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## And The Winners Are...

By Jusuf Fuduli

The results are in, the votes tallied, and those students elected in last week's elections are celebrating. On Monday, May 9, the Student Election Review Committee (SERC) met to hear complaints about election tampering, and to validate the results. Accusations from some student candidates about political opponents ripping down their election posters were heard, and ultimately judged by the committee as having little effect on the election's outcome.

The only complaint that was viewed as being valid was the one voiced by Amer J. Anwar, who wanted SERC to look into the fact

that *The Banner* did not print his platform statement in its special election edition pull-out. SERC members met in private and decided that the absence of the platform would have an effect on the candidate's election. They moved that the matter be investigated by the Student Government Publications and Elections Commissions. There is no word yet on the progression of this decision, as it may be adversely affected by the fact that Amer J. Anwar was elected in every category he ran. Those who joined him in the ranks of elected student representatives are as follows:

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### Hit, Hit, Ticketed, Then Released

By Jennifer Valle

The day was beautiful and gay on Friday, April 30, when suddenly, a male student was hit by a car at the main entrance of CSI. The hit occurred at approximately 2:15 pm.

According to accounts from anonymous students, the driver of the vehicle, also male, struck the pedestrian in front of the Loop Bus stop. He then proceeded to exit his car and strike the fallen student repeatedly with his fists. The NYPD and an ambulance rushed to the scene where the fallen and battered student was. He was taken to a hospital for minor

cuts and bruises sustained during the ordeal. The attacker, due to the conflicting reports of witnesses, was ticketed for an expired insurance card and then released. The reasoning behind this was "circumstantial evidence."

Names and descriptions, as well as the current state of the fallen student cannot be released, however, speculations stated that the two students had fought earlier in the day and eventually, one felt it his responsibility to finish the argument. Security claims they will be cracking down on speeding through the campus and further warn pedestrians to watch their step.

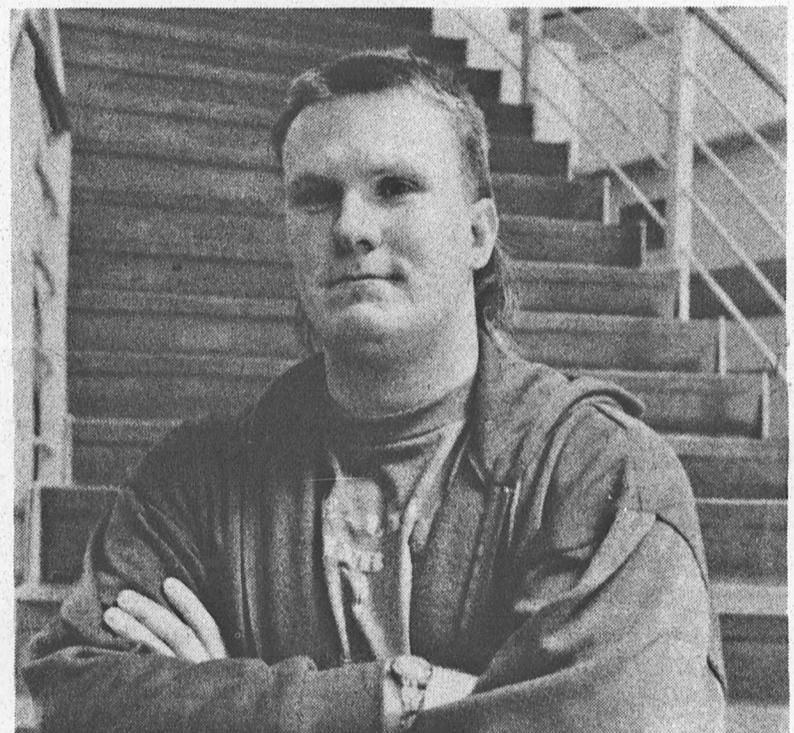


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Student Senator Ryan Monroe wins for the fourth year in a row.

### This Party Should Be... Condemned!

By Jusuf Fuduli

A party/poetry reading held Friday, May 6th in the Campus Center has been enveloped by controversy after club members have charged that administration and security prematurely limited access to the party due to racial reasons. The event which began at 8pm was sponsored by the Revolutionary Socialist Group, Young African Alliance, and Caribbean Student Union, and funded by Student Government. It featured a poetry reading by the Firewater Poetics, a Brooklyn based group of community and political activists.

The ten member Firewater

Poetic group began their reading at 10pm, two hours after food, music, and dancing had entertained the roughly sixty people who by that time had entered the sectioned cafeteria. The readings were rotated amongst the group until nearly an hour and a half had passed, through out this period the selections maintained the same theme, deriding racist oppression by white Americans and extolling revolution.

The politics of the presentation were clearly evident, not only in poetry's content, but also in the form of two tables covered with a multitude of generally socialist pamphlets

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT:

Graduate: Joesph Nicolosi  
 Senior: Michael Carbonella  
 Junior: Meri Kaufman  
 Sophomore: John DiNatale  
 Freshman: No winner

At Large Lower Division:  
 Ria Caracappa, Natasha (Kim) Genduso, Muriel Jean-Louis, Michael Johnson, Patricia Michael, Randy Pierre, Lori Seggio, Michelle Vogel, Windy Webb, Natalie Williams

At Large Upper Division:  
 Christine Crowdell, Rhonda Lackow, Ryan Monroe, Cliff Peterson, Jessica Reback

CSI ASSOCIATION:  
 Lower Division:  
 Claudine Benoit, John Flaherty, Jimmy Vincent

Upper Division:  
 Amer J. Anwar, Cliff Peterson, Jessica Reback

AUXILIARY SERVICES CORPORATION:  
 Amer J. Anwar, Claudine Beniot, Mureil Jean-Louis, Jessica Reback

COLLEGE COUNCIL:  
 Amer J. Anwar, Claudine Beniot, John Flaherty, Natasha (Kim) Genduso, Muriel Jean-Louis, Jessica Reback

FACULTY STUDENT DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE  
 Erin J. Bennett, John Flaherty, Muriel Jean-Louis, Meri Kaufman, Jessica Reback, and Jimmy Vincent

# Campus Trash Busters Cleanup

By Jusuf Fuduli

With the temperature near sixty five degrees and a cool breeze invigorating the fatigued, Saturday, May 7, was a perfect day for the campus clean-up to begin. Groups of students, faculty, and administrators circled buildings in an attempt to rid the campus of some of the more visible refuse which has made the campus unsightly.

Sean Kevins, a member of the Program Development Committee and the Graffiti Busters on campus helped to organize the event, which began at twelve o'clock and ended at three. Student Senator Joe Nicolosi, Association Director Marianne McLaughlin, and even Dean of Students Carol Jackson participated in the three hour work detail.

The clean-up was a part of a larger Greenbelt cleansing,

sponsored by the Staten Island Advance. The Advance provided volunteers with gloves, bags, and caps, while tee-shirts were provided for the first forty who showed up. The Campus Center and Library were the main points of attraction, with a minimum of six garbage bags being filled with the abundant refuse.

Having dragged away the larger scraps, people like Lou Piels, NYPIRG Project Coordinator, combed the area for cigarette butts. These death stick remnants were the main culprit in making the campus grounds look like it was the landing site for a million bird droppings.

In all, a minimum of twenty people attended, many of whom were filled with such a fetish to clean that some felt compelled to pick up every stray wad of gum. The lesson was simple, keep it clean!

Letter to the Editor:

As a student of this college who decided to participate in the Slam! poetry reading on April 27, 1994, I was highly offended not only by the Nuyorican poets but also at the way that they judged the poems that were not of their preference. I, as well as many other people, were turned off at the explicit poems they described. I don't feel that freedom of speech should be limited but I do however feel that certain things should be discussed tastefully.

A fellow member of my English class, who had also attended this meeting in the hopes of one day reading his poems, stated that he was completely turned off and that these antics made him question whether he wanted to get involved in future read-

ings at the college.

A woman had to leave with her young daughter because the vulgarities and sexuality was too much for a young child's ears. I feel that a person should not be made to feel uncomfortable to the point where they want to leave something that is supposed to be a literal experience.

I feel that the poems that were sexually related were the ones that got the highest scores. I do feel that some were done in taste and deserved their high scores but the others were not so deserving. An English professor I spoke with had previously heard about the poetry reading and came to me to discuss what my feelings were knowing that I had participated. He, too, felt it was a disgrace.

-Christine Collins

## Vandals Strike Again

By Jennifer Valle and Jason Castro

"There will always be racism," stated Paul Brown as he exited a men's bathroom in the Library. Once again, racist slurs have been plastered against the bathroom walls. Swastikas and the saying, "No tolerance for coward Nazi scum" have made an appearance on stall #2 of the first floor men's bathroom in the Library, not to mention the other stalls and the walls. Another student, Alfred Trentalange also spoke in reference to the bathroom stating, "It smelled bad, the urinal was crooked, and the swastikas...I think it's terrible. I can't believe in this day and age people are anti-Semetic."

The problem is not stationed in this one building. Rather, it has spread as a disease throughout the S buildings and N buildings. Not much has been noted from the female bathrooms, however they are also left very dirty and some students claim to be so disgust-

ed that they refuse to sit on the seats. Angry students still claim this to be a problem with janitorial services as one student exclaimed, "The bathrooms need to be cleaned, it's disgusting." The problem, as discussed by security, lies with uncaring students who just deface property for the fun of it.

For now, security has stuck to notifying Buildings and Grounds and the infamous Graffiti Busters, as well as writing constant reports about the defacing, causing them lots of cramps and writers block. Associate Director of Security, Robert Yourman stated, "I think it's terrible, I don't know how anyone can do that. Why would people want to deface new buildings?" Security does have a hidden missile however, those who are caught will be prosecuted with long community service hours. Yourman further regarded, "They will pay. One way or another, they will pay."

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**Party, Continued from page 1** and books including "The Case for Socialism," "Arguments for Revolutionary Socialism," and the "Communist Manifesto." While the obvious political stance imbued the event with a modicum of controversy, it did not necessarily exceed the sexually explicit nature of some of the poems recited at the weekly Poets in Progress readings.

Questions concerning the event had been raised at its proposal hearing during the Student Government meeting. The cost of the party and reading was a matter of particular debate as the amount requested by the clubs was \$2900. Shaista Hussain, a member of the Revolutionary Socialist Group, spoke on behalf of the clubs proposing the event.

The clubs' proposal cited that four hundred dollars was to be allocated for food, five hundred for a disc jockey, fifteen hun-

dred for the poets themselves, and the remaining five hundred to cover the costs of staffing the event. The proposed one hundred and fifty dollar fee per poet attracted an additional three minutes of inquiries into the background of the poets and why their fees were so high. Ms. Hussain, along with Student Government president Nanci Richards, who is also a member of the Revolutionary Socialist Group, responded that the poets were political activists who utilized the money earned to benefit their community in Brooklyn.

While the answers given to Student Government did not quell their questions, the proposal did manage to be passed by a reluctant seven in favor and five in abstention vote. The motion to approve was granted under the condition that the expenditures be reviewed and that the club sponsors speak

with Campus Center Director Mike Daniels about attendance and hours.

It is the matter of the last two details which are at the heart of the clubs' allegations. During the hearing of the proposal, the event while politically entangled did not visibly have any purpose beyond that of entertainment. But after the killing of Park Hill resident Ernest Sayon, members of the Revolutionary Socialist Group partook in the demonstrations against police brutality. On one of these trips to the area the club informed and invited residents to attend the party.

Thus the event, attended by a good number of Park Hill residents, now aspired to commemorate the death of Mr. Sayon as well as trying to raise donations for the slain man's family. The campus security had concerns about the event due to the proposed two hundred attendees, and the time that they would be leaving. Having been extended from its original time of eleven pm to one am, the party would take place during a stretch of time when the majority of CUNY security officers had gone off duty.

This was distressing to many of the higher ranking officers in our security force, especially Rob Yerman, one of the Assistant Directors. His concern rose from the fact that only inexperienced Watchdog guards would be here, and that more numbers were needed to secure the party. This position was based on a culmination of events not the least being the occasional breaking of the Campus Center guidelines, and the violation of law.

For instance, Campus Center Director Mike Daniels confiscated a bag full of beer, which is prohibited without permission; a group of five teenage boys, who could not have been more than fourteen years of age, were rolling joints outside of the party's doors; a security officer was preoccupied with chasing pot smokers from the bathroom; and a chair was thrown between two feuding groups.

Taking these things into account Mr. Yerman and Mike Daniels decided to close off the Campus's main gate at 11:45

pm to all those seeking to enter the party. Moments later Shaista Husain arrived at the front entrance, and questioned Mr. Yerman as to what he was doing. Mr. Yerman informed Ms. Husain of the decision to halt entries; Ms. Husain's response was that administration and security had no right to limit the party's access.

Mr. Yerman told Ms. Husain that she was mistaken, and he then proceeded turn away from her. It was at this point that Ms. Husain began hurling obscenities at Mr. Yerman. Eventually she returned to the party, but not before she suggested to Mr. Yerman that he, "suck her @##@# (a piece of the male anatomy she should not be in possession of)."

The party continued until the one o'clock close-up time, although some of the disgruntled club sponsors were irate about the decision to limit access. Ms. Husain had informed the party goers that the reason why they were so few people in attendance was due to the fact that the front gate had been closed from 11:45pm. She made the remarks after she returned from her second trip to the front gate, where she had basically repeated her verbal abuse of Rob Yerman.

The revelers dispersed without a hitch. Although the rear windshield of the automobile of Mike Shadrack, an employee of the Camous Center, was shattered, there is no evidence that it was done by one of the event's attendees.

The following morning, College Voice Managing Editor and Revolutionary Socialist Group member John Paul Patafio questioned Carol Jackson, Dean of Students, about the actions of Mike Daniels. Dean Jackson responded that Mr. Daniels has "the full authority to close this building (Campus Center) and shut down anything in it."

Mr. Patafio stated that he felt that there was a double standard involved based on race, and that they (the Voice) were going to pursue the matter. Dean Jackson encouraged him, but later remarked, "they were lucky that Mr. Daniels decided to just shut off the main gate, instead of shutting the whole party down."

## Fraternity Forum

By D. Dennis

What is a fraternity or a sorority? The dictionary defines a fraternity (sorority) as: "a local or national organization of male (female) students for primarily social purposes." For many students on campus these organizations are no more than that, but there is a big difference between a definition and real life. The administration refuses to allow these clubs to use the terms "frat," "pledge," or "brother/sister;" the reason cited was sexual bias.

I went out and talked with both Greeks and non-Greeks. I asked them, "How do you feel fraternities/sororities are treated on campus?" and "What do you think can be done to rectify this?" Here are a few responses to these questions:

James Stroud of X KΦ (Chi Kappa Phi) said, "This is a Greek-hostile environment. There should be more Greeks on the Student Government. We need and deserve formal recognition." Donnie Stephano of the Arthurian Society said, "We should have an Interclub Council rather than have an IGC (Inter-Greek Council), to allow all clubs a voice." Scott Mackey of BΦY (Beta Phi

Upsilon) said, "We're treated terribly; I think we do need a formal Greek Council." Diana Garcia, also of BΦY, said, "They aren't teated like they should be. Also, they (the school's administration) should respect the membership policy of each GLO (Greek Letter Organization.) We should have a formal Inter-Greek Council." David Soltanvici of ΣAM (Sigma Alpha Mu) said, "We want to encourage school spirit. It's embarrassing when you go to other schools in CUNY with fraternities and see how much more school spirit there is." Brian McNulty of ΣAM said, "I don't understand why the use of the term **rush**, **pledge**, and **fraternity** isn't allowed." Gerianne Moncada of ΣΙΔ (Sigma Iota Delta) said, "With all the energy they give to the other clubs, they should give the same amount to GLOs, and yes they should be formally recognized. It should be as equal as any other school activity." Announcements: Chi Kappa Phi is hosting a Spades Tournament on May 11, 1994 from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm. Anyone wishing to take part can speak with J. Stroud of XKΦ.

# Shooting the Theological Breeze

By: Peter Simpson

What is eternity? I do not mean what is eternity in the hyperbolic sense in which one says that eternity is how long it takes some people to finish their degrees around here. I mean in the sense in which God is said to be eternal.

Well, there are at least two ways of understanding eternity in this sense. One takes eternity to be a going on forever through all the moments of time without beginning or end. The other takes eternity to be timelessness or simply not being in or measurable by time at all.

Some people suppose God is eternal in the first sense. But the main problem with this view is that it subordinates God to time and simply says that God differs from all other things subordinate to time only in the sense that while they begin and end God does not.

This view is rather like what the ancients held about the heavenly spheres of the planets and stars. These spheres were supposed to have revolved for ever and to go on revolving for ever, though their revolutions could be measured and one could speak of how slow or fast they were and how long they took to go round.

God, however, is the name traditionally given to the First Cause or the Undivided One from which all else flows and which is not subject or posterior to anything. But if God is measured by time then he is

not first nor the cause of all, but time is prior to him and measures him. So God, if he really is God, should measure time and not time him.

Now one might say that the various Scriptures plainly speak of God as measured by time, as being, for instance, he who was and is and is to be. But the Scriptures manifestly need to be interpreted and many phrases and words they employ are said in metaphorical and figurative ways. Besides the phrase "who was and is and is to be" is ambiguous and could be used to signify eternity in either of the senses I distinguished earlier. Further, the Scriptures make it plain elsewhere that God is the simply first thing so that time must be subject to him just as everything else is.

What, however, could it mean to say God is timeless in the sense that he is not in but above time? The ancient description of God's eternity is that he is a "nunc stans" or a "standing now" in opposition to the "nunc movens" or "moving now" of time. The idea here is that time is measured by "nows". For instance, when you time a runner running, you start your watch with the "now" of when he starts and you stop it at the "now" of when he ends. Time is what you measure between these "nows" and time is created, as it were, by the "now" moving from the first position to the second.

But if this is so then it would clearly be senseless to try to mark off time if the "now" does not move, for then there would not be two "nows" between which to take a measure. You might reply perhaps that a man standing still could not then be in time since he is not moving. Well, he indeed may not be moving but the "now" of time is moving because this "now" is for us the "moving now" of the sun and the other heavenly bodies (these are the first measurers of time). Because all physical things are subject to the heavenly motions, all physical things are measured by time even when they are not, or appear not to be, moving.

But God, since he is the cause of all things including physical things and their motions, is not and cannot be measured by the "moving now" of time. He does indeed exist and live in the "now" but his "now" is a stationary or standing "now" that does not move at all. So he is eternal, not because he endures through all the motions of time, but because he simply does not move or change in any respect. His existence is so complete that there is no existence outside him that he could move into, and so intense and powerful that he can never lose any of the existence he now has.

One of the great philosophers and theologians of the past, Boethius, had a neat way of stating the divine eternity. He said it was "the total and perfect possession all at once of unending life." Eternity, then, is possession "all at once" and not successively or part by part one after the other. It is "total and perfect" possession or possession that is full and without deficiency in any respect. It is possession of "life" or of existence in its greatest intensity and in its fullest self-awareness and inwardness. It is possession of life that is "unending" or that has no term measurable by time.

One should think then of God's eternity not after the pattern of quantitative additions, for in that sense eternity is never complete since there is always more to come. No, one should think of it after the pattern of qualitative intensity. So take an image, not from adding quantity to quantity in infinite space, but from the shattering intensity of blinding light.

Suppose yourself traveling deeper and deeper into some light source, and that as you get closer the light gets more and more intense and more and more brilliant, until, at its very heart, you confront

that sheer light itself. Suppose now that it is not the light of physical sight you are approaching but the light of sheer being and that all other beings, including time, are faint images, reflections, sparks bursting forth from that inexhaustible source. God's eternity is sort of like that: sheer intensity of existence, so intense in fact that there is never, and could never be, any existence outside it, not even the existence of more time.

Imagine again a huge circle and imagine yourself walking around the circumference. Your walking is the march of time and the center is the stillness of eternity. As you walk there is always change and always movement, and one thing follows another in perpetual succession. At the center there is perfect rest and never changing permanence. Moreover, at the circumference you cannot see the whole but it comes to you in pieces as you perpetually advance towards it. From the center, however, the whole circumference and the whole path of your walking can be seen all at once. Thus do you see part of time while God sees the whole of it; thus are you in time while God is outside it; thus are you measured by time while God is not.

Plato once described time as the moving image of eternity, and rightly. For it is eternity that is by nature first and time that is by nature second, though for us time is first. So we struggle to understand the original in terms of the image, the source in terms of the emanations. But if we saw things aright it would not be eternity that we found hard to understand but time, not permanence, but change and mutability.

It is beings like us, beings that come to be and cease to be, beings that both are and are not, that pose the greater puzzle. The being that simply is and never is not, the being that is the whole of being and nothing but being — that being is, properly understood, the most luminous and intelligible thing imaginable.

So as our circle of time marks off another semester and another academic year, and as we march onwards seeking to fill up by more time that deficiency of our being that is time, spare a moment or two of time to think of what is not time and not a moving circle but a motionless center.

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# The Radical Republican

By Rush D. Bush

I have some views which I wish to share with you. These views are about current events and are mine alone. No one on *The Banner* staff should be held responsible for these views.

I have a real big problem with this kid in Singapore. I think that he committed a crime and should be punished. Singapore's punishment is getting flogged. Let them flog the boy. He deserves it and I hope it hurts. Wait, I just found out that they flogged him. Great, he got what he deserved. I hope he cried for his mommy. Now that's the way things should be done. People wonder why Singapore is such a beautiful city. This is the reason. If you vandalize in any way you will be flogged. This is why Singapore is not graffiti ridden. This is also why New York is.

Another issue is the NYPD carrying

9 millimeter weapons. I say that a police officer's life is worth saving and that we should do anything we can to do so. If this requires a police officer to carry a 20 gauge shotgun, so be it. I personally don't understand the worries over a shotgun. Shotguns do not have a long travel distance and have the most stopping power. You could also look at the .50 AE weapons. These guns would stop an elephant with one shot. Let the NYPD have these guns.

A 9mm is a pea shooter compared with the two guns mentioned above. Also, let the NYPD have hollow point bullets. These bullets give a 9mm weapon much more stopping power and would save police officer's lives. Do it, don't hesitate to save lives!

Another item which deals directly with the first item is the death penalty. We discussed above how no one in Singapore

will vandalize because, if caught, they will be flogged. No one wants to be flogged so therefore no one vandalizes. This makes sense, people! If you tell people that they will be killed if they commit murder, murders will go down. No one wants to be killed. They have to stop with this 10-year death row stay. I say give the convicts a month to live and then hang 'em. Don't waste taxpayer's money by keeping them in jail! In the end this will save money because life imprisonment costs a lot of money. When they are dead, taxpayers pay nothing.

Lastly, I am very sorry to hear about the death of Richard Nixon. He was an astute person in foreign affairs. He was the best President this country has ever had on this front. He will be sorely missed by this reporter. Sadly enough this man will only be known for his mistakes.

## Gun control: What a Joke

By Ryan Monroe

Gun control is a fantasy. All politicians who say that the banning of guns will deter crime are having a pipe dream. They are misleading the public and are doing a disservice to the country as a whole by playing on the fears of the general public. Crime is an important issue and fatalities do to the use of illegal guns are a shame. However, to make laws against the ownership of guns will not deter crime. This is not the solution, it will only allow access to guns to people who will not follow the laws. Criminals will still have the same access as they always did. For example, drugs are illegal, but that does not stop the trafficking or the use of drugs. Criminals do not go through the "proper" channels in order to get weapons. They want the guns to be untraceable when planning to commit a crime. To make laws against the sale of guns will not prevent someone who wants to commit a crime with a gun from obtaining a gun. If someone is prepared to commit a crime they

are also prepared to obtain a weapon illegally.

The only people who will be hassled by this law are the law-abiding citizens. These citizens, which still represent the majority of our population, are now prevented from protecting themselves. The criminals will have guns the law-abiding citizens won't. This leaves the law-abiding citizens helpless prey for criminals to attack at will. The advocates of gun-control will say that the police will protect you, you do not need to protect yourself. This is the problem. There are not enough police to protect every person from acts of violence that have become only too common. Also, many people believe that the police are not there to protect them. If there were 100 times the current police force we would be living in an authoritarian society and all of our individual rights would vanish.

I believe this is the final goal of some gun control advocates. If people can't own guns legally or without government consent, they will be dependent on the government for their protection. Watch for this to come to

fruition if the gun control advocates continue to get their way. We will be totally dependent on the government. One day there may come a bureaucracy to replace this government, as the history of the birth of America has shown. At that time, the government will be the only ones with the guns and we will have BB guns. I hope America, as Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln envisioned it, lives forever. However, today's politicians are far from continuing the great tradition of the vision of America which most of us hold dear. The government is becoming too intrusive in our lives. This must stop.

The real problem is crime. Gun control is a cop out. The solution is work for every American, a well-rounded college education for all, and stronger penalties for the use of illegal firearms in the act of a crime. The most severe crimes are committed by a small percentage of criminals. Lock them up for life. However, if they kill or maim with a gun, an eye for an eye is an appropriate solution. Those who take life, be prepared to lose it!

## W h a t , m e l o u n g e ?

By James Scotto-Lavino

What is a lounge? Before a person designs one, they really must ask themselves this question. The answer is simple. A lounge is a place where someone can relax.

The lounges on this campus are very poorly designed. I've found it more comfortable to sit in the ferry terminal. Try to relax in any one of them and you'll find that it's impossible. The chairs are too high for the tables, and make you sit directly upright. Move to either side of the

chair, and hard wood jabs into your ribs. Lie back on one of the couches, and hard wood breaks your neck.

In the lounge back at the Sunnyside campus, the lounge was equipped with couches that were falling apart at the seams, but honestly, I miss them terribly. Throw your jacket and your body on them, and you were out cold. They were long enough to lay down on, and soft enough to sleep on. Back at the Sunnyside campus, students actually stayed in the lounge. A television set was there. People were there.

Nowadays, most of the students stay in the cafeteria, and of all the students I've spoken to, not one likes to stay in the main lounge. At any given time (except at CLUE events), you'll never see more than ten people in the Green Dolphin Lounge. Of those ten, half will be reading, and the other half will be all bent up trying to sleep on one of those demon chairs.

What is a lounge? You won't find one on this campus. We, the student body need someplace where we can relax, and the cafeteria just doesn't cut it.

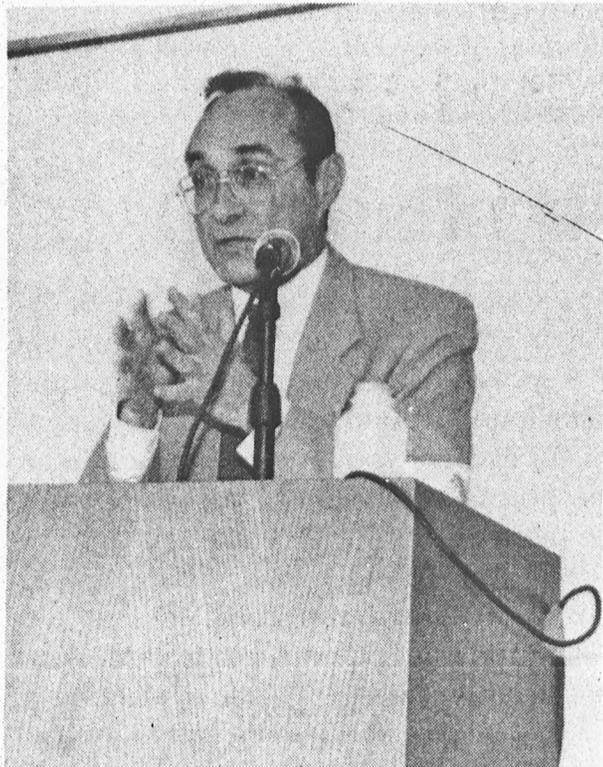
# GET THE FACTS STRAIGHT ABOUT ISRAEL!

BY YEHIEL TZUR

Anti-Semitism and anti-Israel propaganda has been penetrating the College of Staten Island, starting with Nazi graffiti that showed up in several restrooms across campus, ending with a more "intellectual" onslaught lead by socialist and Arab students writing for the College Voice newspaper. Their latest and most favored theme is the portrayal of Israel as an imperialist, capitalist, and racist state oppressing and massacring "Palestinians." Very cautiously they single out Israel's 4.5 million Jewish citizens - 85 percent of the total population - as being Zionists which for them is the same as being bourgeois colonialists.

It seems very odd why a nation that is not even near these sinister and ugly descriptions would be getting so much negative attention by the media. I suppose that if Israel was another Christian or Islamic state all of this would not have happened. However, Israel is a Jewish state, the one and only of its kind, a state that gave back the Jewish people their confidence and dignity after a third of them were systematically murdered just a few decades ago. A state whose primary point in being is to gather her exiles and provide them with refuge and home away from the persecution, harassment and victimization Jews suffered in just about every country they tried to be a part of.

For all the anti-Semites out there it is very hard for them to witness Jews restoring their national sovereignty and independence in their historical homeland after 2000 years of Roman, Byzantine, Christian and Moslem occupations. I bet it makes their blood seethe with envy and anger knowing the Israeli economy had a seven percent growth last year, making it the second fastest growing economy in the world following China. It makes them even more envious to see a Jewish state, poor in natural resources become a leading military and high-tech power, whose recognition by the world community is greater than ever before.



Knesset member Uzi Landau addresses students.

Nevertheless, these indications help very little, if at all, to refute the previous denunciations Israel has been labeled with.

Hence, when Israel's foes call it imperialist I assume they never bother to check a map of the world. Because if they did, they probably would have a hard time finding Israel since it is one of the smallest countries in the world; it is about the size of the state of New Jersey. I would suspect the reason why Arabs charge Israel with imperialism, is so they can insist on converting Israel into another Arab state, even though they already have 18 independent states stretching across territory over twice the size of the United States and more than 500 times the size of Israel. Besides, when was the last time in history that an "empire" willingly gave up territories it captured in war for the sake of peace.

In 1979, Israel gave back the Sinai peninsula to Egypt along with its significant oil fields in exchange for a piece of paper promising peace. The Sinai comprised 91 percent of the territories Israel captured in the 1967 war while it was forced to defend her very existence. Thank God that peace between Israel and Egypt still exists today despite the uneven price Israel paid for that to happen.

Colonialism and racism are additional terms juxtaposed with Israel and her Jewish citizens by their sworn enemies, who just love to compare the Jews to the whites in South Africa and Zionism to Apartheid. Unfortunately, the one track mind of the anti-Semite blinds him or her from seeing how Jewish history is very much like black history.

The history of the whites in South Africa goes back about 400 years. The history of the Jews in the land of Israel goes back more than 4000 years. The blacks in South Africa are an overwhelming majority and until recently were deprived of human and political rights in their own land. On the other hand, the Jews are the overwhelming majority in Israel and before 1948 they, too, were deprived of their freedom and self-determination.

In the former South Africa non-whites could not vote. In Israel there are one million non-Jewish citizens; 800,000 of them are Arabs, and all of them enjoy full political and civil rights in addition to certain prerogatives because of their minority status which enables them, for example, to get free state scholarships for higher education and the choice not to serve in the Israeli Army. Even though every eighteen year-old Jewish citizen is obligated by law to serve; three years for men and two years for women.

Another fact Arabs and anti-Semites always try to sweep aside is that Israel is the only democratic country in the Middle East. This only makes it much easier to probe and scrutinize various Israeli policies, which are present in every imperfect democracy, especially those which are constantly pressured by terrorism and besieged by hostile neighbors,

are full of mistakes and deficiencies. Nevertheless, Israel is a state where all her citizens can vote regardless of race, religion, sex etc... There are some eighteen political parties, two of which are entirely Arab, in addition to countless newspapers in various languages. There are three TV stations and more than 50 cable channels including MTV and CNN.

Aside from the non-Jewish population, the Jewish population in itself is very diverse and made up of some 70 racial, ethnic, and national groups. There are white, black, and brown Jews, oriental Jews and European Jews; Jews from South America and Northern Africa and many, many more. Despite the differences everybody enjoys his and her freedoms of speech, gathering, worship etc..., as promised by the Israeli Declaration of Independence.

Finally, we have the issue of 1.8 million Arabs living in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza strip, calling themselves "Palestinians." These people are refugees resulting from the 1948 and 1967 wars which the Arabs fought against Israel in order to push the Jews into the sea and wipe Israel off the face of this earth.

As refugees living in territories that historically were part of the previous independent Jewish state that existed up to 70 AD, they were captured in a war Israel had no intention in fighting. Despite the return of these territories into Jewish hands in 1967, Israel never annexed them and since then pursued a policy adopting UN Resolutions 242 and 338 calling for territorial compromise in exchange for peace. Unfortunately, prior to the Israeli-PLO agreement, the "Palestinians" refused to recognize Israel and negotiate peace, and instead resorted to terrorism which perpetuates even at this moment.

In conclusion, I must say that even though the state of Israel is not the best country in the world, nor the most perfect one, it is certainly not a racist or imperialist state or any other insults that people with particular interests call it. But hey, you don't have to take my word for it. There are many ways one can investigate and find out about these accusations Israel receives. Perhaps the best way would be to make a visit there and see for yourself.



Photo: P.C. Guagenti

# YOUR RIGHTS

by George L. Perry

I would like to give you some things to think about over the summer (like when you bring your copy of *The Banner* to read at Seaside Heights or Great Adventure and tell everybody what a great paper this is.) Please consider all these examples from a legal point of view and with an open mind:

**1. The gripe over parking stickers and the quantity of parking spots.** What strategy would you use in a court of law to successfully present and win your case? When you purchased the parking decal you were not buying the right to a parking spot. This is clearly the position the college holds and probably would in a court of law. Also, as I understand it, when you purchased parking decals you had to sign something which stated in effect that parking spots are on a first come-first served basis. Could this be a successful strategy? Equate selling parking decals with tickets to a Broadway play. Is it legal for more tickets to be sold than there are seats available?

**2. Should there be a criteria for people who can run for Student Government?** CUNY charter created the criteria for who can run for SG. These are two of the criteria: you must be a current student and have a GPA of at least a 2.0 at the CUNY where you intend to run. Whether or not you consider these fair is irrelevant; the question is, are they legal? Can we equate CUNY's policies with an observation that history has shown to possibly not be in the best interests of the masses? Is it legal for CUNY to not let the people vote for who they want to and make criteria for who may or may not run in an election? The most important issue here is people who cannot vote in the election are dictating policy to those who can.

**3. If you are arrested and charged with DWI can you be asked to submit to a blood alcohol test?** It has been raised in numerous courts of law that a person who is drunk cannot

understand the implications of submitting to or refusing a blood alcohol test. Is it legal for the police to ask an allegedly drunk person to make any decision? Isn't it ironic that police departments are under no obligation to tell you all of your rights when they are sworn to protect them?

**4. Is there such a thing as Smoker's Rights?** Currently, no.

**5.** As absurd as this may sound, consider this scenario. You are in a park which has a no alcoholic beverages allowed policy with a cooler with cans of beer in it. A Park Ranger comes over to you and issues you a summons. **Can you beat the summons in court?** The burden of proof is on the State. How can they prove what's in the unopened can contains alcohol (assuming that the cans were vouchered as evidence) even if the can's label says that the contents of the can are beer? If they open the can is this unlawful search and seizure? How can it be said the can contains beer when you, the court, or even the manufacturer could not swear that the can contains beer! (I know the current answer to this but just think about it.)

**6. Is there institutionalized censorship at the college?** None of the courses in the catalog which analyze Marxism in depth are being taught. My politics are not the issue here; the issue is that if you want to learn about Marxism you will have to learn about it on your own someplace else. Isn't this odd at an institution of higher education?

With all the anti-NYPIRG information being slung around and this being a column about rights I feel it is necessary to address some issues. I am neither for or against NYPIRG, but what is right is right. If you do not agree with NYPIRG's agenda you can get your \$3.00 back from them. Also, they are the only 'group' on campus which can be voted off campus. These conditions hold NYPIRG more responsible

to the needs of the student body by democratic process. They are, in essence, an elected group who we can throw out if we do not like what they do. Imagine (really) being able to throw any elected official (like the Governor) out of office and stop paying them midterm! You could do this with NYPIRG if you wanted to. If this doesn't sound like true accountability and democratic process I don't know what is. (I don't suggest finding the truth with Tom Taaffe, by the way.)

In closing, let me state that it has been a pleasure being part of the lives of my readers and the professional staff of *The Banner* and I hope I have both educated and enriched the lives of both. I look forward to our continued relationship next semester and in the future and I can say that because that is my right!

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-Michael Garofalo

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**PSALM 151: OF GOD AND PROZAC** by Jason Castro

1. "THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH"  
Whatever happened to that, O Lord?  
Am I not meek enough?  
Must I do what the wicked do?  
Or am I wicked already?
2. Have I ever done anything so utterly evil  
To make you turn your face from me?  
Do I deserve to be trampled forever?  
Wicked men trample me;  
My faith means nothing to them.
3. My doctor prescribed Prozac, O Lord.  
He said that it would make me feel better.  
But it just gets me high  
And gives me headaches.
4. They should just legalize pot.
5. If I were not here,  
Who would notice?  
Not one.  
Not even you.
6. Hello?  
Are you still there?
7. Do you have a Marlboro?  
I could use a smoke right now.  
Oh, I forgot.  
You don't give cigarettes to sinners.
8. Prozac goes through my bloodstream  
Causing tidal waves  
Which crash against the walls of my veins.  
Makes me lighthearted  
And dizzy.
9. Where is hell?  
It must be in my head,  
Because bad things always wind up there.
10. How do you control something  
That's out of control?  
You ride with it  
And let it take you where it wishes.  
Problem is, you never live past  
your twenty-seventh birthday.
11. O Lord, where are you?  
Do you hear a word I'm saying?  
Or are you too busy playing cards  
With Moses and Abraham?
12. Bands like Soundgarden and Pearl Jam  
Sing about depression.  
Do they know what real depression is?  
Eddie Vedder has more girlfriends  
Than I have suicidal thoughts.
13. "I have nothing".

Yeah, right, Whitney.  
You have millions of dollars.

14. Don't work  
Don't live  
Can't say  
Expletives.
15. College student  
On this blip we call earth.  
The screen is a universe;  
This tells you what I'm worth.
16. No hope for me,  
No hope today.  
Why should you care?  
Why should I pray?
17. Prozac,  
Two a day.  
Side effect  
And that's the end of Jay.

**Light & Darkness**

Corruption begets Anarchy.  
Anarchy begets destruction.  
Destruction...Destruction...De-  
struction...  
Destruction of a kingdom,  
destruction of a land, destruc-  
tion of a person, destruction of  
a life.  
Sometimes I think that death  
would be easier, but I was  
never a man to give up.  
It is not giving up when you  
leave a land that is destroyed.  
Even if it was your land, your  
kingdom, your way.  
My way is no more.  
I had to leave.  
I had to find my way through  
the darkness.  
But in order to exit the darkness  
you must first embrace it.  
Embrace it, recognize it, and  
than let it go.  
It is only after you let it go that  
you can enter the light.  
A light where there are no  
shadows.  
A light within yourself.  
It is this light that led me to my  
Camelot.  
It is this light that led me to...  
MYSELF

**Guenivere**  
Her hair like summer sun  
Eyes like twin emeralds  
Skin of the purest alabaster  
An angelic voice of sweet honey.

Oh, were I able to tell her  
of my true feelings for her,  
If I could, I most definitely would  
but I cannot for the scars and old wounds  
from my past still  
ache and throb.  
Old heart ache and heart break  
still stings inside,  
The tears no longer fall as freely  
as they once did  
and yet they pain still remains.

But yet I can look into her eyes  
for an eternity.  
Please, O mighty Fates, I, a single man,  
beg thee  
Say you will allow me to love and be loved  
once more.

Alas, but sad hours pass ever slowly by not  
having that which makes them  
move ever swiftly  
- Dirk Drummond

**SOUL PROVIDER**

This morning I was awakened by the  
singing of the birds.  
Their sweet melodies brought a smile to  
my face.  
Their singing made me want to be one of  
them,  
so that I too could bring a smile to your  
face.  
I wish that I could sing sweet melodies to  
you all day long,  
So that I could brighten your days and  
nights and  
with the songs of love. And so that you  
could hear  
the rhythm of my heartbeat as I express to  
you the joy  
I feel whenever I am with you.  
I want to be your soul provider.

-Erica

**FOREPLAY**

It starts when he holds my hand. He gently kisses and caresses it tenderly. Slowly he moves and begins kissing my arm, sending my thoughts away from where they are focused. I tell him to stop because I'm driving and can't concentrate. He laughs and says that it's a double standard. I touch him and kiss his hand, even though I'm driving, and he thinks it's unfair. Which it is. When I touch him, he watches where my hand wanders to. When it reaches its destination, he leans his head back and begins to breath heavily. He mutters something that is unclear and I ask him what he is thinking and he says, "I'm thinking about all the things you could do to me." I smile to myself and think about what he'll do to me if I get him turned on enough. When we finally get to his house, we sit on the couch and start to kiss. He moves my body so that I am now straddling his. As his hands wander over my shivering body, I kiss him more intensely. He gently but firmly eases my body onto the floor and hints that he wants to remove my shirt by lifting it off my stomach. I let him take it off, on the condition that he takes his off, too. I dig my nails into his back and his breathing becomes inconsistent and he grabs me and kisses my body like an enraged animal. I know what he wants. I want it too. I can't let him know that though. He starts pulling my jeans down, getting frustrated when they get caught at my ankles. When they are finally off my body and lying in a crumpled heap on the floor beside us, he leans me toward him and hastily unhooks my bra, exposing my chest. He kisses my neck and slowly moves down until his mouth is caressing the soft peaks he finds so fascinating. When he's satisfied that I've squirmed enough, he passionately kisses and licks my stomach while tugging at my underwear. I shiver when I think of where he is headed next. I can only anticipate and dream about what it will feel like when his mouth touches that part of my body. I quickly lean forward and grab him. I kiss him hard and bring him down on top of me. He rolls onto his side and pulls my underwear down to my ankles then takes his own jeans off. He kisses me again and touches me and concentrates on one area. He gently inserts his fingers into me and I inhale deeply and shiver, not knowing how to control my emotions. I tug at his boxers and he asks if I want what's inside. I reach my hand inside and start caressing him. With each stroke he kisses me and touches me with growing intensity. I want him so bad, but tonight won't be the night that he makes love to me. Not on the floor of his den. And not after such a long car trip. I want him on my terms. Romantic and meaningful. I'm afraid to tell him how I feel and how much I care for him. I can only show him. If foreplay is like this, I can only fantasize about the way he's going to make love to me.

-Laura Zappalorti

# TomKo on Beer: Brewing Your Own Beer!

By Thomas C. Kolakowski

In this issue of *The Banner*, we shall turn our attention from the various types of beers you can purchase, to how you can make your own! Yes... I said make your own! Homebrewing has become a very popular hobby in the last few years, and homebrewing supply stores are popping up in many communities. Brewing your own beer is not very difficult, nor is it expensive. (Actually, after the initial investment, you will save money on each batch you brew!) If you can boil water you can brew beer. The most difficult part of brewing beer (in my honest opinion) is bottling and capping all the beer you produce. Each batch of beer produces about 5 gallons (or about 2 cases).

## I. Equipment:

Before beginning to brew your first batch of beer you need to get the proper equipment and ingredients for the type of beer you want to brew. You can purchase all the ingredients and equipment necessary at "Little Shop of Hops", 15 West 39th Street in NYC. Their phone number is (212) 422-3636. A basic starters kit with most of the important equipment (brewing bucket, capper, hydrometer, siphon, air-lock, racking tube, etc.) costs \$59.95 plus tax. This is

## NYPIRG Elections

CSI NYPIRG will hold its State Board Elections on Monday, May 16 and Tuesday, May 17 from 10 am -7 pm. Elections will be held in 1C-219. The State Board of Directors is the governing body of NYPIRG. The board is entirely student run and made up of students from NYPIRG's 20 campus chapters. There are three seats open from CSI. •

Letters of intent explaining candidates' qualifications and experience with the organization are due Tuesday, May 10 at 5 pm. They should be brought to the CSI NYPIRG office, 1C-219.

CSI NYPIRG has been leading fights for student rights for 17 years and has recently led campaigns against tuition hikes and for better bus service. NYPIRG is the largest student directed environmental and consumer rights group in New York State. For more information, contact Kat Cummings, Michelle Gibbens, or Loe Piels at 983-3109, 1C-219.

a one-time cost and will pay for itself in time. The ingredients (malt extracts, yeast, hops and specialty grains) cost between \$18-30 for a batch. That means you can brew your beer for about \$9 a case (just try and find a good imported Ale for \$9 a case!) You will also need a 3 to 5 gallon stainless steel (or enamel) pot to boil your wort (pronounce wert) and a stainless steel long-handled spoon. A good thermometer will also be needed (I use a fish-tank thermometer as it's a lot cheaper than a kitchen thermometer.)

## II. Ingredients:

The first and easiest type of beer to brew are ales because they ferment at room temperature. Here is the ingredient list for a simple batch of British Ale:

2 6 lb cans of John Bull Amber Malt Extract (I prefer John Bull but another brand will do)

1 2 oz packet of Hop Pellets (Galena or Bullion) Do not get Hop Plugs or whole hops for your first batch.

1 3/4 cup bag of Corn Sugar

1 Packet of Ale Yeast

## III. Brewing your first batch:

Before starting to brew your first batch of Beer you must make sure all your equipment is sanitized. This is done by filling your fermenting bucket full of water and the appropriate amount of "B-Brite" (comes with the brewing kit). Soak all the equipment in the bucket, and rinse it before the end of the Wort boil. While the equipment is soaking you can begin boiling your Wort. Add 1 gallon of water, either boiled first or run through a water purification system to remove any chlorine, to your pot.

Take the cans of Malt Extract and remove the labels. Soak the cans in hot water for a few minutes to loosen up the extract, then add the extract to the boiling water. Stir constantly to make sure none of the extract sticks to the bottom and burns. (If any does stick you can remove the burnt extract with a spoon.) Bring the Wort to a "rolling boil" (where the froth at the top of the pot seems to roll back and forth like a tide.) Add 1 1/2 oz of your hop pellets to the wort now. Keep the Wort boiling for 30 minutes to 45 minutes. During the last 4 to 5 minutes of the boil add the remaining Hop Pellets.

Once you are done boiling, take the pot and quickly put it in a sink full of ice-water. Wait a few minutes then take the Wort and pour it into the fermentor. Add to the fermentor 4 gallons of cold water that has been de-chlorinated. Check the temperature. By this time the temperature should have lowered to 75 degrees. Stir the Wort for a minute or so, then sprinkle on the Yeast. Seal the fermentor and add the air-lock, which should be filled half-way with water. Allow the beer to ferment for 7-10 days. The first 2 days will have a lot of activity. It is quite possible that the beer will try and blow

out the air-lock. If you see anything but water and bubbles in the air-lock I suggest removing it for a minute to bleed off the excess Carbon Dioxide before it blows out the air-lock. (I usually keep newspaper underneath the brew bucket just in case of a blow out!)

After the beer is fully fermented you will then have to prepare the bottles for racking. I suggest buying pint or quart bottles from Little Shop because bottling the beer can be real time consuming! (Plus, home-brewed beer gets consumed quickly!) Put the bottles in a dish washer without any detergent. (Bottle washers are available for those of you without a dishwasher.)

Take the now fermented beer and transfer it to the racking bucket using a siphon, trying to leave as much of the sediment in the fermenting bucket. Add to the racking bucket the 3/4 cup of corn sugar, stirring very gently. You can now bottle the beer. Let the Beer sit about a week before drinking. Some recipes say age for 3-4 weeks, but ales only need about 1 week. Chill... and DRINK!!!! You have completed your first batch of Beer and are now ready to move on to bigger and better brews!

For more detailed info on brewing your own beer buy Charlie Papazian's "The New Complete Joy of Home Brewing," known as the "Bible" of Home Brewing. The price is \$11.00 and it is usually available at Little Shop.

**In Beer News:** No new word on the Zima situation! Word has it that Budweiser intends to market an Ale soon. According to market research, ales are the only increasing segment of the beer market. Miller was the first of the major American brewers to realize that ales sell well, with the introduction of Miller Reserve Amber Ale. Miller's ale is not bad, but does have a mass-produced flavor.

## Ask TomKo:

Q: Why didn't you include Oatmeal Stout in your Ale column?

A: Oatmeal Ale is a recent development and is produced mainly by US microbrewers and home brewers. I find little evidence that it's commercially available in the UK.

Q: Ales aren't Beers... so why talk about them?

A: Ales ARE beers. There are 2 classes of Beers: Ales and Lagers.

Q: What the heck is ZIMA anyway?

A: ZIMA is a processed clear-beer. ZIMA is beer that has been processed (possibly distilled) to remove the color, head, and beer flavor, leaving only a clear malt beverage. Basically, ZIMA is alcoholic soda — carbonated alcohol!

Any more questions should be sent to me at *The Banner* office, room 1C-228.

Next time in TomKo on Beer: More on brewing!

# ISRAELI PARLIAMENT MEMBER VISITS CAMPUS

By Yehiel Tzur

Dr. Uzi Landau, member of the Israeli Parliament (Knesset) from the Likud party was a guest speaker at a forum sponsored by the TAGAR club (Zionist student activist movement) at the Green Dolphin Lounge in building 1C, on Tuesday, March 22.

Dr. Landau spoke about the peace process in the Middle East to a crowd of forty people composed of Tagarnicks, Arab nationalists and revolutionary socialists. He expressed his pessimism about achieving comprehensive and durable peace through the Israeli-PLO declaration of principles that was signed on the White House lawn on September 13, 1993. "This agreement undermined and laid to rest the principal achievements of the Camp David Accord and Madrid conference which kept Jerusalem, Jewish settlements, and the terrorist PLO out of the negotiating process. Since the famous hand shake between Rabin and Arafat, the peace process has been a one-way street whereby Israel constantly gives in with concessions to the Arabs, receiving in return nothing but additional demands, and still continuing to believe that feeding lambs to an hungry wolf will make him a vegetarian.

During his speech it was mentioned that Yassir Arafat violated every single agreement he signed with fellow Arab leaders, alluding that he will not even think twice to do the same

to the agreement signed with the Rabin government, as he did by not meeting the provisions obligating him to condemn terrorism, crack-down on the terrorist and Islamic fundamentalist organizations, Hamas and Islamic Jihad, and above all, abolish and erase parts of the PLO covenant calling to push the Jews to the sea and destroy the state of Israel.

Rather more ominously, since the Rabin-Arafat hand shake on September 13, 1993, terrorist attacks against Israelis doubled from 3 to 6 murders on average each month, amounting to 46 dead Israeli civilians and hundreds more wounded, mostly women and children. Furthermore, instead of fighting Hamas, the PLO signed a truce with them agreeing, among other things, to demand the release of Hamas murderers from Israeli jails along with their own.

When asked about the Hebron massacre, Dr. Landau expressed his sorrow for the tragic incident, however he strongly criticized the media and world community for their biased and unjust reaction against Israel. "If Baruch Goldstein would have been alive today, he would have been put on trial and sentenced to life in prison." He indicated that when Jews are being murdered by Arab terrorists no Arab leader condemns it, when an insane Egyptian soldier massacred a bus load of Israeli tourists in the Sinai desert several years back, there was

no public apology by the Egyptian government. When Long Island Rail Road passengers were massacred few months ago, nobody expected or even contemplated for a moment that it would be necessary of President Clinton to go on national TV and apologize for an insane action of a crazed individual, whereas an Israeli civilian decided one day that not only Arabs can go crazy and went on a shooting rampage in Hebron, the entire world raised on its feet and demanded Israel to apologize.

During the discussion period, one of the Arab nationalists accused the Israeli army for perpetuating a cycle of violence against the Palestinians. To that Dr. Landau responded by pointing out the fact that most Arab refugees that were killed since the start of the Palestinian uprising in Judea, Samaria, and the Gaza strip were murdered by their own brethren, and he was interrupted when someone shouted back, "we have the right to kill our own traitors!"

Upon uttering such statement, one of the TAGAR members said, "this kind of mind set goes to show that when the Arabs have such a low esteem to the life of their own people, even more so it shows their malignant intent towards the Jews in Israel."

Before leaving, Knesset member Uzi Landau ended by saying, "Israel can achieve peace only through strength and security and without putting a time constraint on the negotiating process."

## PROGRESSION OF A FIGHT BY JAMES SCOTTO - LAVINO

### CHAPTER ONE "EYE CONTACT"

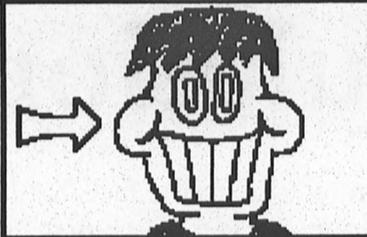
#### Intro:

New York has a reputation down south as being a very violent place. This is really only partially true. Take a look at these seemingly docile individuals.

They could start a fight with each other without exchanging many words, but it usually doesn't happen. So now we ask, why is New York City known this way?



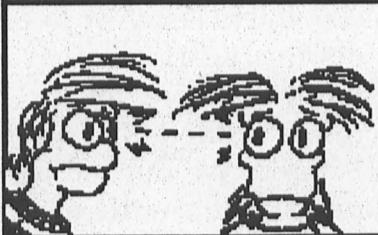
Most southerners are usually unaware of the unwritten rules that keep you out of fights in New York.



Rule # 1: You can look people in the eye no longer than a quarter of a second. Anything beyond that is an instigation.

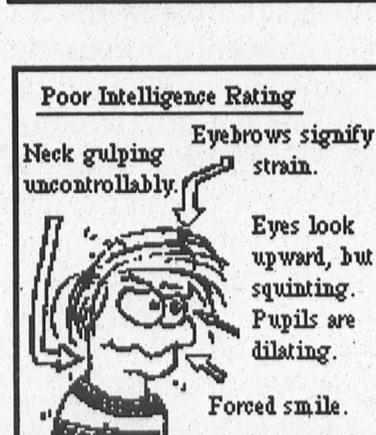


The quarter second begins at the moment your eyes meet. What happens here really depends on what kind of mood you're in.



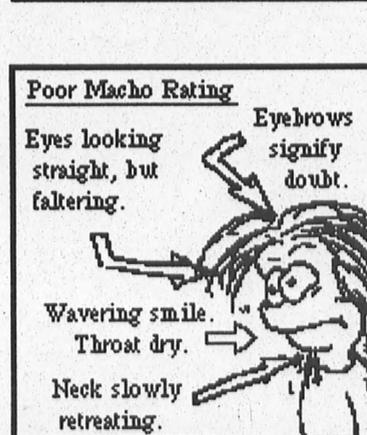
#### FIGHT AVOIDING

Neck softly bobs head. Eyebrows signify anticipation. Eyes look slightly upward. Mildly happy.



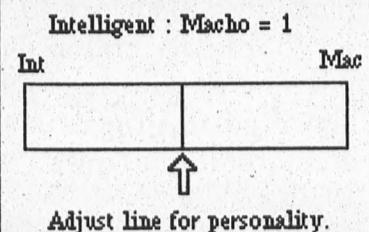
#### FIGHT INSTIGATING

Eyebrows signify ridicule. Neck turns and shakes. Eyes look straight and don't falter. Sneeringly sarcastic.



Now, there are two fighting traits people have in these situations that I think you should be familiar with. The traits are fight avoiding intelligence and fight instigating machoness. They are inversely proportional and describe your tendency to either start or avoid a fight.

A simple graph and formula can be produced to show a person's intelligent or macho rating.



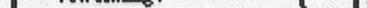
#### Poor Intelligence Rating

Neck gulping uncontrollably. Eyebrows signify strain. Eyes look upward, but squinting. Pupils are dilating. Forced smile.



#### Poor Macho Rating

Eyes looking straight, but faltering. Eyebrows signify doubt. Wavering smile. Throat dry. Neck slowly retreating.



Conclusion: Remember this and read (hopefully) the next installment. By then, we'll definitely be throwing some punches.

THE END

# Poets in Progress: The final chapter...for now!

By Jennifer Valle

The Poets in Progress series for Spring '94 has come to a close with a fourth and final poetry reading hosted by Professor of English Edward Hack. The readers for this final occasion were Kerri Dunkerton, Editor of "Always A Woman," Vera Saverino, Founder of Poets in Progress; and Tom Taaffe, Publications Commissioner and Senator of Student Government. Prof. Hack began each reading with a summary of his thoughts on each poet.

Ed on Kerri: He spoke of how her poetry is a "coming out" of herself. Her poetry is an expression of herself and her view of how the world has changed. He stated, "She is creating her own language, don't expect to hear what you think."

And with that, Kerri began with the reading of "I Come Woman," which powerfully stated, "I have enough change in my pocket to ride your train of thought." Her poems spoke of woman, and the liberation of woman. Some of the crowd's favorites were "An Education in Educating," which

had mouths opening when she said, "We are not His story" and another powerful poem entitled "Pornography." The crowd's most favorite seemed to be "Michael misunderstands me," to which everyone broke into laughter when she said, "I think he wants to fuck. Michael misunderstands me." Her final poem, "She's Coming Out," left all with an inside peek of the real writing style of Kerri.

Ed on Vera: "Vera's poetry is about being in love. She is always in love one way or another." Vera Saverino was actually the first student in 25 years to ask Prof. Hack to help her understand meter. He also told of the time he and Vera were looking out the window when he exclaimed how the view reminded him of the "light of ruined cities." He stated, "From the look on her face, I could tell she was a poet." Vera then stepped forward, with tears in her eyes, and began her reading. She opened with "Baby, I Wish You Were Mine," a poem she wrote when she was 13 years old. She explained how from that beginning, she is what she has become now. And with that opening, she

read her second poem entitled, "I am." Her poems spoke of love, sex, happiness, and life. Teary-eyed, she looked on to Hack for support, which he gave willingly and openly. She read her meaning to the title of a Sting song, "Fields of Gold" with one line, "As day fell asleep in the arms of night," which sent imaginations wondering over the fields of gold that she spoke so lovingly about. Among the favorites were "A Hug Between Friends," "Pocket of Petals," which she stated was her favorite, and "With These Wings," a poem dedicated to her mentor and friend, Ed Hack.

Ed on Tom: "It reminded me of one of my sons. Some people feel the edge of time. Along with that, he feels newness." Ed Hack further stated that he "would like to continue to follow Tom's writings." Tom came forward, the last reader of the night, and began his tell tale of his experiences and feelings of politics and basically, the world. His song began with "A Gust of Wind," which he explained to be a song itself. In fact, most of his poems had a sense of song but Tom explained it

best when he said, "I've been a rock musician for 12 years." He sang us into mixed feelings of politics and racism with an untitled poem that said, "I'm just a nigger of a different color," which he explained was not to be taken as a racist viewpoint on his behalf, more like a view of the ignorance of others. Among the audience's favorites were "The Drummer's The Mother," "Dancing With My Ancestors," a poem about death, and "Povesya" which was a song about creation.

As the reading ended and the feast began, Poets in Progress had The Professor and Maryann, a Staten Island based band, lull us into a calm state of mind. Vera, the founder of the Poets in Progress stated, "My intentions (concerning Poets in Progress) are to expose the students and faculty to unique talent that the students and teachers possess, as well as expose them to outside talent." From one writer to another, Vera, I wish you the best of luck in achieving your goals and I look forward to next semester.

## Congratulations and Thank You

Can it be that the end of the semester has arrived? I cannot believe we've made it. We have all survived the first year at "the-new-campus." (I won't mind never hearing that word again, and be sure, it is one word.) I can still remember coming here in the summer of 1993, when there were no cranks for the windows (not that this has changed) and the Student Government office was clean. There was no furniture, but it was so nice to have three rooms to ourselves. We still have three rooms, and we have furniture, but it will never be brand spanking new again. I'm glad I was here to see it in its virginal state.

In our first year we have lost a President and gained notoriety for our sick buildings. We have seen the campus covered in

snow (due to the fact that it was open during the worst snowstorms of the year,) and we have seen the landscape drastically improved with the help of the Buildings and Grounds crew. Before you leave this school, sit under a tree with a book of poetry, eat some lunch, whatever—just sit under a tree before you leave — its something that was impossible to do at St. George. We have all been a part of history — there will never be another Dedication Ceremony, and we won't be able to turn our backs on the Chancellor ever again (thank you to Nanci Richards for letting us know just how to annoy Wynetka.)

**Thank you, thank you, thank you** First and foremost, thank you to the *College Voice* for spawning such hatred and dis-

sent among your former members, and encouraging them to start a new publication. Without you, and of course Student Government funding, *The Banner* would not have been possible. Thank you to the students who decided to be a part of this crazy newspaper, even the students who went crazy and left, thank you. Thank you to the Office of Student Activities, the CSI Association, and the Student Government for your support. Thank you to all of our devoted readers because without you, we would be nothing. A special thank you to the members of staff who know what a deadline is, and even those of you who don't, Jusuf. But you were my right hand man for the latter half of this semester, so all of my love to you, baby.

**Congratulations** to all of the winners of the Student Elections, but remember, you are all winners by your participation alone. And congratulations to the student body! Voter turnout improved from roughly 300 voters last year to 628 voters this year. You have more merit than previously adjudicated. Congratulations to...*The Banner*. We put out a weekly newspaper with a minimal budget and minimal sanity. I wouldn't trade this experience for anything. Congratulations to everyone in my PHY 110 class with Prof. Pernick. We made it! Good luck to you all on your finals, and to the graduates, may you find jobs, get accepted to graduate school, and most importantly, enjoy the summer!

-Jessica Reback

# Horoscopes

By Windy Webb

**Aries** Your creativity and swiftness could make you some money this week. Try and keep your energies balanced this week. That unfinished or overlooked project could cost you. It is also important that you watch what you say; someone might take your aggressiveness personally.

**Taurus** Don't make a move until the 10th! The moon enters Taurus on the 10th, giving you that edge over everyone else. All communication between Tuesday and Saturday will surely be effective. Avoid being too aggressive on the 15th.

**Gemini** Monday's eclipse could be bringing your life into full swing again. Romance looks especially good on the 12th, 13th and 14th. Try not to be too aggressive dudes! (Mars energy is very powerful right now.) It just keeps getting better for you, especially on the 22nd, when the sun goes into your sign. A new chapter may be started in your life very soon.

**Cancer** Your greatest strengths lie in your work right now. Climbing the corporate ladder of achievement has never been easier. Have patience in all matters concerning love. Your love life picks up momentum on the 22nd.

**Leo** Are you feeling depressed and unwanted? Seeking the limelight that's your natural domain? Relax! You will be back in the saddle on the 17th. It would be wise if you used this time to rest. Things may get hectic next week, and more energy and stamina may be needed to cope with things than normal.

**Virgo** Don't start anything new until the 16th. Communications may get fouled up this week so watch what you say. Use your organizational skills to help those who need them, it may lead to

unexpected income.

**Libra** Don't let everyone else's emotional problems destroy you. Love, romance, and the fruits of labor will be yours on the 18th, when the moon goes into your sign. Until then, using your socializing skills to keep harmony might be wise.

**Scorpio** Power at the work place is reaching new heights keep a steady pace and don't over extend yourself. A new romance is possible on the 22nd so be prepared! Take care of your health this week don't let all this stress kill you—it will be over soon.

**Sagittarius** Action speaks louder than words is your theme this week. Take a breather! A creative project could get recognized this week for it's true value.

This week may also present financial opportunities that you may not have anticipated, so take advantage.

**Capricorn** Right now may not be the best time to give a good impression. Work done in solitude may present opportunities in the future. The moon goes into your sign on the 27th so take advantage of this temporary phase of influence.

**Aquarius** Getting the word out? Go for it! You are the Lords and Ladies of Gossip from the 21st through 23rd. You will never be at a loss for words this week. Your romantic life presents opportunity on the 29th. Writing a love letter or talking to loved ones may be a piece of cake this week.

**Pisces** Take your vitamins! This weeks stress could cause illness if you don't take care of your self. It's also important that you take care of yourself emotionally. Venus in Cancer on the 22nd could have a dreamy effect on the Piscean mind. It's very important to distinguish fantasy from reality.

# HORRORSCOPIES

By Madame Bodag

**ARIES** (Mar 21 - Apr 19)

An easy birth control method has been found. Students are now allowed to go into building 2N. One breath of the contaminated air will stop your reproductive system!

**TAURUS** (Apr 20 - May 20)

It is true, Beavis and Butthead did get more votes than you for that Student Government position.

**GEMINI** (May 21 - Jun 21)

Prince is back but, judging by the way you have begun to wear your clothes, I see you already know.

**CANCER** (Jun 22 - Jul 21)

The last contraceptive you used was defective, and your mate's family is known to have triplets or more every time. Good luck, I know you will need it!

**LEO** (Jul 22 - Aug 21)

Your ideas will earn you lots of money; unfortunately, not enough to cover your costs. It's back to the unemployment line for you dear!

**VIRGO** (Aug 22 - Sep 22)

Milk has not and will not do much for you, you are still a 90-pound when soaking wet, horny, little geek. Rent a movie and get a life!

**LIBRA** (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Your mother has taken your priceless collector's item and sold it at her garage sale for 50 cents. Cheer up though, those 50 cents went to the stamps on the last letter she mailed to you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

The haircut you will get will leave you half bald and teary-eyed. Problem was, the girl from the Lemon Tree was a beginner and you were her Final Exam!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

The next landfill will be located two blocks from your house. Yes, you will be evicted by June 7. Don't worry though, your parents will take you back.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22 - Jan 21)

A new disease has erupted and you will be the first to have it. Not all of the details are clear but expect many deformities and a developed taste for Chef Boyardee!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

For all of you guys, remember that girl from Spring Break? She has a big secret to tell you. (Hint, hint: Pampers are on sale!) Ladies, that pregnancy test was a dud, see your doctor fast!

**PISCES** (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

A distant cousin, in order to seek revenge, has subscribed you to every sleezy tabloid known to man, including the Enquirer. Expect bags full of mail.

Please keep in mind that Madame Bodag is strange and highly unpredictable as well as extremely demented and suicidal. For your own personal safety, we at The Banner feel it necessary to warn you not to believe what she writes, it has been known to cause grief and temporary loss of sanity!

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# The Trouble With Sports

By Jason Castro

The upcoming fall semester at CSI isn't going to be a fun one for incoming freshmen. Come September, there will be a change in the requirements concerning the Physical Education Department.

According to a CSI University Report dated June 28, 1993, "Each student must successfully complete a required fitness course, to be developed with classroom and activities components, for 2 hours, 1 credit, plus a non-credit requirement (on the pattern of the CLUE) in fitness activities." In other words, one half of the requirement is a prerequisite class, and the other half is a CLUE-like requirement, to be approved by the Phys. Ed. Dept. (which means keg lifting probably won't count).

That doesn't sound too bad, you say? Get this—the second half requirement CANNOT BE A CREDITED CLASS!!! In other words, you must participate in some kind of sports activity without getting any kind of credit for it, except maybe just a pat on the back from Phys. Ed. This will take effect in the fall, so freshmen and transfer students who have not completed their requirements at another school will be affected. Current students will have the option of choosing which require-

ments to abide by.

In a meeting on November 24, 1993, the Department of Health and Physical Education voted overwhelmingly "in favor of offering a non-credit requirement that could include participation in athletic teams, intramural sports or off-campus activities." Future options for implementing this program would probably include:

A. Taking the required fitness course plus one 1-credit Physical Education course as an elective, or

B. Taking the required fitness course plus a non-credit option.

The Department also voted unanimously to "introduce in the future a 'Fitness for Lifetime Component' that may be met by any designated one 1-credit Physical Education course that has a fitness component included."

Unfortunately, the Department's recommendations fell on deaf ears. In a memo dated April 6, 1994, it was confirmed that the new second half requirements would not allow students to gain credit for taking Physical Education courses.

Associate Professor Nicholas Farkouh was outraged. In a letter to Vice President Barry Bressler dated April 21, Professor Farkouh stated: "As a result of your memo of 4/6/94, my department and I are now aware of the official status of the second half of the Physical

Education requirement. The Department is adamant (sic) in its belief that one of the options should allow students to take a Physical Education course for credit." In a memo to Professor Gladys Meyer dated May 2, he showed his devotion to this belief by stating that, "The '2nd half requirement' never was and still is not acceptable as a compulsory 'non-credited' requirement...It's absurd to tell students who have developed a desire to learn a sport like tennis, swimming etc, etc, that if they opt to take one of our courses, it must be taken for no credit." In an interview, Farkouh made this statement: "It's simple deduction that if students desire to register for Phys. Ed. activity classes, Administration will have to provide funds for hiring new physical educators as the present 'old regime' of professors retire." Despite the hostility, Vice President Bressler continues to defend the program. In an exclusive interview, he made this statement: "After a great deal of study, discussion and consultation, including invitations to the Department Chairperson to submit the views of the Department, the General Education Committee voted unanimously to recommend a change in the Physical Education requirements. The new require-

ments call for all students in degree programs to take a 1-credit, 2-hour physical fitness course to be developed by the department." He spoke of the course as having two components—one devoted to reading, writing and lecture and the other being an activity related to the general topic of fitness. He described the controversial second portion as "an activity involvement which can take many facets. It may be intercollegiate sports, intramural sports, activity and recreation outside of the college designed in a way that would be acceptable to the Department." According to Bressler, this program is to be in relation to the CLUE requirements, where all entering students must take a number of classes for no credit.

Nice try, but Farkouh isn't buying it. "CLUE-like requirements" were the words used by the General Education Committee. They (Phys. Ed. Dept.) thought that they would be able to decide what activities would be credited. The College Council substituted 'CLUE-like requirements' with the words 'non-credit.' And this was in turn submitted to the Board of Higher Education. And that's where we are now."

## Sports Hisses & Kisses

By John Flaherty

**Hisses** - To Patrick Ewing and the rest of the Knicks for choking down the stretch. If Ewing keeps throwing up careless shots they'll never get past Charlotte or whoever they face in the first round.

**Kisses** - To Fox television for picking up John Madden and Jimmy Johnson. These two will certainly make a strong team when it comes to broadcasting the NFL.

**Hisses** - To Julio Cesar Chavez for being a crybaby. "There's no crying in boxing."

**Kisses** - To the Mets who look like they might be able to hold their own in the NL east. Way to go

Jeff Kent! At this rate they might not lose 100 games this season.

**Hisses** - Michael Jordan "You suck at baseball!" Maybe he should have tried football or hockey. Maybe you should be happy with being the best at one sport?

**Kisses** - To Kurt Cobain for popularizing the sport of 12 gauge shotgun hunting and boosting Remington and Winchester 12 gauge shotgun sales.

**Hisses** - To the Kenner toy company for introducing the Nancy Kerrigan doll. Does she come with a pre-bruised leg? Does the Tonya doll come with a telescoping nightstick and a broken shoelace? I, for

one, have heard enough about this story.

**Kisses** - To Magic Johnson for taking the LA Lakers coaching job. It is obvious that while Magic can't actually play the game due to his medical condition, he still wants to take part in the sport he loves.

**Hisses** - To Magic Johnson for deciding to give up the coaching job. Maybe it's not so obvious?

**Kisses** - To Major League Baseball for adopting this new conference system. It makes the game a lot more exiting and fun to watch. This might be because the Mets and Yankees actually have a chance this year because of the new plan.

**Hisses** - To Evander Holyfield for losing the WBA and IBF heavyweight championship to Michael Moorer. "Im tired and just want to go home." doesn't sound like the words of a champion.

**Kisses** - To David Robinson for winning the NBA scoring title. He did this with a 71 point game. He edged out Shaquille O'Neal who put in a great season performance.

**Hisses** - To the Islanders. I don't have to explain.

**Kisses** - To Lisa Anne Stephenson for a great idea. THANKS!

## CSI BASEBALL TEAM: CALLING ALL PITCHERS!

By Bill Spurge

It has been an up and down year for the CSI baseball team. They hovered around the .500 level all season and never achieved the consistency needed to produce a post-season tournament invitation. Even the CUNY title eluded their grasp. They lack pitching, but most of all they are young. Manager Fran Hirschy talks about his lack of mound support: "I have four pitchers, but two are really outfielders and one's a catcher. We've got to get pitching for next year." Steve D'Aquila is CSI's finest hurler, but he's a senior. If CSI can get the pitching it will solidify a team loaded with potential. There are eight freshmen and five sophomores among the 19 players listed on the roster. Inexperience has certainly caused problems of bad judgement in the field and on the bases.

The heart and soul of the team appears to be James Piontek, who has pitched, but is a catcher by trade. He has survived hard collisions at the plate, and as a hitter has supplied power. He's only a sophomore. Jason Anarumo, a freshman, has had a great year hitting and heads the future of a solid offense. Ray Reilly, a senior, anchors the defense and Bobby Campbell adds quality depth as a catcher.

Coach Hirschy talks of the future: "D'Angelo, Anarumo, Margiotta, Klayman, Piontek, DiNicola, Considine," he names, and he could add more to that list if he could remember them all. If the grades stay up and no one leaves, all Hirschy will be worried about is the pitching. It's only the most important position.

When we talked earlier in the season, Hirschy was able to foresee what would transpire the rest of the season. "I've come to the conclusion this year is more of a rebuilding year to see what I've got. I've got to be realistic. (With) position players we're going to be fine but we've got to come up with six or seven pitchers for next year to be a decent team." Out of the current crop, only freshman Peter Noto is counted on by the manager. "I'm hoping he'll find his way and next year will be better."

In the end, it's been a frustrating year in comparison to the successes of the past. Despite some solid numbers on offense, the hope of the future depends on this club getting some arms on the mound. If they are able to do so, the younger players like Anarumo and Piontek will get a taste of the NCAAs, and next year's seniors such as a Bobby Merolla, will get a nice sendoff. High school pitchers who don't want to leave home, take note. You may have a future here at CSI.

# Run For The Sheer Hell Of It

By Jason Castro

"They're warming up, we're ready to go. I just hope that we have a good turnout." The anticipation in Intramurals Director Sonny Grasso's voice was obvious, as he spoke about the "Run for Fun," a tradition of CSI. The race was held at Sunnyside on May 5th. The day proved to be an excellent day for a good run as soft gusts of wind cooled the runners present. Sponsored by Intercollegiate Athletic Intramurals & Recreation, this event proved to be a success.

Grasso had reason to worry about the turnout, as the Sunnyside campus is virtually isolated these days. Nevertheless, things went along smoothly. Attendance and participation were fair, thanks in part to the help of Coach Jim Donlan and the Soccer team.

Of course, things could have been better. The lack of attendance has nothing to do with the event itself—there was an ample number of participants at Willowbrook for April 10th's 5K run. (And this was on a Sunday, might I add). It just seems like no one cares about the Sports program here at CSI anymore.

The races began with a 1 mile walk at 1:45 pm, followed by a run of the same length at 2:00 pm that gave us these numbers:

### Alumni 1 Mile run

- 1- Jeff Benjamin (4:46)
- 2- Keith Gill (4:50)
- 3- Thomas Hart (5:29)

### Student 1 Mile run

- 1- Jerrell Krommie (6:23)  
(no competition ran against him!)

### Faculty 1 Mile run

- 1- Bill Welsh (7:34)
- 2- Jim Donlan (7:34)  
(An obvious tie!)

The numbers for the three mile run, which was simultaneously held along with the 1 mile run, are as follows:

### Alumni 3 Mile run

- 1- Keith Gill (18:44)
- 2- Thomas Hart (19:04)
- 3- Darryl Petersen (28:02)

### Student 3 Mile run (Male)

- 1- Georges Dieulphete (22:03)
- 2- Kennel Joseph (22:44)
- 3- Jenniady Schitz (24:15)

### Student 3 Mile run (Female)

- 1- Michele Cialino (26:56)
- 2- Carlin Chi (27:00)

### Faculty 3 Mile run

- 1- Bill Welsh (24:52)
- 2- Jim Donlan (25:27)
- 3- Emile Chi (26:19)

After the races, the runners stood around laughing and comparing finishes. But the dissatisfaction with the way Administration has handled the Sports program added a bittersweet note to what was otherwise a successful day. In the words of one runner, "I ran on a team here when there was a cross country team years ago. (It would) be nice to have a track and cross country team back (here again)."

Jennifer Valle contributed to this article.

## RIDICULOUS BASEBALL SCORES HAVE TO GO

By Bill Spurge

Is this the NFL in Spring? The baseball scores this year are absolutely ridiculous. I don't know if the Rockies are playing the Phillies or if it's the Broncos vs. the Eagles. Maybe I am a baseball purist, but guys should not be on a pace to hit two hundred home runs and have five hundred runs batted in.

Many people point to a juiced up baseball, but I'm not so sure. Even if it's true, other factors not talked about as much bother me a lot more. The biggest factor is the microscopic strike zone. The strike zone is supposed to be from the knees to the letters, but I rarely see a strike called over the belt. No wonder a batter can zone in on an area. Also, a pitcher can no longer throw inside, or at least will not. Every time a batter gets hit, he charges the mound. Recently, a guy charged the mound after being hit while the pitcher was throwing a perfect game in the eighth inning! A pitcher has to be able to get a guy off the plate.

The pitching itself is another factor. With expansion, every team is thin on the mound. Very few teams can find four dependable starters to toe the slab. And with the money being handed out, owners are signing inexperienced pitchers for middle relief at low cost rather than sign a veteran at two million bucks a year.

It would be nice to see a pitcher finish games like in the old days. Relief pitching is so horrendous that if a starter would be able to take matters into his own hands, maybe you wouldn't see someone named Manzanillo get spanked to the tune of six runs in the 8th inning.

Shoddy fielding also results in more runs every game. For each extra out given to the offense, more opportunities to score are created. Anyhow, fielders are probably shell-shocked after running for cover. The way things are going, extra insurance policies may have to be taken out in defense of the defense.

# SPORTS

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## SEASON OF UPSETS

By Jason Castro

The fact that mediocre sports teams suddenly look like champions is beginning to disturb me. The Capitals and Sharks hardly deserve to be in the playoffs at all, yet they defeated the higher-ranked opponents they faced.

I believe that, in order to survive, the four major sports should revert to the playoff structure of the past. The two best teams in each division in an unforgettable battle of strength, speed and wits. Not the two luckiest teams in a battle of mediocrity. I would rather see the Rangers playing the Red Wings. Not the Rangers playing the Islanders, Caps and God knows who else. If the

Rangers were to win, then we've proven to the world who the greatest team in hockey really is. Even if the Rangers were to lose to Detroit, we could keep our pride and still wear our Blue-shirts proudly. This would not be the case if the Rangers play San Jose. If we win, it's still a Cup. But it doesn't mean that much; it came against a team whose luck had just run out. If we lose...don't worry, we won't. We'd better not.

The fear that I have is of having to watch the Indians Pacers play the Nuggets for the NBA Championship. It isn't as impossible as I would've thought. As of press time the Pacers have already eliminated Orlando (in a three-game

sweep, no less) and in a shocking upset Denver has taken out the Seattle Supersonics, impossible as it may seem this long-shot of a matchup is becoming more and more likely (even if it is a joke).

Many of you might be thinking "this guy is just trying to cover his ass". In reality, I've felt this way for a long time. I've always loathed the playoff structure in basketball, and I hate to see that hockey has adopted it as well. (Although the previous structure was somewhat confusing, and not much better. In fact, it was probably worse). I always liked the structure that baseball had, because it helped keep many of the old rivalries together while creating new ones at the same time. No more. One of the greatest rivalries of the 80's, the Mets—Cardinals rivalry, was destroyed by baseball's recent realignment. Ruined to a lesser extent was the Pirates—Phillies inter-state rivalry.

Not only that, but what I especially hate about the playoff structure is that it seems to negate the importance of a regular season. Why bother playing your best, when you only need to win 50% of your games and get hot in the playoffs to win a championship? If I recieved a 50 on a test, my professor would still fail me. He wouldn't tell me that I still have a chance to pass this particular test if I re-did the most difficult questions.

These days, though, it is quite important to have a few extra games. Why? TV, of course. With all the money floating around, you need to have a few extra million to pay those whiny assholes who call themselves athletes. Unfortunately, the four major sports have indeed become a business. Baseball has sunk to the level of the other three. (As if they weren't there in the first place, with that abomination we call free agency). As usual, the fans are the losers.

Peace.

### Sports Notes

1. Rick Sutcliffe should retire before his arm falls off. His ini-

tials are probably "D.L." by now.

2. Scott Sanders and Derek Bell—future Sick Baseball Trivia answers. (Tell the female cop to give me a call).

3. Mahmoud Abdul—Rauf has the coolest name on earth. He also has a 95% free-throw percentage. What is he doing in Denver?

4. Dikembe Mutombo should have his own shoes. See above.

5. With the likes of Jonathan Hurst and Mike Maddux in the bullpen, how on earth did the Mets' brass decide to demote David Telgheder to AAA? (New rule—from now on, fat pitches are to be called "Hurst balls.")

6. Sorry, Scott. Even I could throw a no-hitter against the Milwaukee Brewers. (If Greg Vaughn was intentionally walked four times, of course).

7. The results are back from the lab—the strike zones are indeed smaller, but are still considerably larger than Bud Selig's brain.

8. \$10,000 to anyone who can tell me how Pat Riley's hair stays back (Disclaimer—\$10,000 in Monopoly money only.)

### Sick Baseball Trivia

1. What pitcher once told a reporter that the meaning of life could be found at 'Fernwood Court' in 'Topanga Canyon' because "it's where the dragon lives"?

2. What nasty pitcher was once quoted as saying "I'd knock down my own grandmother if she dug in on me"?

3. What hot—tempered pitcher once bit his own shoulder till it bled after an outing?

4. What two Toronto Blue Jays pitcher were arrested last month for fighting with cops?

5. What two wacky L.A. Dodgers once dragged the infield with the groundskeepers during a game? (Hint: One hit a home run the following inning)?

1. Bill (Spaceman) Lee
2. Early Wynn
3. Mark Lemongello
4. Todd Stottlemyre and Dave Stewart
5. Jay Johnstone and Jerry Reuss

### SBT answers from last issue:

1. Cap Anson
2. Claude Raymond
3. Harry Chiti

## Sports Survey

### NBA Most Valuable Player

\_\_\_ David Robinson (1)

\_\_\_ Charles Barkley (6)

\_\_\_ Patrick Ewing (2)

\_\_\_ Kevin Johnson (7)

\_\_\_ Shaq O'Neal (3)

\_\_\_ Hakeem Olajuwon (8)

\_\_\_ Chris Webber (4)

\_\_\_ Mark Price (9)

\_\_\_ Scottie Pippen (5)

\_\_\_ Karl Malone (10)

### ALL NBA Team

If you would like to chose somebody from above to put on All NBA Team just write the number next to his name.

Guard \_\_\_\_\_

Guard \_\_\_\_\_

Forward \_\_\_\_\_

Forward \_\_\_\_\_

Center \_\_\_\_\_

After finishing Survey ballot please bring to 1C-207 and place in *The Banner's* mailbox.