

Strange Bedfellows?

***Volpe, Reynolds Put
Aside Differences To
Bask In Ceremony
Glow; Students Plan
Protests***



CUNY Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds, here with CSI President Edmond Volpe, will be at the New Campus Dedication Ceremony on October 14th, along with Governor Cuomo and Mayor Dinkins.

Exposed!

**DOSSIER RESULTS IN
MOTION TO "KICK
NYPIRG OFF THE
CAMPUS AT THE
EARLIEST POSSIBLE
MOMENT."**

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SG LIVID OVER NYPIRG DOSSIER

File Sparks Cry for Lobby Group's Expulsion

by D R O'CONNELL

An internal memorandum from the offices of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) has led to the passage of several retaliatory measures by the CSI Student Government.

Entitled *CSI Transition Memo*, the twenty seven page report on "the friends and enemies of NYPIRG," was presented to SG on October 7th by Student Senator Tom Taaffe. The memorandum, which contains personal and political information on Student Leaders, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and organizations throughout the school, was written by former NYPIRG Project Coordinator Claude Rolo, as an introductory text for his successor, Ellen Kryacou.

Taaffe, Publications Commissioner, proposed seven motions calling for action to be taken against the Manhattan based lobby group. "I want this (memo) published," he said. "I want every student on the campus to read this ... in toto."

Many Student Senators were concerned that intimate details of peoples private lives were mentioned in the report, including the home lives and personal relationships of some student leaders.

"It's not that bad if they publish our politics, but when they go into our personal lives, it's a disgrace" said Ryan Monroe, who was noted in the report as the "Loudest and most visible member of Student Government."

"It's not just stuff about Student Government," said Finance Commissioner Jessica Rebak. "They put stuff about

professors in here, and various administrators: Dean Jackson, Dean Torre, Allan (DiBiase, Director of Student Services,) ... (some of the notations said) complimentary things, but a lot of them aren't, and a lot of them delve into areas where they have no business. I am very upset about this memo, they said a lot of nice things about me, but ... I don't care, they have no right to invade our privacy like this."

A motion to publish the memo twice was passed unanimously. It would be published immediately upon approval of those mentioned in the report, and again at the end of the academic year. Nothing that a person named in the report found objectionable would be printed. Student Government would allocate funds for such publication.

Taaffe's second motion called for a referendum to "... kick NYPIRG off the campus at the earliest possible moment." This motion was passed unanimously, sidestepping a counter proposal by SG Vice President Cliff Peterson to block student funding of NYPIRG.

Student government also unanimously passed motions to recommend that NYPIRG be removed from its office, that all SG services be denied the organization, that other CUNY campuses and the media be informed about the existence of the memo, and that Student Government demand that NYPIRG provide them with a copy of its budget within ten working days.

Student Senator Sammy Kafah arrived

at the meeting during discussion of the seventh motion, which proposed that SG look into the feasibility of initiating a lawsuit against NYPIRG. Kafah, one of NYPIRG'S three board representatives, abstained from the motion, as did three other senators. Kafah denied knowledge of the memo's existence.

Taaffe noted that "(the memo) recommended that NYPIRG discreetly infiltrate the CUNY Student Union (CSU), so that they could keep tabs on the activities of the CSU, lest the CSU turn out to have a political agenda at odds with NYPIRG."

Student Senators expressed shock and outrage over the memo and its contents. "Frankly, NYPIRG is student supported and it shouldn't have tabs on us, and we

shouldn't be allies or non allies... especially under student funding," said SG President Nanci Richards, a founder of the CSI chapter of the CSU.

Meri Kaufman, Student Services Commissioner, noted that a NYPIRG representative addressing her sociology class "...got terribly violent" when she asked where NYPIRG'S money went.

In commenting upon remarks made about him in the memo, Taaffe said "Last year, I was not necessarily opposed to NYPIRG, I simply wanted to see the money better allocated on the campus, and I wanted to see where their money went. Apparently this has made me an enemy of theirs." Taaffe, Peterson, and Monroe had requested a copy of NYPIRG'S budget last fall.

FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF MOTIONS PASSED BY STUDENT GOVERNMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE CSI TRANSITION MEMO. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MOTION NUMBER SEVEN, ALL WERE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE MOTIONS

- 1) Motion to publish the memo twice (subject to approval of those parties mentioned,) and that SG allocate funds necessary for its complete publishing.
- 2) Motion to add a referendum to the ballot to kick NYPIRG off the campus at the earliest possible moment.
- 3) Motion to deny NYPIRG copying privileges from SG office, and deny all services from SG office henceforth.
- 4) Motion to recommend that NYPIRG be removed from their offices.
- 5) Motion to inform other campuses and the media
- 6) Motion for SG to demand a copy of NYPIRG'S budget, including a breakdown of how student funds are being used on this campus, within 10 working days.
- 7) Motion that SG seek the feasibility of initiating a lawsuit against NYPIRG for slander, misappropriation of student money and whatever else a lawyer can think of. (Approved 8 to 0 with 4 abstentions)

Tape Contradicts NYPIRG Statement

by Laura Sabe-Ojaste

The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), a "student-run, student-directed" organization, has been targeted for expulsion from campus by the student government of CSI. This follows the release of an internal NYPIRG document to student government by publications commissioner Tom Taaffe.

The twenty seven page memorandum, written by Claude Rolo, 1992 Program coordinator for NYPIRG, lists the "administrators to know" over 2 1/3 pages. Three additional pages are dedicated to NYPIRG "Rules and Helpful Hints/Guidelines". These contain such basic information as how to obtain lock and keys, tabling, poster, banners, room reservation, mail, copying services, obtaining ID, parking, and internships.

The subsequent 21 pages are dedicated to summarizing the personal and political lives of administration faculty, students and staff. Included are highly personal details of medical histories, romantic involvements. It goes on to classify certain individuals as "Homophobic", and label the political beliefs of many students as "Commie and Marxist".

Several students have been therefore motivated to request a refund of the NYPIRG portion of their student activity fee. NYPIRG is partially funded by student activity fees.

In an interview, Ellen Kryacou, current NYPIRG Project Co-Ordinator, stated that the document was removed from her bag.

The College Voice has obtained an audio tape which refutes this. In a conversation with interns and volunteers, Ms Kryacou states that she "had it in a drawer." In another part of the tape, Ms. Kryacou was told that witnesses had seen the memo on her desk "a few times."

NYPIRG has been publicly challenged by student leaders regarding their lack of involvement in preventing consolidation. In the memo, Rolo states that he "explained that NYPIRG took the position that the consolidation plan was an outgrowth of the devastating budget cuts to higher education over the last few years and that getting our politicians to fund higher education would be the only solution."

NYPIRG is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. Ralph Nader has been invited to speak at the affair. Many volunteers are looking forward to see what Mr. Nader has to say.

Now that Student Government has proposed a referendum to expell NYPIRG from the campus, the lobby group is gearing up for a fight. When NYPIRG was attacked on other campuses, they mobilized personnel from other locations to help maintain public favor. NYPIRG has a relatively positive track record, as they have helped to pass some important bills, and lobbied very strongly on environmental issues. However, the student body is left with the dilemma of weighing the good work they have done against the decision to vote against working on the consolidation issue.

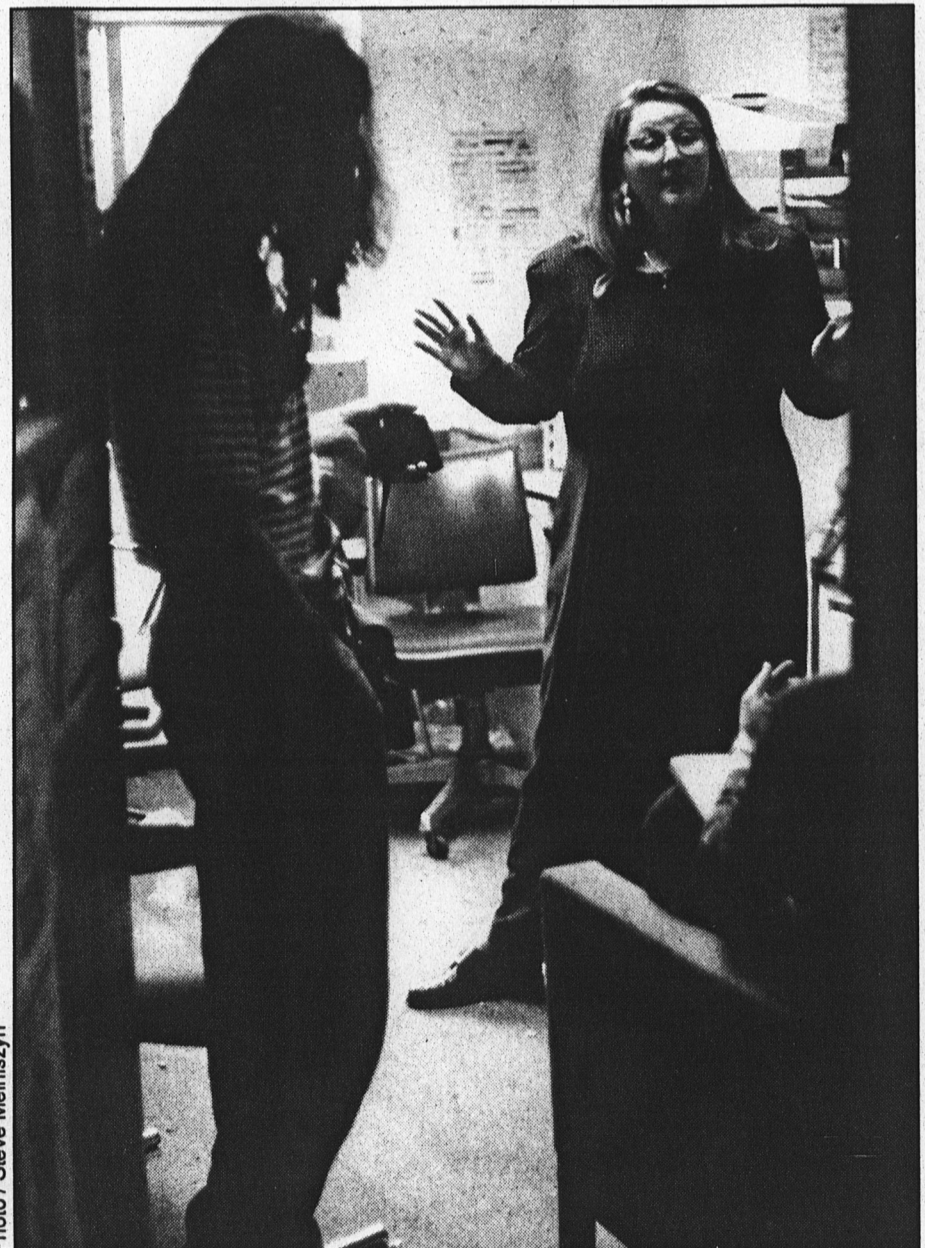


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NYPIRG-er from Murray St. denies that the dossier is sanctioned by NYPIRG.

NYPIRG Waffles On Consolidation

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CSI FACULTY CENSURES CHANCELLOR

by Jusuf Fuduli

On Oct. 6th, in building 6S, a general faculty meeting was held to discuss the difficulties CSI has encountered as a result of the policies of central administration, and its head, Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds. The agenda of this meeting, which was attended by student activists, faculty, professional Congress union representatives, CSI President Volpe and Vice President Resner, was to vote on a faculty resolution, which among other things, voiced its loss of confidence in the Chancellor, and her ability to run CUNY in a manner which respected the roles of local faculty in decision making processes.

This resolution is not unlike those of a host of other colleges, including City, Hunter, and Lehman, which are also disgusted by the Chancellor's actions. At the root of this displeasure is the Chancellor's efforts to consolidate all present CUNY campuses. This would turn every campus into a branch that houses a specific academic department, under the control of central administration. Such structuring would eliminate the hopes of any professor or student to attend one campus or borough. This would, in the words of Vice President Resner, "take away the distinctive nature and character of a local college."

The start of the meeting was concerned with modifying the resolution's wording. Calls were made for stronger language to be used against the Chancellor. This was eagerly met by cries for the Chancellors resignation, or removal by the Board of Trustees. Each call for Reynolds' liquidation was greeted with applause.

The purpose of the resolution was unanimously supported by the faculty, who are in turn backed by a PSC resolution, whose amendments were reiterated by its representative, Prof. Mohammed Yousef. One such resolution from the PSC executive council reaffirms its commitment to the protection of faculty governance rights in academic program planning. There was a debate as to what means should be used to have the resolution's objectives enforced.

More than once was there a call for the involvement of the Board of Trustees, whose importance is recognized by President Volpe. He went on to say "(the board is) very much behind the Chancellor." There is a great deal of apprehension as to the

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Prof. Greenberg**



Photo by Nanci Richards
Prof. Yusef addresses colleagues at General Faculty meeting dealing with the Cole memorandum.

success of the resolution, especially on the part of the President. His job may be on the line if the Chancellor is not rebuked (see Cole memorandum p.) Aside from the president's fate in this ongoing dispute, a great number of the faculty are concerned with their own positions. This was most clearly seen in the words of Prof. Greenberg, who after attending a previous meeting with Vice Chancellor Freeland, came away with such a feeling of distrust, that he remarked "As long as she's (Reynolds) Chancellor, we're (faculty) going to be in danger."

All in all, the arguments of those present were fairly consistent with the framework of the resolution, which was only directed towards the problems the faculty had with the Chancellor's measures. The only exception was Prof. Peter Simpson, who stated that the Chancellor's proposals have done worse than disregard faculty rights. In his words: "She's not

respecting the rights of students either." Prof. Simpson also spoke in favor of the resolution that Lehman college faculty had adopted, which declared that they would call upon the Board of Trustees to remove the Chancellor from office. This resolution also included the position of the student body.

While the details of the various resolutions which have been adopted by different colleges are many, they are all constant in their objections to central administration and their policies. This state of affairs, brings about a vital question: How is it that the Chancellor's plans, which are universally distrusted by students and faculty, can still be approved by the Board of Trustees. This inherently reveals a defect in the structure of power in the CUNY system, which has been seen as an aversion to democratic input of students, staff, and faculty.

W. Ann Reynolds: Evolution of an Autocrat

- Graduates with a bachelor of science degree from Kansas State Teacher's college in 1968. Later earns a Ph. D. in Zoology from the University of Iowa.
- Becomes Chancellor of the 360,000 student Cal-State University system, moving from Ohio St. where she had earned the nickname, "Queen Ann."
- Is embroiled in controversy when a Cal-State campus president suffers a heart attack and dies, two weeks after Reynolds had, in a heated and intense discussion, basically told him to resign. The president of San Diego St. is later quoted as saying, of a similar session he had with Reynolds, "...they are brutalizing, and extraordinarily stressful."
- Her mannerisms and working style gain recognition, such as the quick and decisive way in which she stifles dissent of any form. She also seems to be forging an agenda aimed at centralizing Cal-State's administrative power in her own office.
- Meets secretly with the Cal-State trustees, and is granted a 43% pay raise (\$136,000 to \$195,000). Many of Reynolds top assistants also receive salary hikes. These raises are never disclosed publicly. All the while, Reynolds is earning another five figures as a member of several corporate boards.
- It takes a press leak to finally reveal the existence of the raises and students—who have recently had their tuition raised—and faculty—unable to finalize an agreement that would less-than-marginally raise their own salary—demand answers. In addition, the California State Legislature, citing the poor condition of the Cal-State system, demand a justification.
- To the shock of the Cal-State board of trustees, Assemblyman Bob Campbell presents two letters, written in 1984 and 1986 apparently by Reynolds, promising that all discussions concerning executive pay raises would be discussed openly and in public. Reynolds, facing a now-hostile board of trustees, says she does not recall writing the letters.
- Reporters also discover that Reynolds is spending \$10,000 monthly on upkeep at her and her husband's state-owned home in Bel-Air. State workers are used, it is reported, to maintain the tennis courts and repair the wine cellar.
- The board of trustees grills Reynolds and the writing on the wall says, essentially, the board longer desires Reynolds' services. She resigns citing her successes, such as

the new higher entrance standards at Cal-State. She is looking to stay on for several more months, but is moved out of her spacious office and Bel-Air home.

- Six weeks later, W. Ann Reynolds is named the new chancellor at CUNY, assuming the stewardship of the nation's largest urban campus system at \$160,000 a year. She is hired despite the fact that neither the Chair nor the Vice-Chair of Cal-State's board of trustees are interviewed, or asked for their opinion of the Chancellor.

- CUNY's tuition is hiked and its budget slashed.
- CPI, the College Preparatory Initiative, is proposed, a Reynolds-approved method of raising standards for entrance into CUNY. Many see this as a means of further eroding CUNY's open admissions policy.

- The CUNY board of trustees, for the 1991-92 year, approves another tuition hike, making for a 98% increase in CUNY's tuition in two years. In addition, Assemblyman Edward Sullivan, Chair of the Assembly's Higher Education Committee, criticizes Reynolds for approving what he believes are harsh tuition hikes, and for what he sees as Reynolds backing down from past assurances that she would not raise tuition more than \$300. Tuition at CUNY is now about \$1,800 a year. It was free until 1976. Programs and full-time faculty are slashed to the tune of up to \$20 million. The Governor is silent.

- In what many see as a move to consolidate control in her office, Reynolds approves changes in the University's student disciplinary process. The harsher process is also seen as a means of quelling any future opposition, such as that which fought against the budget cuts and tuition hikes. A new security director is hired with experience in "anti-terrorist" situations, again an apparent reaction to protesting. New York is now ranked 49th of the 50 states in its spending on higher education.

- CUNY's board of trustees votes to restructure the College Association by-laws, effectively stripping students of the control they once had over the decimation of the student activity fee. Many see it as Reynolds' way of preventing student protesters from having their legal fees paid with student money, and, ultimately, another step in the shift of power at CUNY into administrative hands.

- In an attempt to strike back at her political enemies, Reynolds seeks to relocate the John D. Calandra Italian-American Research institute from Manhattan to CSI, much

to the dismay of staff at the institute and the New York State Legislature. The director of the institute, Joseph Scelsa, now one of Reynolds' most bitter adversaries, sees his staff dwindle from 31 to four. Italian-American staff at CUNY fight back through the courts and time and time again, CUNY is reprimanded for outright discrimination. It is later revealed that even CSI President Edmond Volpe was wary of the institute coming to CSI, and the political earthquake that may ensue. If they continue to refuse to settle out-of-court, CUNY may be found guilty of discrimination in December, 1993.

- Echoing her actions in California, 20 administrators at CUNY are given raises, some in the area of \$20,000, despite the sad fiscal situation of both the University and the state.

- In what could only be viewed as monumental *deja vu* all over again, Reynolds proposes the Goldstein report—consolidation—which seeks to cut costs by phasing out certain programs at some schools and strengthening them at others. The giant sucking sound that follows is the overwhelming opposition by students and faculty, and even administrators and some college presidents, who see it as perhaps the final step in Reynolds' ultimate coordination of power. Indeed, even Reynolds can not ignore this resounding response. The Goldstein report is tossed aside and over the summer of 1993, a document that is consolidation by any other name is quietly approved by the board of trustees. With student's way from campuses, the opposition is weak indeed, in the frail form of Tony-award winning playwright Tony Kushner, and Nobel-recipient Toni Morrison, who like many, see it as, among other things, an attack on the working class and the poor. The Governor remains silent.

- Repercussions from this document are felt when CSI is denied some extra funding. Reportedly this is Reynolds way of putting CSI President Edmond Volpe in his place for mildly opposing consolidation. CUNY officials deny this, stating simply that under the guidelines passed in the new consolidation document, such decision are left in the hands of the chancellor.

- Chancellor Reynolds will share the podium with Volpe, Cuomo and other dignitaries, at the dedication ceremonies for CSI's new campus, on October 14th.

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Lobby Group Displays Its Wares

by Andrea Rojas

The New York Public Interest Group (NYPIRG) held its first general interest meeting on October 7 in building 2N. The purpose of the meeting was to inform students on what NYPIRG does and to recruit and recruit new members. Many students came and filled the room.

The first speaker was Diana Colossi, a sophomore at CSI and project leader on toxic waste. She began by saying that NYPIRG is a non-profit organization that works to reform policy in government. They deal with such issues as lead poisoning, higher education, consumer protection, voter the transit system. She is now active in getting city and state legislators to clean up toxic waste at the Brookfield landfill, located on Arthur Kill Road.

The next speaker was Phil Nagi, a junior. He's involved in the Small Claims Court Action Center, a counseling service for first time litigants. The Center shows people how to file a complaint, how to handle oneself in court and how to collect if you win your claim. Nagi explained that the center takes people to an actual small claims court to observe a trial in progress.

The project leader for lead poisoning and prevention is Mary Ellen Saba, a sophomore. She said that lead poisoning is the number one environmental threat to children's health. She and others are working on getting a worker certification bill passed to prevent lead poisoning. They will also visit community groups and discuss how damaging lead poisoning is, and what can be done to prevent this.

Shephvane Nedd is a sophomore and co-project leader for higher education. He spoke about their goals in making city and state legislators stop cutting financial aid and help to stop rising tuition costs. One of their accomplishments is getting more students registered to vote for public officials that are interested in serving our needs in education.

The project leader for recycling is Chris Nagi, a junior. He states that recycling is important if not necessary. Recycling saves energy and landfill space. The Freshkills Landfill in Staten Island alone is the second largest garbage dump in the world.

"And last but certainly not least here's Andre," as one person introduced him. Andre Woods is the project leader for the Straphanger Mass Transit Project. As of last semester, four thousand leaflets from NYPIRG were handed out at the Staten Island ferry terminal. They contained information on mass transit problems and updates on what NYPIRG is doing. They are now working on making a one-city one fare program. Their aim is to have the MTA give weekly and monthly transit passes at affordable rates which will greatly benefit CSI students. He spoke about how badly transit police are needed in the train stations, especially on Staten Island. By providing a sense of security, Islanders will feel more safe when using mass transit. He gives an example in which a friend of his was robbed in

the Stapleton train station and there was not a cop in sight. "For all we know, they're probably sitting in some Dunkin' Doughnuts somewhere," said Mr. Woods.

The keynote speaker, Steve Romowalski, has been with NYPIRG for eleven years. He is also co-author of the book *The Burning Question*. In arguing that recycling is better than incineration, Mr. Romowalski deals with the problem of toxic waste. He begins by explaining that toxic waste is being dumped in our wastelands, landfills and waters. This is a dangerous threat not only Mr. Romowalski to the environment, but to people's health as well. "These problems you're being hit with ... it's not magic, not coincidence. This doesn't just happen. There are people who are

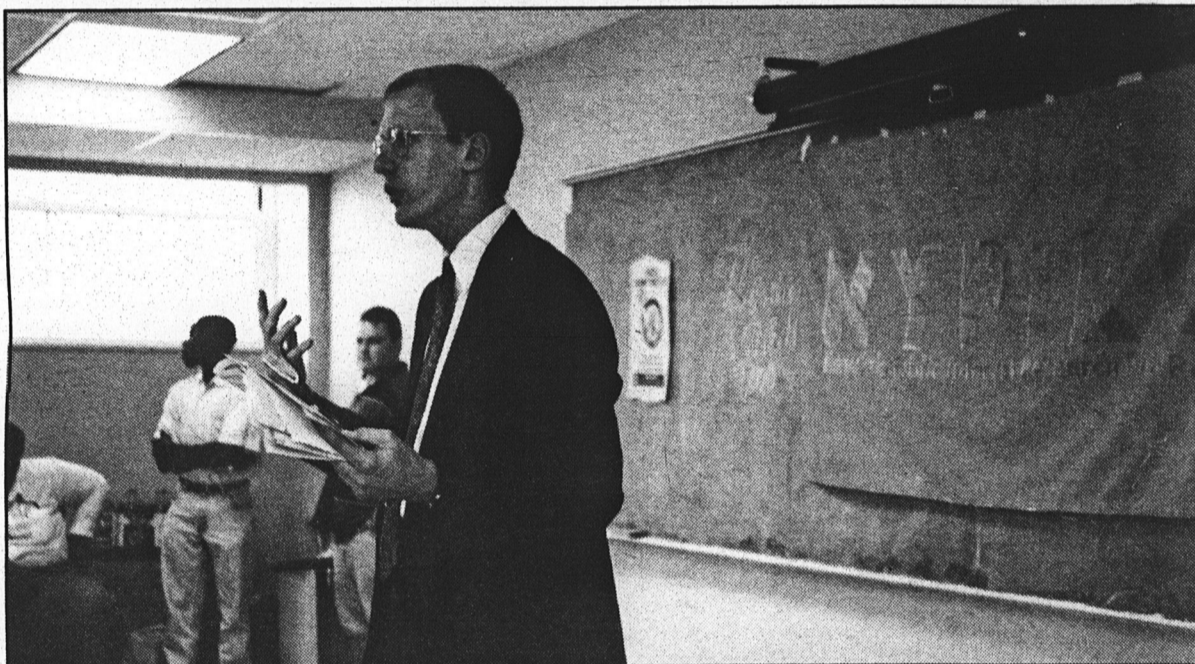
in power making these decisions and letting industry dump all this stuff." He also explained that there are people who don't vote, are not involved, and are not informed that this is even happening. When factories and industries create tens of millions of gallons of toxic waste and dump it into landfills and wastelands, that waste is going to leak out and migrate throughout the environment.

One of NYPIRG's victories was that they had stopped any more toxic waste from being dumped in the Brookfield landfill. Mr. Romowalski pointed out that this is NYPIRG's twentieth anniversary and that there will be a fall conference on November 5, 6, and 7th at SUNY Binghamton in upstate N.Y.

NYPIRG Refuses To Condemn Consolidation

When Samara Rifkin, co-project leader of NYPIRG, was asked how NYPIRG voted on consolidation, she said that the issue was at no point brought up to the board of directors. "NYPIRG does not handle consolidation," said Miss Rifkin. Shephvane Nedd stated that NYPIRG's only goal for higher education is to stop tuition hikes and get more financial aid for students. When asked what NYPIRG was doing about consolidation, a board member, Sam Kafah, reluctantly replied "I knew you were going to ask me that. Consolidation is not an issue with NYPIRG." Mr. Romowalski, elaborated that other groups such as the United States Student Association (USSA) are more effective than NYPIRG in handling the consolidation issue.

—Rojas



Steve Romowalski addresses students attending NYPIRG general interest meeting.

COUNTER DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZED FOR THE 14th

by John Paul Patafio

On October 5th, fourteen people met in the Student Government office in an attempt to form a united front against the Dedication Ceremony to be held at the Willowbrook Campus on October 14th.

The discussion, called for by several student activists, started off by discussing the need to hold a counter demonstration. There were several different perspectives discussed, such as what tactics to use, but it was decided that each group would be able to present its own politics into the demonstration. The targets of the demonstration are the politicians who will be in attendance on the 14th, (among them, New York's Governor Mario Cuomo and New York's Mayor David Dinkins) and the Chancellor of CUNY, W. Ann Reynolds.

There was, however, disagreement on how to contend with President Volpe. Some students believe that since he is part of the administration he should be a target of protest as well. Others, however, felt that since the President and the Chancellor have been at opposite ends of the ideological spectrum on several issues, most prominently the consolidation proposal, some believed that the President should be supported. The outcome was that each group should approach the demonstration from their own viewpoint.

What the groups were in agreement

about, was that the celebration was hypocritical. Student Government President Nanci Richards said, "I feel that it is hypocritical because of the invited guests. The officials who are invited represent the powers that have caused the consistent downsizing of CUNY over the past five years."

The organization of the counter-demonstration also produced the ad-hoc student group, The CSI Emergency Committee. They are confident that the anti-Dedication turnout will be substantial because of the resounding opposition that the Consolidation program yielded. The Chancellor has been overseeing the implementation of this program, which was proposed last December and seeks to phase out and build up certain programs at certain CUNY schools. The Governor and the Mayor support the program, which has been adamantly opposed by most student and faculty coalitions. The focus of the protest at the Dedication will be the consistent downsizing that has taken place at CUNY and the rising cost of attending a public university.

The CSI Emergency Committee is calling on students, faculty and staff to join them in the counter-demonstration.

(Thomas Deignan contributed to this article.)

Access Issue Intensifies

by Luigi Kapaj and JP Patafio

Access to the Student Center has stirred heated debate between students and administration since the latter's decision to revoke the policy of 24 hour student usage of the computer labs and publications offices.

The problem for administration is that the move to the new, larger campus did not come with a bigger budget. The budget for the Campus Center is derived from four sources: The Campus Coordinator's budget; Auxiliary Services; the Game Room; and President Volpe. The amount from Campus Coordinator Mike Daniels' budget is unknown, but the other three parties will contribute about \$30,000 each. As of now the only money funding the Campus Center is coming from Daniels' share and President Volpe.

The tension between Student Government and Administration escalated when it was learned that the issue over access had spilled into Auxiliary Services. On September 23rd Student Government passed a motion that "... no funding for the college sponsored initiatives would be considered by the student government" until 24 hour access is restored. These initiatives include leadership conferences and joint administrative/student funded events. Student representatives on Auxiliary Services supported the measure. They were joined by two faculty members of the board, Prof. Robert Hulton-Baker and Prof. Gloria Garcia. Administration has avoided dealing with the issue. Dean Jackson has countered by threatening that the Campus Center will close earlier on certain days unless she receives more funding.

The issue over access began when the College

Voice demanded that the 24 hour access procedure be reinstated. SG senator Ryan Monroe, sanctioned by Student Government, requested uniform access for the SG office and meeting room, all publications, the computer labs in the center, and study lounge. Dean Jackson and the Campus Coordinator have only promised 24 hour access for the newspaper.

Mike Daniels' position has been to deny 24 hour access until a future date. In a memo sent to the College Voice, dated October 5th, Daniels stated that safety and security measures had to be completed before further discussion on access could begin. No date has been set for completion of these measures. Senator Monroe said, "The memo is nothing but a smokescreen."

Daniels position is backed by Dean Jackson. However, administration's position has been under reconsideration due to a need to turn towards SG money to replace a lack of funding for operation of the Campus Center.

In a memo from President Volpe to Dean Phil Alsworth, an official request was made of Auxiliary Services to fund one third of the \$90,000 needed for the center. The other two thirds would come from Student Government and revenues from the Game Room. When Dean Jackson was forewarned that SG would place conditions on such funding (as they did at their Sept. 23 meeting) she reverted to Volpe for that portion of the requests but only received \$24,000.

The dilemma for the administration has become worse since the two faculty on Auxiliary Services sided with the students. If this block remains between the faculty and students the vote would be 7 to 4 in opposition to administration.

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MEETING CALLED TO DISCUSS DUMP

by Laura Saba-Ojaste

A town meeting has been called for the evening of October 13 at 7:30 at P.S. 32 for all residents of Staten Island. The meeting has been called to discuss the growing concern of Staten Island residents regarding the Brookfield Avenue Landfill on Arthur Kill Road.

Brookfield has been a growing concern for local residents for many years. In 1982 an employee of the Department of Sanitation testified that "tens of millions of toxic-contaminated waste oils and other industrial wastes were dumped during the late 1970's in Brookfield Avenue".

By 1983 Brookfield was placed on the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) list of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites. This new classification resulted in Brookfield Avenue becoming eligible for State Superfund Waste Disposal Site Cleanup.

Ironically, in 1985, a developer chose to build a housing development on land believed to be adjacent to the landfill. One must question how a building permit would be issued to develop land next to a hazardous waste site.

The development, Colonial Squares, was completed and homeowners unsuspectingly purchased homes, never realizing that they were moving next to a potentially dangerous hazardous land fill. Several residents, upon questioning what the Brookfield Landfill was, were told it was a bird sanctuary.

One year later the DEC changed the class designation of Brookfield Avenue landfill, classifying it as a Class 2 inactive hazardous waste site which should be regarded as a "significant threat to the public's health or environment: action required". Unfortunately, no action was taken to clean the land fill.

While funds were allocated to clean up the site in 1991, again no action was taken. Eleven years after confirmation of the illegal hazardous waste disposal action was finally taken only after a local television broadcast on CBS highlighted the concern of citizens of Colonial Square in regard to the high incidence of respiratory ailments. This broadcast inspired Guy Molinari, Staten Island Borough President to attend a town meeting to help focus the crowds actions in regard to this issue. CNN's broadcast of the meeting inspired more political action to be taken.

On June 2, 1993, the office of Borough President Guy V. Molinari issued a press release which mentions that the Borough President requested that the Commissioner personally ensure the investigation of the hazardous waste site. The Borough President states that due to the seriousness of the matter he was "setting aside funds for the testing of samples from the Brookfield/Colonial Square site". He requested that "split-sampling" be done. He determined that half of the sampling would go to the Department of Environmental Conservation and half to independent laboratories. Molinari took this action so that it would "ensure accuracy in sample testing, and is the only way to test the site, now that the government has lost some of its credibility with the community".

The town meeting on Wednesday evening is going to focus on the safety precautions to be taken in the clean up of the landfill.

The meeting is open to all residents of Staten Island.

Students Protest U.S. Role In Somalia

by M.D. Wijerama

A group of five CSI students attended a rally to demand that U.S./U.N. troops leave Somalia immediately. They were supporters of the Revolutionary Socialist Group, formerly called the Village Club. The rally was organized by the International Action Center, an organization politically affiliated to the Workers World Party, a left-reformist organization. It was held indoors at the newspaper Guild on W44th St.. Around 200 people were present of varying age, race and gender.

It was structurally organized in a "Hearing" format that is, all the attendees did was hear. About 8 speakers spoke for 2hrs, after which they concluded and general discussion began informally. The speakers included former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, Rev. Lucius Walker of Pastors for Peace, Dr. Asha Samadof CCNY, Pat Chin of Haiti Commission of Inquiry, Monica Morehead of International Action Center, and Filson Darman of AGDAMIGA amongst others.

Ramsey Clark spoke of the widespread killing and misery all around Africa from Liberia to Angola. He cited the hand of U.S. and other western corporate interests in fueling and perpetuating these conflicts. Firestone, the giant multinational rubber products firm has an important base in Liberia which he claimed guided U.S. foreign policy in the recent civil war there. In Angola, he said, the U.S. supported Jonas Savimbi's UNITA terrorists, who have been carrying out a campaign of death and destruction "of a far greater magnitude than even the carnage in Bosnia."

Pat Chin, who has been leading an investigation into the U.S. role in the ouster of popularly elected President Aristide, and Rev. Lucius Walker, a participant in the recent attempt to break the U.S. economic embargo of Cuba, both spoke of the U.S. interventions in the Americas.

A general theme expressed by the speakers was the "hypocrisy" of U.S. politicians, who talk of "democracy and human rights" and support "dictators and promote right wing terror all over the world". A black Vietnam veteran spoke about the need to "fight racism, poverty and unemployment in the U.S.". He spoke about "the hypocritical posturing about humanitarianism for black Africans, when black Ameri-

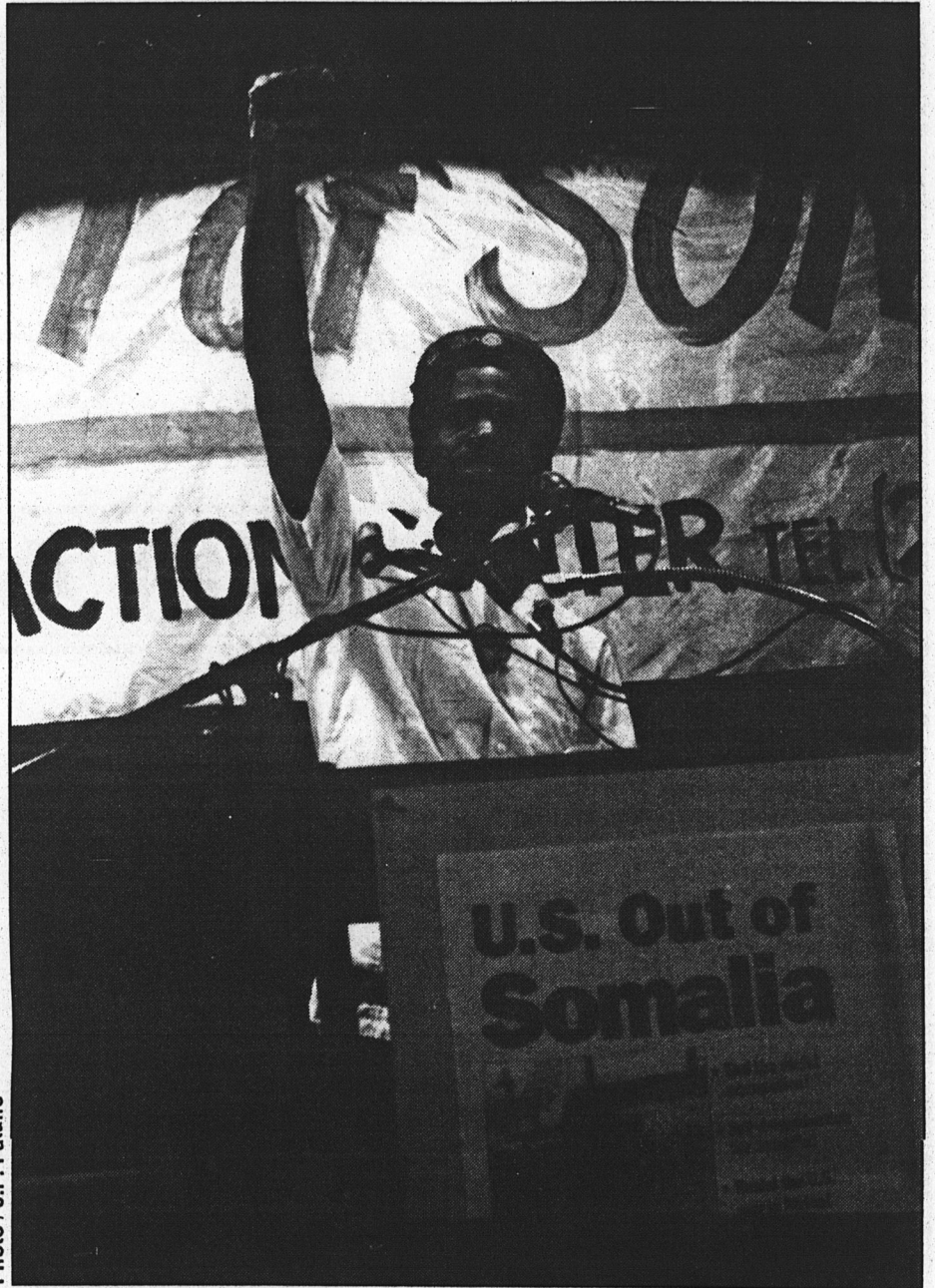


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Johnnie Stevens spoke about how to organize for the demonstration against U.S./U.N. intervention in Somalia which will be held on October 29th.

cans and other oppressed minorities have been systematically subject to police brutality and Third world socioeconomic conditions in the U.S." He added that it is typically "African-Americans, Latinos and poor whites that are used as cannon fodder for the interests of U.S. capitalism".

CSI student Shaista Husain, a supporter of the Revolutionary Socialist Group, out-

lined the aims of the RSG in mobilizing against the U.S./U.N. presence in Somalia. "We want to alert the CSI student body about the reality of the U.S. interests in Somalia," Ms. Husain said. "Somalia has rich deposits of undeveloped oil and uranium and is strategically located at the horn of Africa, a stones throw from Middle East oil fields and from the ex-Soviet Union."

YOUNG AFRICAN ALLIANCE HOLDS GENERAL MEETING

by M.D. Wijerama and Shaista Husain

The Young African Alliance, a new Black student organization, held its general meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 6., during club hours. The meeting, held in 3n-216, was attended by about 50 students.

Miguel Melendez, the president and Holly Williams, the vice-president spoke about the history of Black self organization and the possible activities for the group to engage in this semester.

Melendez spoke first. He stressed the need for "unity of African people". He traced the roots of Black self-determination and resistance in the U.S. and particularly emphasized the importance of the ideas and example of Marcus Garvey and Malcolm X for Black youth today. "We need solidarity of African peoples from the Bronx to

Zimbabwe", Melendez remarked.

A concurrent theme was the significance of the African cultural heritage in promoting self-determination. Melendez characterized this in terms of the principles of Kwanza: "1) Unity 2) self-determination 3) collective work and responsibility 4) collaborative economics or Black enterprise 4) restoring our families and communities to greatness 6) aesthetic beauty, through the Black music and art 7) faith in God, family." He also stressed how these principles will be practiced by the club in the spirit of Kwanza. He mentioned the likelihood of the Young African Alliance organizing a Kwanza celebration in conjunction with the Caribbean Student Union later this semester.

Holly Williams proposed a number of events and services in the spirit of self development for the club to engage in. A co-ed basketball tournament, fam-

ily day and services, including tutoring and typed papers, were amongst a few. Some lively discussion ensued on these points. In addition, the point was made by Melendez that the Alliance would not only be social and recreational in nature, but many political events, forums and debates would add to the agenda. The Alliance would also create the possibilities for an avenue of stimulating dialogue for people of African descent.

Supporters of the Revolutionary Socialist Group who attended the meeting proposed joint action in demonstrating CUNY re-structuring and the poor condition for students at CSI at the Oct. 14 Campus dedication, and co-sponsorship of a forum to demand U.S./U.N. troops out of Somalia. These matters are to be discussed and decided upon by the Young African Alliance.

Interview With President Volpe

JP: I was wondering if we could start with the New Campus.

V: Sure.

JP: The new campus, it seems like we moved a little early and I wanted to get your feeling on that....do you think we moved early? Why did we move this se-

alot of concession on the part of the dormitory authority, that we were waiting as 17 buildings is a lot of buildings all at once to be ready.

struction going on and there are some dangers....security said that there are some loose wires. I mean these are things we are hearing from some deans.

V: Loose wires? Not at all! It is an absolute myth.

JP: Oh.....come on.

V: You are not talking about live wires, right?

JP: Well I don't know if they are live wires or not....I'm not an electrician.

V: Well I don't know what you are talking about then.

JP: Well then if you go by the library there's some hoses sticking out and some wires there.

V: They are not dangerous at all.

JP: Don't you think it would have been better.....well I don't want to get stuck on this...

V: Not at all.

JP: Well, don't you think it would have been better in 6 months and people came here with the library fully ready and

V: The library is functional.

JP: Yes, but....

V: So what. Who's being hurt or their education being stopped by being here. Nothing.

JP: Well there's inconveniences.

V: Inconvenience! For God's sake you have a beautiful campus!

JP: You think the positives outweigh the negatives.

V: Absolutely and more than that, I don't think it would have been any different....see all the inconveniences are things that almost would have been inevitable when you move into a new facility. In fact the incidences are minimal in comparison of what could've been happening. I'm really very pleased and I understand that there is a traffic problem, there is a parking problem, we know that....these are not easy issues to resolve. And I don't think it would've been any different.

JP: So when do you think this will be done?

V: We are scheduled to have the Center for the Arts....part of it....is scheduled to be ready in February. Now whether that is going to be true or not, I cannot tell you.

JP: So you think that in the fall '94 semester, the campus should be completed?

V: We will take over the physical education building in August....and I don't know if the swimming pool is going to be.

JP: Okay, Okay.

V:..you know....but we will assume responsibility for that in August and by next fall everything will be ready, there's only two more buildings.

JP: And we are talking about the grounds as well?

V: Well....the ballfields will be ready by I think Spring.

JP: So you are happy with the new campus, you are happy with the way things are turning out. There are some problems with the move but you don't think they could've been prevented and if they could've been prevented there would've been other problems which would have arose.

V: I think anybody moving in. If you move into a home which is newly built, you are going to have a 6 month to a year period of problems.

JP: But you wouldn't move into a home without a sink in there, which is kind of like some of the problems here?

V: If you moved into a home which had two sinks and needed another one you would move in, especially when you have to pay alot of rent and not be there.

JP: Lets move on to another subject which is a little more complicated, it deals with Chancellor Reynolds. First I would like to get your opinion on the memo. I read it recently, the one written by Susan Cole, and it was pretty clear as to what their position is, as far as concerning you. And I would like to have your opinion on that. We can start from there. What do you think the reason was? Dave Hershensin said it was a mistake, he is there PR man.

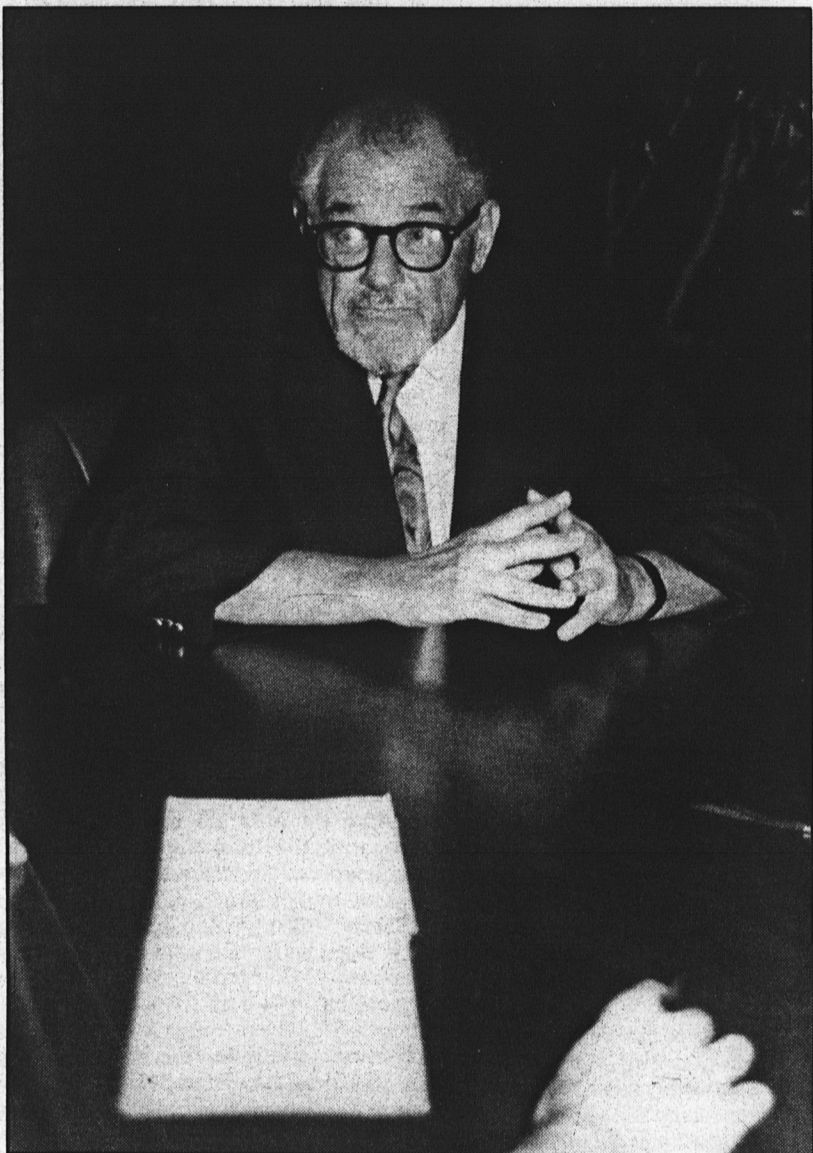
V: Well it certainly was not something I enjoyed learning about...I was in Japan at the time. We talked when I returned. It's my sense that it has to do with the opposition that this campus and myself, raising an objection to a centralized planning process. I can't prove that. All I can do is say that "You said it's a mistake", okay, I accept that it's a mistake and I leave it at that and then we go forward.

JP: You think it has to do with consolidation and the student movement and the faculty movement that had opposition, and you signing the written document which was against the consolidation movement. Does it have anything to do with the CUNY Italian-American issue.

V: I don't think so.

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mester? If we could've put it off one more semester? The site would have been completed, the construction would have been done and the facilities would have been ready to have students in them. For example the College Voice doesn't have any of, you know the equipment it's supposed to have isn't there yet. So there's some problems and that's throughout the school.

V: Right.

JP: And when do you think, what is the projected finishing date?

V: There's several answers to the question and Number one: We had no choice in the matter.

JP: You had no choice in the matter?

V: Right.

JP: Can you just ex....

V: (interrupts) We, the dormitory authority, the state dormitory authority, is the builder, they control all the contracts, they control everything that is happening on this campus. And they know when its done. Their rules are that a building must be occupied as soon as it is finished. The reason for that is very simple. If you take equipment in and you have warranties and you are not using them and you don't have a chance to work with them at all, that includes everything that is put into that building and if you have a building that is equipped, empty, you are asking for all sorts of trouble. Vandalism, whatever. So that they want to turn over those buildings as quickly as possible. I don't think there is an 'th' .g that has happened this semester as .we moved in that would not have happened had we moved in next semester, next year or three years from now as all of these are last minute things in a massive construction project here. We waited for 17 buildings to come on line and that was

JP: yeah but don't you think like.....

V: What was hurt in all of this? Tell me. There was no incidence. Everybody got started on time. The classes are being taught. Now there is a little bit of inconvenience.

JP: Well you can use that as a....

V: I don't think we could have done better. Because we don't know.

JP: You don't think that if we would have been held off one semester.....

V: Not at all..

JP: Just to have some of the....where we are not allowed to have 24 hour access because some of the grounds aren't completed.

V: Why should you need it? Is it preventing education?

JP: No but the College Voice needs it to get out a newspaper.

V: Yeah but that is furniture.

JP: No, but what I am saying is that there are certain things about this campus that are limiting....I mean there is some con-



A Gala of Hypocrisy

On the 14th the administration is celebrating the opening of this dysfunctional campus. The invited guests are well known to the students and faculty of CUNY. The esteemed Governor has passed legislation that has cut deeply into the funding of CUNY and has raised the tuition over 125%. He has hired a Chancellor that has enforced austerity in California, and was forced to resign (fired?) because of her tactics. Of course, all of this is unintentional, the woes of the economy are to blame for our present dilemma. Nonsense! If the political will were there the money and ingenuity could be found as well. However, the politicians (of both parties) give rhetorical speeches of how things should be, while enacting the policies of Wall St. At the "celebration" one thing is for certain, the students, staff and faculty are going to hear speeches in defense of a public education by those that do it most harm, and all those on stage will applaud the loudest. Say "NO" to hypocrisy! Student, staff, and faculty join the counter-demonstration.

Bourgeois Humanitarian Aid and Democracy

Two world events that are making the front pages these days are good examples of the current dilemma of the New World Order. In Somalia Operation Relief(?!), aided by the media which displayed "helpless" starving people, veiled its neo-colonialist intentions behind a good Samaritan deed. The intention of the US elite is to carve up the Horn of Africa, with its rich mineral resources (e.g., oil and uranium), and control its strategic location. It is a prime piece of property no longer fought for between the two superpowers. The US should have realized that relief in the form of Cobra helicopters and marines is not wanted, but then again giving relief is never the intention of US intervention. As one activist said at a recent rally, "When women and children begin to pick up guns, it's time to get out." US/UN out of Somalia!

Another issue on the front pages these days is the fiasco in Russia. The "elected" president Boris Yeltsin, pulled a classic Bonapartist coup. In a well orchestrated plan *democracy* was outlawed in the name of "democracy," and was supported by the Western democratic countries. Not only were his opponents locked up, but the press was shut down and the right to assemble has been banned. (If President Clinton ordered tanks upon Congress and forbid its right to function how would the people in this country respond?) But why is Clinton and the other Western powers supporting Yeltsin's obstruction of (bourgeois) democracy? If free-market capitalism is going to exploit labor and create new markets to sell its commodities, then the private property (in all its manifestations) needs to take root. The Parliament, with its equally bad politics, was an obstacle that had to be removed so that this process could move on quickly. In the end, the issue is not one of "democracy" but the interest of capital at any expense, even bourgeois democracy. No support for the Bonapartist coup.

A Letter From SG

The following was sent to CUNY Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds

Dear Dr. Reynolds,

We are writing to you to protest the punitive actions that you have taken against our school and our President, Dr. Volpe. The dismissive and vindictive remark made in the Cole Memorandum is par for the course in dealing with your administration. Instead of correcting the inequity in funding that our school receives in comparison to the other senior colleges, you have chosen to punish us for opposing your duplicitous and poorly thought out APP Report. The Machiavellian way that you have pursued the process of reform within our University no longer amazes us. It is something that we expect. You do not care at all for the education of the students that are in your school system, simply for the power and resources that you can centralize in your growing fortress at 80th street.

We condemn you for singling out Dr. Volpe in this memorandum and for freezing your discretionary spending levels at our college "until the appointment of a new President." Our college's response to the APP Report was a tri-lateral effort involving administration, faculty and students from every sector of the campus. Students were involved in all phases of its writing and we stand behind its conclusions. Your nakedly political response to our college's opposition to the APP Report is only matched by the backroom games you have played since report was roundly criticized by everyone not currying your favor.

We will not stand idly by as you attempt to undermine the position of our President, our college and our University. Any retaliation against Dr. Volpe or our college will be perceived (sic) as an attack on the student body and the larger community of Staten Island. We demand that you publicly renounce the Cole Memorandum, unfreeze your discretionary spending levels at our College and apologize for your reprehensible behavior towards our President. If you cannot properly provide services to ALL the students of this University, and not just those that succor your beneficence, then perhaps you are not qualified to run this University.

Surely this is not a proper way to run so fine and historically proud an institution. We hope that, upon reflection you will realize this fact and take those measures necessary to rectify this situation. Thank you for your consideration of this matter and we await your reply.

Passed unanimously (sic) by the Student Government of the College of Staten Island on September 23, 1993

THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY

by JUSUF FUDULI

How I pity our poor President Clinton. The man has been under undue strain these past few days because of the crisis in Russia. Many tumults have rocked that nation since its president, Boris Yeltsin, defied the Russian constitution by dismissing the law making branch of government (the parliament.)

At first, one could only speculate as to why Yeltsin would do such a thing. I had assumed that Boris Yeltsin was driven mad by a lust for power. These thoughts were dispelled when I heard Yeltsin's explanation for his actions.

His reason for disbanding publicly elected lawmakers, and dissolving both constitution and state, effectively placing all power in his own hands, was to preserve Russia's budding democracy. To ensure his democratic goals he has to employ forceful tactics, such as having demonstrators dispersed by riot police, and ordering tanks to fire on the Russian White House because it was used as a refuge by parliament members. This progression of logical responses on the part of Yeltsin should relieve some people who might have mistaken him for a dictator.

Yet it would seem that such reasoning does not satisfy all people. Each time the Yeltsin supportive military kills protesting citizens (whose support of their constitution rationalizes their being referred to as rebellious hardliners,) our dear president is called out to answer the questions of prying reporters. To his credit, the president has repeatedly reaffirmed his denouncement of those who would stand up to Yeltsin. This is a very understandable stance for President Clinton to take, since both he and Yeltsin have found resistance to their respective reform efforts.

The Russian parliament has been most ignorant in its disobedience of Yeltsin's dictates; instead of accepting the absolute wisdom of presidential prerogative, the Russian assembly chose to abuse the concept of democracy, by using the power of a majority to rebuke Mr. Yeltsin's measures.

Clearly, Yeltsin had to do away with such tyranny. What better alternative could there be than the military? Compromise could also be a consideration, but it is both tiresome and clearly outdated. While these events are enough to occupy and distract the mind, I cannot help wondering if our own president takes heart from Yeltsin's example and begins fostering his own ideas with more vigor. If such were the case, then we would be likely to see the sprouting of a new ideal of democracy.

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BORIS, IT'S ABOUT TIME!

by DR O'Connell

When I heard about the tanks rolling into Moscow, I reached instinctively for my wallet. Not because I thought taxes would go up, as a result of all the aid that's bound to pour into Russia. Not because I thought I could make a killing on Wall St. speculating while others panicked. I was thinking about gambling debts Russia's president owed me from about a week earlier.

Boris Yeltsin and I go way back. I first met him about three years ago, just after he climbed down off that tank during the first hard liner putsch. I was selling weapons at the time, and I was in the old USSR trying to scoff up some used AK-47s left over from the Afghan war. Good automatic rifles don't come cheap, unless you buy them in bulk, and I had a standing offer in the northwest corner of Europe for cheap rifles in bulk. You figure it out. S

Anyway, there he was climbing down off that tank, and the idea hit me that I could make a ton of money without ever boarding an airplane. I mean, here was a guy who could really use a lot of automatic weapons fast, no questions asked. I tried working him over, since most *Ivan come latelies* on the revolutionary scene are pretty damn gullible, especially when it comes to buying hardware.

Boris was as cordial as you'd expect, given his situation. In fact, he was far more cordial to me that day than I have ever seen him since. We began our negotiations over a liter of Stollis and a friendly round of cards. The telegrams and faxes were pouring in by the wheelbarrow, but Boris

wouldn't read any but the most important: George Bush; Mick Jagger; Dave Thomas. Even in those days, Boris knew which side of his bread the butter was on.

He was, and always has been, a shrewd talker. Even my interpreter, Emil, was impressed, and Emil has heard some of the most outrageous lies ever uttered. Indeed, Boris reminded me of John Adams in that, although he could be downright boorish, he was honest, his cause was just, and he would argue like hell until everyone else believed it also. Especially when he had a bit of vodka in him. By the time we opened our fourth bottle, I decided to give him my entire shipment wholesale.

Ever since then, I have had nothing but admiration for the man. I mean, anyone who can convince me to give up a huge profit is worthy of both my respect and friendship. In the years since then, I have become his unofficial Minister of Black Market Goods, and have seriously enjoyed beating him at poker whenever I get a chance. And you wondered where all that foreign aid went.

I was playing cards with him one Sunday last month, after that big patriotic celebration where they played the *1812 Overture*, and a host of his supporters held an orgy of Borismania. I warned him of what was coming:

"So, glamour boy," I said "You wowed 'em at the palace, but what are you going to do about those yahoos in the White House."

"They don't worry me," he replied, "What are they

going to do without food, water, or electricity"

"You'd better be worried, man. What if they've got somebody like me on their side? The ones inside are armed as it is."

He thought about that for a moment, as he opened a new bottle and took a healthy slug.

"What use is weaponry," he asked, "when you haven't got the strength to pull the trigger? Besides, they have no one supplying them anything. My people tell me so."

"Balls!" I said, taking the bottle. "Your people don't even know if they're still holding pilots from Korea. You'd better take 'em out while you can."

"I can 'take 'em out' any time I feel like," he replied, seizing the vodka. "Besides, if I start shooting now, I will look just as bad as Gennady Yanayev and his gang of Hoodlums. If I let the Commies and Fascists start the shooting, and wait for the last possible moment to crush them, I'm the good guy. Then everybody's happy, G-7 gives us billions, big corporations make new investments, and before you know it, the people vote for my supporters in December."

"Boris," I said, "I hope you're a far better gambler at politics than at poker."

"And why is that, Douglas Robertovich?"

"Royal flush. Pass the Stollis."

The Utility of Hypocrisy

by Cliff Hagen

Just back from a near fatal bout with fundamental Christianity, I've come to confess my hypocrisy. I have sold out.

As the director of Staten Island Day Habitation, a program of the Association for Children with Retarded Mental Development (ACRMD), I am every boss that I loved to hate. As a car owner, as a TV watcher, as a tie buying bourgeois, I am every man that I have lambasted in print. I have a girlfriend, enjoy *Seinfeld*, and don't know a damn thing about Bosnia. I don't even drink beer anymore. I'm a hypocrite.

Nights are difficult. I wake panicked by dreams I forget. I shiver, quake, and take inventory of days gone by. Done in a heartbeat I stammer off to sleep.

Every night is disrupted by this existential somethingness.

The days are worse. There is no opportunity to sleep during the day. Moments are stretched, hours are endless. The boredom scares me. That fear thrills me and the thrill fills my mind with guilt. It's the rapture of routinization.

Perhaps the worst part of it all is that I wouldn't have it any other way.

Hell, isn't it the American dream; rolling in dough, falling in love, laying in bed? It's what my forefathers never fought for. It's what I've always been warned of.

It's life!

Let me explain. Imagine how crowded buses would be if nobody drove a car. Imagine the traffic if folks didn't stay home watching TV. Imagine how lonely life would be without someone to share it with. The utility of my car outweighs my health. The utility of having a girlfriend far outweighs evenings mano-a-momo. Life is utilitarian, the greatest amount of pleasure for the greatest amount of people. Utilitarianism is democratic. Majority rules.

If you have never heard of Utilitarianism, then ask about John Stuart Mill. If you have never heard of me, you will. If you have never ... wait till you're married.

Please don't think me crazy, lazy nor suddenly, wonderfully inadequate. I've been inadequate for most of my life. I'm rather sane and work hard at tasks I deem worthy. And I'm no more eager to be pleased and have others pleased than any of you. No! But I am a hypocrite.

Silly me.

THE BARSTOOL BOY

by TC Lynch

It's a gas witnessing someone else screw up, especially when it is a big time cock-up and you have absolutely no direct connection to it. You live off the glow such an event provides for days, weeks maybe, if it's really a monumental gaffe.

When you step out of the shower you draw happy faces in the smoky condensation clinging to your bathroom mirror, a prismatic piece of your grin gleaming in glittering globules dripping from your fingertip as you finish the nose and dot the eyes. You feel better about yourself when some fool goes into the public square and drops his drawers, revealing himself to be the weenie you figured him to be.

You rub the towel briskly about your bare bum and feel gosebumps of excitement dancing and skipping beneath your skinny shanks, your body charged with the glee major scandal provides when it doesn't swirl about your own life. You can sit back and enjoy the spectacle, even shoot a few kicks to the head of the miserable bastard who's *faux pas* enthralls you. For an instant you may glimpse "There but for the grace..." imprinted on the back side of your retinas, but you blink it away a go searching for a can of gasoline to pour on the corpse after finishing your morning ablutions.

Murray Street minion Claude Rolo has provided me with such joy. In the process, he managed to get his employer, the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), thrown off campus, probably costing the group somewhere in the vicinity of eighty grand's worth of Student Activity Fee money to boot.

Like I said, this is a *major* fuck-up.

Rolo is the author of a 27 page manifesto titled "CSI Transition Memo," which recently created the damnest shitstorm this joint's seen since Dino Cenil was shipped off to the CUNY Press. It shows exactly what NYPIRG really is: a group whose only "interest" is using other people's money to promote their political and social agendas, regardless of whether the the people whose money they use agree with NYPIRG.

"The[CSI] students have predominantly come from Staten Island's conservative and insulated community," Rolo writes, foisting up a stereotype commonly employed by his ilk. "Parents here seem to be more protective of their children than most," Rolo adds, deciding that such is a terrible thing, an infringement on these students' lives that smacks of imprisonment.

Well, Claude, let me apologize for Staten Island parents having the temerity to care about their children. I guess it's a character flaw; something that prevents their kids from enjoying the freedom children of thoughtless bastards in the other boroughs luxuriate in.

This memo was supposed to be a field guide to the CSI frontier, giving the new NYPIRG coordinator an overview of who's who and what's what, but in truth it is a crass

political overview of who is friendly toward NYPIRG, and who is an "enemy." It's riddled with personal vindictiveness, lies, and revisionist interpretations of events. It's the single dumbest piece of writing I've ever seen here at CSI (no mean feat, that), simply for the fact that Rolo was stupid enough to write all this dreck down. The boy obviously forgot everything that Watergate taught about weaving the rope that ends up hanging your ass. Rolo possesses, contrary to the opinion he holds of himself, all the political savvy of an amoeba.

And word has it this was the toned-down version of the memo. The first draft was considered too strident in its castigation of those who didn't ride the NYPIRG trolley.

Throughout the document Rolo offers kernals of advice on how to manipulate people for the NYPIRG agenda's greater good. Instructions on how to circumvent school policies are offered, such as where you can go to send faxes without incurring the cost, and how to violate campus policy regarding the number of flyers that can be posted on campus.

Dean Carol Jackson is painted as someone possessing a high schmoozability quotient, while Ellen Krieger, Student Government's secretary, is portrayed as the real person in charge of SG, someone who "runs a pretty tight ship with what she has." The student profiles reek of the paranoid contempt housed in that last quote.

Nanci Richards (SG President): "She is friendly with many of our enemies at other campuses...you should be on guard when speaking with her."

Thomas Taaffe (Publications Commissioner): "...he is one of the main people trying to question our funding...stay on your toes around him and play dumb..."

Some student profiles contain bits of personal information Rolo deserves an ass-whipping for disseminating. He took personal confidences and used them as tools; snippets of information to be used as strategy guidelines.

And then there was the treatment *College Voice* Managing Editor JP Patafio and yours truly received. I'm pretty sure Patafio has issued his response somewhere in this issue, so I'll just concern myself with the bits Rolo had to say about me.

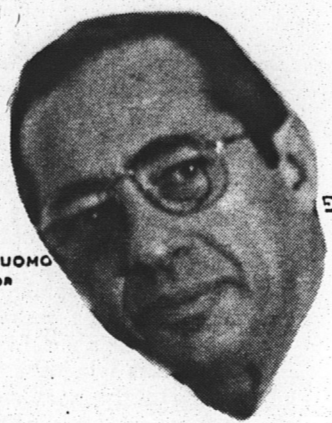
Claude, I didn't become Editor-in-Chief of the Voice when I "pulled a coup." I was elected. And I don't have "a hard time dealing with people [I] am supposed to be working with." I refuse to deal with twits, which is why I got along wonderfully with your predecessor, John Lundquist, but took one measure of you and wrote you off as an asshole. I'll wager your supervisors at NYPIRG are beating you like a gong right about now.

And as for the bit about me always "drinking and buzzed," well, stoned out of my rocker, I've got better instincts than you've shown to be in possession of. I don't diss the folks who pay my freight.

Hell, I could be dead and still out-do you.

An Apology...

... is owed to Student Government for an error last issue, The announcement they wished to have been published should of have been unedited. Personal beliefs should be left for the Op-Ed or Commentary pages.



MARIO M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

March 15, 1993

Dear Ann:

Thank you for your letter and accompanying material concerning the final report of your Advisory Committee on Academic Program Planning.

As noted in my 1993-94 Executive Budget, I consider this Committee's effort to be one of the most significant actions the University has undertaken in the past year. Certainly, both you and the Trustees are to be commended for your determination to restructure the University's academic programs to improve the efficient allocation of scarce resources and enhance overall academic quality. Such a fundamental rethinking of the traditional operations of our institutions of higher education is absolutely necessary in this era of constrained public resources and changing student demographics and educational needs.

The wheels of academe can grind slowly, as you observe. It also can be anticipated that many of the changes suggested by the Advisory Committee will be met with skepticism and perhaps outright resistance from some within the University community. Therefore, as the report makes its way through the University's internal review process, your perseverance in this effort will be crucial to its success.

Thank you for apprising me of the progress you are making in this important area. Your continuing commitment to the advancement of the City University of New York is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mario

Honorable W. Ann Reynolds
Chancellor
The City University of New York

The Mario Cuomo HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT INDEX

New York's rank (of 50 states) in spending per capita on higher education	in 1990: 12th in 1993: 35th
New York's rank (of 50 states) in percentage of tax revenue spent on public higher education (FY '92)	47th
SUNY annual tuition	in Fall 1990: \$1350 in Fall 1993: \$2650
CUNY Senior College annual tuition	in Fall 1990: \$1250 in Fall 1993: \$2450
Dollars cut from State support for SUNY between 1988-89 and 1992-93:	\$203 million
Percentage of CUNY Senior College Operating Budget covered by State Aid	in 1988-89: 75.0% in 1993-94: 64.0%
State Aid per full time equivalent student to community colleges	in 1990-91: \$1725 in 1993-94: \$1650
Ratio of CUNY students to academic counselors:	approximately 1250:1
Percentage of equipment in CUNY science and technology departments that is obsolete:	approximately 50%
Number of SUNY full time faculty and staff positions eliminated between 1988-89 and 1992-93:	1800
Percentage of CUNY classes taught by part time adjuncts:	approximately 50%
TAP award for first year student at independent college with \$19,000 family net taxable income	in 1990-91: \$3205 in 1993-94: \$2510
State Aid to Independent Colleges and Universities (Bundy Aid)	in 1990-91: \$104.2 million in 1993-94: \$ 36.0 million

DRAFT

Resolution on Academic Program Planning
PSC Executive Council
September 9, 1993

WHEREAS, the Professional Staff Congress has viewed with concern the attempts by City University management to revise the established collegial practices of academic program planning, and

WHEREAS, the union's concerns have focused on the intent, the substance, the potential impact and, most especially, the procedures proposed by the University for effecting academic program changes, and

WHEREAS, the union has expressed those concerns, since last December, in public statements, in a resolution of its Delegate Assembly (most recently June 21), in written communications and personally June 21), and in meetings with the Chancellor, her designees and members of the Board, and

WHEREAS, the union has thus exercised its responsibility to reinforce faculty governance rights and to uphold the rights of CUNY faculties to exercise their responsibility in academic program planning, and

WHEREAS, in responding to these issues the PSC has represented the membership interest in a clear statement of union policy, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Professional Staff Congress reaffirm its commitment to the protection of faculty governance rights in academic program planning, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the union continue to work cooperatively with the University Faculty Senate and the college governance bodies in the advancement of our common commitment to the academic integrity of our faculties and of the University, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the union continue to seek an end to any further attempts by the University to implement the specific recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Academic Program Planning (the "Goldstein" report);

b) an end to any further attempts by the University to implement the recommendation of the Report of the Advisory Committee on Academic Program Planning to eliminate a curriculum requirement for physical education in conflict with the decision of many colleges to maintain this offering;

c) a disavowal by the university of any intent--either through such sanctions suggested in the June 25, 1993, memorandum from Susan A. Cole to the Chancellor or through any other open or covert means--to intimidate colleges with budgetary rewards or punishments for their collegial responses to University proposals for academic program changes;

d) a reconciliation by the University of the Board Resolution of June 28, 1993, with both the principle and the past practice of faculty primacy in curricular decision making; and

e) the University's recognition of college-generated guidelines for academic program review where they exist and deference to duly constituted college governance bodies for the formulation of such guidelines where they do not already exist; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the union support the active involvement of the University Faculty Senate in the planning and implementation of the University budget, in the short term to monitor the allocation of discretionary funds and in the long term to assure the proper financing of the University's academic program.

THE COLLEGE OF
STATEN ISLAND



MEMORANDUM TO: All Faculty
FROM: Acting Chairperson Faculty Assembly
DATE: October 11, 1993
SUBJECT: Meeting, October 11, 1993
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WHEREAS, the College of Staten Island has attempted to usurp the faculty's authority and responsibility for academic program planning and review; and

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Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds
Susan A. Cole
Visiting Senior Fellow in Academic Administration
Budgetary Implementation of the Academic Planning
Process/Notes from the June 24 Meetings
June 25, 1993

To: Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds
From: Susan A. Cole
Subject: Budgetary Implementation of the Academic Planning
Process/Notes from the June 24 Meetings
Date: June 25, 1993

As you requested, I have attempted to set down the principal decisions reached at the June 24 meeting in regard to how to realize the objectives of the Academic Planning Process. (For your future reference, the meeting was held in the presence of the following: Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds, Deputy Chancellor Robert W. Malone, Director Abraham, and a number of staff members.)

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SHOCKER! Advance Endorses Secession

by Thomas Deignan

Most writers and journalists will tell you that, when conveying a story, fact and figs are fine, but the human element is what really hits home. That said, I will share with you now the story of how I learned that the *Staten Island Advance* editorially endorsed—and essentially placed the final coffin of approval into—a “yes” vote on secession this November:

It was a sun-drenched and windy autumn day as I walked through the streets of New Dorp, heading for a batch of the best bagels around and *The Sunday*

New York Times. Mind you this was no ordinary Sunday. I was bas'king in the color and pageantry of brass, bagpipes and balloons in the form of the annual New Dorp Lane Columbus Day parade. Juxtaposed with this down-home allure was the sight of the Staten Island Right-To-Life Party chuckling its way through the procession and the visceral and palpable, anti-Dinkins politicization of the parade, which is fine by me because I love that political undercurrent stuff anyway, even if it does simmer hatred. (By the way the only non-white person I saw was hawking flags and balloons on a side street.)

Well I'm purchasing *The Times* at a deli when I glance over and see that *The Sunday Advance* is looking mighty unusual. The headline ran me over like the Farrell marching band. They did it...with a full page one editorial...they have unabashedly endorsed secession a full month before the election. Crossing the street, forgetting the still-to-be-purchased bagels, and hearing the bagpipes blare “A Nation Once Again,” (an Irish song at a Columbus Day parade...those wily Irish folk!) I'm slightly stunned pondering the ramifications of this development, when I ask myself...Why? Not why did *The Advance* endorse this, but why am I suprised! *The Advance* has been thoroughly pro-secession all along, from scant coverage of the anti-secession movement to reporting straw polls at forums as a way of gauging (or creating) the widespread appeal of secession to babyish anti-Manhattanisms that have only fueled pro-split sentiment. From the subtle to the seismic, all along they have been pandering to the frustration many Islanders feel, by continuing to tell them it's the big bad City's fault.

So why'd they do it? Well, it's somewhat in their financial interest but not enough so to justify slanted coverage to this extent. I mean, some of the editorial is true, and some of it foretells things that absolutely no one in the world at this point can successfully predict. But it seems to me that, like many of the pro-secession polls, this is the *Advance's* moment in the sun. For the most part, no one gives a shit about this paper, and these politicians, beyond the shores of Staten Island. So, if you can't be king of the world, you might as well be king of your block. And while there are people out there challenging secession, *The Advance* has afforded them little prominence. And if the paper had come off ambivalent about secession, it would've turned a lot of people off, enough so that they may never look at the paper again, an effect that may even be felt, if only slightly, in Si Newhouse's pocketbook.

So *The Advance* said let's not talk about the isolationism, false hopes, grandstanding and overt racism fueling the secession movement (don't tell me it's a myth because I talk to people and I hear people) and let's not talk about Staten Island making a move that may be more of a reaction to the current black Mayor, rather than City Hall as an institution. Instead let's give banal, coverage to the effect of this “historical” epoch on Island minorities, working class and poor. Instead we'll give

the people what they want, (gushy hyperbole about history and independence, as well and parallels to the Framers...ironic that they were racist too!) and keep 'em in our corner.

Look, secession is not an altogether unpleasant concept. David Dinkins has been, in my opinion, a bad mayor, and yes, particularly to Staten Island. But ask people in the South Bronx if City Hall has been kind to them. Furthermore I suppose Dinkins should be kind to Staten Island even though when

he comes here he is publicly embarrassed by the BP and his daughter. And

last time I checked, Staten Island was simply not a significant voting bloc, especially to the Mayor. Democracy's a bitch ain't it! So I guess we should secede and have our own 15-member City Council and Mayor (under which case, I myself could legitimately run for, or work in the office of the Staten Island City Council) and let them be our saviors. But rather than a savior, the way I see it, secession will result in two scenarios: no change at all, or change for the worse, in higher taxes squeezing the lower class and yielding a likely rise in crime, and even MORE, housing and development. And when you have an essentially no-balls paper like *The Advance* watchdogging these people, frankly the whole thing just scares the Greenbelt out of me.

But I'm spitting in the wind. Because *The Advance* quite tactically ran this editorial a whole month before the vote. Robert Laird even wrote about it in *The Daily News*. It's pretty well-known that, for the secession to come to fruition, in terms of the legislature and Cuomo signing off, it must pass by 60 or 70%. Before this, these numbers were probably unattainable. Now...?

And two related notes, has anyone seen our bud, our pal, our friend, our savior Rudy G. anywhere near Staten Island? And that *Advance* secession statement that caused a stink recently was not, I repeat not racist. Believe me, if you want real racism, I'll find it for you, but stretching the boundaries like this doesn't do anyone any good.

NEW WORLD QUAGMIRE: Talk about a turn-around! What happened to the warm and fuzzy accounts by caring journalists and sage politicians about the wonderful U.S. mission in Somalia. Early on it was virtual heresy to criticize this mission. Now, each and every dispatch from Somalia wrecks with a get-'em-home-now slant. The editorial boards are screaming likewise, as if this whole violent scenario was not possible three months ago. All along this had the potential to turn into a mess. It's just amazing that polls and papers can't recognize this until it does. Michael Maren's *Village Voice* filings have been one of the few good and on-target accounts of the events in Mogadishu, especially when Somalia was all but forgotten about a month ago. He's pointed out the scantily-reported massacre of Somalis as well as several prescient incidents of what can only be considered U.S. provocation, that led to escalation and tension, and then to gunfire. One incident Maren described would have been unknown if it had not been video-taped: the military's daily press briefing glossing over it, of course. These have been excellent stories especially now that Somalia (a new synonym for “quagmire”) is back on the front pages again. The reaction by those on the left (including this paper by the way), that this is an imperialist grab spearheaded by the U.N., never did much for me, but such scenarios become more and more difficult to argue against as President Clinton, not exactly Mr. political capital at this point, ignores public opinion and puts off the withdrawal for six months.

And furthermore the venom being spewed by most Americans disgusted at some of the

animalistic behavior of certain Somalis is, on one level justified, yet let's put this into perspective: 25 years ago we're talkin' dogs and firehoses...LAPD...the L.A. riots...sound familiar...sound uncivilized? And you don't see U.S. soldiers doing anything remotely nasty on CNN now do you? The one difference is that foreign military squads are not roaming our streets in tanks and full-combat gear. New Yorkers being the kind, compassionate souls they are, would surely love their streets to be patrolled by “outsiders.” It wouldn't piss us off would it? You'd only care if they were delivering food right? Sure...right...

(P.S. The always-jingoistic *Daily News* typified the weather vane, turn-with-the-wind attitude of the media when, in reporting Aidid's desire for peace this past Sunday, when it claimed he had now had “Enough!” in it's headlines. Enough for them or us?)

POST ANOTHER WIN FOR MURDOCH: Media (and union-busting) magnate Rupert Murdoch has done it again, crushing union support at *The New York Post*. Murdoch, who honed such tactics in the London media in the mid-80's, was a genius this time around, threatening to bolt as publisher (what a loss THAT would be). He has managed to get the unions to face off against each other, and in effect destroy any bargaining chip for fair labor practices these people may ever hope to have. Reportedly employees are being fired without reason or basis, with no regard for workers who have given a good part of their lives to the paper. Simply put, Murdoch is looking like the all too common problem in the media today: up with sensationalism, down with quality, up with gluttonous, oligarchic press ownership, down with those pesky unions. And yet the FCC has done nothing to discourage Murdoch from gobbling up press outlets, despite the fact that

his ownership has conflicted with FCC regulations. And by the way, great point by James Ledbetter in *The Village Voice*, wondering where all the polls and celebrities were when *The Post* needed them this time. “...it's a lot harder to stand up for actual *Post* workers than for abstract ones.”

BLURBS: *Her: New York* struck me as nothing spectacular, but of course it was its first week. The layout was poor, the stories mostly wire accounts and I have a problem with the stress on gossip stuff, even if research may indicate that this is something women like. Of course *Her's* value will not be fully known until it gets steady on its feet. Clearly this is a great concept and can do some important work. It's inevitable to point out the fact that a man is the publisher (and Hoffenberg might try refraining from settling his *Post* feuds on the pages of *Her*) and it may take time, but any product that brings Molly Ivins to people is worth taking a chance on. *The Times* virtual non-acknowledgment of the paper, and subsequent disapproval, was also surprisingly nasty, and the ballsy approach *Her* took in retaliation was great. If *Her* keeps one thing, if I may use this inappropriate and actually sexist description, it should keep its balls...As seemed to be reported in Michael Musto's *Village Voice* column, Doug Ireland has left the paper, a terrible loss indeed. Hopefully, *The Voice* will find an equally impressive media reviewee so that they can maintain the twin powers of media review (the other of course being the aforementioned Mr. Ledbetter...*The Post's* *NY Times* review—great concept, wrong paper because corporately, *The Times* is about as leftist as GE. But the point that *The Times* has become P.C. heaven, to the point that it will not risk even smelling like ANYTHING insensitive, is accurate.

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The Fall TV Season '93

Superman, Spielberg, and the Wild West: How will they fare?

by Darrin DeRosa

If you're like me, you've probably spent the better part of the last month stuck on line somewhere on the new campus and running between work and school. However, thanks to creation of the VCR, I've been able to catch some of the new shows the networks are offering us this fall; here's a rundown of the shows I have seen, including their network, air time, and a rating:

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The Adventures of Brisco County Jr.***

Friday, 8-9 PM, Fox

Bruce Campbell, of *Evil Dead* fame, stars as Brisco, an educated adventurer in the Wild West. Not quite a spoof, the show doesn't take itself too seriously either, allowing for a nice mixture of action, comedy, farce, and wit. Campbell is perfect as Brisco, who subdues his foes not just with fists and bullets, but intellect as well. His educated philosophies lend to one of the comedic motifs of the series — that of Brisco's views of the future; history to us, but the ravings of a lunatic to his fellow early 19th century companions.

The show's main obstacles are its Friday time slot, coupled with the fact that Fox shows aired during the week in prime time traditionally don't garner high ratings. Hopefully, *Brisco County Jr.* will change that.

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Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman** 1/2

Sunday, 8-9 PM, ABC

I have to admit, I've always been a big fan of the Superman films; they were, in fact, what got me interested in film when I was nine years old. So it was that I was delighted when ABC announced plans for a new series; unfortunately, while it is entertaining and has potential, it isn't exactly what I was hoping for. Scheduling it in the time slot traditionally won by CBS's *Murder She Wrote*, ABC hopes to go for a younger audience; the problem is that they have revamped the legend of the comic book hero just enough that they might lose that audience — this is not your father's Superman.

Centering on the relation between Lois and Clark — hence the title — the series has taken liberties that may prove a little too much for hardcore fans of the legend to take, such as the fact that in this version of the tale, Jimmy Olsen has been in reform school — sacrilege to fans of the more traditional versions. As for Lois and Clark themselves, they too have been revamped.

Feisty as ever, but with a 90's attitude, Lois Lane (Teri Hatcher)

is still a scoop hungry investigative reporter for the Daily Planet, irritated at being saddled with "farm boy" Clark Kent (Dean Cain). The producers have decided to give Lois more sex appeal than she displayed in the films, and this carries over to Clark. In the films, Christopher Reeve played Clark as a nice, but bumbling guy; essentially Superman putting on an act to distract his co-workers (particularly Lois) from figuring out his true identity; there was something besides the costume to keep Lois guessing. Here, Cain portrays Clark as relaxed and cool, able to match wits with Lois and pal around with Jimmy; characteristics also present in his portrayal of Superman. This is fine to a point, creating the "love triangle with only two people" the promo's spoke of, but creates a problem in that the only things separating Clark and Superman are the blue suit and glasses; making the ultra-hip Lois of this series look ridiculously naive for not being able to figure out Clark's secret.

With the focus of the series centering on our hero's love life, the producers are gambling to attract a more mature audience; but will an older crowd stick around for the scenes that do involve Superman's heroics? If they don't, the show will have to attract the attention of the young viewers; but will they stand for the heavy dose of romance? Either way, the producers had better watch the ratings and demographics closely, and be prepared to make some custom tailoring to one group or the other, or this Superman may have trouble making it to a second season.

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seaQuest DSV

Sunday, 8-9 PM, NBC***

NBC is also targeting a younger crowd with this Steven Spielberg produced show about a futuristic sub probing the mysteries of the sea. It's been called *Star Trek* underwater, and essentially it is, but the show has enough differences and a charm of its own to eventually shake that stereotype.

Roy Scheider is the captain of the vessel, struggling with his own personal problems as well as his crew's. The show went high tech for the first episode, yet seems to be steering itself towards more character driven plots; definitely a good move in the struggle to survive in prime time.

The show has the potential to attract younger and older viewers, which just might give NBC an edge over ABC's *Lois & Clark*. Still, the results of this show down won't be evident for a few more weeks. We'll just have to wait and see.

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The Second Half

Tuesday, 9:30-10 PM, NBC***

Okay, so it's another show about a single parent coping with kids and life (but not necessarily in that order); it's still funny, and not without its charm.

John Mendoza stars as a divorced dad who isn't the greatest at getting the creature comforts, such as furniture, out of life. The show has great comedic exaggerations (the series premier has a classic scene with Mendoza trying to buy a plane ticket from a perpetually smiling clerk) as well as its share of warmth, displayed by John's relations with his daughters and his sister.

The show is definitely going to find its audience, the only problem is that it's going to have to battle ABC's *Coach* to do it.

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Frasier

Thursday, 9:30-10 PM, NBC** 1/2

"First my wife left me, and that was painful. Then she came back to me, and that was excruciating." With lines like that, and a lead-in line up including *Mad About You*, *Wings*, and *Seinfeld*, you can't go wrong. Kelsey Grammer returns as Dr. Frasier Crane, everyone's favorite shrink since Bob Newhart's Bob Hartley.

The show has Frasier as an on air psychologist at a Chicago radio station. Frasier's newest troubles are his father, who has just moved in, his new maid, and his father's dog, Eddie. The dialog and acting are wonderful and the series is practically a guaranteed hit.

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One final show I'd like to mention, but can't review since it hasn't premiered yet, is CBS's *The Nanny*. The show stars Fran Drescher as a blue-collar Queens resident who gets a job as nanny for a blue-blooded Manhattan family.

Drescher has always delivered wonderful performances, and the few advance reviews I've read give both the show and its star a favorable nod. Unfortunately, for unknown reasons, CBS has not aired the premiere yet. My guess is the network execs decided to see how *The Trouble with Larry*, scheduled as *The Nanny*'s lead in, would fare, knowing a bad lead in can destroy a new show's chances, no matter how good it may be. Hopefully, now that the public seems to have reached a decision on *Larry*, CBS will air *The Nanny*, and give the show a chance.


Well this is by no means the complete list of new shows this fall, but don't take my word for it, tune in and make your own decisions.

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A Cinematic View

Demolition Man

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by Darrin DeRosa

Explosions? Check. Gunfire? Check. Threatening dialogue? Check. So what puts this seemingly average action film a notch above the rest? Put simply, its humor.

I have to admit right here, it took me a good five minutes to decide whether to give the film two and a half or three stars. I opted for three only because of the fact that the film kept itself light, injecting humor where it could to counter some of the extreme violence.

The story opens in a ravaged Los Angeles of 1996. Police officer John Spartan (Sylvester Stallone) is on the trail of psychotic Simon Phoenix (Wesley Snipes), who has taken thirty people prisoner. Managing to capture Phoenix, but not before destroying an entire building, Spartan feels satisfied with his victory; until the bodies of the thirty prisoners are found in the rubble of the building. Arrested for this, Spartan is put into "cryostasis" along with Phoenix; in the future of this film prisoners are frozen and have their nuro-patterns altered to non-violent ways. The last scenes in 1996 show Spartan being turned into a popcicle.

From here the story moves to 2036, where Phoenix, up for parole, manages to escape. Released into a society in which violence has been eliminated, Phoenix has an easy time wreaking havoc on the community. Even the cops are helpless, for in the peaceful future, things have changed: "We're police officers; we're not trained to deal with this kind of violence!"

Pressed to find a solution to their problem the police decide to thaw out Spartan, who has a hard (and comical) time adjusting to the future. Partnered with Lenina Huxley (Sandra Bullock), a cop who longs for the action of the late 20th century, Spartan goes on the hunt for Phoenix, who always seems to be one step ahead.

The rest of the film is a high tech, fast paced ride topped with an exciting climax which, although it wraps up a little to quickly and neatly, still satisfies.

The films strength is the humor injected into the characters, particularly Snipes' Phoenix. Yes there is excessive violence, but the humor manages to balance some of this

Stallone, Snipes make interesting adversaries

out. There are moments where you will find yourself grimacing from a grotesque scene, and moments where you will find yourself laughing outloud. One scene in particular deals with the ongoing jibes Stallone and Schwarzenegger throw at each other in their films; Sly definitely gets Arnold in this one.

The plot of *Demolition Man* is relatively sound; its drawback is the depiction of the future society which, though peaceful, is somewhat oppressive and, for lack of a better word, corny. The citizens of the future tend to sound like children in their speech, for example addressing each other by their full names at all times. But perhaps the reason it's so hard to accept is due to the total lack of violence. We, as a 20th century audience, cannot conceive of a world without violence; the passive future depicted here seems fake to us and impossible to achieve — and perhaps that is exactly what director Marco Brambilla is trying to get across; have we degenerated so far that we must resort to violence to solve our problems? This is not to say that *Demolition Man* is philosophical in nature, far from it. Yet, if you look deep enough, the film does try to make a few points.

As for the acting, credit must be given to Stallone who is trying to mix humor into his traditional "shoot first and don't bother to ask questions later" attitude on screen. Snipes is good also, making us laugh at his character's actions, however villainous they may be. A special note of praise must also be given relative newcomer Sandra Bullock, who pulls off her role as a wanna-be 20th centurian with an innocent charm that the audience can easily relate to. Here's hoping she gets larger roles in the future.

All in all *Demolition Man* is an entertaining and witty, if excessively violent, film, and worth catching in your spare time.

Running time: 1 hr. 50 min.
Rated: R

Malice

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by Darrin DeRosa

"You ask me if I think I'm God. Let me tell you something; I am God." Tell me the first time you saw the trailer for *Malice* and heard Alec Baldwin speak these words, that you didn't think, just for a second, that you might see this film just to see what he was talking about. If you did, you're not alone; the film opened with a healthy \$9.2 million intake, proving that the nation still loves films that take us into the world of externally normal, internally psychopathic people, who take pleasure in destroying the lives of others. *Malice* doesn't disappoint in this venture, and also succeeds where so many other thrillers have failed; character development.

The plot centers around a young couple; Andy Safian (Bill Pullman) is the Dean of Students at the local college, while his wife Tracy (Nicole Kidman) does volunteer work. The two have purchased a run down house and are in the process of fixing it up when they decide rent out the third floor in order to aid the cost of renovation. Enter Dr. Jed Hill (Baldwin), a medical wiz who tends to think rather highly of himself. In the emergency room, he's calm, confident, and jokes with his surgical staff. Outside the emergency room, he is calm, confident, and threatens the life of a member of his surgical staff; of course, he does this with a certain flair, informing the staff member that he's going to "carve out [his] lungs with an ice cream scoop." So much for bed side manner.

As the story progresses, Tracy is plagued by severe abdominal pains, and Andy must deal with the police detective (Bebe Neuwirth) who isn't having any luck cracking the case of a serial rapist who has focused his attention on the students at Andy's school. Matters reach a boiling point when Tracy is rushed to the hospital and needs emergency surgery. Dr. Hill rushes from the local tavern to perform the operation and, after making bad judgment call, is hit with a \$20 million dollar lawsuit from Tracy. For

Film's engaging plot twists keeps viewers interested

her part, Tracy decides to leave Andy, whom she feels is as guilty as Hill. From here, the plot takes us on a roller coaster ride of plot twists.

While most of the plot is very predictable, the film still manages to be quite engaging; even if you've figured out what happens next, you still enjoy the unfolding of the story, just to see how the characters will react. The fact is, it's the characters that make the story engrossing. Andy's search for the truth of his situation takes him on a personality converting trip of discovery which creates a genuine sympathy in the audience. Another character based element is our uncertainty of Dr. Hill's guilt or innocence until the end of the film; the story throws us just enough curves to keep us unsure, no matter how much of the plot we think we've figured out.

The acting is well done all around, and there are brief appearances by George C. Scott and Anne Bancroft that add to the talent. Ms. Bancroft's part of a recluse who plays a major role in Andy's investigation is particularly entertaining. Bebe Neuwirth's role of Detective Dana Harris is also well played, although her New York accent is a little to forced. In one scene in which she complains she "doesn't have enough manpower to break up a frat party," the words come out some along the lines of "I done'av anuf manpowa ta breakupa frat pahrdy." Just a tad too much for my taste.

The film itself, while considered a thriller, deals more with suspense than fear; and the director does an excellent job of keeping the suspense going from one plot twist to the next. Admittedly, if it weren't for the acting and the way the suspense is handled, the film could quite easily have fallen apart. Yet the film is kept light and fast paced enough to smooth over the thin parts of the plot.

Rated: R

Cinematic View Rating Guide

* Don't Bother

** Wait For The Video

*** Definitely Worthwhile

**** A Must See

CD Versions of Beatles' Best Released

"Red" and "Blue" Albums' songs pick by Beatles Themselves

by Darrin DeRosa

Beatles fans have good reason to trek to their local music store: CD versions of the albums *"The Beatles: 1962-1966"* and *"The Beatles: 1967-1970"*, essentially their greatest hits albums, have been released. According to an article written by Richard Harrington and distributed through the Los Angeles Times News Service, the collections have come to be known as the "red" and "blue" albums, respectively. The names refer to the color of the borders surrounding the cover photos, which show the group posed in the same style, although the photo of the second album was taken six years after the first.

The benefit is, of course, the digital remastered sound quality. The bad news is the price; apparently, Apple/Capital, who released the CD's, has packaged each as a two CD set and set the price accordingly. So what's the problem? Each set could easily have fit onto one CD, therefore reducing the cost of the albums. Hardcore fans might not mind shelling out the extra cash, but your average fan might, which is a shame since these albums sport the best work of this legendary group, tracing their evolution in musical style and depth.

The collection includes all their No. 1 singles, all the A-sides of their singles, some B-sides, and choice album cuts. The red album's 26 songs are all Lennon/McCartney compositions; the blue album's 28 songs include three by George Harrison and one by Ringo Starr. Five songs make their stereo debut, though the first four cuts remain mono.

Phil Collins Visits Stapleton

Island has cameo in latest video

by Darrin DeRosa

There's not much to say about the day Phil Collins came to Staten Island. The singer was in town for two days for the filming of his latest video, *Both Sides of the Story*, which deals with subjects such as crime, homelessness, and ongoing international problems. I managed to get on the set with fellow *Voice* writer Maria Scarella, but we were told that interviews were not being given (the *Advance* encountered this problem as well.) Still, it was exciting being several yards away from one of our favorite musical celebrities, not to mention getting a behind the scenes look at the filming of the video.

The Island lended a few locations to the video, not the least of which was the conversion of Tappen Park in Stapleton into Northern Ireland, complete with road signs and military trucks. Other locations included a private residence, also in Stapleton.

The video, which is for the title track of Collins' new album, is due for release the week of October 18; the album is due November 9.

Upcoming Video Releases

<i>A Far Off Place</i>	Oct. 20
<i>Three of Hearts</i>	Oct. 20
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<i>Cop and a Half</i>	Oct. 20
<i>The Dark Half</i>	Oct. 27
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<i>Posse</i>	Oct. 27
<i>Who's the Man?</i>	Nov. 3
<i>Sliver</i>	Nov. 10
<i>Made in America</i>	Nov. 24

Music News And Views

Record Reviews

Greetings and Salutations kiddies. Welcome once again to another fun-filled edition of Music News and Views. Apologies galore for the slightly delayed information of the last issue. Due to a number of problems we weren't able to publish on time and subsequently the information was a little dated. But anyway, on to more pleasant things. Let's talk about the CMJ convention coming to New York City on November 3rd for a minute shall we? WHAT IS the C.M.J. Convention, you ask? Well, from November 3rd to November 6th, hundreds upon hundreds of College-Oriented Alternative bands will be converging on NYC for a few days of shows, Performance Art, Film Showcases and artist oriented panels dealing with related topics such as college radio, marketing and hyping an unsigned band, Feminism in the music industry, Poetry Conclaves, and Jazz radio programming. Also, there will be panels dealing with Virtual Technologies, Foreign Music and Heavy Metal marketing. All held at the Astoria hotel. Some bands of note that will be playing are as follows: (in alphabetical order no less) Alice Donut, Concrete Blonde, Carcass, Eric's Trip, God and Texas, Heatmiser, Jacob's Mouse, Pop Will Eat Itself, Therapy?, etc... Never heard of any of these bands? Then come down and check it out. Passes are 115 dollars in advance and at the seminar. This includes all panels and showcases. Hope to see you there, and you can expect a full report from me in an upcoming issue. In other news, British rock sensation Suede are set to release their own film, entitled "Love and Poison" will feature live footage, backstage clips, and interviews. The Charlatans UK will be releasing their new album as planned, even though their keyboard player is still in prison. Keyboardist Rob Collins was imprisoned for his involvement in an armed robbery sometime last year. He was sentenced to eight months imprisonment for "assisting an offender". He is expected to serve four months. The Charlatans new album will be out sometime next year with a single due for

release in January. Therapy? are also getting set to release their follow up to "Nurse". The new album will be out in March and features 14 confirmed tracks with some guest appearances from Leslie from the American punk act Sliverfish, as well as Siouxsie and the Banshees cellist Martin McCarrick. Ice Cube has recorded an 11 minute remake of George Clinton and Funkadelic's "One Nation Under a Groove" as the center for his next LP called "Lethal Injection" which should be out sometime late this year. In other rap news, pseudo rapper MC Hammer, or Hammer as he is now called, was dropped from Capitol Records due to lack of sales, and a flop concert tour which apparently lost a lot more money than officials want to disclose. I'm sure you're all in mourning, but don't fret because Hammer is now looking for another deal, and sources close to him say that he won't accept anything less than 20 to 25 million. 20 MILLION!!!! What's this country coming to nowadays!!!! Teenage Fanclub are releasing some new material on a new CD titled "Thirteen". It will feature eleven tracks and will be out in stores around the middle of October. After a brief stint in Europe with Luna, the recently reformed Velvet Underground have apparently run into problems once again. Apparently, John Cale and Lou Reed have clashed heads yet once again, after growing tension on the current tour. This comes from sources connected with a new documentary being filmed about the band, for the BBC's Channel 4. The Jackson Five, The Band, Elton John, Joni Mitchell and Pink Floyd have been announced as the 1993 nominees for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. In other news... U.S. Hardcore band Jawbox has just signed to Atlantic records and you can expect their major-label debut in early 1994 and finally Ex-Smiths Guitarist Johnny Marr and Ian McCulloch are currently in the studio recording collaboration material together. Could this mean a collaboration album? Has Ian McCulloch joined Electronic??? See ya next time!

Victims Family: Maybe If I... 7" (Alternative Tentacles)

Coming out of California, Victim's Family have been around for some time now, releasing a various assortment of singles and records on the Alternative Tentacles label. Their latest release finds these guys in more of a funkier upbeat vein. For example, "Maybe If I...", the title track to the 7" rolls along with more of a groove than just guitar noise at full blast. The single reminds me of what would happen if the Talking Heads got together with Primus and wrote Punk Rock songs. If you think about that's a very accurate description of all the three songs contained on this single. Funky Basslines and drumbeats alternate with blasts of all-out Punk Rock. This single is supposedly taken from their forthcoming new album. If this is any indication of things to come, the album should be well worth the wait. Groovy stuff indeed. Check it out.

Majesty Crush: Love 15 (Dali / Vulva Records)

Hailing from Detroit, this four piece alternative rock band has apparently been around for some time now, putting out a myriad of 7" singles on their own in-house record label, Vulva. This is their first official full length release, after being signed to Dali records sometime last year, and overall it really is a great record. Sounding like a cross between Slowdive and Swervedriver (for those of you who are into this name dropping kind of thing) The one really interesting thing about this band are it's seriously warped lyrics. Listening to the album, you get a relative sense of calm with its dark, shimmering guitars and warm melodies, yet when one digs deeper into what's really going on, you'll find that singer David Straighter is singing about wonderful things like killing the boyfriend of a woman he just meets on a train, assassinating the president and even Uma Thurman gets into the scheme of things. But even with his crazy

lyrics, I found myself humming these songs for quite sometime after I finished listening to the album. Songs like "Boyfriend", "Brand" and "Horse" could easily be considered Alternative music classics due to their great song structure. Overall, a great record which transcends most musical boundaries. Something for everyone.

Sam Black Church: Let in Life (Taang! Records)

If you can remember a few issues ago, I was raving about these guys when their first EP came out. Well, time has apparently had it way and now Sam Black Church is being heralded as one the best hardcore bands on the East Coast. I couldn't have said it better. The new album, their first full length out on Taang! is a brilliant cross of Ultra Hardcore punk rock and Black Sabbath influenced heavy metal. Singer Jet has just to be heard to be believed. Singing very slow & melodic one minute, and then sounding like he's trying to fit in every English word in the dictionary in less than a second. If you're into very heavy music, either Thrash or Hardcore, do yourself a favor and buy this record. One of the most Brilliant and Original bands I've ever come across.

Not to be missed.

New and Noteworthy releases:

- Cocteau Twins: Evangeline (Fontana)
- James: Laid (London)
- Milk: Ear (Spanish)
- Morphine: Cure for Pain (Rykodisc)
- Jacob's Mouse: I'm Scared (Frontier)
- Flaming Lips: She Don't Use Jelly (Warner Bros.)
- Seaweed: Four (Sub Pop)
- Uncle Tupelo: Anodyne (Sire)
- Idaho: Year After Year (Caroline)
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JP: Because there was some speculation about that.

V: I, yeah, I don't believe it has anything whatsoever to do with that, in fact, the Chancellor, I have testified for the Chancellor in court. And that issue, we have been on the same side. The other is a policy matter, a difference of opinion and it exists. Now I cannot tell you that this is the cause of that statement in the memo. You sort of put things together.

JP: So they said it was a mistake.

V: Because it is not just me, it is the college too being punished.

JP: Most certainly and it still is if I am correct. They are still holding some discretionary funds if I am correct. Or something like that.

V: Well I don't think so. I would not be able to say honestly that there is a connection between anything that has happened with the funding and that ...at allbecause they were there talking about discretionary funds and nothing else. And we didI told the Chancellor, and I will tell the world that she has provided us funds for the move and she provided some funds which she got from the state for increasing our buildings and grounds crew. And we got lines. And most of those lines we got the money to pay the people, or else they are not lines. So we did get assistance there 2 1/2 million this year. It is not enough because I have tremendous problems in running a big campus like this on what we were getting before.

JP: Now to move to what is related to this memo situation. What do you think the current situation is on East 80th St. concerning consolidation and the centralization. You know, those campuses and those president's who were in synch with the Chancellor maybe were looked more favorably upon, as opposed to campuses that did not work well with the Chancellor, like the graduate center and CSI to name just two, and as well as your kind of strong opposition against consolidation. What do you think the current situation at East 80th Street is.

V: I think that...

JP: Concerning consolidation and what we would consider a centralization of CUNY power, that's administrative power, in the restructuring of the two tiered system.

V: Right now the factual situation, very simply is that they are moving ahead at 80th Street to carry forward the whole planning process that they envision.

JP: Which is the restructuring?

V: And they are using as a basis for this, the June 30th memo resolution passed by the Board.

JP: That was very disturbing.

V: Yes, It empowered her to carry forth the centralized planning and the concepts embodied in what was called the Goldstein report. SO no the university and the Presidents in the college are under the mandate of the Board.

JP: That's right. It became more centralized, the fact that the resolution, the one that was passed on June 28th. I was at that hearing and it was disturbing because they were, there was Susan, there were other well known people from the community, there were plenty of professors, and even some administrators that had some rank. Of course there were three President's that showed up supporting Chancellor Reynolds but I don't find it too surprising. When I was there I found it quite disturbing. How does that affect your faith in the Board of Trustees and Chancellor Reynolds?

V: I can't answer that. (Laughs hard).

JP: Well, I figured I'd ask you.

V: I guess that is fair enough. You asked. I don't answer.

JP: But you did find the 28th resolution disturbing?

V: Well I was, I spoke against it at the Council of President's meeting. I thought there was the empowering clauses would push everything forward and I was disturbed, primarily that being done so fast in June and the faculty were leaving. Now this is a very important faculty matter, I think.

JP: What do you think about the faculty's response? I hear the union passed a resolution.

V: Yes, announced a very strong resolution, yes.

JP: And the faculty senate also printed a no-vote of confidence.

V: No they did not.

JP: No? I thought they did.

V: Lehman College put in the no vote of confidence.

JP: Oh, not the whole faculty senate.

V: No. The faculty senate, I have the resolution, if you want it you ought to get it from Stamos. But it did pass, and it is against the ...what is happening, the centralization of the college.

JP: Someone had told me, I was informed that it was a vote of no confidence.

V: You are wrong.

JP: What do you think these measures will do, do you think they are sufficient to supply the adequate pressure upon the chancellor to take a step back?

V: No, I think ...

JP: Or is she being influenced by stronger mandates? Because she did get a letter from the governor supporting her.

V: I don't think the governor is in-

volved in this thing.

JP: He did send her a letter though.

V: Yes, and

JP: So, de facto, I think...

V: I wouldn't jump to that conclusion.

JP: Maybe he's not too conscious, but still, signing a letter saying that your doing a good job and don't worry about the opposition.

V: The concepts that their introducing with the hope that it would save a great deal of money. That has an appeal to legislators and politicians, that inevitable.

JP: Its also a public institution, and its so important to the working class in this city. It has a beautiful history CUNY.

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A look at the 1993-94 season

tially. Florida has experienced forwards in Brian Skrudland, Randy Gilhen, Scott Mellanby and Mike Hough, but no real firepower. The defense is worse with Joe Cirella and Gord Murphy being their most experienced players. On the bright side, Florida is donating money, based on saves, to the endangered species in the Everglades. Luckily the money is based on saves and not on wins.

NORTHEAST DIVISION

The Pittsburgh Penguins would probably be upset under normal circumstances after being shuffled to the Northeast, but with their talent, who could complain? Mario Lemieux, Kevin Stevens, Rick Tocchet, Jaromir Jagr, Ron Francis, Joe Mullen. The list goes on and on. To play tough games more often will make this team tougher. Couple that with last year's shocking playoff loss to the Islanders and you have a team that is driven. The Pens will be without coach Scotty Bowman, who is gone to Detroit, so now Eddie Johnston will be at the helm. Norris Trophy finalist Larry Murphy and Kjell Samuelsson return to anchor an experienced defensive group. Tom Barrasso will handle the bulk of the goaltending.

After the whole Eric Lindros mess, it's good to see the Quebec Nordiques return to the upper level of the NHL. After years in the basement, the Nords gave eventual champ Montreal a scare in the playoffs last year before bowing out. With a solid nucleus of young talent, Quebec, now with a year of experience, is a serious contender. Joe Sakic, Mats Sundin, Owen Nolan and experience, is a serious contender. Joe Sakic, Mats Sundin, Owen Nolan and Mike Ricci are all 24 years old or younger and can light up the scoreboard in a hurry. Steve Duchesne, Kerry Huffman, Alexei Gusarov and Curtis Leschyshyn anchor the defense in front of Stephane Fiset, who is the goods after Ron Hextall was traded to the Islanders. Look for the super talented Peter Forsberg and Valeri Kamensky only to help propel the Nords.

The Montreal Canadiens won the Stanley Cup with goaltending and defense and will look to repeat in the same fashion. Two-time coach of the year Jacques Demers will look to Conn Smythe winner Patrick Roy to do what he did best last year and that was win. The defense is anchored by J.J. Daigneault and Donald Dufresne, who was acquired in the Rob Ramage deal. Mathieu Schneider looks to break through this year after an injury plagued campaign. Forwards Vincent Damphousse, Kirk Muller, Brian Bellows and Stephan LeBeau are the money men with the puck, but after them, the scoring punch drops and that could be a problem. Guy Carbonneau is still one of the best checkers in the game.

You have to wonder: If the Buffalo Sabres lose any game this season 4-3, will they have terrible flashbacks? After losing four games in the playoffs to Montreal 4-3, including three in overtime, you wonder what kind of effect it has on a team. It should have a positive effect and having three superstars in Pat LaFontaine, Alexandr Mogilny and Grant Fuhr certainly helps. Mogilny really took his game to the next level and Buffalo is hoping that he and LaFontaine stay healthy. Look for key contributions from Dale Hawerchuk as well. If the Sabres can put it together, look for them to be there at the end.

The Boston Bruins might have been

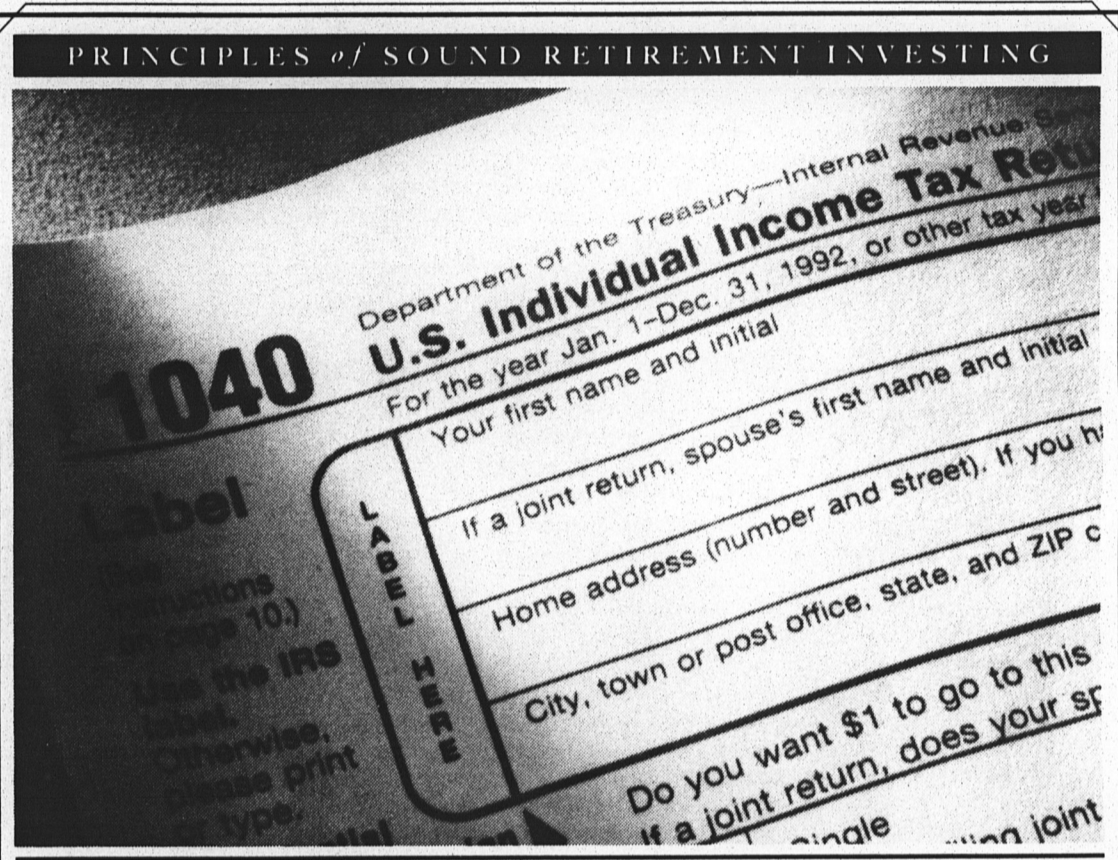
a bigger disappointment than the Rangers last year. After a winning streak that vaulted them into first place, they faltered against Buffalo and were swept out of the first round. With returning stars like Ray Bourque, Cam Neely and Adam Oates, the Bruins are always in it. Oates had his best season last year and seems poised for another great year. Bourque needs help from his partners, but Glen Wesley, David Shaw and Jim Wiemer don't seem up to the task. Jon Casey, acquired from Dallas for Andy Moog, is the man in nets for Boston. Look for Joe Juneau to avoid the sophomore slump and post good numbers.

The Hartford Whalers won't finish last, thanks to having Ottawa in their division. But the Connecticut boys should be competitive and will look to forwards Geoff Sanderson and Andrew Cassels for the offensive punch they provided last season. The defense is anchored by Zarley Zalapski, who had 65 points last year. Sean Burke will try to further resurrect his career in Hartford, but will need to be more consistent for the Whalers to win.

The Ottawa Senators are in a word, screwed. A weak team in a merciless division, other Northeast teams will welcome this club at home and on the road and there is just not much that

Ottawa can do about it. They are praying daily that number one draft choice Alexander Daigle is everything he was in juniors. Daigle piled up 137 points in 53 games last year and will be expected to blossom fast. Defenseman Norm Maciver stepped up while being on a regular shift. The 5'11" blueliner had 63 points last year and hopes to expand on that. Goalie Peter Sidorkiewicz, as Don Cherry would say, saw more rubber than a dead skunk on a highway and should share more time with veteran Daniel Berthiaume.

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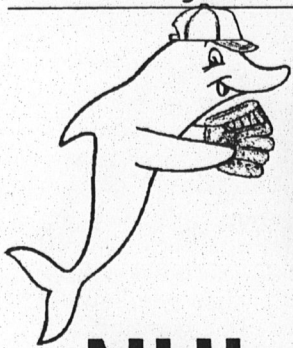


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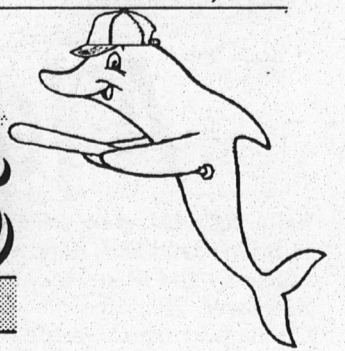
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NHL NOTEBOOK

A look at the 1993-94 season

by Ed Hicks

Whether you like Charles Darwin or not, evolution has been thrust upon the contemporary sports world. Purist and traditionalist views are now becoming obsolete and the way of the new sports world is now coming into focus.

Football has rampant free agency. The NBA is churning out \$84 million contracts. Baseball is turning to tournament style play and division realignment and now hockey has followed suit with the beginnings of astronomical salaries and division revamping.

It looks to be a positive step for the NHL as new commissioner Gary Bettman tries to give hockey the credibility it deserves as a fast paced, action packed sport.

Slowly but surely, the NHL is building on its marketable players much like the NBA has. Now with ESPN 2 showing hockey just about every night, prospective fans can see the likes of Steve Yzerman, Pavel Bure and Doug Gilmour and begin to identify with them.

With that in mind, let's preview the Atlantic and Northeast divisions for the upcoming season.

ATLANTIC DIVISION

Realignment was very kind to those who were put in this division. Gone are the powerful Penguins, who took that Lemieux guy and headed to the Northeast. Enter two expansion clubs in Tampa Bay and Florida and it looks to be a good year for New York/New Jersey teams.

The New York Islanders, after a glorious run in last years playoffs, are the favorite to be the first champions of the new division. With a healthy Pierre Turgeon, the Islanders have a bona fide star and the top player in the division. Playoff hero Ray Ferraro and Benoit Hogue should produce and give the Islanders a powerful offensive punch. The Isles have a good young core of defensemen in Darius Kasparaitis, Vladimir Malakhov and Scott LaChance and now with Ron Hextall, acquired from Quebec, between the pipes, Long Island could be a great place for hockey again.

As for the New York Rangers, what can be said? A pathetic performance down the stretch last year just epitomizes the plight of the Blueshirts: Always a bridesmaid and never a bride. And damn ugly bridesmaids at that. But on paper, this team certainly has a chance. With new coach Mike Keenan, discipline and a work ethic will be brought to the team. Mark Messier and Brian Leetch have to rebound from disappointing, controversial and injury filled seasons and look for Adam Graves, Alexei Kovalev and the classy Mike Gartner to provide the firepower up front. Also look for Glenn Healy to eclipse Mike Richter as the numero uno rubber stopper.

The New Jersey Devils are another strange bunch who were never quite able to build on the Cinderella year of 1988. Much has changed since then, including several coaches. But now with

Jacques LeMaire at the helm, Claude Lemieux can go back to his old ways; scoring goals and being a pest. Defenseman Scott Niedermayer is poised for greatness and playing alongside Scott Stevens certainly helps. Bruce Driver and Ken Daneyko are solid and junior star Jason Smith replaces departed Alexei Kasatonov. Look to forwards Stephane Richer, Bill Guerin, John MacLean and Valeri Zelepukin to flourish under the new regime.

Eric Lindros certainly took his lumps in 1992-93, as did the Philadelphia Flyers, but with the 20 year-old phenom healthy again, the Broad Street Bullies look to be back in the playoffs again. Lindros posted 75 points in 61 games, including 41 goals as a rookie. Mark Recchi will be heavily counted on to produce the team record 123 points he amassed last season. Also look to Rod Brind'Amour, Kevin Dineen and Brent Fedyk to provide offensive power. Garry Galley, Dimitri Yushkevich and Terry Carkner try to anchor a weak defensive unit while Tommy Soderstrom and Dominic Roussel are a solid goaltending duo.

The Washington Capitals, much like the Rangers, have had their share of bad play and bad luck. Despite having good depth on their roster, the Caps just seem to underachieve in the playoffs. The defensive unit provided offensive punch as Kevin Hatcher, Al Iafrate and Sylvain Cote all topped the 20 goal mark, an NHL record. But for all their offensive exploits, their defense is average at best and they still lack a real muscleman to clear out the front of the net. The Caps have good two-way forwards, but no real go-to guy. Peter Bondra, Michal Pivonka and Dmitri Khristich had good years, but didn't emerge as a clutch player. Look for 1991 #1 pick Pat Peake to make some noise as well as Randy Burridge, if he stays healthy.

The Tampa Bay Lightning are one of the teams that will not benefit from realignment. Now in the Atlantic, the Lightning will have to face Pittsburgh, Montreal, Quebec etc. five or six times as opposed to two times, which means they might finish with less points than last year. GM Phil Esposito picked up Daren Puppa in the expansion draft to bolster the goaltending. Coach Terry Crisp will look to Brian Bradley, who scored 42 goals after being picked in the 1992 expansion draft. Chris Kontos, who cooled considerably after an amazing start, should contribute. Overall, Tampa Bay needs help in every area, especially penalty killing, which finished dead last, giving up 101 power play goals.

The Lightning will be saved by the addition of the Florida Panthers to the Atlantic. With five new teams in three years, the talent level has been diluted somewhat. But Florida coach Roger Neilson will attempt to bring in a learning atmosphere and a winning attitude. The Panthers have quality netminders in John Vanbiesbrouck and Mark Fitzpatrick, but after that, the depth drops off substan-

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL NOTEBOOK

by Victoria Radolinski

Despite good play in the first game, the Dolphins couldn't capitalize on their good effort and dropped two matches to Dominican and N.Y.U., respectively at the CSI gymnasium.

There were no service errors in the opening game as the Dolphins beat Dominican 15-9. CSI had the visitors on the ropes in the second game with a 14-8 lead, but couldn't seal the victory and lost 16-14.

"We have to hustle, be aggressive and try our best out there and forget about what happened the play before! We have to play for now!" said co-captain Denyse Simmonds, attempting to boost the spirits of her shocked teammates. It didn't help. A deflated CSI squad lost the third game and match, 15-5.

CSI's mental errors on the court was the cause of their collapse. Few players were able to shake off the loss to Dominican and every time there was a mistake made on the court, team confidence dropped more and more.

The Dolphins were never in it against N.Y.U. as they lost 15-3 and 15-2. In order to win this match, CSI needed solid passing to combat N.Y.U.'s good serving and quick hitting techniques, but it never happened for the Dolphins.

CSI is now 2-10 overall and 1-3 in CUNY play. Their next home game is a tri-match on Wednesday, October 27th at 6:30pm against Medgar Evers and Rutgers-Newark. All are encouraged to attend.

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