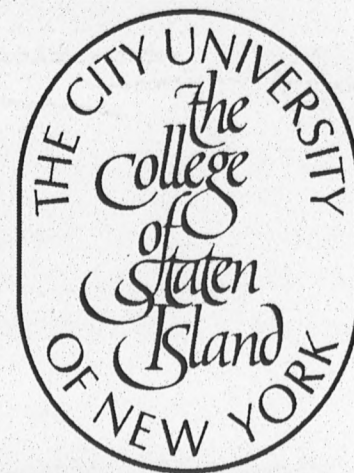


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HERSTORY:

The Banner Celebrates Women's History Month

Herstory Postponed: The Need for the Reawakening of the Women's Rights Movement

By Morgan T. Healy
CSI Student Government President

Progress as defined by Webster's third International Dictionary:

1. To go forward, advance; proceed;
2. An advance or movement to an objective or toward a goal;
3. Gradual betterment, the progressive development or evolution of mankind.

In honor of women's history month I write this as a tribute and a wake up call to others. During a class lecture which I attended this semester, I and hopefully others, heard both a powerful and disturbing statement. It was conveyed to us by Professor Sandi Cooper, tenured history professor, a former chair of the Faculty Senate for CUNY and a devoted activist for the equality of women. Her words, which are still echoing undiminished in my ear, went something like this. Twenty years ago you began to see changes. Being a woman, you thought issues were about to change for good. Now you look around today and all those issues you thought were going to change did not. Even though no specifics were mentioned, it was a powerful, yet terribly depressing statement that has inspired me to write this article. So in honor of women's history month, I write this article as a tribute to and as a wake-up call to women.

The Beginning

It is a common misconception that the Women's Rights Movement (WRM) began in the 1960's. In fact WRM began in the 1830's due to the horrendous treatment of women at that time. Women, in increasing numbers, all across the nation began to have a realization of their lives. This realization



Crouching Woman - Picasso

came from the fact of living in a strong, male-dominated society. You see, "if you were born a female in the early 19th century in America, you were required to be religious, familiar with domestic chores, pure of heart, and free from sensual needs." The women of this time tried to free themselves of these social expectation of "the woman." These reactions finally led to the first women's rights convention in July 1848, the Seneca Falls Convention.

Since before the Civil War women had been

demanding the right to vote. Many female reformers put aside this notion for a while to battle for the rights of blacks at the time. In 1900 a new generation of women took up the battle for the right to vote.

During World War II some 6 million women entered the workforce in industry and agriculture. Some 200,000 women were employed for non-combat duties. This helped get women in the work force. When the men came back they expected their jobs back. Because of the treatment that women received; for example being laid off in favor of the returning veterans; this left lasting impressions for women. This impression strove women to look for equal opportunities in the work force.

In 1955 a college educated seamstress boarded a bus in Alabama and took a seat in the whites only section and refused to give up the seat when demanded. This woman was Rosa Parks. With this one act she spoke out against racism and perhaps not by intention she also spoke out with a voice that women seemed to be lacking for so long and inspired "all women" involved in the quest for civil rights.

The Second Wave

The 1960's brought forth a pouring tide of activism that helped bring about the 1964 Civil Rights Act. This Act prohibited employment discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, and national origin. Within the first five years of the passing of the Act, 50,000 complaints were brought forth on sex discrimination. In 1966, The National Organization for Women grew in membership addressing the needs of specific women including Blacks, Latinos, Asian-Americans, lesbians, welfare recipients, business owners, aspiring politicians and trades women.

Even though these events were taking place,
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women still found themselves left out of issues. Young women going to college wanted to play an active roll in the antiwar movement, but found that men blocked their efforts. Men felt that the leadership of these movements was within their jurisdiction and that women should run mimeograph machines and limit their activities to female functions such as food preparation and other decidedly "female" tasks.

In the late 1960's and well into the 1970's, the Women's Rights Movement developed into small groups of women who worked on projects like newspapers, book stores, creating women's shelters and rape crisis centers, and hotlines that were devoted to domestic violence. This movement led to equal access to education and was soon for women an outstanding success. The number of women in the professional world would double, becoming doctors, lawyers, engineers, architects and other noteworthy professions. Once this proverbial ball got rolling, it seemed that nothing would stop these activists. But while turning the pages into the history of the WRM, the pages almost stopped when you hit the 1990's.

The Third Wave?

Is there a "third wave"? If one were to go on the Internet you would find many websites with the current issues for today's women. These websites do in fact state that today women are still very cautious to call themselves Feminists. One site wrote this, "While many women may still be hesitant to call themselves 'feminists' because of the ever present backlash, few would give up the legacy of personal freedoms and expanded opportunities women have won over the last 150 years. Whatever choices we make for our own lives, most of us envision a

world for our daughters, nieces, and granddaughters where all girls and women will have the opportunity to develop their unique skills and talents and pursue their dreams." Could this be construed as a cry for help from the activists of today? If so, why is no one picking up the reins of leadership. Where are the strong willed women of the 1960's and 1970's? Do people think there are no more issues to fight for? If so, you couldn't be more wrong. If anything, today's issues are more radical and more political than ever before and because of this they need greater participation than ever before.

The Issues Facing Women Today

- * Women's reproductive rights.
- * Women's enrollment in the military.
- * Women's roles in religion.
- * Affirmative action. Do women now interact on a level playing field?
- * Pornography.
- * Sexual harassment. Where does flirting end and harassment begin?
- * Surrogate motherhood.
- * Women as mothers. Should businesses accommodate women's family obligations since men still assume fewer family obligations?

Where are the activists of 20 years ago? If not they then where are their "daughters, nieces, and granddaughters" to take their places in the never-ending fight for equality. So, I implore those of you who are out there to become educated on the issues and to get involved. Pick up the proverbial reins and resume where your mothers and grandmothers left off. Let the dream that people like Elizabeth Cady Stanton (considered the mother of the movement), Rosa Parks, and women today like Sandi Cooper who wish for this dream to continue. Arise and Awaken, the New Dawn Begins!

The Office of Student Life

Meri Kaufman
Assistant Coordinator for Clubs and Organizations

The Office of Student Life is at the center of student life at the College of Staten Island. The Office serves the entire CSI population with services including voter registration, Census 2000, the Annual Awards Reception and also through publications, such as "The Gazetteer" and the "CSI Club Brochure." The Office of Student Life also serves a specific audience of student leaders, whether elected or appointed, through advisement of all student clubs and organizations and through leadership development. Student Life programs provide the opportunity for all students to grow emotionally and socially through exposure to issues or subjects not normally addressed in the academic programs of the college.

There are over 60 student clubs or organizations to satisfy the interests of every student. There are excellent opportunities for you to develop your interests, leadership skills and civic responsibility. You can get involved in anything from joining WSIA, the radio station, writing for a student publication such as The Banner, or run for election to Student Government. Your opportunities are endless. Start today.

For more information about the opportunities and services offered by the Office of Student Life stop by room 1 C-201 in the Campus Center, or call (718) 982-3074.



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Your Student Government: Up Close and Personal

Written By: Liza Anne Evanson

The College of Staten Island Student Government- who are they and what are they all about? What exactly are they doing for this campus? We feel here at The Banner that the students on this campus need to get to know their acting student government. Not only will getting to know the Student Senate help unite students, but it will also make it easier for students to help the Senate change CSI for the better. The next several issues of The Banner will contain an interview with one of our student senators, letting the student body know what the CSI Student Government is made of.

The Student

Our first candidate is Kenyatta T. Carter, a sophomore here at the college. Mr. Carter is our Student Government Vice President, the Treasurer of the CSI Association, the Finance Commissioner, a member of The College Council and a member of the Faculty and Student Disciplinary Committee. He is a full time student who is 23 years old, and is a Biology / Psychology double major with minors in business and computer science.

The Interview

Q. "Why did you decide to become a member of Student Government?"

A. "I wanted to be more active on campus- not like I was in high school, where I wasn't involved in anything at all. I considered several ways of becoming more active, such as joining some kind of sport or writing for the school newspaper, but I ultimately decided on becoming a student senator."

Q. "What do you feel that you can contribute to Student Government in the future?"

A. "I want Student Government to have a better relationship with every group on campus- from the Alumni, Faculty and Administration to the gym and the library. I feel this is necessary because it will help us to make positive changes in the school, and it will enable students to network and have good ties with the faculty. There is a lot to be learned from the faculty, and if we work separately, it can damage our future."

Q. "What would you like Student Government to accomplish?"

A. "I would love for the Senate to unite with students, and to listen to the students on this campus (because we are not always right about what people want)."

Q. "What changes do you feel would improve the quality of life on campus?"

A. "Better communication of what the college truly has to offer. I did not know that CSI had departments to help students with life projects until recently. I thought you had to be a senior to go to the Career Development office! I would like to see a greater bond between the Staten Island community and the college. For example, did the community know about the protest we had several days ago- and if so, how many of them were there? I would also like to help develop parenting and personal finance workshops for students because these things will help us in the future. Children don't exactly come with instructions, and if any one needs financial advice it is college students because here we build up the most debt."

Q. "What are your views on CSI and the class registration process, student activities and the physical aspects of the campus itself?"

A. "The campus is beautiful and it's one of the best I've ever been on. I've gone to other campuses such as the University of Buffalo, and considering that it is a CUNY the campus is pretty impressive. But, it does have some drawbacks in comparison to SUNY schools. When I went to UB, you could register over the phone at any time. I think that would make life easier for CSI students, especially people who work full time. Some student activities on this campus verge on juvenile. Students on this campus are adults, who want to have fun in an adult manner. I don't agree with having small special events. As a college, we should always think bigger. When I went to UB, I attended a concert that had artists such as Beenie Man, Cypress Hill and other popular bands. I would like to see something like that happen in CSI."

Q. "What are your ultimate lifetime goals for the future?"

A. "First and foremost, I am going to graduate, hopefully with a degree in both Psychology and Biology and then go on to graduate school and get a Ph.D. in neuropsychology. I have a big interest in cognition and learning abilities of the elderly. I also want to research Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease."

Wellness

What Alcohol did to me?

By Peer Educator

It is very unsettling to look back and see all the things that I have given to alcohol. My relationship with alcohol started when I was 10 years old even though my first drunk was at 5, when I was Ring Bearer at my Aunt and Uncle's wedding. By the time I was twelve I had stopped going to school and was robbing stores, houses and any other person or thing I could do to get money to drink and drug. I had been arrested numerous times by the time I was 14 and lost all the jobs I had because of alcohol and stealing. My father told me if I keep stealing people will never trust me and that made me think about what I was doing and slowed me down.

After a bit of depression and feeling sorry for myself, an old guy gave me a chance at a job and when he didn't have work he hooked me up with others. One thing I learned from him was you need to be good to your boss if you want to keep your job. Once I learned this and applied it to my life I was able to keep a job. This meant I always had money and I used 70 % of it on getting lit.

Once I had a steady income the drinking returned and not to long after I was back to stealing. I would steal for the thrill of it and the alcohol induced these feelings. Once I reached the age of 15, I was no longer getting caught for stealing. Back then I figured this was because I was getting good at it, today I think God was looking out for me.

Alcohol is funny that way, it will take everything and it doesn't even have to ask you. By the time I was 27, I had spent a few nights in jail and had been arrested for a DWI, which cost me \$7000, and some of my driving privileges. Alcohol had robbed me of all my ambitions to succeed and has taken away a good portion of my life, 18 yrs to be exact.

Today I attend A.A. meetings on a daily basis and I am grateful for this past year of sobriety. These last 11 months have been the best in my entire life. My ambitions, goals and dreams are opening up in front of me and slowly coming true. I have made some of the best and truest friends I have ever had in the rooms of A.A. Today I live my life one day at a time, I take it easy and let God or my higher power run the

show. Today I have dreams and alcohol and drugs are not in any of them. Life is so good sober that I would rather die then go back to a drink or drug and when I was drinking and drugging, dead is what I was. I say that because today I am alive for the first time in my life and it took me 18 years to get here and 11 months to understand what it is to truly live. At night I look up in the sky, take a sober breath and gaze into the stars and a feeling comes over me that I could never duplicate with alcohol or drugs. You can only have it sober and it's the best feeling in the world. I do not want to die today, so I will stay in the rooms of A.A. and pray to God at night, thanking him for giving me that day and in the morning I will ask him to help me help myself through another day.

April is National Alcohol Awareness Month. In recognition of this the Wellness Program is sponsoring the following programs. On Thursday, April 6, at 1:30pm in the Green Dolphin Lounge come to the program, "Last Call... A Sobering Look at Alcohol Abuse", co-sponsored by the Program Development Committee. Screaming With Pleasure Productions kicks off Alcohol Awareness Month at CSI with their entertaining show using comedy, drama, juggling and other vaudevillian techniques to shed light on substance abuse issues. This program is also a Personal Growth CLUE. The week of April 10th Peer Educators will be staffing an alcohol information table in the Campus Center. The Peer Drop-In Center located in 1C-111, is always available for information on substance abuse or any other wellness issue. The Wellness Program also has a substance abuse counselor on board, Linda Conte, and she can be reached at 982-3129.

There will be two more programs on alcohol awareness during April: On Wednesday, April 12th, "Alcohol and Tough Choices", 2:30 in the Campus Center, Bijou Room (211) and on Thursday, April 13th National Alcohol Screening Day, 10-12 and 1:30-3:30 in the Campus Center Room 112. Please come join us to find our information for yourself or someone you know and care about.

Contributed by Michele Zarrella And
Vinny Grippo CSI Project Coordinator NYPIRG

NYPIRG Fall 1999 Semester highlights:

September 30th General Interest Meeting: 107 students attended and heard seven students speak about semester projects. The guest speaker was NYPIRG's executive director Chris Meyer. The event was organized by students Deena Karfunkel and Bryan Tomlinson.

Co-sponsored voter registration event Tuesday October 5, 1999 With speakers including Rebecca Steltzer (NYPIRG Voter Registration project leader), Andre Woods (Student Government Senator), and Vinny Grippo (NYPIRG Project Coordinator). Before the election deadline NYPIRG registered over 300 CSI students to vote largely a result of the hard work of student and Voter Registration project leader Rebecca Steltzer.

Homeless voter registration event Wednesday October 7. NYPIRG went to Project Hospitality, and registered twelve families to vote. Student volunteers Erica Gessin and Tanshia Cambell (Homeless outreach project leader) helped to organize the event.

NYPIRG held a voter registration community blitz and registered one hundred people at the ferry terminal on Thursday October 8.

October 21, 1999 NYPIRG held another homeless voter registration event at Project Hospitality where students spoke to a group of homeless people about the value of registering to vote.

October 22-24, 1999 NYPIRG held it's Fall Conference in Syracuse and thirty students from CSI attended and joined over three-hundred students from around the state.

October 25-29, 1999 NYPIRG put up 188 tombstone in front of the campus center because every fifty-three minutes a child dies of starvation and/or homeless related causes. Following this students gathered to speak about the reality of this tragic statistic and how things could be changed. This event was coordinated by Peter Lang, and Melissa Narwick (NYPIRG Board Representative)

November 10, 1999 NYPIRG students volunteers Bryan Tomlinson, Peter Lang, and Dawn Maruchau leafleted in the forty second street station to promote the construction of a 2nd avenue subway line.

November 15-19, 1999 NYPIRG held a homeless awareness week. Events were coordinated by Taneshia Campell (Project leader) including a peanut butter and jelly jam where students made sandwiches which were distributed to the homeless that day. Also, NYPIRG participated in a food salvage day going to the Staten Island Mall to obtain left over food from restaurants and distributing it at the ferry terminal to the homeless.

Tuesday November 23, 1999 NYPIRG held it's annual Toy Safety New conference. They released a list of unsafe toys. Bryan Tomlinson (Board represent and consumer action project leader) gave a speech at the news conference which was attended by numerous TV stations and newspapers.

NYPIRG organized a holiday clothing drive in the College of Staten Island. NYPIRG collected clothes on campus from students and faculty and as a result donated nine bags to ST. Mary clothing drive

and to project hospitality.

Friday December 3, 1999 NYPIRG students tabled in the city in front of the NIKE store on 57th and 5th to promote the end sweatshops rally. Student volunteer included Dawn Maruchau (End Sweatshops project leader).

Thursday December 9, 1999 NYPIRG participated in an End Sweatshops Rally in Manhattan. This event was organized by NYPIRG, the National Labor Committee, and Interfaith Network. Over four thousand people marched with twenty from CSI including students from NYPIRG, The Third Rail. The Voice. and CSI Convergence.

NYPIRG Student Action Meeting

This Semester NYPIRG held it's annual Student Action Meeting. The event was held on February 24 at 1:30 in the Green Dolphin Lounge. 105 students attended the event and heard six students discuss NYPIRG's semester project.

Melissa Narwick NYPIRG board representative, was the MC. The first speaker was Rebecca Steltzer, the Voter Registration project leader, who discussed the importance of student representation at the polls. She encouraged students to not only register to vote and vote, but also to be leaders in their own communities and therefore go out and register others to vote. Following her was Tim Jenkins who spoke about Higher Education focussing on the Governor's budget and how it would effect CUNY and CUNY students. Tim also encouraged students to participate in an upcoming Higher Education Lobby Day where students would go to Albany to meet with their local legislators about financial aid and tuition concerns.

Following Tim Dawn Maruchau spoke about the End Sweatshops campaign. She focussed on the need to keep pressure on major companies like NIKE, and Walmart until they comply to disclosing addresses and names of all of their manufacturing factories. After Dawn Soji spoke about NYPIRG's homeless campaign focussing on the disparity in the distribution of wealth in North America. Soji also discussed the possibility of holding a Homeless Empowerment Day here at CSI and a Poverty Awareness Week. Bryan concluded the project profiles by discussing the Consumer Action project. Bryan spoke about NYPIRG's campaign to ban ATM surcharges in New York City. Currently 35 City Councilmen support such a bill and NYPIRG students have been writing letters to City Councilmen on both sides to encourage a large amount of support for it. Along with lobbying the City Council letters have also been written to the Mayor who would have to sign such a bill. Bryan also explained NYPIRG's playground safety survey which will be completed by students in April.

After the project profiles Larry Hanley, the president of the Amalgamated Transit Union, spoke about our local Straphangers Campaign to improve bus service on Staten Island. He discussed the need to push our local legislators to give Staten Island back what it puts into the cities MTA budget. This would greatly increase the amount of busses on Staten Island therefore increasing the frequency of service available. Larry also spoke about the need for more bus shelters and the need to improve existing shelters on Staten Island. Following this Larry discussed the overall importance of student activism and the great accomplishments students can attain when they are organized.

Higher Education Lobby Day

March 6, 2000 NYPIRG held it's Higher Education Lobby Day with USS and SASU. Seven people from C.S.I attended and lobbied Assemblywomen

Connolly, Assemblyman Stranteri, Assemblyman Vitaliano and State Senator Marchi. Issues discussed included removing the ninety percent cap of TAP, which is the Tuition Assistance Program, decreasing CUNY tuition by two hundred and fifty dollars, providing more full time faculty lines, providing more funding for SEEK, and providing more funding for child care services.

Student leaders at the event were Tim Jenkins and Melissa Narwick who were joined by project coordinator Vinny Grippo, President of S.A.W. Michelle Payton-Garrett, Dawn Maruchau, Bryan Tomlinson, Artand Singh, and Peter Lang. Students received commitments from Elizabeth Connolly, Eric Vitaliano, and Senator Marchi on nearly all of their concerns.

The Governor's proposed budget included a cut of 40.1 million dollars from the tuition assistance program. Such a cut would result in a maintenance of the 90% cap on TAP. NYPIRG students proposed that with a multi-billion dollar surplus in the New York State economy now was the time to remove this cap. Such a removal would require an additional 15 million dollars on top of the 40.1 million the Governor desires to remove from TAP. On top of this students asked for a tuition decrease of \$250 based on the same idea that with a multi-billion dollar surplus now was the time to reverse a 15 year trend of increasing CUNY tuition from a time when it was virtually free. New York state currently has the 14th highest public state tuition in the country. Another element of the Governor's proposed budget was an over 1 million dollar cut to child care services in CUNY and SUNY. Such an idea seems absolutely preposterous to anyone who understands the

current state of this service in CUNY and all of the elected officials we met with completely agreed with the ridiculousness of this proposal. Along with this student spoke about the need to increase the number of full-time faculty lines in CUNY. As of 1998 only 48% of CUNY's faculty was full-time. This greatly impairs the ability of the students to receive extra help from their professor's and thus diminishes the quality of the education they receive. It is imperative that this percentage changes and in order for that to happen the legislators have to add more full-time faculty lines in CUNY. Students leaders who attended provided legislators with pertinent information on NYPIRG's proposals. Other students contributed stories about the difficulties they have been faced with in trying to pay for college.

Upcoming NYPIRG Events

March 23 Dine out Against Hunger: NYPIRG will be eating out to support Project Hospitality. 20 % of the bill will go to the homeless.

March 30 ATM surcharge survey press conference: On front of City Hall with City Councilmen NYPIRG will be holding a press conference to release results of its ATM surcharge survey and to put pressure on legislators to pass a bill banning these surcharges

April 1-6 Business Sign-on: To support Higher Education Campaign

April 7-9 Spring Conference in Albany

April 10 Earth Day Lobby Day in Albany

April 10-15 Poverty Awareness Week (Events TBA)

April 17 Homeless Empowerment Day 6:00: Homeless people will be at CSI to hear about financial aid, tutoring, and their ability to attend the College. Their children will be entertained by musicians and arts & crafts workshops. For more information on any of our events please contact Vinny at 1C-219 or at 982-3109.

Editorial: A Bridge Too Far

I live in Brooklyn (Bensonhurst), but I love Staten Island. I have found that on this island there is a particularly pleasant sweetness to a breath of air inhaled on a cool spring day. I thoroughly enjoy the Island's stunningly beautiful green field and silver watered parks. There's a view from the corner of Forest Avenue and Victory Boulevard of the tip of Manhattan and the New York Harbor that is nothing less than a picture postcard. Many of the Island's one family homes show the character and diversity of their occupants. There are landscapes to be seen on this island that only an artist such as Cezanne could capture on canvas. Here then is a picture of a beautiful, friendly, free and contented community which should be visited and appreciated by all city residents and held up as a model for all of the city boroughs.

Coming from Bensonhurst I share many things in common with Staten Islanders, our congressional representative for one and a single family homes community for another. However, unlike most Islanders, I do not drive or own a car. I commute to CSI by way of three buses - the B8 (in Brooklyn), the S53 (over the Verrazano Bridge to Clove Road and Victory Boulevard) and the S62 (down Victory Boulevard to the College). Under the best of circumstances this trip takes about two hours one-way. In inclement weather this commute can be a nightmare. That nightmare can be found at the cross-road called Clove Road and Victory Boulevard. On wind swept evenings, frosty mornings and wet afternoons, you may find me standing and waiting for the S53 or S62 transfer connection (depending upon whether I am coming or going), and I am not alone. Many of our fellow students suffer this same weathered fate.

Although it is true that the people coming over the Verrazano to CSI are a minority of commuting students, they (and I) deserve the right to have the least amount of impediments placed in the path to a quality and enjoyable educational experience. Sometimes the wait for a transfer connection is only five or ten minutes, but my experience has been an average time of between ten to twenty minutes (sometimes as much as forty minutes). The S53 and S62 Bus Stops at this crossroad are open and exposed. Many times in a

down pour an umbrella is useless due to an accompanying strong wind sweeping down Victory Boulevard or Clove Road. The S62 Bus Stop on Victory Boulevard is a particular hazard during thunderstorms (accompanied by lightning) as it is situated directly under the trees of Clove Lake Park. For students travelling at night, this is also a lonely and vulnerable spot (one can imagine many horrible things happening at such lonely and dark locations).

What then can be done for the intrepid, pioneering Brooklyn student travelling to CSI because he or she loves the campus and the quality education to be obtained here at a unique CUNY senior college?

The only answer lies in one single discontinuous bus route from Bay Ridge Brooklyn terminating at the College of Staten Island. Thus, in the name of CSI's commuting students, we at the Banner "Request"... "Implore"... even "Demand" that CSI President, Marlene Springer, bring the weight and the power of her office to the table of negotiations with the MTA Board to make this single discontinuous bus route a reality.

To the President we can only say, if you have already tried...PLEASE TRY AGAIN!!! ... Jawbone ...Schmooze...Arm Twist...Negotiate...Threaten...Smile...Pound the Table...But use the power of your office! Have Cocktail Parties...Invite MTA Board members to a Staten Island Yankee home game ...Have a Tailgate Party...Maybe even a Good Old Southern Bar-B-Que ...but get the commuting students coming here from Brooklyn One Bus...One Ride...One Easy, Stress-less Commute to CSI.

To the Students we say, if you agree (or disagree), please let us know your opinion by sending mail to: The Banner, 2800 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10314 or e-mail us at: THE-BANNER@STUDENT.CSI.CUNY.EDU

T.Healy, Editor-in-Chief

Poetic License

ANYWAY

(Attributed to Mother Theresa)

**People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered.
LOVE THEM ANYWAY.**

**If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.
DO GOOD ANYWAY.**

**If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies.
SUCCEED ANYWAY.**

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY.

**The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.
DO GOOD ANYWAY.**

**The biggest people with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest people with the smallest minds.
THINK BIG ANYWAY.**

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs. FIGHT FOR SOME UNDERDOGS ANYWAY.

**What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.
BUILD ANYWAY.**

**Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.
Give the world the best you've got anyway.**

* submitted by Christina Linnette

Campus Smile



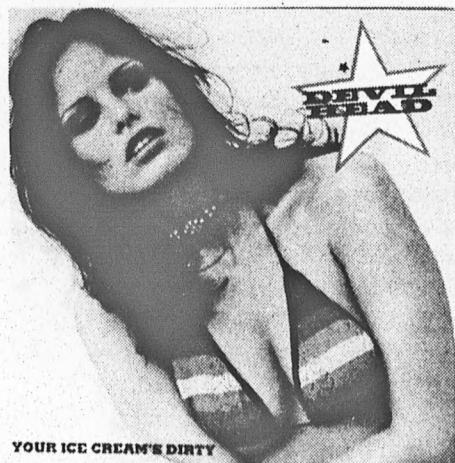
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Public Safety held-up on campus...
surrender wallets and pants.**

**Life's Destinations
By Sherrie Williams**

**Life's destinations are something
Without planning and without knowing.
You life is not complete until
You know where in life you are going.
You maybe in a dark tunnel
Trying to see the light
Don't give up you have to fight
Or you just might be on top
If the mountains in your mind
And in your destination you will find
There's plenty of room for hope to come.
And the importance of actually being someone
For you destination that's in store
You have to work hard for an open door.**

Lost and Found- Music Reviews

By Alex Larsen



YOUR ICE CREAM'S DIRTY

Whenever I frequent the city I love to stop into a music store and pick up twenty dollars worth of those eighty-eight cent CD's. Even if only two CD's are good twenty dollars is a bargain.

One of the CD's from my enormous eighty eight cent CD collection is the band Devilhead. I reviewed their CD called Your Ice Creams Dirty. On the cover was a picture of a girl wearing a bikini top who looked like a slut. I had high hopes for this CD since the back cover had a photo of a cute little boy in a devil costume pointing to a song called There. The first song on the CD lacked energy and the lyrics were weak. Every song on the album sounded exactly like the first. The band is composed of six people. Brian Wood on vocals and guitar, Kevin Wood on guitars, John Waterman on Bass, Luke Kimble on drums, John McBain on guitars, and additional bass by Dan McDonald. In my opinion these guys shouldn't quit their day jobs. Devilhead is definitely a band that isn't worth spending eighty eight cents on. You'd be more satisfied buying yourself a White Castle hamburger.

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STUDENT GROUP SIGN-ON LETTER

To Whom It May Concern:

We, the undersigned student organizations, support the right of students to fund activities that further the educational mission of colleges and universities through civic participation. A college campus where student groups could not register thousands of students to vote, where the black students union could not celebrate African-American culture, where the interfaith council could not conduct its annual holiday food drive would lack the vitality, energy and creativity that higher education should promote.

Universities are uniquely home to a vast array of opinions and ideas. Faculty, administrators, trustees, students, staff and others rely on university funds and resources to express themselves and their viewpoints. Inevitably, some will disagree with the opinions and activities of other members of the university community. However, historically universities have promoted a marketplace of ideas and a forum of speech and thought. It would be impossible to maintain a university if each individual student could choose what aspects of the university that they wished to fund or not to fund.

Student activity fees, just like tuition and other collective charges, support a marketplace of ideas and activities. Students use student governments, referenda and student funding boards to democratically decide which activities and organizations deserve financial support. Many student organizations that receive funding express their viewpoints through pamphlets, letter-writing drives, communication with policy-makers, speaking engagements, conferences and so forth. We firmly believe that these kinds of educational activities are essential to fulfilling the university's mission. Moreover, in an era of low voter participation and civic involvement, it is especially important that students learn to be active members of their community.

Right now, students' rights to fund activities are threatened by court decisions that could deny funding to any organization that engages in "political" or "ideological" speech. Student groups as diverse as cultural clubs, speakers' boards, debate clubs, student governments, religious groups and student newspapers could have their activities crippled.

Higher education is about more than just tests, textbooks, and classes. American universities are better institutions because of the wide array of activities available to students through activity fees. In short, the greater the selection and availability of activities, the better-prepared the college graduate. Students must continue to have the right to fund and control their own activities.

Signed,

Date: _____

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Editors Note: Melanie Goldstein is a Banner staff writer, Peer-Educator, CSI Student Senator and current Commissioner of the Student Service Commission. We at The Banner welcome her new contribution "Melanie's Mosaic" to our publication in the hopes that it will be informative, educational and entertaining for all of our CSI campus readers. Greetings and felicitations Melanie!!!

Melanie's Mosaic:

Hi, I'm Melanie and this is my mosaic. Too general for ya? Let me explain myself better. This column is going to be an eclectic one. I plan to discuss various activities that students participate in and things that happen in this school and occasionally things that go on outside in the real world.

You may recall a few moments ago that I told you there are many wonderful things students do on this campus, I'm thinking maybe today I'll tell you what some of those students do as well as some of the other good things going on at this campus.

I'm rather proud of being a peer-educator. You may have noticed a little room with a big sign in the Campus Center that reads "Peer Drop In Center". Well that's where I and many other great people work as peer educators. This is a place where students can come and speak about whatever is on their mind, anything at all. We all distribute free condoms, and information regarding a wide range of health topics such as AIDS, eating disorders, depression, mental illness, rape and more. If you're having a bad day I highly recommend coming in and letting off a little steam to one of our peer educators.

Many people ask what the Student Service Commission does. Does it sound too general to say we do various things for the benefit of the students? Well, I'll give you an example. Right now I am trying to get the yearbook (remember that?) back on it's feet. It has been a big topic of discussion at my meetings and I'm doing my best to organize a group of students to work on it. Hey, if you're interested we need all the help we can get, come see me in the SG office. I'm also planning an 80's night for people like me who are still stuck in the 80's. I figured we could use a little more life on this campus. Parking is another issue brought up at the meetings. Currently, one member is going to be sending around a petition about this. If we cannot get more spaces we are at least going to fight for a longer grace period before students have to purchase their stickers. Trust me, I know how money can be tight at the beginning of the semester when people take out mortgages just to buy books. So does this give you a better idea of what this commission is all about? I hope so, I don't feel like typing anymore.

Well, this is my first mosaic, not much right now but we all have to start somewhere. If there's anything you'd like to see me write about, feel free to let me know. Send mail or call the Banner, I'm open for suggestions.

- Melanie

The Peoples Corner

The Coolest Man on Campus.
By James Haynes Copy Editor

The people have asked me to find out who the coolest man on campus was. It didn't take me long to find him because he found me. His name is Alan Hoffner and he works for the College of Staten Island as your "friendly neighborhood" Assistant Director of Financial aid. I managed to get Alan to respond to my "10 question face-off". These questions were aimed at reflecting the life and accomplishments of the subject and to introduce him to people who are not familiar with his work here on campus.

James Haynes: How long have you worked at the College of Staten Island?

Alan Hoffner: Approximately one year before you were born Jim. (1972)

J.H.: Who are/were your influences in your life?

A.H.: Each of the Marx Brothers, but especially Gummo and, truly each person I meet affects and influences me. [See also the last question of the face-off]

J.H.: What do you like most about your job?

A.H.: The answer is obvious. I love burdensome regulations and oppressive bureaucracy. (Only kidding!) I like, no I love working for students. I am a CUNY alumna three times and I appreciate the opportunity to aid students in their educational pursuits.

J.H.: What kind of circular or charity work do you participate in off campus?

A.H.: I teach Sociology here, at Wagner and also at Kingsborough. I read a lot of books (good teachers do that), go to the theatre and concerts (I've seen every one there is) and generally enjoy NYC and its cultural offerings.

J.H.: When did you receive the "Coolest Dude" card?

A.H.: In 1985 my secretary, who since became a doctor sent me a postcard addressed to "The Coolest Guy on Campus, CSI, S.I. N.Y.". It was delivered to me

J.H.: Have you had any weird experiences happen to you?

A.H.: No, They do not happen to me, I try to be the one to make them happen.

J.H.: You have recently been selected to the committee's of the CSI Association and the Program Development Committee. How do you feel about your learning experiences here?

A.H.: I have recently been invited to join the CSI Association and the Student Election Review Committee. I already serve on Pluralism and Diversity, The CSI Scholarship Committee, and many other committees on campus. Each of these is an opportunity for personal growth and experience for me, and an opportunity to participate in the college's functions. After being here for 28 years, it's still interesting to find new ways to get involved.

J.H.: What is the hardest thing you have to do pertaining to your job?

A.H.: The most difficult job I have is saying NO. Students are required to comply with an extensive series of regulations. These regulations determine eligibility. The counselors in the financial aid office have very little discretion in applying these rules. Telling a student who, for example is not eligible to receive aid because they do not meet governmentally enforced criteria is troubling but a necessary part of the job.

J.H.: how do you see yourself five years from now?

A.H.: Hopefully still assisting students in attaining access to higher education. As a sociologist, I know that the only way statistically speaking, for a person to raise their economic position is through education. I also hope in five years, to continue to teach. Finally I hope I get more press. (Just kidding Again!)

J.H.: What do you want people to remember you by?(Statements, memories, actions done in the quest for advancement)

A.H.: I have made my best friends, lifelong friends through my position at the college. As much as any other benefit, meeting and making friends and watching them graduate and continue our friendships has enriched my life.

Alan's passion, dedication to supply happiness and encouragement helps students to strive for what they want to accomplish in life. These qualities are the greatest things besides his humor and knowledge to help me inform "The People" is that he is "The Coolest Man on Campus".

"The bottom line has been said. The People have had justice written and served. Nothing here hits rock bottom we land on our feet and survive"

By Christopher Bligh
Banner Staff Writer and Associate Graphics Editor

It's that time again when the tapes get sent out, the goofy moments are plentiful and certain celebrities make something of themselves. It's not the March Madness that has brackets and a basketball, it's the Academy Awards and this year's nominees comes with a lot of expectations and frustrations from the movies that didn't get any nominations.

Here's a small list of these overlooked gems:

Eyes Wide Shut- Stanley Kubrick's beautifully orchestrated drama looked like a shoo-in for Art Direction and the Musical Score fit but not even the Academy could give a respectable posthumous Best Director award

Three Kings- David O. Russell's Gulf War multigenre epic was one of the most different big screen experiences I've encountered all year but losing out a Sound Effects Editing nod to Fight Club sealed this critically acclaimed shutout.

Man On The Moon- Milos Forman's biography on Andy Kaufman has everybody asking the same question: What is it gonna take for a sitcom person (Jim Carrey and a slew of other actor/directors like Rob Reiner, Danny DeVito and Ron Howard) to get a nomination at this time of year? So far, we'll never know and this is rare that a Forman movie got 0 nominations.

Diamonds- We won't even go there....

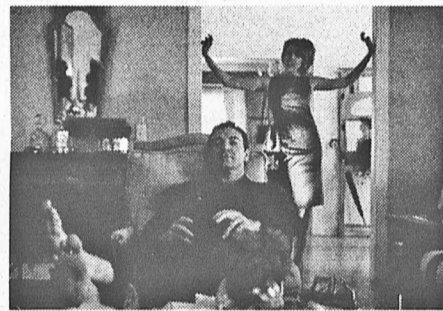
Despite all the overlooked films, a lot of good movies have made this year one of the most difficult years to predict who will win.

The nominees include one man's crusade to get his word out to the public (*The Insider*), an orphan who explores the world outside (*The Cider House Rules*), a little kid who shares a secret with a child psychologist (*The Sixth Sense*), a dysfunctional family (*American Beauty*), and a prison that holds a prisoner with a death sentence and a spirit unlike no other.

Here are some predictions from the top 6 categories:

Best Picture

American Beauty
The Cider House Rules
The Green Mile
The Insider
The Sixth Sense

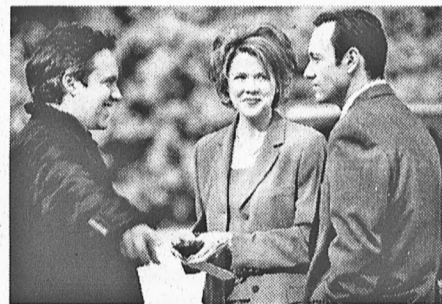


Outlook: American Beauty has snagged a lot of Best Picture awards (Golden Globes, SAG) and although this is a tough year, The Insider has been accused of fact bending, The Sixth Sense is the little box office hit that could, The Green Mile has a "been there done that" quality to it and The Cider House Rules could prove to be the surprise winner. In the end the American domination might turn out to be a thing of Beauty.

Prediction: American Beauty

Best Director

Sam Mendes "American Beauty"
Spike Jonze "Being John Malkovich"
Lasse Hallstrom "The Cider House Rules"
Michael Mann "The Insider"
M. Night Shymalan "The Sixth Sense"



Outlook: In a repeat showing of 1997's Academy Awards, all 5 are first time nominees. While Spike Jonze and M. Night Shymalan has their whole big screen career ahead of them, Lasse Hallstrom and Michael Mann are veterans who have a valid shot in their long careers. As for Sam Mendes, his debut is good enough and smart enough to earn him the DGA award for which only 4 have not gone on to win the coveted trophy and this year will be no exception when he walks off with the Oscar.

Prediction: Sam Mendes "American Beauty"

Best Actor

Russell Crowe "The Insider" (1st Nomination, 0 wins)
Richard Farnsworth "The Straight Story" (2nd Nomination, 0 Wins)
Sean Penn "Sweet and Lowdown" (2nd Nomination, 0 Wins)
Kevin Spacey "American Beauty" (2nd Nomination, 1 Win)
Denzel Washington "The Hurricane" (4th Nomination, 1 Win)



Outlook: Count Sean Penn out even though the Woodman's track record with actors is solid. Richard Farnsworth could be the surprise of the night if the Academy favors this former stuntman's brilliant career. This leaves all the award winners. Crowe (National Board of Review), Spacey (SAG) and Washington (Golden Globe) are all worthy contenders but with two of the films unsure of it's fac-

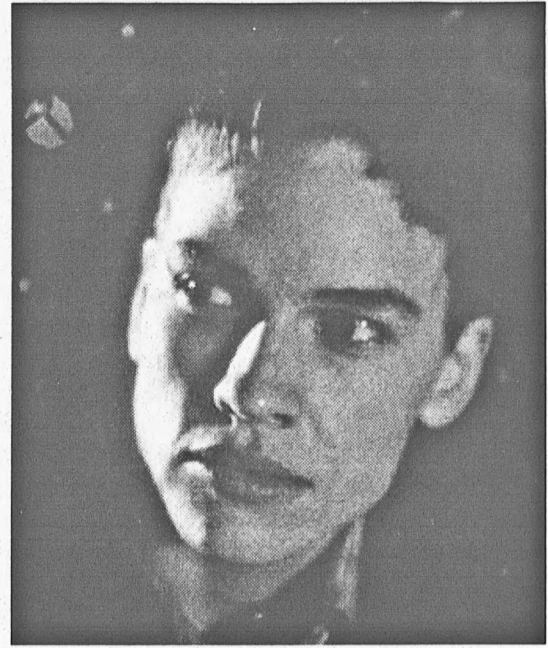
tual quality, that leaves what could be the sweeper of the night. What a way to cap off a great year with another Oscar in what will be the only main category repeat winner of the night.

Prediction: Kevin Spacey "American Beauty"

Best Actress

Annette Bening "American Beauty" (2nd Nomination, 0 wins)
 Janet McTeer "Tumbleweeds" (1st Nomination, 0 win)
 Julianne Moore "The End Of The Affair" (2nd Nomination, 0 Wins)
 Meryl Streep "Music Of The Heart" (12th Nomination, 2 Wins)
 Hilary Swank "Boys Don't Cry" (1st Nomination, 0 Wins)

Outlook: As good of an actress that Meryl Streep is and as happy as I am that she's tied with being the most nominated actress, her performance is not as groundbreaking as her performances in the past. Julianne Moore has had a great year, but most experts felt this wasn't the movie she should've been nominated for. This leaves the other award winners. Although Bening (SAG) and McTeer (Golden Globe) play 2 totally different mothers, the Academy will go for the most challenging of the pack in the gender bending form of Hilary Swank (National Board, Golden Globe). This won't be part of the American Beauty sweep.

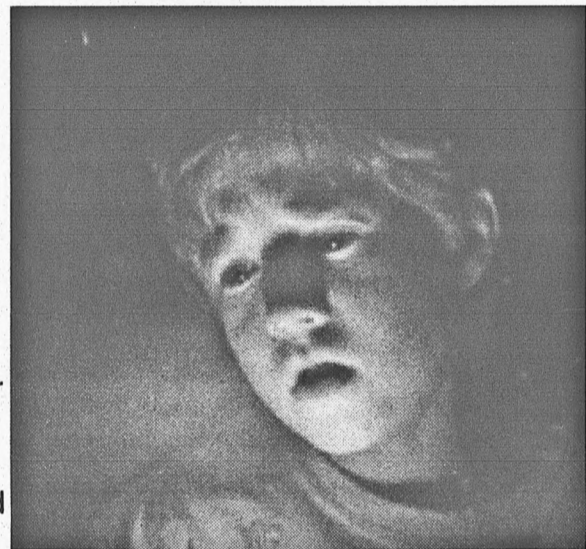


Prediction: Hilary Swank "Boys Don't Cry"

Best Supporting Actor

Michael Caine "The Cider House Rules" (5th Nomination, 1 Win)
 Tom Cruise "Magnolia" (3rd Nomination, 0 Wins)
 Michael Clarke Duncan "The Green Mile" (1st Nomination, 0 Wins)
 Jude Law "The Talented Mr. Ripley" (1st Nomination, 0 Wins)
 Haley Joel Osment "The Sixth Sense" (1st Nomination, 0 Wins)

Outlook: Jude Law and Michael Clarke Duncan can share the wealth and be ready for their next nomination in a future year. Tom Cruise might have won the Golden Globe but in this predictor's eyes, he won't win for a movie that can be interesting in the first/last few minutes but tests an audience's patience. Michael Caine's SAG win could bring another multi-winner as well as a good acceptance speech. When the smoke clears in this tough to predict category, a performance that has been talked about since the summer has been that of Haley Joel Osment and even though the Academy sometimes has a short term memory, this will be one nominee they won't forget.



Prediction: Haley Joel Osment "The Sixth Sense"

Best Supporting Actress

Toni Collette "The Sixth Sense"
 Angelina Jolie "Girl, Interrupted"
 Catherine Keener "Being John Malkovich"
 Samantha Morton "Sweet and Lowdown"
 Chloe Sevigny "Boys Don't Cry"

Outlook: In the second of two categories with all first time nominees, the Supporting Actress category brings a real head scratcher. While Catherine Keener and Samantha Morton both had scene stealing performances, there will be other times and other years for them. Being John Malkovich can be considered too bizarre for the Academy and the Woodman's track record with actors will come to a screeching halt. Chloe Sevigny might have the most awards going into this but the Academy will favor her co-star's performance over hers. Toni Collette could be the surprise favorite even though she hasn't won any awards beforehand as well as her co-star Haley Joel Osment, but with the Golden Globes and the SAG award in the bag, Angelina Jolie will triumph adding a third award for her performance.



Prediction: Angelina Jolie "Girl, Interrupted"

And what do the people on campus think will win???

"I think Michael Caine will get Supporting Actor although look out for Michael Clarke Duncan."- Charlie Carlino

"Cider House Rules or Green Mile. The Sixth Sense is too paranormal and the other 2 are too controversial"- Heather Courtney

"Meryl Streep...I don't know why"- Maggie (last name withheld)

"Buena Vista Social Club was awesome. On a couple bottles of wine, it was great."-Mitch (last name withheld)

New Management Brings New Life to the Gym

By Ken Carter Sports Editor

Have you ever had an idea to improve the gym's facilities or wanted to join a team or simply just want to get involved with the gym? The Athletic Director, Dr. Harold Merrit may be a good person to talk to for advise.

Although Dr. Merrit and his assistant directors Jason Fein and Gail Barksdale have only been here since July of last year, they have already developed a reputation for being "student friendly".

For those who don't know what the athletic director does, he is in charge of the sport teams, coordinates the gym facilities, sports events and intramural games. In a recent interview with Dr. Merrit, I received some information about his background. He has a Bachelors degree in Education, a Masters degree in Counseling, and holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership. He also has many years of head coaching experience from Colleges such as Northern Arizona University and California State University. Added to his busy schedule at the College of Staten Island Dr. Merrit is also a Professor at the St. John's University.

During the interview we discussed all the facilities that are available to the students for free: the fitness center, the Olympic size swimming pool, the basketball court, the racquetball courts, the track and all of the outdoor fields. That is not all that CSI students have available to them for free- there are also fitness classes like yoga and all kinds of fun and challenging aerobic classes taught by professionals. And best of all, the games played here at the college by our teams are always free for registered students!

Finally, one of the things revealed during the interview was the severe lack of support for our teams. How many of you knew that the Women's Tennis Team won the 1999 CUNY Athletic Conference / Hospital for Special Surgery Women's Tennis Championship at the National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, Queens? How many of you heard that the College of Staten Island's Women's Basketball Team dominated and took the championship? I believe that it is pitiful that not even free pizza could bring out enough people to support our teams! These athletes (who are normal students like you and I) have given up their free time to represent our school. The least we can do is to support them on their way to victory.

CHAMPIONS AGAIN

CUNY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT 2000 THE COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM CELEBRATES ITS CUNY CHAMPIONSHIP

CSI ends Hunter's two-year reign as conference champions with a 69-59 win

By J. Hernandez

The CSI's Women's Basketball team showed off its' star power, brilliant team work and "Dolphin" determination by overpowering the Hunter College defending champs and winning the CUNY Championship Trophy. The key to this win was that they never gave up. These girls were determined not to lose again. That's what gave the College of Staten Island women's basketball team a 69-59 win over Hunter College and captured the CUNY Tournament Championship here at the CSI Willowbrook Sports and Recreation Center.

By beating Hunter and taking the championship trophy, the Dolphins received the conferences' automatic berth to the NCAA Division III National Tournament the second time in school history. The Dolphins had claimed the title in 1996-97 season.

Tournament Most Valuable Player was Tara Gagliardo who had her best collegiate performance. She scored a game high of 26 points, but it was her last seven points at the end of the second half that put the Dolphins up front. Courtney Aimetti scored 12 points and nine rebounds, and Mary Giblin scored 10 points and a game-high 13 rebounds. Hunter's leading scorer was Tanika Hurtt with 20 points. This game was what everyone who came would expect a battle to the end CSI - Hunter game. Not to be decided until the last 1:30.

The Dolphins refused to give up when they where down (53-48) on a Hunter College run of 13-4 in the second half. Coach Gualtieri called a time out. CSI came out and scored 14 points to Hunters 2 points. Gagliardo scored nine of those points and a three point shot that gave CSI the lead 62-55 and they held on to the lead until the end.

Gotta Space, Gotta Park by Liza Anne Evanson

The College of Staten Island, such a wonderful school, excellent professors, challenging courses and HELLISH PARKING!!! Have you ever been late to class because there were no spots left in the lot and you have to wait for some unsuspecting soul to come out of class late and take their car? Has a student ever "flipped you the birdie" because they felt that you "stole" their prospective parking spot from them? The constant, nagging problem of parking on campus has turned all of us "spot seekers" into raving vultures ready to kill the next person who parks before we can.

"Lots one, two and three are the worst", says CSI student Elena who is extremely frustrated about the situation. "I can't tell you how many times I have missed as much as a full half hour waiting for a place to park on this campus." We all have experienced being tardy because we can't find a place to park.

The truth is that CSI sells many more parking permits than available spots because of the "day time - evening student" theory. It is assumed that the daytime students leave the campus after a certain time during the day, which opens up available spots for the evening students. The reality of this situation is that a large number of us work on campus (be it volunteer, research or work-study) during the daytime and go to class in the evening.

"What's the deal with all the extra grass? If the school simply paved over all of the extra grass that 'divides' the rows, there would be much more room for parking", exclaimed frustrated frequenters Monica and Joe. The idea behind the extra grass is to "create a peaceful environment on campus for the students"- the environment is not so peaceful when people are screaming and cursing at each other over who saw the spot first.

Another problem that we as students face is parking in the 'gravel pits' between lots three and four. If it rains, they become the 'mud pits'. There have been cases where cars have actually sunk into the mud and needed to be towed away. It is high time that the gravel pits are paved over and made into the traditional parking lot.

An added challenge is the infamous 'parking on the line' ticket. If a student is parked over the line and into the next spot, it is appropriate to issue a ticket for parking over the line. However, if one (or two) of your

wheels is touching the line you will receive the same ticket. This situation makes students feel like the school is looking to make money off of students in any way possible.

At the beginning of every semester there is a two-week grace period for parking on campus without a parking decal. Once the two weeks are over, any student is fair game for a ticket for parking without a decal. It is not taken into consideration that you have been a student for a while and have purchased decals for prior semesters. "I received three tickets because it was after the two week grace period and I couldn't afford to buy a decal yet", says infuriated student Lori., "It would make much more sense to have a three or four week grace period at the beginning of the semester, since students have to purchase hundreds of dollars of books and may not be able to afford a decal right away."

One final major parking issue is that of seniority- there is none! What happens to a graduate student traveling from Queens College to CSI and can't find a place to park, once she arrives? Lizzette, yet another faithful CSI student, feels that it would be a reasonable and wonderful idea to open up the teacher lots (which often have free spots while all of this chaos is going on) to juniors, seniors and graduate students so that they don't have to suffer as much through parking hell. Allocating stickers of a different color to students that fill the requirements would be a simple and costly efficient way of allowing this stress-reducing privilege.

So how can we alleviate this ongoing parking dilemma? Our innovative students have expressed some very reasonable ideas: paving over divider grass, paving the parking lot between lots three and four, not giving out any more 'on the line' tickets, giving the students who have been here for a long time the simple courtesy of parking in the teacher lots and allowing more time for us lowly, poor college students to purchase the parking decal. Let us hope our suggestions are heard and well received.

- Liza Evanson

Synthesis of a Student Government by Andre Woods

The question that has been asked often is; "What is the Student Government"? Some may feel that it is relevant to their ideals as to what is a government, others feel that it is concrete, and others aren't really sure what to say. This reporter decided to go out and put this question to rest once and for all.

The Student Government at The College of Staten Island is comprised of 20 Senators as follows;

- 1 representative for each class= 5
(freshmen,sophomore,junior,senior,graduate)
- 10 Lower Division representatives
- 5 Upperdivision representatives.

Once elected into office there is an internal election to decide who will become an officer in Student Government i.e.. President, Vice-President, Commissioner, USS representative, PDC representative.

Now there are 8 actual positions for commissioners and one special office. The commissions are as follows;

- 1-Academic and Curricular Affairs Commission
- 2-Club Commission
- 3-Elections Commission
- 4-Finance Commission
- 5-Part-Time Evening and Weekend Commission
- 6-Publications Commission
- 7-Student Center Commission
- 8- Student Services Commission. Now the "ninth Commission" is the Office of the Presidency. This is a special one because it involves so much work. The President is (unless he/she decides otherwise) the Academic and Curricular Affairs commissioner as well as the President; he/she Chairs the Staffing Committee, sits on the Finance Committee, sits on the College of Staten Island Association, College of Staten Island Auxiliary Services Corporation, & College Council. This definitely is a big plate for one person; however; there are those who have done it before as well as those who will do it in the future. Now, I will give you a brief description of the rest of the Commissions:

First, there is the Academic and Curricular Affairs Commission. This commission handles things of an academic nature. They promote guest speakers, as well as handle differences with students and their professors, as well as suggest different things that will enrich student academia.

Next, there is the Club Commission. This commission all clubs on campus. As well as chartering old and new club. The commission sponsors club fairs, club fests, club awards banquets etc...

Now, you have the Elections Commission. This commission handles all the Student Government elections. This commission also recommend people to serve on the Student Election Review Committee who ultimately as far as public bodies are concerned oversee over the election process.

The Finance Commission oversees any and all expenditures by Student Government. This commission makes the budget and allocates approximately \$250,000.00 of student activity fees.

The Part-Time Evening and Weekend Commission is responsible for meeting the needs of all the students who fit into this category. This commission also has traditionally run "Coffee Hours" at night in which they serve free coffee, tea, and hot chocolate and on occasion snacks in the Green Dolphin Lounge.

The Publications Commission should be self explanatory, but in short they are responsible for the chartering and policy implementation of all student publications on campus i.e.. The Banner, Always a Woman, The Dolphin, Serpentine, Third Rail, & The College Voice.

The Student Center Commission helps with the allocation of space and resources in the Campus Center. They also help with building policy as far as contributing ideas of efficiency. This commission primarily recommends initiatives.

The Student Services Commission helps to bring primary concerns of students to the surface. This commission also handles the Student Services Awards Banquet.

This reporter spoke with a few of the present commissioners and they had the following to say.

Senator Elizabeth Edwards Part-Time Commissioner- feels that her greatest accomplishment has been to help ensure better safety procedures for all students. When asked if she would do it all again the same way she told me "DEFINITELY."

Senator Melanie Goldstein Student Services Commissioner- feels that her greatest accomplishments are that she has been influential in pushing for the reinstatement of the Yearbook and bringing life to the campus with such events as 80's night. I asked her why she decided to join Student Government and she told me that she was already involved deeply with the school and she saw many problems that existed. She decided to join SG so that she could help more people and make the system better.

I was able to interview the Student Government President Morgan Healy. He told me that he felt his greatest accomplishments spanned over the 2 yrs while he has been in office. During his first year he felt that the creation of the Club Council was a huge success. As President he was able to push it further along and help to make it better than it was with the help of Club Council Coordinator Joanne Gallo. During his second year he was stated that he was able to get the Senate for the most part to work as a cohesive unit despite indifference. Mr. Healy gave me the following quote; "I am thankful to my Student Government Senate for empowering me to lead them, I am especially thankful to those who have helped me through thick and thin, they know who they are."

I was also able to speak to Senator Kenny Carter Finance Commissioner. At first he was nervous about taking on this commission, but quickly became acclimated to the position. He has had help especially from Senator Liza Evanson and has done many things to benefit the students. One thing that he is very proud of is that he increased the amount of the Emergency Loan offered by Student Government. He also helped to send several students who are taking American Sign Language away to a weekend workshop called "Silent Weekend." There they were immersed in the Deaf Culture and benefited immensely especially those who have the intention of becoming Interpreters for the Deaf. On his commission he has Senators as well as students at large and they have been a great help to him. Kenny gave me the quote; "I can take criticism very well. That is the only way a person can learn to better himself or herself and deal with people in general. I have done a lot of great work and will continue to do so. Students are my main concern they voted for me and I will do all I can to help them."

In conclusion, Student Government is supposed to be comprised of students who have the needs and concerns of their constituents paramount on their agenda. Some of the people I interviewed seem to be on the ball. There is always a turn-over of student representatives. For the past couple of years there have been many who should be complimented for their efforts to make not only student academia, but student life something to remember as well as something to help us to grow. This reporter will definitely inform you if they stray. This is our Student Government here at The College of Staten Island submitted for your approval.

The Multi-Cultural**Purpose:**

- 1 To find similarities and identities through Multi-cultural exchange.
- 2 Showing histories, customs, languages, etc. in an open forum of regular meetings.

South Asian Cultural Club Of CSI**Purpose:**

To allow students interested in South Asian Culture to meet and learn about the various cultures, customs, and views developed in the individual countries within South Asia.

The organization proposes to achieve its purpose through weekly group discussions, guest speakers, videos, and social and cultural trips.

Chinese Students Association**Purpose:**

To expand Chinese culture and to assist students adjusting to a new environment by providing a variety of educational, recreational, and social activities.

We welcome all students of CSI who are interested in Chinese culture, activities, and academic/moral support from the members of our association. An important focus of this association is to cultivate friendship amongst the CSI community.

Korean American Student Association**Purpose:**

The purpose of this club is to introduce Korea's unique culture to the CSI Community, and to share a fellowship with other Korean Students of CSI. We will achieve this by having general meetings and events such as lectures, forums, study groups, etc...

Middle Eastern Students United**Purpose:**

The foundation on which we establish this organization is to promote unity between students by enhancing awareness of the Middle Eastern Heritage through education, cultural functions, academic excellence, and social networking among the CSI community.

Muslim Student Association**Purpose:**

To introduce Muslim and non-Muslims to each other. Also, to make people aware of the Islamic religion. By lectures, forums, and special events.

Nigerian Students Association**Purpose:**

To create unity and awareness among the Nigerian community of CSI and the whole campus community. We achieve these goals by creating an atmosphere conducive to the academic and social development of students, with the focus being Nigerian history and culture. This will include, but not be limited by, the use of group meetings, fund-raising functions, lectures and discussions, and tutoring sessions.

Albanian Club**Purpose:**

Is to allow these students interested in Albanian Culture and people to meet and learn about; The culture, customs and views of individual within the Balkans and Eastern Europe by way of weekly group discussions social and cultural trips and parties.

Chemistry Club-

The Chemistry Club's purpose is to give Chemistry and biochemistry majors a weekly forum to discuss with their peers and faculty the many different fields open to them as they pursue their degree. The sole intention of this club is to enlighten and expose members to real life research projects, symposiums, and to eventually help each student find the area of chemistry they most enjoy. This will hopefully promote their own future inquiry into the many fields open to them.

The Bioinformatics Club-

The purpose of this organization is to promote the study of Bioinformatics and to facilitate communication between Bioinformatics majors and prospective employers.

The Psychology Club-

To serve the campus community and the community at large.

The History Club-

The purpose of this club is to cultivate a comprehensive awareness of history among our members. The club shall endeavor to inform new students in the fields of history, to exchange real-life experiences and ideas, and to explore career and educational opportunities for the members.

The Photography Club-

To introduce and develop photography through the eyes of students of this college as well as any outside photographers. Exposing the different career opportunities that exist in the world of photography. Educate on the history and future of the field of art while exposing the splendor and beauty of our campus and state. Showing the importance of photography in the past as well as in the future.

The Cinema Association-

To create a forum for exchange of ideas relating to the art of cinema. To view and discuss film and video. To provide a talent pool that can be drawn on for film and video projects.

The Communications Club-

The purpose of this organization is to network and interact with all aspects of the media.

Women in Computer Science Club-

To combine all women undergraduate and graduate Computer Science students and professors under one platform to share experiences and goals related to women in Computer Science.

Club of Computer Science and Technology-

To combine all undergraduate and graduate Computer Science students and professors to share experiences and goals related to Computer Science students.

The Education Club-

We plan to create a forum for intellectual and practical discussion surrounding contemporary educational issues, especially as they relate to teaching and learning in the metropolitan New York area. Speakers will be solicited from the New York educational community and events will include such activities as workshops and student research symposiums. All club events will be open to the general CSI academic community and of interest to anybody concerned with education.

The Business & Entrepreneurial Society

The purpose of the organization shall be to help students develop a better understanding of the world of business. Business influences all aspects of life; such as, religion, human behavior, politics, race relations, etc. We shall discuss all of these aspects in our weekly meetings.

The organization will help students to understand the topics mentioned above through lectures, forums, study groups, tutoring, field trips, etc.

CSI Accounting Society

The purpose of the Association are as follows;

- A) to invite guest lectures in the area of career development in the accounting profession.
- B) to sponsor trips to various functions and events;
- C) to establish affiliations with professional organizations;
- D) to establish affiliations with accounting firms for the purpose of developing internship programs, and
- E) to enable students in the accounting program or those interested in it an opportunity to join with others to realize similar goals.

Economics Club of C.S.I.

The Economics Club is created to further pursue the study of economics and to assist fellow students through the hardships during and after college. The club slogan shall be, "It is not what the club can do for you, but what can you do for the club."

Through meetings, social functions, forums, lectures, correspondence with other organizations (clubs) and colleges, etc., we will communicate and exchange ideas to achieve the purpose of the organization.

Submitted by Joanne Gallo and Andre Woods

For further information on clubs contact Student Government at 1C - 207 or phone us at 982 - 3082/3085/3083

Fax us at 982 - 3086

Associate Degree Nursing Student Club

The purpose of the Associate Degree Nursing Student Club shall be to provide programs representative of fundamental and current professional issues and concerns in nursing and to aid in the development of the future nurse in his/her responsibility for the health care of people from a variety of multi-cultural backgrounds. The Associate Degree Nursing Student Club will achieve these purposes through promoting collaborative relationships with faculty, other student groups, nursing and other health organizations, and by having guest speakers, programs, and by participating in social and community functions.

Physician Assistant Club

The purpose of the PA club will be to prepare students with the most up-to-date information in the field. Our goal is to motivate students who are interested in becoming a PA, and to enhance and encourage those already accepted into the PA program. It is our goal to maintain an annual scholarship, which is awarded to a first year student in the Bayley Seton portion of the PA program.* This scholarship fund was generated and is maintained by all fundraisers held by the Physician Assistant Club of the College Of Staten Island.

To achieve the purpose of this organization, there will be lectures, fundraisers, business meeting, etc, which are to be held on the campus and when necessary at the clinical sites. In addition, students will be encouraged to attend conferences and conventions pertaining to the field.

Pre-Medical Society

The purpose of the Pre-Medical Society will be to educate, motivate, and encourage students interested in a career as a health professional; including dentistry, veterinarian, optometry, osteopathy and graduate school.

We propose to achieve this purpose by educating the students in the procedures that need to be taken for preparation to professional school. This will be done by creating a study group to prepare for the standardized tests administered such as the MCAT, DAT, and GRE: and mock interviews will be set up for the students to prepare for the premedical Committee's interview. In addition to this, there will be guest speakers invited to discuss issues in the Health Care field that are germane to the interest of the Premedical Society.

Mary McMillan Physical Therapy Society

To further students interest, understanding and need in the field of Physical Therapy.

The purpose shall be achieved through fundraisers, the use of educational materials, promotional items, and practical experience.

Clubs at CSI and their purposes

Hillel- The Hillel is established at the College of Staten Island to provide facilities, guidance and organization for the religious, cultural, educational, social welfare and interfaith activities for Jewish students at the College of Staten Island.

Apostolic Christian Life Center- The purpose of this organization is to present to the college community, the gospel of Jesus Christ, as an alternative view of the ever increasing non-traditional and radical views of life, society and the individual's state of condition.

Christian Human Rights Organization- The purpose of the club is to promote awareness of human and civil rights issues; promotion of nonviolence as a means to ending oppression and injustice; and spiritual development through knowledge of God in the teachings and person of Jesus Christ.

Delta Delta- The purpose that we have put before you will bring our new tradition forward by stressing devotion and sincerity to the organization. We will hold fund raisers (not only for our own purposes, but also to help others) social gatherings for the student body, and open informative lectures on various issues facing today's college students.

Theta Phi- The purpose of the Theta Phi Club shall be to promote friendship, cooperation, academic ideals and philanthropic activities among students of the College of Staten Island.

Organization of Unique Individuals- The purpose of this club is to serve as a resource and an outlet for all students with disabilities.

Musician's Society- The purpose of this organization is to provide an opportunity for students to express themselves creatively through music.

Chinese Student Fellowship- The objectives of the club are to develop friendship, organize helping network, share the love of Jesus Christ, and encourage mutual support for one another.

Project Poverty Outreach- The purpose of this club is to institute projects that will aid organizations that are working with people in low income circumstances, such as homeless shelters, soup kitchens, etc. This club is ideal for social science students (sociology, political science, social work and the like, that are interested in appropriating volunteer field experience.

The S.E.E.K. Club- To Assimilate incoming freshmen into college life, and make them aware of campus activities and to encourage student both academically and socially by providing a place where students can come and discuss any personal, academic, and social concerns.

High Society- To promote academic excellence, friendship and community service.

Convergence - The purpose of this organization is to have formal and informal functions to discuss how race, religion, and gender affect people lives.

Students against WEP- the purpose of this organization is to educate the students about the importance of SAW, to provide an arena where students can meet, exchanging ideas and help each other to develop skills and techniques towards overcoming the WEP system.

The Parent/ Guardian Club-We propose to promote our purpose through lectures and workshops, social gatherings and forums of parents who can give advice to new parents/guardians who are students attending the college.

**LOOK FOR
THE UP COMING
CCC 2000
(College Christian Crusade)
April 28 & 29 Check
with the Apostolic
Christian Life Center
Room 2N - 005
Thursday Club
Hours or Wednesday
Tabling in 1C
or Tuesday 8PM
1C - Quiet Games
Room.**

THE WILLOWBROOK CAMPUS NOW AND THEN (Part I)

By: Liz Edwards Features Editor

Welcome to the most historical spot on campus, The land which we call a University was once know as Willowbrook State Institution For The Mentally Retarded. Back in the 1970's a well known reporter by the name of Geraldo Rivera, announced the demise of the institution. The residents were in the worst conditions and most of them were in there when a group home would have done them better. When this young reporter made his first report on Willowbrook he showed a building known as building "number two".

This building once stood on what we know as the "Great Lawn" Every night Geraldo would show this building as he spoke of the on going abuse, and mistreatment of the residents that were still alive in the institution. This Horror of bad publicity went on for years. Every day Geraldo, and his crew would go to the Forest Hill entrance, then jump the fence over to the buildings. Every moment was taped as soon as they got over the fence and to the building they were going to show that evening. The guards were called, then the crew would tape what they could and were escorted off the institution. This happened on a regular bases. The institution was finally served with court papers, they were sued for the mistreatment of the residents, and the state was asked to close the institution.

The parents gave ample testimonies for their children in court explaining the abuse they found. One horrific stories entailed a child who was very ill and was sent to the hospital (building two). There the child was put on an oxygen tank, and when the nurse came to check on the child a cockroach was found in the ventilation tube crawling towards the child The entire hospital was infested with roaches. The staff didn't feel the necessity to have the institution exterminated. This was just one of the many horrors the residents dealt with daily. They were under fed and under clothed, the resident buildings were always unsanitary. They were allowed to go for days without a shower or being dressed. They were allowed to sit, lay, roll, or do what they could that day in their bodily discharge. If they misbehaved then they were either punished or moved to a building known for violent behaviors. If the resident couldn't control his/her temper, they would be put in a ward with other residents who would thrash and beat on their ward mates. The staff members didn't care about the age group, they would be moved regardless,

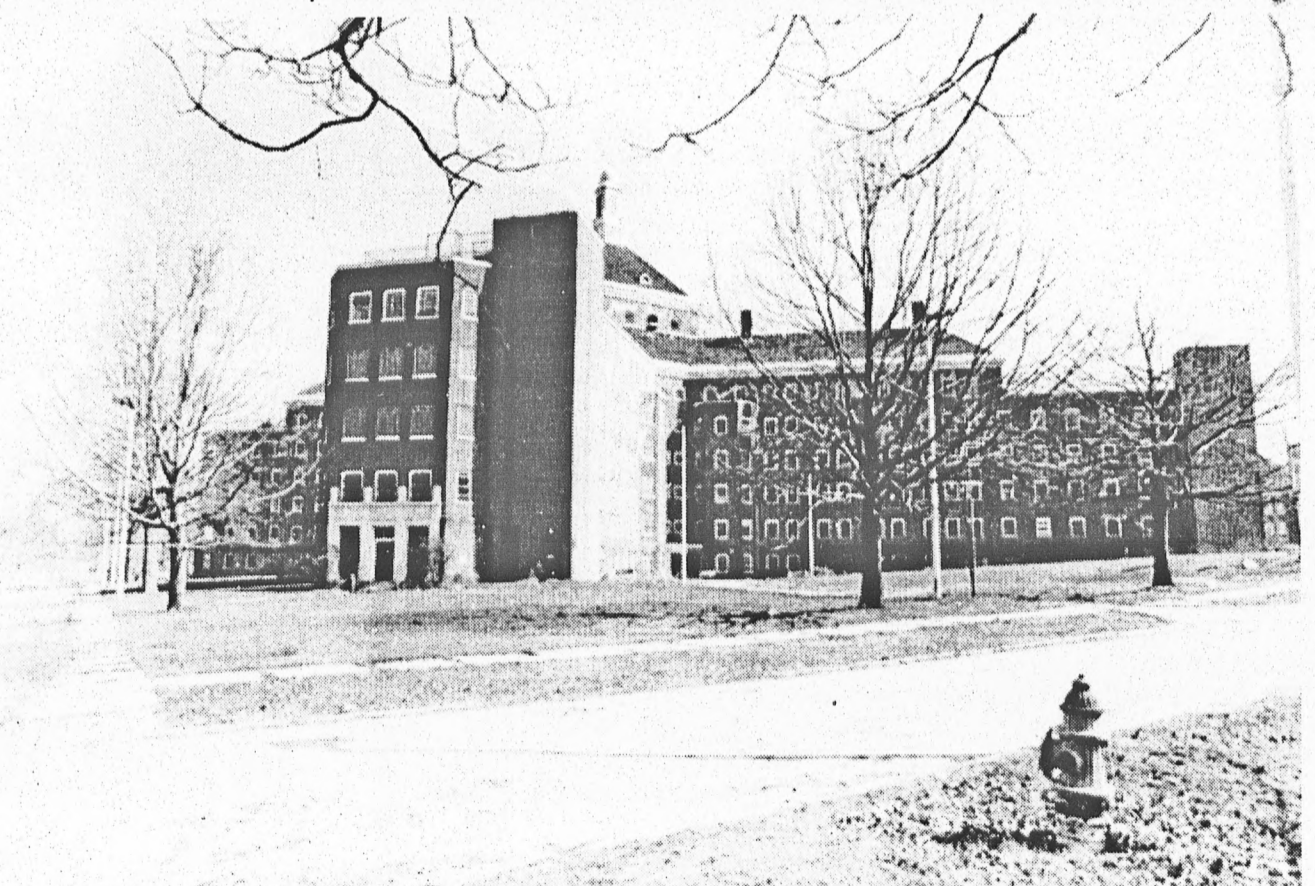
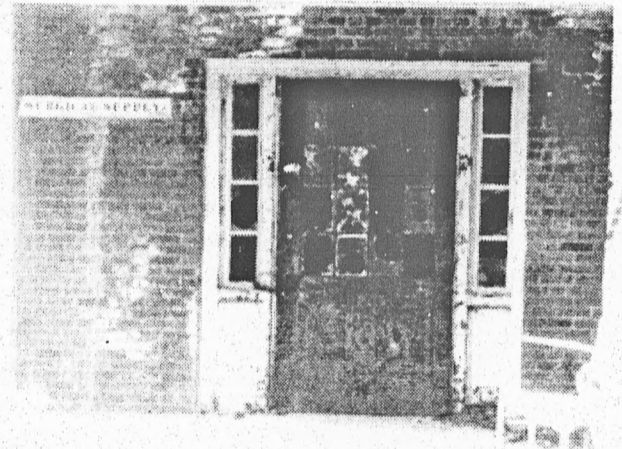
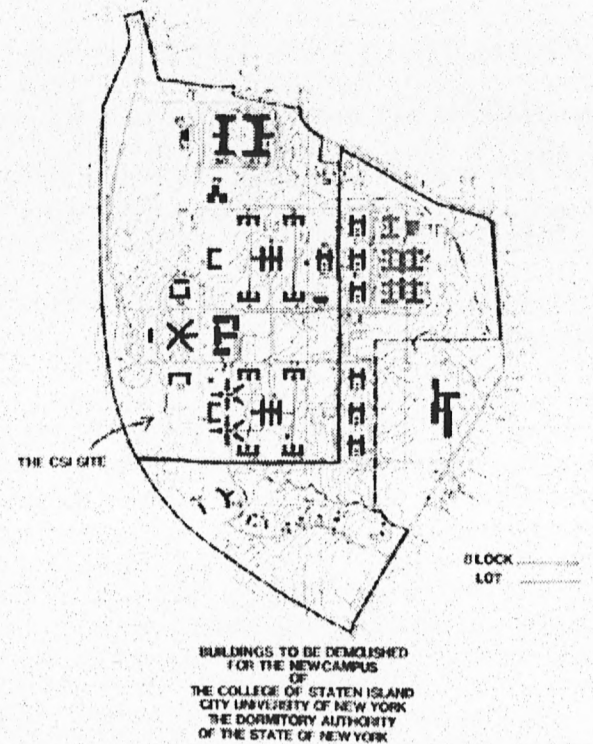
When the parents came to visit, the staff would grab the child, clean them up, cloth them, then give them to their parent for the day. When the parents would get their child out of the institution for the day they would find bruises and cuts on their child as if they were abused. When it was time for the child to return to the institution he/she would cry and moan as loud as possible in complete protest. Another testimony told about a child who was found laying in his/her bed with an eye infection, they left the child untreated for weeks until they finally got a chance to bring the resident to the hospital. When the child was seen the doctor had no choice but to remove the eye because there was no way to save the eye. Without the parents permission they took the child to surgery, and removed the infected eye. The doctor didn't care that the parent were not informed about their child.

These are just some of the many testimonies that caused the court to close down the institution. A short time after the closing of the institution the City University Of New York College of Staten Island decided to move the campus to what it is now known as the Willowbrook campus. In order to make it as beautiful a campus as it is now the administration decided to demolish certain buildings to help the community to forget the institution. To find out more about the history of CSI look for the next issue of the Banner.

PART II WILLOWBROOK NOW AND THEN NEXT ISSUE!

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STATEN ISLAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER
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This heartfelt letter was sent by: Board of Trustee and Chair of the University Student Senate (USS) Md. Mizanoor Biswas to Mrs. Kadiadou Diallo expressing the sentiments of the entire University Student Senate. USS report submitted by Vice-Chair of Senior Colleges Joanne Gallo (CSI USS Representative).



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Md. Mizanoor R. Biswas
Chairperson
The City College

March 13, 2000.

VICE-CHAIRS

Dear Mrs. Kadiadou Diallo,

Edward Ellis
Legislative Affairs
Baruch College

Asalamualikum Wa Rahmatullah.

Timothy Merrill
Fiscal Affairs
Kingsborough CC

I am writing to send you my deepest condolences, and to express my grief over the loss of your son. It is no small task to try and convey the complexity of feelings that I have experienced over the last few months. But no feelings in me could stand against the loss of a child, and I pray in earnest to the almighty Allah that he blesses you with the strength you will certainly need for the road ahead. There are no words that I could think of that could inspire comfort in you. If there were, I would use them myself. The only comfort that there is in this whole mess is that your son; in spite of what the system says, was not, is not, insignificant. He matters; he matters to me, he matters to you and he matters to millions of New Yorkers who will not let his memory go silently into that long good night. That your son is our son, our father, our brother, our responsibility and we let him down. So I make it my solemn oath that this life snuffed out so young and so innocent will not be in vain. My promise to you Mrs. Diallo is that I will not let your son's legacy end with a hail of 41 bullets. The best tribute that I could give your son Amedou is to let his life be a rallying cry for Justice and a remembrance that we must be our brothers keeper, only because that brother could be someone else's son. I don't know if that will be enough to heal the wounds I feel but it is enough to start with.

D. Michael Anglin
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Senior College Affairs
College of Staten Island

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Sincerely,

Md. Mizanoor Biswas

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CSI Calendar

Of Events March and April 2000

Thursday March 30

PDC

Poetry Reading in the
Green Dolphin Lounge
between 6 & 8 PM

Trip to RENT

NYPIRG

ATM surcharge survey
press conference
See NYPIRG for further
details (room 1C-219)

Saturday April 1

NYPIRG

April 1-6
Business Sign-on
to support
Higher Education
Campaign

Wednesday April 5

PDC

Lecture in the
Green Dolphin Lounge
Discrimination in the Law
Club Hour

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MON - THURS 9:00 - 2:00

Thursday April 6

Cinema Association
Club

Film Fest
1P-Screening Room
Club Hours

PDC/Wellness
Green Dolphin Lounge
Sober look at
Substance Abuse

Friday April 7

NYPIRG

Spring Conference
in
Albany
April 7-9



The Student Government Academic & Curricular
Affairs Commission invites you to a screening of the
film "Gettysburg" followed by a discussion with
best-selling author Michael Shaara, expert on the
Civil War. Michael is the son of award winning
author Michael Shaara who wrote the novel, "The
Killer Angels" on which the film was based.

Date: Thursday, March 23rd

Time: film begins at 1:30 P.M.

Place: Lecture Hall 1-P

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