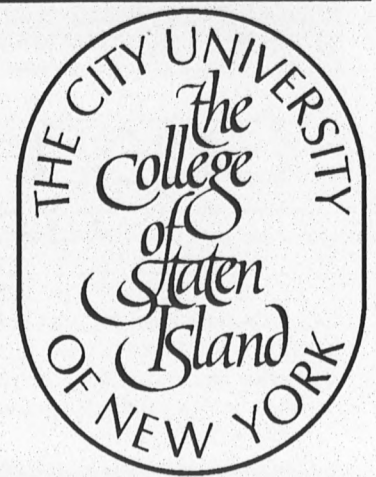


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HAS CUNY'S SAFE TEAM BECOME BIG BROTHER?

CUNY Administrators:

- **Have protests videotaped**
- **Lists students arrested at CUNY demonstrations**

PARKING PROBLEMS
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CUNY'S ALLEGED WATCHFUL EYE

By Christopher Zeyer

The Banner has learned that CUNY videotapes protests and receives names of students that were arrested in demonstrations. It has been dubbed the *enemies' list* or *blacklist* by the press and student activists. This is allegedly being orchestrated by CUNY's central security organization known as the SAFE (Special Assistance For Events) team. Their duties were clarified in a January '95 memo from University Director of Security & Public Safety Jose A. Elique to Deputy Commissioner of Training New York Police Department Dr. Elsie Scott:

"At the direction of the Chancellor of The City University of New York, my [Mr. Elique's] office is in the process of establishing a dedicated public safety team of peace officers that would be deployed to CUNY's 19 colleges under the following circumstances:

1. Major emergencies at the colleges.
2. Large demonstrations or protests.
3. Civil unrest, takeovers of college property or incidents of potential disruption to classes or administrative college functions.
4. Large college social functions (parties etc.)
5. Performances or speakers wherein college officials determine there is or may be a public safety concern.
6. Any condition wherein the College President, Chancellor or their designees determine there is a threat to public safety or public order."

The SAFE team is believed to be doing more than these functions. It was reported in a June 21, '96 article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* that this team videotaped demonstrations, and the information has been used to track and "intimidate students". The article stated: "CUNY system's internal documents show that, when protests have occurred, the administration generally tracked the names, ages, addresses, and social security numbers of students and faculty members who were arrested by campus security officers or New York police." This has been verified in numerous interviews by *The Banner*.

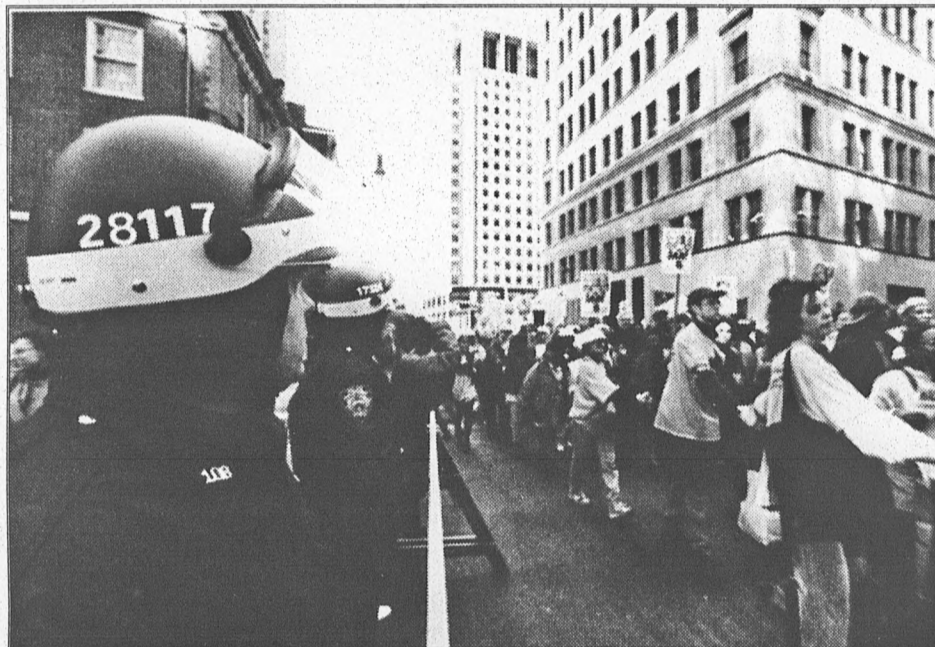
Dr. Sandi Cooper, Chairperson of the University Faculty Senate, told *The Banner*, "There is a list of students that have been arrested in demonstrations and given to the Chancellor." When asked if she thought this was legal, she said, "I don't think so," and that "CUNY has no business with that information." Dr. Cooper felt that if students were arrested at a protest, then they should "pay consequences" to the authorities, not their college. When asked about the videotaping, she answered, "There seems to be evidence about it, but they [CUNY] deny it."

When asked about videotaping, Bill Negron (a member of the United Student Senate) stated, "That's a given." Then *The Banner* asked if he knew what CUNY does with them, he stated, "I have no idea. I believe they view the tapes to see who was there and that nobody got hurt." His final words were about the *enemies' list*. He said, "There has been a report I believe, but I can't confirm or deny it. I haven't seen it."

Ron McGuire, a lawyer that has been working with students, said that he has the list which contains about two hundred students. Three of these students come from the College of Staten Island and Mr. McGuire has been representing two of them in a suit against CUNY. They are

Sarah Husain and John Paul Patafio. Mr. Patafio was once a managing editor of *The College Voice*, and Ms. Husain is the current managing editor of the same paper. Both were arrested demonstrating in last year's protest in Manhattan, and both have been vocal activists/organizers against the budget cuts as well as other causes. They spoke to *The Banner* about the issue.

Mr. Patafio stated, "As far as being on the list, there have been no direct actions taken against me. I haven't been followed, but being on the list and being in student politics since about '90 - '91, obviously being on the list means that they have me down as a person to watch out for. That this is a person that possibly could cause trouble, and therefore if something is happening, they already have a pool of



NYPD keep the peace at the March 23, 1995 Rally.

names that they can say, Okay these are the people...Possibly they could check records, to see where someone is weak and how do we get rid of him. They probably have my home number, my address, my social security..." At this moment Ms. Husain interjected, "Our G.P.A., our nationality... I have the whole list at home. It's an over 200 hundred page document."

Mr. Patafio then continued by saying, "When an institution has power like the CUNY administration and now has a police force and your name on their list because you have been involved in political activity that is against the administration, you're going to become worried and prudence tells you, you should be worried because in history we've seen those political institutions with power have attacked those that criticized, so I feel it's a violation of our civil rights in

a sense of why do these people have my private information, and what basis?"

Ms. Husain stated, "They want to treat our education at University like a jail system almost." When *The Banner* asked about the list she cited an instance in which she was at a protest. "They had my name, one of the guys on their notes, how did they know I was going to be present? And I'm wondering about those notes of a sergeant. I don't even know this guy. How did he know me?"

When asked if she felt CUNY targeted organizers or just protesters, she said "organizers of course." She cited that at the rally in Manhattan on March 23, 1995, there were 20,000 protesters. "They [CUNY] can't keep track of all of them. So they're going to keep track of those who

Volpe, refused to do so. They stated that the protesters were not being violent or disrupting the event, therefore not breaking the law.

The Banner was able to speak with the University Director of Security & Public Safety Jose A. Elique about the allegations against CUNY. He told *The Banner* that security does videotape events, but for other reasons. The objective, Mr. Elique said, was "to protect the demonstrators and officers from cases of abuse." He feels by taping events, there can be no dispute of criminal activity. He then spoke about the list.

Mr. Elique said that getting the names of students that have been arrested is done as "a matter of policy". He contends "it's for verification for the parents." His office receives requests by parents that want to know if their son or daughter has been arrested. Mr. Elique also added that these records are of public record. It is not illegal to ask the police for them. In fact, anyone is allowed to obtain arrest information from police. His last word on that subject was that these records of students' names "have never been used in any negative way."

Dr. Elsa-Nunez Wormack, currently the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, supported what Mr. Elique said. She stated, "That list was supposed to have been for the purposes of us locating who had been arrested and who was at what precinct." When asked why, she answered, "I do that routinely, I have to. I get calls from parents. I get calls from significant others," and "I do that routinely and will continue to do that because it's a safety issue."

She cited an example of a graduate student. "I had a call from the man he was living with who said, 'Look, he has emphysema, I've got to get this medication to him. Can you tell me where he is?' I said we'll find out. So, I do that routinely." She believes it eases the minds of parents or people who are looking for them. Dr. Nunez-Wormack did say, "I can't tell anything about the charges."

The Banner asked Dr. Nunez-Wormack about when CUNY looks into the academic standings of a student. She said, "Yes, I have to because I have to know if a student is enrolled in the University or not. I don't follow academic standing in the sense of what grade did you get. I have to find out if the student was in bad academic standing if they're dismissed. If they're here and they're an active student at the University." She told *The Banner* the reason for researching student standings is to determine a count for the media. According to her, the media sometimes mistakes all protesters at a rally to be CUNY students, when in fact you might have high school students or others outside CUNY.

The College of Staten Island has never been considered the old cliché, "a hot bed of political activity". It's had its moments with rallies and protests, but nothing that has struck fear in the hearts of CUNY. All the same, when allegations arise like this you have to wonder, "Are they watching me?"

The Banner was unable to interview College President Marlene Springer before press time; however she has promised to give a "thoughtful response" which may be printed in a subsequent issue.

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organize it. To them [CUNY], it's to crush the top."

Mr. Patafio ended the interview by saying, "People in power always want to protect their power. People that are critical of them are going to be targeted. I wouldn't be surprised if there was a list

privately, before there was this list publicly."

Mr. McGuire is not against CUNY having security. In fact, he has expressed great respect for College of Staten Island's current head of Public Safety Gene Martinez. According to Mr. McGuire,

during a Fall '93 function on campus, when Governor Cuomo was present, there were students heckling and protesting. Chancellor Reynolds asked for those students to be arrested. Mr. Martinez, as well as our President at the time Dr. Edmond

STUDENTS CRY OVER PARKING CRUNCH

By Alexandra Velez

With over 13,000 students and only 3,000 parking spots available, students have only heartache to express over their parking predicaments this semester. Head of Auxiliary Services Ira Persky explained, "Since the semester has started, there has been an increase in enrollment at the college. That, combined with students spending more time on the campus, has created a bit more of problems than we had in the past."

Parking on campus is available to CSI students who agree to observe the traffic and parking regulations of the college. Despite the fact that parking facilities are open, students who purchase a decal are not guaranteed a parking spot, nor are they given any special privileges.

With the growing numbers of students coming in to the college, parking regulations have been thrown out the window and now follows the format of "park at your own risk, it's every man for himself," according to several students.

Students have been up in arms about the parking situation for approximately three years now, at times breaking into fights over parking spots. Student Raul Torres said, "The complaints made about parking fall on deaf ears. The official comment is 'we're waiting for the fire department to okay spots to be opened up,' this was said last year. Now it's just getting worse - if your classes start after six, you can't get a parking space."

When confronted with these issues, Mr. Persky said, "A year ago at this point, Parking Lot 6 was available with a few spots, generally there on a regular basis. But now there are times where we are at full capacity." He added, "I have not had a problem with parking, because I come in

early at 8 o'clock in order to get a space."

According to Persky, the parking issue is not closed. "There have been on going discussions as to 'how can we improve,' and that's a regular process that goes on throughout the years," said Persky. Despite talks, progress has been admittedly slow, although Persky commented, "We've gotten additional spots..."

Vice-President for Student Affairs Carol Jackson said, "We are currently doing a usage/time study to try to alleviate some of the problems." As to why decals are not issued free of charge, Vice-President Jackson explained, "There are many costs in maintaining the parking fields, like line striping, snow removal, etc.; that is why at CSI and at many other campuses across the country it is necessary to charge for parking decals."

This knowledge, however, is of no comfort to student Melanie Goldstein. "It's ridiculous for me to park in Lot 6, then walk to the south end of the campus in order to get to my class. The loop bus doesn't do me any good since it runs every 15 minutes," said Ms. Goldstein. She added, "Not much can be done since the parking spaces have been made, but they should at least not charge for the parking sticker if they can't promise a parking space."

Student Torres replied, "Parking around here sucks! It's notorious! The campus is supposed to get more parking. We got more students and less parking! It's even worse in the winter; instead of removing the snow from the ground, the bulldozers push the snow into the parking spaces!" Torres added, "I think students should car pool in order to ease the flow of cars that come through here every day; that way, students don't have to drive around for an hour looking for a parking space."

Aside from recent talks and surveys being con-

ducted, students have several suggestions to help alleviate the parking problems. Student Government Senator Tina Jefferson said, "I think that parking is a serious issue. There are a lot of ways to solve this... one solution could be carpooling or parking off campus along the residential streets." Ms. Jefferson continued, "I think the college should look into double decking. They might not do it because this is a pretty campus and the double decking might take away from it; however, the Student Government is working very hard to work with the security and the fire department in trying to get additional parking spaces." Student Torres suggested, "I think that they should knock down some of the trees that are around. Those cleared spaces can make way for parking."

Although an issue for some, other students don't feel that the parking is a big deal. Student Jane Dowe said, "I think that there's not a lot of parking in the school, but I don't mind parking in lot 6 and walking to my classes in the south end of the campus, even in the winter." Ms. Dowe added, "I don't see why other people can't do the same; I mean, I'm not going to bitch about it."

The general concern over parking is safety during nighttime classes, according to the students interviewed. Goldstein said, "I'm concerned with the parking at night, I have classes starting at six and I don't feel at all too safe to park so far from my classes." Dowe said, "The classes at night are the ones that I'm worried about. I have classes starting at six. I don't feel too safe about walking the distance at night."

With no current solutions to the parking problem, and tensions growing around the issue, it has left the students of CSI with only heartache and headache.

SPRINGER'S GIVES CONVOCATION SPEECH

By Holly Lenahan

President Springer gave this year's Convocation speech on Thursday, September 19 in the Williamson Theater. She spoke of Academics and student affairs along with finance and administration.

"It's been a wild ride," said Springer about the two years that she has been at CSI. She first discussed the improvements that have been made in academic affairs. Some of the improvements stated were the reconstruction of the institutional planning committee and the addition to CSI curriculum of a pluralism and diversity requirement. She also spoke about the development and passage of the honors college, a program that will begin in the fall of 1997. She said that the BS/MS program, along with several other programs, underwent successful external reviews.

Another academic affair spoken about was The Discovery Center. The center continues its work with K-12 schools and in turn, the education department and oth-

ers in the college are working with the Petrides Center. She also told the audience that the college faculty voted to raise minimum GPA requirements for the Deans List from 3.3 to 3.5.

President Springer also discussed student affairs. She stated that the Student Health Services have been revamped in a collaborative effort with Staten Island hospitals. Springer explained that last year, CSI gave out \$88,000 in scholarships through a revised faculty review process. She said that there has been an increase in our admission rate by 18% this year and enrollment is up by 150 students. President Springer also discussed CSI athletic teams. The CSI men's basketball team won the CUNY championship and the women's team came in second. Men's and women's swimming has been added to the CSI varsity sports roster. She also spoke of new student orientation, which drew 1,200 students this year. Lastly, on student affairs, she told the audience about a series of workshops in which over 400 CSI seniors participated in to prepare them for job interviews.

President Springer also spoke about finance and administration. She talked about how the grounds are shaping up. She said that the fine arts building is open and has a full cultural series in its second year. The president also spoke of CSI security forces and stated that 3 of 14 honors for CUNY sergeants went to CSI people. She also talked about using technology in education, and told the audience that CSI has 3,000 computers on campus. "CSI will be a leader in the nation in the use of technology in education", she said.

Toward the end of the speech, President Springer tried to ease the minds of her listeners when she said, "I do recognize my responsibility everyday for leading the college and shaping the college."

Overall, the audience seemed supportive of President Springer. "I thought it [the speech] was wonderful, I fully support the president, we're really moving as leaders in senior colleges," commented Roberta Cavendish who was in attendance. Staff member Camille Richards said, "I thought it was inspiring."

STUDENTS SPEAK OUT AT OPEN MEETING

By Holly Lenahan

Members of the College of Staten Island were given a chance to speak openly to Student Government on Wednesday, September 18, at a meeting in the Green Dolphin Lounge. Students asked questions and voiced their opinions on school-related issues. "Student Government represents students; I'm here to express myself to them," stated Monika Altider, a student in attendance. The first issue discussed was parking.

"Easy parking is not accessible, it's not easy," stated one student, Natasha Genduso. Student Government President Joe Canale replied, "Student Government has agreed to make that one of our platform goals; it's something that we think needs to be addressed." Senator Tina Jefferson offered an explanation for the parking problem: "From what I understand, the person who designed the campus is not from New York. A suburban person designed a parking lot for the city... they did not understand what the problem would be like." Student

Government stated that they will be taking the parking issue to the central university office in 80th Street.

Another issue raised was the price of text books in the CSI Book Store. Student Government informed students that Barnes and Noble owns the bookstores on every CUNY campus. Senator Vincent Cobb suggested, "As a student, what you could do is find alternative ways to buy books and when they see that they are losing business, they will lower the prices." He continued, "Little profit is better than no profit at all." When there was a complaint about professors requiring students to buy and read their own books, Senator Lori Seggio commented, "We cannot regulate what assignments professors give out, but it is egotistical and profit-making."

Another issue raised was the long lines at the Financial Aid office. Senator Tina Jefferson said, "Sherman Whipkey is the director of Financial Aid. I will definitely address this issue to him."

When students complained of overpriced food in

the cafeteria, Senator Jefferson suggested bringing a bagged lunch as opposed to buying food in the cafeteria. She explained that doing this would imply that prices are too high, and would cause them to be lowered. "You should bring your own food to let them know that prices are too high," said Jefferson.

There were conflicting opinions on the overall success of the meeting. Senator Vincent Cobb had a different opinion: "I think the meeting was useless. It fell short of what it was advertised to be and it didn't support proper interaction." He continued, "It was poorly attended; members of Student Government didn't even show up. That's ridiculous. There are a lot of things that need to be ironed out on this campus and having a group of five talking to an incomplete Student Government is not going to accomplish it."

"It was very interesting and informative. I hope that we get these matters resolved," said Stacy Bishop, a student at the meeting.

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FALL FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

By *Xiomara Cabrera*

Music, free food, and games were the main attraction at the Fall Festival Thursday, September 19th. Over one hundred students gathered at the Campus Center Plaza to enjoy the many different games that were made available, courtesy of the Program Development Committee.

One of the games is the Gyroscope, which students enjoyed riding throughout the afternoon. Students laughed and screamed as they twirled around and upside down.

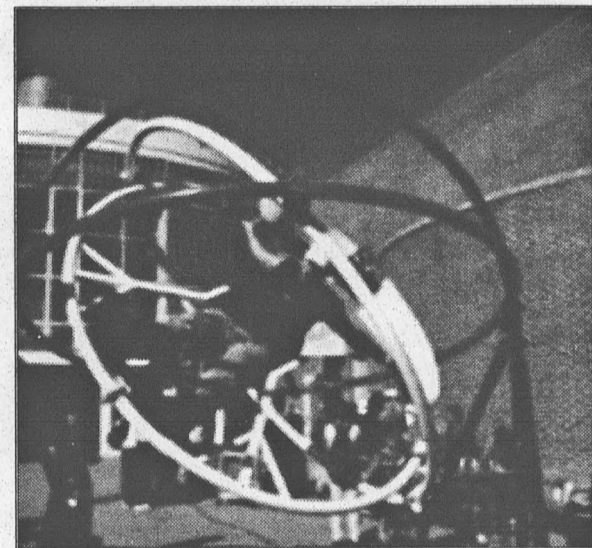
Another game was the Sumo Wrestling. The game was characterized by padded outfits designed to look like sumo wrestlers with padded helmets designed to look like wigs. Students were able to wrestle each other in simulated sumo fights.

The Bungee Run had students running against a long bungee cord that was worn as a backpack. The object of the game was to run forward as far as possible and place a velcro bar to the highest number on the middle border. The farther you ran, the higher the numbers were. Competitors laughed as they were flung backwards trying to reach the highest numbers.

DJ B. played at the event, with a mix of popular house, rap, and reggae songs. Students danced and sang to their favorite songs. Unfortunately, the music equipment got overheated and had to be turned off for a while but made a comeback after about an hour. "This is fun, its really good... but i wish they would play more reggae," said student Craig Brown.

WSIA didn't lose the opportunity to promote the station as free tapes, bumper stickers, and key chains were given out to the students. NYPIRG also joined the giveaway by handing out information on voter registration and other NYPIRG events.

PDC Advisor Alexandra Duggan said, "The PDC committee is currently working on other events such as this one." Ms. Duggan further explained that student input is important to the success of these events and students interested in getting involved should meet with her in Building 1C Room 217.



Students participated in Gyroscope Madness.

NYPIRG HOLDS OPEN MEETING

by *Leslie Lake*

Members of NYPIRG held a Student Action Meeting on Thursday, October 26th. Olusoji Oluwole spoke about voter registration. "NYPIRG's goal for every month is to get two hundred to three hundred people to register to vote," said Mr. Oluwole. On 'Get Out and Vote Day' [Oct. 3rd], the members of NYPIRG plan to encourage students to vote in the Presidential elections this coming November. NYPIRG also plans to go public with the voter registration drive. "Voter registration will hit the streets in New York City's largest non-partisan voter registration drive," said Olusoji.

Mark Colón was the keynote speaker at the meeting. Mr. Colón went into detail about another target plan within NYPIRG, known as the Environmental Bond Act. "The Environmental Bond Act will put aside 1.7 billion dollars to clean up the worst environmental hazards in New York State," said Colón. Colón said to the students, "We are working hard to get people to vote for this act." Part of NYPIRG's agenda for last year was to shut down the Staten Island garbage dump. In

recent news, this goal was achieved when the City passed a law to close the dump by the year 2000.

NYPIRG also plans to have a Community Clothing Drive and a Canned Food Drive for the Homeless Outreach Project. Student Joanne Gallo addressed the Homeless Outreach Project at the meeting, saying, "I feel that homeless people are just average people who fell on hard times, and were not able to find cheap housing," and that "The majority of homeless people are women and children." At the end of the NYPIRG meeting, Gallo was approached by a student that had been involved with the Toys For Tots program in the past. Gallo noted that NYPIRG plans to get students to bring in toys for homeless children.

Another project led by NYPIRG is the Small Claims Court. "[We] protect students' rights as consumers," explained student volunteer Greg Mihailovich. "Interns help students trade in their textbooks at the end of the semester, and give people in the community procedural advice for claim courts... Members of NYPIRG help people, that go to small claims courts, to organize their documents and receipts."

VIRTUAL REALITY AT CSI

by *Stuart Schultz*

Virtual Reality was at College of Staten Island Sept. 26, in the Green Dolphin Lounge. There were two displays of "Virtual Reality" platforms. The first was a one player "Doom" style game where the participant walked through and shot whatever moved. The second machine was an one on one game with a fanny pack that hung from the player's waist to monitor the movements.

Nick Ansorge, an employee of the company that owns the machines (Virtuality), assisted the students.

The simulation was supposed to feel like a regular game, but then the player becomes immersed in a virtual world. One of the objects of the simulation is to suspend the view of reality.

As one student, Michael D'Angelo, stated, "I thought it was the coolest thing, because you felt like you were actually there. This thing, wherever you moved, it moved. I would like to do it again. I got my butt kicked on the two player machine."

A computer science student told *The Banner*, "I was most impressed with this demonstration. I was at a virtual reality show in Manhattan about one year ago and it wasn't half as good as this. They [the Manhattan show] had some 3-D graphics rendering programs, 3-D sound products, and VR glasses that was set up to a PC running Doom." He continued, "It looked really pathetic, with what looked like one video monitor in front of each eye. These machines are far better than what I saw in the city."

The two player machine was a five year old Commodore Amiga system, worth about \$80,000 when it first came out. As student Nick Ansorge said, "When I first tried it I said \$80,000 you've gotta be kidding me. But then I got into it a little more and I really got involved with it. It is just like riding a bike."

Program Development Committee Advisor Alexandra Duggan also had a few thoughts on the success of this event. "They [Virtuality] were here last year and it was a big success. It was one of the hottest events on campus," said Ms. Duggan.

PAST MEETS THE PRESENT

WSIA Hosts Their 15th Anniversary Celebration

By John La Mantia and Ron Mangusson

WSIA, The College of Staten Island's radio station celebrated their 15th anniversary on September 24th. Radio personality Sharon Stein said, "It was a successful evening. It was interesting to get to meet old staff members of WSIA."

At the event, radio personalities from the past had the chance to see what has become of the station. Caroline Cutronec, who was with the radio station from 1985 to 1990, commented, "The equipment here is so much better than the equipment at Sunnyside. At Sunnyside, everything was old and falling apart."

Another CSI radio personality, Noel William, said, "Seeing the radio station here at Willowbrook makes me feel like I am in a time warp because the equipment here is state of the art."

WSIA got its start in a broom closet in the mid 70's when a bunch of students decided to run wires into the cafeteria and spin records. Before long, an FM license was applied for and Greg Adamo became General Manager. Noel William commented, "Adamo has been like a father to all of us... he should be giving proper accolade for all those who have gone on to the professional rakes after working with him"

On August 31, 1981 at 6 A.M. WSIA hit the air waves broadcasting at a frequency of 88.9 megahertz from a 275 foot antenna on top of Todt Hill for the first time. They were [and still are] heard all across Staten Island and as far as Mansquan N.J.

WSIA became a major entity in the local music scene it's first year. Within this first year, they raised over 20,000 dollars in cash, merchandise, and services donated

to the station... more money than any other non-commercial station.

WSIA was licensed under the FCC as a non-commercial station, and therefore cannot sell advertising. Most of the funding for the radio station is derived by



Past meets present at the WSIA Anniversary Banquet.

grants from local Staten Island businesses.

Since 1981, WSIA has grown tremendously, with a budget that has more than tripled. The station which used to just throw anything on the air now has a regular production schedule with a staff of over 100 people broadcasting around 19 hours a day of music, local sporting events, and news.

Fifteen years later the radio staff of today gathered with the talk radio staff of the past. Greg De Respino, old staff member of WSIA commented, "I had no job, I was

not in school, so one day my mother told me about a new radio station that was starting up. When I got there, I found out that you had to be a student to be able to join." He continued, "I took one class and joined the radio station. In a couple of weeks, I had my own show and later on decide to get a degree."

Asif Ahmed of WSIA said, "It was good to meet and learn about how these people would do things in the early days of the radio station. It also gave us a chance to hear story about how people got involved in the radio."

The evening ended at about 9:00 PM. WSIA is far from finished with celebrating their fifteen successful years on the air. Over the next two weeks, WSIA plans to have former DJ's host special "Blast from the past" hours on the air. Former Program director Al Barry, current morning DJ for Hot 97, was able to remake an appearance over WSIA's waves.

Currently, WSIA has over forty former DJ's scheduled for air time over the next two weeks. WSIA will also host a Fall Concert along with the Program Development Committee on October 18th which will be featuring The Toasters, Jane Kelly Williams, and Tialo.

Director and General Manager Greg Adamo said, "The party was great. It was great to see people that we haven't seen in over twelve years. It's also great that people think so highly of the station and their experience here that they were really eager to come back for the fifteenth Anniversary celebration."

WSIA has further plans He continued, "We are going to use this experience to work with the college's Alumni office to create a WSIA Alumni group at the college."

PDC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 3, 1996
Get Out & Vote Day
Campus Center
12 to 4 pm
Sponsored by: PDC, SG,
NYPIRG, & WSIA
Free food and Giveaways
Featuring: PARIS

October 9, 1996
Lecture: How and Why
NYC Taxes are Collected?
Guest Speaker: Fred Cerullo
4:30 pm
Green Dolphin Lounge
Sponsored by: PDC & Prof.
Gottlieb

October 9, 1996
Lecture: America & Vietnam
4:30 pm
Park Cafe
Sponsored by: PDC & The
Center for International
Service

October 15, 1996
Lecture: Vegetarianism for a
Healthier You and a
Healthier Planet
4:30 pm
Green Dolphin Lounge
Sponsored by: PDC & Prof.
Shwartz

October 17, 1996
The Williamson Theater
Last Call... A Sobering
Look at Alcohol Abuse
Club Hours
Green Dolphin Lounge
Sponsored by: PDC &
Wellness

October 18, 1996
WSIA Fall Concert
7 to 11 pm
Featuring: The Toasters,
Jane Kelly,
Williams & Tialo
Sponsored by: PDC & WSIA
Tickets: Students \$10/ Others \$15

October 31, 1996
The Witchcraze: Our Legacy of
Violence Against Women
10:10 am to 12:05 pm
The Williamson Theater
Sponsored by: PDC & Women's
Studies

October 31, 1996
Films from Southeast Asia
1:30 to 3:30 pm
1P-223
Sponsored by: PDC &
The
Center for International
Service



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The Philosophic Breeze Faces The Sun

By M. Mercurio

Peter Simpson's sultry, swooning commentary, *Shooting the Philosophic Breeze*, blows big time – hot as the matter may be. It lacks a clear distinction of text and displays a sweet innocence in its subtext – an *innocence* that comes down hard on women and feels more like obnoxious contamination than philosophy. Simpson states: "Women were the chief proponents of undress, but some men were not far behind," without ever clarifying the criteria of his "undress" – is it clothing that fits a woman? – clothing that could "stimulate strange thoughts" in Dr. Simpson precisely because they neatly fit her body. Surely Dr. Simpson is not referring to women he finds repulsive; he complains of "various stages of undress" and "stimulation." His thoughts are moved instantly to sex and, consequently, to marriage. Dr. Simpson equates the institution of marriage to the perfect sex relationship. Every instance of "undress" is due to a woman's desire to be part of the institution of marriage. I beg to differ, Dr. Simpson.

In regard to the "men who were not far behind" – who cares if they advertise their family jewels? Personally, I find their sexy, confident bodies amusing. One knows their primary motivation in life. (As much as you may disapprove.) At least they do not pontificate verbally under a hot sun and call it "Shooting the Philosophic Breeze." The problem is not in the action of strutting one's magnificence in the sunlight—it is in the hostility of mis-

taken re-actions—verbal and/or physical.

The articulate author used the excuse, "It was too hot to walk with haste," and I might add, but of course! Perhaps the professor walks around in a long-sleeved shirt and tie on such hot "sultry" days. I find such clothing far more curious than those dressed accordingly for the weather. Another curious element of some males is the display of hair on their faces – something primitive, erotic, disturbing, and provocative – especially in hot weather. I wonder, as the mere woman that I am, if there is some hidden message in the facial hair... some concealed motive? Pray tell.

The most impressive part of the article was the definition of "sex" and its "original signification," according to the Doctor of Philosophy. If the original signification of sex indeed refers to "that particular act of animals whereby they generate offspring," then indeed the young generation of today is no different than "our poor benighted great grandparents" that are referred to in the article. Surely, sex explains all of the young people in New York and all around the world who are having babies every second. However, to equate our sex organs simply with the process of reproduction is

as mistaken and dishonest as equating marriage to a "sex relationship." Low and behold, Peter, hopefully marriage is more—because when men go through life equating marriage to a "sex relationship," what happens is that after two decades or more of marriage, it feels like one long extended one-night stand. (And not a memorable one at that.) Amen.

All the daughters and sisters in New York City and in all Western and Eastern cultures, have been acculturated by our world society, thank you. Go take your ancestral opinion out on Valentino and Donna Karan—not that it's their fault either.

Do you slight traditional Muslim women for wearing long dresses and veils over their faces? Do you really believe they have a "choice?" Would you condemn females from various Pacific nations for partially parading around naked, as is accepted in their particular cultures? Or are you able to appreciate the fact that they come from a hot climate and are conditioned to dress accordingly?

Your innocence has the familiar ring of condemnation to it—an echo that plants timeless seeds of hostility. Women are not responsible for "stimulating strange thoughts" in men, as surely as the

thousands of Muslim girls in Bosnia shrouded in veils, are to blame for all of the orphans born from the recent horrific rapes. In that holy land, as in Rwanda, and in New York, as in every "holy" soul, abortion is the ultimate sin. How dare you quote the 1.5 million statistics in our modern world as a "result" to "correct" an "accident" caused by women? How many children have you parented? One does not need to plant sperm to be a parent. One needs only less pontificating and more truth and love—the one essential element missing from your "sex relationship."

Your lust is your problem and your gift—what you do with it is your decision. If a woman wants to feel free to dress the way she has been conditioned to dress in order to feel "pretty," and she wears a scant tee-shirt or a short skirt, she does not deserve to be fettered by the opinion of a fantasizing philosopher who cannot "walk with haste" back to the "cool haven" of his office. Shame on you. Men have been walking around topless for all eternity, and that is acceptable in our patriarchal world.—but heaven forbid a woman does her shopping at Bloomingdales or Victoria's Secret or Calvin Klein's, or K-Mart, for that matter, if she looks good—there will be the wrath of hell to pay for it.

Back to your words of wisdom, if all your observation and evaluation is a strategy to win yourself a dutiful, obedient wife, Dr. Simpson, I suggest you examine you desires more closely. You just may get what you wish for. You just may get your cake and have to eat it too.

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Two Thumbs Up For NYPIRG

By Xiomara Cabrera

I attended the Student Action Meeting of NYPIRG (New York Public Interest Research Group) on Thursday, September 26th, during club hours. I gave two thumbs up to the leading student activists and organizers of this event for the effort they made in order to make it successful. Approximately 75 students attended the conference and gave their undivided attention to the speakers

throughout the meeting.

Olusoji Oluwole opened the meeting by talking about the importance of voter registration. He told the crowd that NYPIRG will be going to the streets of New York City in an effort to register a large number of people. Charlo Almeda spoke about the environment. He encouraged students to make an effort to keep the Island's air, water and land as safe as possible.

The Homeless Outreach Project

was also a topic. Joanne Gallo said that by the end of the semester, NYPIRG will be placing boxes around the College to make it possible for students to donate clothes and food for the homeless. Next to speak were Ghali and Nael Asad, who made a small claim for a consumer advocacy group. The guest speaker for the afternoon was Mark Colon, a Hunter College student with a tremendous amount of energy. Mr. Colon is the environmental coordinator for NYPIRG.

The closing remarks were left to Natalie Williams, who was remarkably good at adding some humor to the act. I think this organization is good for training students about consumer and environmental issues, and I encourage CSI students to find out more about NYPIRG. In my opinion, they are leading the fight for students' rights, as well as social, environmental, and consumer justice.

Respect For One's College

By Anthony Mongelli Jr.

A few days ago, I noticed an interesting phenomenon on our campus. The only way I can express it is a lack of pride in our institution. I've never been one to make such a bold assertion without sufficient evidence, therefore allow me to supply some examples.

Last semester, I had the pleasure of spending quite a lot of time at Villanova University. I have also visited Yale twice, and I spent some time at Montana State University's campus in Bozeman. I was amazed at how many students walking around campus wore some article of clothing proudly displaying the school's name or team logo. At Villanova, in fact, approximately six out of ten students I encountered were wearing something with the school's name. A hat, a sweatshirt, a pair of sweatpants or shorts, et cetera, with "VIL-

LANOVA" or "VU" emblazoned on it.

Items saying "CSI," "THE COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND," or "CSI DOLPHINS" are readily available in our College bookstore; however, I can count on one hand the number of times I've seen any member of our student body wearing such an item. Why? Isn't paying \$13,000, \$15,000, or \$21,000 tuition per year a prerequisite for donning school apparel? Sure, CSI might not be held in the highest academic or athletic regard, but it's our school. Here, as in all of life, you get out what you put in. We occupy a beautiful

new campus, have access to state-of-the-art facilities, distinguished faculty and, relative to Villanova, Montana State, or Yale, very affordable tuition. These are things we should be proud of – I am. Wear your school's name on your head or chest with pride.

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Another interesting thing I noticed at the schools mentioned above is the general lack of vandalism and

graffiti of any kind. At CSI, I have seen signs ripped off walls. I've also seen graffiti scrawled and scratched on bathroom stalls and walls. What the heck is graffiti anyway? 99% of any graffiti I've ever seen

is totally illegible slop. Writing little notes to other people on desks is another problem. The last time I did that was in third grade. Surely, there must be some better way to channel energy than engaging in destructive, childish behavior. Moreover, everything in the school is public property; a crime committed against that property is a crime against every student that pays for neat, clean, modern facilities and knows how to keep their surges of foolishness in check.

To sum it up, there really isn't any reason not to show the world where you go to school. Also, there isn't any reason, other than childishness and disregard for other people, to vandalize school property or litter on CSI's campus (the jewel of CUNY campuses). There are many reasons to be proud of CSI, and just as many not to engage in activity that detracts from that pride.

THE NET UNLEASHED

The Browser Battle: Netscape vs. Microsoft

By Ralph Mastrangelo

Greetings fellow surfers, if you have been following the news Netscape, Microsoft, and the Justice Department are all being mentioned in the same sentence. Microsoft is under investigation for Antitrust violations sparked by a letter from Netscape to the Justice Dept.. This letter charges unfair business practices by Microsoft.

What tops this list is pressuring by Microsoft on vendors to ship Internet Explorer 3.0 without Netscape 3.0.. This is not the first time the Justice Dept. has investigated Microsoft on Antitrust charges, but an agreement was reached and Microsoft was on top once again. Predictions are that Microsoft will evade any action by the Justice Dept. and Netscape will have to rely on it's merits to stay on top.

In the mean time, though two lines have been drawn and Microsoft is in the middle, on one side is the Justice Department which is the easier one to deal with. The Netscape side is the battle that no matter what is said, the Web designers and Users will decide. Now that you have a little insight to what's going on, I will give you a run down of both browsers and which has better features.

In simple terms Microsoft has arrived, they are a Software juggernaut, and now an instant contender to Netscape's throne. Internet Explorer 3.0 (IE3.0) bests Navigator 3.0 in all the significant categories, but lag's on VRML, Mac, and Unix Support. The free price tag compared to the \$49 market leader, is a leap in the right direction.

Some people feel inclined to download IE3.0 and wipe Navigator from their drives, but stop and consider the reality of HTML page design. This is due to the fact that sights are designed for a specific browser, you should keep both on your drive and check out your favorite sites and decide. Don't be surprised if IE3.0 gives you a satisfying experience. There are pages Navigator specific and IE3.0 will choke on some of the tags (the codes behind the pages). I will give you a comparison of features, but it never hurts to go to the source for more information. To get the low down on Internet Explorer go to <http://www.microsoft.com/ie/> and for Netscape's scrappy defense of Navigator go to <http://home.netscape.com>.

Preparing for Battle:

IE3.0 represents a year long effort by Microsoft to compete in the one software market it had misassessed. When Microsoft setup an Internet strategy, they went from expanding a development division from 5 to 2,500 people. This within a year is a feat of precise Navigation. In an interview with *The Net Magazine* Microsoft Product Manager Yusuf Mehdi likened Microsoft's rush to "turning around an aircraft carrier in the middle of a channel." It should be known that an Aircraft Carrier turns slowly, but can cover a lot of area extremely fast.

Microsoft has now turned, and is heading straight for Netscape's Market. To do this they must convince designers of web sites to optimize their sites for IE3.0, and the features it supports. It must be known that

the web design community is well renowned for it's commitments to open standards and cross platform support. (These are two areas that Microsoft has been weak, or to say arrogant). Polls show that more than 75% of sites designers are pulling for Netscape, and 15% for Microsoft. This is due to that fact that most of those designers will pull for anyone except Microsoft, so trying to convince designers is easier said than done.

In an attempt to change these perspectives Microsoft is trying two things:

- Offering a more robust development environment for those Internet bells and whistles and
- By assuring skeptics that Microsoft is committed to open standards.

Microsoft is closely embracing HTML standards set by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), along with full Java support and a home-grown technology called Active X, which achieves the same result by breaking down application into separate controls (which there hundreds available on the Net.) Microsoft has said that they are turning the Active X architecture over to an independent standards body, which seems to be an attempt to show developers that the company respects "Freedom" in the realm of Internet development.

Well now what does this all mean to you? While Microsoft will eventually chip away at the 85% market

end. Therefore, site designers allied with these platforms will stick with Netscape. HTML support will be the second concern because new tags set by the W3C are not yet implemented in Navigator 3.0, but will be in 4.0. Netscape has introduced two of it's own tags. By doing this Netscape has invoked concerns of designers who believe in open HTML standards.

The 4.0 betas will be available soon for downloading, which Microsoft says will seamlessly integrate with Windows '95. Netscape promises better performance across the board with richer tools, but for now you will have to settle for the 3.0 offerings and decide which is for you. Remember not get to comfortable or dissatisfied because with the pace of today's competitive development, the browser you are using will obsolete faster then you can say "Mosaic".

Now that you have the history, I will try to give you a feature-by-feature breakdown of each browser. You then decide for yourself:

Frames: Netscape introduced them, but from the start choked on their own creation (the back button fiasco). They fixed some of the bugs and added features. IE3.0 not to be out down takes frames the to a higher level in layout and speed of loading. Therefore the advantage goes to IE3.0.

Tables: Just as IE2.0 lead in table implementation, IE3.0 innovates them even more, and supports all the specs specified by the W3C (which is beyond the scope of this article). Navigator 3.0 only added on the feature of coloring different cells. Tables are one of the widest used layout controls, one has to wonder why Netscape let them go. Advantage goes to IE3.0.

Page Layout: In taking the W3C standard's high road, IE3.0 supports Cascading Style sheets. This give a designer the ability to be backwards compatible with older browsers. Netscape did come up with a couple of useless tags of their own for page layout, but style sheets allow for greater viewer appreciation. Netscape is trying to force people to use it browser by this creation of own tags, unlike tables and frames these new tags are weak. Netscape dropped the ball, and dropped it hard. Advantage goes to IE3.0.

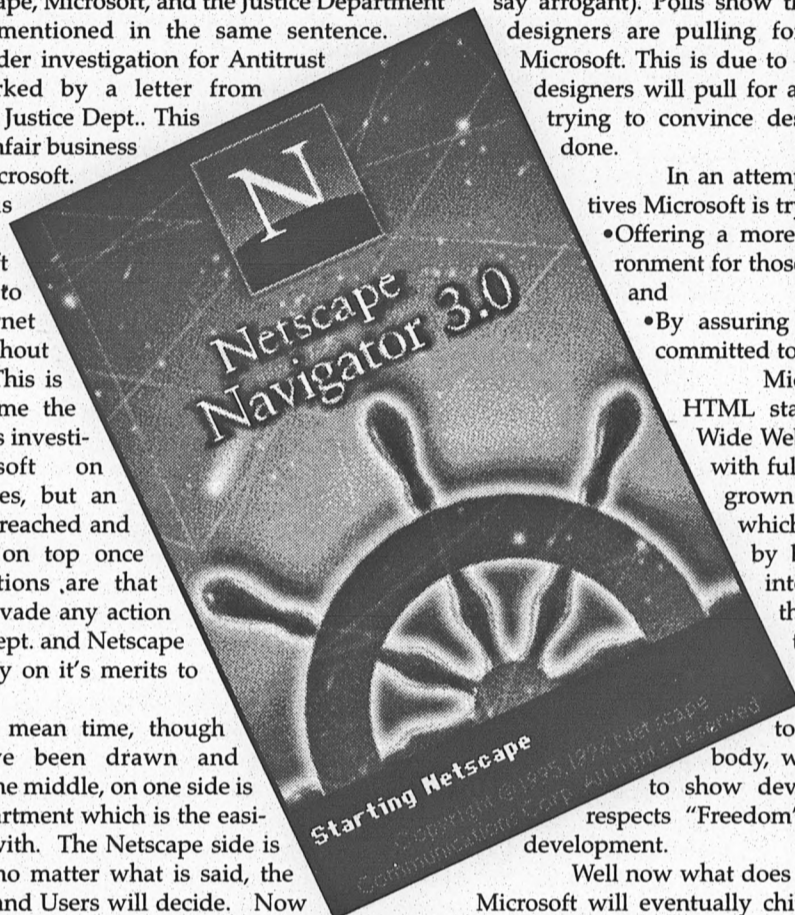
Interactively: With the development of new web technologies, strong browser support is a must. Both companies implement the latest technologies, along with some of their own. The developers will decide what technology will be standard. With the current standards IE3.0 is more subtle and quicker then Netscape. Advantage to IE3.0.

Multimedia: Both browsers support inline sound and video, but Netscape incorporates inline MPEG audio and video. Navigator also has superior VRML support (The Nets 3D graphic standard). VRML 1.0 is supported by IE3.0 not the 2.0 specs. Advantage to Netscape 3.0

Security: This is one of the Net's biggest issues. Both support the current encryption standards.

Microsoft went a step further with code-signing, a "virtual shrink-wrap" to ensure the accountability of software delivered over the net, so you know who published it and that it was not tampered with. This security also warns you if a site is downloading a component to make it look better. You then have the option to not download it. Advantage IE3.0

Platform Support: This is the one area that Netscape is the Stronger. Netscape 3.0 is available for Win 3.11, 95, NT, Mac, and Unix. IE3.0 will be available at year end for Win 3.1, Mac, and Unix. Advantage Netscape 3.0.



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share of Netscape, you as a web surfer and the site designers will be this war's true winners. This is seen because as both company's race to out do each other and create better browsers with more features, and designers take advantage of what comes about. Your web experience will only be enhanced and exciting.

It should be mentioned that Active X is the only truly relevant competition issue at hand. Though Netscape supports it via a plug-in, only IE3.0 supports it natively. Netscape had said back in July that they would not support Active X natively, it has been recently quoted in *The Wall Street Journal* by the Netscape Vice-President, "We might well do that". If Active X controls are more readily used, then Netscape has no choice but to support them in order to remain in the competitive market.

Two other issues affect the way things will turn out, but not as significant as Active X. First, the issue of cross platform support, because there are no IE3.0 for Unix or the Mac until year's



PSYCHO RAMBLINGS



Editor-in-Chief
Michael Garofalo

While ordering a pizza from a neighboring delivery shop, I came to a frightening realization. Not everyone on Staten Island knows where the new campus is. A surprising question came from the man on the other end of the phone. "What, the new campus... where's that?" At first, it seemed bizarre to me. Aren't CSI & Staten Island synonymous, like The Mall and The Landfill?

Is it really a big deal? At first, it didn't seem to be a problem. I got my pizza, even if it was a half hour late. But if you analyze it, you'll see that this is a symptom of a larger problem. CSI's public relations are inefficient.

The pizza man was the perfect target for a well-tuned CSI public relations and student recruitment divisions. Let's face it, delivering pies is not a glamorous career. Who prefers driving to strange places, serving cranky customers, and earning less than \$5.00 per hour? (Don't forget tips.) Obviously, this person would want to better himself. How disappointing that he doesn't know of the opportunities available at this college.

Again, one could ask, "So what?" For every person we see that doesn't know about the college, there could be dozens that we don't see. This is a failure of advertising and effective promotion. The question is, whose fault is it?

The College is aware of the problem. Unfortunately, they are financially unable to correct it. The college's administration is in a state of disarray. Vacant positions are being filled by having workers assume more duties than they were hired for. While I am no advocate of employing more administrators at CSI, I see the importance of filling certain positions.

Public relations generates money for the college. When certain financial resources dry up, you have to look for other supplies. This is why public relations is essential at this time.

The budget cuts have decimated the most basic of functions at this university. Effective public relations can gain some of that back.

Grants, scholarships, and all that good stuff are obtained by networking. (This is good advice for a regular student as well.) The college needs to make contacts with the community and obtain support from local businesses. This cannot be achieved by administrators who have other duties to attend to.

Dealing with the local press is also critical. While the *Staten Island Advance* does show CSI in a positive light, it was not as helpful during the

times of crisis... during the budget cuts. *The Advance* has its own political agenda and CSI is not at the top of that list. This mainly has to do with their politics. Being an editor myself, I do not blame *The Advance* for its conservative politics. This is what works best with its readership and with Staten Island in general. However, it would have been heavenly if *The Advance* had gone to bat for CSI as it does against that landfill. Good public relations would make our local newspaper think twice about its agenda. CSI is a major part of the community and therefore should be supported as well. Of course, public relations should not be

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about fear or guilt. The community will automatically support CSI when it sees how beneficial CSI is to Staten Island.

There are many supporters already. It is not as if CSI has been ostracized from the rest of the Island. Unfortunately, many still view us as the degenerate college up on Toad Hill. We are no longer beneath Wagner or St. Johns. Our university has just as much to offer students and is significantly cheaper.

People associate "less expensive" with "less important" or "less satisfying." It does not have to be this way with CSI, but it does take someone to show this to people. It should be the goal of this college to enlighten everyone as to why they can take pride in being a part of CSI. The reasons and the means are there; it simply needs to be executed properly.

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Letters:

To Editor-in-Chief,

As far as I know, proselytizing (convert to another's religion) is out. It is especially out of style on this campus. I do not attend the College of Staten Island in order to find that I have sinned, and that the only way to seek redemption is to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. For all I care, the footsteps of Christ can be washed, trampled on, and eaten by pro-abortion cannibalistic mongers.

Is *The Banner* so desperate for articles, that it publishes anything they can get their hands on? If this is a 'school' paper, it should have issues relevant to school.

Jesus Christ is not any of my classmates, nor is he one of my professors, nor does he have any relevance to how I conduct my life. I find "Light or Darkness, Which for You?" an intrusive and ill-written article. As for Steve Guzzi's statement, "They may have a religion, but they don't have a relationship with God without Jesus Christ," it is reflective of a very narrow-minded, sheltered person.

Indeed, if one has to sell his/her God (especially in *The Banner*), how good can their God possibly be?

-Gavi Disenhouse

In the last issue of *The Banner* (Vol. IV, issue II), Professor Arnold Kantrowitz wrote a letter concerning Steven Guzzi's Christian commentary. Professor Kantrowitz based part of his objections to the commentary on being in a "tax-payer supported" college paper. He also brought up the tradition and legal precedent in this country of the separation of church and state.

In his response, the editor of *The Banner* stated that the publication is not tax-payer sponsored, but paid for by the Student Activity Fee. This is splitting hairs, to say the least. The College of Staten Island is a state operated institution. Without it, there would be no newspaper. As a state institution, it is supported by taxpayers. Hence, the professor has a valid point. More to the point, if *The Banner* is going to run religious proselytizing articles pushing Christianity, are they, in the spirit of fairness and equal time, going to do the same for Islam, Buddhism, Judaism, Shintoism, Santeria and Satanism? Do you see where this will lead?

I have my own objections to Mr.

Guzzi's so-called "only truth." His reasoning is flawed and his logic circular. He is quite adept at citing chapter and verse to "prove" his point. The flaw is that his source, the Bible, was written by men to "prove" just those points. Somewhat akin to proving the existence of Superman by citing DC comic books. Unless you are willing to buy into the "truth" of the Bible, he hasn't proved a thing. Can you see the circularity in play?

My other objection is political. Like the professor, I feel there is a traditional separation between church and state. I also feel there is a real danger in having churches, temples, mosques, etc. use state resources to further their goals, which usually are to make their truth the only truth anyone can hear. If you need an example, look to some of the Islamic theocracies, Ireland, or Sri Lanka. Steve Guzzi can practice any path to truth he chooses, as long as he does it at church or with his own paper, not in front of all the students.

-Robert Lauro

Friends,

Have you contemplated the possibility that in giving "free speech" to a zealous religious student, you are in danger of becoming a religious forum instead of a comprehensive student voice? I thought for a moment that Arnold Kantrowitz had "put it to bed," but then I saw, a couple of pages later: there it is again! The same man showing how many different ways he can call the rest of us sinners. He shows contempt for all other religions and beliefs when he quotes the Christian Bible to show us our "mistaken ways."

Just because you haven't received letters and articles from

Buddhists, Jews, Muslims, and Pantheists, it doesn't mean that they are not here. I'm a Presbyterian myself, and I'm very annoyed that this man thinks he has to supplement my Minister's words.

Whether or not our college is funded by State or Nation, there is the ethical and moral imperative that says a newspaper in a secular school should not even seem to favor a religion. Pick up a phone and ask the *New York Times* or *The Daily News* whether they would print a religious tract. To be fair, ask Hunter or City College.

Most Sincerely,
Carol Vernon Hope

OK... the truth is out. I ran the article as a cheap ploy for attention. See, *The Banner* only get letters from CSI students when we insult your intelligence. It is actually quite funny. It only took about a year to get a response from any student.

Are we desperate for articles??? You might derive that conclusion from our unofficial slogan, "Yeah... we'll print that." But no, we're not short on "filler & fluff". We are just very cautious of censorship in any form.

When I told Professor Kantrowitz that it was not a tax, it was a very significant point. Understand that administration and faculty do not pay for our publication. I could care less about what they think. Students, however, pay an average of 60¢ per semester. When students voice their opinion, then I start to listen.

It is quite difficult to discontinue a column without justification. Combine that with the fact that Guzzi enjoys writing these pieces. We let it go because no one seemed to care otherwise. No one had shown their concerns.

Now that readership has unanimously stated against religious commentary, we will change our policies accordingly.

-Editor

Flix's Pick's "Maximum Risk"

By Shawn Fisher

So what if this summer's action flix suck? Fall's a hit with "Maximum Risk." Jean Claude Van Damme is back to give America what it wants, nonstop mindless violence. Once again he is playing a dual role: that of the main character (Alain Moreau) as well as the brother (Mikhail Suverov) he never knew he had. Mikhail tries returning home while attempting to leave the Russian mob and is murdered just short of his goal. When Alain discovers this, he goes on a quest to learn about his brother's past. This leads Alain from his home in Nice to the slums of New York, where he learns about

Mikhail's not-so-glorious past and becomes embroiled in it. He meets up with his brother's girlfriend (Alex Minetti), and the two try to discover what secrets Mikhail had over both the Mafia and the CIA which are now trying to kill them. After a lot of cool action throughout New York they make their way back to Nice for an explosive final.

Earlier this summer, Van Damme gave us "The Quest," which basically sucked. With the aide of Natasha Henstridge (Alex Minetti) in "Maximum Risk," he makes up for quite well. This movie is definitely not an Oscar contender, but is entertainment worth the money.

Audio Feed Back

By Shawn Fisher

Look for "No Code" to get a better Vedder. Despite their ongoing battle with Ticketmaster, which has kept the band off the stage the past few years, Pearl Jam still manages to be one of the most popular groups around.

Their latest release, "No Code," is no exception to their high musical standards. Though I was skeptical at first, due to poor releases earlier in the year by Metallica and Stone Temple Pilots, (two long term bands which are normally on the mark with their material.), I must admit that Pearl Jam has come up with an album that is not quite as hard as usual but still unique and enjoyable none the less. One of the more interesting things about "No Code" is its packaging. Unlike the standard jewel case it consists of four cardboard

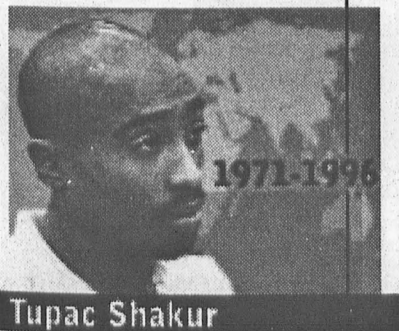
panels that fold out to be a 10" X 10" collage of pictures. The normal insert booklet that contains the lyrics and credits has been replaced with very odd Polaroids taken by various members of the band.

The one draw back to music such as Pearl Jam's is that commercial radio stations play it to death, which could hurt the band in the long run. Two recent examples of this are BUSH and Green Day which I think if they were ever played again could start a riot. The worst case of it, though, has to be the Spin Doctors, who were just dropped by their label due to poor record sales. This wouldn't have been the case for the band had their music not been played to death in the early nineties. Somehow, Pearl Jam has managed to avoid this trap so far and I hope they always will.

"You were so young, but so strong"

By Latoya Hunt

You were so young, yet but so strong,
You played the game, as if nothing was wrong,
you could trust no one, Because Trust let you down,
but you still pressed on, A rapping soldier,
since you were born,
Now you are gone, your enemies may laugh and cheer,
But you "Friends", we shed our tears,
Now your with the Lord, your suffering is done,
No more shooting,
up there - there are no guns,
So rest yourself,
for you feel pain no more,
We are gonna miss you,
Tupac Shakur

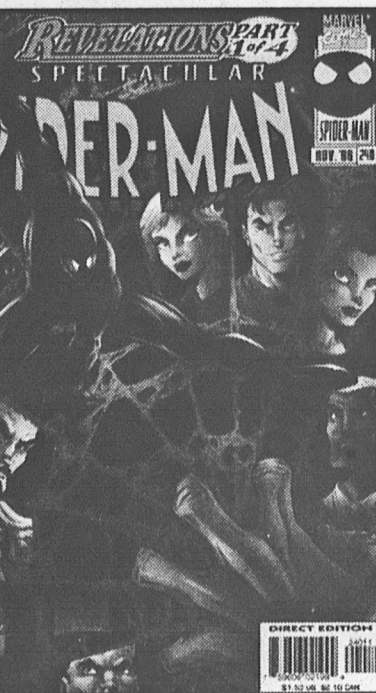


Ink Spot

By Shawn Fisher

Look up in the sky! It's a bird: a plane, no it's a sucker. Lex Luthor, Kryptonite and even Doomsday could not defeat the might of Superman, but that diabolical woman Lois Lane has found a way to bring him down. After avoiding it for almost sixty years, Superman will marry Lois Lane. On October 9, DC Comics will release "Superman: the wedding album." The story shall chronicle the wedding of Clark Kent (Superman) and Lois Lane, two characters who first met in Action Comics No.1 (1938) and have been fan favorites for years. The only down side to this event is that Superman creator Jerry Siegel passed on earlier this year and won't be witness to the high point of his work.

The hype on this is huge as ABC's television show "Lois and Clark", will also wed the couple. Because the TV news media is

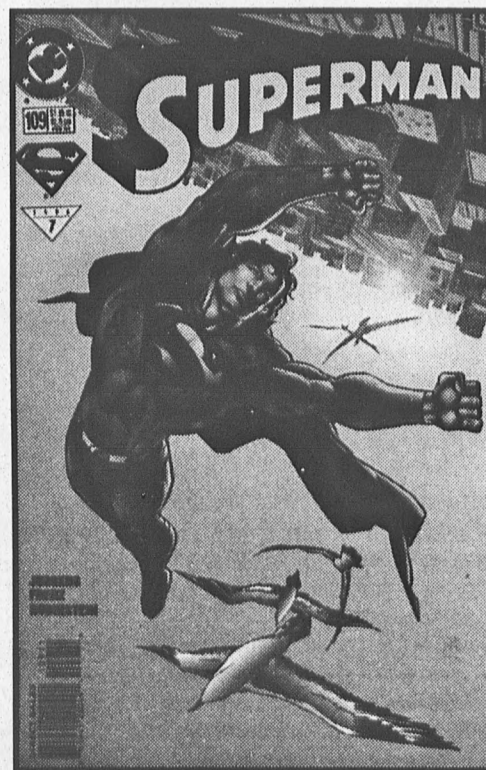


at \$175,000. But it's not just the name that will make book good, but rather the high standard of writing that DC has always maintained with its books. With that in mind I recommend this as a gotta-have-it book.

Of course, Marvel can't go long with out screwing something up

also covering the event, demand for the book has already begun with local comic shops reporting advance orders for as many as thirty copies per person. Speculators will be banking on this book to be their children's college fund. They just may be right too, since Superman is a character who has stood the test of time. For decades now Superman books have increased both in popularity and value with Action Comics No.1 being priced

In other news Marvel is finally resolving the clone storyline in their Spider-Man line of comics. The past few years have been bad for the book as the writers trapped themselves in a soap-opera type of story about who was the real Spider-Man and who was the clone. It's about time Marvel realized it made a big mistake in revamping a book that had nothing wrong with it. Long time Spider-Man fans will be happy to have the book return to basics. Of



course, Marvel can't go long with out screwing something up. When issue 100 of Wolverine was released Marvel promised it would, have the last over-priced gimmick cover. This promise didn't last long as Marvel found a new way to take advantage of their readers. Now they produce two covers for the same issue at standard price in order to trick us into buying additional copies of the same book. What do they think that we're really that stupid? Hey, Marvel, it's time to wake up and smell the economy.

Wellness Column

ALCOHOL AWARENESS ARRIVES ON CAMPUS

By Samantha Zuckerman, Peer Educator

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week is October 20th through October 26 and The Wellness Center wants you to be aware of the dangers of drinking and educated to the facts about alcohol.

Alcohol is the most abused drug in the United States today. Alcohol is more dangerous for young people because their behavior is less established. Young people are more apt to lose control after drinking, especially concerning driving cars and sexual behavior.

One of the largest problems with alcohol and young people is binge drinking. Binge drinking is drinking as much as possible, as fast as possible, such as in drinking games. Binge drinking can be deadly because drinking faster than your body can process causes alcohol poisoning which can make you unconscious, stop your breath-

ing, and kill you.

Binge drinking -even once- is very risky. It causes you to lose self-control which can result in your doing things that you would not normally do and will regret later on. A loss of self-control could lead to having unprotected sex which can result in pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases such as AIDS and could also put you in a position in which you could be raped.

Drinking and driving is another big problem with young people and alcohol. Driving drunk puts not only yourself in danger but everyone else on the road. Drunk driving accidents are the #1 killer of teenagers in the United States. Thousands died last year, thousands will die this year. It can happen to your friends. It can even happen to you.

If you want to learn more about Alcohol and it's dan-

gers please attend the following Wellness Events:

"Attitudes towards Addictions" (Personal Growth Clue) Wed. Oct. 16th 1C, Green Dolphin Lounge 2:30-3:30



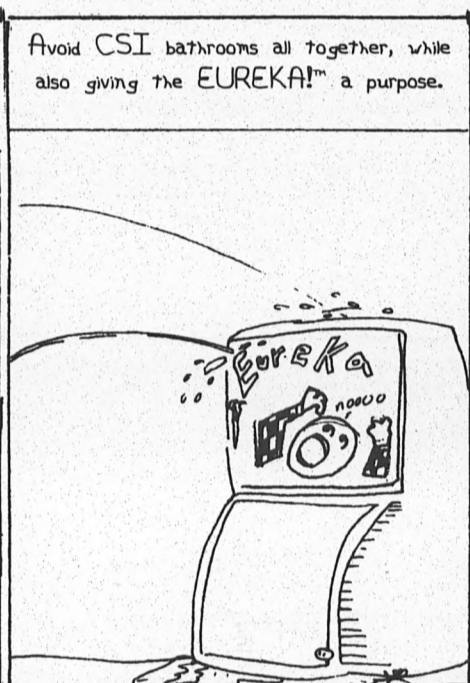
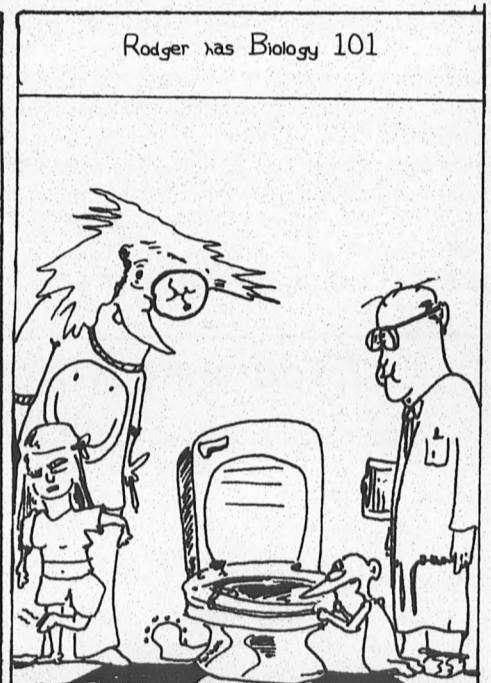
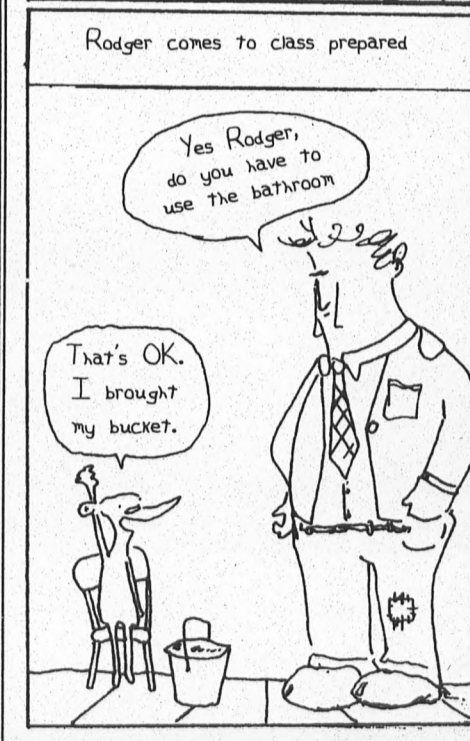
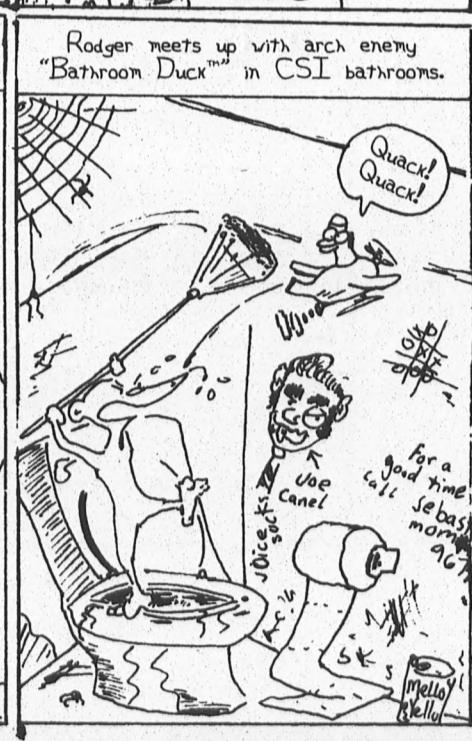
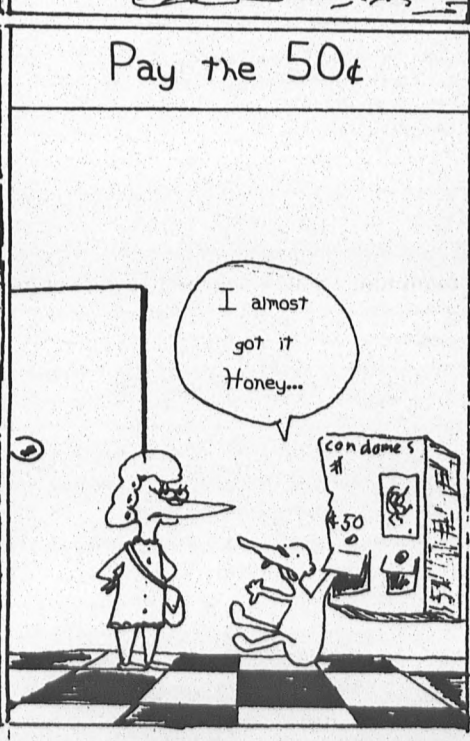
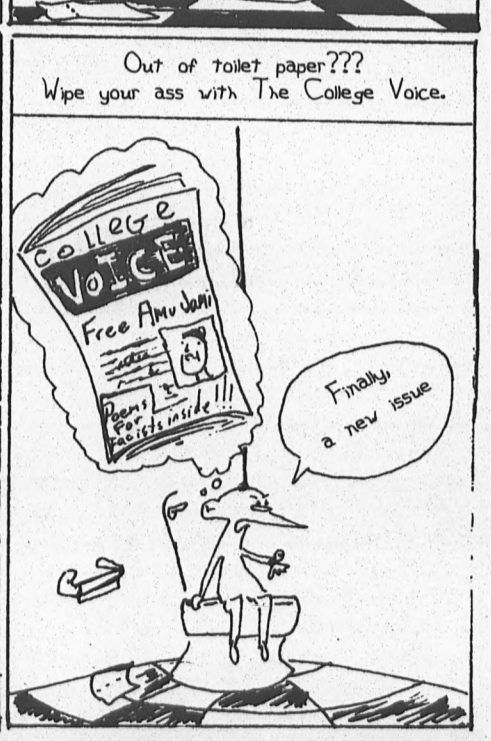
"Alcohol and Relationships"(Personal Growth Clue) Thurs. Oct. 17th 1C, Bijou Room 10:00-11:00

"Last Call...A Sobering Look at Alcohol Abuse" (Personal Growth Clue) Thurs. Oct. 17th 1C Green Dolphin Lounge 1:30-3:30

Of course any time you need information on Health and Wellness issues, the Peer Drop-In Center is your on campus resource center. Located in 1C-112, the center is stocked with up to date information on a wide variety of topics and is staffed by trained Peer Educators who can direct students to other resources on campus but more importantly, are there to listen to any of your concerns. Don't hesitate to take advantage of this free and confidential service.

Rodgers' Guide to CSI Bathrooms

By Ron Magnusson

<p>Webster's dictionary defines bathroom as: a vessel or place to bath in- Rodger defines it as a place to reflect on one's thoughts.</p> 	<p>A Modern CSI Bathroom</p> <p>Security: 1) Shoots Stragglers 2) Replaces Urine Cakes</p> <p>Door</p> <p>Sink</p> <p>Man thinking he's getting sex</p> <p>Our Hero</p> <p>Stall</p> 	<p>Avoid CSI bathrooms all together, while also giving the EUREKA!™ a purpose.</p> 	<p>Rodger has Biology 101</p> 
<p>Rodger comes to class prepared</p> <p>Yes Rodger, do you have to use the bathroom</p> <p>That's OK. I brought my bucket.</p> 	<p>Rodger meets up with arch enemy "Bathroom Duck" in CSI bathrooms.</p> <p>Quack! Quack!</p> <p>Use Canel</p> <p>for a good time see bash man 9/67</p> 	<p>Pay the 50¢</p> <p>I almost got it Honey...</p> 	<p>Out of toilet paper??? Wipe your ass with The College Voice.</p> <p>College VOICE Free Am Jans Poems Poets Poets inside!!!</p> <p>Finally a new issue</p> 

The Scriptures, Ignorance or Knowledge?

By Steve Guzzi

"Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." (1 Cor. 1:20-21) Oftentimes you will hear many teachers at CSI and other colleges intellectually challenge the Bible. Students have testified how they learned about supposed Bible contradictions and errors in their classes, and how Bible stories are myths. I have heard my former philosophy teacher say that God is a myth. History teachers state that the Enlightenment was an age where reason finally prevailed over the ignorance and superstition of a previously Bible-based society during the Dark Ages. Some of these professors teach that the Dark Ages were dark because people were not relying on their own reasoning for truth, but the Bible, which is unreasonable.

Actually, however, the Enlightenment (the Age of Reason) and the Scientific Revolution were sparked by the Reformation. This was an era in which Martin Luther encouraged people to read, study, and learn the Bible for themselves, as opposed to listening to a man as the authority on what the Bible said and

meant. As people began to read God's Word on their own, they began to see that God wanted us to excel and reason about his creation. Thus, scientific discoveries were inevitable.

Isaac Newton is an example of a great scientist who read and believed the scriptures. The light of God's Word began to seep into people's lives. No longer were they kept in the darkness, without a Bible. In 1611, the King James Bible came out for England, then progress emerged in Western civilization. Wherever God's Word is, there is progress and light, both spiritually and physically, as opposed to darkness, ignorance and superstition. King David of Israel said, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105)

However, people took this newfound knowledge gained by science and study and began to become prideful, thinking they could find knowledge solely on their own without the Bible; thus, Secular

Humanism emerged. This is a non-theistic religion predominant in most college campuses across America. It stresses that man is his own God and must come to truth solely by humanistic methods without divine revelation. It advocates that truth is subjective and morality is relative. Usually when the Bible is called into question there

is a display of secular humanistic philosophy involved.

However, the Bible encourages us to read, study, and learn both from it and from the creation itself,

allowing us to learn independently of it as long as our conclusions don't contradict God's Word. I have become a much more learned and studious person since I've been reading and studying the Bible. The very method of Bible study has helped me become a better college student, since it has trained me how to study correctly. However, people run into problems when they take the Biblical idea of studying, learning and reasoning and don't give the

Bible credit for these ideas. Therefore, they use biblical ideas against the Bible itself, not realizing the very methods they use for coming to truth arose from the very book they are attacking - ironically.

But the wisdom and teaching on campus leaves God out and may actually oppose him when conclusions contradict God's Word. By this kind of wisdom (worldly wisdom) you can't come to God or know his truth. God works through methods that the so-called wise people of this world wouldn't regard.

God reveals himself to those seeking Him with a humble heart, to those who come brokenly, willing to listen and learn. "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." (Psalm 51:17) You don't come to the Bible as a professor, educated college student, preacher, or as a know-it-all, but as a child, for those are the ones that God's treasures of knowledge and wisdom are opened to. This is beneath those with pride in their own knowledge, thus the Bible's truths remain hidden from them.

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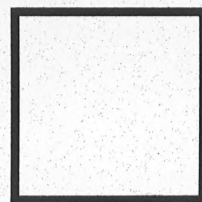
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College Football: Paying The Price of Running Up The Score

by Francis Stuchbury

Arizona State shocked the country when they beat Nebraska in Sun Devil stadium 19-0. They ended the two year, 26 game streak, the National Champion Nebraska had. When you consider that Nebraska destroyed Arizona State 77-28 last year in Nebraska, it makes the win more impressive. Arizona State was a 24 point underdog at home and last year, A.S. coach accused Nebraska coach Tom Osborne of running up the score. That gave Arizona State team prime motivation to beat Nebraska and get their revenge.

Last year Nebraska embarrassed and humiliated Arizona State. The week before this game Arizona State watched last year's game. They made the plans not to make the same mistakes. Arizona State's defense dominated the entire game. They held Nebraska to only 216 total yards of offense and only 13 first downs. Last year Arizona State's defense gave up a whopping 686 yards of total offense, and their defense forced 3 turnovers and got 6 points the hard way (by forcing three safeties). Don't

think Arizona State has a great defense. They defense gave up 42 points to Washington two weeks before this game. Luckily, Arizona State's offense played great beating Washington 45-42 on a last second field goal. Arizona State's defense had a lot of motivation for this game.

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This year, Nebraska's team was different. There was no Tommy Frazier and Lawrence Phillips on this team, but they did score 52 points against what I consider

a good Michigan State team. Arizona State's quarterback, Jake Plummer, played a great game. He completing 20 of 26 passes for 292 yards with one touchdown and one interception. After Peyton Manning [if he comes out], Mr. Plummer is the second best quarterback available in the draft. He should definitely be a first round pick in the draft.

Running up the score in games impresses the Associated Press voters, but they only get to watch the games in their region. If they see a team score 80 points in a game they will be more impressed to vote them higher in the rankings than if a team puts up 20 points and barely wins. In my opinion, the solution is wait for 4 games to be played, then rank the teams. The teams will be ranked where they are suppose to be. I feel teams that run up the score do in most cases pay the price. Their opponents don't forget. The coaches and fans don't forget either. The team is more motivated to beat them, especially on their home field. I'll bring up one example. In 1983 Nebraska at home beat Syracuse 63-7. The following year Syracuse upset Nebraska 17-9 in the Carrier Dome.

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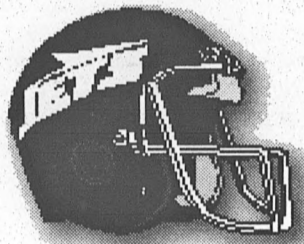
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A Day In The Life Of A Jets Fan

By Tom Krasniqi



At one point or another in our lives, we will experience pain and agony in one form or another. Unfortunately, some people will be agonized by this endlessly without despair. Thus, this leads me to the ultimate source of this ruthless pain and suffering that I've been going through. As far back as I can remember, I always wanted to be a New York Jets fan.

I've been a Jets fan for over 16 years. That's a long time for a person to be torched. It's been mostly horrible nightmares through that period of time. It's been waking up in the middle of the night in cold sweats with the frightening thoughts of Dan Marino carving up our helpless and pitiful secondary. It's been going to school and being the object of ridicule for other kids' jokes. That part didn't matter to me because at that tender young age of seven or eight, I still knew more football than these kids and their fathers combined. But the fact gnawed at me that I was a Jet fan suffering a seemingly incurable disease which was losing. You need to be strong to be a Jet fan. You need to be persistent and durable and strong willed to take the jokes from other fans. I think I have done a pretty good job of that for the most part and I'm calling on other Jets fans around the world to follow my lead. But the latest losing that this inept football team has pulled off is absolutely disgraceful. There's only so much you can take over a long period of time.

The absolute breaking point for me happened a couple of weeks ago when the Jets laid down like a couple of prostitutes and allowed the lowly Giants to beat them like they committed a crime. I have a deep hatred for the Giants and Giants fans altogether. They make me sick. I watched helplessly as the clueless Rich Kotite and their \$80 million offense tries to throw the football in the second half during a monsoon as opposed to running the football like they should have been doing. I saw Neil O'Donnell attempting to throw ten yard outs to the number one pick in the entire draft in Keyshawn Johnson instead of sending him down the middle against an atrocious Giants secondary. I watched Rosie O'Donnell throw those dying ducks that Kotite had a better chance of catching on the sidelines than Keyshawn did. I watched Giants defensive end Michael Strahan thoroughly sodomizing overrated Jets' right tackle David Williams for two sacks and a few other run stops. I watched Jets' wide receiver/punt returner Wayne Chrebet, who should be a janitor at Weeb Ewbank Hall than be on any football team in the NFL, muff a punt deep in his own territory. It was downright appalling and utterly pathetic as the Giants beat the Jets 13-6.

This has been old news to me. I've watched a lot of crushing losses in my tenure as being a rabid Jets fan. Their bad luck has rubbed off on me quite a bit. That's the chance and price you pay for being a Jets fan. One of the very first Jet games I remember watching was when they played the Atlanta Falcons in the early '80s when Billy "White Shoes" Johnson dominated the

game and returned a punt for a touchdown to beat the Jets. He then did that goofy endzone dance.

I lived in Queens at the time when I was inflicted with this epidemic. I recall the time when the Jets were trailing the Miami Dolphins late in the fourth quarter and Richard Todd came off the bench with broken ribs and led the Jets to a comeback 16-15 win over the Fish when Todd hit Jerome Barkum in the endzone with just seconds remaining. That was one of the more exciting games I've ever seen. That hooked me into becoming a Jets fan. After that however, the nightmares began with the 1983 AFC Championship which was dubbed "The Mud Bowl" between the Jets and dreaded Dolphins down in Miami. Miami coach Don Shula ordered the grounds crew in Miami not to cover the field to purposely slow down the faster Jets team. It worked as Richard Todd came down with his career long habit of throwing to the guys in the other uniforms, three of them to A.J. Duhe. Jets lose 14-0 and the NFL does nothing to justify the claims that Shula did any wrong doing.

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Another heart breaking loss took place in the AFC divisional playoffs on January 3, 1987 in Cleveland where the Jets had a 20-10 lead with four minutes left. A Jets' win and they're off to the championship game against Denver, a team that the Jets beat badly earlier that season. Not so fast. The Browns staged an incredible comeback led by then rookie receiver and current Jet Webster Slaughter. The Jets also helped Cleveland's cause thanks in part to Mark Gastineau's bonehead roughing the passer penalty which kept the Browns in the game. The Jets eventually lost in double overtime by a score of 23-20. It's the Jets.

In 1994, the Jets had a chance to take over first place in the AFC East from, yep them again, the Miami Dolphins. They had a seemingly commanding 24-6 lead late in the third quarter. But you knew it wouldn't last if you were a Jets fan. And you know what: the Jets players and coaches knew themselves that they were going to joke. They knew it was inevitable. Sure enough, the Jets choked miserably as Dan Marino fakes a spike by yelling those infamous words "Clock! Clock!

Clock!", which is usually a signal that a quarterback will spike the ball to stop the clock. But not Marino. He fooled the gullible Jets into thinking just that and then promptly fired a TD pass to Mark Ingram for the game winner and a 28-24 win for Miami. It's a loss that this franchise have never recovered from even to this day.

I recently watched a tape of this fateful incident and it brought back bad memories to say the least. It's the Jets. They were celebrating way too early. When the Dolphins scored a touchdown and two point conversion to pull within 24-14, the Jets fans, coaches and players were in shock. I can remember James Hasty, then a Jets' cornerback who was beat on that play, walking off the field with his head down as if his father had just died. It's the Jets. The Jets were up by ten points and they acted as if the game was lost right then and there. Well if one thinks that way, then it will happen and it did. This team gets demoralized really easy. It's that Jets mystique. When you put on that kelly green and white uniform, something happens to you. You automatically accept the losing mentality because everyone else does. It's the Jets.

This team can change this perception if they wanted to but most of them really don't care. They come to the Jets for the kind of money that sets you up for retirement. This must change and it all starts with the owner, Leon Hess and head coach Rich Kotite. These two men stand for everything we just talked about: losing, complacency, not caring about winning and not caring about us long, suffering Jets fans. It's the Jets. They have no worry in the world as long as they have a job and money in their pockets. This is what makes the Jets the most disgraceful franchise in the history of team sports. But this is no surprise to me because I've lived through this stuff before because I've been a Jets fan forever it seems. I know the real reason why this is the way it is. Why? Because it's the Jets.

QUICKOUTS: Great job by the Yankees finally winning that elusive AL East title and now will be playing the Texas Rangers in the playoffs. The Yankees, behind strong starting pitching from the likes of potential AL Cy Young winner Andy Pettite and David Cone, will finally solve the jinx of winning in Texas and should win this series in four games.....If the Mets do not re-sign Bernard Gilkey (which they should), look for them to make a pitch for Boston's Mike Greenwell, who will be a free agent.....USA!USA! That was a great finish to the World Cup hockey tourney with Team USA shocking Canada to win the decisive third game. Canada's choke job in the World Cup will go down as one of the great gags of all time. Ranger goalie Mike Richter was spectacular and received MVP award. He's primed for a big season with the Rangers after last year's disappointment.....Kansas City Chiefs' cornerback Dale Carter is the second best cover corner in the NFL. Second behind Deion, of course.....Somebody get Jerry Glanville off the set of HBO's "Inside the NFL". He's awful. Almost as bad as Joe Theismann. By the way, who's he for criticizing Keyshawn Johnson?! I met this guy personally and I'll say this about this punk: He's a jerk, he acts like a jerk and he talks like a jerk. Did I mention the fact that he's a jerk? He should see a doctor. I know a good one just perfect for him. How about Dr. Kevorkian?

(Tom Krasniqi can be heard every Sunday night on "Sports Action" from 8pm -10pm on 88.9FM WSIA Staten Island. Don't miss it!)