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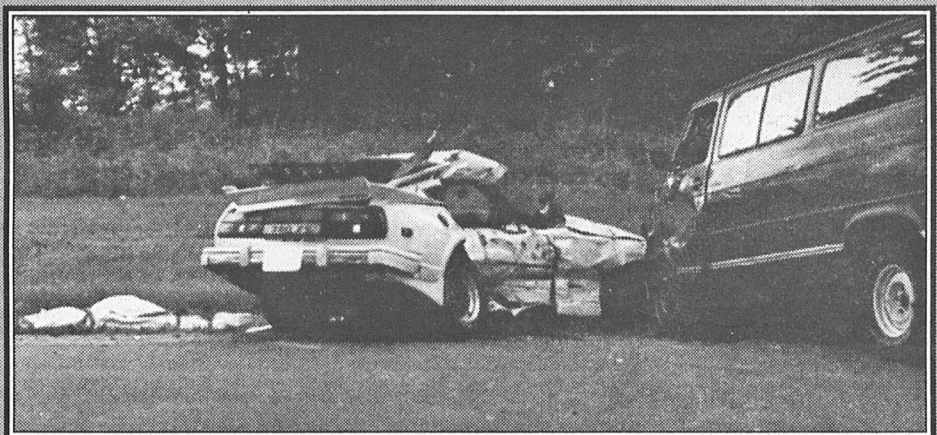
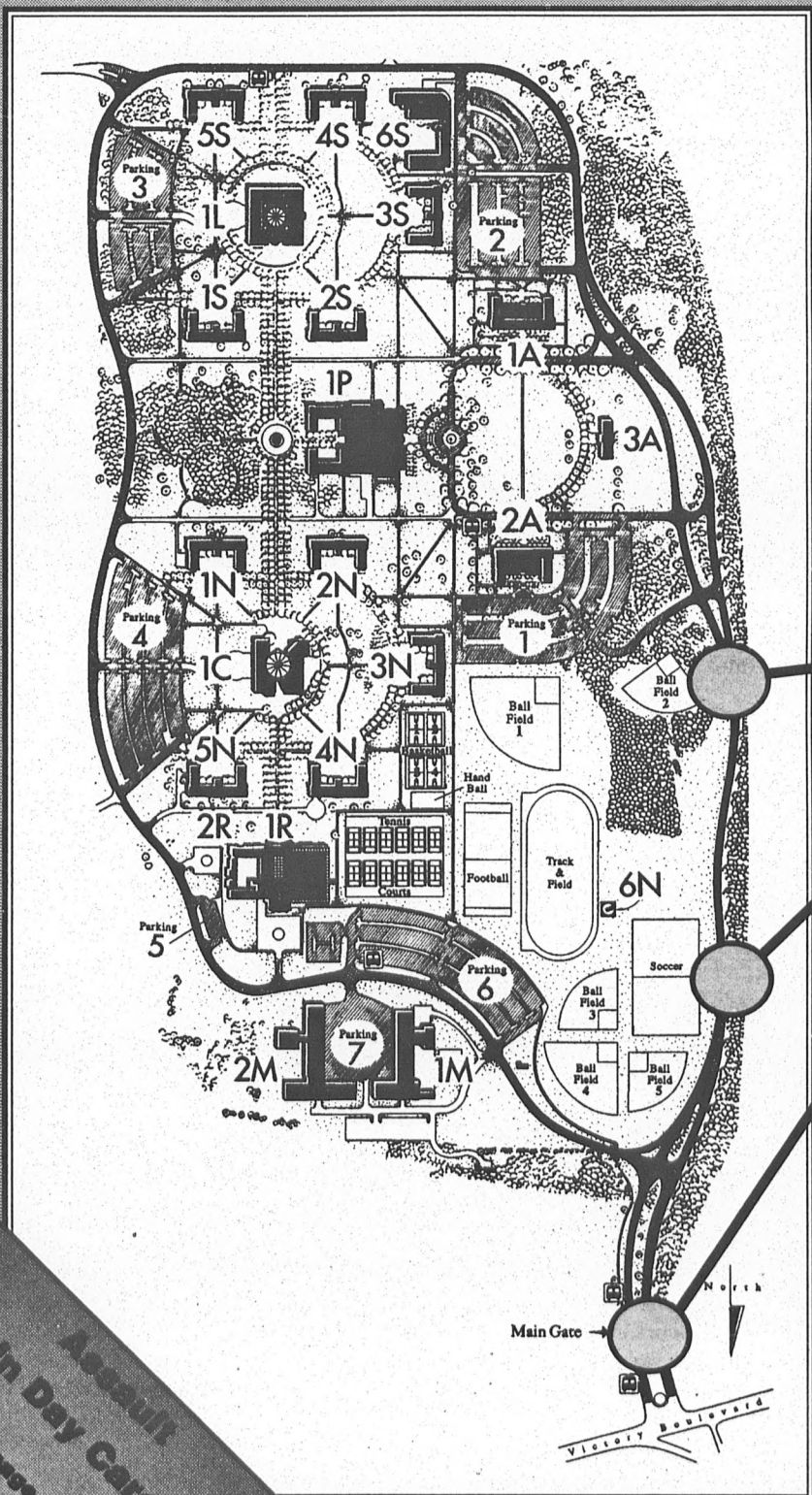
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SPEED BUMPS



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Two years after the tragic incident occurred on Loop Road, the Campus installs speed bumps to deter speeding.

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CSI EMBRACES PLURALISM AND DIVERSITY

By Christopher Zeyer

Faculty, administrators, and students of every race and nationality came together October 3rd in the Williamson Theater for a Convocation from the Office of Pluralism and Diversity. The event started with the head of this office, Ayayi Fubara, explaining the nature of pluralism.

Ms. Fubara's exact title on campus is 'Facilitator for Pluralism and Diversity.' She explained that pluralism "is a state of being," in which we learn to have "mutual respect for one another." Ms. Fubara feels this can happen when all students realize they "have a voice." She also feels that "cultures should help one another learn from each other." To further this goal, new social activities and some curriculum modifications have been geared towards the goal of better understanding. In her speech, she noted that "President Springer is supportive"

President Springer gave a speech in which she said the College of Staten Island "is a campus devoted to pluralism and diversity." She would like the strides the students, faculty and administration are making "to be an example for Staten Island and the city." President Springer believes that "difference should be cherished; we all care and share joy," and "we got to work for a society that is tolerant."

After President Springer's speech, an organization on campus named "High Society" put on a morality play. It represented four types of students:

- 1) The "Nerd" - A character consumed solely with classes, studying, and nothing else.
- 2) The "Card-Players" - Students who skip class and/or study sessions to play games.
- 3) The "Social Butterflies" - Students that attend class, but are more interested in parties and other functions.
- 4) The "Regular Students" - They balance their time between the three other types.

The play was a day in the life of these students which intertwine through the day. At the end, a narrator came out and asked the question, "Who do you think will succeed?"

A member of the troupe, Antwan Ciph, talked with *The Banner* about the production. "High Society was the African American Alliance, but we didn't want to call it that because we had other nationalities in it." He feels the play shows what "happens everyday in the Campus Center. We wanted all to see that most of the people [students] do that," he said. He also added that this production was done in a day which led to its rawness.

When the production was over, Ms. Fubara came on stage to introduce the Keynote speaker for the event, Dr. Frank Hale Jr. He is the Vice Provost and Professor Emeritus at Ohio State University. Ms. Fubara worked closely with him when she was at OSU, and expressed that in her five minute introduction. In his lecture, he showed the same admiration for her.

"Ayayi Fubara is an outstanding

force," he said, as well as commenting on her loyalty to the students of wherever she works. He feels having her as the head of the college's pluralism and diversity department is, "a grand opportunity for everyone." He then began his lecture with the statement, "From the moment you are born, you're on borrowed time. The question is what are you going to do with your time?"

Dr. Hale has seen the highs and lows of life. He expressed that when he talked about growing up in America at time when tolerance was just a dream in a radical's mind. He wants all students to succeed at whatever they want to do. He said, "It takes leadership from the top to make it happen. It is the only way. If it starts at the bottom, then it seems reactionary. You don't want that." That is not say the students do not have a part in this.

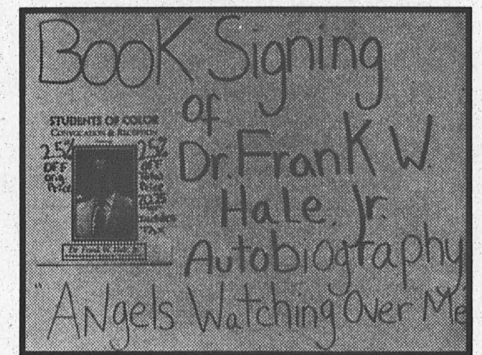
He wanted to make it clear that, "your [the student's] family and friends have high expectations." Dr. Hale outline three things to accomplish the goal of college, "be a thinker, believer, and a doer." Students should "help each other understand each other's history." Unity doesn't also have to deal with race.

Dr. Hale further explained, "there's a difference between intelligent and an intellectual." He said, "an ape is intelligent," it knows how to do certain things. An intellectual "can comprehend and comes with pre-determined ideas." He wants all students to be intellectual, use what they know, and apply it with what is

learned in college. He feels finding out about each other is a way to go. "The college has to figure out how to make pluralism and diversity work."

He then cited example of programs that have worked at other colleges. He was most impressed by Michigan which "re-arranged their priorities to make pluralism and diversity work." He then reinforced a past statement, "Faculty and Administration, it begins with you. An institution should put its own funds in its programs. If it comes out from an outside source, it's not sturdy. Commitment without cash is counterfeit."

"The teacher is the only mediator between the material and the student," Dr. Hale stressed in his last comments. He ended his lecture by saying, "You were born qualified to go to school, now it's up to you to certify the fact. You must determine the road map you're going to follow." He left the stage receiving a standing ovation.



FALSE FIRE ALARMS CONTINUED

By Leslie Lake

In 1996, over fifty-two false fire alarms had gone off in Buildings 1A, 2A, 3A, 1S, 2S, 1L, and 2N. Usually these false fire alarms are set off by dust in the attics of these buildings. One fireman from Ladder 86 said, "We were responding to 3 false fire alarms a day." Every time a false fire alarm goes off on the CSI campus, Ladders 83 & 86, Engines 163, 166, 154, Battalion Chief #22, and rescue 5 rush over to the campus to check out the fire, and discover that there isn't any fire at all. One fireman from Ladder 86 said, "False fire alarms get beyond a certain point...

and then it's harassment and it also leaves the rest of the community unprotected from fires when all of these engines, and ladder companies are responding to a false fire alarm at the CSI campus." He continued, "An engine from Great Kills has to respond to a fire in Willowbrook. It takes fifteen minutes to get from Great Kills to Willowbrook and within that time a house fire can escalate."

In an interview with *The Banner*, the director of Campus Planning Dr. George Targownik said, "We received violations from the fire department for extensive false fire alarms for a facility this size... if we do not repair the smoke alarms there will be a penalty." The college currently has a maintenance contract with G.S. Edwards an outside organization which is certified by the fire department. One G.S. Edwards employee said, "We began doing

preventive maintenance of the fire alarms on the campus in June 95. Eighty-five percent of the buildings are completed."

G. S. Edwards has changed the smoke detectors to a different type of alarm. "The fire alarm now goes off once, and then it will go off again in another 15 seconds" said Dr. Targownik. He continued, "Recently the amount of false fire alarms has reduced drastically," Dr. Targownik is trying to change the procedure of the fire department responding to the fire alarms. Targownik plans to have CSI campus security screen the alarms and then inform the fire department of the situation on campus, whether it

The fire department is getting frustrated by the number of false alarms

is dangerous or just another false fire alarm. "The fire department is getting frustrated by the number of false alarms they have to respond to at the college," said Dr. Targownik. He continued, "If this is approved by the fire department there will be very few false fire alarms."

Another fireman from Ladder 86 told *The Banner* in an interview that "No one can advocate to check the fire alarms after it goes off and then communicate from the security office to the fire department because it would be too late for the fire department to respond quickly."

The false fire alarms have effected many students', and professors' concentration while doing classwork. Last spring, Math Professor Joel Hamkins was annoyed by a false fire alarm in building 1S while doing work in his office.

Bumpy Rides

By Michael Garofalo

Speed bumps were installed along the loop road last October 11. This is in the hopes of deterring campus speeding.

"We need some physical aspect on the road to slow people down," stated Director of Campus Security Gene Martinez.

There are currently three speed bumps on Loop Road, one at the main gate and two next to the baseball field.

These surround the location of the two year old vehicular accident that resulted in two deaths. A fourth speed bump next to 2R was removed as of last Wednesday.

Martinez added, "We're still in the process of evaluating them but there's more on the way."

Director of WSIA Greg Adamo comments, "I hate them, but this is what has to be done. Some people don't obey the rules. I guess they just don't value their lives."

Green Party On Staten Island

By Holly Lenahan

A meeting was held in the home of Caroline Cutrone, October 9th to discuss environmental and political topics of this borough. Mrs. Cutrone is the founder of the Staten Island chapter of the Green Party. The party platform was explained in a handout given in the beginning. It read:

"In order to strengthen the democratic power of the people and to protect and restore the environment, the New York State Green Party advocates and pledges ourselves to work for the following measures through public education, nonviolent direct action, alternative institutions, alliances with Green and kindred movements throughout the world, and independent Green candidates for public office."

Mrs. Cutrone explained the

organization in more detail. She said they have been in existence for about a year and is, "primarily interested in the environment." She would like to see people working, "with a community, as a community." The issues discussed were oriented that way.

During the meeting, many Staten Island environmental issues were talked about. A main focus was the Hillside Preservation Act. This is about an area of Staten Island where *old growth* trees are located. Developers want to cut down almost the entire section of trees to put up houses. This would ruin the topsoil, as well as the beautification of the area. One of the heads of the preservation project, John tonnessen wants to unite all environmental groups in a letter writing cam-

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PLATFORM STATEMENTS

CSI ASSOCIATION LOWER DIVISION

Platform Statement Olusoji O. Oluwole

The CSI Association is the corporation that has control of how the student activity fees are allocated. I believe that the students should know more about how the student activity fee is spent. We need more student input and we need to be assured that the student activity fee is spent for the sole purpose of the students and not for anyone else. We also need more student projects on campus. Vote for Olusoji O. Oluwole.

Platform Statement Jennifer Valle

Hi, I'm Jen Valle and I am running for a Lower Division seat on the Association. As an "in your face" reporter, I don't take things lightly. I never take 'no' for an answer, and I'm notorious for my persistence and need to get to the truth. As a reporter, I've seen students abused all for the sake of trying to get an education. It is hard to sit on the sidelines and watch my fellow peers disregarded and given the short end of the stick systematically. You've heard of the old saying "Keep your friends close and your enemies closer," my belief has always been to keep the faculty and staff close but keep the administrators closer. FYI: The Association deals with the spending and allocation of all Student Activity Fees. The Association approves all of the budgets. There should be more student representation on this body because Administrators should not have a majority say as to where students money is spent. My goal is to try to bring more balance to the body. As a reporter, I will not go unheard.

AUXILIARY SERVICES

Platform Statement Christopher Alvarez

Hello, My name is Christopher Alvarez, and I am running for the position of Student Representative on the Auxiliary Services Committee. I have been a constant advocate for student rights for the past three years. Recently, I have proposed a new Merchant's Committee at the United Students Senate to deal with the issues of bookstore and dining services prices before they reach the College. With your support I will fight to return the bookstore back to the students and lower the prices in dining services.

Platform Statement Dawn Roberts

My name is Dawn Roberts. I am a single mother of two. I am a returned freshman to The College of Staten Island. Since returning to the college I have been personally affected by high prices in the cost of food

and books. What has affected me the most is the parking situation and because of it I have decided to do something about it, not only for myself but for my fellow students as well. I feel as though I can add and share my views and ideas to make CSI a better place to learn and enjoy. With me as part of a team we can come to a better understanding of our school and have more say about what goes on. So, please vote for me for Auxiliary Services so we can make a difference.

Platform Statement Caryl Santore

As a candidate running for a position with the Auxiliary Services Corporation, Inc., I will diligently work toward ensuring that all essential services offered by the organization will continue to benefit the College Community. I will seek to rectify any shortcomings regarding the organization's duties that may arise and work toward maintaining the highest standards the Auxiliary Services' staff has to offer.

Platform Statement Jennifer Valle

Hi, it's me again... Jen Valle. I am running for a seat on the Auxiliary Services. As an Auxiliary Member, I plan to work on the cafeteria prices to ensure that you are not charged \$235.00 for French fries. Students have enough to worry about without having to be charged exuberant prices for simple lunch items. Another target on my list is the CSI Bookstore. These prices should also be cut down. (Side note: The Auxiliary services decides all prices in the cafeteria and Barnes and Nobles, affiliated with Auxiliary, decides on prices in the bookstore. The bookstore's contract is coming up for renewal this year... I think I can get them to listen to reason.) By the way, Auxiliary Services had a recent meeting where they have decided to raise food prices again. The time for action is now, and with me in that team, there will be noticeable change.

Platform Statement Natasha Gendusio

I believe that we need student representation on Auxiliary. All the decisions made about Parking Services and Dining Services are made through this department. Are you tired of over priced food and tickets that aren't necessary? If we don't situate ourselves in the proper manner we will have no one to blame but ourselves. I feel I will be a strong student voice. If elected to this position, I will use my abilities in order to secure what is fair for the student.

Platform Statement Lori Seggio

Hi! I am Lori Seggio and I have served on Auxiliary Services for the last three years. I would be honored to continue serving my fellow students in this capacity again. Over the years, I have learned just how Auxiliary Services operates and I have forged ties with students as well as admin-

istration. As always, I will stand firm in putting student's interests first. If you want a strong individual on your side, then vote for me.

COLLEGE COUNCIL

Platform Statement Olusoji O. Oluwole

The College Council here at CSI approves all curricula and policy related to it. As a student, I'm concerned about the academic and curricular affairs here at our campus. I also believe we need to improve the quality of campus life. Vote for Olusoji O. Oluwole.

Platform Statement Jennifer Valle

Guess who... it's Jen Valle. By now you've guessed it. I am running for a seat on the College Council. Recently, the Council was able to sneak by an increase in the GPA requirement for Dean's List students. It is no longer 3.3 or better, it is now 3.5 or better. As a College Council Member, I will foresee any changes made to the curriculum and keep students aware so that you are not suddenly told by your advisor that you need to attain 305 credits in order to be eligible for graduation. Once again, students should have a say on these issues... and that is what I plan to do.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Platform Statement Neil Schuldiner

During recent times, the administration and faculty have made important decisions concerning issues that affect the college community without any say from students. As a member of the Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee, I would seek to enhance the voices of the student community. I pledge to listen carefully to the concerns of the students and vote in their favor when applicable. I believe that the student body at the College of Staten Island needs a stronger, unified voice in campus affairs. Student apathy on campus is at an all time high and I promise to rectify this situation. I pledge to greatly enhance the voices of students and make their concerns and issues heard in the Faculty Student Discipline Committee. Greater participation from the student body would greatly enhance students experience on campus and thus provide for a richer college career.

Platform Statement Jennifer Valle

Once again, I bid thee hello! It's me, Jen Valle with my final platform. I am running for a seat on the Disciplinary Committee. If I have learned anything from being a reporter for the Banner, it is to look at

things from all sides. As a Member on the Disciplinary Committee, I plan to treat each case with the same objectivity that I treat my news pieces. Students deserve a fair trial by their peers and I feel confident that I'm just the fair person this committee needs.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT AT LARGE LOWER

Platform Statement Christopher Short

I'd like to be given the chance to be a pair of eyes, ears, and one voice in many to advocate for students, and especially for students with disabilities. To speak out against obstacles that slow us all down. The college is good, the students are better, and with a little more help, we can make it the best it can be.

Platform Statement Natasha Gendusio

One day during an open Student Government meeting I happened into the Green Dolphin Lounge. I listened to our Student Government President Mr. Joe Canale say that he needed student support, and that in numbers we could effectively make a change. I strongly agree with this statement, and believe that the student population of CSI deserves to be listened to and heard. As students, we have survived through budget cuts, tuition hikes and a reduction of class offerings, and yet are still here fighting to receive an education. I consider relentless determination to be one of our greatest assets and strongly urge Student Government to tap into this energy in order to accomplish the goals set before them. I have held the seat of Student Government Senator, lobbied in Albany for higher education, rallied on Wall Street to stop tuition hikes and would now like to join Student Government again to help aid the body in initiating their goals. I feel with the strength we have together all we need is the right representation in order to achieve success.

Platform Statement Olusoji O. Oluwole

My name is Olusoji and my major is Political Science. I enjoy getting involved in the political process. I also believe that students deserve more democracy on campus. I believe that the Student Government President should be elected by the students instead of the Student Senate. I'll try to be a candidate who will pursue an agenda reflective of students. As your school senator, I can always guarantee you my best endeavor.

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PSYCHO RAMBLINGS



Editor-In-Chief
Michael Garofalo

Another False Alarm

In the event of an actual emergency, you would be dead now. It seems fire alarms on this campus act only as a classroom nuisance. When the periodic alert flashes, one can only stare and wonder, "Is this for real?"

We have a horrible situation on our hands. The warning devices designed to save lives are becoming futile. Time is critical when a life threatening incident occurs. You may have only but seconds to save your life. This precious time becomes wasted with doubt.

It has gotten to the point where the Fire Department should receive college credit for the amount of time they have spent on campus. Their time is also wasted. We all learned in kindergarten that it is not nice to create false alarms because it takes away firefighters from real emergencies.

Something obviously should be done about this. It is not as if this campus is fire proof. Last year there were several fires. One fire resulted in two injuries. This resulted in the scenario that is now CSI... fire paranoia. The alarm systems are now set to be ultra sensitive, which is the cause of these false alarms.

What can be done? For one, leave the building if you see an alarm go off. It is just astounding to me to see people sitting around while the word "Fire" strobes about. It may be nothing, but you never know. During last year's 2N fire, students did not leave the building because they thought it was another fake. Think of it as a cool thing. A protest of sorts. Professors, you should join in too. escort your class outside. Don't forget, you're flammable too.

Smokers... please light up outside. Follow the state law because it seems that a great deal of false alarms result from this. Security has the ability to hand out summons, but they have not fully exercised this right. Maybe they should when lives are at stake.

We shouldn't have a death count at the end of the year. The officials of this campus are obligated to provide a safe environment for us to learn. Demand better.

CSI Conspiracy Theories

What was sort of a trend of the 60's has carried over into the 90's. The art of a conspiracy. When astounding events occur, one has to question, "What is a fluke or did someone plan it?"

Now I'm not here to test the theory if The Beatles were sent by The British to destroy the American youth. Nor will I tackle the age old question of who shot JFK. No, we're to explore something far more sinister... student apathy and why the administration is to blame.

Sunnyside is always reflected upon as such a happy place. While the old campus is supposedly pale in comparison to Willowbrook, CSI veterans always have a happy story to tell. Why was it much more fun there?

It seems that students had much more con-

trol over what went on then. The essentials of college life were covered. From students elections to The College Voice, you name it... it was better at Sunnyside. Student Government was a force to be reckoned with. They ran the student lounge and the game room. PDC also hosted spectacular events.

Students were motivated then. Sure... they did have the driving factor of alcohol, but it was much more than that. If you compare the 1988 & 1992 yearbooks to the 1995 & 1996 yearbooks you would see how dismal our college experience has become. Our big events went from parties and sports to fires and rallies. Another frightening fact is that people seemed to smile more at Sunnyside.

How could this happen? Apparently, Former Dean of Students Grace Petrone and all of the other faculty were very supportive towards student events. As long as you cleaned up your mess, everything was fine. That was until the change of CUNY.

CUNY cuts are not a new thing. Tuition hikes have been proposed periodically for the last 20 years. How CUNY students, CSI students in particular, dealt with these events was rather extreme.

Imagine for a minute a student taking over a building here at Willowbrook. It is just incomprehensible. At Sunnyside... well let's just say that two former BANNER members have faced years of litigation.

What does this have to do with an administration conspiracy? When the insane CUNY wide protests occurred while CSI was still at Sunnyside, the CUNY administration looked like a bunch of fools. They needed to regain control to justify their jobs and their cushy salaries. And so, the conspiracy theory ensues.

The first blow towards student power was in the

Association. The administrators saw their opportunity to turn the tide when a tragic incident occurred at CCNY. A charity basketball event with rap performers turned sour and left eight dead and 26 injured. CUNY central judged that students were not fit to hold a majority on The Association. Students then lost a vote to spend their own money.

At the same time, CSI was moving to the new campus. Once the campus was open, Former President Edmond Volpe was ousted for publicly speaking against Chancellor Ann Reynold's plan to centralize CUNY. Many members of the CSI administration left or were forced out after this event. This effect is still being felt today. Their replacements have been labeled as being "hand picked" by Reynolds.

CSI students also had next to no say on the plans for moving to this college. This was made quite clear when the Campus Center was cut to a third of it's original size. Parking was also a serious, yet ignored, student concern.

We're a quieter bunch now. Most student events have lame turnouts. A pathetic showing is expected for the upcoming student elections. Why is this happening? Simple, student leaders are not encouraged the way they used to be.

If you want to hold an event now, the first question you are required to ask yourself is, "How can the college get sued for this?" Administrators will flock from all angles to tell you why you cannot do something. Most students get frustrated and decide not to do anything.

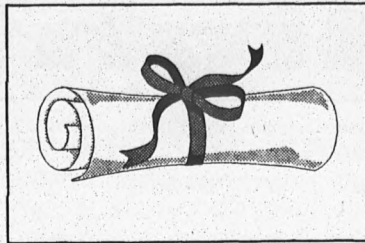
The question remains... are the administrators simply afraid of liability or was this fear purposely created to keep control? My guess is a little of both.

If you want to hold an event now, the first question you are required to ask yourself is, "How can the college get sued for this?"

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To the Editor-in-Chief,

Recently in your issue, a poll appeared in the Banner as to whether or not religious commentaries should appear in the school paper. Apparently a recent article written by Steven Guzzi offended at most four students and two professors. And because of this, a question of the appropriateness of religious commentaries rose.

Let me first tell you that there are articles written in this paper that I have found irrelevant to my college life. For example, Ink Spot the comic commentary and your sports section, The Jets, an article that arises no interest in me. But that's all right. I'm sure there are several readers that would disagree with me. That's fine. Let me try to tell you, however, why it is not only important but imperative for students like myself for religious commentaries to run in your banner. Everywhere you look, everything you read, somewhere along the lines some immoral vomits are spat out. Beers, drugs, partying until you drop are magnified. There are sexual connotations printed, statements that I find offensive. I can't help but put down the paper and give out a weary sigh. But when I turn to the back of the banner, something catches my eye. A religious fanatic, we may say. An overzealous writer. A religious nut.

I don't agree with some of the things Steven Guzzi writes about. I don't agree in standing on the moun-

tain top and damning everyone to hell because they don't believe in my beliefs. But I have found it a relief to know that a young college guy somewhere out there clings onto religion, despises whatever "sins" he may find and fight, perhaps fanatically, for morals and values. If some of his articles are offensive, then it is upon your discretion to edit it. If proselytizing is all his articles does, then don't run it. But don't abolish religious commentaries, the only breath of air that cries out to testify God, morality and living an honest life. Believe it or not, Mr. Editor, there are dozens of college students in this campus that feel the same way. Fine. Don't tell me how to get "saved." Okay, don't point a crooked finger, call me a sinner and damn me to hell. But do tell me about a God that you have found as your peace, as your helper, as the moral guide that helps you every step of the way in your college life. Do talk to me about a college God, a friend I can find amidst my hectic life. I find that a relief from a weary sigh. I would like to commend you and the Banner for having written the religious commentaries that you have so far written. But I would like to ask you to stop, consider, and take heed to students like myself who take joy reading your religious commentaries. Because in more ways than one, they have become an encouragement to our college life.

From: Anna Marie Ayudtud

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Save The Righteous

By Lou Bardel

About two years ago students from across the City University of New York were just beginning to organize a great student demonstration. On 23 March 1995, depending on whose account you believe, anywhere from 8 to 20,000 students assembled around City Hall. The demonstration was in protest of the 1995-1996 state and city budget which called for a \$1000 tuition hike, and nearly \$200 million cut in operating funds.

The official student organizing body was the CUNY Coalition Against the Budget Cuts. The coalition of colleges and universities within the CUNY system was formed as soon as word of the devastating cuts came out. The group met weekly, sometimes attendance at the meetings numbered in the hundreds.

There were many minor demonstrations prior to the 23rd of March, including one which the Coalition formally claimed was victim to unprovoked NYPD violence. In a letter that was sent to the mayor and the police commissioner, the Coalition said in reference to the demonstration in question on March 15, "Based upon our conversations with eye-witnesses and our review of news reports and video footage of the event, there can be no doubt that the Police officers in question attacked the students without cause as they were in the process of leaving the area."

There was also a great peaceful demonstration on the first of March by the Hospital and Health Care Workers Union 1199. Approximately 20,000 workers turned out for the march in Mid-town Manhattan. This demonstration was also in protest of the same 1995-1996 state and city budget that would drastically cut Medicaid and Medicare. The atmosphere in the city among civil service employees and anyone in the public sector was tense due to the impending budget crunch. To top it off, on the morning of the 23rd of March the Coalition had yet to receive a permit for a rally set to go off at 12pm. Thanks to the lawyer team helping the Coalition the police begrudgingly gave out the permit.

By noon a significant sized crowd had already assembled. Along with college students and faculty, many

teachers and students from high schools were present as well. The plan for the demonstration was to have people convene at City Hall, and "peacefully" march to Lower Manhattan.

The police had not given a permit to march down Broadway. Despite all good intentions the day was becoming a recipe for disaster, especially for scores of students who would later on get arrested. Police presence around City Hall and around the site of the demonstration formed what was commonly referred to as the "Blue Wall."

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Different literature was emanating from the coalition, including some that stated, "Student Strike Against The Cuts-Shut The City Down!" But on the day of the rally the coalition of colleges (including representatives of some high schools) had barely made any alliances with any worker's unions, such as Amalgamated Transit Union (Metropolitan Transit Authority) which would have made it possible to have the beginnings of a general strike. As it was, any march down Broadway would have been a mass disturbance to the flow of traffic.

Despite the unwillingness of the police to let students march, the leadership for the moment (i.e. those speaking on behalf of the event, and the Coalition) decided that the best thing to do was send a crowd of students and teachers headlong into the "Blue Wall." A melee ensued between students and police officers. The demon-

strators did not break through the police line. The only time that students made it past the "Blue Wall" was to visit the paddy wagons.

Before any fighting began and it was becoming clear that the demonstration would soon come to a climax. Police after a certain point stopped letting students out of the enclosed area set aside for demonstrating. This caused many demonstrators to be literally trapped. Some peaceful students involved in the demonstration were caught between the mace spray of the police and the other charging students. People from both sides suffered injuries ranging from a broken leg to a heart attack. The meaningful demonstration degenerated into a brawl.

This was a clear example of the danger of large antagonistic demonstrations. The fighting between the students and the police soiled the triumph of the rally up to that point. The violence was used as fodder for the capitalist media to ridicule the student rally. The headlines on the tabloids the next day read like a demeaning sermon. The New York Post titled their coverage, "Rudy Rips 'Hooky' Protesters;" Newsday called the demonstration, "The Children's (Misguided) Budget Crusade." Giuliani responded to the demonstration by saying the students who were at the rally should have found work for the day instead of out protesting.

One need only look at the crisis effecting the Board of Ed. and CUNY in 1996 to realize the irony of these statements. In the public elementary schools alone thousands of students do not even have a classroom to attend. In CUNY, library hours are severely restricted and good teachers are working for poor salaries. I should go on but that would be another article.

What should have been done was to use this rally as a starting point for a much broader movement. This would of meant coolheadedness on the part of the spokespeople. Organized student groups along with worker's unions, like the adjunct professor's union for instance, would have made for a significant voting block at least. This of course would have taken more time and more patience. But the fighting that took place on the 23rd of March was a sure killer of momentum.

P.T. BARNUM & CSI PARKING

By Robert Luaro

There is a saying that's been attributed to that master showman, P.T. Barnum, "Never give a sucker an even break or wizen up a chump". Sage words and one that the parking services administration has taken as its motto.

Where else can one be compelled to pay \$50.00 (a year) for a decal that gets you through the gates of the college. We're not "paying for parking", we're paying \$50.00 to drive a car through a security checkpoint. That is, if you happened to have paid almost \$2,000.00 for tuition. If you are for example, John Q. Public coming here to use the \$40

million gym, you don't need to buy a decal. You can just ask for a temporary parking decal. P.T. strikes again! Feel like a sucker yet?

How about the fact that the fee for the decal (\$50.00) is discriminatory. It isn't applied equally in that those who can least afford it pay a larger percentage of their income, if any, than those who have a larger income. For example, Student A makes \$100.00 a week, Student B makes \$500.00 a week, and Student C brings home \$1,000.00. Student A pays 50% of his pay that week for the decal, student B pays 10% of his and student C pays 5% of his. If everyone was to pay the same percentage of their pay as C then B would pay \$25.00 and Student A \$5.00.

Of course we shouldn't have to pay anything just to drive onto campus. It should be part of the tuition charged each student. As long as we are being charged for nothing P.T. Barnum is still running the show.

The trouble is that like tuition (which was once free), when money begins to be made in large amounts there is a tendency to keep the "goose" laying the golden eggs. We are still being taken for suckers but at least after reading this you can consider yourself wised up and no longer a chump. It'll take a unified effort, a protest to no longer be suckers to this "extortion".

A Drastic Resolution

By Xiomara Cabrera

The Board of Trustees of the CUNY adopted a resolution at their June 1996 meeting that affects students in remedial and ESL (English as a Second Language) courses. It states that a student will not be permitted to repeat a remedial or ESL course if they have failed it twice.

I think this is a drastic resolution because not all students learn at the same rate, and they should be given a third chance before taking any further action against them. Frankly, it is an embarrassing situation for a person to say, "I got kicked out of college." This could cause some temporal or permanent damage to the morale of a student.

Let's take for example, students living on public

assistance. These students might be getting prepared for a good job in order to leave welfare someday. If these students are denied an education just because they fail one

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remedial course a couple of times, I feel they'll be forced to live on Public Assistance for the rest of their lives.

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these days, without the preparation that only a college can offer. I'm my opinion, the Board of Trustees should take are really interested in helping students succeed in life.

Educators should take into account the overall performance of a student in all the classes, not only a remedial course. It would not be fair for a student who gets good grades in all classes, but failing a remedial class to be judged as academically incompetent. An ideal tactic that could be used would be preventing the student from taking any further courses, until the remedial courses are completed. This method would help the student to concentrate on his weak points and pass the course more easily. It would also be a more fair policy because it would not deny the student the right to be educated.

Response to "Respect For One's College" and "Psycho Ramblings"

By Gavi Disenhouse

These two articles seem to go hand in hand. I realize that students are not wearing College of Staten Island shirts and paraphernalia. There is a lack of respect for the school, students have no problem bad mouthing it either. I have run into numerous amounts of people who claim, "Well... I am only here to get my B.A., afterward, I will go to a *real* school to get my Master's degree," or "The only reason I am here is because it is convenient for now, after I get my grades up I'll go to a better school."

The negative view is unfortunately shared by many students. I usually receive these types of views from the incoming freshmen (but I digress). Through the years that I have attended the College of Staten Island, students have tended to believe that the professors, books, and anything else that pertains to our school is not only archaic, but inadequate to achieve anything. Well, I think that all of you who claim such thoughts are lazy.

If one does even the most minimal of research (which seems to be the ongoing rate of student participation on this campus) one will be able to notice that our professors have graduated from the most prestigious schools

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in the country and out. One has only to look at the back of the College catalogue to find out where our humble instructors have studied. To my knowledge, Columbia, New York University, The Fashion Institute of Technology,

Harvard, University of Michigan, Duke, so on and so forth are not such bad universities. As far as I am concerned, I am honored that our professors have come to our growing college, bringing their knowledge and sharing it with us; especially at a fraction of the cost that they had to pay to receive their education.

I am very proud how our school has grown from a two year to a four year school, and now has new masters' programs, in addition to all of the computer science programs. You also have to take into account our nursing and physical therapy programs. Therefore, when I hear students say this school is not the best, I have a couple of things to tell them. One, no matter where you go, no matter how much money is put into your education, you will only get out what you, yourself, had put in. Second, some CSI students suffer from an acute laziness. Remember, if you don't put any effort into your school work, or for that matter anything else you do, no one else will do it for you.

My Idea Of Light; Rebuttal To Steve Guzzi's Version

By Lee Poerio

I would like to comment on Steven Guzzi's commentary entitled *Light Or Darkness, Which or You?* The article appeared in the second issue of *The Banner* this year.

No one can snatch from me the light that exists within my presence, thoughts, and energy. Just as I have the light, it is in check with my darkness. I feel is necessary to have equal librium. You need balance for a completion of spiritual wholeness and fulfillment. If you don't ever feel the darkness, how can you truly know what the light is? Remember, "let the first person without sin cast the first stone."

Through Mr. Guzzi's commentary, he quotes bible, which is the regurgitation of someone's thoughts. Even it is God's word, don't you think he wants you to interpret life's lessons or yourself? I ask, have you searched or light yourself? Searching for the *light* within yourself, as opposed to someone just giving you the thought of *light*. I find my light through observing the cycles in nature, and the reverence for all living things. My

light is deep in spirit, so I can give to my fellow breathing beings. The light I have within, allows me to feel respect and show it genuinely. When I envision my light, it helps me to bring forth a nurturing honesty. What has your light

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given to you, or to others? In your commentary I did not find your definition of light. I only read the Bible's meaning, its vision and version. I want to know what it means to you and how you apply it to others.

I want to know and comprehend how you grew into the *light*, was it pushed upon you by your parents?

Did you have a choice to truly your own spiritual path? Did you search for the inspiration, or was it a handed down replica served to you?

To me, spirituality is a path you search for, always learning, growing, feeling, and doing. You should be noticing the beauty in the world and sharing that observation with others. Part of the *light* is shown when you smile to someone you don't know, or when you hold a door open for someone, not because of gender, but out of kindness. Your own light, your own truth, can bring forth the sunniest, strongest, and brightest *light*. That is not blinding, but guiding.

The light is not a faith that is scared into you. The *light* is a mission, and when you obtain in your search some empowering light, you spread it to others unselfishly. Connecting heart, mind, body, and soul; connecting with one another. Living and giving kindness and sharing opinion, not forcing opinion.

I ask you Mr. Guzzi in reference to you title... **Light or Darkness, did you actually choose which for you?**

The Case for Freedom of Religious Speech

by Steven Guzzi

I've been writing religious commentaries for the last two semesters in *The Banner*, but some have been putting pressure on the editors to do away with my work on the basis that it violates the separation of Church and State. *The Banner*, nor I, have violated this principle. Separation of Church and State means that the government can't force a particular religious view upon a person. I am not the government. I am a student of CSI who expresses my beliefs in a student newspaper; that is a newspaper who will air student opinions relevant to student lives.

Is not religion relevant to most students? Is not Jesus Christ to at least a percentage of students? Yes, even although for some students these articles have little relevance. It is because Christianity has some relevance to some student. This makes my articles applicable for a college newspaper. If they aren't relevant for you personally, there still isn't any grounds for censoring them. Many commentaries in college newspapers haven't been relevant for me, but that doesn't mean that they shouldn't have been published.

I have the right to speak what I believe in a public forum, whether it be a college newspaper or a street corner. One might say, "not with my tax dollars." The fact is often our tax dollars go to things that we don't necessarily agree with. For example, my tax dollars go to funding abortions and college teachings that contradict the Bible. Some people might agree with these, I don't. I still

have to pay my taxes though.

A court case recently ruled that a college newspaper, which advocated Christianity must be allowed to be published on a college campus using tax funded money. This is because our tax dollars aren't supporting any one particular paper or article, which obviously you wouldn't agree with everything in all college newspapers. They are supporting a forum, such as a college newspaper which is a free market place for ideas. Religious ideas are no exception.

It doesn't make a difference if something that I have said is religious or secular, I have the right to say what I choose from any perspective. The First Amendment states, "*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech.*" Notice that free speech is used in the context of religion, and how it says government shouldn't prohibit the free exercise thereof. Therefore, part of religion is the right to voice your beliefs. It doesn't say you can have all kinds of free speech, except religious. There is no "except religious speech" clause anywhere. I feel then religious commentaries are protected under the first amendment.

The letters to the editor reveal that the real reason that some don't want my opinions to be expressed isn't because the nature of my articles are religious, thus violating separation of Church and State. They have no argument there. I feel it's because my particular religious views make them angry. If I said that all people are basically good, are sure to go to heaven, and God is not going to

judge anyone, then I probably wouldn't have to be writing this article now.

In other words, they personally didn't like the content. That was their basis for wanting my articles censored. They must pose this objection in terms of violating the separation of Church and State if their objection is to sound feasible. However, the cat is out of the bag that they aren't being truthful about their real objection to my articles, that they just don't like my views. And of course they have that right. I don't think that is grounds for censoring my articles.

If I am forbidden to write on a subject, religious or secular, then a violation of freedom of speech has taken place. If I am ousted because of my beliefs and content, then the commentaries that are left for publication are nothing more than status quo articles that have little meaning, since all ideas aren't allowed to be expressed freely. Also, if this happens to me today, it may happen to you tomorrow. Just because certain people don't like what is said doesn't justify a prohibition on certain speech. It is certain religious ideas today, what will it be tomorrow? Beware! If I am ousted, are we not on the road to a politically correct society where freedom of speech is severely restricted?

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New Feature: Scientific Report

Possible AIDS Cure Raises Feelings of Hope and Fear

Michael A. Imbriano

A new treatment of combination drug therapy has led many experts to discuss a possible cure of AIDS, leaving a sense of both optimism and apprehension.

Can AIDS be cured? This question has been partially answered at the recently concluded XI International Conference on AIDS, held July 7-12 in Vancouver, B.C.

Studies over the last couple of months have indicated combination therapy can slow down the AIDS virus, and may eliminate it from the body, in-effect curing HIV. Originally, the class of drugs used to combat the HIV virus were reverse transcriptase inhibitors, principally AZT, which was first discovered in the 1960's, but had failed as a cancer drug. AZT works by impeding the biological processes (reverse transcriptase) that allow the HIV to replicate in the body. The new combination regimens consist of reverse transcriptase inhibitors and a new category of drugs called protease inhibitors. The synthetic protease inhibitor interferes with the virus' ability to cleave long polypeptide chains into functional protein subunits required for viral replication. By interfering with the protease activity, researchers can retard if not stop the formation of infectious virions.

The postulate that a cure is possible has convinced Dr.'s David D. Ho and Martin Markowitz, of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center, to test it at some point by stopping a small number of infected individuals who were already undergoing combination therapy treatment at their research center in New York City. Clinical trials have already demonstrated that protease inhibitors can extend survival and improve the quality of life of HIV-1 infected individuals.

At the Vancouver conference this past summer, William Cameron of the University of Ottawa, Ontario, reported on a 14-month study of 1,090 AIDS patients. He found a 36% extended survival among patients who received a combination regimen of retonavir (protease inhibitor) with standard therapy when compared to patients who received standard therapy and a placebo. Furthermore, a six week investigation on a combination

therapy conducted by Martin Markowitz of the Aaron Diamonds AIDS Research Center (ADRC), consisting of ritonavir and saquinavir (protease inhibitors) exhibited a 99.6 percent median reduction of HIV-1 RNA. Presumably, the drugs can work in one or two ways. One suggestion is multiple drugs, particularly the combination of different protease inhibitors, have a synergistic effect. A second alternative would be one drug adds to the effect of the other.

The words mentioned in discussion of this new therapy have been eradication or elimination of the virus,

particular bacteria following antibiotic treatment or until a new exposure. A surgeon may proclaim a cure after he/she has partly removed and/or modified an organ. For a viral infection, however, a cure is much more obscure. For instance, chickenpox virus is usually considered cured after the last scab appears on the skin. But the chickenpox virus remains dormant in nerve cells and often causes shingles affecting the individual decades later. This cloudy definition of a "cure" has brought about speculation of AIDS possibly working the same way.

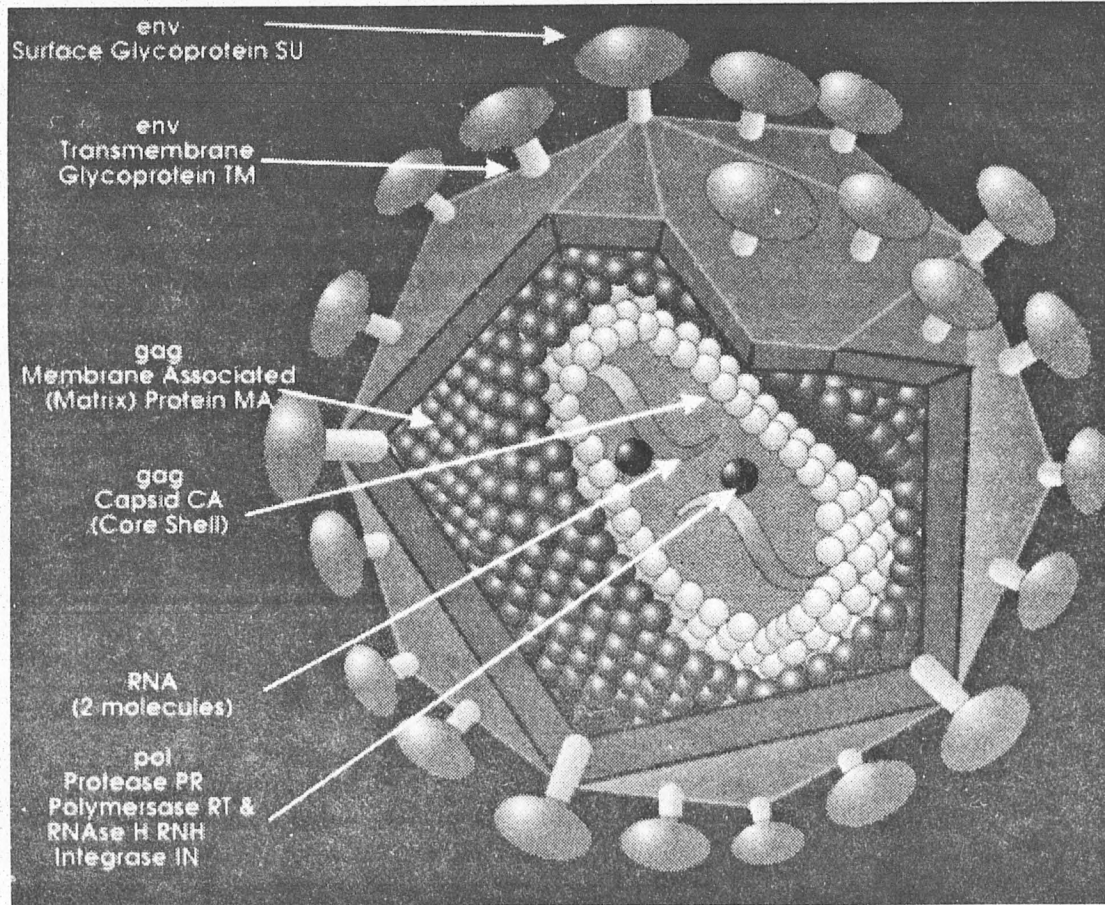
Tests that measure the amount of HIV in the

blood, called the *viral load*, have been a crucial factor in evaluating and monitoring new drug combinations. Doctors may periodically test a patients viral load to determine the individuals response and needs, but is that an affective way of evaluation? Is it reasonable to consider that the viral load may indicate eradication in the blood while the dormant HIV virus lies silently within the genetic equipment of the cell waiting to reemerge; maybe so. After all, HIV does integrate into an infected individuals DNA. The tests are still controversial since they are relatively new.

Experts say they still have much to learn about about which combinations of drugs are most potent, who should receive them and when is the most effective time to begin such a therapy. Combinations involve 15 or more pills a day that must be swallowed according to a rigid schedule and taken on an empty stomach. Bearing this in mind, a chance of

skipping a dose at times would seem probable even for the most compulsive person. As a result, resistant mutant strains may rapidly evolve, and may even create a worse problem than the initial infection, since a drug-resistant virus could overwhelm the infected individual.

Nevertheless, the new drug regimen shows promise. In so far as we are able to asses, the new drug combinations drive the AIDS virus already to undetectable levels in the blood and may even eradicate it from patients' bodies, a "cure".



which has led many federal officials to further investigate these studies. According to Dr. Helene D. Gayle, head of the AIDS program at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, there is no cure on the horizon. She also added the federal agency does not have a definition of "cure" for AIDS. It's semantic, "when you talk about cure versus the most effective treatment possible," Dr. Gayle said. Cures for diseases may range in their description. For example, a cure for a bacterial infection may be declared as a result of the permanent disappearance of a

Wellness Column: HALLOWEEN BLOOD DRIVE

By Kellyanne Biesty

A nineteen year old student is rushed to an emergency room after what could have been a fatal car accident and requires a lifesaving blood transfusion.

A thirty-four year old mother of three requires weekly transfusions of platelets until she is able to receive a bone marrow transplant.

What do these two very different people have in common? Thanks to the generosity of complete strangers they are alive today to tell their story.

Nine out of every ten people will require blood at some time in their lives.

Whether it be because of an accident or complications in surgery or that they are a cancer victim or a hemophiliac, blood is in constant demand and just one pint of your blood can give several people a chance to live their lives.

Donating blood is a very simple process. First you will show identification and be asked basic information such as your name, address, and age. Your medical history will be taken and then a drop of your blood is analyzed for hemoglobin content and your blood pressure, pulse, and temperature are checked. You will then donate your blood. While you may feel a little pinch as the needle is inserted, there is no pain during the donation, which

takes about seven to ten minutes. Make sure you eat before you donate. Afterwards, most donors feel fine. Blood plasma is replaced within twenty four hours and red blood cells are replaced in about four to eight weeks.

Anyone who is in good health and between the ages of seventeen and seventy-five and over one hundred and ten pounds may donate blood. Some temporary reasons for not being able to give blood are not feeling well, respiratory infections, sore throats, allergies, difficulty breathing and shortness of breath. Once these symptoms are over you will be able to donate. Some permanent reasons for not being able to give blood are if you have

used illegal IV drugs, are a hemophiliac, or have ever had a positive antibody test for HIV. Please do not give blood just to find out if you are HIV positive. Check with a health care professional for a complete list of reasons that make you unable to donate blood or where to go for HIV testing.

On October 31, 1996 the Wellness Center will be sponsoring it's annual blood drive. So please take an hour out of your day to donate blood and make what could be a life or death difference in someone's life. If you have any questions about blood donation or any other wellness issues feel free to stop by the Peer Drop-In Center.

Faculty Art Show Here at CSI

By Ron Magnusson

As many of you may or may not know, the Center for the Arts here at CSI is home to concert, recital and lecture halls, two theaters, and the Friedland Gallery.

The Friedland Gallery is entering its second year with the Faculty Art Exhibition, which features four full time CSI art professors: Arthur Levine, Ralph Martel, Phill Niblock and Pat Passlof. It will be open to the public until October 28th.

Arthur Levine has studied abroad at the École des Beaux-Arts in Paris. He has also earned a BFA and MFA at the University of Iowa. Professor Levine has had numerous solo and group exhibitions across the world. His awards include research grants from CUNY and a Fellowship in Painting from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Ralph Martel has received a Certificate of Design from Cooper Union, and his work has been presented in a number of solo exhibitions around the country. His work has also been seen at the Snug Harbor

Cultural Center and has featured in a number of group shows, including the CUNY Chancellor's Show.

Phill Niblock is an intermedia artist whose paintings and films are being showcased. Professor Niblock has been featured in numerous museums and galleries around the world, and has performed at a number of colleges and universities across the globe.

Pat Passlof has had fifteen solo exhibitions, with her most recent one at the Elizabeth Harris Gallery. Her work is included in various museums and public collections across the nation.

All four featured artists are full time professors that teach art here at the College of Staten Island.

Craig Manister, the supervisor of the gallery, has assured us that this show is just the beginning and that there are more things to come. In the works now are plans to create a gallery just for student work. A

classroom is being renovated now in building 1P, and is expected to be open by the end of the semester.

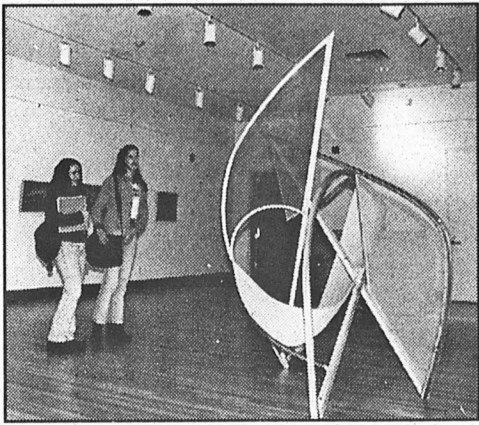
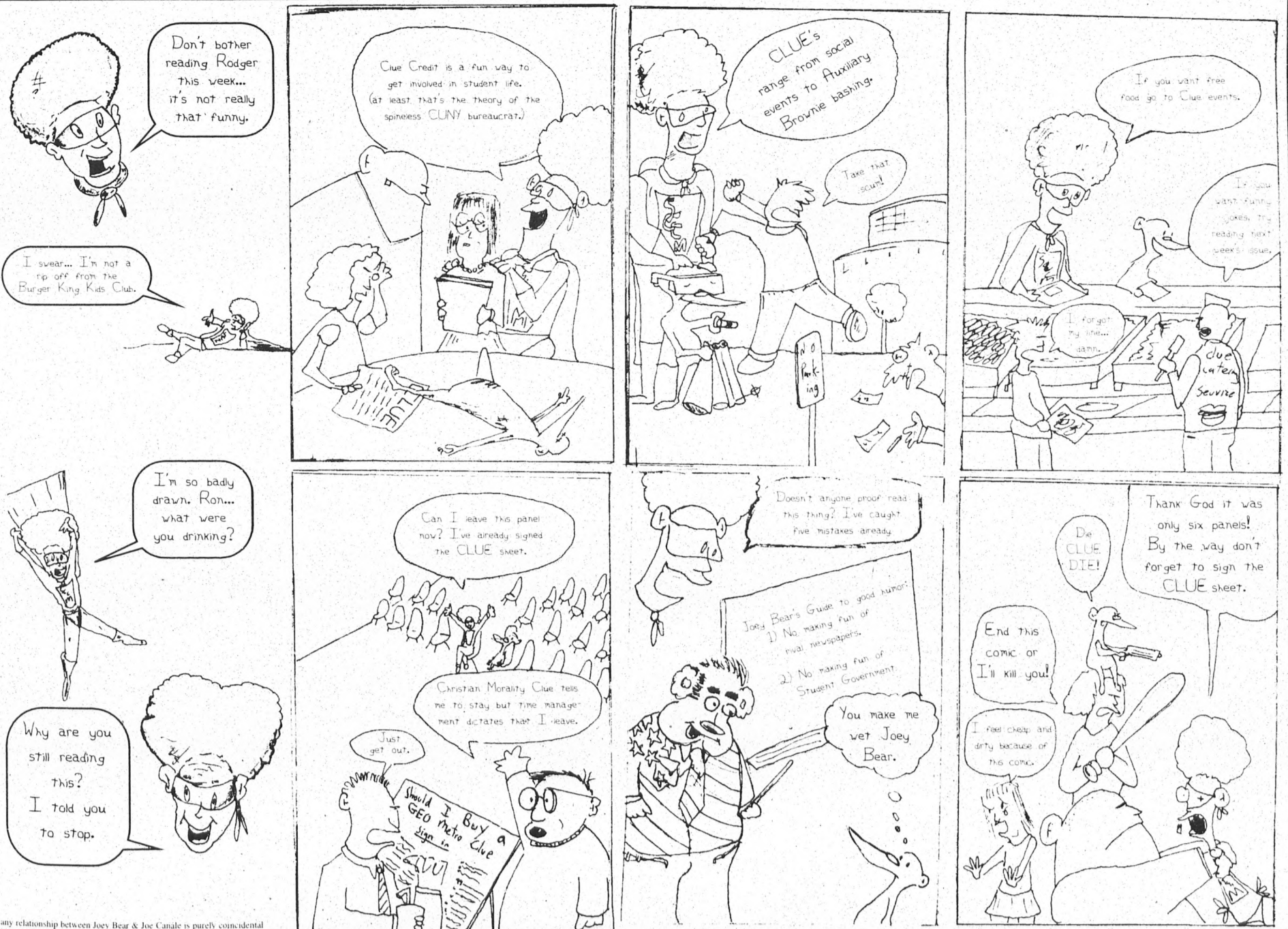


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Marisa Szyffer and Breanna O'Malley viewing the art at the Friedland gallery.

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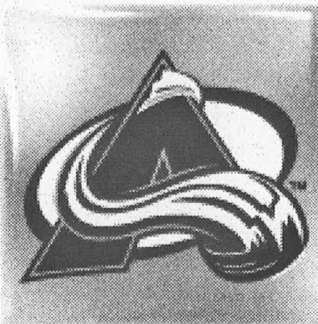
By Ron Magnusson



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Colorado will be the best in the West—Again

By Francis Stuchbury



Before the last season started very few people picked Colorado to win the Stanley Cup. Remember that when the season started they did not have Patrick Roy. If Colorado was still in Quebec they would have never got him because Montreal and Quebec are arch rivals.

Detroit did what they traditionally do, dominate the regular season by setting an NHL record for victories then wipe out in the playoffs.

Here's a look at the Western Conference:

Central Division

Detroit Red Wings - This season they are a much better team. They acquired Brendan Shanahan from Hartford for Paul Coffey and Keith Primeau. Detroit is loaded on offense with Steve Yzerman and Sergei Fedorov. Chris Osgood is a solid goalie but he can't falter like he did in last seasons playoffs. This team is very talented and pass the puck better than most NHL teams. The regular season means nothing to them. The only thing that matters to them is winning the Stanley Cup.

Phoenix Coyotes - Last season they were in Winnipeg. The fans in Phoenix just got an established team. Kieth Tkachuck is an emerging superstar in this league. They signed Craig Janney and Mike Gartner which makes them a much better team. A must is getting Jeremy Roenick signed. They have a team capable of having an explosive offense. They will make the playoffs, how far they go depends on goalie Nikolai Khabulin.

Chicago Blackhawks - This season Chicago is going to have to rely on their defense a lot more. In the off season they lost Joe Murphy and Bernie Nicholls to free agency. They traded Jeremy Roenick to Phoenix for restricted free agent Alexei Zhamnov (who is asking for 4 million per season). Meanwhile Chicago has no plans on paying him more than 2.8 million. That's what all-stars Eddie Belfour and Chris Chelios are making. They need big years out of Tony Amonte and Eric Daze.

Dallas Stars - In the off season they overpaid Pat Verbeek (giving him 3 million per season). That gives them another goal scorer besides Mike Modano. They traded Kevin Hatcher to Pittsburgh for defenseman Sergei Zubov. Joe Nieuwendyk and Benoit Hogue are good players, but the problem is goaltending. I am not the least bit impressed

with Andy Moog and Arturas Irbe as goaltenders.

Saint Louis Blues - They gave up future prospects to get Wayne Gretzky, then lost him to free agency. They still have goal scorer Brett Hull and signed free agent Joe Murphy. This season I think Chris Pronger will be an all-star defenseman this season. The durable Grant Fuhr is back as goalie. He led the league in most minutes played as goalie.

The Rangers don't have enough offense and Philadelphia can't win the cup as long as Ron Hextall is their goalie. Pittsburgh will win the Stanley Cup because Mario Lemieux, Ron Francis, and Jaromir Jagr are great players.

Toronto Maple Leafs - This team has made a lot of mistakes. In the past they acquired veteran players Larry Murphy, Wendel Clark, and Matheiu Schneider. The problem is they have no talented young players. They only have veterans on their team and they have not really improved. The scoring up front will be lead by Doug Gilmour and Mats Sundin. If they don't have a good year out of goalie Felix Potvin they will be the worst team in this division.

Pacific Division

Colorado Avalanche - The defending Stanley Cup champions pretty much have the same team from last year. Up front they are led by Joe Sakic and Peter Forsberg. Their defense is lead by Uwe Krupp and Sandis Ozilish. They have the beast goalie in the league with Patrick Roy. He's been a dominating goalie in the playoffs.

Vancouver Canucks - Last season a knee injury cost

Pavel Bure most of the season. Now he is back healthy. Him and allstar Alexander Mogilny will be playing on different lined to spread the offense around. Trevor Linden is durable; he proved that by playing in 260 games in a row. Don't forget they were the team that the Rangers beat to win the Stanley Cup 3 years ago.

Anaheim Mighty Ducks - They have two solid players on offense with Temmu Selanne and Paul Kariya. They are two of the NHL's most exciting players. The addition of veteran Jarri Kurri will make them even better. This is a weak division in which they could finish second.

San Jose Sharks - Offensively they are led by Owen Nolan and Bernie Nicholls. Also, San Jose signed Tony Granato who made a courageous comeback after having brain surgery. They also signed defenseman Marty McSorley and Al Iafate. Iafate has been out for the past two seasons with surgery on both knees. When healthy he has one of the best slapshots in hockey. Their goalies are Chris Terreri and Kelly Hrudey. After a horrible season they will be the surprise team this year.

Los Angeles Kings - It was a good move trading Gretzky for prospects, but the problem is they have no offense. Dimitri Kristich is their top scorer on the team and Kevin Stevens has to stay healthy. Luckily, Rob Blake is one of the best defensemen in the league. Their goaltending is improved a lot now that they have goalie Stephan Fiset.

Edmonton Oilers - The Oilers are a young team. They are led by Jason Arnott and Doug Weight. The problem is every star player that they have had has been traded. Either they have financial problems or the players don't to play there. Curtis Joesph felt the same way when he was traded there, but he decided to play for them.

Calgary Flames - They will miss Gary Roberts a great deal. He had to retire due to a neck injury. On offense they are led by Theo Fleury. They have no other prominent goal scorers. They do have talented defenseman Steve Chiasson, and goalies Trevor Kidd and Rick Tabaracci.

Final Prediction

My prediction is that Colorado will make it to the Stanley Cup finals. Patrick Roy makes the difference. I don't like Chris Osgood of Detroit in a big game. I think Colorado will be facing Pittsburgh in the finals. The Rangers don't have enough offense and Philadelphia can't win the cup as long as Ron Hextall is their goalie. Pittsburgh will win the Stanley Cup because Mario Lemieux, Ron Francis, and Jaromir Jagr are great players. Defensemen Kevin Hatcher will play great now that he is on a better team. One of the goalies Ken Wregget or Tom Barasso will step up and get the job done.

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paigned, and possible demonstrations. Many of the people in attendance agreed with Mr. Tonnessen's idea, one of which a faculty member at CSI.

Professor Louis Blois, a mathematics instructor at the college is a member at the Staten Island chapter of the Green Party. When the Professor spoke to *The Banner*, he went into further detail about the organization itself. He said that the Green Party started over ten years ago in Europe. Professor Blois stated, "In America, it has taken on more of a turn of reforming politics." He said that right now the Green Party has no candidates running for office, however, Caroline Cutrone is running for assemblywoman. *The Banner* spoke to Professor Blois about the possibility of the Green Party becoming part of CSI.

He said that within the organization, it has been discussed. When asked if he thought that it was a good possibility his response was, "yes, because our members are strongly committed and motivated. A good number of us are CSI students, graduates, or are in some way connected to CSI." The professor said that he thought bringing the Green Party to CSI would be a good idea. He commented, "Let them (CSI students) become aware of political alternatives to what they read in the NY Times."

Another member of the Staten Island chapter, Carl Mahler, is a student that is wants to bring the party to this campus. At the meeting he passed around the club charter form for the CSI students attending to sign. It is felt that it would help with student involvement. Also, since this a community college, Mr. Mahler feels the Green Party would be more accessible to everyone.

NHL EASTERN CONFERENCE PREVIEW:

Messier, Gretzky Takes Rangers Back to Top

By Tom Krasniqi



There will be a magical feeling in the air when the New York Rangers take the ice at Madison Square Garden. The biggest off season move in the NHL took place when Wayne Gretzky, probably the best player in the history of the NHL, signed with the Rangers as a free agent.

He's reunited with best friend Mark Messier. Messier and Gretzky were once teammates in Edmonton and helped the Oilers win a few Stanley Cups. Right away, Wayne will make everyone around him better. He has that presence about him and he's a great playmaker still at this stage of his career. Alexei Kovalev has been somewhat of a mystery to the Rangers will loads of potential but little output. That should change will the addition of "The Great One".

I believe Kovalev will have a stellar season as will Luc Robataille.. This will be a direct result of Gretzky's impact on the Rangers. You will also see Messier and Gretzky playing on the ice together at times. Adam Graves needs to return to his 50 goal form, or at least get close to it. Defensively, the Rangers will be formidable with the likes of Brian Leetch, Bruce Driver, Jeff Beukeboom and Ulf Samuelsson. The Rangers could use another big body here. Goalie Mike Richter is coming off a spectacular performance in the World Cup and is a primed for a big year. Backup Goaltender Glenn Healy is the best #2 goalie in the league. Rangers' coach Colin Campbell may be under some pressure to bring home the Cup so he has to push these guys as far as they can go.

The loss of Pat Verbeek will hurt the Rangers and the fact that their division is very competitive can't help them a whole lot. But in the end, I feel that this team has what it takes to capture the Stanley Cup once again. It will not be easy for these guys. It never is with the Rangers. Now, here's a look at the rest of Kraz' preview beginning with the rest of the Atlantic Division:

Philadelphia Flyers: The big, tough guys from Philly will pose a dangerous challenge to the Rangers. This Atlantic Division is by far the best and most competitive division in hockey. Eric Lindros is back along with his other pals on his "Legion Of Doom" line in Mikael Renberg and John LeClair. Joel Otto, Rod Brind'Amour, Dale Hawerchuk, and Pat Falloon provides good depth up front. Defensively, the Flyers will have problems once again. Eric Desjardins and Karl Dykuis are good defensemen but aren't very physically imposing. I am not a strong believer in goalie Ron Hextall but they have a lot of fire power to finish second behind the Rangers.

New Jersey Devils: Coach Jacques Lemaire is an excellent coach and New Jersey's defense will be downright stifling. They also have size and are very aggressive led by Scott Stevens, Scott Neidermayer, Ken Daneyko, Lyle Odelein, Shawn Chambers and don't forget the best goalie in hockey in Martin Brodeur. As always, the Devils lack scoring punch. Bill Guerin has to score 50 goals. Steve Thomas and John Maclean must also come up big. This team is screaming for a top notch center who can score and make plays. Until they do that, they cannot challenge for the Cup but they'll finish third in this division.

Florida Panthers: This team plays a lot like the Devils. They have a tough defense and a good goalie in John Vanbiesbrouck but need more scoring. Scott Mellanby, Rob Niedermayer, Martin Straka, Mike Hough and crew are a feisty group of guys who play full throttle for the full sixty minutes so you'd be better be prepared to play. Unfortunately, they are in a tough division and they're

fourth best in my eyes.

Washington: Another team who can't score. They do have a superb goalie in Jim Carey. Peter Bondra scored 52 for them last year so he'll be a marked man. Joe Juneau, Michal Pivonka, Phil Housley and Mark Tinordi must step it up but this team lacks seriously in the talent department. They'll finish fifth.

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New York Islanders: GM/Coach Mike Milbury has a very young hockey team that is going in the right direction but they will take some lumps this year. Bryan Berard will become a big time defenseman. Ziggy Paffy, Todd Bertuzzi and Travis Green(still unsigned as of press time) will provide scoring opportunities and Scott Lachance, Bryan McCabe, and Darius Kasparitis will join Berard on defense. Eric Fichaud will be a stud in between the pipes in the very near future. The rebuilding Isles will finish sixth.

Tampa Bay Lightning: Not much Lightning in this bottle. Goalie Darren Puppa did great last year but can he do it again? Brian Bellows, Roman Hamrlik and company are joined by the aging Dino Ciccarelli and there isn't much else. They'll be playing golf by January which means they'll finish last.

NORTHEAST DIVISION

Pittsburgh Penguins: This is the best team in this division by far. Mario Lemieux has said this will be his last year and you know he wants to go out with a bang. Jaromir Jagr is a great player and cannot be stopped on most

nights. Ron Francis is an outstanding playmaker who's underrated. The addition of Kevin Hatcher will toughen up the defense and Tom Barrasso and Ken Wregget are two good goalies. Penguins will be atop this division.

Montreal Canadiens: Stephane Richer is back for Montreal and is off to a good start already. He will join an explosive group of forwards led by Vincent Dampousse, Mark Recchi, and Pierre Turgeon. Goalie Jocelyn Thibault is an underrated goalie but will need more help from his defense to keep teams from just sniping at him game after game. Canadiens will finish second.

Boston Bruins: This team lost a lot when Cam Neely was forced to retire. Bruins fans will need to count on the likes of Adam Oates, Rich Tocchet, and Ray Bourque to carry this club. Steve Heinz has been a pleasant surprise early on and he could be a sleeper. Bill Ranford is very average at goal. Boston will place third in this weak division.

Buffalo Sabres: Here's a team that is just looking to save a buck. Pat LaFontaine is a fantastic player but he needs help from his mates. Buffalo will be in a lot of games because of their goalie, Dominik Hasek. But there's talk that Buffalo may cut down on their payroll a little more by possibly trading Hasek to a contender (Flyers?).

Hartford Whalers: No more Brendan Shanahan here. The Whalers traded him to Detroit to get aging defenseman Paul Coffey and big forward Keith Primeau. This doesn't make much sense. How can you rebuild with the archaic Paul Coffey? Primeau will help along the front line but Hartford was robbed in dealing away a great player for a old player and a bruiser. Nelson Emerson and Geoff Sanderson are uncovered gems on this team. They'll finish fifth.

Ottawa Senators: This whole bunch of Senators need to be impeached. Damian Rhodes is a weak goalie who will see plenty of pucks fly by his face mask and into the net. There are a couple a young stars here in Alexandre Daigle, Alexei Yashin and Radek Bonk. They will need time before they contend. About fifty years.

KRAZ' EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS PICK: Rangers over Pittsburgh

KRAZ' WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS PICK: Detroit over Colorado

KRAZ' STANLEY CUP FINALS PICK: Rangers over Detroit

QUICKOUTS: It's kind of sad that a 12-year-old punk named Jeff Maier has to interfere and decide the outcome of a Yankees-Orioles playoff game. Baltimore was robbed and they deserved to win Game 1. Nonetheless, Yanks will win in 6 and move on to the Series against Atlanta. Bernie Williams is the new Mr. October around here. The guy's a great player and continues the fine tradition of great Yankee centerfielders.....Mets need an ace in their starting pitching staff. Look for them to pursue the Braves' pitchers Steve Avery or John Smoltz or even Boston's Roger Clemens.....Memo to Jets' head coach Rich Kotite: Maybe it's time for a career change, pal. They need some people at the landfill and he has the qualifications to work there. He knows how to work with garbage and he really stinks.....At this time of year, it's time for Jets fans to look forward to next April's NFL Draft. This is a pathetic ritual.....Roberto Alomar is nothing but a thug. He should have been suspended for the entire postseason. He has lost his membership card to the human race.

(Tom Krasniqi hosts the sports talk show "Sports Action" every Sunday night from 8pm to 10pm on 88.9FM WSIA Staten Island. Great guests, call-ins, and always interesting insight. Catch it!)

Baseball Post Season Awards

By Michael Anderson

As the leaves start to change and the New York football teams are already talking about next year's draft picks, that means that baseball post season is here. One of the highlights is seeing who wins the coveted awards. Some winners might be plain as day, but some may pose a challenge. Here are my picks on the major awards, plus two that I decided to make: Worst Player of the Year and Disappointment of the Year. So without any further ado, here are my picks.

National League MVP

Ken Caminiti (San Diego Padres) - The Padres were supposed to make it to the wild card this year because of their potent pitching. Well... they won the division because of their third baseman, Ken Caminiti. When they acquired him in an Astro trade they thought they knew what they were getting. They got more since Caminiti batted .326 with 40 homers and 130 RBI. More importantly, he carried the team when leader Tony Gwynn went out with an ankle injury. In the last series against the Dodgers, Caminiti helped his team sweep LA and capture the West title. Also, his skills at third base helped turn momentum on his side. His defense prompted the acceptance of a National League Gold Glove award.

American League MVP

Juan Gonzalez (Texas Rangers) - Voters had to place their votes before the playoffs, but I didn't. The series he had against the Yankees is enough to give him the edge against Alex Rodriguez of Seattle. Throw in the fact that the Rangers made the playoffs and Seattle didn't, the MVP should be Gonzalez. His numbers speak for itself. He batted .314 with 47 homers and 144 RBI. Also factor in he only played in 134 games and that shows how awesome he has been.

National League Cy Young

John Smoltz (Atlanta Braves) - This one is probably one of the easiest to make. Smoltz should win this unanimously. He finished 24-8 with a 2.94 ERA. In today's juiced ball theories of hitting, an ERA under three is pretty good. To further fuel Smoltz' Cy Young is the fact that he had six complete games and 276 strikeouts. This was on a team where Smoltz was supposed to be second or third best. He showed that he can now be considered the ace.

American League Cy Young

Andy Pettitte (New York Yankees) - Here's the first local award winner. Pettitte was supposed to complement David Cone on the roster, but when Cone went down Pettitte took over. He compiled a 21-8 record with a 3.87 ERA. More importantly to Yankee fans was that his record was 13-3 after Yankee losses. That's the purpose of a Cy Young, not only for him to help himself, but the team. With stats like his, it's hard to keep him away from the title.

National League Rookie of the Year

Edgar Renteria (Florida Marlins) - Here's one of the best shortstops you probably never heard of. Although his offensive numbers aren't that dominating (.309 average, 5 homers and 31 RBI), his defense is unreal. Just when you thought that Rey Ordonez was the next Ozzie Smith, in comes Renteria. Since he played for a lesser team, it doesn't mean that he's not any good. When it comes to Rookie of the Year, this guy proves that offense isn't the only requirement.

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American League Rookie of the Year

Derek Jeter (New York Yankees) - Jeter will win this award gloves down. Not only did he bat .314 with 10 home-runs and 78 RBI, he played in 157 games. That is the most

out of any Yankee. When a rookie plays the most games out of any other player, and the team wins the division, that's saying a hell of a lot. The knock on Jeter was that he was error-prone. Although he didn't commit as many as people thought, he showed he still is human. Lastly, Yankee fans will tell you that sometimes Jeter wouldn't come through in a mild situation, but when the game was on the line, he was the man.

National League Comeback Player of the Year

Eric Davis (Cincinnati Reds) - Davis put up horrible numbers last season and many thought that he should retire. Marge Schott went back to the past to re-sign this former Red All-Star. Well... maybe Riverfront Stadium works for

him. Davis compiled a .287 average, while belting out 26 round-trippers with 83 RBI. Not bad for somebody who many considered an afterthought on this team.

American League Comeback Player of the Year

Kevin Elster (Texas Rangers) - When he played for the Mets, he couldn't hit jack. When the Yankees gave him a shot, he still couldn't hit jack. However, he found his groove deep in the heart of Texas. Elster batted .252, but surprised everybody by hitting 24 taters and coming one RBI short of 100. Back when baseball didn't have juiced balls, hitting close to 100 RBI meant something. I guess times have changed.

National League Manager of the Year

Tony LaRussa (St. Louis Cardinals) - This one should be a close one between LaRussa and Bruce Bochy of the Padres. Both of their teams won the division, so a tie breaker must be done. They played each other in the playoffs and the Cardinals swept the Padres in the best of five series. Therefore, I feel LaRussa gets the nod. Bring in the fact that LaRussa cleared house and his team still won the division.

American League Manager of the Year

Joe Torre (New York Yankees) - Here's another one that should be close. It comes down to Torre and Johnny Oates of Texas. I will apply the same philosophy as the National League Manager of the Year. Both teams won their divisions, played each other in the first round of the playoffs, and New York prevailed. Also, anyone who has George Steinbrenner as their boss deserves a break.

Worst Player of the Year

Jim Abbott (California Angels) - I still can't believe that he actually pitched a no-hitter for the Yankees at one time. (It seems so long ago.) This season he was 2-18 with a 7.48 ERA. The problem that I had was that he didn't have two more starts so he could lose 20 games. I guess you really shouldn't laugh, but even I could have pitched better. (Maybe)

Disappointment of the Year

The biggest disappointment may not be any particular team. What it comes down to is not seeing Kirby Puckett of the Minnesota Twins play this year due to an eye injury. Puckett was sidelined for the season. People who know and are around baseball know that Kirby Puckett is truly one of the good people in baseball. With a league that loses class with the Albert Belle's and the Roberto Alomar's of the league, it's a shame not to see one of the class acts around.