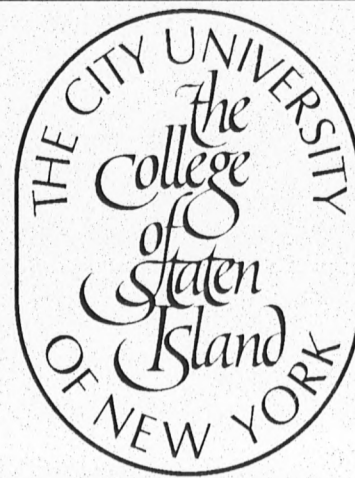


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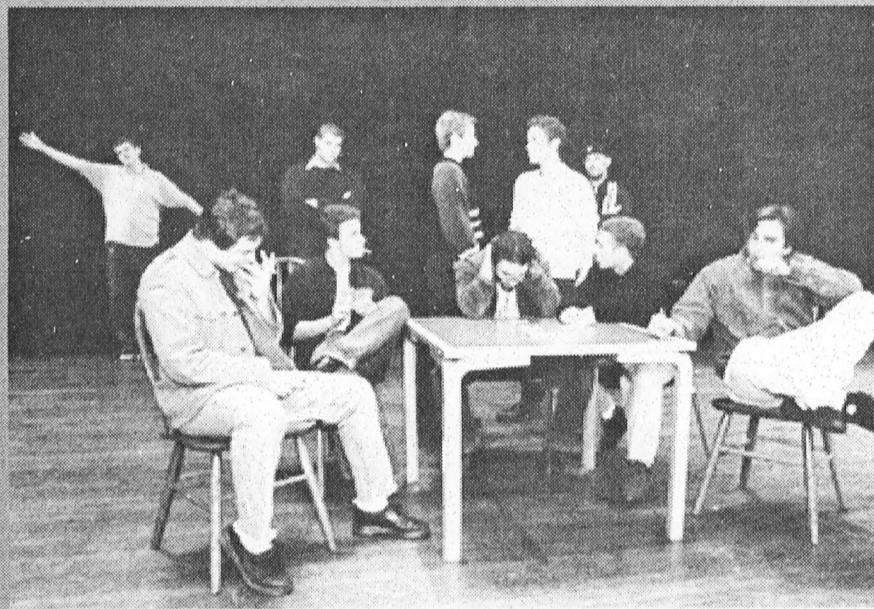
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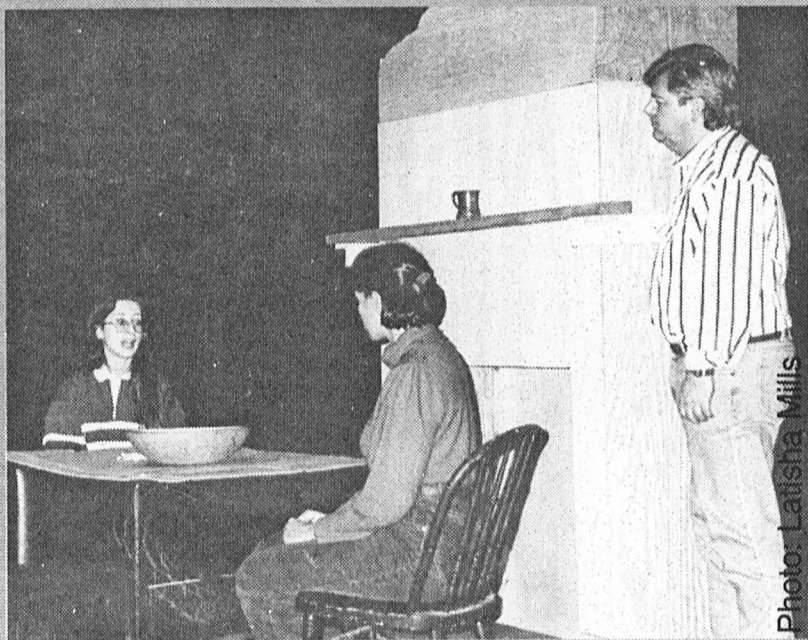
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IN CSI NEWS...

STUDENTS LOSE BLOOD FOR CAUSE

By John La Mantia

Blood was spilled in a different way here at the College of Staten Island. On Halloween a blood drive was sponsored by Health and Wellness Services and The Division of students affairs.

For the first hour of this event there was a vampire there to entertain the people that donated blood. Carol Brower from the Health and Wellness Center said, "This is the fifth blood drive that has been held on campus. We try to have one per term, and for this year we had over hundred people sign up and a lot that walked in." When asked why hold a Blood Drive on Halloween Day, she said, "It brings the people in."

Another CSI organization that was involved in this event was WSIA. WSIA had a table set up outside that gave away free items to any student that donated blood. The items, which included records, stickers and posters, were donated by the music band 'Corrosion of Conformity.' Tom Fucaloro from WSIA said, "It is good to see a band doing something that helps out others."

Some students that gave blood on this day had only positive feedback after their blood contributions were made. When asked why he took the time to donate blood, Patrick Rivers, a future member of Sigma Alpha Mu, said, "It the right thing to do." Another CSI student, Ellena del Busto, who is the President of the PreMed Society commented, "I think this is a great cause and I believe that more people should get involved, and it is appropriate to have it on Halloween." Another student, Christine Herbst, who was a bit nervous as she was giving blood, said, "It was not as bad as I thought."

There were about 83 pints of blood collected from this event. And there was a raffle also at the event. Winners of this raffle will be announced in the week to come.

HUNDREDS 'MAKE STRIDES' AGAINST BREAST CANCER

Over eight hundred people participated in the Walk-A-Thon to help fight against breast cancer Sunday, October 22nd. This five mile walk took place at Clove Lakes Park. The day started out with a two hour registration period starting at 9:00 a.m.

As people stood on line to register, they were given a chance to get information about breast cancer from various tables setup outside. Those organizations participating in the Making Strides Event were Doctor's Hospital, Bayley Seton Hospital, The American Cancer Society, and Regional Radiology. Each table was set up information regarding Mammograms, how to conduct self examinations, and other relevant Breast Cancer material. These tables also gave away a number of free items spanning from pens to free tee-sheets for all participants in the day's events. Angel Defeo from Regional Radiology commented, "It's important for woman to have breast exams." Kathy Quattrocchi, also from Regional Radiology said, "We are just happy that the sun is shining, just like the breast cancer survivors that are here today."

The walk began promptly at 11:00 a.m. In attendance from CSI was Professor Arlene Farren from the Nursing Department and Chairperson of the Nursing Department Professor Reese. Professor Farren said, "We are proud to be here representing the College of Staten Island and the Nursing Department." Professor Reese said, "There are some nursing students here taking part in the walk. The ones that could not make it made financial donations to this cause."

CSI's own Sigma Delta Tau also participated in this event. Member of Sigma Delta Tau, Summer Goldman came with her sister Terra Purtell and her mother Sharon Ryan-Coil who is a breast cancer survivor. The mother and daughter team practically ran the five mile walk around Clove Lakes Park.

Ms. Goldman's mother, Sharon Ryan spoke to reporters after the walk was completed. "I am a third generation breast cancer survivor. I did this walk for my two daughters and for all of the thousands of other woman out there who are suffering from breast cancer." said Ms. Ryan. Another member of Sigma Delta Tau who participated in the day's events was Danielle Barone. "I participated today because it is a good cause. I am a woman and I had some family members that had breast cancer," commented Ms. Barone.

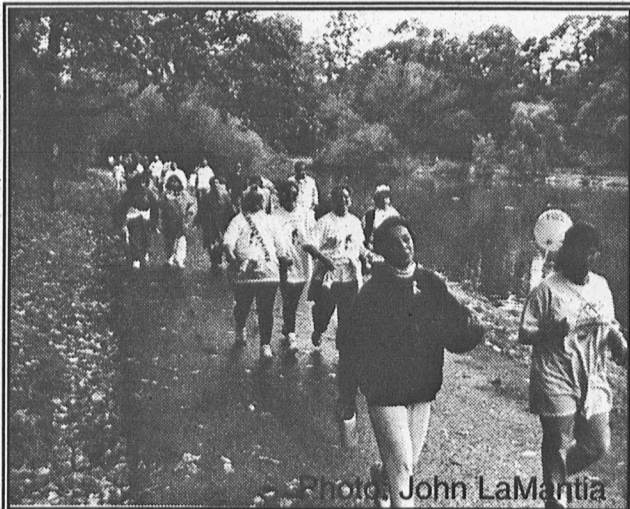


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Drama Club Fears Future

By Alexandra Velez

The Drama Club, in association with One Man Productions, is putting on a production of *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest*. The play, directed by Christopher E. Gonzales, will be performed at the Williamson Theater on November 20th and 22nd at 8 p.m., and on the 23rd at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

This will be the Drama Club's second production. The play is being funded by the Program Committee, and the Center for the Arts is allowing the club the use of its theater. The Drama Club has 175 members, with 40 of them in their new play as cast and crew. The Drama Club has been around for about three years; its mission is to educate future students about theatrical productions. The Drama Club teaches students through hands-on experience, with everything overseen by a professional.

With the help of other students, the club's members have struggled to continue their work in theatrical production. One Man Production is the product of their hard work. It was formed out of the Drama Club and has been able to withstand the difficulties created by the shortage of theatre faculty. The club's president, Christopher E. Gonzales, feels that the theatre is threatened by the possibility of not having enough money for next term's theatrical productions. "We would like more students to get involved with the Drama Club and the production," Gonzales said. "We want to encourage the academic environment of the theatre through hands-on experience."

He continued, "From the school administration, we would like acknowledgment and continued support for the organization that is striving to continue in terms of funds and facilities for our future productions. We are not going anywhere; we're here to stay whether our support is here or somewhere else."



Looking at the world in an abstract way "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest" on November 20th

New Theatre, New Production

By Christopher Zeyer

A production of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* will christen the College of Staten Island's new Laboratory Theatre. The new theatre is located in the Center for the Arts (Building 1-P), and the play will run from November 13th to the 16th. *The Banner* was able to speak with the Director, Dr. Robert Hulton-Baker, about the play.

Dr. Hulton-Baker is the Coordinator of the Program in Dramatic Arts. He has directed several premieres, Shakespeare's *Othello* and *Twelfth Night*, and Arthur Miller's *All My Sons*. "So this is a Miller festival for me," he said. Dr. Hulton-Baker is thrilled about working in the Laboratory Theatre, or what has been dubbed "the black box".

He explained the difference between a regular and a Laboratory Theatre. "A regular theatre has fixed seating, and raised stage enclosed with a proscenium arch." He added that since this is the inaugural production, "everything is new in the Theatre. The lights, sound, everything."

"It's a very exciting opportunity, not only because of the new technology, but also the Laboratory Theatre is a completely flexible space," he said. By flexible space, he means, "there are a number of arrangements in staging and seating." Dr. Hulton-Baker likes the theatre because it helps with the production's image of *The Crucible*.

The play is about how revenge can get out of hand. It takes place in Salem, Massachusetts during what is known as the "Witch Trials" in the Seventeenth Century. Arthur Miller was using it as a metaphor for the McCarthy era, to show how people always believe the worst about others. The young girls of the town are led by one character, Abigail Williams, who has had an affair with a respected member of the town, Mr. Proctor. Together the young girls accuse all dreaded vagrants, and especially Mrs. Proctor, of being witches.

Dr. Hulton-Baker said the production doesn't want "to emphasize so much the political elements, as we are exploring patriarchy, exploitation, and the sexual repression aspects of the play." Where the audience is being seated is also something Dr. Hulton-Baker finds will enhance the play. "We've levitated the seats around the action to increase the focus and intensity, approximating *The Crucible* title of the play."

Dr. Hulton-Baker continued, "We have a cast of great range of experience and preparation for the roles. The age range alone is from eleven to seventy. It's wonderful to watch such a collection of people learn, teach, laugh, act, and work together. Opening night will be worth all the time they and myself put into this production."

CSI ENTERS THE WORLD OF USS

By Christopher Alvarez

In early July, the Student Government at The College of Staten Island elected its delegates to The University Student Senate, better known as USS. With the delegates chosen, Mary Anne Christensen as the Day/Full Time delegate, and Rochelle Benguiat as the Evening/Part Time delegate, so began their journey into the larger world of USS.

The purpose of the organization is as stated in its constitutional preamble "...to preserve the accessibility, affordability, and excellence of higher education within the City of New York, and to protect the rights of the student body and to inform when their rights are threatened, to further the cause of public higher education, and to promote general welfare of its student constituents and the University..."

Each of the nineteen CUNY colleges elects delegates and alternates from their Student Governments, to represent and inform the students at their specific college. Some of these delegates and alternates then in turn hold positions in numerous committees. The controlling body for the USS is the Steering Committee, which is made up of nine elected delegates. The executive officer of the Steering Committee is the Chairperson, who is responsible for implementing policies and decisions of the USS. Furthermore, the Chairperson holds an important seat on the Board of Trustees, which is the controlling body for CUNY.

The hierarchy of the Committee then follows as such; the Vice-Chair for Legislative affairs, who is the principal spokesperson on legislative proceedings affecting CUNY, on City, State, and Federal levels. The Vice-Chair of Fiscal Affairs, who deals with all financial concerns facing USS. The rest of the positions are as follows: Vice-Chairs of Graduate Affairs, Senior College Affairs, Community College Affairs, Evening and Part-time Affairs, Disabled Student Affairs, and International Student Affairs. This committee is funded through 85 cents of students activity fee, and in turn represents the over 200,000 students CUNY wide.

Fearing that the College would be entangled in the vast problems of CUNY, that they fortunately did not face, traditionally CSI held only a small role in USS. Yet, with this year's new Student Government came its commitment to become a more vocal advocate, and with the unity of its fellow CUNY students the voice of CSI students would only grow.

Through incredible work done by student advocate, Charlo Almeda, the USS was already aware of CSI's problems and of the vast work students were doing to solve them. So early on in the summer, various student leaders of CUNY visited the College to offer an open hand and their support.

William Negron, Chairperson of USS, and Steve Kleinberg, executive director of USS, toured the College in search of solutions to CSI's problems. Through countless meetings with Student Government President Joseph Canale, who became an alternate to USS, and C.S.I delegates Rochelle Benguiat and Mary Anne Christensen, the delegation established a strong bond with the USS.

The first meeting of the newly elected delegation from each of the CUNY colleges meet at the 1996 USS Student Leaders Conference in upstate New York. The three day conference held workshops on various issues such as returning student majorities to college association, CUNY child care, lobbying, and opportunities for women.

The Student Government Projects workshop, was given by Joseph Canale, in which he spoke about the various proposals that he had made to increase student involvement at CSI, and how these programs can be incorporated to other colleges.

The workshop received praise from all who attended, and placed CSI leaders in the spotlight. In between workshops, the CSI delegation meet with several other CUNY leaders in an exchange of ideas of possible solutions for problems at our campus and CUNY wide.

The nights were filled with meetings that lasted beyond dawn, with issues such as CUNY's SAFE Team, cut's to financial aid, guns on campus, and the retrench-

ment of programs. During one of these all night meetings, an organization calling themselves SNUSS (Students for a New University Student Senate), which was made up of various CUNY colleges, presented a list of CUNY's problems and their solutions.

Student leaders were asked to offer suggestions on their proposal, this in turn began an open dialog, which lasted long into the night.

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The CSI delegation took part and added some important proposals which included creation of a Merchants Committee which would regulate corporations whom did business on CUNY campus, student majority of the College Association, and disability issues.

Throughout the time, CSI delegates were approached with various colleges offering their support to the College as well as the possibility of having them run for a position in the Steering Committee. In which, Joseph Canale was offered support by many Colleges to run for Chairperson of USS. Mary Anne Christensen was asked to run for Disabled Student Affairs, but both turn down those positions stating that they were focusing on the problems at CSI.

The months following had the CSI delegation, traveling to numerous CUNY colleges, gaining information and making further connections with other student leaders. A number of trips were traveled to SNUSS meetings, where Joseph Canale took a lead role in many of the meetings. Issues of parking space, tickets on campus, and limited club space was brought up constantly by the CSI student leaders Rochelle Benguiat, and Mary Anne Christensen at the meetings at SNUSS.

It was further remarked by the members SNUSS how impressed they were with the CSI delegation and asked them to take part in their workings.

Meetings were held on Campus with William Negron, in which he hoped to help define CSI's future in USS and CUNY. This was done in hopes to cast a light upon the student's plight at CSI, to College Community and the Board of Trustees. While Joseph Canale spoke with the Board of Trustees Sub-Committees, and with the various vice-chancellors to gain a solution for CSI extensive problems.

The first official meeting of the year for USS, was at Baruch College to nominate for positions on the Steering Committee. All races were contented, except for the position of Vice-Chair of Disabled Students. In which Darryl Sally a student from the CUNY Law, held the only nomination after a strong presentation at the meeting.

The most highly contested race was that of Chairperson, the candidates were Mizonor Bizwas from City College, Maximo Javior from Baruch College, and Ifeakor Potts from Borough of Manhattan Community College. CSI Student Government President Joseph Canale was nominated for Vice-Chair of Legislative Affairs against Victor Charles of John Jay College.

The elections were held on Sunday, October 13, at LaGuardia Community College, where William Negron held Chair at his final meeting. After a continuation of the nomination speeches, the delegates voted on the various positions. The race for the Chair went up to the 3rd ballot, in which Ifeakor Potts won the election over Mizonor Bizwas, 18-15. In the race for Vice-Chair of Legislative Affairs, Joseph Canale won the election 23-9.

Additionally, Jose Peralta was elected for Vice-Chair of Fiscal Affairs, Tatek Swart was elected for Vice-Chair of Graduate Affairs, Benjamin Allen was elected for Vice-Chair of Senior College Affairs, German Flores was elected Vice-Chair for Community College Affairs, Belinda Crichlow was elected for Vice-Chair of Evening and Part-Time Affairs, Darryl Sally was elected for Vice-Chair of Disabled Students, and Anthony Andrews was elected for Vice-Chair of International Affairs.

Joseph Canale spoke on his feelings on how his position will affect CSI. "This position will give CSI a say in what happens CUNY wide. Additionally, this position will give us more bang for the buck, in terms of presence and effectiveness at CSI. This is a real opportunity for CSI, we have a chance to enact positive change that will benefit students here and CUNY wide."

These positions will take effect in November, at which time other sub-committee positions will be appointed. Unofficial meetings are continuing on throughout the month, and will continue to address CUNY's problems.

IN RELATED NEWS...

Joseph Canale recently resigned from the position of Publications Commissioner on Thursday, November 7th. A tearful Mr. Canale explained to Student Government that he was leaving Publications due to the amount of responsibilities that he is taking on in the United Student Senate [USS]. Along with his resignation, came the dissolving of the entire Publications Commission, which included Rochelle Benguiat, Christopher Alvarez, and Charlo Almeda.

Mr. Canale further announced that he will remain as Acting Publications Commissioner until another person is voted in to fill the position. At the meeting, other members of Student Government also voiced their views on Canale, calling him a "dedicated servant" and wishing him well on all future endeavors. Canale has not left Student Government, however, only Publications; he will continue to serve the CSI students.

**There will be a
publications workshop
on Thursday November
14 from 1:30 to 3:20pm
in the Student Activities
Conference Room
1C-203.
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workshop is staff recruit-
ment, training and
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Follow Up To Near Student Arrest

By Christopher Zeyer



In the last issue of *The Banner*, an article was written about a student having an altercation with campus security. This reporter was able to speak with Martha Tejada, to get her side of the story.

First, she was never "placed under arrest for reckless endangerment." Also, she was never "charged with an alleged attempted vehicular assault on Security Officer Demby." In an interview, Head of Security Gene Martinez stated that Ms. Tejada "was not charged with any criminal charges, primarily because Officer Demby decided to have a disciplinary investigation instead." The college is investigating the case, but at this moment Ms. Tejada is not guilty of any crime.

It was stated in the previous article, the car belonged to Ms. Tejada, and was "parked in the loading dock of the Library." According to her, the car is owned by one of her friends, and it was not parked. It was idling because Ms. Tejada's friend went into the Library to make copies. Ms. Tejada was in the car wait-

ing for her friend.

It was then stated a roadblock was put up by the exits, so the car wouldn't be allowed to leave. According to Ms. Tejada, she and her friend did not know this. They drove from the Library, to a gravel spot by Lot 4 because they had class. Security found the car and put a boot on it.

It was stated in the article, "At 9:40 pm, Tejada and an unidentified female approached the Gray Oldsmobile, but quickly turned to leave when the boot on the car was discovered." Ms. Tejada said they were going to the security office to find out why a boot was on the car. Security was staking out the car, therefore the two women did not see any in the parking lot area to ask.

In the next paragraph, Mr. Martinez is quoted saying, "This is a serious offense, when you pulled away, you almost struck the officer." Ms. Tejada does not recollect hearing that statement. Also, Ms. Tejada was not "escorted to her vehicle," and "then allowed to leave campus," as the previous article stated. Her boyfriend picked her up from the security office where she answering questions and he took her home. This was verified by Mr. Martinez.

Student Profile: Allison Gigante

By Holly Lenahan

Allison Gigante, a student at CSI was awarded the Belle Zeller Scholarship. This prestigious award gives the recipient a full tuition. It is renewable for as long as the person remains a full time undergraduate student at CUNY, and continues to meet all the standards.

Mrs. Gigante is a psychology major. This is her fourth year attending CSI and has maintained a 4.0 grade point average. She has also been actively involved in the Peer Drop-In Center since the center opened in the spring of 1995.

The Peer Drop-in Center is a place students come to with questions about school or health related issues. It is also open for those who need someone to. She works as a peer educator, and speaks at freshmen orientations. She told *The Banner* she enjoys working students and finds it rewarding.

In addition to working with the Peer Drop-In Center, Mrs. Gigante has been somewhat involved in PTA at PS23 for the past five years. She has a ten year old son attending the school.

The Banner asked Mrs. Gigante about her plans for the future. Her plans include attending law school and being advocate for children's rights. Mrs. Gigante told *The Banner* that she received a great deal of support from Carol Browner, the Coordinator of the Health and Wellness Center. Her family has also been very supportive of her.



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Fashion Club Stands Up

By Louis Bardel

The members of CSI's Fashion Club have decided to help themselves. Originally hindered by a lack of club activity funds and by restrictive budget rules, they decided to run a series of fundraisers to alleviate the pitiful situation they were in. Thanks to the fundraisers, the Fashion Club is now helping you too.

On October 30, the Fashion Club held its first fundraiser, offering students a wholesome meal for a fair price. There was a wide variety of food comparable to the selection one receives at the school cafeteria. A typical meal of macaroni and cheese, baked chicken, rice, corn, and a drink cost \$3.50 at the fundraiser. Considering that the Fashion Club was unable to buy food wholesale like the school cafeteria, this is a reasonable price indeed.

The second fundraiser took place one week later on November 6. The club was offering a bagel and a cup of coffee for one dollar; the same meal costs \$1.61 at the school cafeteria.

The Fashion Club ran a fundraiser because of the amazing rules that the current student government has implemented. According to the *Rules And Regulations For Club Chartering At CSI*, clubs must abide by ridiculous rules for spending their money. For instance, a club may only spend fifty percent of its total budget on two mandatory "special events." At the moment, the Fashion Club's maximum budget is only \$700 dollars. On average, each semester's special event receives no more than \$175. In order to become chartered, a club must have at least fifteen members. This means that each student is worth less than twelve dollars a semester. (If more than fifteen people

show up to such an event, then the students are worth even less.) Any money spent on refreshments or promotional items that exceeds fifty percent of the budget will take away from the "special event" budget. "We want to do more than the budget will allow," said Fashion Club member Jessica Negri.

The Fashion Club refused to let cheap micro-management stop them from going ahead with their plans. "Not only do we supply to students the goods and services at a lower cost, they also receive the benefit of increased activities on campus," said Fashion Club member Vincent Cobb. The club plans to promote cultural diversity through the medium of fashion.

The Fashion Club will be on display at CSI's Club Fair on November 14. The fair will take place during club hours inside the Campus Center Rotunda.

Book Stolen From Library

By Holly Lenahan

A note that had been placed in the torn-out sleeve of a stolen book was discovered in the CSI library. During the last week of October, a library employee found the note in place of the book, *In Search of Schrodinger's Cat: Quantum Physics and Reality*. The note reads as follows:

"The appropriation of this book is both distasteful and illegal, I understand. Yet, I feel a book of such complexity and beauty would rot like forgotten fruit on these shelves. The mediocre drones on this campus would turn their noses up at it as they have at the likes of Yeats and Poe, Marx and Jefferson, at all things wonderful and mentally stimulating. I love this school and at the same time am ashamed of it. Please forgive this indiscretion and the

morass of misspelling in this memo, it never was my strong point.

Apologetically yours 'Not someone without a dream'."

The *Banner* spoke with Librarian Walter Dornfest about the theft. He stated, "This book is out of print, therefore it is no longer being published and can't be easily replaced. It would be hard to find and would cost a great deal of money." Mr. Dornfest expressed his feelings toward the book thief, "He [the thief] painted the whole student body with the same brush. A lot of students, if not all have some kind of dream. Why should this person's dream take precedence over anybody else's?"

When presented with the note, several members of the student body gave different opinions on the issue. "It totally hits the nail on the head as far as the intellectu-

al status of this school, students, and professors included. I couldn't have said it better myself," commented student Olli Siebelt. Another student, Frank Sinigaglia, had a conflicting opinion. "The evil is not negated because this person recognized his or her crime."

In general, students expressed negative feelings, and even questioned the sanity of the book thief. Ian Holzman commented, "It takes a mentally deranged person to go to the library and take a book such as this, and then take the time to make a letter and put it in where the book belongs." Another student, Thomas Feeney, stated, "He obviously doesn't have anything better to do with his time." Kimberly Morley simply commented, "There is something wrong with this person."

Clean Air/Water Bill Passes

By James Scotto-Lavino

Despite controversy surrounding the article, The Clean Air/Clean Water Proposal #1 was passed Tuesday, November 5th. The Clean Water / Clean Air Environmental Bond Act- meant to improve water and air quality- involves the selling of \$1.75 billion in state bonds. The money collected would be used to clean up many local environmental hazards and will finance the closing of Fresh Kills- the largest dump in New York, or anywhere else in the world.

An exit poll taken outside of P.S. 42, a polling cite in close proximity to the dump, revealed a yes to no ratio of nearly 5-1. The main reason given by these voters is the fact that the bill represents a noble cause.

One Staten Island resident said, "It's very important that this bill gets passed. We have to think about our children who will have to clean up this mess eventually. Health risks have gotten out of control, and something has to be done about it now." This was an opinion also shared by NYPIRG [The New York Public Interest Resource Group] at CSI. NYPIRG handed out flyers which addressed voters to "vote yes" for the proposal.

"If we don't clean up pollution

now, our health will remain threatened, businesses may not move into industrial centers, and the price of cleanup will increase," claimed the flyer that NYPIRG gave out. An approximate \$75 million from the funding is allegedly earmarked toward the closing of the Fresh Kills Landfill. Although approval was given to close the dump, no one has suggested a way to fund the close until now. "We have the bill, now we need the funding!" said NYPIRG volunteers at the polls.

Despite the nobility of the cause, it was a close vote. 2,084,658 voted yes, and 1,637,272 voted no according to a New York Times survey. As far as localization, most of upstate New York rejected the proposal. The bond was passed due to the overwhelming majority of favorable votes in the city. Still, others voted no because many people were suspicious of how the money would be handled and most feel this problem simply cannot be resolved.

While exiting P.S. 42, one Staten Island resident said, "We're screwed either way. Even if this bill is passed, I don't believe funding will be applied to the right areas. The money will get reverted elsewhere." For better or for worse, the bond act passed in New York.



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Can you be sure?

by Steven Guzzi

Can you be sure of who God is, what he's like, what he requires of you, or whether you are in good standing with him in this life and are sure to be in heaven with him in the next? Some may not think so, but if you can't, then you will lack the joy, peace, and wonderful grace that comes in knowing these things.

For example, I don't know that my sins are forgiven and that I'm on my way to Heaven. How could I ever have any real peace beyond this life or even in this life? I always will have to worry about these kind of things, plagued by questions such as: What if there is a God who isn't happy with the way I lived my life? What if there is a hell? What if I'm not forgiven? These are questions that I wrestled with until I saw the answers to these questions in God's Word, the Bible, and with it I became assured that Heaven was my home and my sins were forgiven.

In my experience, I have found that there is a wonderful joy and an exciting peace in knowing where I stand on these matters, makes me want to speak about it. Am I being too prideful in this matter? No, the knowledge I have received and the assurance that I have hasn't come

from me, but from the God I know and believe in; it is a gift freely given to me and to all who will accept it. It is not just for me, but it is free for all who will claim it.

Salvation is a wonderful gift that can't be earned. It is a wonderfully beautiful thing that God does and has done for

people who accept what he has to offer. There is no price for salvation or for getting to know God. You can't sell or buy him; therefore, there isn't any money you must spend for such knowledge and grace. All who believe God in this matter thus accept the free gift of salvation and receive this gift of eternal life, a gift which is far more precious than gold and sil-

ver.

If you don't have the assurance of knowing that you truly have come to the truth about God and are abiding in him and his will, then you miss out on the beauty of knowing. The comfort in knowing that you are in the will of God, that your sins are forgiven and that they can no longer send you to Hell! The grace in knowing the splendor that God is directing and comforting you! It is so great to know that no matter how dim things seem to be, there is a light of hope that far surpasses the gloominess of circumstances.

How could I ever have any real peace beyond this life or even in this life?

Election 96 The Aftermath

By Marco Sainte

The elections are over, and the guy who just about everyone knew was going to win, won. It looks like it's going to be business as usual in the White House. Okay, not quite. There's some cleaning up to do in that place, in the form of clearing up scandals and getting the Whitewater problem out of the way.

Don't get me wrong; Clinton doesn't really have too much to worry about in terms of his public image, because it seems that Americans don't really care what he does outside of his job just so long as he does it. I'm sure the vote tally supports this theory. He should keep an eye on the investigation, but it seems that he's safe from that too, considering that the prosecution hasn't really pinned anything on him yet. So far they've put his wife in a jam, which is the main reason why people hardly saw her during the election - not even by her husband's side - and if he's smart, it will be the reason why he keeps her in the dark. The woman is simply too dangerous for Willy to allow her head to pop up right now. It's best that she do whatever dark dealings she wants to do in the back seat; I'm sure that she knows it too, with her being a lawyer and all.

Whoever is in charge of investigating Clinton's shady moves is not doing a good job. For example, during the election, Democratic National Committee worker John Huang was suspected of getting shady campaign contributions from an Indonesian. However, the guy *vanished* before he could be brought up for questioning. The very fact that there hasn't been a real effort to find the man shows that Clinton can evade investigative probes into his activities, provided that he continues to cover his tracks.

On the home front, the proposal to end term limits has bit the dust. I really didn't think that it was going to succeed; there was too much paranoia surrounding it. Most people were feeling that it was simply a trick to keep politicians in power a little while longer. The proposal's supporters were arguing that the people already in power would leave too abruptly, leaving the government in chaos. The proposal would ease the transition, or so they said. Dumb argument, if you think about it. No matter how many years they stay in office, won't they still be leaving at the same time? The government would still be left in "chaos." They could have come up with a better argument. Another argument is that new government programs won't be able to get off the ground, because their backers will have to leave office before the programs can be implemented. Hey, they should have moved faster. Besides, how do we know that they won't get off the ground? If the programs are so good, then I'm sure they'll be continued by their creators' newly elected political successors. In any case, this is all idle speculation, because the proposal didn't go anywhere.

Oh, by the way, I saw Mayor Guliani on the Carol Jenkins show recently. He was giving his opinion on selling New York City hospitals to private companies. When asked how the unions would fare in this situation, he began, "I don't care about the unions, I care about the quality of hospital care..."

Yeah, that ain't gonna start a riot, now will it?

Thoughts On Recent Musical Events

by Latoya Hunt

(Latoya Hunt is new a music commentator for *The Banner*.)

East And West Coast Unite For A Weekend

On September 28th and 29th, Hot 97 played rap music from both East and West Coast styles. Ever since the death of rapper Tupac Shakur, rappers of each faction have been emphasizing the need for both coasts to stop the negativity and come together. I hope that both sides receive the message because I am very pleased to be able to hear my favorite East and West Coast artists together. If the war between the two ends, then we can stop the bullshit and deal with more important things. It is a shame that we had to lose a talented rapper to realize that the aggression has to stop. I look forward to seeing both sides of rap on the same stage very soon.

A Concert to Remember

I really enjoyed myself at WSIA's October 18th anniversary concert. It wasn't because I'm a member of the radio station,

or because I was Jane Kelly Williams' assistant for the night. It was because the talent in the Williamson Theater that night made musical magic reign through the campus.

There were three acts for the event. First was an African band named "Tialo," which was magnificent. They put the crowd in a mellow and relaxed mood. Next was Jane Kelly Williams, who had me completely spellbound. When Williams performed, you could picture every image in your mind. She reminded me of Tori Amos; they both write deep and intimate lyrics.

Last, but definitely not least, "The Toasters" had the crowd out of their seats. The band was full of energy which the audience felt. On their very last song, they encouraged everyone to get on the stage and dance.

It was a memorable evening. I am looking forward to more concerts on campus, and hope to see a show with a combination of Rap, R&B and Rock music. In my opinion, everyone would come to see such a show if it were offered. I am proud to say there were no negative activities at the anniversary concert; everything occurred in an organized manner. I definitely think having more concerts could end up being a tradition at The College of Staten Island.

I am very pleased to be able to hear my favorite East and West Coast artists together



Christmas, Christmas time is here.

Time for toys and time for cheer.

Be like Santa and give your toys.

Give them to, less fortunate girls and boys.

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So open your hearts its the season to share.

Let the children know that you care.

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Its run by the United States Marine Corps cosponsored by NYPIRG who could ask for more

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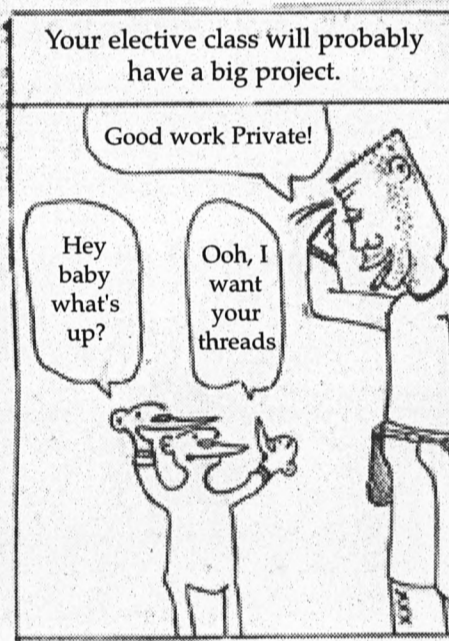
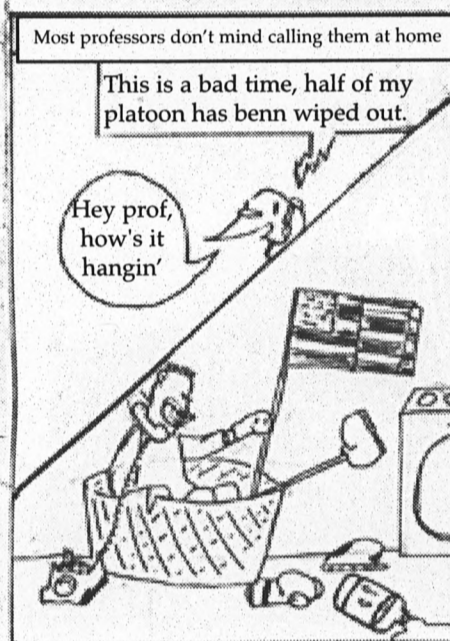
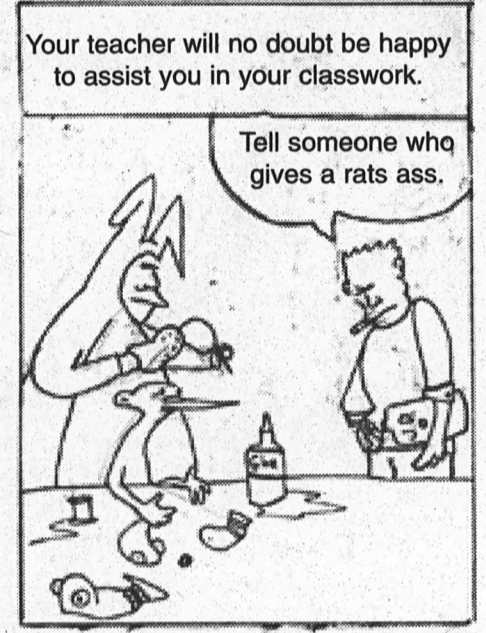
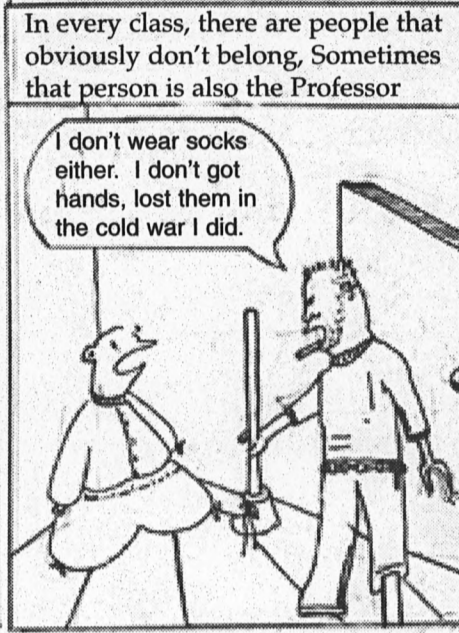
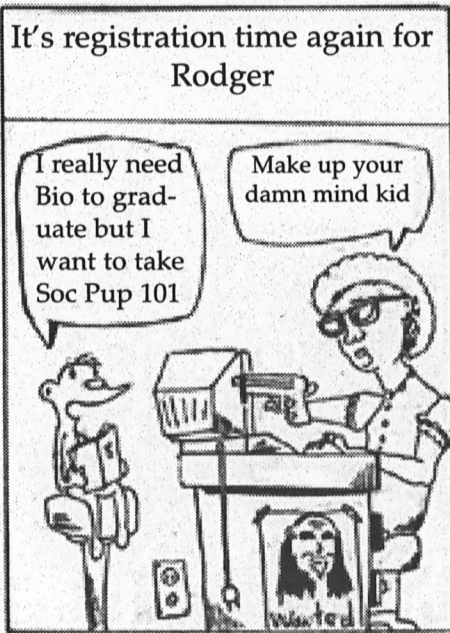
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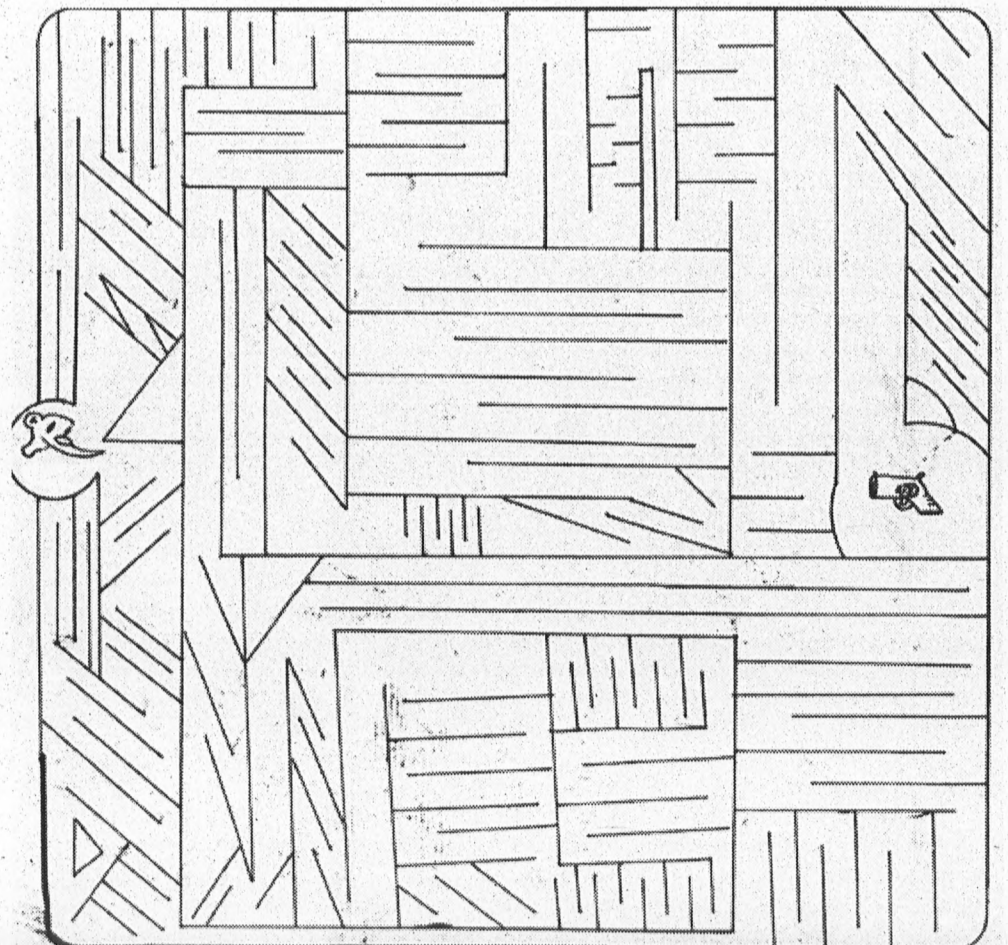
Rodger takes Sock Puppetry 101

By Ron Magnusson



RODGER HAS DECIDED HE HAS HAD ENOUGH WITH LIFE AND WILL END IT ALL. HELP HIM THROUGH THE BADLY DRAWN MAZE SO HE GET HIS GUN AND KILL HIMSELF.

*ANY ONE WHO CAN COMPLETE THE MAZE WILL WIN THE DECOMPOSING RODGER PUMPKIN ON MY DESK THAT HAS BEEN SMELLING UP THE WHOLE BANNER OFFICE.



From Study Abroad: Come to CSI, and Go Away

By Thomas Thomas, Jr.

Like many of us at the College of Staten Island the initial thought of enrolling here was a dreaded one. It was not so much the school or even those lovable guys down at Parking Management that I detested so, but rather the fact that out of necessity, I was forced to transfer from SUNY Albany and once again be trapped within the confines of Staten Island. That bizarre black hole attraction of our lovable Isle had sucked me in and I was certain I'd never be free of it again. All those years of spending my next eight years of college at the Willowbrook site (how many of us are really getting out in four?) began to fill my head. Wonderful, just wonderful. College seemed unlikely to become the highly touted experience the fancy brochures stated.

And so I went about the daily routines of higher learning moving from class to class, building to building until last semester when I happened to come across a flyer stapled on some obscure wall: "ECUADOR HAS MORE"

What the hell was this? A little further investigation, and I eventually stumbled upon the Center for International Service in 2A-206 (that building we stand on line for hours in to register) and wanted to know what more Ecuador actually had. Immediately

there was a different feel to everything and I couldn't figure out what it was. Then it hit me, this was the first office on campus that I came into where I wasn't given an "attitude" and the people were actually eager to help. Very disturbing. Very disturbing indeed. So much so, that by the end of May I was boarding a plane to study in South America for the summer.

Yeah, I know what a lot of you out there are thinking, "why the hell would you want to go to Ecuador?" and basically I am thinking "why the hell would I want to stay on Staten Island and never leave?" The next thing people ask is whether I could speak Spanish before I went there. Answer: only those vocabulary words in high school that I would forget by the next week. Then of course they ask how it was, to which I can only respond "Fucking Incredible". Here was everything I was looking for from college: travel, adventure, the word "new" describing every little experience, and amazingly enough (yes this is true) getting an excellent education as well.

Anyone who's ever traveled outside of the US can identify with similar thoughts. But there is also so much more that simply cannot be described in words, and can only be known by living it. I can tell you about the first and second grade

Spanish classes I taught English to (an internship option). I can tell you about how great the people are, how many times total strangers hooked us up with free stuff just to be nice (imagine that happening here). I can tell you about the great friendships I've made. I can tell you about hanging out in the rain forest with the natives. I can tell you about how every night was fiesta night till dawn, and why the sight of tequila will now make me ill. I can tell you about tons of stuff, but I could never express the emotions behind them which make them unforgettable.

What was icing on the cake is the fact that I was actually receiving an education in addition to the exceptionally affordable liquor. I was able to fulfill a history requirement, two language courses, and now have international experience (a phrase that looks damn good on a resume). In three months I learned more Spanish than I ever did in four years of high school. All of us here are required to take language

courses for a Bachelor's degree anyway, so why not take those classes where you'll actually be using the language everyday. In all, I was able to receive twelve credits in three months. The thing is, I actually wanted to go to school, if for nothing else than to recount (in Spanish) the crazy exploits of the night before.

And now I'm back at CSI, the wonderful College of Staten Island. But it's so different to me now. You'll find that once you

come back you see things in a different perspective. and while I still have my complaints and hassles (mostly from out pals in Parking Management), I have realized how much we actually do have available to us here on campus. It's actually a pretty damn good school. The Center for International Service and their Study Abroad Programs are only a part of the vast resources we have at our disposal, but not enough of us actually know that these types of options exist and are available to us. If you speak with anyone that has studied abroad they'll probably try and convince you to go away as strongly as I'm doing right now. Because I would never shut up about how great a time I had studying someplace else, a friend of mine decided to leave the country and is currently studying in England for a year. It's not outrageously priced and financial aid and scholarship money is available in a bunch of different ways. If you get nothing else from this article understand that if you do come to CSI, you can still go as far away as possible.

Thomas Thomas, Jr. participated in the summer 1996 three-month Study Abroad Internship Program in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

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The following poem was submitted to the Wellness Column by Peer Educator Angela Toscano. For those of us now fully entrenched in the demands of this semester and entangled in papers, tests, projects, as well as, responsibilities to work and family, Angela's poem offers inspiration.

POWER OF SOUL

I will stumble, and I will fall
But I will rise, and stand up tall

Regardless of how strong, the pain might be,
I won't give up, until I'm free

The world seems dark, and mighty gloomy
But my strength, will not betray me.

I may face each day, with sorrow
But I will fight, for each tomorrow

No one dares to stop my living
For I am proud, of all my giving

I will stumble, and I will fall
But I will rise, and face them all.

Size of challenge has no meaning,
The faith in me is one strong feeling.

I may weaken, and miss a step;
But I will manage, with someone's help.

I will stumble, and I will fall.
But I will rise, and free my soul.

WELLNESS IS A WAY OF LIFE

Wellness is more than just not being sick. It's a way of living life to its fullest that allows us to feel good, look good, and get more enjoyment out of work, school, family-everything we do! Wellness means taking responsibility for our health by learning how to stay healthy, practicing good health habits and giving up harmful ones and responding to the body's warning signs before something serious happens. Wellness involves the health of the whole person including body, mind, and spirit.

Your lifestyle is the key to wellness. Here is a list of characteristics of total wellness:

PHYSICAL

- * Exercising regularly, resting adequately and eating nutritionally
- * maintaining blood pressure of 120/80, total cholesterol of less than 200, resting heart rate of 75, body fat of 23-30% (female), 16-25% (male).
- * Avoiding destructive habits like drinking alcohol in excess or using tobacco products.
- * Guarding against illness and harm:
 - using a seat belt, avoiding drinking and driving situations
 - protecting oneself against sexually transmitted diseases including HIV/AIDS

MENTAL

- * Practicing time and stress management
- * Seeking and following medical advice and being an informed consumer
- * Viewing life's challenges as positive growth opportunities
- * Recognizing personal needs and striving to meet them

EMOTIONAL

- * Knowing and understanding one's own feelings
- * Expressing emotions appropriately in ways that convey feelings to others
- * Enjoying a sense of well being, even in times of adversity

SOCIAL

- * Creating and cultivating close relationships
- * Acting assertively, not passively or aggressively
- * Interacting well with others

SPIRITUAL

- * Finding meaningful purpose in life
- * Participating in activities that reflect inner values
- * Seeking harmony with oneself, others, and a higher power

Life can seem flat and meaningless without the belief that we are here for a purpose. Everyone has a unique purpose, distinct talents, abilities, interests, and values that only you can combine to make your individual contribution. Look within yourself to find what gives you true joy and look beyond yourself to sources of spiritual strength. Believe in the foundations of your life that give you lasting joy even when the winds of adversity are blowing around you.

The Wellness Program located in 1C-112 is dedicated to the education and promotion of total wellness for all students, faculty and staff at C.S.I. Upcoming programs include, "Meditation Workshop", Thursday, Nov. 21, 10:00 am to 11:00 am, Campus Center, Bijou Room and "Movement Toward Wellness and Wholeness", Thursday Nov. 21, 2:30 to 3:30, Campus Center, Green Dolphin Lounge. Of course, anytime you would like information on any wellness topic, or if you just need someone to talk to, remember the Peer Drop-In Center, located inside the Health Services, is staffed by trained Peer Educators waiting to help. Drop-In anytime.

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Why the '86 Mets would beat the '96 Yankees

By Tom Krasniqi

On the heels of the Yankees winning the World Series over the Atlanta Braves, a real debate has been brewing over the team's abilities, with sports commentators comparing these 1996 New York Yankees with the 1986 New York Mets. Everyone seems to have an opinion in this matter; many people believe that today's Yanks, behind co-Manager of the Year Joe Torre, would triumph over the '86 Mets, while others feel that the Mets of a decade ago would beat these Yankees. Well, you've heard the rest of those opinions; now you will hear the best!

These two teams are very similar to one another. The Yankees and Mets had superb starting pitching, excellent bullpens, and two terrific managers in Davey Johnson and Joe Torre. To really get a feel as to who has the edge, let's take a look at the comparison, position by position:

• **Starting pitching:** A real strength for both teams. The Yankees have Andy Pettite, David Cone, Jimmy Key, Kenny Rogers and Doc Gooden. This is a very formidable starting five, with Pettite and Cone being the best of the bunch. The '86 Mets went like this: Doc Gooden (in his prime), Bobby Ojeda, Ron Darling, Sid Fernandez, and Rick Aguilera. This was truly an outstanding bunch who came up big in big games. Both of these staffs were coached by Mel Stottlemyre. This one is almost too close to call. I'll give the edge to the Mets, because they had Gooden in his prime and all five starters gave them a chance to win almost every single game. Kenny Rogers is the weak link of the Yankee rotation and Key and Gooden were inconsistent. Edge: 1986 Mets.

• **Bullpen:** This one was also a tough decision to make. The Yankees have a great set-up man in Mariano Rivera and a true stopper in John Wetteland. The '86 Mets had a similarly formidable tandem in Roger McDowell and Jesse Orosco. This is an area in which the Yankees have the advantage. When the Yankees had the lead going into the seventh inning, it was over. You could then turn it over to Rivera for the seventh and eighth inning and bring in Wetteland to finish it up in the ninth. While McDowell and Orosco were effective in their own right, they would be no match for this Yankee bullpen. You can also throw in the fact that the Yanks have Graeme Lloyd, Jeff Nelson and David Weathers in middle relief and they are good in their roles as long relievers. Edge: 1996 Yankees.

• **First base:** Good pair of first baggers here. Tino Martinez had a great regular season but faltered in the postseason. Martinez had 25 homers and 117 RBIs and played well defensively. But Martinez is no Keith Hernandez. Hernandez was probably the best defensive first baseman in the history of baseball. At the plate, Hernandez had modest regular season numbers but turned it up a notch in the playoffs against Houston and in the Series against the Red Sox. He would not let the Mets lose. Just look at Game 6 of the NLCS against Houston. His two run triple tied the game, and the Mets went on to win in extra frames. Hernandez did it again in Game 7 against the Bosox. The Mets were

down 3-0 in the sixth inning. Hernandez stepped up with the bases loaded and smashed a base hit to bring the Mets to 3-2 on their way to an 8-5 Series clinching win. Hernandez was a true leader in the clubhouse and a great performer in the post season, unlike Martinez. Edge: 1986 Mets.

• **Second Base:** This position was played by committee by both teams. The Yankees had Pat Kelly injured early on, then had Mariano Duncan and Luis Sojo share the duties. Duncan made his mark on the Yanks with his famous motto "We play today, we win today, das it!" That's really deep, don't you think? The Mets had a platoon at second with the feisty Wally Backman

and tough guy Tim Teufel. They knew their roles on that team and they performed them to the best of their ability, with smashing results. Backman was a pest at the plate and on the basepaths, while Teufel drove women crazy

with his effective, butt-shaking batting stance and came through with a solid season, with the exception of his Game 1 error against Boston which cost the Mets the game. This one goes to the Mets. Edge: 1986 Mets.

• **Shortstop:** This one's easy. Derek Jeter is the Rookie of the Year and the kid will be a future All Star. The females are wild for him as well. The Mets counter with Rafael Santana, a light-hitting, defensive-minded shortstop who clearly didn't have the sex appeal that Jeter has. Edge: 1996 Yankees.

• **Third base:** The Yankees went with Wade Boggs, but he really disappeared in the postseason, prompting Torre to go with Charlie Hayes. Boggs is clearly not the hitter he once was. Hayes is a capable hitter who's good defensively at the plate. The Mets had Ray Knight, the World Series MVP, at the hot corner. Knight was a fighter (literally), both on the field and at the plate. He was another leader in the locker room who lifted the play of those around him. He came up big time in the Series against Boston, especially in Games 6 and 7. He hit the go ahead home run in Game 7 which put the Mets up for good. This really isn't much of a contest. Edge: 1986 Mets.

• **Outfield:** The Yankees had a good stable of outfielders, with the likes of Darryl Strawberry, Paul O'Neill, and a rising superstar in center field in Bernie Williams.

Williams was huge in the postseason for the Yanks and could have been the Series MVP, which went to reliever John Wetteland. The Yankees also had the reliable but aging Tim Lincecum starting at times in left field and doing a good job. The Mets had a platoon in center field with Lenny Dykstra and Mookie Wilson. Both played superbly and came up big in the postseason. The Mets also had Darryl Strawberry (ten years younger and more imposing) in right field and Kevin Mitchell and Danny Heep took turns in left field. This one is too close to call, so we'll call it a dead heat. Edge: even.

• **Catcher:** Another tough one to call. The Yankees had a real good duo behind the plate with Jim Leyritz and Joe Girardi. Girardi was better defensively and a faster runner on the basepaths, while Leyritz was a better hitter who came up with one of the biggest home runs in Yankee history

when he went deep against Mark Wohlers in Game 4 of the World Series. It was a three run shot which tied the game, and the Yanks went on to win. It turned the Series around. The Mets had an All Star behind the plate in Gary Carter. Carter was a leader and was excellent behind the plate and as a batter. He hit for power and came up big when the Mets needed it most. He started that rally in the 10th inning of Game 6 against Boston, which will go down as the greatest comeback in World Series history. Carter started that rally, and Bill Buckner finished it. Edge: 1986 Mets.

• **Managers:** This is a close call between two terrific skippers. Joe Torre has to be commended for persevering through personal tragedies in order to be the best. He has the true heart of a champion. Davey Johnson knew how to win and win often. He had to handle all those egos in the clubhouse, and the players had respect for him and wanted to win for him. He treated his players like men. I can't choose a clearcut winner in this category, because you can't go wrong with either of these guys. Edge: even.

• **Intangibles:** You can give the Yankees an edge for designated hitter with "Big Daddy" Cecil Fielder, who lives up to his nickname. He's a big bopper in the Yanks' lineup and had big hits in the postseason. These two are good teams who overcame great obstacles to be champions. But the

Mets came from great depths to win. Just think about this: The Mets came within one strike of losing the World Series on two occasions during the tenth inning of Game 6 against the Red Sox. But that didn't faze them. They fought back and, with a little luck, they triumphed in the end. The Yankees showed similar grit against a great Braves team, but not to the same extent as the Mets. This is an acquired trait. You are born with this. The Mets beat the Astros despite the fact that Mike Scott was throwing vaseline balls. The Mets beat Boston despite the fact that Boston had them on the ropes in Game 6 and needed just one strike to win it all. The Yankees came back to beat Texas after losing Game 1 and rolled through Baltimore. They showed great determination in beating Atlanta. These two teams have what it takes, but the edge goes to the Mets for the simple reason that they stared death in the face and somehow still found a way to slay the dragon that was the Red Sox. Edge: 1986 Mets.

• **The Final Word:** The Yanks had a great run and beat the Braves in a classic World Series. The Mets won 108 regular season games in 1986 and found a way to win the Series when the odds were stacked against them. After going through the positions and looking at everything, there is no question in my mind that the 1986 Mets would soundly defeat the 1996 Yankees had they met in a dream match-up. Unfortunately, that will never happen, so we'll never know. But we can always think this over and debate it in our minds over and over again. We can always dream of what would happen during a dream match-up of this magnitude. That's what makes sports so fascinating and makes debating topics like this so much fun.

QUICK OUTS: The Knicks have begun play and they look good. They're exciting to watch, as opposed to years past, and they have a shot at winning the NBA Title. John Wallace is a special player and teams will regret passing him up. He was a steal for the Knicks at the 18th pick of the Draft..... The Nets have their problems and will struggle. Calipari will wish he was back at UMass before long..... By the time you read this, Evander Holyfield may need some new body parts after he tangles with Mike Tyson. That would be sad..... Islanders' Ziggy Palffy is a star in the making in the NHL. The rest of the civilized world will soon find that out once the Isles start winning..... The Devils are interested in acquiring Sergei Federov of Detroit and they're willing to part with Scott Stevens. If I'm the Devils, I'd do it in a heartbeat. Federov would make the Devils frontline actually potent..... Told you guys about Jets running back Adrian Murrell. He will be a 1,000 yard back and a future Pro Bowler down the line. The same goes for wideout Keyshawn Johnson. These two are bright spots in an otherwise dark Jets season.

(Tom Krasniqi hosts "Sports Action," a sports talk show which airs every Sunday night from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on 88.9FM WSIA Staten Island. Great guests, call-ins and surprises every week! Don't miss it!)

We can always dream of what would happen during a match-up of this magnitude

CSI Mens Soccer Wins CUNY Championship

By Michael Anderson

Timing is everything. And when it comes to the mens soccer team, the timing couldn't be any better. Coach Jim Donlan was to retire after the Dolphins last game. So the team decided a great way to send him off. With a bang. The Dolphins beat Medgar Evers 3-1 to win their first CUNY championship in 17 years.

With the win the Dolphins end up 11-6-2 on the season. More, importantly, coach Donlan will end his coaching career with the dolphins with his first title. Through two stints with CSI, Donlan finishes his career with a 76-45-13 record.

The Dolphins came into the CUNY tournament ranked as the fourth seed. But they played much bigger than that. After upsetting top ranked Hunter College 1-0 on a shootout, CSI looked opposition in the face and laughed.

CSI went into the half with a 1-0 deficit. This season that usually doesn't bode well as CSI was 1-4-1 when trailing at the half.

Mike Neenan scored CSI's first goal on a pass from Carlos Moreno. That goal knotted the score and only 3:51 in the second half had elapsed which meant it was still anybody's game. However, CSI decided to counter again. Just 3:10 later, after a Jackie Soussan pass, Matt Meager blasted a 30 footer past Medgar Evers' goalkeeper. The icing on the cake was when MVP Goni Lazoja assisted on Jackie Soussan's 20th goal on the season. With the goal, Soussan finished two points shy of the CUNY scoring title with 47 points.

Defenders David Lipski, Ricardo Campbell, Jim Neenan, and Tom Reed provided stiff defense that resulted in CSI outshooting Medgar Evers 18-8. With the Superb defense, and goalkeeper Paul Miano recording three saves, CSI is now the kings of the CUNY field.

Why Graig Nettles Should Be in the Hall of Fame

By Thomas M. Foley

(Sidenote from Editor- For years to come, Yankees fans will remember this World Series. Some may single out David Cone's heroic Game Three performance as the turning point. The last time the Yankees won a World Series was 1978, and it was Graig Nettles' heroics in Game Three that seemed to turn that Series around. However, a look at the Hall of Fame shows an absence of Nettles. When fans talk about the best third baseman ever, Brooks Robinson of the Baltimore Orioles is usually the logical choice. Here, Thomas M. Foley talks about how Nettles should be in the Hall of Fame compared to Robinson's stats.)

The following quotes are from David Falkner's book, "Nine Sides of the Diamond." Page 130: "Graig Nettles, at 44, was the oldest man ever to play Third Base in the majors. He took a record book full of achievements with him into retirement (second in Games Played, Assists, Total Chances & D.P.'s) - Rubenstein to Brook Robinson's Horowitz - but he also had the great fortune to play more post season games at third than anyone, including one game (#3 of the 1978 World Series) that brought his skills to the attention of everyone. Remember?"

On page 132, manager Tommy LaSorda shared his memories of Graig's golden glove-work in Game Three of the 1978 World Series. "Nettles single-handedly beat us (the L.A. Dodgers) and did it in such a way that he revived their (the New York Yankees) whole ball club. It's hard to describe unless you were actually there, but I've never seen anything like it. Nettles single-handedly turned the series around; he was the reason the Yankees won it.

Nettles hit more home runs than any other third baseman in the American League and finished his career with 390 homers. Despite having almost 1700 more at-bats than Nettles, Robinson ended up with just 268 homers. Nettles led the American League with 32 home runs in 1976 and hit 37 home runs in 1977 (just two behind A.L. leader Jim Rice's 39). As a matter of fact, the only A.L. player to hit more homers in the 1970s was Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson.

Similarly, Nettles never really got the recognition he deserved as a fielder. Despite the fact that Nettles set two all-time Major League single-season fielding records in 1971 (412 assists and 54 Double Plays) and had a higher fielding average (.973) than Brooks Robinson (.968), Robinson still got the Gold Glove award. Although Nettles certainly earned and deserved the Gold Glove more than Robinson, Nettles' superb '71 season was overlooked. As statistician Bill James has said, starting in 1970, Nettles deserved the Gold Glove every year, but he didn't get his first Gold Glove until 1977. Had Nettles started getting Gold Gloves when he deserved them, he would've ended up with nine, only one behind Brooks, who would have had just 10.

Nettles was basically a .250 hitter, but Brooks' lifetime average is only in the mid .260's. In addition, Nettles had much higher slugging (.421 to .401) and on-base (.332 to .325) averages than Mr. Robinson. Brooks certainly earned, and deserves, his place in the Hall of Fame; however, Nettles should be there with him. There is already a display in the Hall of Fame featuring Graig Nettles' glove, honoring one of Graig's greatest achievements; he established a new World Series fielding record for taking the most chances without committing a single error in the 1978 World Series. So, it's only natural that Nettles should be inducted now.

WANTED: Some New NFL Coaches

By Michael Anderson

At the end of this NFL season, team management will be looking for a few good men. If worthy, these men will become NFL head coaches. So far, two coaches have become casualties. David Shula of the Bengals was fired and Jim Mora resigned from the Saints.

Shula's firing should have come as no surprise to anyone. A week before he was axed, management applauded the players' efforts but didn't give a vote of confidence to the coach. That week, the Bengals established a 21-0 lead against the 49ers. However, they couldn't hold on and lost 28-21. If that doesn't call for a firing, I don't know what does. While Shula never had a great team and had to contend with monumental injuries, most good coaches make the best of the situation; he didn't. That's why Shula is gone from Cincinnati. Bruce Coslet, former head coach of the Jets, will take over the team on an interim basis. Odds are he will sign on to be the coach for next season so Cincinnati should be done shopping for their coach.

Jim Mora was probably going to get fired after the season, but he beat them to the punch by resigning. During the season, Mora said that he would stay for the end, but he was disgusted by his team's performance in the game against Carolina, as his post-game interview clearly showed. I won't quote what he said in the interview, because cursing doesn't get any ink. This year and last year's teams were pretty pitiful. Jim Mora should not be remembered for this. He should be remembered as a guy who took a horrible team and took them to the playoffs. Even though they didn't win any in the playoffs, they were a force to be reckoned with, and that's what he should be remembered for.

These are just two casualties; there are probably more to come. Many people will be surprised if Bill Parcells doesn't leave after this season. His contract was originally supposed to expire at the end of next season, but he decided to re-structure it, and now it will expire at the end of this season. One might wonder why a coach would restructure his contract if he wasn't going to leave; however, to me, this is more an option than a straightjacket. If the team doesn't do well, he can get out, but if the team does well, he still has the option of staying on for next year.

Motown is another place which might end up with a coaching vacancy. Wayne Fontes of the Lions should have been dismissed some time ago. Here is a coach that had the number one offense last year plus the best running back in all of football in Barry Sanders. So how does the team do? They get demolished by the Eagles in the first round of the playoffs. Fontes usually has a great offense on his team, but he can never do anything with it. Also, having your star quarterback turn on you isn't a strong vote of approval.

Atlanta had the Olympics this summer and the bomb turned it sour. The Braves went to the World Series and things went sour when the Yankees' pitching dominated. What else could go wrong? Oh yes, then there are the Falcons. Coach June Jones should polish up his resume for next season. When quarterback Jeff George played badly in a game, Jones pulled him. George embarrassed him on national TV, so Jones suspended him. This

was a smart move. Even though the Falcons have struggled, the pulling of George shows that players can't always run the show. When it was first done, people said it was wise. Now that Atlanta can't win, people say it wasn't. Well, it was a wise move, but Jones will lose his job because of the offense he runs. Atlanta runs a form of the run-and-shoot. This offense just won't work, so next year Atlanta will have a new offense and a new coach to direct it.

Minnesota was once a team that people feared. Now, popular opinion states that Minnesota must prey on the little guys and surprise the big guys. This theory is not always true. They surprised and beat the Packers, but then lost to the Buccaneers. Ouch! Coach Dennis Green may return. His status is not as crystal clear as June Jones'. His fate may be decided by intangibles. During the preseason, Green was charged with sexually harassing an employee. Although the situation is quiet for now, an internal investigation is going on. This could be the end for Green; if he is found guilty, he's definitely gone. Even if he is found innocent, he still might be gone because of his tarnished image.

Locally, two coaches should be gone. Let's start with the team that plays in East Rutherford. Wait, let's start with the team that plays in Giants Stadium. Okay, let's start with the green team that plays in Giants Stadium located in East Rutherford. Rich Kotite should be axed ASAP. Even though the Jets won't go winless this year, another high draft pick is imminent. Rich Kotite should be banned from Pee Wee Football. He's a horrible evaluator of talent and he can't coach his way out of a paper bag. He lost his last seven games as an Eagles coach. He lost 13 last year as Jet coach. And this year his loss total could exceed 12. It would be safe to say that he's just not a good coach.

Dan Reeves is a complicated fellow. To me, it seems that Reeves wants out of his last year, but doesn't want to quit. Management is not too fond of him, but doesn't want to fire him. Sounds like a real problem. Hopefully, one of the parties will give in so both parties will be happy. Dan Reeves is not that bad of a coach. Earlier in the season I thought the game had passed Reeves, but I may have jumped the gun. Dave Brown could be the problem. Brown is not a worthy quarterback; he has limited skills in the position. When this happens, the playbook becomes smaller. When this happens, defenses can key in and shut down his offense. Some sports writers speculate that if Reeves leaves, he could resurface as the Cowboys coach if Barry Switzer is fired. I feel that the NFL may no longer be right for him. His best bet may be to look at the University of Georgia for a job. Even if their coach isn't fired, he could become a coordinator and a potential head coach waiting in the wings.

There are still other possible vacancies. Switzer may lose his position in Dallas and Dave Wanstedd in Chicago, but as teams start to win, these rumors die and when other teams lose, rumors run rampant. The question of who will take over these teams is a source of still more rumors. 49er defensive coordinator Pete Carroll, Pittsburgh Steeler offensive coordinator Chan Gailey, and Northwestern University head coach Gary Barnett are the early odds-on-favorites to take over one of these jobs. Like everything else in the NFL, only time will tell.

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