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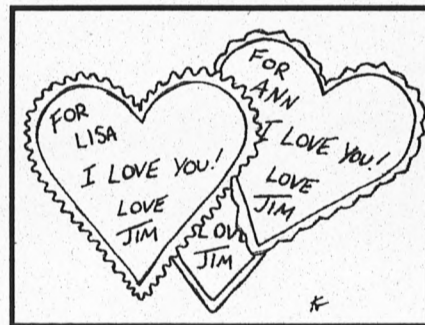
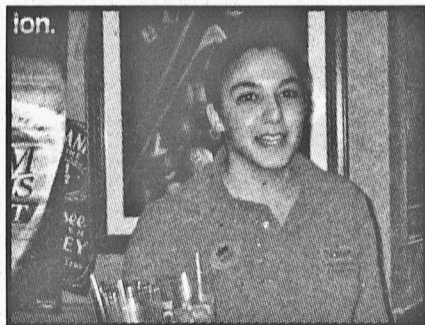
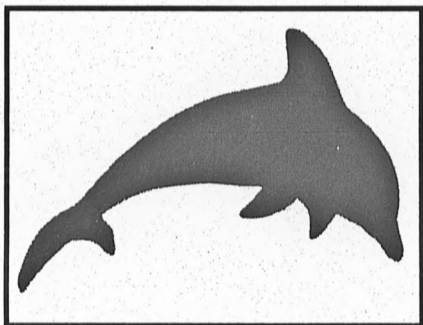
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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Enter this issue with an open mind and be forewarned that some old favorites have been replaced by new flavors. First the horoscopes are gone, however I will give them a fighting chance. The final decision is yours, after

all this is your newspaper. If you wish for them to return, send your letters of support, if not send your letters in support of more comics.

Second, I would like to welcome two new contributors to The Banner

family. For a new creative look, Jennifer Mossdrop took over our entertainment page, informing us of some hip and some not so hip bands. Also, to Andrea Kleboe who wrote a women's basketball article. To all those who know my

knowledge of sports, you can appreciate why I am so enthused of her efforts. And of course as always, thanks to all who helped on this current issue especially, Diana Illuzzi and Enrique Inocente.

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## Questionable Commencement: Seniors Struggle to Fill Graduation Requirements on Time

Diana Illuzzi

You put your pencil down and breathe a sigh of relief. You walk out of the classroom with a half smile on your face; feeling like the weight of the world has just removed itself from your tight and achy shoulders. Your last final of your last class is over, and you aced it. Four years of studying, reading, loans, and heartache have finally paid off. Now all you have to do is sit back and wait for a response to your graduation application.

But when you come home, you find a letter addressed to you from the college. Your hands shake in anticipation of receiving the news. You are about to become a scholar—but you did not take PED 190! Your eyes follow the writing line by line but you do not believe what the correspondence is revealing. Graduation is weeks away and you are one credit short.

As dramatic as this situation may seem, it is far from uncommon. CSI seniors have lamented the difficulty of getting graduation requirements straight. If the current situation faced by graduate hopefuls isn't enough, fuel has just been added to the fire.

Jeff Breen of the registrar's office, who was in charge of reviewing scholarship applications, has retired. Breen is now only on campus two days a week. This has caused the evaluation of applications to slow to a trickle. Therefore, students who are

in need of an early decision regarding graduation are out of luck.

Rather than replacing Breen or coming up with some other solution to this dilemma, the registrar's office is advising students to take matters into their own hands. The office is encouraging students to begin their preparation for graduation earlier than usual. Students should work with the advisors within their major to go over requirements and keep abreast of things. When students feel that their requirements are in order, they should submit their applications immediately and hope for the best.

Unfortunately, this information comes too late for many current seniors who are hoping to graduate this spring, but may not be qualified. These students may have to spend an extra semester here for a small handful of credits that they were not even aware that they needed.

If possible, do not let yourself get into this situation. Question your advisors and get as much information as you can. If you are hoping to graduate this spring and are afraid that you will not have the opportunity Jeff Breen's office is 2A-110 F and his extension is 2124. It can not hurt to put in the effort to contact Breen, although there are no guarantees. Hopefully seniors will be able to overcome these pomp and bitter circumstances.

## College Voice Burned By Student. Punishment Undisclosed

Thomas McArthur, the CSI student accused of burning a copy of the College Voice outside of the 1C building last month, accepted a plea bargain for an undisclosed punishment on Thursday February 13.

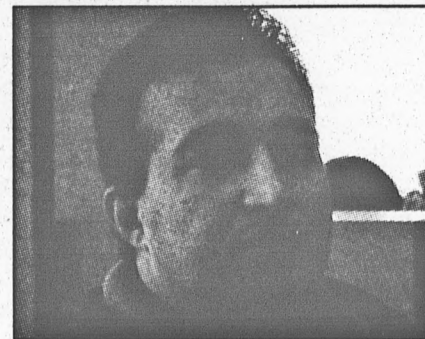
McArthur, who was placed on emergency suspension after the incident, was only permitted on campus for the purpose of attending his disciplinary hearing. After being a no-show for the first meeting, scheduled for Wednesday February 5, McArthur kept the students and faculty on the disciplinary committee waiting for over one half hour the day of his second hearing. The members waited in vain because before he even entered the room, McArthur transacted with the deans in a closed meeting. His case was never heard.

Ordinarily, this would be the end of the story. However, this incident was only the latest in a series of harassing attacks against the College Voice. This incident, however was the only one in which disciplinary action was taken by the college. According to Ron Maguire, lawyer for The College Voice, the radical publication has received several threatening phone calls in the past two years. Maguire also asserted that an individual stormed into the Voice office and tore a large poster off the wall and referred to editor Renee Marhong as a "communist bitch."

"It is not fair that I have to feel like a victim on my own campus," said Marhong.

—Diana Illuzzi

## How Did You Spend Your Snow Day?



"I am a paramedic, I helped doctors and nurses get to the hospital by picking them up from their homes using an ambulance. We provided transportation for about 400 doctors and nurses to St. Vincent's medical Center."

—Numan Ejaz



"I spent my snow day shoveling for money. I did it all day and even though my back really hurts, the amount of money I got was worth it. It's all about the cheddar!"

—Brian Lloyd



"I woke up from being drunk. I cleaned my car 'cause of the snow. This snow day was the worst day in 2003. So far at least."

—Alex Pavlostli

## CSI Hosts Teach-In on Potential War in Iraq

Thursday, February 20 a Teach-In was held at the Williamson Theater in effort to promote a constructive debate on the potential war with Iraq. The debate was moderated by Professor Dan Kramer, with professors Richard Powers, Cindy Wong, and Calvin Holder participating in debates.

Although the purpose of the Teach-in was to promote different views on the war, none of the professors wholeheartedly supported the war. Much of the dialogue was centered on ques-

tioning the mass media and the motives for the war. Professor Wong is weary on how media networks, such as FOX and NBC have not been truly objective about the Iraqi crisis. "As citizens we are not given a full picture of what we need to know. When looking at the news, we have to be more vigilant at what is being said and who is saying it," said Wong. Powers added with more skepticism, "I don't think the mass media is right for mass enlightenment."

When it came time for questions from the audience, not many people volunteered. This was due to the fact that not many people attended the Teach-In. There were approximately thirty in attendance. Another reason for the lack of participation was that everybody shared a similar view. They concurred that Saddam Hussein is a monster and needs to be dealt with, but invading Iraq without UN support was reckless and arrogant on America's part

—Enrique Inocente

## Giving Blood Has Health Benefits For You

The Wellness Program has always encouraged you to give blood because it is beneficial to others. Did you know that giving blood could also be good for you? After you donate a pint of blood, your bone marrow picks up on the volume loss and reacts within 48-72 hours to replace blood cells. Your immune system then works harder to protect the new blood cells. Many people who donate on a regular basis say they feel more energetic a



couple of days after they donate.

Talk to someone who has donated in the past, or better yet, try it yourself!

It takes a special person to understand that making a blood donation is an important life-saving deed. Brooklyn/Staten Island Blood Services tells us that 2,000 men, women, and children in our community need blood each day. To donate you must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and not have donated blood in

the past 56 days. It's a good idea to eat prior to donating and remember to bring photo ID.

The Spring Blood Dive will be in the Green Dolphin Lounge on Tuesday, March 4th, from 10:00 am until 3:30 pm; and on Wednesday, March 5th, from 2:00 pm until 7:30 pm. Walk-ins are welcome, however, every effort will be made to honor appointments. Free baseball hats will be provided by Brooklyn/Staten Island Blood services.

For more information or to make an appointment call the Wellness Center program at 718-982-3113 or stop by 1C, room 111.

### TUITION HIKE RALLY

Performing: Stacey Chin of Russell Simmons Def Poetry Jam. Slam Champions and Kahlil Almustafa & Roger Bonair-Agard. This Wednesday, February 26th at 4:30pm in front of City Hall in Lower Manhattan. FREE BUSES leaving CSI at 3:45pm and returning at 7:15pm. Loading starts at 3:00pm, meet at 1C Green Dolphin Lounge. Call 982-3109 or 982-3091 or e-mail dbotting@nypirg.org to reserve space on the bus. Have the last 4 digits of your Social Security # ready.

# CSI Students Hard At Work

## Today Applebees... Tomorrow The World

Allison Levine

Welcome to Applebee's, a dimly lit restaurant of leather-trimmed booths, a bar with six televisions, and walls littered with sports memorabilia from every high school on the island.

Twenty-two year old Ayelet Kahalani's brow furrows as she tries to balance a tray of three fountain sodas. The glasses jingle as she carefully sets the tray down. Mission accomplished. Her red collared shirt is as bright as the smile she gives the party of four.

The oval nametag creates the illusion of a potato chip stuck to Ayelet's shoulder. Black pants covered with lint, a half apron with pocket, and a scuffed pair of black shoes completes the ensemble.

Ayelet gives a quick hello to co-workers Lisa Ramos and Lisa Ginerre. You can find the three hanging out together outside of work.

Now, she's off to the back of the bar to explain to Manager Keith

Sansgaard the details of an unhappy customer's complaint.

It's a typical day for this 4-year Applebee's veteran, who started out as a hostess and worked her way up to waitress. It's hard work, but the tips she'll bring home tonight will more than make up for Ayelet's backache.

If Ayelet's not working or diligently attending classes at CSI, Friday nights you'll find her at home celebrating the Jewish Sabbath with her family whom she loves terribly. Ayelet lives at home with her parents and enjoys visits from her three-year old niece, Orel. Orel's name means Gods Light in Hebrew, and Ayelet cannot wait for her new nephew to be born this March.

Ayelet was born in Israel and lived there until she was six.

"I consider myself an American rather than an Israeli," she says.

Her social life consists of chilling out at a bar with a group of friends, playing pool, making short films, and



Ayelet Kahalani is a CSI Communications Major. Like many CUNY students, she must hold down a job and a full course load.

driving upstate to New Paltz, NY for a little skydiving. Yep, she's just one jump away from getting her license. Falling out of a plane at 20,000 feet doesn't bother her much. Ayelet would train all day in the wind tunnel if they'd let her.

Ayelet doesn't have much of a campus life; there are no clubs, sports or events that interest her. Despite her lack of school spirit, Ayelet has a pretty busy life. But, she tries to live it in a relaxed manner. Ayelet doesn't like to dwell on her problems or anyone else's for that matter. If you're dwelling on something that you should or shouldn't have done, don't vent to her. Ayelet's advice won't be very comforting.

Australia is first on the list of places to visit after she graduates this



semester. Then as a Communications Major she plans to pursue a career in TV. She has a particular interest in studio production and digital editing. She has her eye on the NBC networks. And no more waitressing!

# Giamboi: All Work, No Play

Michael Christino

While most guys his age are saving their money to pay off their hookies for the debt they acquired this past football season or to help support their drinking habit for the upcoming weekend, Rob Giamboi knows what it means to be smart with his money.

Back in 1994, when Giamboi was graduating from St. Clare's grammar school, his father Alex and mother Loretta gave him the news that his father has lost his job. "That was a tough time for the family," Giamboi

explains. "That situation really taught me the value of a dollar."

Giamboi reminisces about a Christmas where they didn't expect to

see much under the tree. "My father worked very hard and our Christmas was the same as all the other kids on the block."

"My father has been my biggest role model. He taught me the value of working hard and how far it can get you in life."

LUM CHIN

"I wouldn't change what happened to my family for the world. My father worked a few jobs here and there to make sure my family had food on the table, and a roof over our heads, and so my brother and I could stay in Catholic high school."

—Rob Giamboi

When Giamboi turned fifteen, he decided it was time for him to get his first job to help pay his own way. Giamboi was hired by Perkins Restaurant as a

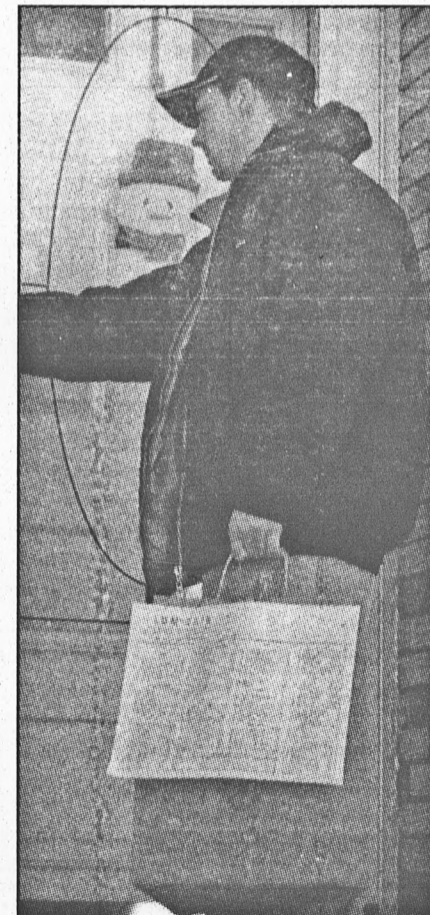
bus boy. He worked there for a few months and was then hired by Windjammer in Great Kills.

After bussing tables for a few years, and with a little help from his family, Giamboi was able to purchase his first car. "When I got my car I decided to become a delivery boy." And he has been delivering ever since. "I went from place to place until I landed at Lum Chin Chinese Restaurant in the Eltingville shopping plaza."

Giamboi has taken a second job as a karate teacher. "I actually took this job because I love working with children and seeing the smile on their faces. The funny thing is, as young as some of these kids are, they seem to learn what I teach them quicker than the adults do."

Delivering for Lum Chin four nights a week and teaching karate once a week means a heavy work load for Giamboi. But as hard as he works at his jobs, he puts twice as much effort into his school work. Maintaining a 3.8 G.P.A. he is the first in his family to graduate college.

Now a senior at the College of Staten Island, Giamboi will graduate



Rob Giamboi is no stranger to hard work. Here, he makes one of his daily deliveries for Lum Chin,

with a BS in Communications

Although Giamboi doesn't have much free time these days, when he does he enjoys doing simple things, like watching movies with his girlfriend.

Applebees: Your neighborhood bar and grill

# OPINIONS

## Letters to the Editor

### "2 Semesters of 450"

I believe that making Com 450 a 2-semester course is an excellent idea. It gives students an opportunity to have more time to really grasp the subject matter of the course. When I took the course last Fall, I found it to be very intense in terms of the reading material and the research methods. Although I learned a lot from the course, I felt rushed. I consider the split of the course a great idea.

Yesenia Bello  
Communications Major

This is ridiculous! I plan on graduating in December, 2003. Dividing Com 450 into two sections would hold me back a semester. Not only would I have to attend CSI for another semester, it would be the only class for me. It would be a waste of time and money.

I did hear from past students that Com 450 was a lot of work, but they seemed strong enough to make it through. I hope the faculty will take their time and weigh their choices in deciding the outcome of Com 450.

Kellie Ostrander  
Senior, Communications

After reading this article I was very happy that I am taking Com 450 now and won't have to worry about taking two semesters of it. The work in this class is unbelievable and two semesters of it would drive me to the crazy bin.

Michael Christiano

I agree with Laura La Bega about making Com 450 a two-semester course. I remember when I took the class last Spring and was absolutely swamped. I was taking 15 credits that semester and barely had time to sleep or eat. For that class alone, I was putting in a good 15-20 hours a week.

I remember talking to Professor Wong about the time constraints and she totally agreed and said she wanted to make it two semesters. Too bad it didn't work out that way for me.

Robert Giamboi  
Senior, Communications

In my opinion, two semesters of Com 450 is just going to be another way for CSI to get more money out of students.

The course was originally designed to be a one-semester course, and has been that way since its inception. Students basically need to learn how to manage their time. Adding another semester to the course is just going to be more time-consuming for the student and delay their expected date of graduation.

Shawn Helfman  
Communications Major

This is college, not kindergarten. We're all adults here. I think we can handle just one semester, not two.

Jamie Marinaro  
Communications Major

### Stoned Students

Re "Pot Habits Die Hard on Campus."

Marijuana is definitely popular among CSI students. I agree with Mountain Man's statement about how in the '60s only hippies smoked weed, and how today you can't spot a pot smoker by the way they look.

Today, marijuana is everyone's drug, young and old. People are beginning to favor it more than alcohol. The only problem is it's illegal.

Basically, pot is now part of pop culture. It is used by so many people, from the under-achiever to the straight A student—and even their parents.

Ayelet Kahalani

I would like to give *The Banner* credit for taking on an issue that has been on this campus since, well for at least the 5 years I have been attending CSI.

The stench of marijuana in the hallways and staircases when I get out of my night classes is sometimes unbelievable. Fellow students have no respect for the student body or the administration.

If you want to smoke pot, go bake at your car. Less chance of getting caught. Have a little respect for some of the non-marijuana smokers that do attend this school.

Dana Razefsky

### Tuition Hike

Re "NYPIRG Fights Tuition Hike."

I am a full-time student at CSI, so I know the governor's proposal to increase tuition by \$1,200 is only going to make it that much harder for students, whether full-time and part-time, to attend college. Does the governor, mayor, and whoever else is involved with this proposal realize that without reasonable tuition and financial aid, people are going to have one hell of a time in the "real world" due to the fact they couldn't go to college?

Not only are students going to suffer, so will New York City's economy. It's a case of supply and demand. If kids aren't given an education, then the demand for jobs and what not is just going to put the city into turmoil again.

Mellissa Seecharan, Sophomore

You are the voice for the voiceless, and I want you to continue with the spirit of fighting for the minority people who the tuition hike will hit hardest.

Education is the right of everyone and the key to success.

Adebola Sanusi

*The Banner welcomes letters from readers. Those selected may be shortened to fit allotted space. Drop letters off outside our door, at IC-228*

### Love, Life, Sex

Isn't it funny that people who don't have a significant other get totally bitter about

Valentine's Day? You do have options in life.

Firstly, you could get past any phobias and ask someone out, whether you are female or male. There are many lonely people waiting to be asked.

Secondly, if you are really bummed about going solo, then rent a hot movie, buy yourself the Godiva, and get a vibrator or an inflatable doll.

In the end, if it's that important to have an orgasm on Valentine's Day, Just Do It!

Debra Santulli-Barone

### Voice Mishap

Re "Voice Mends Mishap."

Ayman El-sayed's salient proposal to amend the mistake of The College Voice rings unsympathetic to my already jaded ears. He claims that The College Voice "might write an apology," or "might write that it was a mistake,"—pertaining to the "mishap" that slandered the innocent Ralph Giordano. Luckily, Mr. Giordano is mature enough to shrug his shoulders with integrity for what may have seemed at first glance to be childish gossip. However, for El-Sayed, a certain level of ego should be dropped. Rather than show clear sympathy for what was ultimately the fault of the editor (ahem, El-Sayed), he blames a machine and stands on an ambivalent line of abundant pride and selfish disregard for his fellow CSI community. El-Sayed, for the sake of yours and your newspaper's reputation, if not that of another human being, you *must* admit your mistake boldly and move on with a clear conscience. And next time, as an editor, read what goes in your publication. That is *your* job.

Jennifer Hermus

### Lobster Boy

I am not easily offended, but I find the "Mutant Lobster Boy" series extremely tasteless. It's obvious that Chris Sorrentino is a complete homophobe. I'm surprised that his anti gay/different/etc. propaganda is even allowed to be published in *The Banner*. The fact that *The Banner* employs such a closed-minded idiot makes me apprensive about ever wanting to be a part of *The Banner*.

I'm all for comedy and free speech, but not at the expense of an entire social group. Mr. Sorrentino's comic isn't even funny. It's an embarrassment to *The Banner*, and unacceptable.

Prentiss Campbell

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Michael Truscelli, keyboardist and lead vocalist for Shake.  
(All photographs of the band: Jen Mosscrop)



Shake's drummer, Luke Rath.

## SHAKE Rocks The House

Jennifer Mosscrop

Friday February 7th—Shake, an island-based band, proved that our local music scene is alive and kicking. Keep an eye on these boys, they're on their way to fame.

Shake is: Michael Truscelli, lead vocals and keyboard; Gus Campo, bass; Dave Rath, guitar and background vocals; and Luke Rath, drums and background vocals (yes, Dave

and Luke are brothers).

Shake incorporates different musical styles into their songs by combining the classic Red Hot Chili Pepper funk, the heavy bass and drum rhythms of Primus, and a hint of classic blues from the guitar.

Mike's voice ties it all together. By the way, they write their own songs.

One of the highlights of the show was "Step Back." The song began

loud and fast. Gus played the bass at an amazing speed, which made it seem as though his fingertips were hardly touching the strings. Dave made the melody dance over the rest of the band with his guitar. The song then slipped into a ballad. Truscelli's voice whispered into the mic while Luke accented it with light tapping on the cymbals. The band dropped to a slow tempo and, just when you thought the song was about to end, the band surprised the audience with a crescendo, returning to the hard driving rhythm of the song's opening segment. They ended with a bang.

And who could forget the Shake girls? Yes, Shake leaves all you guys out there (and some girls, too) with something special, a little gift from the band to you. A group of about ten girls shaking their groove thang to the departure song, "The End" (no Doors relation). Like cheerleaders at a basketball game, the Shake girls got the

Elbow Room moving, complete with tight-white tank tops with the band's name on the front. "I gotta support my boys," said Kerry, one of many dedicated Shake girls. Just one more reason to check this band out.

Shake has received local fame after winning first place at Club Drink's first Battle of the Bands competition, which is judged by the audience; they made the right choice.

Shake had their first interview at Jukebox Radio, 103.1, a local New Jersey station. They played three songs on the air also.

Kid Antrim Music has selected The End to be on its 2002 Artists Compilation CD. This compilation will be sent to thirty record labels and radio stations across the nation.

On February 8th, Shake recorded a new demo at the Electric Plant in Brooklyn. These boys are moving up pretty quickly, you better go see them before they're charging \$35 per ticket. Check out their website, ShakeNewYork.com, for upcoming performances in an area near you.

## "STAND" Takes The Stage By Force But Fizzles Out

Riddle: Where can you find a barefoot guy wandering around the cafeteria, dipping his fingers in cheese made for french fries, holding a microphone?

Answer: Thursday, February 20th, at the Campus Center.

"Stand" started a half-hour late, telling the audience that they weren't early risers. Their set consisted mostly of original material. "Overview," was a catchy song that sounded eerily like Coldplay, something you'd expect to hear on K-ROCK. "When Fate Becomes You," is about a man on his deathbed giving advice to the people surrounding him. "Be true to yourselves/Take care of yourselves,"

is what he says to them during his final moments.

Another original song was dedicated to a girl in the audience who told Neil Eurrelle, bass player and lead singer, that she gets paid every two weeks. Through his thick Irish brogue he sang, "Do you really believe in the American Dream?"

At times, Eurrelle could be overdramatic, kicking his uncovered toes in the air, then sitting with students as if he owned 1C.

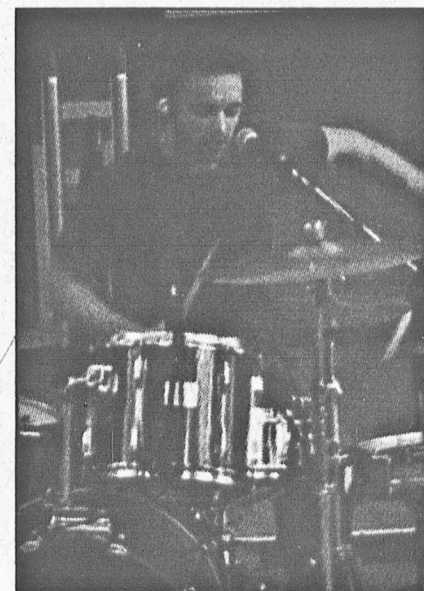
The audience participation was slim. To liven up the sleepy crowd, Eurrelle let a CSI student sing "My Girl." Although it is a good thing the student is not part of the band, it

sparked involvement.

When the band started belting out covers of songs, the show got weak. They played "Under Pressure" by Queen and did a good job. Then they attempted to play Led Zeppelin's classic rock anthem, "Kashmir." It was hard to hear the vocals, too much guitar distortion, thank God Robert Plant was absent.

David Walsh, Carl Dowling, Alan Doyle, and Eurrelle had their ups and downs, but the best part was the brogue. It was free and the audience was entertained. What more could lunch at CSI offer?

—Jennifer Mosscrop



Fizzle: To fail after a good start

# WSIA 88.9 FM

The Longer You Listen, The Harder They Get

## WSIA TOP 10

1. Primal Scream

*Evil Heat*

2. David Gray

*A New Day at Midnight*

3. Damone

*From the Attic*

4. Sarah Lentz

*Everything's All Right*

5. Smashing Pumpkins

*Earphoria*

6. Bjork

*Bjork's Greatest Hits*

7. Blood Group

*Volunteers*

8. Raveonettes

*Whip It On*

9. Roots

*Phrenology*

10. FC Kahuna

*Machine Says Yes*



Name: Bryan, The Last DJ  
Air Shift: Friday nights, 10pm-2am  
DJ Since: November '01  
Major: Communications  
Blood Type: O+  
Marital Status: I'm available.

**What is your favorite movie and why?**

Duel, that death truck is badass!!!

**What as the best concert you have ever gone to?**

Beck and The Flaming Lips. Not only did they sound great together, but they were also having a lot of fun on stage

**What are some of your favorite bands?**

Pink Floyd, Coldplay, The Chemical Brothers, and a lot more.

**What group you used to love the most and now hate the most?**

Korn. Their first two albums were great, but their newer stuff sucks.

**What's your favorite Muppet?**

Cookie Monster. We both have a thing for yellow Vw Beetles.

## SWEET AND SOULFUL: DAR WILLIAMS SOARS

DAR WILLIAMS  
Opening act: Mary McBride



Jessica Mendez

"Is it unacceptable, what I'm saying?" jokes Dar Williams when her microphone unexpectedly dies during her February 8th performance at CSI's Concert Hall. Apparently, the same thing has happened to her before, in Arkansas. There, she had slipped off her shoes, sat at the edge of the stage, and thought about how she had just mocked all other singers who did the same thing to her audience. As Dar tells her story, the sound guy runs backstage. Dar, unfazed, smiles, calmly slips off her shoes, then giggles at her own silliness and puts her shoes back on. That is the epitome of Dar Williams and her music. She's clever, never misses a beat, and never takes herself too seriously.

Alone on stage in a simple black beaded tank and palazzo pants, Dar filled the room with her presence with every chord she strummed on her guitar. Her songs were short stories set to music, and every heartfelt lyric was emphasized with Dar's spontaneous foot stomps and hair tosses. Dar's songs were punctuated with anecdotes, including one clearing up a misleading *New York Times Magazine* article depicting her as a lesbian. Dar, who is recently married, quipped, "Everyone is bisexual; I just never got around to it."

Dar's lyrics go from sweet and self deprecating to sublimely soulful. One song, "The Babysitter's Here," depicts a young girl who idolizes her cool teenage babysitter (sample lyric "And she tie-dyed my shirt and she pierced her own ear/and it's peace, man, cool, yeah, the babysitter's here"), while another, "After All," a song that brought me to tears, tells of a tragic heartbreak. "It's better to have fallen in love/than never to have fallen at all...and now I laugh at how the world changed me/I think life chose me after all."

Dar's voice is reminiscent of Natalie Merchant's raw huskiness sprinkled with Jewel's woman/child warbling. There were times when Dar's voice wavered, but her emotions more than made up for it.

Dar's new album, "Beauty of the Rain," is set for a February 18th release. Dar is very excited about the album, particularly the song "I Saw A Bird Fly Away," an upbeat duet she recorded with John Popper of Blues Traveler. "This one's actually on the radio," she mused. Hopefully it won't be the only one, and songs such as the title track will be showcased as well.

If you ever see Dar Williams live, pray that a technical snafu occurs.

### WSIA Disc-Jockeys' Fall Lineup

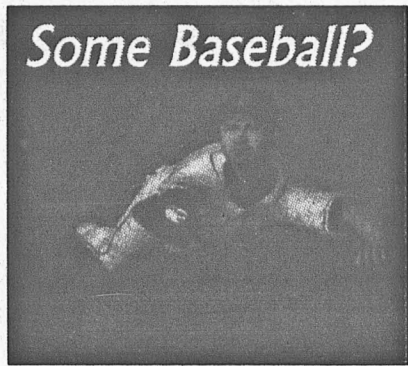
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7:00	Tales and Tunes for Tots	Morning Show	Morning Show	Morning Show	Morning Show	Michelle Garner	John G.
10:00	Lazer Garner	Steve Cameron	Steve Hager	Rotating DJ	Allison Schlackman	Guru Dave	Rotating DJ
1:00	Nina Lisitsa	Dennis Back	Phoenix	Nick Orlando	Rotating DJ	Ultimate East w/Tomohiro	Bakra Morales
3:00	James Sorenti	Marrissa Maldonado	Lacy Axelrod	Maggie May	Rotating DJ	Austin Lee	Joe Perdacis
6:00	8:00 Sports	Joe Melluzo	Emillo Medugno	Gen Rossi	Russle McKensie	Greg Rothberg and Frankie	Jon Bolarinwa
10:00	Anthony Alexdander	Greg Pesochin	Avi Berkovitch	Late night with Raven	The Domain with Lucien	Bryan Ahl	Don Vroome

## ARE You Ready For Some Baseball?

Dominic Fiduccia

Play ball! With the national pastime soon to return, Acclaim has its newest baseball video game, All-Star Baseball 2004, ready to debut. This series has been the most popular among baseball video gamers, making it the Madden of bases and balls. It's easy to see why that it is. Besides the 30 teams that currently exist in Major League Baseball, you can unlock 20 teams from baseball history, and also 110 players from the past such as Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Ty Cobb. That's not all! Acclaim has even added some of the Negro League's best players in the game, like Josh Gibson, Satchel Paige, and Buck o' Neil.

Do you miss some of the old stadiums that teams once played in, like the Pittsburgh Pirates' Three Rivers Stadium, the Detroit Tigers' Tiger Stadium, or perhaps the Cincinnati Reds' Crosley Field? Well, All-Star Baseball 2004 gives you the option to play in these old stadiums and 42 oth-



Baseball's best are ready for play in Acclaim's All-Star Baseball 2004, available March 1.

ers to choose from. If you like some of the old uniforms, like the San Diego Padres' Bumblebee uniforms, the Baltimore Orioles' "duck" caps, or the New York Mets' old orange pinstripe look (those new uniforms they've been wearing the last five years are just plain terrible looking), then All-Star Baseball 2004 has what you want, up to 200 uniforms to choose from.

New York Yankees' shortstop Derek Jeter plays a big role in the game. In Scenario mode, Jeter introduces actual MLB footage to set up in-game situations and recommendations. There is a Multimedia Section,

## Acclaim will be on March 1st

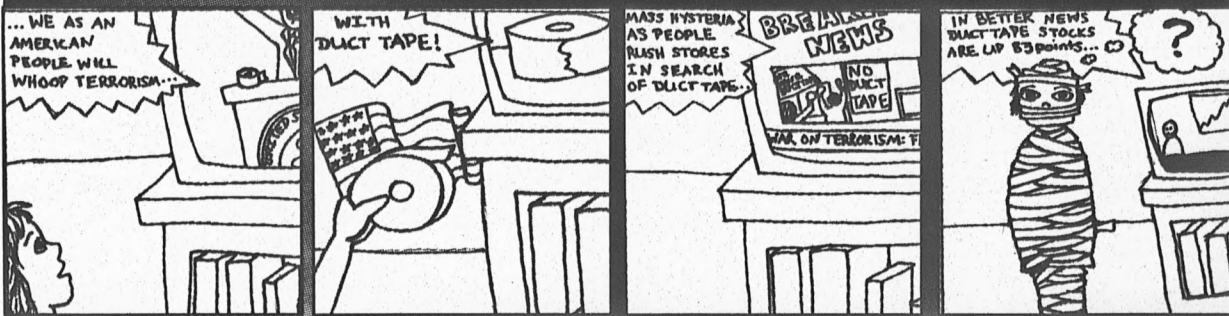
featuring live game footage of Jeter and other Major League stars. With Panoramic Stadium Tour, Jeter highlights all the interesting facts and features of each stadium. If you are new to playing baseball video games, then you will want to play the all-new Rookie Mode, in which Jeter serves as guide and instructor in the tutorial. Some of the great non-Jeter aspects of the game are the On-line capabilities, featuring downloadable roster up sides with your favorite players in all new stadiums.

All-Star Baseball 2004 will be available for the Playstation 2, Nintendo GameCube, and Xbox starting March 1, 2003. If you prefer to play 2-D baseball games, then you'll want to get this game on the Game Boy Advance (also debuting March 1, 2003).

With all of the really cool stuff in this game, All-Star Baseball 2004 is the perfect game for every baseball fan, and it is sure to keep you busy for the entire baseball season.

Master: To become skilled or proficient

# Be Prepared By Patricia Savage



# Captain Fantastico in Space by Chris Sorrentino and John Szeluga



# MUTANT LOBSTER BOY by Chris Sorrentino

# SEVEN DAYS OF TERRORIST-FEARING FUN!!!

MONDAY	TUES - THURS	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
I DECIDED TO STAY HOME FROM ALL OF MY CLASSES THIS WEEK. THE NEWS SAID THAT THERE IS A 100% CHANCE OF A TERROR ATTACK!!!!!!	IN CELEBRATION OF THE ORANGE ALERT STATUS I ATE 14 HITS OF ORANGE Mescaline. I THEN FLEW ON FALCOR'S BACK, AND WE SAILED TO THE LAND OF FANTASIA!!!!	I DUCT TAPED MY HOME AND ALL OF MY BODY ORIFICES.	I WENT TO AN ANTI-WAR PROTEST AND I ACCIDENTALLY THOUGH IT WAS A PRO-WAR RALLY! LUCKILY, SOME PEACEFUL PROTESTERS HAD CORRECTED ME WITH THEIR FISTS!	ON THE LAST DAY, I REALIZED THAT THERE WERE NO TERROR ATTACKS IN N.Y.C., IN FACT, THE ONLY TERRORIZING CAME FROM GOV'T OFFICIALS AND THE MEDIA, WHO GOT OFF BY PUMPING OUR HEADS FULL OF MAD BULLSHIT!!!

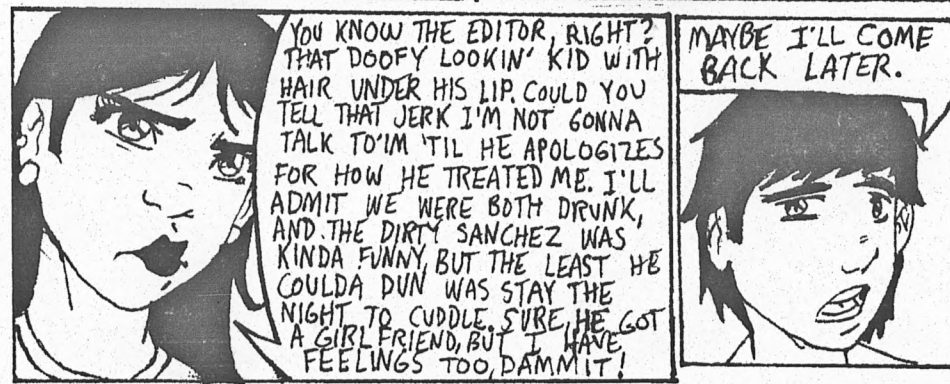
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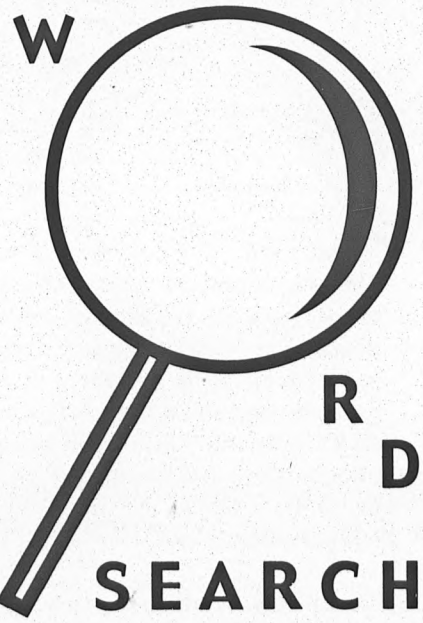
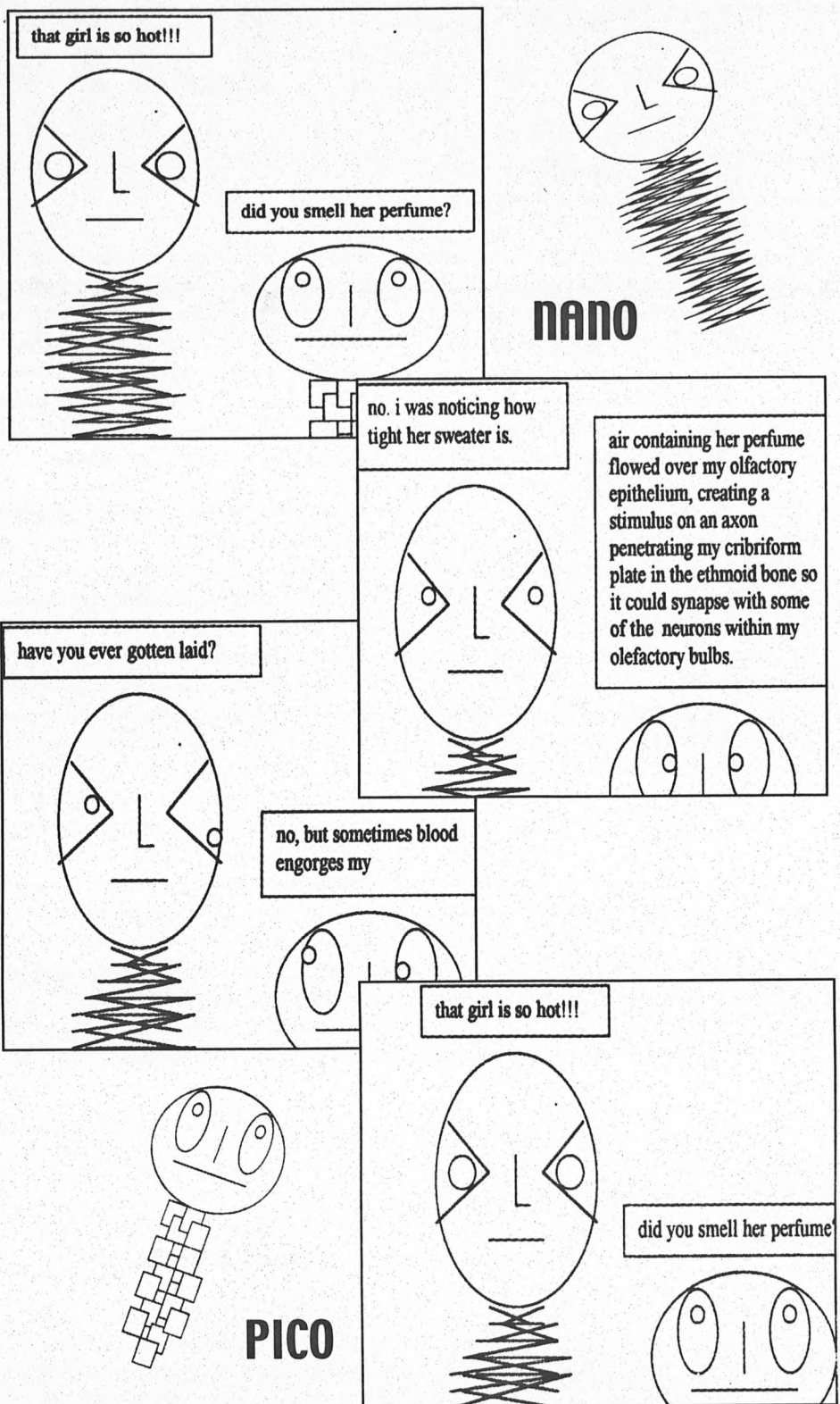


# CSI Adventures By Enrique Inocente

AFTER THE BANNER FAILED TO REALIZE THE BRILLIANCE OF MY ARTICLE ON OVERPRICED TEXTBOOKS, I DECIDED TO TAKE MY CLAIM ELSEWHERE...



# Nano & Pico By David Kunin



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February is National  
Month

by Patricia Savage

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February 24, 2003

# LOVE. Life. SEX.

Jessica Mendez

My obsession with gay men began at age 10 with Tom, my oldest sister Lynna's close friend. Tom was intelligent and witty. He was an absolute blast to hang with, and he had this sexy, raspy smoker's voice. He was all hips and sexy when he danced. He was a dead ringer for Extreme's Nuno Bettencourt. When I turned 15 and lost all of my baby fat, I was convinced we'd hook up. When I heard my mom and Lynna gossiping about Tom "coming out," I was intrigued. "Coming out" of what? I then heard the word "closet." Came out...of...a closet? Oh. OH.

I love gay men. Let's be honest. I am what most would call a "fag hag." Before we go any further, let's define our terms. On its own, "fag" is derogatory and degrading, as is "hag." Together, however, these two nasty words create a term of endearment that is near and dear to the hearts of gay men and the women who love them. Hello! Gay men understand how frustrating it is to deal with men—gay or straight!

"We are such fag hags," Maya

and I cackle whenever we sing the praises of gay men. But I was thinking the other day, "Fag hag" is such an umbrella term. There are so many types of women who find the beauty of bonding with boys who love boys. There's the accidental fag hag, the trophy fag hag, and the platonic fag hag...you'll see what I mean.

Off the topic, over the years, I have become infamous for my habit of unwittingly crushing on gay men. Take the above situation substituting Tom for Tony, my prom date and my sister Anastasia's best friend Dee's brother. Substitute Lynna and mom's gossiping with Anastasia and Dee. Witness...the accidental fag hag.

The very gay Todd fascinated Jo, my resident advisor in London. All she did was go on and on...and ooon... about how Todd was the coolest and how gay men give the best advice. I seriously think she was expecting an engraved gold medal from GLAAD. Ladies and gentlemen...the trophy fag hag.

Todd stayed far away from Jo and became fast friends with Maya and

Rita. Maya also became close with Ron, a gay grad student. They partied almost every night, usually at gay or gay-friendly clubs, where all the guys would get queer boy crushes on Maya...the platonic fag hag.

During a game of Truth or Dare at Pop with Maya, Rita, and some others, I was dared to approach a table of very hot gay boys and get one of them to let me sip their drink. Not only did they play along, but one guy told me to report back to my friends that "[I] am a goddess and [they] are obsessed with me."

More fag hag debauchery ensued a week later. Liz, Maya, and I were chilling when Rita showed up with her hot gay friend Christian. He was slim, beautiful, and had the sexiest pout that promptly stretched into the sexiest grin. He was sex. During the night, everyone was getting tipsy and brave, so dares were obviously in order. Maya locked lips with Christian more than once, as did Liz, who blushed from her forehead to the tips of her shaggy flip. As we walked to Maya's car at 4:30 AM, I realized

that it was now or never. I casually mentioned how I was the only one who didn't get kissed that night, which Rita (thankfully) brought to everyone's attention. Christian grinned at me and teased that this was obviously my way of saying that I wanted to kiss him. I shyly looked down because I'm a nerd whose bravery gets shot to shit when I'm called on it. Undaunted, Christian shot me an amused glance.

"You want to?" he teased.

Christian was a master kisser. His tongue was playing a symphony in my mouth. When I started giggling, he gently nipped at my bottom lip. He pulled me closer, and the deepest heat coursing through my system replaced the cold of the early December morning. When we finally broke apart, everyone was waiting for us by the car. I was later told that everyone was telling us to hurry up, but I swear I heard nothing. I still have a small crush on Christian, but I know better than to pursue futility. Hey, at least I got something out of being a fag hag.

## We asked you about cheating on your mate...

### WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER CHEATING?

"Doing anything with anyone other than me."

-Jennifer Wolfson

"Hmmm...Uhhhh. I actually don't know. It's just like... OK! I know. It's like, say you like, consciously go after somebody to kiss them or whatever, and then, you actually want to do it again with that person, if you already kissed them once or something, that's cheating."

-Amy Zhen

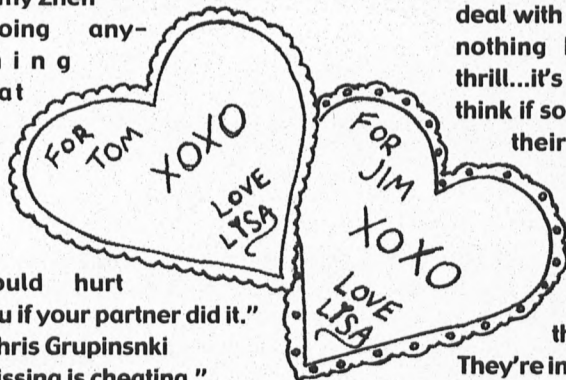
"Doing anything that

would hurt you if your partner did it."

-Chris Grupinski

"Kissing is cheating."

-Patty Smith



### WHY DO YOU THINK PEOPLE CHEAT ON THEIR PARTNERS?

"I don't know, well, to put it in my perspective, sometimes people have too much fun and get too loose, you know, they try to "have fun" at a party or something, so then they cheat and they decide that they will do it again. Some people are too adventurous and they might go ahead and do things like that. Wait, what was the question? Why, right...ok...well, yeah, because they probably feel like their boyfriend or girlfriend right now isn't much fun, and they want to find someone else that's a little crazier."

-Amy Zhen

"Um (pause) oh, I think it really has to deal with idle hands. If a person has nothing better to do, it's like a thrill...it's an excess lift. I definitely think if someone has a lot of time on their hands...I think that definitely adds to it."

-Pete Marsh

"They want to explore with others. They want to make sure that the person they're with is the right one.

They're insecure. They want revenge in some cases."

-Arathi Reddy

### WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO A FRIEND WHO WAS CHEATING ON THEIR BOYFRIEND OR GIRLFRIEND?

"I would tell them to stop. Or wait, no. I would tell them to at least, whatever they choose, make sure they don't regret it."

-Amy Zhen

"Confess or burn in hell."

-Brion Gidley

"Pray you don't get caught."

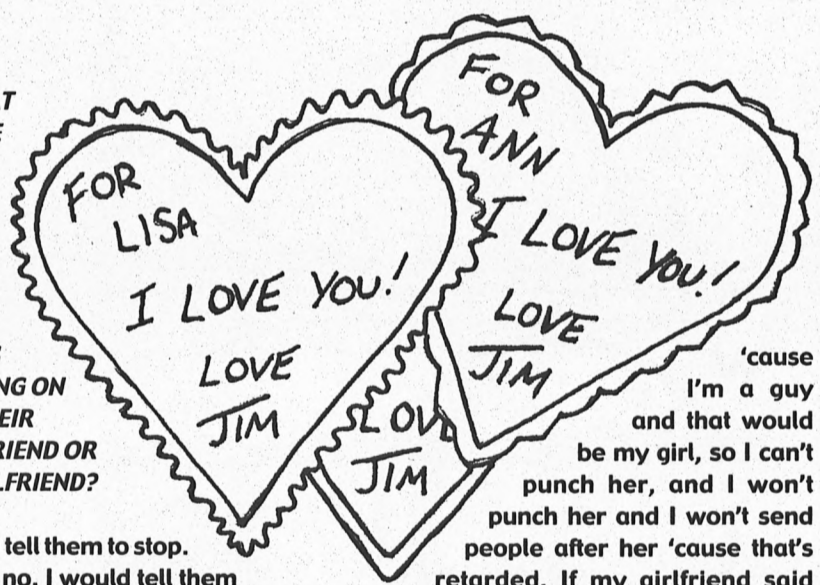
-Jay Podlubny

### WHAT WOULD A CHEATING PARTNER DO TO MAKE YOU FORGIVE THEM?

"I don't think there's anything he can do. Maybe buy me a car."

-Maria Grasse

"Nothing...nothing 'cause I'm not gonna forgive you. You cheat on me, I'm spittin' in your face. And that's

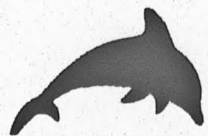


'cause I'm a guy and that would be my girl, so I can't punch her, and I won't punch her and I won't send people after her 'cause that's retarded. If my girlfriend said 'Dennis, I cheated on you,' I would sit there, hock up the biggest loogy I possibly can- drinkin' mad orange juice- wait until it's early in the morning and spit it right in her face so it's dripping there and it leaves, like, a film that she can't wash away."

-Dennis Kehoe

"A lot of graveling, a damn good reason, and an expensive gift."

-Jennifer Wolfson



	MON 24	TUES 25	WED 26	THURS 27	FRI 28	SAT 1
<b>Women's Basketball</b>			CUNY AC Semifinals TBA		CUNY AC Finals TBA	
<b>Men's Basketball</b>		CUNY AC 1/4 Finals TBA			CUNY AC Finals TBA	

## BOX SCORES

### Men CSI 84, Lehman 69

##	Player Name	Reb	Points	Assists	Blocks
33	Michael Nebavlakis	5	14	1	1
44	Carlito Ulett	4	7	1	0
31	John Smih	7	12	2	0
22	Michael Stewart	4	24	2	0
03	Robert Nguyen	0	10	1	0
11	Jason Coke	1	0	0	0
21	Terry Downing	7	15	5	0
30	Neville Lestrade	1	0	1	0
42	Rashad Long	2	2	0	0
Totals:		35	84	13	1

### Women CSI 101, Lehman Tech 54

##	Player Name	Reb	Points	Assists	Blocks
1	Keisha Cook	16	17	5	0
22	Kim Thompson	2	5	0	0
34	Jacclyn Rock	8	14	0	0
12	Stephanie Iosue	2	2	1	0
20	April Nelson	3	6	4	1
11	Deanna Ortiz	2	17	1	0
21	Jacklyn Badagliacco	3	6	3	0
24	Pamela Barone	3	13	10	0
31	Debra Pasquale	4	16	2	0
25	Brianne Stoffers	2	5	0	1
Totals:		52	101	26	2

### Women CSI 87, Medgar Evers 29

##	Player Name	Reb	Points	Assists	Blocks
1	Keisha Cook	6	6	6	0
22	Kim Thompson	3	14	0	0
34	Jacclyn Rock	7	14	1	0
12	Stephanie Iosue	6	0	5	0
20	April Nelson	0	14	4	0
11	Deanna Ortiz	4	10	3	1
21	Jacklyn Badagliacco	1	2	3	0
24	Pamela Barone	0	16	3	0
31	Debra Pasquale	8	9	4	0
25	Brianne Stoffers	1	2	2	0
Totals:		42	87	31	1

### Men CSI 69, Medgar Evers 76

##	Player Name	Reb	Points	Assists	Blocks
33	Michael Nebavlakis	7	10	2	0
44	Carlito Ulett	8	11	3	0
31	John Smih	10	14	0	3
22	Michael Stewart	3	21	5	1
03	Robert Nguyen	1	1	6	0
11	Jason Coke	0	0	0	0
42	Rashad Long	2	4	0	0
21	Terry Downing	0	8	1	1
Totals:		35	69	17	5

## Support Your Fellow Athletes

Stan Etheridge

Athletes from all teams in the CSI program agree that it would be great to see more familiar faces at sports events.

"It is good to see community support," said Assistant Sports Information Director, Dave Pizzuto. "We try and make the games an exciting experience.

Sports events can be an enjoyable experience. "Where's the love," asked Michael Stewart of the men's basketball team. Eddie Buttle, faculty at CSI's Sports and Recreation Center, agrees: "There is no support." Consistent support could establish a great relationship among the players, fans, and most important, the entire CSI program and surrounding community. Even if you are not a Staten Island resident, and feel you cannot make home games, CSI's away games take place in all five boroughs, as well as in New Jersey.

"We try to make it a nice time for fans," said Jason Fein, Associate Athletics Director. "The Staten Island community should come out and support students playing for the love of the game." At all of CSI's home games, giveaways, contests, even CLUE credits are offered for all who attend. Giveaways include professional sports tickets, free pizza, CDs, and CSI apparel. All events are free.

Athletes wonder: How miserable could it be to come watch them in action? People don't have to be die-hard fans, but it would be appreciated if people came out to support the athletes who are representing the school.

Bill Felci, assistant coach to the

women's basketball team, suggests that memos be sent to professors throughout campus asking them to mention any upcoming CSI events. Perhaps schedules of the various sports teams could be posted throughout campus.

Fans presence not only gives the team support, but it also helps the other teams. Other teams are reluctant to fundraise during CSI events due to the poor attendance. They must wait for other events to take place in order to raise money for their team.

Continuous support may establish a sense of caring among the athletes and their fans, which can create a whole new campus atmosphere. Fan presence boosts athletes' morale on the court or field.

All athletes agree, noise is what they need. Crowd noise gets teams fired up, especially after a slow start. They give athletes an extra push. With an empty gym, it is sometimes hard to build up maximum energy. A paltry few parents and family members cannot make that much noise. Fans as a whole can be very annoying and distracting to visiting team, and can even intimidate the opposition. It is very upsetting when our visiting team's fan section is louder than ours.

Everyone knows that fellow students, as well as staff, faculty, professors, and administrators have important priorities and responsibilities, but attending a couple of games out of the entire season couldn't hurt anyone. Even if sports aren't your thing, your face in the crowd may be the one that an athlete needs or wants to see in order to feel comfort and confidence. Coming to such school events can help you make new friends; it may even spark a new interest.

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Sponsored by PDC and the Marketing Association

Presentation by Sam Wang and Jennifer Short of CAPCO Consulting on the marketing of technology based consulting services.

### COFFEEHOUSE: Meredith LeVande



Tuesday, March 4th  
7:30pm—9:00pm  
1C-Green Dolphin Lounge  
Sponsored by PDC Music

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Her music touches on themes that transcend both gender and race. Serious and playful all at the same time, Meredith's music touches a lot of nerves and tends to hit home.

### TUNE-IN GAME SHOW

Thursday, March 6th  
1:30pm—3:00pm

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## FILMS

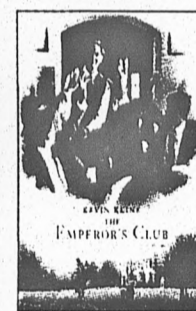
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April 7th—12th	Maid In Manhattan
April 28th—May 3rd	Catch Me If You Can
May 5th—15th	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

# Lady Dolphins Enjoy A Record-Breaking Senior Night



Jackie Badacliacco (captian), Deanna Ortiz, April Nelson (captian), Kiesha Cook played their last game of the season living up to their 15 game winning streak. Their strong leadership and dedication have steered the Dolphins to victory throughout the last four years and will be missed by many teammates.

## Andrea Kleboe

Saturday, February 15, 2003 is one for the record books. The CSI women beat Lehman, 101-54, for a school record, 15th straight win. They finished the season with an overall record of 20-5 and a perfect 13-0 in CUNY play.

The Dolphins shots weren't falling for the first few minutes of the game so they did it with defense. In fact, Keisha Cook rattled Lehman point guard, Allene Williams, so much that Williams was given two technical fouls after mouthing off to Cook, and she was ejected from the game. While Williams responded by throwing a full water bottle onto the court at the referee, CSI responded by turning up the tempo. They slowly started to pull away from Lehman. With 12:00 left in the first half, Jaclyn Rock checked in grabbed a defensive rebound and converted for two on the other end of the floor. After another basket by Deanna Ortiz, the Lehman coach

called a timeout in hopes that his Lancers could recover. After the timeout, Cook made a classic three point play to make the score 36-16. Stephanie Losue then scored on a Lehman turnover and Lehman called another timeout to attempt to stop the figurative bleeding. CSI played the rest of the first half well and took a 48-28 lead into the locker room at

seniors Ortiz, Cook, April Nelson and Jaclyn Badacliacco along with sophomore Brianne Stoffers checked in for CSI. These five continued to play excellently. Nelson had a quick six points and Badacliacco scored the basket to push the Dolphins over the hundred mark. With about two minutes left in the game all 4 seniors checked out and embraced in tearful

hugs on the bench.

All 10 CSI players scored. Cook and Ortiz tied for high scorer for CSI with 17

points each (a career high for Ortiz). Pasquale finished with 16 points while Jaclyn Rock had 14. Barone had 10 assist and 13 points to round out the 5 Dolphins in double figures.

Since this was the last season game for the Dolphins, the team and fans honored their four seniors in a ceremony after the game. They received balloons, teddy bears, picture collages and plaques. Jaclyn Badacliacco was commended for her dedication and aspirations, one day, be a coach herself. The defense of

“Even though we were undefeated in CUNY this season we know not to let our guard down because we know the other teams are coming to play.”

— Kim Thompson

half time.

The second half didn't go much better for Lehman. It seems like CSI did everything right. Debra Pasquale and Jaclyn Rock led the way offensively and defensively in the beginning of the second half, while Pam Barone had some pretty assists. With about ten minutes left in the game Losue went down with a shoulder injury on a screen set by a 6 foot Lehman freshman, Melissa Escalera, and didn't return for the rest of the game. With 7:20 left in the game the

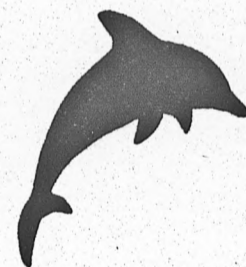
## CUNY Tournament Roundup

The 38th annual CUNY Basketball Championship Tournament begins Saturday, Feb. 22 at Baruch College's brand new facility in Manhattan. The action starts with the women's quarterfinals on Saturday, Feb. 22. The men's quarters are on Sunday, Feb. 23. The semi-finals will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb 25 and 26 with the championship games on Friday, Feb. 28. All tickets will be free and available at the Sports and recreation Center prior to the tournament. For more information on the tournament call 1-718-982-3149 or go to [www.csi.cuny.edu/athletics](http://www.csi.cuny.edu/athletics).

### Women's Basketball Team Takes Over #1 Ranking in Region!

The CSI Women's Basketball team, with their 15-5 record, has just been ranked as the #1 team in the NCAA Atlantic Region Poll. It marks the first time that the Dolphins have ever been ranked #1. Their 10-0 conference record has them sitting atop the CUNY conference standings with just five games to go in the regular season. Salisbury (MD) was ranked number two, followed by Marymount (MD), Kean, and Richard Stockton. Hunter was the only other CUNY school to make the regional rankings, taking the number seven spot.

-Jason Fien



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Deanna Ortiz and her ability to excel in any aspect of her life was also commended. Keisha Cook, broke the school record for most rebounds, earlier this year, is known to her coach, Marguerite Gualtieri, as a player with a lot of heart. April Nelson, who also set a record this year by scoring 1,000 career points, is said to be a leader by example.

The next game for the Dolphins will be to kick off the CUNY tournament, and if the tournament goes anything like their season, they are going to have a lot to celebrate.