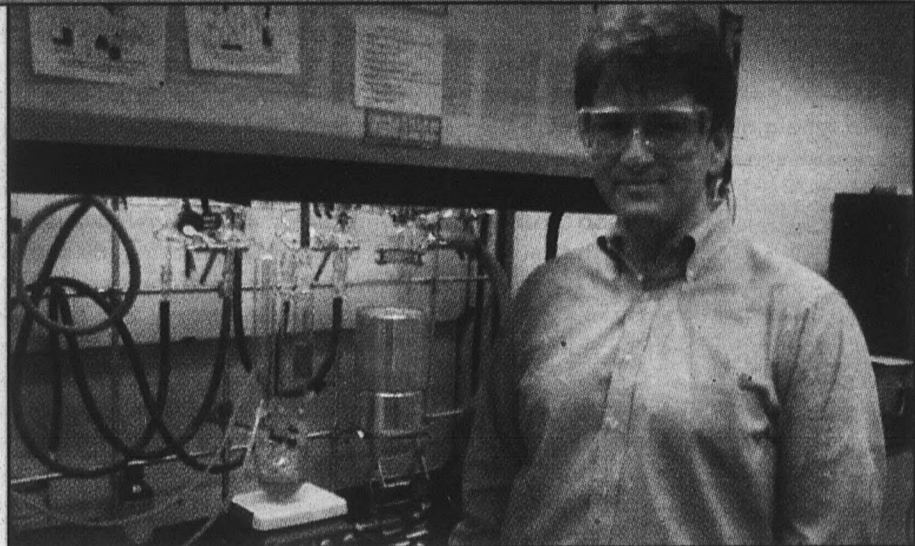


THE BANNER

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NEW CSI PROF AT CUTTING EDGE *Changing the Way Electronics Are Made*



David Maltz

Deep inside the 2nd floor of building 6S, one of CSI's newest professors is conducting groundbreaking research into electronic components, research that will radically change the composition of devices we use every day.

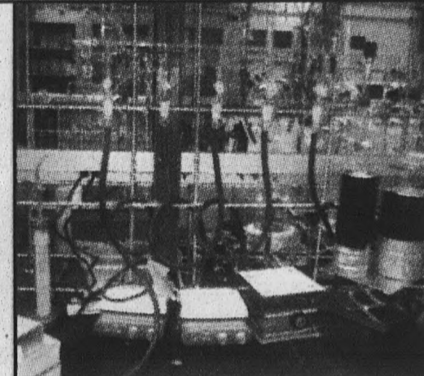
Dr. Ralf Peetz came to CSI in the fall of 2003. He is a synthetic polymer chemist, which means he designs new materials that can be used in various electronics, including camera lenses, compact discs, and Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs).

Dr. Peetz creates new organic compounds that will eventually find their way into the circuit boards of cellular phones, Compact Disc play-

ers, and computers. If the idea of a living circuit board is kind of freaky, imagine that these materials can also be used in the production of medical implants that will be able to release medicine into the body.

Dr. Peetz estimates that in 15 years, organically made circuit boards will become standard in most consumer electronics. "There are some stability issues at present," he said, "but Phillips makes telephones and solar cells using this."

Another project currently in development is a 1-millimeter (1/25 inch) thick, foldable television screen. "You will be able to connect to the internet and download the morning paper onto your portable folding television screen," he said. "You can read it just like a regular paper,



Dr. Ralf Peetz, a synthetic polymer chemist, came to CSI in the fall of 2003. He hopes to revolutionize the way we use cameras, CDs, and LEDs. He's also working on a 1-millimeter thick, foldable television screen. "You will be able to connect to the internet and download the morning paper onto your portable screen."

except that there will be a scroller to move up and down the page."

Dr. Peetz, who is a native of Hamburg, Germany, first became interested in Chemistry when he was in high school. He completed an internship in Martin Luther University, completed his national service in the German army as an accountant for an artillery brigade, then returned to Martin Luther University, where he completed his Bachelors of Science degree in Chemistry. Dr. Peetz ultimately received a Ph.D. in Technical and Macromolecular Chemistry at the University of Hamburg.

In the fall of 2000, Dr. Peetz came to the University of Akron, in Ohio where he was a visiting scholar.

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Sick of Sitting In Traffic?

POSSIBLE PLANS,
POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS
DISCUSSED AT CSI

First Annual Mass Transit
and Traffic Conference



CSI President Marlene Springer opened CSI's Staten Island Project Mass Transportation and Traffic conference, held March 19th. Staten Islanders face the 3rd longest average commuting time in the country, behind the Bronx and Queens.

David Maltz

March 19th, Building 1P—Transportation experts, academics, elected officials, and Staten Island community members gathered to discuss island transportation issues and make recommendations on the future of Staten Island's traffic and mass transit.

"The transportation system on Staten Island is almost an oxymoron," said City Councilman Michael McMahon. "There is no transportation system. Our roads, for all intents and purposes, are nothing but former Indian trails or cow paths. We have no road system, no grid system."

CSI president Marlene Springer gave the opening address, followed by New York City Commissioner of Transportation, Iris Weinshall, who gave greetings from New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

There were several moderated panels featuring key figures in the transportation world, with question and answer time throughout the event.

Most of the panels and panelists shared a common theme: Staten Island has a severe traffic congestion problem, outdated roads. Staten Island has too many tolls and needs more mass transit.

"We build narrow roads and tolls," said CSI Geography Professor Deborah Popper, moderator of a Plans and Vision panel. "We were first

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Women's History Month

Women's Center Up and Running; Office to Open in Fall

Jennifer Mosscrop

From movies to lectures, poetry readings to art exhibitions, various activities on the CSI campus have contributed to making Women's History Month a success.

What more perfect time to spread the word about the new women's center—even if it still doesn't have an office?

Yes, the women's center is still in its early stages of development. "We should get an office by the fall," said Professor Ellen Goldner, who's been appointed to getting the Center on its feet. "We're in the process of looking for a space now."

In the meantime, a website for the center will soon be available. The website will provide information on



National Women's History Month Honorees, clockwise from top left: Marian Wright Edelman, Children Rights Advocate; Sarah Buel, Domestic Violence Activist; Maxine Hong Kingston, Writer; Jill Ker Conway, Educator, Writer, Historian.

resources available to CSI women. Message boards will be set up for students.

"The purpose of the women's center is to enable women to succeed in college and the workplace," said Goldner.

Representatives of the center are currently planning the fall schedule of events. One event in the works is a gathering of female Alumni who have succeeded in the hectic task of balancing school, work and parenting. They will share their experiences with currently enrolled students who may be facing the same challenges.

The women's center has already sponsored some events on campus this semester.

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IN MY OPINION . . .

All Hat and No Cattle

The Second of a Two-Part Series on President Bush and His Cabinet

Matt Safford

After 9/11, George W. Bush had his nation supporting him, the world supporting him, and an enemy supporting him by validating many of his policies, such as increased defense spending. Bush seemed to be much better off on many levels after the terrorist attacks than before them, and it's now known that he had received at least two reports, by two separate intelligence agencies, with very specific information, weeks before the attacks.

While the war on Afghanistan did succeed in bringing down the Taliban as a government and installing what time might tell us is a decent, stable government (though recent reports of corruption and murder raise some doubts), little more was accomplished, aside the fact that Professor Marc W. Herold of The University of New Hampshire reports 3,000-3,400 civilian deaths, not to mention a mass-terminator who has yet to be found, dead or alive.

Moreover, continuing reports of attacks and killings prove that the Taliban, as a terrorist organization, is alive and well. If anything, it seems to be thriving on the chaotic atmosphere brought about by the scramble to create a new government. As foreign military attempts to keep order, the death toll continues to rise, both American, and Afghani.

With little helpful information coming from Afghanistan, Bush soon turned his sights upon another country, that longtime thorn in the side of America in general, and George Bush's father in particular: Iraq. In his state of the union address on January 2003, Bush outlined his case for war.

"Today, the gravest danger in the war on terror, the gravest danger facing America and the world, is outlaw regimes that seek and possess nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons. These regimes could use such weapons for blackmail, terror, and mass murder... Twelve years ago, Saddam Hussein faced the prospect of being the last casualty in a war he had started and lost. To spare himself, he agreed to disarm of all weapons of mass destruction. For the next 12 years, he systematically violated that agreement. He pursued chemical, biological and nuclear weapons even while inspectors were in his country..."

While Chief UN weapons inspector Hans Blix and his team searched,

and found nothing, Bush rallied his people, and again headed toward war. This would be the first pre-emptive strike in US history. The hastily, and questionably justified attack would alienate much of the world. Seventy-one percent of Europeans eventually viewed Bush's presidency as the biggest threat to world peace.

Regardless, Bush declared war on Iraq on March 20, 2003. Among other things, the war sparked huge global protests. The BBC stated; "Between six and 10 million people are thought to have marched in up to 60 countries over the weekend - the largest demonstrations of their kind since the Vietnam War."

Again, the military successfully overthrew the existing government, and installed an interim system, while a more permanent administration could be created. And for nearly a year, the mastermind eluded capture. While Saddam Hussein was eventually found, no real traces of the weapons of mass destruction which Bush assured America were being amassed in Iraq have yet been uncovered.

Somewhat recently, many events have occurred, calling into question the validity of the intelligence reports, and what Bush reported to the public, about Iraq's attempts to acquire

nuclear weapons from Africa.

For those who didn't initially denounce the war in Iraq, such recent revelations, as well as the slowly increasing number of American casualties, must be raising many doubts as to why we went there in the first place. Let's take a moment to examine the history of some of the close members

of Bush's cabinet, and see if we can't find some alternative answers for these wars.

Before landing the job of Bush JR's Vice President, Dick Cheney came to the attention of the media as the Defense Secretary who

led the US to victory in the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Cheney used the

experience gained, to move into a cozy CEO position at Halliburton, a private military construction and oil services firm which, among other things, builds facilities for the armed forces. While Halliburton's profits increased dramatically after Cheney took over as CEO in 1995, they have skyrocketed since Cheney relinquished that role, to become Vice President. Ostensibly because of their current

connections with Cheney, Halliburton has won the majority of military contracts in Postwar Iraq. As the Washington Post reported in August of last year, Halliburton had made \$1.7 billion in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other areas, since the beginning of the Bush administration in 2000.

Even more substantially, the company has been awarded a contract worth up to \$7 billion for operating and rebuilding the oil industry in Iraq.

As if this weren't bad enough, though Cheney of course no longer works for Halliburton directly, he still receives \$150,000 a year from his former company while he's in office, and he holds stock options on over 400,000 shares of the company. The term conflict of interest seems a bit of an understatement.

Dick Cheney's mentor, Donald Rumsfeld who now serves as Secretary of Defense for his second President, has been the head of not one major company, but several. Perhaps of most interest here is the time he spent on the board of directors of a Swiss engineering firm called ABB, which made \$200 million by providing two nuclear reactors to North Korea. This is even more interesting when one considers that Rumsfeld's own panel on the third world ballistic threat accused North Korea of running a secret nuclear weapons program, just a year or two before this.

Selling something that could be used as a potential weapon of mass destruction to a country who you think could be a major threat to regional stability may seem like a strange thing to do, but not apparently for Rumsfeld. In the 1980's, when Rumsfeld held the position of Mideast special envoy under President Reagan, he facilitated the sale of over \$1.5 billion in militarily useful equipment to Iraq. Much of this, surprisingly, was sold after it was publicly known that Saddam Hussein was using chemical weapons on Iranian soldiers. In fact, during this period, weapons sales to Iraq actually increased.

Perhaps that's why the Bush administration is so sure they will find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq; Rumsfeld helped put them there.

Bush and his cabinet continue to push for more time and more money to help rebuild Iraq. Meanwhile, homeland economic issues are taking a back burner to these foreign affairs. Americans seem to be growing increasingly restless, and are relinquishing their support of Bush. The only real question then is whether the other choice in our two-party system: the Democrats, can convince the US voting public that there are alternatives to Bush's kind of politics, alternative ways to fight terror, and progressive ways to spark the economy.

No one expects the next president to be perfect, but nearly anything would be better than what both the US and the world have endured for more than three years. All things considered, the November elections could be quite interesting, as long as all the votes are counted . . .



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The invasion of Iraq was planned a long time in advance, and the United States and Britain were not primarily concerned with finding any banned weapons of mass destruction, the chief UN weapons inspector, Hans Blix, said in an interview on Wednesday.

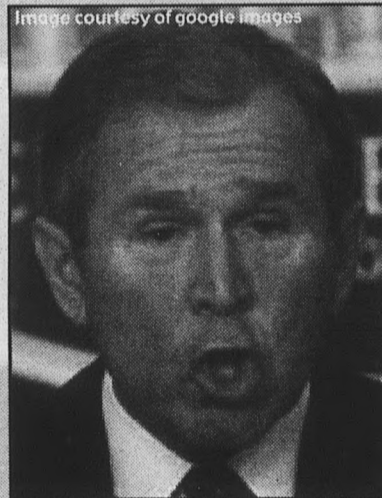


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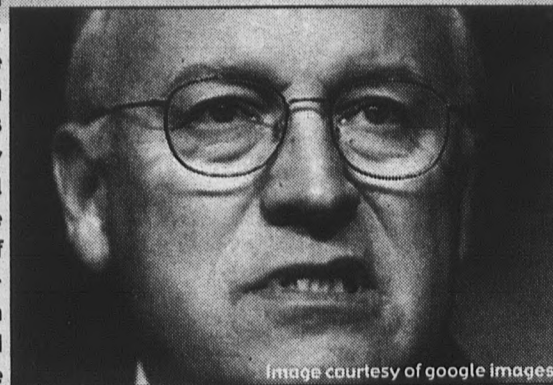


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women's "speak out" was held in 1C's Green Dolphin Lounge. It was an opportunity for CSI women to tell people connected with services—like the Children's Center and the Wellness Center—what they can do to better serve students.

Professor Goldner stressed the need for student involvement. "We need students to be active," she said. "If I have an agenda for the Women's Center, it's for the Center to be as student driven as possible."

Guest speaker Nelly Kemevor will be on campus on Friday, April 23rd in the green Dolphin lounge to speak about violence against women. Using an international perspective, Kemevor will discuss how African women's groups are responding to abusive practices.

"The administration has been extremely supportive of the center," said Goldner.

Last spring, CSI sponsored a series of discussions, lectures, and presentations for students, staff and community members meant to inspire, empower and educate. The colloquia hoped to bring attention to the Women's Center that was then in the early planning stages.

The colloquia's committee was made up of a very small group of dedicated women from different departments: Professor Gloria Garcia, Dr. Norma Stanton, Wilma Jones, Carol Jackson, Jean Como, Roberta Vogel, Kim Crabb, and a student representative, Georgia Landrum.

"I hope the Women's Center will make us question ourselves and make us better women," said Professor Garcia.

Women like Dr. Stanton didn't have the opportunities women have

today. "There was a limited selection of subjects to take in college, not many jobs to choose from, and no network of women to help one another," said Dr. Stanton.

The CSI Library currently features an exhibit of National Women's History Month honorees for 2004. The honorees can also be found on the website, www.nwhp.org. From domestic violence activists to professional basketball players, these women have worked to "revitalize people and institutions" and "inspired new possibilities for generations of women," according to the website.

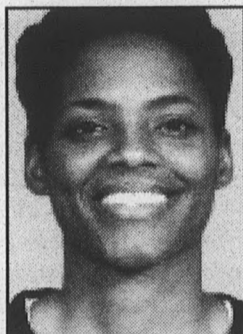
Students should take the opportunity to be a part of the Women's Center, not only for future female students but for the ones of the past. Female students of the 1950s had to endure gender bias and the

ultimate horror: home economics class. They were discouraged from math and the sciences and expected to get married and stay home with the kids after graduation.

Women's History Month began in California in 1978, when the Sonoma County Education Task force initiated March 8-15th as "Women's History Week." Two years later, it became "National Women's History Week," after Sen. Orrin Hatch and Rep.

Barbara Mikulski co-sponsored the Joint Congressional Resolution. In 1987, "National Women's Month" was declared after women's groups pressed Congress.

Seventeen years later, Women's history Month is celebrated throughout the U.S. promoting women's rights and recognizing women's roles in society.



National Women's History Month Honorees, clockwise from top left: Edna Campbell, Professional Athlete, Spokesperson for Breast Cancer Awareness; Susan Love, Women's Health and Breast Cancer Research Expert; Leslie Marmon Silko, Writer, Poet, Educator; Vilma Martinez, Civil Rights Attorney, Community Activist.

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RALF PEETZ

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While there, he worked with Dr. J.P. Kennedy, the most renowned Polymer Chemist in the world.

In his work, Dr. Peetz utilizes highly specialized chemical reactions that only he and one other scientist in the world know how to create. Dr.

"If I didn't enjoy teaching as much as research, then I wouldn't be happy here. I wanted to help people with less opportunity."

Peetz has published his findings in numerous journals and has three patent applications pending for books that he and Dr. J.P. Kennedy have written.

Now Dr. Peetz works at CSI, where he teaches several classes, such as CHM 142-General Chem 2. He is the course coordinator for both CHM 127. Dr. Peetz also teaches two classes at the CUNY Graduate center in Manhattan: CHEM 78500-Introduction to Nanotechnology, and CHEM 79003-Basic Research Techniques for Research in Polymer Chemistry.

"If I didn't enjoy teaching as much as research, then I wouldn't be happy here," said Peetz. "It was a conscious decision to come here. I wanted to help people with less opportunity."

Dr. Peetz believes in helping students who are struggling financially to reach their potential. "If I get a handful of people with a spark to come here," he said, "I'll take care of the finances. People need to see the opportunity."

Dr. Peetz also wants to improve the image of CSI. "I wanted to make a change to the environment," he said. "It makes me happy if I see it."

Dr. Peetz is a member of the CUNY Photonic Initiative. "We can compete with any college in the United States," he said. "It's very renowned."

Dr Peetz's research will go on for a long time. Currently, Dr. Peetz's lab is not fully stocked; he estimates that only 1/3 of his total equipment has arrived. "We're going to have pieces of equipment here that cost as much as a Cadillac," he said.

Once Dr. Peetz's lab has become more equipped, he expects the pace of research to increase. "I'll be having more graduate and undergraduate students working here, in addition to the Ph.D.s and lab assistants."

Dr. Peetz's contributions to society will be felt for a very long time. As for now, his presence benefits both CSI and CUNY.

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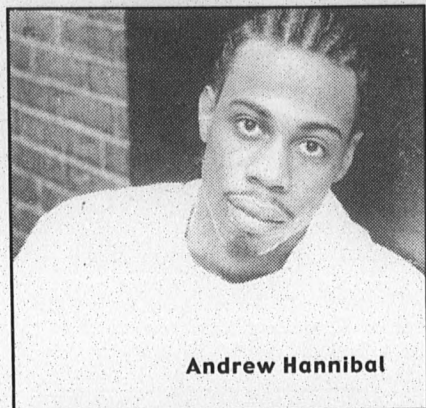
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Hannibal's Will To Power Leads Him to an Unexpected World

Playing the part is never enough for this would-be writer and producer

Christina Armstrong



Andrew Hannibal

Andrew Hannibal acted for fun. Now it's an addiction. He taught himself to write scripts. Today, his unread collection takes a spot on his shelf.

Hannibal has hustled from day one. He attended the Act Teen school, but believes that acting is not something that can be taught. He has worked in the theater and as an extra in film and television.

Acting, noted Hannibal, "is like a drug. You're rejected, but something good can come of it."

Indeed. Hannibal auditioned for a Bill Cosby television series but was

not called back. Months later, the casting director called him back for another audition. This audition, like the first one, did not come through for Andrew. When Cosby had a disagreement with someone on the set, the whole production was cancelled. Hannibal's audition was forgotten until he was doing research on upcoming movies and saw that the movie was back on track. He called his agent and told her about it. She was a couple of steps ahead, because she had already sent out his photo and resumé. This time, the casting director knows Hannibal, and he awaits his call for the audition. This time, it is very likely that Hannibal will play the part.

But the acting addiction is no longer enough for Hannibal. Acting is fun, but for beginning actors there is no money; it's not steady. Now, Hannibal acts for the networking benefits. He has wanted to be a producer since he was a young boy. Playing the part is not enough; he wants power. He wants control, the control only producers have. "People with power impress me," said

Hannibal.

In order to have power, Andrew Hannibal needed to know how to write. In particular, he needed to know how to write scripts. So Andrew began to teach himself. He read a number of books about screenwriting

and script writing. Some of the most important were: *Screenplay*, by Syd Fields, *Complete Idiots Guide to Scriptwriting*, by Skip Press, and the *Screenwriters Workbook*, by Syd Fields as well.

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Hannibal has now written three scripts. The first one is about a year old. It is called "A Tragedy." This script is about a modern day tragedy, based on a kid named Johnny. It's about Johnny killing one of his friends and making up a story to get out of it. The script takes place the summer after high school graduation.

The second script, "Hot 4 Teacher," is about a teacher who

becomes obsessed with one of her students. Meanwhile, this student has an ulterior motive for the romance. The final, still in the works, is called "Black Caesar—Fall of the King." This script is only the first part of a trilogy. The story is based on one of William Shakespeare's early dramas, King John.

Even though he is an actor, Andrew Hannibal never writes himself as the lead, which he believes would be egotistical.

Acting, says Hannibal, "is like a drug."

"I'm not doing the writing to feed my ego," said Hannibal.

Andrew is confident about his work and the number of a producer is on his desk, but it has never been used. He is afraid of criticism and refuses to show any of his work until he has been given proof that it is good.

He hopes such proof will come from one of the many screenwriting contests he is planning on entering. But his plan for "Black Caesar" is quite different. He wants to go straight to Tribeca Films with it. But this script won't be ready for a long time. "Black Caesar," Hannibal said, "is gonna take so much energy."

meet your classmates

College Student Rocks Her Way through the Music Industry

Unpaid Internships Lead to Decision About Future Career

Jennifer M. Anello



Cost of that hot new band's CD: \$18.99. Cost of concert ticket for you and a friend: \$45.00 each. Cost of experience from unpaid internships: priceless.

Just ask Kristy Calabro.

Calabro, a Corporate Communications major at CSI, has successfully completed three internships in the music industry and is on her way to completing a fourth. The extraordinary thing about Calabro's internship experience is that all of her internships have been unpaid!

Why would anyone want to work for free? Either Calabro enjoys working for free or she realizes that, in the

long run, all of this experience will be beneficial to her. That alone may be worth more than the steady paycheck of a job.

"After high school," said Calabro, "I wasn't sure what I wanted to do with the rest of my life."

Although most colleges only require one internship to be completed during a student's course of study, and one is usually more than enough for any college student to handle, Calabro's decision to have four internships to add to her resumé unintentionally led to her decision to pursue a career in public relations.

"I guess I did it backwards," Calabro said. "My internships led me to this major, where it's usually your major that leads you to an internship."

It all began when Calabro was a teenager. "Every since I was fifteen years old I have been going to concerts and shows in and around New York City," she said. Among some of her favorites clubs are Roseland, Irving Plaza, CBGB's, and the Bowery Ballroom.

It was at locations like these that Calabro was entertained by local, indie and punk rock bands. At every

show, Calabro met up with her friend Rafe, a freelance photo journalist and editor of a fanzine. He is also the person responsible for getting Kristy her first internship back in the fall of 1999.

"My friend needed a photo pass and permission from the band's publicist," Calabro said. They found out the phone number for the publicity company, PRB Media, and called them up. It was an independent company, run by two women in a small Soho office. They promoted bands from record labels like Epitaph, Fat Wreck Chords, and Mojo, and soon asked Kristy and her friend if they were interested in being office interns. It was for no pay but as soon as Kristy found out about the free CD's, concert tickets, and a chance to meet the bands, her answer was a very swift yes!

After briefly studying culinary arts and computers, as well as completing two of her internships, Calabro was determined to take her passion for music and turn it into her livelihood. Since music would always be a part of her life, why not make it an aspect of her career?

"I never looked at it as a business and an industry filled with many career opportunities," she said. "I suppose a true fan does not see it as a business, but rather pure entertainment."

An important attribute of internships is that they offer learning experience outside the classroom setting.

"My first internship happened by accident," Calabro says, "and I was not taking it seriously."

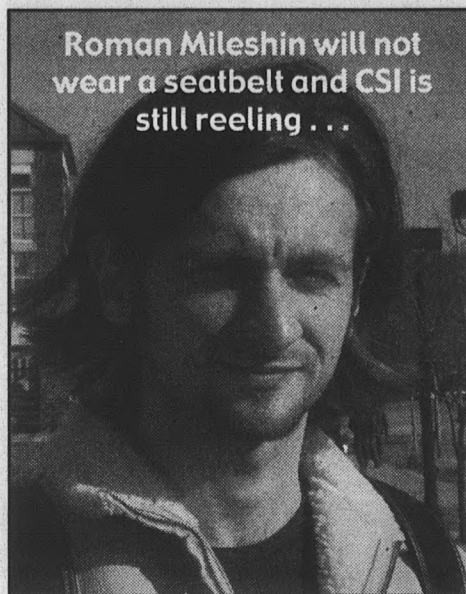
After her second internship at Hi-Frequency, Kristy decided to take her pursuits more seriously. She was getting older and needed to decide about her future. Kristy decided to go to college to study communications. "I realized how important it was for me to go to college," Calabro said. "I wanted to study something I enjoyed."

Finally, Kristy got herself focused on her goals of studying corporate communications, particularly public relations, and it is all thanks to her internships at PRB Media, Hi-Frequency, and Fanatic Promotion.

As far as her future career is concerned, Calabro would like to help up-and-coming artists get recognized. "Promoting and getting an independent band or artist recognized in various publications is harder," Calabro says, "but definitely more gratifying." Kristy sees being a publicist for super-famous pop stars as not enjoyable work because they are already known by everyone. It is much more fulfilling to see an unknown band gain popularity.

"We are proud of our daughter and think it is an interesting field of work," said Calabro's parents. So until we hear Kristy being thanked as a publicist at the Grammy's, we will just designate her the *professional* music industry intern.

Re: Rebellion on the Hudson



Roman Mileschin will not wear a seatbelt and CSI is still reeling . . .

Jennifer Anello writes that she has "Issues" with the Banner publishing an article where someone is "knocking American freedoms." Attempting to validate her opinion, she continues in the very next sentence, with: "Isn't it because of such freedoms . . . that articles get published without being censored?" Well, yes, Jennifer, it is because of these freedoms that articles get published without being censored. It is also because of such freedoms that Roman Mileschin is free to express his own opinions, about America, the seatbelt law, or whatever else he chooses to criticize, and then have these opinions published, opening them up for public debate. Isn't this a wonderful place we live in, where people from all walks of life are free to express themselves?

That being said, the idea that anyone living in America shouldn't put it down, is simply ludicrous. This nation was founded by people living in a land where things were far from perfect. If none of them put down the way things were at the time, we would most likely still be an English Colony, and not "the land of the free, and the home of the brave." Should our forefathers have taken Michael Gutierrez's advice, and simply left because they didn't "like the laws and freedom" that Britain gave them? I don't know about the rest of you, but I think not.

Right-wing conservatives are partially right when they say things like "freedom isn't free" or "Democracy requires vigilance." We must be vigilant in our efforts to point out what we see are the flaws in our society, so that they may be improved upon; so that our Democracy may be improved upon. Without this vigilance, our system would soon break down, and our freedoms would be lost. So, while his choice of rebellion may be somewhat questionable, Roman, in his attempt to air his views about what he feels are unnecessary, and restrictive laws, in effect, is a far better member of American Democratic society, than anyone who simply says that we should not question the way in which our government, our economy, or our society functions.

In my opinion, Louis Leccese makes the only viable point in any of these three published letters. Yes, wearing a seatbelt may save your life. It may have saved his ex-girlfriend's life. Undoubtedly, the seatbelt saves hundreds, if not thousands of lives every year. Before rushing to judgment though, ask yourself if you've ever answered your cell phone while you were driving; even once. If you have, then you are really much more horrible a person than Roman is for refusing to buckle up.

Study after study has shown that cell phones cause accidents, and accidents have a tendency to injure other people, aside from the driver. No one has ever caused an accident because they weren't wearing their seatbelt. Plenty of people have killed others, because they were having a meaningless conversation on a cell phone, while driving. Roman unquestionably is putting his own life in his hands, when he drives without his belt, but so are skydivers, people that smoke, people that drink, and those of us who eat unhealthy food on a fairly regular basis. For some reason, I don't see people getting tickets at McDonald's for going over their limit in McNuggets. Perhaps if not wearing a seatbelt somehow contributed financially to the economy, in the way that fast-food, smoking, or extreme sports do, Roman wouldn't be seen in a negative light at all.

•Matt Safford, Senior

Letters to the Editor

Re: Musee de la College of Staten Island

I think it was a good idea in this issue to put various works of art about the woman's movement in The Banner. This made me aware that there is art work on campus.

•Danny Leahy, Junior

Re: Commuter Woes

I think that it's great that some kind of action will be taken to ease the traffic in Staten Island. It feels like the traffic is easing up in Brooklyn and getting worse in Staten Island.

•Anthony Gallo, Junior

I also believe that Staten Island has a severe transportation issue, but I am still angry that the issue of parking at CSI is not being addressed. In actuality, it's not only the lack of lanes or traffic lights, it's also the people. Too many people here feel that just because they know someone who is part of law enforcement, they can run red lights and stop signs and pass on the right.

•Samantha DePaulo

Re: Queer eye for the fight against Discrimination

Louis E. Leccese did a fantastic job portraying Kate Freitag in this piece. Finally, CSI is showing a little gay pride and now realizes it won't hurt them. This article displays not only coming to terms with yourself, but changing who you are so that you can feel more comfortable with who you are. It shows me that life isn't an easy path to walk, but if you walk with your head up high, no one can look down at you.

•Gregg Gallante, Senior

I don't know how I feel about this article. As a college student in this era I feel that I should feel happy for Kate Freitag, but as a religious person I feel it is a sin to change what God has given you. I do not discriminate but I hope I can understand.

•Japhe Deliat, Senior

FCC Gone Wild

I am a loyal listener of the Howard Stern show. I cannot understand why, after years and years of Stern's show always coming close to crossing the line, now it suddenly has come down to certain markets taking him off the air. Jennifer Mosscrop has touched on every reason for this being wrong. Why is our freedom of speech being threatened all because of a "wardrobe malfunction?"

•Lacey Axelrod, Senior

Re: Sarah Schulman

I had the pleasure of being a student in Schulman's class. I was only a freshman but her liberalism and open-mindedness made me become a better writer.

•Eric Naylor

Re: Baseball's mvp

I agree with Dominic Fiduccia that EA sports new edition of MVP baseball 2004 is one hell of a game. This is definitely the best baseball game ever made.

•Michael Gutierrez, Junior

Re: Girl's Basketball

It's a shame to see the girl's basketball team falter at the end of the season. They were doing so well. Maybe next year things will go smoothly and they will win it all.

•Jonathan Bolarinwa

Re: Life Love, Sex

Jessica, you did a great job in this issue. I think that I would never have the courage to do the things that you do. But it's good to read your column about experimenting with the opposite sex.

•Maria Martinez

Once again, Jessica Mendez has touched upon an issue that has been dwelling in the back of the entire CSI student body. Staten Island is a very biased Borough that needs to catch up to the rest of the city, regarding sexual preference. Most men do not have a problem when seeing two women kiss, but when it comes to men kissing, it is considered "disgusting." The trend of acting gay has spread over the entire country and we all need to realize that it is like every other trend. It eventually fades out.

•Boris Kreynstein

I congratulate you on your first "same sex hook up." This is an experience every person will and should go through. As a person very comfortable with her sexuality I had my first "kiss" when I was 16. Only a person truly comfortable with their sexuality can experience this as a mature adult and not feel weird about it afterwards.

•Maggie Vargas, Sophomore

Re: All Hat and No Cattle?

A lot of things about the Bush election and current presidency have come to light because of this article. I knew Bush was sneaky. That's why I'm a democrat.

•Khadijah Rentas, Sophomore

WHERE'S THE BANNER?

I couldn't help but notice how grossly outdated the stacks of the Banner are in most buildings of the school. What is the point of putting in any of that hard work or spending any of our student activity funds on publishing it, for that matter, if you aren't going to provide students with easy access to it? At the library there are nothing but issues from December 15th.

If you are going to make the effort and expend the resources of running a school paper, you should at least do it right, or not at all. I hope this will prompt you to be a little bit more diligent in your distribution methods.

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at that."

Several panelists and a handout provided to conference participants noted that an estimated 5-6% of the nation's tolls are collected at the four Staten Island bridges.

"A lot of my transportation duties have taken me to Staten Island," said Peter King, Region Planning and Program Manager for region 11 of the

critical of Staten Island's infrastructure.

"There is one reality," said Borough President James Molinaro. "We have 268,000 vehicles on Staten Island. It will increase by 8-10% per year at the rate we're going. If we're lucky, 5%."

Robert Straniere, who proposed Right Turn on Red legislation that was vetoed by Governor Pataki last year, said he was disappointed that it did not pass.



Conference attendees listened to proposals and initiatives to improve transportation on Staten Island, such as a bus only or HOV lane on the Expressway, building a North Shore and West Shore light rail line, and enhancing Express Bus service throughout the Borough.

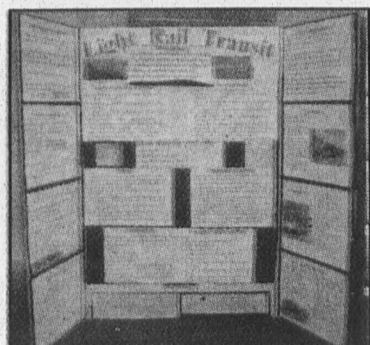
New York State Department of Transportation. "And what I've come away with is that there are enormous transportation problems—and enormous transportation opportunities.

"The Staten Island Expressway is Staten Island's main street. We've done a whole host of studies," continued King. "The one consistent thread that seems to run through our analysis is the importance of this 7 mile piece of road."

King also mentioned that the Staten Island Expressway's accident rate is nearly double the statewide average.

Several Island politicians were present, as well as a representative for State Senator John Marchi.

Other politicians present were also



Posterboards set up by CSI graduate students mapped out possible solutions to Staten Island's transportation woes.

During his presentation, Robert Cutrona, a board member of the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce, proposed free mass transit for all of New York City.

Several Staten Island transportation initiatives and plans to improve transportation were mentioned, including building a bus only or HOV lane on the Staten Island Expressway, building a North Shore and West Shore light rail line, and enhancing Express Bus service throughout the borough. There was, however, frustration expressed at the fact that many of these initiatives will not be completed for at least 10, 15 or even 20 years.

Many attendees sought more immediate solutions, such as tighter police enforcement of traffic laws. "This morning I went from my home to my office on Forest Avenue, and then to here," said William Graebe, owner of Graebe Financial Services. "I did not see one police car or police officer on the street."

The response from the politicians present was that since 9/11, officers are being drawn away from the street for anti-terrorism duty. However, they said they would look into solutions to improve enforcement.

Among the more immediate solu-



Attendees at the Traffic Conference included CSI Provost David Podell (front row, center), and CSI's Vice President for Student Affairs, Carol Jackson (front row, right).

Transportation Facts:

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- There are 268,000 vehicles on Staten Island, and the number is increasing by 8-10% each year.
- The accident rate on the Staten Island Expressway is nearly double the statewide average.

tions mentioned was the reconfiguration of the New Dorp Lane/Hylan Boulevard intersection to try making it safer for drivers and pedestrians.

Attendees at the conference paid a \$30 admission fee; CSI students and public officials attended for free. Attendees were served a bagel breakfast, a cold buffet lunch, and at the conclusion of the event, a cocktail party with beer and wine.

Also present throughout the event were several poster boards in the atrium of 1P created by CSI graduate students. These posters provided graphic images and text that highlighted Staten Island's geographical, traffic, and transportation position. The snowy weather at the beginning of the conference resulted in two scheduled panelists being unable to attend.



New York City's Commissioner of Transportation, Iris Weinshall, delivered greetings from Mayor Bloomberg



At a roundtable discussion, Staten Island Borough President James Molinaro responded to questions from New York City Councilmember DeBlasio. Molinaro is flanked by State Senator Seymour Lachman (left), and State Assemblyman John Lavelle.

Mass Transit's Marshall Plan

Renowned Author Believes That If You Build it, They Will Come

Michael Bruno

The College of Staten Island-Staten Island Project's transportation conference had plenty to offer the hungry minds of those starving for ideas that would mellow our clogged streets, bridges and highways. One after another, officials and transportation experts from all over the Tri-State area lent their opinions and research findings to those attending the inaugural CSI-SIP conference. They spoke with hopes of striking some harmonious chord that might in the very least get us on the right track to solving some of the region's more pressing transportation concerns. Their ideas ranged from simply renovating or extending existing modes of public and private transportation to lobbying politicians and economists to allot the cash necessary to create newer, more effective means for everyone to get around.

However, the most polemical views of the day came from the con-

ference of what he calls the hyper-reactive nature of modern transportation development, or the "New Urbanism," which fosters a disturbing measure of ignorance with regard to the consequences of hastily contrived infrastructures.

"What forces produce our streets, neighborhoods, towns, cities, and regions, and the shape they take? And can we control them? To proceed without understanding is to almost



Conference attendees at a post conference reception. Mirella Affron, CSI-SIP Director, far right. Photos: Maltz

guarantee ill-conceived and unwanted results," said Mr. Marshall.

Salient among most of Mr. Marshall's theories is the idea that the abandonment or waning of public transportation in the big cities is detrimental to the development or nurturing of a close-knit, integrated society. According to Marshall, the

transportation systems are the ones with the most options."

Some may question the theories of Mr. Marshall as impractical or even laughable. After all, alleviating traffic problems by not developing or expanding the roads we take seems to be a bit of a stretch (or a lack of one, for that matter.)

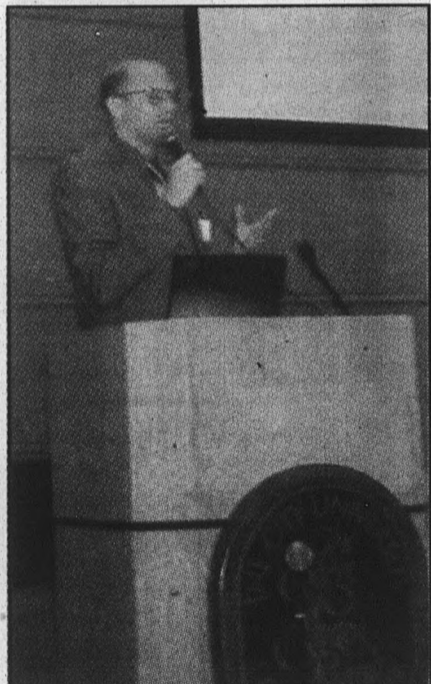
"We gave up something when most of our cities opted to build highways and interstates, rather than train lines or subways," said Mr. Marshall. "The cities with the best transportation systems are the ones with the most options."

quaint lifestyles and familiar settings of years past have become lost amidst the outstretched, tangled arms of heavily traversed super-concourses.

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And question they did at the CSI-SIP conference, when Mr. Marshall's unconventional views provided some of the more animated feedback from disconcerted audience members. Some actually chuckled and shook their heads in disbelief as the low murmur of discontented voices permeated the Center for the Arts' Recital Hall. Apparently, here in

to presently developed systems but a road map for planning new, as of yet uncontrived transportation networks, the befuddled dissenters appeared more humorous even than Mr Marshall's initial remarks to the conference: "I almost didn't make it here today...there was a transportation problem."



Alex Marshall, author of the book *How Cities Work: Suburbs, Sprawl, and the Road Not Taken*, gave a presentation in which he argued against building new roads

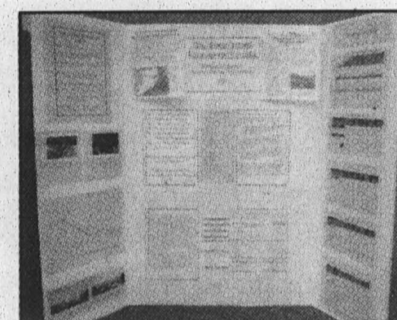
ference's keynote speaker, Alex Marshall, who asserted that if we didn't want traffic to choke our streets, bridges and highways, we shouldn't have built them in the first place.

"A traffic jam is a natural part of a road's life," said Mr. Marshall, author of *How Cities Work: Suburbs, Sprawl and the Roads Not Taken*. "Like a packed railroad car at rush hour, if a road is successful, it will be used."

Through his writing for publications such as *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Boston Globe*, *Metropolis Magazine*, *The Washington Post*, *Salon*, *George*, *Architecture Magazine*, and *Newsday*, Alex Marshall has made his mark as a transportation and urbanization theorist with groundbreaking views on the culture and environment created by urban and transportation development. He is a staunch oppo-



Left to right: Iris Weinshall, NYC Commissioner of Transportation; Deborah Popper, CSI Professor of Geography; Jeffery Zupan, Sr. Fellow for Transportation, Regional Plan Association; Gerry Borgacz, Planning Group director, New York Metropolitan Council.



Posterboards set up by CSI graduate students mapped out the problems of Staten Island's 7-mile Expressway Corridor. The accident rate on Staten Island's "Main Street" is double the State average.



Roundtable of politicians, left to right: City Councilman Michael McMahon; State Senator Seymour Lachman; Borough President James Molinaro; State Assemblyman John Lavelle; Representative of John Marchi, Richard Helbock; State Assemblyman Robert Straniere; and Michael Cusick. All photos: David Maltz.

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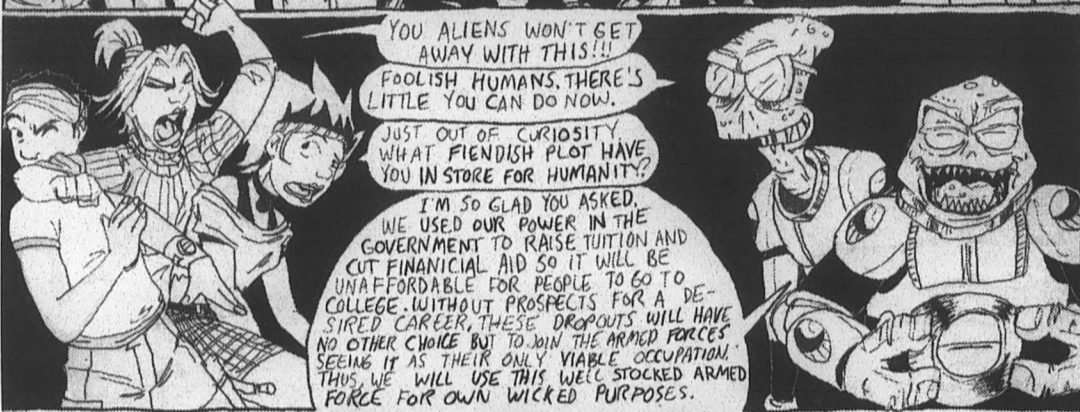
Enrique Inocente

The Beacon

AFTER LEARNING SPACE ALIENS HAD SECRETLY TAKEN OVER THE COLLEGE, THE PLUCKY YOUNG HEROES OF THE BEACON DEVISE A PLAN TO STOP THE ALIEN INVASION.

UNFORTUNATELY, THEY WERE AMBUSHED AS THEY MADE THEIR WAY THROUGH THE ALIEN MOTHERSHIP HIDDEN BENEATH THE CAMPUS LIBRARY. PETE, NANA, AND LEESA WERE CAPTURED IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE.

THE CAPTIVES WERE TAKEN TO THE ALIENS THAT IMPERSONATED COLLEGE PRESIDENT DINGUS AND VICE-PRESIDENT CARLOS.



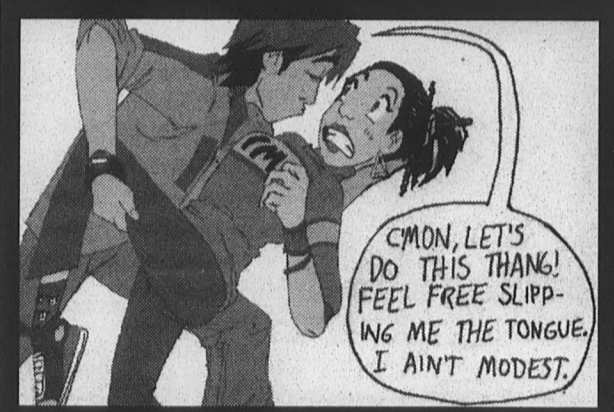
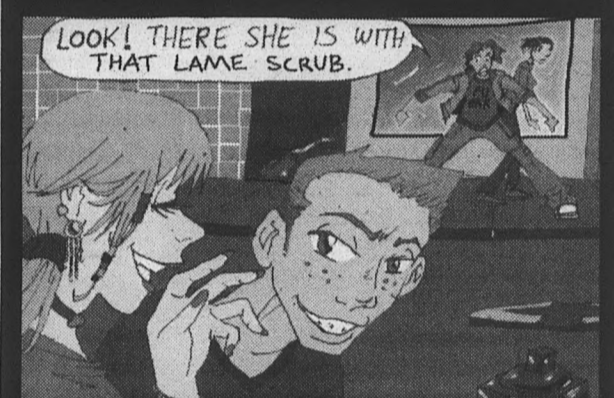
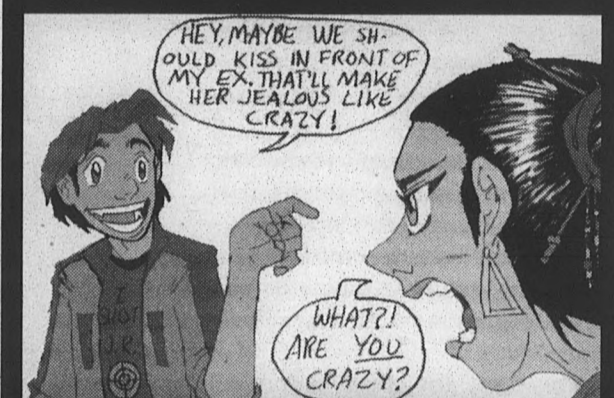
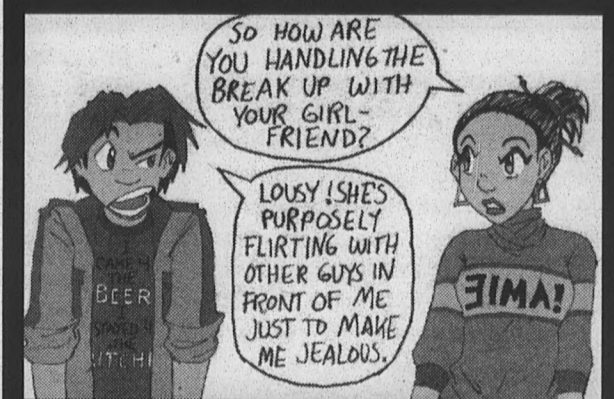
OH REALLY! WELL, YOUR NOTION THAT PEOPLE WILL FLOCK TO THE MILITARY BECAUSE OF A LACK OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES IS COMPLETELY BASELESS. BESIDES, WHY DO YOU NEED A HUMAN MILITARY ANYWAY?

YOU SEE, OUR CIVILIZATION RUNS A MINERAL CALLED LIO TO POWER OUR WAY OF LIFE. SADLY OUR PLANETS RESERVES HAVE BEEN DEPLETED. MAINLY DUE TO OUR GREED AND NEGLECT FOR CONSERVATION. WHAT CAN I SAY? WE LOVE OUR SPACE UTILITY VEHICLES.



BUT ALL IS NOT LOST. ON A DISTANT PLANET CALLED ARCADIA THERE IS A MASSIVELY UNTAPPED SUPPLY OF LIO. THE ONLY SNAG IS THAT THERE'S ALREADY A WELL ADVANCED SOCIETY ON THE PLANET AND THEY WON'T JUST GIVE IT AWAY FOR FREE. DO YOU SEE WHERE I'M GOING WITH THIS? OUR PLAN IS TO CONQUER ARCADIA AND TAKE THEIR LIO. INVADING WOULD INVOLVE UNTOLD AMOUNTS OF CASUALTIES ON OUR SIDE. BUT THAT SURE AIN'T HAPPENING. OUR LIVES ARE FAR TOO IMPORTANT TO LOSE TO THOSE SAVAGES ON ARCADIA, WHICH IS WHY WE WILL USE THE EARTH MILITARY TO FIGHT, AND WHILE ARCADIAN AND EARTHLINGS ARE BUSY KILLING EACH OTHER WE SWOOP IN TO TAKE THE LIO.

THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG. WE ARE GOING TO ASSASSINATE THE EARTH AMBASSADOR AND BLAME IT ON THE ARCADIAN. WE WILL THEN OFFER OUR ASSISTANCE TO HUMANITY WITH OUR TECHNOLOGY SO THEY CAN TAKE OUT THEIR MISGUIDED VENGEANCE ON THE ARCADIAN'S HOME WORLD.



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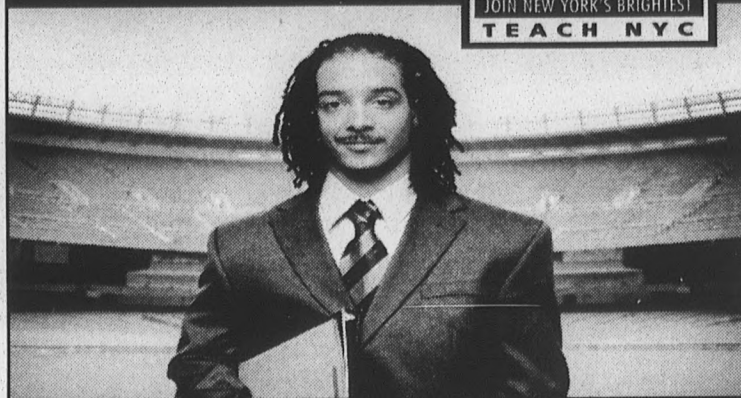
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CALL WAITING

Hi, grotesquely antiquated dating rule wreaking havoc on otherwise sane individuals? You suck.

Jessica Mendez

My friend Don Chulo IM'd me the other day to ask a question: "How long should a guy wait before calling a girl"—a second part to the question popped up—"without looking like a punk bitch?"

The situation was this: Don Chulo's friend had scored some girl's digits on a Friday. This IM conversation? Happened on the following Tuesday. See, Don Chulo's buddy didn't want to appear to be eager or too interested.

Newsflash: appearing interested does not equal punk bitch! When I told Don Chulo that the guy could have called the day after just to say hi, he replied, "Oh, come on, you have to wait at least two days." Then, the most loathed phrase in the dating game ever: "Those are the rules."

Frankly, I've been out of the typical dating circuit for a few years. After ending a very tumultuous relationship, I opted out of the dating game, instead taking solace in a series of male friends. Well, anyone who reads this column knows how those turned out (i.e. BADLY). So, I bravely re-entered the dating scene and can return this conclusive, completely scientific report: dating blows. At the risk of sounding completely mid-90s, it blows chunks. It blows like a monsoon, like a tornado, like the cast of "Deep Throat."

I once heard that dating was supposed to be fun. So why has it become a peculiar hybrid of job interview, sales pitch, and masochistic psychological ping pong match? There are more rules to dating than an NCAA tournament and more skills required than brain surgery. And the number one most confusing, awful obstacle is the art of communication. Oh, not while you're actually with the person; that's the easy part. That means you've gotten past the INITIAL call, a feat unto itself.

I'm going to break this down for you with one very simple assignment: rent Swingers. Towards the middle of the movie, the protagonist, Mikey, meets a girl at a bar and gets her number. After the baffling "rules" of calling have been relayed to a newly single Mikey by his bachelor-about-town buddies Trey and Sue, the most painful misstep in dialing history is played out in cringe-inducing horror.

And that's not even including the added heartburn of IM's and email. When one guy I am sweet on used to come on IM, I would IM him just like I would any friend. Apparently, according to Maya, I might be "scaring him away," even though he has told me more than once to call him. Apparently, that's different than IM, and IM can possibly

count as a phone call, thus eliminating your one phone call. Pardon me if I think this sounds utterly ridiculous. And yet, this little piece of advice, reiterated by several, has rendered me somewhat paranoid.

My friend Ana, a pretty, smart English Lit major, is so sweet on Jay that she would sit idly by, waiting for him to IM her. "He ended the conversation last time," she said, "so I waited for him to IM me, but I had my away message up, so I had to take it off—"

Sweet Jeebus, what is wrong with all of us? We are intelligent, talented, and completely sane most of the time. The whole purpose of IM is to drop a quick line to someone else. God forbid we should appear anything but aloof and jaded!

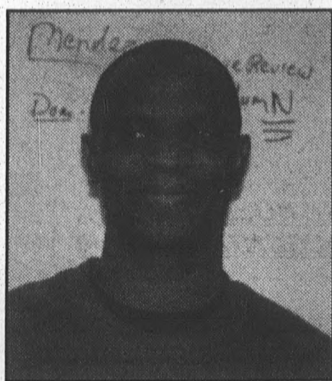
Listen up everyone: one phone call (or IM) does not a stalker make. Confusion will just lead to insanity, and you will end up doing something stupid, like calling a potential hottie at 3AM, rambling like a fool (again, rent Swingers. Now.). Here, you want a rule, I'll give you one. Call the person when you feel comfortable calling him or her. Call, leave a message, and just let it go. Drop a quick IM while taking a study break, just for the hell of it. If the other person can't handle a freaking phone

call or IM expressing interest, then the person is an asspony and not worthy of your time. I'm not going to be one of those girls who is so afraid of "losing" a guy's interest that I become some 50s era "Rules" follower who will time my phone call with an egg timer and pretend to be "busy" if a guy asks me to hang out less than three days in advance, even if my only "plans" are straightening my hair and watching reruns of "Footballers Wives" on Trio.

Let's try NOT spending our lives being jaded bitches and pretentious snobs enthralled in idiotic power struggles. Being interested in someone is not a crime. In fact, it's a rather lovely, human emotion. Don't shy away from it in the name of "rules." And if you want to know if someone is interested, here's a novel idea: ask! Just do what I did when I wanted to know if I was wasting my time: I IM'd him (yes, *tres risqué*, I know!).

"Listen, are you interested in hanging out?" Deep breath. "If not, it's cool, but I don't like busting chops for no reason." A message popped up. "Yeah, definitely. Call me." And I think I will.

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B • So what exactly do you do at SG?

TO • I help with all student government activities. I'm the only student rep at large.

B • Are you involved with any other clubs or organizations here at CSI?

TO • Yes, I am currently the President of the Nigerian Student Association.

B • How long have you been involved with SG?

TO • Second semester.

B • If you could pick one way to improve the school, what would it be?

TO • I made a proposal to the SG about the use of credit cards and debit cards in the cafeteria. Also, I suggested that the bus schedule be posted at every loop bus stop on campus.

B • Name one thing that SG has done for the student body.

TO • Support pass/fail option. We all believe it's in the good interest of the students.

B • Name your dream job.

TO • My dream job is to be a C.P.A.

B • Boxers or briefs?

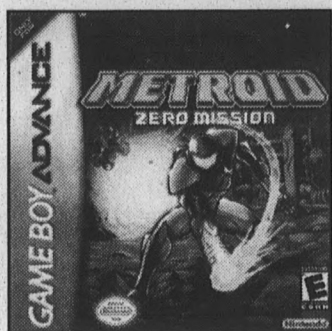
TO • I have no preference.

B • If you could clear up one misconception about S.G., what would that be?

TO • Our main concern is to protect the students' interests. Students need to know that SG creates a forum where issues, news, and matters affecting students can be discussed. I advise students to come to the SG office to talk to their senators if they have any problems.

METROID ZERO MISSION

Dominic Fiduccia



Metroid: Zero Mission is the best Metroid game on the Game Boy Advance. It's much better than Metroid Fusion (also for the Game Boy Advance) and it rivals the Super NES Super Metroid and the NES original for the best Metroid game ever. The feel of the whole game is perfect, from graphics to game play.

It's just amazing how Nintendo is



All images courtesy of Nintendo.com

able to make just one great game after the other with their long time series like Metroid (or Super Mario Bros. and Legend of Zelda for that matter). Unfortunately, you'll be surprised at how fast the gaming experience will end. This is one short game, especially when it is played in normal mode, and you'll be able to finish it with 70% of items in just about four hours. Nintendo has given this game harder difficulty modes, and that should satisfy any gamer looking for a challenging gaming experience (which the Metroid series is famous for).

The problem with the game's difficulty may be that Nintendo makes Samus Aran too powerful, too quickly (which was also a problem with Metroid Prime for the Nintendo GameCube). This isn't the old-school Samus who took forever to receive all of her power-ups. Samus can gain all of the abilities she's learned in the past games like the Ice Beam and Varia Suit (which reduces damage), but new ones as well like the Super Missiles. The difficulty level of the game becomes almost meaningless as she gains all her new weapons and abilities at a furious pace.

Still, you have to give Nintendo credit for what they've done in this game. The audiovisual quality is breathtaking, taking the GBA series closer to Super Metroid territory than any other Metroid title. Everything is very well done, from the colorful graphics to the excellent background

music.

The way the game plays is equally impressive. As a classic series that only once departed from the 2D realm, you can see the years of tweaking and honing control in Metroid: Zero Mission. Everything just feels a lot tighter: Missiles are easier to get to, the morph ball is easier to manipulate, and Samus shows why she is the best female heroine that the video game world has ever had.

And for those who think this is just another Nintendo remake, you're definitely in for a surprise. This isn't just Metroid NES redone on the small screen with minor improvements. This is almost an entirely new game. There are new bosses and levels that the original never had.

This is one great handheld that will have veteran gamers experiencing the good old days of Metroid past, while newer fans will get to enjoy what made this series so great in the first place.

They've also added locations not in NES version, like Chozodia, which helps connect the stories of Metroid Fusion and Metroid Prime with the original. It seems the creators

wanted the story told through visuals rather than words. So, don't expect too much insight into the Metroid series by playing this one.

Metroid: Zero Mission is a huge leap in the right direction, but there are things that hold it back. Still, you have to give thanks to Nintendo for the extra effort they've shown in taking yet another NES game and placing it on the GBA, but with so many improvements they could have given it as an original.

If you're fan of the Metroid series, it's definitely a game worth looking into. Despite its shortcomings, it's still a great game and one of the best for the Game Boy Advance.

SNARK-A-LICIOUS

Websites that take a bite out of the media machine

Jessica Mendez

As students, we spend a good portion of our lives on the internet "doing research" (okay, and by doing research, I mean, shopping on ebay and indulging in recreational porn). In an effort to stop (or at least slow down) the zombification of our brains at the hands of the wonderful world of the Web, I have found some sites that are both entertaining and intelligent. These are places where humor merges with intellect and are surprisingly accessible. Any pop culture junkie absolutely must have these two websites in their favorites folder.

TELEVISION WITHOUT PITY
televisionwithoutpity.com

Television Without Pity's tagline is "Spare the Snark, Spoil the Networks." Trust me, snark is not at all spared here. This website recaps shows such as "Survivor," "American Idol," "One Tree Hill," "the OC" and "Newlyweds." TWoP has a knack for picking the best and the worst of popular television, and rarely do the two meet. This site showcases a hysterical cast of writers including the biting sarcastic Pamie, Shack, the catty queer boy that bashes homosexual stereotypes on TV while ironically embracing them in the process, and the diva-licious Miss Ali.

Shack's greatest contribution to this world is his spot-on observations of the wretched train wreck that is "American Idol." Says Shack about the latest round of eliminations: "The voters sent Camile, Matt and Diana to the bottom three. And then they kicked out Matt! Yay!" On Matt's sendoff: "He manages to get in some final passive-aggressive behavior against his boyfriend's evil ex during his sing-out, but he's gone!" Some parting words from the brilliant Shack: "If you people really love me, you'll vote Jon off next, but still manage to get his cute blond brother to call me."

While some of the current show recaps are comedy gold, the true treasure lies within some of the older shows no longer recapped for vari-

ous reasons. These recaps are fantastic nostalgia trips, with my favorite being the brilliant Popstars recaps written by Pamie. Oh, you remember Popstars, don't you? Eden's Crush? Anyone? Well, allow Pamie to jog your memory with such gems as "This time [Eden's Crush] only get one day to make a video. Tomorrow, they'll only have one day to find crotchless shorts." Also featured on this site are Mondo extras, recaps of horrendous concert specials and awards shows as well as TV movies.

FAMETRACKER,
fametracker.com

All media junkies, you have found your haven. Fametracker is a site that primarily discusses movies and actors. The special thing about Fametracker is that they give far more reverence to the supporting character actors, with an entire section, "Hey! It's That Guy!" (HITG for short). This section honors actors such as Paul Giamatti, Phillip Seymour Hoffman, and Christine Baranski and their various quirks.

It's the major actors that get the real scrutiny, with the Fame Audit and Galaxy of Fame. And of course, there's "2 Stars 1 Slot," when niche actors duke it out for superiority. The latest is the "Battle of the Tawny-Haired Girls Who Hear Voices," where the barely indecipherable stars of "Wonderfalls" and "Joan of Arcadia" get the Fametracker treatment.

The site also has some of the best forums ever, with threads on Music, Movies, Publishing and Multimedia, Celebrities, and General Fame Talk. Everything is discussed here, from Catherine Zeta-Jones to Fantasy Stripper Songs (a thread started by yours truly) to HoYay! (shorthand for Homoeroticism Yay!) and "Books You've Thrown (With Great Force). This is definitely the place for quirky brainiacs with eccentric tastes go for their media dissection fix.

For more sites with bite, go to damnhellaskings.com, the daddy site to TWoP, FT, and other great sites such as teevee.org and pamie.com.

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SPORTS

March 29, 2004

The 2004 Tennis Season Opens as Defending Champs Travel to Newark

Marcel Sandoungout

The official arrival of spring marks the start of the tennis season.

The Dolphins will start the season on the road against Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey, on Tuesday March 23rd, and they will have their home opening day on Monday March 29th, in conference match against City College.

"We'll have tough matches," said assistant coach Robert Klein. "I can't really anticipate how hard it will be because I don't know how the other teams are."

The season will last approximately seven weeks and the Dolphins will play twelve matches, eight of them CUNY Conference games. At the end of the regular season, there will be the CUNY Conference Championship, which is only disputed among CUNY colleges.

CSI enters this season as the defending champion, and it has good reason to believe it will duplicate last year's results. "Of course we're going to win again," said the reigning number six seed, Craig Gellerman.

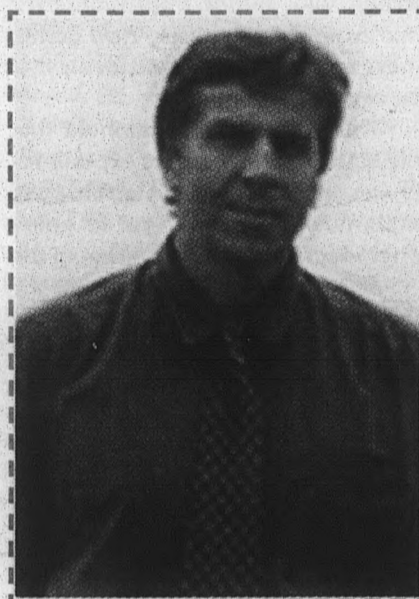
Although this year's team has lost important figures such as its very successful long time head coach Bruce Knittle, and marquee players such as Paul Riccardi, enthusiasm has not left the house.



Assistant Coach Robert Klein

"Dimitri was a big loss" admitted Klein, "but the new additions will help a lot."

Mark Wantowski is the interim



Interim Head Coach Mark Wantowski

tute the 2004 squad.

The coaching staff hasn't decided on the seedings, and it will remain a mystery until opening day. However,

"Of course we're going to win again," said Gellerman.

head coach, and newcomers feature freshman Eugene Sheer, freshman Sandhun Mendis, and Junior Alan Chan. These three added to veterans such as Junior Alex Ilchenko, Sophomore Leonard Sherman, Senior Marcel Sandoungout, and Junior Craig Gellerman, will consti-

considering Ilchenko's fabulous last season, it is an open secret that he will start at number one. In 2003, Ilchenko had an unprecedented sweep in single and doubles, with fifteen wins and no losses. Klein hasn't lost one bit of confidence in his player. "Alex will still be a tough opponent

out there. I think he can still do it."

Last year's number three seed and runner up in the CUNY Championships, Leonard Sherman, should be ready and get a better result because of the experience he gained from last year.

Sandoungout, last year's number five seed, is the big question mark this year. He hasn't been able to practice because of an elbow injury, and he might not be ready for opening day.

Gellerman, the number six seed defending champion, is the wild card. He has been practicing very hard, and he can't wait to bring his best game on the court as soon as the season starts. "I feel pretty good," said Gellerman. "I'll try to defend my title and win again."

As for the new team members, practice was the opportunity for them to show off their game. Eugene is a very powerful player and if he hits the ball in matches as well as he does during practice, he will be a very tough opponent.

Sandhun also showed some good strokes, and he will get better as the season progresses. Finally, Shan is as combative as they get. He has really worked hard during winter practices, running down each ball, showing tremendous determination. "I'll do my best by giving a hundred percent in each game."

Final Snowstorm Dashes Spring Tee-Time Hopes for SI's Fanatic Golfers

Michael Gutierrez

During the Spring and Summer seasons, they love to come out and whack their balls. Rain or shine, they're out there trying. Only the great ones can get it in in one shot. Most can do it in three or four. The bad ones need five or more to score.

But what do they do when it snows?

I've worked at LaTourette Golf Course for about a year now, and I must say these guys (and girls) love their sport. If the weather is absolutely beautiful, the golf course is packed with people. If rain is falling from the sky and the temperature is in the 30's, the die-hards are still out there. But when it snows, the only group of people you'll find are the sled riders going down the hill on the 10th fairway.



THE LONELY 18TH HOLE.

When the snow comes down, the golf carts go idle and Michael Gutierrez sips hot cocoa, watches NCAA basketball, and gets paid for doing nothing.



You thought CSI's parking lots were full

On the weekend, over one hundred people of all ages slide their way down the rolling hills of the fairways. Snow is the only thing that can stop a golfers day. What the those orange and yellow golf balls for?

Anyway, the snow isn't only bad for golfers, it's bad for me. When there isn't anyone coming out to the course to play, there isn't any work for me to do. Now I'm not one to complain about getting paid for doing

nothing, but management tends to think they're just throwing their money away when I'm watching the Pitt/Wisconsin NCAA basketball game on CBS.

From a company point of view, snow hurts business. The weather makes or breaks the company, but you can only play the cards that mother nature deals you.

So, what do you do if it snows? If you're a golfer... Nothing.