discovering other countries in Europe we had once only dreamed of visiting. Since travel is easily accessible in

London, many of us spent weekends in France, Holland, Ireland, Scotland, Italy and Spain.

After four months of readjusting to a new culture, adapting to a different school, and meeting new people in a country where I arrived alone, the hardest part was leaving. Saying goodbye to the new friends I made and the new life I found was heartbreaking. Over those four months, I found what no tour-book could have showed me: Friendships that would last a lifetime, love that knew no distance, and knowledge of the world that no history book could have taught me.



The Reel World

Matrix Movie Review

A Legend Remembered



One of the best moments of this year's Oscar ceremony was when Steven Spielberg introduced a retrospective of the works of director Stanley Kubrick.



Kubrick died in his sleep in early March at the age of 71. His movies have always brought audiences into different worlds filled with mystery, weirdness and a sense of entertaining puzzlement.

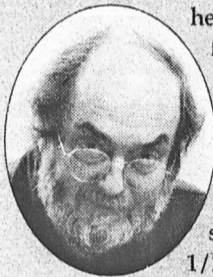
Through four decades, Kubrick has shown us looks of the past ("Spartacus", "Barry Lyndon") wars ("Paths of Glory", "Full Metal Jacket") the present ("The Shining") and the future ("A Clockwork Orange", "2001: A Space Odyssey").



His unique vision has earned him critical acclaim, a few Oscar nominations and a place in film history as one of the most innovative directors in our time.

One fact that made Kubrick a cut above the rest was his way of taking his time filming a movie.

Before he died, he completed the film "Eyes Wide Shut" with husband and wife Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman. The shoot had spanned almost 2 1/2 years under tight secrecy, making this one of the most eagerly awaited films of this year.



Not much is known of the plot. What is known is that it's loosely based on a 1920's novella by Arthur Schnitzler called "Tramvovelle (English:Rhapsody A Dream Novel)" exploring the subject of a married couple experimenting in sexual obsession and jealousy.

Harvey Keitel and Jennifer Jason Leigh were originally attached to it but because of the long shoot and conflicting schedules, their roles were replaced by Sydney Pollack and Marie Richardson. Leelee Sobieski of "Never Been Kissed" and Alan Cumming from "Goldeneye" are also among the film's supporting cast.

A week before Kubrick's death, the film was shown to studio executives and the buzz out of the screening



The Film Audience will miss you Stanley

Christopher Bligh Staff Writer

Since last year, I had heard rumors that a certain film due in the winter before the Christmas of 1999 was going to have some of the most mind blowing special effects along with a good script to balance it out.

That movie was Larry and Andy Wachowski's thought provoking sci-fi epic "The Matrix" and let me be the first to tell you that the rumors are true.

Thomas Anderson (Keanu Reeves) is a man leading a double life. During the day he is a computer programmer and at night he lives the life of Neo, a hacker who sells illegal information to the highest bidder.

After being approached by a mysterious woman named Trinity (Carrie Anne-Moss), Neo is brought to the presence of Morpheus (an excellent Laurence Fishburne), and together they try to unlock the mystery of a technological myth known as "The Matrix".

To reveal any more of the plot would not do justice to a film that's proof when a film's budget is spent the right way.

The action sequences are eye popping and are some of the most gripping I have seen since Luc Besson's "The Professional", one of my favorite action movies of the 1990's.

The special effects are dazzling and



has been positive.

Audiences will be able to experience Kubrick's cinematic swan song when "Eyes Wide Shut" hits theaters on July 16th.

It's a shame that audiences will be cheated of another film that could've been measured up to the special effects innovations of "2001." Kubrick's next project was to be the science fiction epic "AI" and was on pre-production for seven years.

In conclusion, Stanley has left quite a film legacy for this century. Before Stanley's death, Kubrick's good friend Dr. Strangelove took him on a Path of Glory to The Shining of 2001, but Barry Lyndon gave him A Clockwork Orange and a Full Metal Jacket for Fear and Desire to come back to the United States so Stanley's Eyes were Wide Shut before the end of the millennium.

always provide some kind of moment of fascination during every scene.

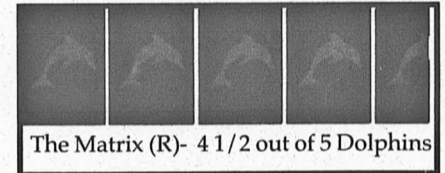
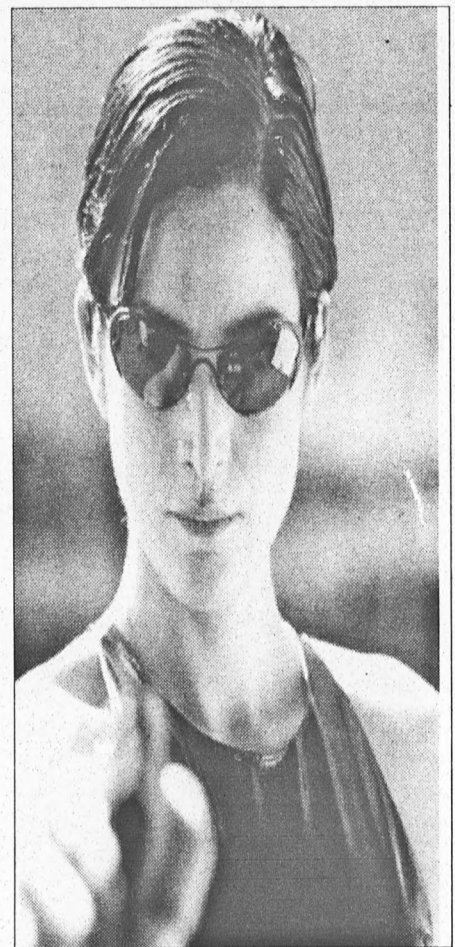
Since "The Devil's Advocate", Keanu Reeves has not disappointed in the good performance category and his performance in this film is no exception.

Laurence Fishburne gives a terrific Obi Wan Kenobi-esque performance as the master training the apprentice with confidence and all knowing intelligence. Both him and Reeves make a terrific on-screen duo.

Any good action movie has a strong supporting female character getting into the action and Carrie Anne-Moss hits the right notes as Trinity.

This is the second movie written and directed by the Wachowski Brothers (their first was "Bound") and here the balance of a good script and great special effects are there brilliantly framed in the Panavision aspect ratio and without main title credits.

In conclusion, Morpheus tells Neo "No one can be told what the Matrix is — you have to see it for yourself..." Fellow moviegoers should do the same while it's on the big screen



The Matrix (R)- 4 1/2 out of 5 Dolphins

Aspect Ratio: Panavision (2.35:1)
Cast: Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, Carrie Anne-Moss, Hugo Weaving, Joe Pantaliano

37 more days until the Force will be with you again. Star Wars Episode 1: The Phantom Menace is

KEANU REEVES LAURENCE FISHBURNE

THE MATRIX

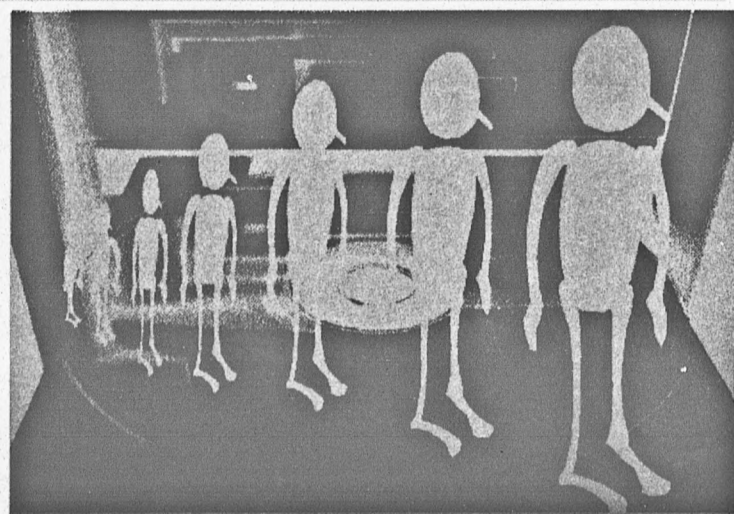
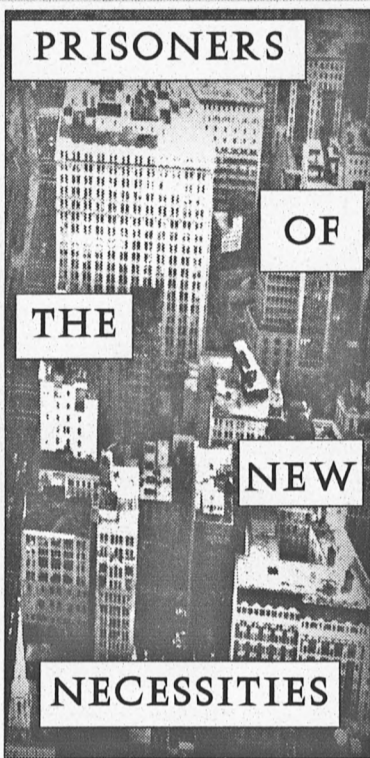
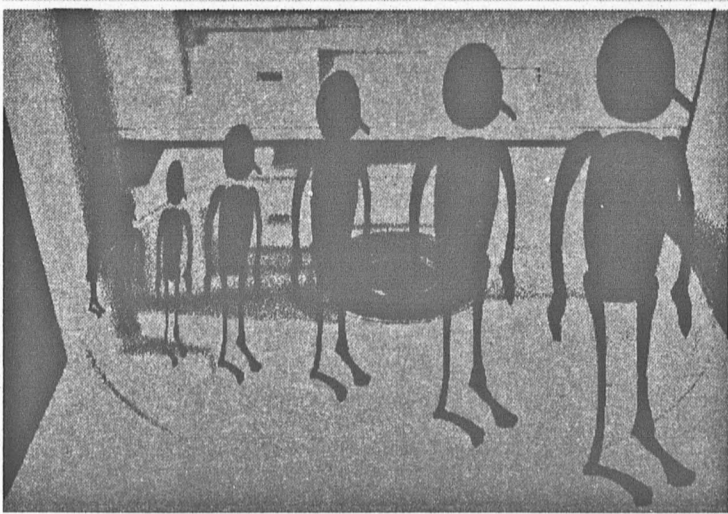
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Mouse pads click away the last vestiges of free human thought.

Florescent tans color the faces of people who rave about an interconnected society but never leave the house.

Perverts are down-loading images of the exploited and raped.

Giant super-smart calculators replace God and reform society in their images.

Asimov was a prophet and Bill Gates is the new Jesus.

I downloaded the end of the world and all I got was this stupid screen saver.

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Think about the number of moving living things in, around and under an anthill. The complexity and speed by which the process of life is perpetuated is far beyond the scope of the individual ant to comprehend. The mind of the society is far beyond the mind of the ant. Ants then are ruled by this collective unconsciousness lack of understanding.

In order for the society to then survive it needs to become a machine. It needs to transcend the limitations of its populous' intelligence. It needs to create workers for the machine.

A society that needs only workers for the machine will eventually weed out that which does not fit, it will eventually produce only that which it needs: Identical carbon copy drones.

Manhattan is a Giant City (computer (anthill)). 7 million people swarm around in it streetlights and high rises. The collective electronic process that perpetuates the city is beyond the scope of comprehension. Imagine the number of people and methods of transportation that are moving, at the same time, though the city that never unplugs.

The city makes its people move fast. It makes its people "city people." The more the city is run by computers the more the functions of society will develop patterns, the more it will run on a system. The city then infuses these patterns into the people makes them into "computer city people."

Imagine now the world running on computers.

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If you were to go back in time 40 years and tell people that by the year 2000

computers would have the power to cripple the world's economy, you would met with looks of confusion. It would be completely ludicrous that a machine, which isn't prevalent in their society, could grow into to what it is today.

It's not that the concept of computer evolution was hard for people to grasp; it's that most people stored their notion of it on that high shelf in the mental closet called, "The Future," that hazy mental area where complex concepts are stored. A place where you can except that a thing is possible, but not have to actively think about.

Try thinking about flying cars, it's plausible, but not something you'd probably dwell on as a realistic possibly in the near future.

This method of thinking is the back door, into the hard-drive of American social interaction and organization, that the computer slipped through. It digitized the collective consciousness and slid like a floppy disk into the everyday lives of the people.

It all started with Pong. The ball bouncing back and forth across the screen was the start of the computer's mass hypnotic take over.

With the long legs of entertainment, the broad shoulders of communication, and the large head of storage for the mind, the computer strolled into to minutes of the day and took up residence. It became inter-woven into the fiber of our reactions and exchanges to and with society.

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The internet in itself communi-

cates much more about a civilization that what's on the internet. What's on the internet is just a reflection of what a civilization has done with the computer. However the internet is a reflection of what computers has done with the civilization.

The primary aspect of life which solidifies your grasp on the language is communication. When you are in grade school, the thing that teaches you the most is talking to other people. That is what sets up your template of understanding.

Children today are increasingly getting the bulk of their communicational learning in internet chatrooms.

Anyone who has ever seen a young persons E-mail or internet message, will know that it is devoid of punctuation, structure and higher intelligence. It is a pigeonized version of the language meant only to communicate a series of

small ideas. Their template of understanding will be set by this miniaturized language, and therein lies the fall of society. When it comes to intelligent ideas, size does matter.

Think of math for a second add 2 +2 and you will get 4; figure out Einstine's tremendously huge formulae and you can blow up Manhattan. If you have ever read a text book that dealt with complex ideas and theories you will find that the sentences in that book are coincidingly complex. larger sentences communicate larger ideas. If the children of today are being programmed by small sentences what will they be communicating when they get older?

This is one of the ways workers

for the machine are created.

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There are portions of the human population (The Man Boy Love Association) that are alscutely evil, or if more sanitized description is needed, they have a mentality that can have no place in a civilized society.

Now apply the analogy, "if everyone in the room has a virus then no one has it," to pedophiles congregating. They will be ensconded in a collective where they will be normal. Together, even in small groups, their danger increases.

If all the doors are open then anything can just walk in.

The Internet allows the individuals that society brands with a dead girls name and flings into the dark corners of outrage and hate to network. They are the lowest in the social food chain, they are the social fungus and they now have a positive environment in which grow, in which to plan.

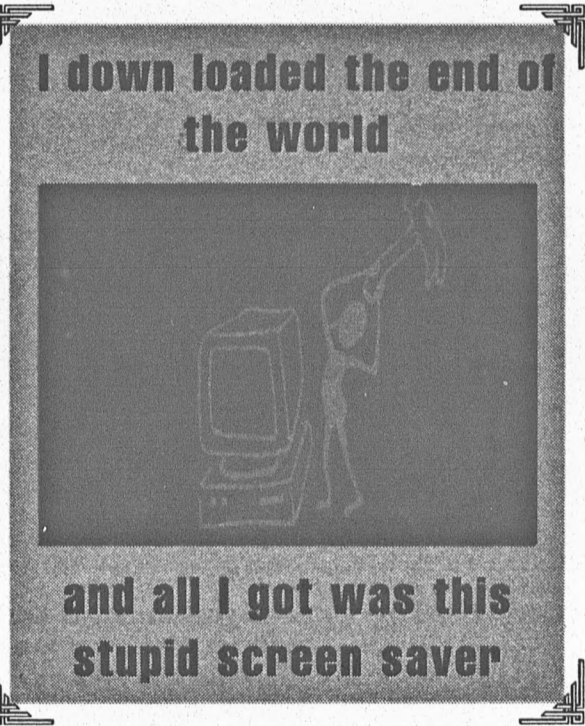
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There will be a time very soon when the Internet is the main source for most media. The Internet will become the Alpha media and almost everything will soon come through it. It will place anything at your fingertips except, maybe, the desire to go outside.

Digital Hitler grows because of consumer addiction, because of the limitless NEED that people have for things that did not exists a short time ago. Never before, though, has there been anything that has churned out new necessities as fast as the computer. Never before were there so many prisoners.

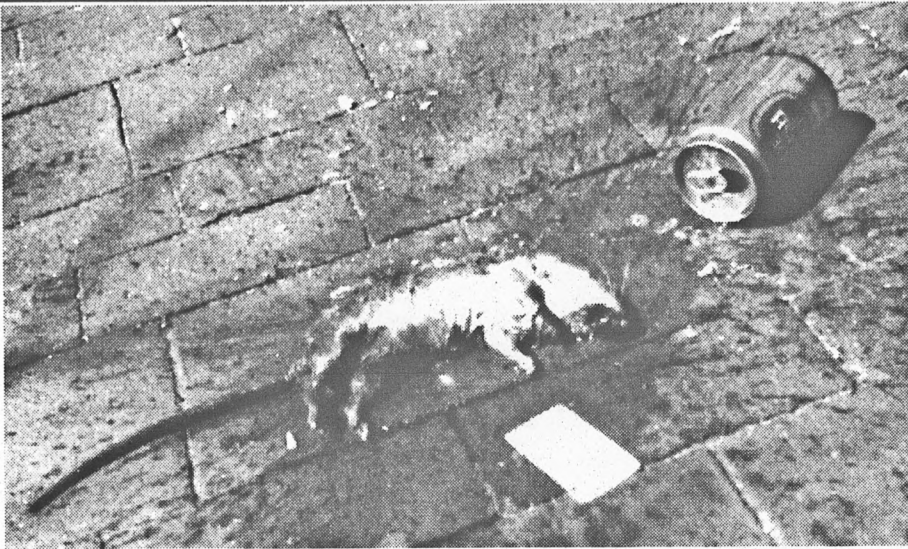
The last necessity the computer gives us will probably be a new society. The one we have now can't run this fast, it will break. Humans lack the simplicity and focus of the ants. The human social machine is too far ahead of us and it's moving further away everyday. Soon our system will crash and it will be a long time before society is able to re-boot it self. Our tool for making life easier is growing to a level where it threatens the very lives it is supposed to be comforting.

Remember kids: reality is what exists when the power goes out, and Techno is the soundtrack for the end of the world.



Really Pissed Off

WARNING: This article may be offensive and foul to some. The views expressed are not necessarily shared by *The Banner*. Don't say we didn't warn



Pissed Off Tip # 19-6 Dont ever let a rat manage bussiness, and only a vermin would erase a paper (We know who you are)

A. James Larsen
Associate Features Editor

I originally had a different idea for Really Pissed Off, but I happened to see the cover and could not resist comparing student government and goose poop.

Differences: Goose poop. . .

- 1) Doesn't stink
- 2) Doesn't stick to the bottom of your shoes
- 3) Doesn't raise student activity fees
- 4) Involves every student
- 5) Is slim
- 6) Isn't ridiculous
- 7) Would make a better date
- 8) Can always be found on campus
- 9) Is more pleasant to look at
- 10) Has a better chance of graduating
- 11) Is worth writing about
- 12) Won't stab you in the back
- 13) Gets out more

Similarities between goose poop and student government: They both. . .

- 1) Sit around campus
- 2) Serve no purpose
- 3) Can't get a date
- 4) Are as fun masturbating with sandpaper
- 5) Affect students in a bad way
- 6) Should be bagged up and thrown away
- 7) Will be stepped in no matter how hard you try to avoid it

Not to put down student government, but if you ask your average what student government does, they will give you a blank look. They could tell you more about goose poop.

POINT and CLICK

Need a Date?? Try
Jailbabes.com

By Alex Larsen

While surfing the internet I found a most unusual site; **Jailbabes.com**.

Jailbabes.com is a site where you can find nice girls who are currently serving time that are looking for companionship.

This site is great for those people who can't find lonely woman at some bar. At Jailbabes.com you can find women in most states of different ages and race.

Warning you might not want to bring these women home to meet the family. Most of these women will be released in 10 to 20 years. I noticed that most of the women wrote that they loved hiking, going to amusement parks, traveling, etc..etc.. What I want to know is how they can do all these things. I don't even get to do that much. Sounds like these women get out more than I do.

So if you're someone who needs to find their soulmate tell them about jailbabes.com and maybe they will find that nice, sweet, innocent girl of their dreams.

Weird and Unusual Websites

The Most Pet Friendly Site on The Internet

By Erika Gessin

Anything goes on the Internet. From exploring your wildest sexual fantasies. . . to escaping into an exotic African Safari. . . to learning the best gardening strategies — all of your curiosities can be satisfied on the web.

For those of you who love your pets, log on to www.creatures.com/Fido.html to see if your dog really goes to heaven. If you wonder whether animals have a spirit or a soul,

or if you thirst to know if animals are sinless or innocent, this site will tell you all. It's dog-gone revealing, as it focuses on "God's eternal plans for his lesser creatures."

The Bible Codes Websites

By Tabitha Elkins

If you're a big fan of the bizarre, arcane, and mysterious...if the X- files and millennium are your favorite TV shows... if the Book of Revelations is your favorite book of the Bible... then these websites are for you. There are two of them, each claiming to be the "official"

website, and each selling their own version of "Bible Code" software.

The first, (www.bible-code.com) promises to reveal whether a UFO crashed in Roswell, New Mexico, the death of JFK, and the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Rabin.

The concept of hidden codes in the Bible is a tantalizing one- it's all based on the idea of equidistant letter sequences (also known as ELS)-believers assert that "hidden codes" can be found in the Bible, and that these coded messages predict the future with stunning accuracy. Michael Drosnin's best-selling novel, *The Bible Code*, spawned a flurry of heated debate, and these websites add fuel to the fire.

The second website, (www.biblecode.com), has links to various sites on either side of the issue, as well as more info regarding the latest "Bible Code" book by Dr. Jeffrey Satinover, *Cracking the Bible Code*. Like the other site, this one tries to sell you merchandise- both sites are plugging their own Bible Code software, so you can check the Bible yourself for hidden codes.

Secret Places of Staten Island

Erika Gessin
Staff Reporter

Lace up your hiking boots, strap on your binoculars and grab your copy of *Secret Places of Staten Island* by Bruce Kershner (Kendall/Hunt, 148 pgs., \$14.95) and prepare for the adventure of a lifetime right in your own backyard. Whether you are a visitor or have lived here all your life, you are bound to be amazed at what is in store for you as you explore Staten Island's hidden places.

Bruce Kershner puts Staten Island back on the map by revealing our borough's best-kept secrets such as breathtaking panoramic views of the Manhattan skyline, haunted hills, ancient ruins, exotic wildflowers, enchanting waterfalls and so much more. Staten Island is no longer just that "place the ferry goes to." It is a haven for residents to take pride in and an "easy get-away destination" for tourists desiring an escape from the hustle and bustle of the city (and all within reach by public transportation!).

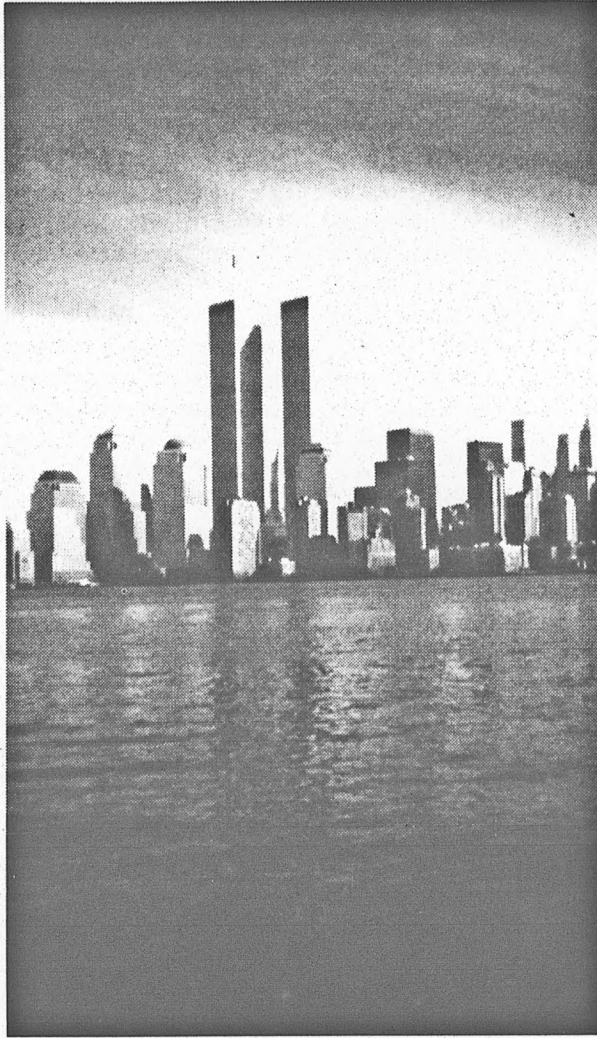
There is no better authority on the matter than Bruce Kershner. Mr. Kershner is a native Staten Islander, and an honorary member of Staten Island's leading environmental group, Protectors of Pine Oak Woods. He is a well-respected naturalist, ecologist, and educator. Winner of the 1996 'Environmentalist of the Year in New York State' award, Mr. Kershner co-founded and serves as co-chairperson of Friends of Allegany which fights to prevent the logging and mining of New York's State Parks.

Bruce Kershner is eager to share his expertise and hopes that residents and visitors will "relish Staten Island's unique assets." He encourages us to open our minds and, "Instead of seeing Staten Island as the lightly populated borough," it can now be seen as heavily populated- with birdlife, wildflowers, and impressive woods. Instead of being thought of as relatively undeveloped, it can now be seen as highly developed- with rich ecosystems, century-old forests, and one of the country's largest urban parks. Rather than a place where nothing is happening, it can be realized for its outdoor happenings: the great monarch butterfly migration, the hawk-watching spectacle at Mt. Moses, the seasonal Greenbelt walks by Protectors, and the historical re-enactments at Richmond Town and Fort Wadsworth. Instead of being unremarkable, you will be eager to remark about the only natural 360-degree panorama in N.Y. City; the tallest ocean-facing cliff in N.Y. State; haunted hills and strange fort ruins, and the classic panorama from the southernmost tip of N.Y. State.

Our tour guide through the hidden, natural wonders, also asks us, "Where else can you see N.Y. City's only historical Village, and the oldest schoolhouse in America; mysterious rock inscriptions, and some of the largest and most ancient living things in N.Y. City?"

Staten Island, we learn in this book, is home to the world's largest tulip tree.

It is over 300 years old and stands over 107 feet high with a diameter of seven feet. This tree, located in Clove Lakes Park, was planted at the time when the earliest Dutch settlers arrived. Another tree worth mentioning is the world's largest Bartram's Oak. Planted by Staten Island's "beloved naturalist" William T. Davis in 1888, it's trunk has a diameter of three feet.



412 feet above sea level, a hidden merry-go-round, and a canoe excursion you

Clove Lakes Park is described by

Kershner as a magnet of wildlife- hosting the wood duck, blue heron, owls,

h a w k s , m u s k r a t s , w a r b l e r s , w o o d p e c k e r s , f r o g s , t u r t l e s , a n d m a n y m o r e . T h e w i l d f l o w e r s a w a i t i n g u s i n c l u d e : a z a l e a , s w e e t p e p p e r b u s h , h i g h b u s h b l u e b e r r y , s k u n k c a b b a g e , a n d h e a p s o f o t h e r v a r i e t i e s .

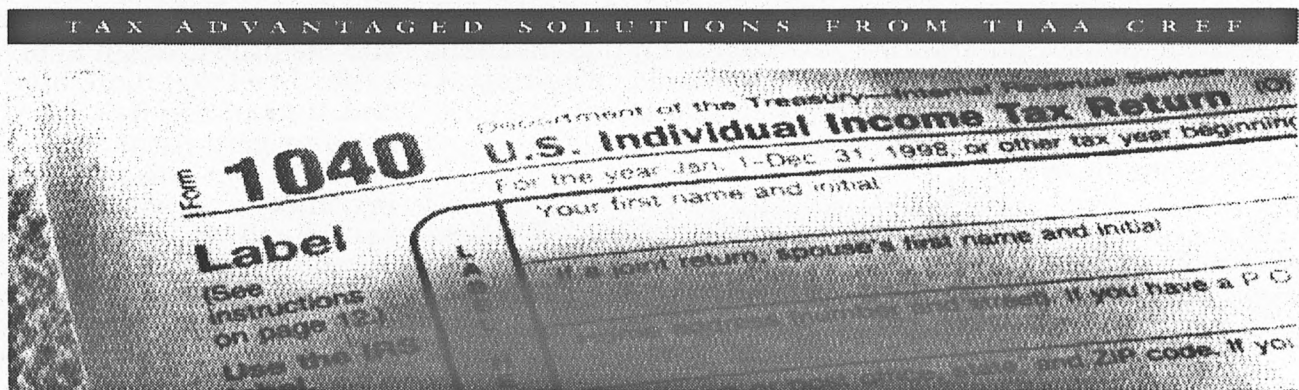
The list of secrets that Kershner lets out in this book does not end there. Staten Island's other treasures include a magnificent, cascading waterfall, the highest hill on the Atlantic seaboard measuring

can take to see Staten Island's Bayou Country.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT:

FRESHMAN (vote for one):

My name is Dionne McLaughlin and I am running for a freshman seat on student government. I am a member of the College Voice and dedicated to the empowerment of students. I believe we need a Student Government that is dedicated to enriching students lives and helping to fight for student needs and rights. As a member of Student Government I will be open to ideas and questions from all students. Please vote for me along with the rest of the members of the Rally slate. Myself and the entire Rally Slate nominees will make sure that things get done on campus. Please support our efforts and vote the Complete Rally Slate this student election. This means everyone on our ticket, not just the people you like. We need a complete change of government at CSI, and it begins with you. Thank you.

SOPHOMORE (vote for one):

Kwan Burton: HOW MUCH ABUSE WILL STUDENTS TAKE? HOW MUCH TIME WILL BE SQUANDERED BY OUR CURRENT STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATORS? But the greatest question should be "HOW MANY TIMES WILL THE STUDENTS NEED GUIDANCE AND REPRESENTATION BY THE STUDENT LEADERS, AND THERE ISN'T ANY." Certain issues must be attacked before they become problems. New policies must be instilled within our institution to avoid the concentration of power. Steps must be taken to better our campus for all, not just a small elite. I am the man that will take the student government to a different level. A level of a more cooperative government. Students having more to say, with a greater control over their senators is exactly what I'm talking about. Not the senators herding the population as if they were sheep. What I tell the current senators is... "Your reign is Over," it's the time that THE MEEK INHERIT The College of Staten Island. The salvation lies within the nominees RALLY SLATE. I, along with my comrades, are willing to dedicate our time, motivational expertise, and our many resources to every student on campus, on a larger scale. A scale that never existed here at CSI. A vote for Kwan Burton will guarantee a promising new millennium at CSI. Rally DiGiTaL.

Alon Wolkowitz: Presently, I am the SG Student Center Commissioner. In the past few months I have had the opportunity help strengthen the position of student run organizations to have the appropriate facilities here on campus. If re-elected, I will be able to continue my work here at CSI.

JUNIOR (vote for one):

Shenika Aspinall: As a representative of the Student Government body, I will be active in informing fellow students of issues that occur in or outside of campus. I will work hard to ensure that students are comfortable and have a healthy academic environment. My main focus is to take students aware of issues that affect them and get them more involved.

My name is Elizabeth Edwards and I am running for the Junior Seat on Student Government. I am currently a senator and I am President of the OUI club. So far I am on the Part Time Commission which provides you with free coffee and tea and snacks at night and evening programs. I plan to be an advocate of Students and if re-elected I plan to do what I can for clubs so that they get a fair shake and not get shafted by the administration. I also plan to do what I can for Child-Care and Students who are Deaf and Hearing Impaired. A vote for me is a vote to end club discrimination and student decimation.

SENIOR (vote for one):

Augusta Emokpae. My brothers and sisters, I am sad about the situations that I have witnessed in the current Student Government. I would like the chance to better our university in more than one way. This election please elect me, Augusta Emokpae for the Senior Seat of the Student Government, and the members of my slate, THE RALLY SLATE. If I'm given the chance along with my brothers and sisters of the RALLY SLATE, we will happily lead the start of reform at the College of Staten Island.

Thomas Healy: Dear fellow students I am running for Student Government because I know I make a difference. I am already currently on a Student Government committee and working on a serious project. This project is to get the MTA to issue a bus

for Bay Ridge Brooklyn directly to the College of Staten Island. I believe in the types of projects and issues namely anything pertaining to Student Service if elected I vow to make these problems my primary goal.

GRADUATE (vote for one):

Lisa Beatha: It would be an honor for me to serve the students at The College of Staten Island as a Student Government Senator. I believe that it is time for mature and focused students to work on the real issues facing students today. The students need a leader a leader that can establish open and effective dialogue with the administration. Voting for me will help bring about a positive change in leadership on this campus.

Please support our efforts and vote the COMPLETE RALLY SLATE this election. That means everyone on our ticket, not just the people you like. We need a complete change of government at The College of Staten Island, and this begins with you. Thank you.

My name is Meredith Fogelman. I have been involved in student activities for many years now. I would like to be elected to student government for a second term. If elected I intend to continue my work in helping students with students services. While on student government my commission reinstated the whistle watch program, collected donations for the children's center and is putting up suggestion boxes in 1C, 1P and 1L. I feel that I could help to initiate more changes to student services that would benefit students. Thank you — Please vote for Meredith Fogelman.

AT LARGE LOWER (vote for ten):

My name is Leslie Ann-Alverados and I am running for an at large lower seat on student government. I am a member of the College Voice and dedicated to the empowerment of students. I believe we need a Student Government that is dedicated to enriching students lives and helping to fight for student needs and rights. As a member of Student Government I will be open to ideas and questions from all students. Please vote for me along with the rest of the members of the Rally slate. Myself and the entire Rally Slate nominees will make sure that things get done on campus. Please support our efforts and vote the Complete Rally Slate this student election. This means everyone on our ticket, not just the people you like. We need a complete change of government at CSI, and it begins with you. Thank you

Todd Bergan: I am presently a senator on Student Government and the Club Council Representative for the Physician Assistant Club. I feel that more time and effort should be spent on clubs and student services, like Child Care and Parking Services. I am also very concerned about the quality of student relations here at C.S.I. This past year I have been committed to supporting student unity on this campus. If re-elected, I will continue to diligently work to improve these issues.

My name is Kenyatta Carter. I would like to be on Student Government so that I can make constructive, and practical changes here at CSI. This campus has been through some major turmoil in the past couple of years, and I think that we need to start building a student movement of unity, harmony, and stability.

My name is James Anthony Cua, and I'm majoring in Computer Science here at the College of Staten Island. I have been involved in various student organizations such as High Society, P.P.O.C., and Club Council. I am extremely interested in promoting more efficient student services on campus like parking, child care, and food services. I strongly believe that it is imperative that Student Organizations learn to work together in harmony.

My name is Danielle DiBerardino and I am running for a lower at large seat on student government. I believe we need a Student Government that is dedicated to enriching students lives and helping to fight for student needs and rights. As a member of Student Government I will be open to ideas and questions from all students. Please vote for me along with the rest of the members of the Rally slate. Myself and the entire Rally Slate nominees will make sure that things get done on campus. Please support our efforts and vote the Complete Rally Slate this student election. This means everyone on our ticket, not just the people you like. We need a complete change of government at CSI, and it begins with you. Thank you.

My name is Melanie Goldstein and I am a sociology/ anthropology major here at the College. I am actively involved with the Peer Drop in Center. I am a CSI Ambassador, a New

Student Orientation Leader, and currently serve Student Government's Student Service Commission. If elected I will fight for the needs of all students. I also feel strongly about the parking problem and the children's center on this campus. I will do my best to help keep these services, and/or improve them. I am a down to earth and fair person and will do my best to address and fight for all of the students concerns about their campus life.

Timothy Latona: One of the major problems that I have with CSI is the overwhelming red tape that we have to endure, just to register for our classes. Furthermore, once we pass that hurdle, then we have to figure out a way to get to them, ie parking, and shuttle bus services. Then there are some major issues surrounding the autonomy of student organizations on this campus that need to be resolved. We must come together as students to promote the philosophy that the Administration needs to service the student body, rather than the students serving the Administrators.

Stephanie Lauria: I am running for the at large lower seat on Student Government because I am concerned about the quality of student activities here at CSI. I am tired of school politics, and if elected I will do my best to put student services, such as child care, club life, and school safety, a first priority. I am relatively new at working with student organizations here, but I am ready for the challenge.

My name is Renee Marhong and I am running for a lower at large seat on student government. I am a member of the College Voice and dedicated to the empowerment of students. I believe we need a Student Government that is dedicated to enriching students lives and helping to fight for student needs and rights. As a member of Student Government I will be open to ideas and questions from all students. Please vote for me along with the rest of the members of the Rally slate. Myself and the entire Rally Slate nominees will make sure that things get done on campus. Please support our efforts and vote the Complete Rally Slate this student election. This means everyone on our ticket, not just the people you like. We need a complete change of government at CSI, and it begins with you. Thank you

Eugene Martin: I feel that as a student at C.S.I. I should have a say in what goes on on this campus. I plan to take on a lot of responsibilities that will help improve the lives of students in this school. There are many students in this school that I have come in contact with that have grievances with their campus lives. I believe that I am very capable of making changes and impacts on this college.

My name is Bryant Romano and I am running for the open seat on the Student Government. I am actively involved with clubs on this campus and I want to see that they get their fair treatment as all the other groups. I also want to help with the Child-Care Center and see that whatever can be done will be done. If you elect me I will promise to always fight for students and to make sure that we get heard by the administration. A vote for me is a vote for Students empowerment and a vote for the student Community.

My name is Robin Shomo and I would like to be re-elected for my seat on Student Government. I am currently the President of the Dance Theatre Cultural Club and representative of the Club Council. I see that things have improved recently, but could be better. I intend to fight for all student organizations to have equal rights and priorities. It is time for fresh ideas and I am the person that can do it.

My name is Christine White and I am currently a Senator on Student Government. If you re-elect me for Student Government I promise to fight for Child-Care and fair and impartial treatment of clubs. Being a Student Ambassador I am naturally an advocate for students and hope that you see fit to do yourselves a service and re-elect me Christine White to be your voice in Government.

My name is Andre Woods and I am currently a Senator on Student Government. I am also the Part-Time Evening Weekend Commissioner. I have made the needs of the evening students a priority on this campus by offering coffee, kosher food, tea and gourmet snacks. I have also held open evening forums to give students the opportunity to meet administration, as well as offering things such as a tax-workshop, and other entertaining events. I have fought relentlessly to give you an evening office worker so that your paperwork can get done faster. If re-elected to the SG I will continue to lobby again for the Child Care Center, as well as better treatment for all student organizations. A vote for me is a vote for your continued suc-

cess.

AT LARGE UPPER (vote for five):

Peter S. DiMitri: Students at CSI face a wide assortment of challenges: parking, government budget cuts, bureaucratic waste, to name just a select few. If the student government is to address these and other issues credibly — and if we are to earn the confidence of the student body — we must act on behalf of all students, not just a select or vocal few. Cooperation and unity are our only keys to success. Being a student representative is a major responsibility, and not one to be taken lightly. If elected, I will strive to be worthy of that responsibility.

Joanne Gallo: For those of you who don't know me already, my name is Joanne Gallo and I am the Student Government representative for the College Council, President of PPOC, Club Council Coordinator (for all 60 clubs here on campus), and a Social Work major here at CSI. I have also served on the Student Service Commission, Student Center Commission, the CSI Association, and am currently the Deputy Club Commissioner. Wherever there is a crooked Administrator, or false student representative, I am usually around to defend students rights on this campus. I am a Senior, and this is the last year for me to help make positive changes at CSI. If re-elected I promise to give you my best.

Arturo Gloria: I am currently sitting on the Student Government Senate. I am also a representative on the Club Council, and an officer in the Apostolic Christian Life Center of CSI. I believe in total unity among students, and I hate to see students treated unfairly, or hurt in any way. If reelected I will make fair and moral decisions. I am a firm believer in doing what is right and what is best for the students.

My name is Lorraine J. Hart-Hildebrand and I'm running for an at large Upper Seat on the Student Government for the Academic Year 1999-2000. I can honestly say, after a year's experience on the Senate, that participating in Student Government has become very important to me. I have found it very rewarding and challenging to be working with the diverse body of students and as honored to be chosen as their Deputy Chairperson. I am a strong advocate of students' rights and will fully support the organizations on this campus that enrich the lives of the student body. This includes the various publications, academic and cultural groups, and as founder and President of the Gay and Lesbian Student League, I am a strong supporter of clubs. Hopefully, in the year to come, we as a collective body can really implement some much needed change for the entire student populations' benefit.

Morgan T. Healy: At this time, I have been serving the students here at C.S.I. as the Student Government President. In this past year I have had the opportunity to establish repose from last years Student President and his lackeys. When all the smoke finally began to clear, we have been able to (finally) accomplish some positive programming/ services on this campus. If reelected I vow to continue this positive movement of student unity.

My name is Emens Larouche. My major is African Studies and I am a member of the Organization of Prestigious Poets (OPP). I am also very active in other student organizations such as the Club Council, student activities, and have been affiliated with the sports and Rec. center by playing on the Women's Basket Ball Team. I am a very sincere and approachable person, and if elected, I will do my best to put the needs of the students first.

Kathleen McHugh: I am a senior, having been at the college on both a full-time and part-time basis since spring of 1995. During this time I have been active in various CSI activities. They include: New Student Orientation, Math Tutor (SEEK and the Mathematical Tutorial Lab); English Tutor (the English Learning Center); President of the Mathematical Society; Deputy President of Student Government, Elections Commissioner; member of the following Commissions: Academic and Curricular Affairs (2 years), Publications, Student Services; service on the following: College Council, WSIA, Auxilliary Services, PDC and active involvement with the Student Union. I was the student representative on the Institutional Planning Committee and am currently the undergraduate student representative on the Middle States 2000 Committee.

In addition to my studies, I take my role of "student representative" very seriously. I believe that students should have more say in their education and the goings on at their college. That is why I am running with a group of dedicated students on

the Rally slate. Together we represent the diversity of students enrolled at CSI and together we will fight for the rights of all students.

My name is Olusogi Oluwole and I am running for an upper at large seat on Student Government. I believe we need a Student Government that is dedicated to enriching students lives and helping to fight for student needs and rights. As a member of Student Government I will be open to ideas and questions from all students. Please vote for me along with the rest of the members of the Rally slate. Myself and the entire Rally Slate nominees will make sure that things get done on campus. Please support our efforts and vote the Complete Rally Slate this student election. That means everyone on our ticket, not just the people you like. We need a complete change of government at CSI, and it begins with you. Thank you.

Dee Smith: As a concerned student. . . I see the College of Staten Island in desperate need of reform for far too long our campus has been non-chalant. . . passive. . . bovine!!! Student Initiative and participant is imperative. It's time for us, as concerned students to approach matters that will benefit the student body at large. This will be better than a select few students.

I will be the type of senator who will deal with relevant issues pertaining to the entire Campus Community. Please support the Rally Slate and I in the upcoming election for a better tomorrow. Thank You.

My name is George Springer and I am running for an upper at large seat on Student Government. I believe we need a Student Government that is dedicated to enriching students lives and helping to fight for student needs and rights. As a member of Student Government I will be open to ideas and questions from all students. Please vote for me along with the rest of the members of the Rally slate. Myself and the entire Rally Slate nominees will make sure that things get done on campus. Please support our efforts and vote the Complete Rally Slate this student election. This means everyone on our ticket, not just the people you like. We need a complete change of government at CSI, and it begins with you. Thank you.

CSI ASSOCIATION:

AT LARGE LOWER (vote for three):

Kenyatta Carter: Currently, I am a College Assistant, working for the Sports and Recreation Center here on campus, and I am well aware of the struggles that plague our student population here at CSI. As a student here, and I am personally effected by these conflicts. As an Association member I will be in a position to look out for student interests.

My name is Robin Shomo and I am running for the open seat on the CSI Association. If elected I promise to help out on club issues and to help expedite paperwork so that clubs aren't held up as long as they have been. I also will fight for students and the endeavors that we want to engage in. I will also try to ensure that students are made a priority.

My name is Christine White and I am running for the open seat on the CSI Association. If elected I promise to help out on club issues and to help expedite paperwork so that clubs aren't held up as long as they have been. I also will fight for students and the endeavors that we want to engage in. I will also try to ensure that students are made a priority.

Alon Wolkowitz: I am running for the CSI Association because I am very alarmed at the condition of student finances on this campus. As an Association member, I will have the opportunity to be a watchdog concerning our student activity fee's.

AT LARGE UPPER (vote for two):

Joanne Gallo: Last year certain student representatives, who I will not mention in this statement, spent the Student Government money reserve (close to \$300,000). The same representatives also monopolized our CSI Association seats. Administration sat by passively and aloud this group of individuals to cause financial havoc to our campus. Consequently, Administration now needs to raise the Student activity Fee \$21. Why should students have to pay for their mistakes?! Further, more administration sat by while these same students caused racial problems and dissention on campus. It took a new Student Government (which I have been part of) to bring back financial stability and student unity on our campus this past year. It is imperative that the students on this campus take responsibility in these matters since our Administration refuses to do so this is why I am also running for the Association as well as SG.

My name is Lorraine J. Hart-Hildebrand and I am running for an Upper Division Seat on the CSI Association. After a year's involvement with Student Government, I learned many things about how a campus operates. I would be honored to sit on the Association and try to help advocate for what would be the best way to administer the student activity fee. I would look forward to collaborating with the Administration and Faculty.

Thomas Healy: I am running for the Association because I have observed, in the past couple of years, that irresponsible Student representatives, as well as irresponsible Administrators have mishandled our student activity fees. I would like to continue to advocate for the student body, and be apart of this committee that has so much influence over the, student services/ activities, and finances that effect us all.

Kathleen HcHugh: The CSI Association is the body that administers the Student Activity Fee at CSI. In addition, they also allocate the portion of the fee that is applied to Commencement exercises and student leadership development. As part of the Association I, along with five other student representatives, would have an active part in the development and review of activity fee budgets for intercollegiate athletics, intramural programs and activities, the Children's Center, WSIA, and PDC. Being a math major, I would like to participate in this economical and political aspect of the college.

AUXILIARY SERVICES CORPORATION (vote for four):

My name is Kwan Burton and as a current member of The Auxillary Services Corporation Board, I am familiar with the procedures of this body. As a student leader I will need your assistance in making better decisions about the CSI Bookstore, Dining, Services, Vending Services, and Parking Registration and Enforcement. Myself and the entire Rally Slate nominees will make sure that things get done on campus. Please support our efforts and vote the Complete Rally Slate this student election. That means everyone on our ticket, not just the people you like. We need a complete change of government at CSI, and it begins with you. Thank You.

Kenyatta Carter: I hope to use this position to help alleviate some of the parking problems, and improve cafeteria services. I am also in favor of finding a way to route some of this funding into child care, and better student activities.

My name is Danielle DiBerardino and I am current member of Student Government. I am running for a seat on The Auxillary Services Corporation Board. As a student leader I will not voice my opinion about the CSI Bookstore, Dining, Services, Vending Services, and Parking Registration and Enforcement; I Will Voice Your Opinion. Myself and the entire Rally Slate nominees will make sure that things get done on campus. Please support our efforts and vote the Complete Rally Slate this student election. That means everyone on our ticket, not just the people you like. We need a complete change of government at CSI, and it begins with you. Thank You.

My name is Elizabeth Edwards and I am running for the open seat on Auxiliary Services. I intend to work towards cutting prices in the cafeteria and making the bookstore even more student-friendly. I also intend to see that the parking condition gets better as well. If elected I will serve you well and will not let you down. I am a student of action and my voice will not go unheard!

My name is Lorraine J. Hart-Hildebrand and I'm presently an employee of CSI/ Auxiliary Services Corporation in the Department of Parking Services. This enables me to be in the position to see 'both sides of the coin.' For instance, I'm aware of the many good things that ASC does, that perhaps the average student may not be aware of. However, as a full time student of CSI, I am faced with the negative aspects that one encounters during an average semester. I would be honored to advocate for the students' voices on the Auxiliary Services Committee.

Kathleen McHugh: I have been serving on the Auxiliary Services Board since December 1998. I was appointed due to a student's resignation. Auxiliary Services oversees the day-to-day operations of Dining Services, Vending Services, Parking, Enforcement and the CSI Bookstore. I would like to continue working with the Auxiliary Board, making sure that students' issues and concerns are dealt with.

Robin Shomo: I am running for Auxiliary Services because I am not pleased with many of services on this campus. Parking is a nightmare, and the food services are not only expensive but

at times inedible. If elected I would like to try to tackle these problems.

Alon Wolkowitz: I would love to have an influence on Auxiliary Services because I want to improve things such as, cafeteria prices, and parking. If elected, I intend to formulate some effective, and student oriented proposals.

My name is Andre Woods and I am currently the Secretary for The Auxiliary Services Board. The reason why you should reelect me is because I have worked to get approximately 375-500 new parking spaces and lowered prices in the CSI Bookstore. I also am trying to work out a plan to re-do the Cafeteria to make it more accessible to everyone, and maybe even get them to start accepting food stamps since the cafeteria prices are so high. I have served you all well this past year, and would like to continue to do so.

COLLEGE COUNCIL (vote for seven):

Kenyatta Carter: I am very concerned about all the academic changes that have been recently imposed on the students here at CSI. These academic changes demonstrate that there is a concerted movement to weed out the average working class and minority students, in favor of a more privileged population. Adding CORE, CLUES, and additions to our degree programs, while simultaneously cutting our remedial programs. What is going on? Is this campus going SUNY? Furthermore, I feel that it would be beneficial to our students to have the Pass or Fail option, as many other campuses do.

My name is Elizabeth Edwards and I am currently a Senator on the Student Government. I am running for the open position on College Council. I intend to make our voice heard as students and to see what can be done to give more services to us. I also intend to try and attempt to get our professors to order cheaper books and stick to the same texts for a couple of years to help cut our costs. This council if I am elected will be the perfect forum to interact with those professors who make or influence decisions in their department.

Joanne Gallo: In this past year there had been one delegate and seven students elected to serve on the College Council. Unfortunately, I have been the only person to show up to ANY of these meetings. Consequently, I was unable to institute the Pass/ Fail option due to the lack of student participation. This year I am re-running for the College Council and I am hopeful that with the help of the newly elected students we can make this change, as well as others.

My name is Lorraine J. Hart-Hildebrand and I'm currently running for one of the seven student positions on the College Council. As someone who is pursuing a dual Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Philosophy, while simultaneously working toward the completion of a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics with a finance specialization, I feel entrenched in academic curriculum requirements. This feeling was expanded upon, albeit pleasantly, while I worked in Academic Advisement as a scheduler. I know that I'm not alone in questioning some of CSI's academic policies. Also, as a full time student, I have concerns regarding the availability of course selections. If given the opportunity to reside on the College Council, I feel I would be a strong student advocate.

Linda Notaro: I'm a history College Council major and I am running for college council because I am concerned about the academic issues on this campus. If elected I will help resolve the academic conflicts that C.S.I. student face.

My name is Olusoji Oluwole and I am running for a seat on The College Council. I want to help get student's opinions to be heard. Please vote for me along with the rest of the members of the Rally slate. Myself and the entire Rally Slate nominees will make sure that things get done on campus. Please support our efforts and vote the Complete Rally Slate this student election. That means everyone on our ticket, not just the people you like. We need a complete change of government at CSI, and it begins with you. Thank you.

My name is Robin Shomo and I am running for the open seat on the College Council. If elected I plan to work towards a better relationship between the students and faculty and administration. Let our voices be heard and my mouth be that voice for you. Vote for me Robin Shomo.

Alon Wolkowitz: I am interested in College Council because I would like to support the student perspective in a (predominantly) Administratively run committee on this campus.

My name is Andre Woods and I am running for the open seat on

the College Council. Currently, I am attempting to make academic improvements such as adding another on campus Internship placement, so that students have more to choose from. I also intend to work on getting a pass/fail option on troublesome courses. If elected I intend to pressure the administration to work with faculty, and be more supportive towards the students. We need to work together and lobby for cheaper books, (and certainly Professors should use the same text book more than once), and get them to put more books on reserve at the library. A vote for me is your ticket to having more money in your pockets.

FACULTY STUDENT DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE (vote for seven):

My name is Shenika Aspinall and I am running for a seat on the Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee. I believe we need student advocates on this committee. I believe in helping to fight for student needs and rights. Myself and the entire Rally Slate nominees will make sure that things get done on campus. Please support our efforts and vote the Complete Rally Slate this student election. This means everyone on our ticket, not just the people you like. We need a complete change of government at CSI, and it begins with you. Thank you.

Kwan Burton: Last year, I was elected on to this committee and I proved myself to be an asset to the student population. I would consider it an honor for me to be elected the same position again this year. I will never let the students down. . . and that's the bottom line. Vote For Alycia Parker and the other members of the Rally Slate.

Kenyatta Carter: It is very important to me to see students unite across ethnic, cultural, and academic areas, to empower the entire student body on this campus.

Gina Catania: Last year at this time (and straight through to the beginning of this year) some irresponsible and meanspirited students caused reaked havoc on this campus, causing student arrests, racial disharmony, etc. This year, myself as well as my running mates have promoted student unity, and productive and effective programming. If re-elected, I would like to continue the good work.

My name is Lorraine J. Hart-Hildebrand and I feel that one of the most important positions a student can hold is a seat on the Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee. The importance of this body cannot be stressed enough, due to the Committee's ability to weigh a student's future in the balance. I feel I could render an unbiased and fair judgement, if chosen to represent the student body on this committee.

Linda Notaro: I am a member of the Club Council, and the Vice-President of Theta Phi here at C.S.I. As an active student I would be honored to serve on the Disciplinary committee, since I am concerned for the condition of student life on this campus.

My name is Bryant Romano and I want you to elect me to the open seat on the Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee. If elected I will promise that students will get the fair shake that they deserve and that they do not get their rights taken away from them. I will do my best to see that this campus becomes as safe as possible so that we can all worry more about passing our classes and not looking over our shoulders.

My name is Christine White and I want to be elected to the Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee. If elected I will do my best to see that students are given a fair shake and that they don't get abused by the system.

Alon Wolkowitz: Currently, I am part of this past Student Government that has brought peace to this campus, after last years partisan and political fiasco's. I am endeavoring to bring student unity on this campus.

My name is Andre Woods and I am running for the open seat on the Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee. If elected I promise that I will do everything I can to make sure that not another student gets attacked on this campus and if it were to happen I would see to it that they got everything that is coming to them. Our safety is paramount and we should not have to worry about being attacked there are much better things we have to worry about like graduating. We are adults and should not have to be policed by the administration, but for those of us who need it keep cool its not worth getting in trouble which could lead CUNY to come down on the rest of us.

No Added Preservatives.....



"Leap Year Adds One Day More"

Small windows,
almost cubby holes,
limited views of
what could be
seen outside.
Images floated
sporadically on
her brown walls.
She pretended
sometimes that
he watched her.
Green eyes scolded
her as she danced.
Spinning with no
Melody, her long
arms twirled
around her axis.
She thought she
Was being sexy.
He did too.
She pointed to the
indents of glass,
inviting him into
her world.
Her spastic lack
of vital temptation.
She danced on her
bed- getting closer,
to what she imagined
freedom is.
Linking her fingers
Together, she huffed
on the glass.
Fog divided them
and he ran away.
She saw his features
Fly down the block
on her ceiling.
Suddenly the music ended.
And tomorrow became
yesterday's torment
in the hopes
for a new beginning.

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"Prayer to the Plastic Café"

Naked girl walked
into a bar.
Her bare eyes
saw all of
what plastic is
made of.
The owners squealed
The waitresses made
fun of her.
The drunkard at
the end of the bar,
came secretly on
The stool to
her nude silhouette;
while regulars
played video crack.
Stiff plexi-glass
fingers pointed
and laughed at
their own sudden
sad reality.
Before melting
in her flames.

