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Wife Marlene Petrides(l.) and Michael Petrides Jr.(c.) unveil plaque with President Marlene Springer (r.)

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DEDICATION CEREMONY

BY JANET BERKMAN

On Oct. 12, 1994 CSI honored on of its own as the new Michael J. Petrides Electronics Laboratory was dedicated to the former professor who served both the college and the community for many years. The ceremony was attended by many dignitaries from both the College communities Staten Island and NYC. Prominent among the attendees were Mrs. Marlene Petrides, his widow, and his children. Also in attendance were Guy and Susan Molinari, Mayor Guiliani as well as CSI President Dr. Springer and numerous others.

The majority of the ceremony was taken up by personal remembrances of the man who was described by Borough President Guy Molinari as a "jack of all trades...and a master of them all."

Prof. Petrides was a New York State Licensed Professional Engineer. He earned his M.S. in Electrical Engineering from New York University. He joined the faculty of the then Staten Island Community College in 1965, where he was eventually promoted to full

professor and was chairman of the Electronic Technology department. He also served as the Associate Dean of Faculty and went on to become the Dean of Administration. In this position he oversaw 10 of the college's support departments such as financial aid, facilities, institutional research, registrar and the computer center. He did much more than anyone else to ensure the consolidation of the two campuses into one at Willowbrook. This is now the largest college campus in the city. He also served on the Staten Island Community School Board and the NYC Board of Education. He was Vice Chairman of the New York City Districting commission as well. In 1994 he was appointed as Special Advisor to the mayor. He also served on the New York State Legislature's Temporary Commission on Public Education and the Education Subcommittee for the Staten Island Charter Commission. Privately he was Campaign Manager to Borough President Guy Molinari and Congresswoman Susan Molinari. He was also her principal educational advisor as she serves on the House Committee on Education. In addition he was co-chair of the United States Service Academy Advisory Committee for the Congressional District.

Throughout all these commitments he never lost sight of what was really important — the student. Richard Hutchinson a CSI alumnus who was a former student and neighbor of Mr. Petrides noted that "Mike was my teacher 26

years ago and 26 years later I still remember him...if you had questions Mike would have an answer, the classroom, the hall, the cafeteria...there were no problems unsolvable, Mike would always work with you to find an answer. Mike was a hands-on person so it is fitting that we are dedicating these labs to him. He would have liked it."

"Mr. Petrides contributed much to the academic excellence that is widely associated with the Department of Electrical Technology," said Dr. Springer. "He distinguished himself through his work as a Professor of Electrical Technology and serving as Chairman of his department. As Dean of Administration he successfully developed plans for our new consolidated site, the largest college campus in the city."

Mr. Petrides was remembered as a great man. "He was a giant of a man," said Borough President Guy Molinari. He went on to say, "... you hope that you can come up with some achievements, you hope that when your time comes, you hope that you can say 'I tried my best and I hope I've done something to make life better for others'...It is

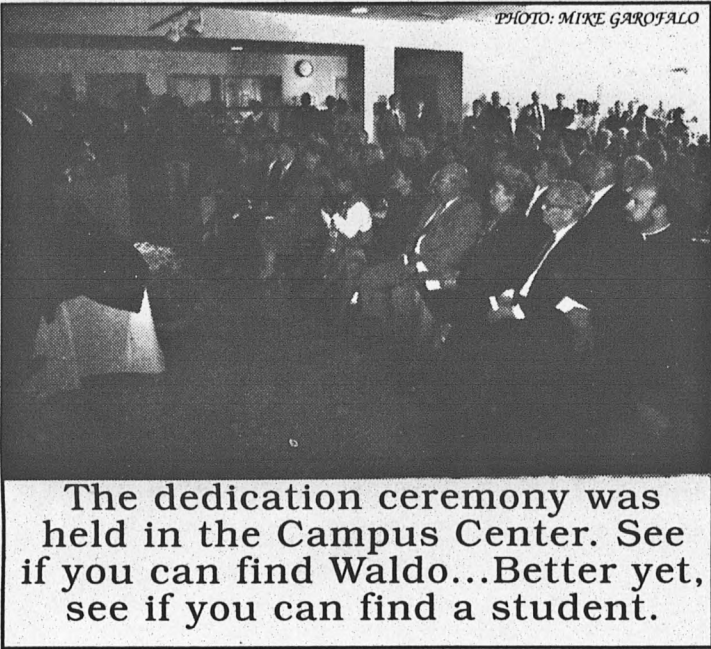
only now as time has gone on that we are realizing the enormity of our loss."

Mayor Guiliani in remembering his long association with Mr. Petrides noted that "he had a gift for understanding human nature. I hope that all the students who study here ... realize that he did a great deal for the City Of New York, ... maybe they will acquire some of the wisdom that he had."

Dean of College Advancement Nan Sussman noted that "I have a very pleasing job today... as I announce the foundation of the Michael J. Petrides Scholarship fund." Dean Sussman noted that the Electrical Technology students who use the lab will know about Mike, but this scholarship is a way for other students to appreciate the faculty, facilities and programs at the College of Staten Island.

The ceremony concluded with a display of the dedication plaque that will hang in the laboratory. It was followed by a reception in the Park Cafe and a tour of the newly dedicated facilities conducted by the Engineering Technology Students.

The laboratory is a large modern facility located in building 4N room 102 and contains technologically advanced digital and analog electronic test equipment. It is designed for student classroom experiments, research projects, as well as independent studies. It will be electronically networked to other laboratories in the building. The lab contains 9 workstations and is designed so that groups of students can work in teams.



The dedication ceremony was held in the Campus Center. See if you can find Waldo...Better yet, see if you can find a student.



# IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL J. PETRIDES

Michael Petrides was born and raised in Manhattan but, from an early age, Staten Island had a special allure. He and his family enjoyed their summer vacations at a bungalow at South Beach. When he met and later married Marlene, Staten Island became their home. Their five children, Anne, Joanne, Venessa, Michael, and John, remain residents of the Island.

Following his early educational years in the New York City public schools, Mike, as he was known to all, received a bachelor of science degree from City College and a Master's degree from New York University, both in Electrical Engineering. He was later licensed as a Professional Engineer. From 1963 to 1965, Mike was employed by the Bendix Corporation where he worked on guidance systems for the Saturn Missile project.

The remainder of Mike's career was devoted to education-as a teacher, administrator, policy developer and analyst, and public servant. In 1965, Mike became faculty member at Staten Island Community College where he eventually was promoted to full professor and became Chairman of the Department of Electrical Technology. From 1977 to 1985, he served as Associate Dean of Faculty at the New College of Staten Island.

His responsibilities for continuing education and non-traditional students often resulted in creative collaborative programs between CSI and the public schools, the United Federation of Teachers, and unions involved in worker education. Many of the programs he initiated have grown over the years and changed the lives of hundreds of adults seeking educational opportunities.

Linking his interest in developmental disabilities and the expansion and consolidation of the College of Staten Island, Mike was instrumental in securing the Willowbrook site for CSI's new campus. As Dean of Administration, Mike had oversight for the design phase of the project. In addition, ten administrative offices, including the registrar, financial aid, campus facilities, institutional research, and the computer center came under his purview. He later was appointed as Special Assistant to the President of CSI.

Paralleling his professional interests was a community interest in education. He was elected to the Staten Island Community School Board, and later served as its chair. In 1990, Mike was appointed by Staten Island Borough President Guy V. Molinari to the New York City Board of Education where he served with distinction. In January

1994, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani appointed Mike as Special Advisor to the Mayor.

Civic concerns and volunteerism were hallmarks of Mike's life. He served on the New York State Legislature's Temporary Commission on Public Education; was a member of the Education Subcommittee of the Staten Island Charter Commission; served as Vice-Chairman of the New York City Districting Commission, and recently was engaged as an expert consultant to the State Supreme Court-appointed Congressional Reapportionment Panel. Mike was also a founding member and former President of the United Activities unlimited, an after-school recreational and educational program in Staten Island.

Mike believed passionately in social change through the political process and was an active participant. He served as Campaign Manager for the elections of Borough President Guy V. Molinari and Congresswoman Susan Molinari. He also served as her principal education advisor. Since 1981, Mike co-chaired the United States Service Academy Advisory Committee for the Congressional district.

Despite a long illness, Mike maintained his active schedule until his



MAYOR SPEAKS IN MEMORY OF MIKE

PHOTO: MIKE GAROFALO

untimely death on June 30, 1994. He has left the College of Staten Island, the borough of Staten Island, and New York city a legacy of commitment and caring for children, the education of young adults and the general welfare of our entire community.

The Michael J. Petrides Electronics Laboratory is a modern facility located in building 4N, room 102 on the new campus of The College of Staten Island. It contains technologically advanced digital and analog electronics test equipment for student classroom experiments, research projects and independent studies. In addition, the laboratory is electronically networked with other laboratories in the building. The laboratory contains nine workstations designed for groups of students to work in teams.

(Taken from the Michael J. Petrides Electronics Laboratory Dedication Ceremony Flyer.)

## MOLINARI HOMOPHOBIC?

By Windy Webb

Members of the pro-gay and lesbian groups on campus protested the visit of Borough President Guy Molinari and Chancellor Ann Reynolds during the Michael J. Petrides Electronics Laboratory Dedication Ceremony last Wednesday at the Campus Center.

Students were protesting Molinari's recent statement that Karen Burstein should not be elected attorney general because she is a lesbian. Incidentally, Molinari's brother is gay.

The students were also outraged because they were denied access into the Green Dolphin Lounge where the dedication ceremony was being held. Security responded that it was because of a maximum occupancy law.

Protesters were kept back fifty feet from the outside of the Green Dolphin Lounge in front of WSIA.

Later that afternoon the students were also denied access into the Park Cafe where the guests

were eating, which had not reached a maximum occupancy level. Some students began to protest outside the cafe. One student shouted, "How's the caviar, Mr. Molinari? We're the ones paying for it."

Some students were simply outraged because Reynolds had the audacity to come on to the campus and expect to be treated like a guest after firing president Volpe last semester. Buttons and bumper stickers were being circulated through the Campus Center that read, "SAVE CUNY DUMP REYNOLDS!" Some students simply wanted to talk to Reynolds and Molinari to discuss their fate as CUNY students or get an interview. The protesters felt that they were denied their freedom of speech on the campus where they pay a tuition that amounts to approximately twenty - four hundred dollars annually.

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# SEGGIO WINS STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENCY

BY RYAN MONROE

On October 6th, the Student Government overwhelmingly chose Lori Seggio to be their President. Every year, the Student Government must choose, out of the senators who were elected in May for the current year, one senator to hold the position of President of the Student Government. To win the Presidency, a candidate must receive votes totaling up to two-thirds of those Senators present. There had to be two ballots tallied, because on the first ballot President Seggio received seven votes. On this tally, her challenger, Club Commissioner John Dinatale, received two votes. Seggio's other challenger Student Services Commissioner Meri Kaufman obtained two votes, and at this time three Senators abstained from voting.

On the Second ballot Lori Seggio won the needed two thirds vote in a crushing defeat of her opponents Mr. Dinatale and Ms. Kaufman. The final tallies were Seggio nine votes, Dinatale two, and Kaufman one. From that point in the meeting, Ms. Seggio obtained control and chaired the Student Government meeting.

President Lori Seggio is 28 years old and is married to Jeff Seggio, who Ms. Seggio states "is very proud of me." Lori is a Cinema major and a Communication minor. She also has a GPA of 3.69 and was on the Deans list in 1993 and 1994.

President Seggio previously worked as a member of the CUNY Student Union (CSU) to help stop the consolidation plan which was proposed by Chancellor Ann Reynolds. In 1993, she won the Rookie Activist Award, which was given to her by last year's Student Government President, then Student Services Commissioner Nanci Richard's. Last year,

President Seggio was a senator on Student Government and an officer in the student activist organization The Students for a Brighter Tomorrow. In SBT, she assisted in organizing for more parking and better bus services particularly the S62 which was considered highly inadequate.

Ms. Seggio also played an important role in organizing a rally of 2,000 students in October of last year. The Rally was in defiance of Chancellor Ann Reynolds and her blatant misuse of power when she decided to fire the President of our college. President Edmund L. Volpe had opposed Chancellor Reynolds' plan to turn CSI along with the rest of CUNY into trade schools. When asked about the consolidation plan and Chancellor Ann Reynolds, President Seggio stated, "I will continue the on-going fight against Ann Reynolds, as I have in the past with the Goldstein Report (consolidation)". She continued by saying, "Ann Reynolds has destroyed CUNY's mission to serve all persons attending CUNY. The Consolidation Plan proposed by Ann Reynolds dilutes the quality of our education."

When asked about her philosophy of governing she said, "A president should represent the students fairly and with integrity. Also, they should fulfill the obligations to the constitution." Seggio announced, "I will be out at a table twice a month in the Campus Center to remain visible and accessible to the student body."

When it comes to the parking fiasco, Lori believes, "it is necessary to have at least 800 to 1,000 more parking spots developed." Ms. Seggio stated, "the administration could build more parking by eliminating some wasted space like putting the football field inside the

track, or by cutting one of the excess baseball fields."

When questioned about her position on NYPIRG and the Student Government lawsuit (which forces the professional lobbying organization to be accountable for the \$85,000 NYPIRG receives each year from CSI students activity fees), President Seggio stated, "I support the lawsuit against NYPIRG who should be accountable for what they are spending!" NYPIRG receives three dollars a semester from every student at CSI, which is refundable in 1-C Room 219.

When asked what other issues she would address as the new President of Student Government, Ms. Seggio commented, "The library should be open at least to 11:00 p.m. on week nights and at least 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. I also would like to see the Greek Letter Clubs recognized as fraternities and sororities. Students should have control over their activity fees, and I would like to see semi-formals for the student body." President Seggio also hinted at an upcoming change to the Student Government constitution. "I want to see the SG constitution changed to make the President of the Student Government directly elected by the student body. Seggio believes this approach to electing a President "would be more democratic."

When asked about her preference in the Governor's race, Ms. Seggio noted that it was Governor Cuomo who imposed a 100 percent tuition increase since 1990, and that he has the power to fire Chancellor Ann Reynolds. She added, "I am not a Cuomo supporter, because I think he has served long enough. I will not be voting for Cuomo. I think he has overstayed his welcome."

# ASSAULT ON THE LOOP BUS

By Michael E. Ojaste

College of Staten Island loop bus riders were recently witness to an angry assault upon one of their fellow riders, who was beaten over the head with a bottle in the mid-morning hours.

The bus was about to proceed on its scheduled tour around the campus when two female students began a loud, profane, verbal argument. Mike, one of the loop bus drivers, hearing the disturbance in the back of the bus, delayed his departure, and called out to the students, "Will you please keep it down!"

The women continued to argue, with one woman striking the other with a bottle she held in her hand. The students onboard panicked and rushed off the bus, including the assailant. It was only then that the bus driver realized that one of the girls involved in the argument was injured.

One of the fleeing students approached the front gate to inform Watchdog Security Guard Ralph Rosado of what had just happened to the girl. The student left the front gate before Rosado could find out the informant's name.

Rapheal Munnoze, a CUNY security officer, boarded the bus to aid the injured student. Upon examining the woman, Munnoze radioed for an ambulance, while Rosado called the dispatcher for assistance.

The assailant left the scene with a male friend and began to walk into the campus, at which point Sergeant Landstrum, a CUNY Guard and Peace Officer, spotted two students matching the description and stopped them outside Parking Lot 6. They were both taken to the 2A security office for questioning. Afterwards, the female was arrested and the male student was let go.

Sergeant Landstrum made the arrest, and brought the woman down to the 120 Precinct. The young woman was booked for 2nd Degree Assault and Possession of a Dangerous Instrument.

The fact that the students left the scene leaves security with next to no witnesses. Gene Martinez, head of CSI security, is asking for witnesses to come forward. If you have any information on the assault that occurred September 26, 1994, at 10:15 AM, please call the security office at (718) 982-2116.

# Springer Stars in Campus Promotion

By Michael Garofalo

President Marlene Springer stars in the Staten Island promotional video. The Staten Island Chamber of Commerce is using this video to encourage potential businesses to move to Staten Island.

Working with Con Edison, the Chamber of Commerce has updated the promotions video using the prosperous areas of Staten Island. The video is known as project Home

of the Educated Work Force. Visual Communications Specialist David J. Driscoll states, "We've worked with the Teleport, J C Penneys, and now the College to show the business potential of Staten Island."

Springer states, "I'm very pleased to be a part this program and I want the College to be a central player in the future of Staten Island." The video was shot on campus while students walked to class. Springer

describes the faculty and facilities in the video.

Once the tape is completed it will be viewed nationally by various businesses. Driscoll comments, "New Yorkers know what Staten Island has to offer, but a business in Delaware may not know of what Staten Island has to offer. This video will show business that Staten Island is a great area to do business."



# POETS IN PROGRESS

by Jennifer Valle

Baseball has been canceled, and fans may be 'stood up' by hockey players, but one thing that students can depend on is Poetry. Poets in Progress has made it's first appearance for the Fall '94 semester with a turnout of approximately 40 students. Three excellent poets, Todd Colby, Kathy Ebel, and Nicole Blackman, were selected for the first reading of Fall '94. The poetry fest began with choice greetings by Vera Saverino, founder of Poets in Progress.

"I sort of do freak out before performing," stated Todd Colby, author of "Ripsnort" and first reader of the night. Colby began the evening with "Punish," a love poem that he claimed was 'disastrous.' He then jumped into a light and comical piece called "What the Fuck is Up," a poem about a man crashing a helicopter into the white house.

Colby took command of the audience with "Taking the Bull by the Horns," to which laughter erupted when he shouted, "You wanted the bull the fuck out of your life and now it's the fuck out!" His last poem, "The Boss," brought forth shouts of laughter as he shouted, "I'm not full of shit, Ha Cha Cha Cha," "I need to punch the boss in the face," and shouts of 'amen' when he screamed, "There was a filthy animal in my mist, it was the boss!" Colby later explained that he was inspired by "bulls and bosses" and showed a more serious side when he explained, "(Before performing,) you drink a lot of coffee and do things to make you feel out there (in order to relax)."

Kathy Ebel was the next reader to take the mike. She began her reading with "Driving Ms. Lazy," a poem, she claimed, was her 'anthem' in life. Heads bobbed up and down in full agreement as she stated, "I don't have a driver's license...big shit!" With a BA in English and Creative Writing, her poems were widely diverse between comical and serious.

Ebel dazzled the crowd with "Hard Core," a poem inspired by the movie "Jungle Fever." A mixture of laughs and gasps filled the room when she said, "Fuck me hard core style." She later stated that she, "literally woke up one morning with 'Hard Core' on my mind." Her performance ended with "Mary Jane Girl," a poem of praise.

Nicole Blackman, last reader of the night, began with a poem titled "When he leaves, he leaves a space" which had the females in giggles when she stated, "It's kind of like losing a dog. It hurts but you get over it." Blackman entranced with her words as she read "Liberation Barbie." Audience members broke into ruckus laughter as she said, "At night, Brenda Walsh and Barbie talk about sex with Dylan and Ken."

Inspired by William Packard, Editor of New York Quarterly, Nicole Blackman has been writing since her junior high school days. She went on to read "Smith," a poem of praise to Pattie Smith, and a hilarious piece "I Believe," to which the crowd howled when she said "I believe there are three types of women, spit, swallow, and I am not letting you put that in my mouth." and "I believe if it comes down to your man or your cat, keep the cat." Blackman later explained that she had recently come out of an abusive relationship when she began to read "You're in the movie now" a twisted poem of Rated XXX films, love, and harsh sex. She ended the night with "Elegy" an actual elegy to a woman whom she did not reveal it was written for.

Although the audience felt privileged to hear her, Blackman later stated, "It is an honor to have an audience." Saverino seemed pleased with the turnout of students, thanked all including PDC, Auxiliary Services, and everyone who made the evening possible.

The next PIP will be held Tues. Oct. 25, at 7:30 pm, in the Green Dolphin Lounge. (1C-107)

## Planet Earth Brings Recycling to CSI

by Jennifer Valle

Students who walk into the Campus Center will be greeted by many blue canisters as a new incentive to trigger recycling on the campus by the newly developed Planet Earth Club. Many students and faculty who have expressed concerns about recycling on campus can now rest assure that it has begun and will continue to make its presence felt on the CSI community.

The Planet Earth Club, headed by Laura Saba-Ojaste and Tom Killeen, first chartered in the last weeks of September and by October 6, was finally able to get recycling of cans and bottles to the school. Saba-Ojaste stated her reason for the club, "We saw the lack of recycling on campus, the numerous environment issues here on the island locally and no one seems to be really dealing with the environmental issues locally."

The canisters for the recycling officially arrived on October 7th which will be used for cans a bottles recycling. "I thought that was NYPIRG's job" stated one student as he walked past one of the canisters. When confronted with the question, Saba-Ojaste stated, "We started our program and campaigning effort as a separate entity. NYPIRG came to us and they stated that they have been working on the same issue." She continued, "as far as why they haven't achieved success...I don't know...you'll have to speak to them."

Student Government President Lori Seggio stated, "Now I really think that all students should go to 1C 219 and demand their three dollars from NYPIRG until they know what their money is being used for."

Planet Earth will be joined by the Animal Rights Activist Club in a joint effort to rid the Campus of styrofoam as their next pressing issue. "We have spoken to Auxiliary services but they have told us that paper products cost more than styrofoam and they also told us that styrofoam could be recycled if the students scrape everything off of the styrofoam first" stated Saba-Ojaste in a meeting with the Animal Rights Activist group.

Although it seems like a problem that may take much time to solve, the environmentally concerned clubs seem enthusiastic as they will be holding a "Stamp out Styrofoam" day on October 19th in front of the Library. On recycling in total, Saba-Ojaste stated, "We felt that recycling was important, I mean five hundred years ago, we had no products that needed recycling and five hundred years from now, we are going to be overrun with our own garbage."

## Pepsi Presents Gift to CSI

by Thomas C. Kolakowski

Representatives of Pepsi presented President Springer with a check for \$12,000.00 at a small ceremony in the President's office on Wednesday, September 28th, during club hours. Pepsi recently replaced Coke Cola at the Food Service's fountain self-serve vendor, becoming "the cola" of the school. The reason for the change was due to poor service on the part of Coke, whose fountain maintenance and re-supply was not done in a timely and professional fashion. Because of this, Auxiliary Dining Services began seeking a new vendor to replace Coke. At the time food services began looking to switch vendors, Pepsi was looking to increase their presence on the Willowbrook Campus.

Unlike Coke, Pepsi wants to be considered a part of the CSI community, and feels that by donating this money to CSI, they will be helping to increase the quality of life here. John Maxwell of Pepsi stated, "Pepsi specifically targeted CSI as a main center for Staten Island, and we believe that in supporting CSI we are supporting the entire borough in the best manner possible."

Mr. Maxwell went on to explain that Pepsi intends to be an active member of the CSI community by sponsoring fund-raisers as needed. Amongst past events that Pepsi has sponsored elsewhere are Comedy Karaoke (classic comedy done in Karaoke style) and "Hoop it Up," a foul-shooting contest. These types of events charge an entry fee which goes to the organization raising the funds and presents prizes as an incentive to participate in these fund-raising activities. Similar fund-raisers might be held at the CSI Willowbrook Campus.

The financial package granted includes \$10,000 to cover the cost of score-boards for the yet to be completed athletic fields, and an additional \$12,000 per year for 5 years. The \$12,000 annual gift will be used on an "as needed" basis to cover various academic needs not covered by the college's budget, such as scholarships. The college is also looking into the possibilities of internships and career opportunities with Pepsi for CSI students.

This financial package is the first major corporate gift received under Dean Nan Sussman's aggressive fund-raising program. Dean Sussman, of the Office of College Advancement, expressed that this is just the first of hopefully many Corporate gifts to the college. Due to an ever shrinking budget, Dean Sussman's office has been attempting to make up for shortfalls with private and corporate donations.

## DESCRIPTION

By P.C. Guagenti

According to a memorandum sent to Zafar Ahmad, Chief Information Technology Officer, by Gene Martinez, Director of Campus Security, there is now a usable description of the person suspected of stealing computers from the various computer labs on campus. The description is that of any number of students at the College of Staten Island; a white male, olive complexion, late twenties to early thirties, height between 5' 6" and 5' 9" with dark hair, medium build (not muscular), wearing dark rim glasses and was seen carrying a large sports/gym bag.

The release of this report is being seen as a step in the right direction as it comes to ending the

theft of computers at the new Willowbrook campus; a series of thefts which has resulted in the loss of thousands of dollars worth of hardware from various labs.

According to this memo, it has been determined that the majority of the thefts have taken place from unlocked and unsupervised computer labs and faculty offices. Also within the memo is established protocol for personnel, who are now being assigned to labs so as to deter theft, should they see this individual. If any student sees someone of this description in or around a computer lab or unoccupied office, they are asked to give Security a call at extension 2111, and not confront the individual.



# What Is NYPIRG?

by P.C. Guagenti

What is NY PIRG? The New York Public Interest Research Group, NY PIRG, established in 1973, labels itself as "a not-for-profit, non partisan research and advocacy organization established, directed and supported by New York State college and university students."

According to the NY PIRG letterhead, "NY PIRG's staff of lawyers, researchers and organizers work with students and other citizens, developing citizenship skills and shaping public policy." For this, NY PIRG receives \$3.00 of every student's activity fee, full-time or part-time. With the fall semester student body estimated at over 13,000, that's over \$39,000 from the spring semester students at the College of Staten Island alone.

But those few lines of good advertising copy still does not tell the average College of Staten Island student what NY PIRG really is. At the recent Student Action Meeting, held on September 28th by CSI's chapter of NY PIRG, the BANNER finally had this fully clarified. According to another piece of propaganda put out by NY PIRG, the organization was "established to effect real policy reforms while training students and other New Yorkers to be advocates. . . NY PIRG's 80 full-time staff (throughout the entire state) produce studies on a wide array of topics, coordinate statewide campaigns, lobby public officials and work with students." Now the Students of CSI know what NY PIRG is.

But what have they done? For the average of \$80,000 that NY PIRG

receives yearly from CSI's students, they run a "Small Claims Court Action Center," where a student can be helped through the small claims court proceedings, including recovery of funds after judgement.

Another service that NY PIRG offers is "The NY PIRG Book Exchange." Through this non-profit service, students sell books to one another. The database of book sellers is handled by NY PIRG volunteers, with funding coming from the \$80,000 that NY PIRG receives yearly from CSI students.

The third, and the last regular service supplied by NY PIRG to the CSI student body, is the NY PIRG "Rock the Vote" campaign. In this campaign, NY PIRG sets up tables and uses the \$3.00 that you donated to them to try to persuade people to register to vote, with voter registration cards donated by the federal government.

Now along with these three regular campaigns, NY PIRG claims to be involved in numerous other campaigns, many of them environmental or politically oriented; but with all the lists of well intended letter writing campaigns and meetings with lower-echelon officials in the Transit Authority, not once in all the propaganda supplied by NY PIRG is one campaign begun and brought to an end favorable to the CSI student body.

When asked about this, Michele Gibbons, project coordinator of CSI NY PIRG, stated that one campaign which they began and brought to its fruition was "The battle against incinerators on a statewide level. Five years ago, people thought . . .

that burning garbage, which produces an incredible amount of pollutants, was the answer to New York State's garbage crisis. We [NY PIRG] were working on this on a statewide level. Most of the incinerators that were slated five years ago are not happening now, and recycling is happening instead."

Another ominous fact was NY PIRG's refusal to join the campaign with CUNY Student Governments and activists to fight Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds' plans for Consolidation, a plan which left many CUNY students having to attend college in other parts of the city to fulfill their degrees which they had been working towards at their local colleges. These facts seem to be what has caused much of the still harbored animosity between NY PIRG and Student Government at CSI and other college campuses throughout the state.

Ms. Gibbons explained to The BANNER that "different groups have different niches, and different groups work on different things. There are national issues we haven't gotten involved in; there are statewide issues that NY PIRG has worked on that other groups on campus haven't and I would like to say that if people want to see NY PIRG get involved with certain issues, come and get involved, we are very flexible; but don't judge a whole organization because we didn't work on one issue."

In an interview with the College Voice last semester, Tom Taaffe, a Student Government Senator at the time, said that NY PIRG had done a lot of work off campus, but the

problem was that it had done very little work at CSI itself. He further stated, "Everything they [NY PIRG] do is premised on the fact that NY PIRG did this, NY PIRG did that, but if you talk to the associations that were actually involved in these fights, you will find out that, in fact, NY PIRG didn't do this, NY PIRG didn't do that, they [the organizations] did that and NY PIRG claimed the credit. They [NY PIRG] get in there at the last minute, when all the fighting is done, and claim credit for the victory. NY PIRG will give you a leaflet claiming all the legislatures which they supposedly helped pass, but if you send a letter or make a call to your legislator, and the legislation is passed, you can claim credit for it too."

When asked to make a statement to the members of the student body that felt that NY PIRG didn't deserve the \$80,000, Michele Gibbons stated, "Look at the work we do, we are a state-wide student-directed organization that exists both on this campus and across this state so that we can make a difference for CSI students, and when people approach us about that [why they need \$80,000 dollars] that's fine, that's great, but come in and ask us about what we are doing for you. Like all this back and forth, back and forth fighting [between S.G. and NY PIRG], we are trying to get away from that, we're trying to just move on to working on campaigning, because that's what we care about; about higher education funding and mass transit, voter registration and the environment, and things that really effect the CSI students."

## F E A T U R E S

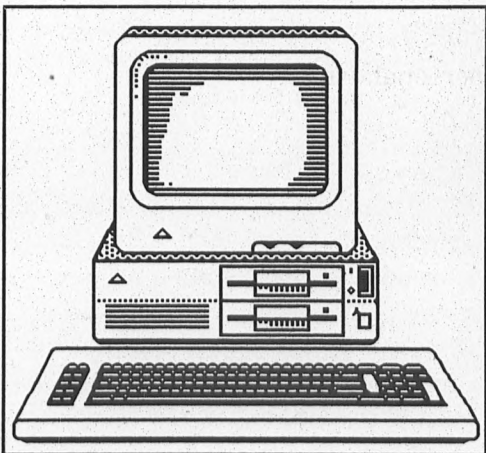
### NEW COLUMN! COMPUTERS and TECHNOLOGY

by George L. Perry

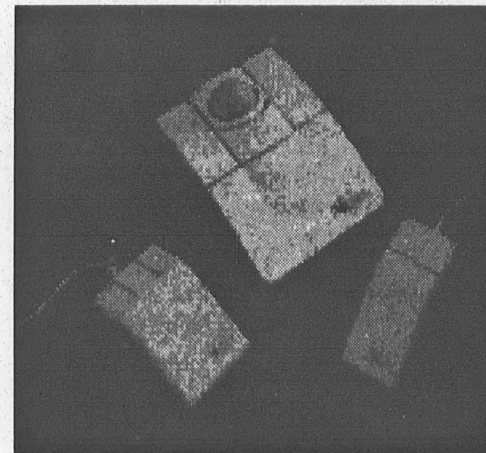
Do you know the difference between a Motorola 56001 D.S.P. and a three dimensional memory array? If computers and the technology associated with them intimidate you then you need to read this column. To accomplish this I will assume you, the reader, has no understanding of computers or previous experience using them. Whenever possible,

I will use simple analogies to explain the terms used most frequently in today's computing environment. I will go out on a limb and make a prediction. If you are not fluent in computing you will be at a disadvantage in today's, and most

certainly, tomorrow's world. And please! This is an interactive column, so if you would like me to cover any particular topic, come see me at the office of the Banner (1C-228) or call 982-3115; ask for George.



No discussion on computing could begin without a comprehension of the difference between hardware and software. The actual physical components of a computer are referred to as hardware (and sometimes referred to as peripherals). Pictured are several examples of



various pieces of computer hardware. The monitor (which resembles a television screen), the keyboard you type on (this component resembles a typewriter), and a printer are considered hardware. Some other terms you may have heard of are also considered hardware. These are the hard drive, the floppy drive, C.P.U., and R.A.M. memory chips. (I will explain these in later columns.) Suffice to say, hardware is something you could pick up and hold in your hands if you wanted to. Now that wasn't that difficult was it?

Next issue I will discuss software and several types of storage media where the software is stored. For now let's just say that software is information. This information is needed by the hardware of the computer to perform a very specific task.

Mr. Perry is the owner of a computer based music studio. He is also a admitted midiot.



# STUDENT GOVERNMENT PLATFORMS

## Michael E. Ojaste

### Student Government Lower Division

Are you sick of Student Government not responding to the needs of the students they represent? Let's all face it. We all just want to go to school and concentrate on our work, letting our elected student officials worry about making sure we have books we need in the library, extra library hours, open computer labs and general comfort in our days. I will fight for the things that matter most to us, additional parking and better bus service. Don't be fooled by the junior bureaucrats. You should be considering they get almost a \$250,000 of your money every year to spend as they see fit. Your Representatives last year spent over there budget, as governments tend to, by at least \$50,000. That \$300,000. . . where did it go? You and I will never know, but if I am elected, I will see the money spent where you can see its effect. I will not let the money be spent frivolously.

You are not just sending another pretty face to student gov't when you vote for

## OPPENHEIMER

As members of the student government, we need to work together as a team. To create the best environment for students, to develop themselves to become the best they can be in life. What we students learn and do here, can help to make ourselves, family, community, nation and world better. I would like to work, to create a family atmosphere on campus, bringing students closer to each other. On top of that, I will do my best to work to provide a shuttle bus to the ferry, and to get clocks working in the classrooms.

## GEORGE L.PERRY

### Student Government ELECTION PLATFORM

I AM GEORGE L.PERRY. I need each and everyone's support on election day. I am the acting President of the Pre-Med Club and author of the Your Rights column in the Banner. I am also Pro-Choice.

My campaign promise, which I give you my word I will keep, is this; I WILL REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF YOU, THE STUDENT BODY. Previous Student Governments have spent tens of thousands of your dollars on things like parties and a lawsuit (which could possibly be pursued for free!). These frivolous expenditures affect all of us as a college community. I WILL NOT WASTE YOUR MONEY!

Prior to this election, on my own time and in response to conversations with my fellow students, I have made efforts to resolve those issues which plague us the most: insufficient Library hours, an unsafe evening campus, and an inadequate amount parking spaces. These are the issues I, as your representative, will address. Your education will be my primary concern.

**VOTE GEORGE L.PERRY LOWER DIVISION to represent you the student body.**

## Tina Jefferson

### ELECTION PLATFORM

My name is Tina Jefferson, and I am running for the freshman seat on Student Government. I am a very active student, and I like to see things get done the right way. If elected I will be a voice for the entire student body. In the past I fought for better bus service, additional higher education/funding, and registered over 200 C.S.I. students.

Students have been cheated out of what is rightfully theirs. Our money has not been managed properly, causing us to lose out (limited club activities, de-funding of students activities, and cutting special proposals. If you wanted to start a club next semester you might not be able to do so because there isn't enough money.)

If I am elected into Student Government, I will do my best to see that your money will be used on issues that will benefit students. I am out there getting things done that will affect all of us in a positive way. So when it's time for the showdown vote for the candidate that is about making power moves..... TINA JEFFERSON.

## John Kim

### ELECTION PLATFORM

My name is John Kim and I am running for student Government, upper division.

I believe the purpose of the Student Government is to best represent the interests of all students and to properly allocate the student funds with which they have been entrusted.

Currently, Student Government is "faced with the need to scale down all operating budgets." Club budgets have been scaled down 17% from last year. Yet why is it that some members of Student Government have successfully voted to keep \$10,000 tied up in suing another student organization?

Your interests are NOT being represented! Money that you have given is being wasted friviously. That \$10,000 could have gone to worthwhile student groups!

I have no personal vendettas. I will not use the Student Government to waste your time or your money or to grind my own personal axe.

The interests of the students should always come first and they will.

## DIANE PARAS

### ELECTION PLATFORM

If we as students want to change what has been thrust upon us, we must participate in the mechanisms of change to bring it about. I am interested in breaking through the chaos that has been set by our current student government, and get down to work on the specific concerns of the students. My experience as a past Student Senator, President of The History Club, and the Parents-As-Students Club, Vice President of the Students For A Brighter Tomorrow, Treasurer for the Child Care Parent Group, Student representative for the CUNY Child Care Council, and Convener for the Student Group for the Presidential Search have helped me prepare for the responsibilities a Senator must undertake. Additionally, I am familiar with how student government works, and am willing to dedicate the hours needed to get more library hours, increase student accessibility and safety on the campus, and help promote student equality and participation in the policies that effect our education standards. I would like to be of service, and help students challenge the forces which compromise our rights and privileges. Students have been subjected both academically, politically and socially to the administration's propensity for manipulating the political climate at the expense of students. I want to see the schism between administration and students, faculty and students diminished, so a more cooperative and supportive environment exists, and we can all work in unison to increase the standards at the college. Students are the core of this college, and essential to its change. I would like students to have representation in that change. As a Student Government Senator of the Upper Division, I believe I am the best candidate for the position.

## THE C.S.I. HISTORY CLUB presents:

A Round Table Discussion on  
The U.S. Geopolitical Peacekeeping Role  
**What's Driving U.S. Foreign Policy in the Post Soviet Era  
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**Thursday, October 27, 1994  
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### The Children's Center of The College of Staten Island Assoc., Inc.

announces the sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food Program. All children in attendance will be offered the same meals with no physical segregation of, or other discriminatory action against any child because of race, color, age, national origin, sex or handicap. Children who are members of AFDC assistance units or food stamp households are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits. This statement applies to the centers listed below:

### **The Children's Center: Preschool Group and the School Age Group.**

The Office of the Campus Center offers locker rentals for students in the Campus Center.

For a \$5 rental fee and a \$5 deposit, you will receive a locker with a combination lock for use during the semester.

Inquiries should be directed to the Office of the Campus Center, room 1C-107d.

Watch for the October Campus Center Video Games room specials:

**Magic Token:** If you receive a red or blue token from the changer in the video games room, redeem it at any time in the Office of the Campus Center for a bag of ten tokens.

**Birthday Special:** If it is your birthday, and you can prove it, go to the Office of the Campus Center and receive 20 free tokens.

Specials start October 3rd in the Video Games Room, 1C-212.

**FOUND:**  
In the campus  
center lot  
**CHRIST HEAD  
CHARM.**

## THINGS THAT REALLY PISS US OFF

by Rich Arroyo & Chris Zeyer

Now that we have a place to sound off, here are a few things that really piss us off. People who don't flush the toilet. People that don't use their car's turn signal, "we're not mind readers". All the flour on the bottom of the pizza in the Campus Center. The way I can't find a spot in the stupid parking lot, after 10 am. The fact that some of the security guards look older than George Burns. Or, how about, spending forty bucks on a textbook that will probably be opened twice. What do you do with a 3 dollar NY PIRG refund check? Why can't we get a stupid can of Coke? People that bring McDonalds to school, "the slob", they eat in the Campus Center and then leave their garbage on the table. The baseball strike; The fountain; CLUE credits, and the six dollar toll for the Verrazano. People with no common sense, leaving the campus from the Forest Hill Rd. exit during rush hour; "What a bitch!", infomercials; talk shows, people with beepers, oh sorry, pagers. People talking on cellular phones in traffic, tokens in the game room; what's wrong with quarters? Also waiting on lines, no desks for lefties (not communists). The fact the school doesn't provide decent condoms; they always break after the second stroke. Disney, and the headless, the arm-less statue in front of 2N. It looks like a poor man's Venus De Milo. The Great Lawn between the three administration buildings; it should be the great weedy area. Construction workers on campus, clocks in the classrooms that don't work, classrooms with no clocks, hacky sack players, TBA in the registration book, and material charges. We really get pissed when car repair shops that don't take care of the problem, repair something else and say "Hell it needed fixin' anyway." Rocky Horror Picture Show, daylight savings time, Financial Aid, the DMV, "You are not authorized to park here" stickers, people with God complexes, crappy Situation Comedies, Ann Reynolds, the Jets, Placement exams, Mid-term Exams, Final

exams, Preppies, D&D, Haunted Cafe, Garth Brooks, any band with the word white in the band's name, Down town Julie Brown...; she just can't keep a job, "On The Road" by some guy named Jack, Police Academy...; we don't need any more, the C.S.I mascot; "dolphins in New York?" Soap operas and anything from Arron Spelling, tributes to Kurt Cobain, body piercing, computers without a spell checker, that one scene in "The Crying Game"; "I thought you knew." How about Terms papers that have to mean something, having to take Physical Education twice, Zima, Z-100, Beavis and Butthead, Howard Stern, Rush Limbaugh, O.J., Mall Moles, Guido's that blast Heavy Metal out of their cars, teachers who expect you to read the book, and the six percent discount. Health care reform, Male Pattern Baldness, those people who hang out at C.S.I. and don't have classes, New York Public Transportation, when your date doesn't know what "Dutch" means, Andrew Dice Clay, people who talk about their sex lives, comic books, oh sorry, Graphic novels, Rotisserie Leagues, the card game Magic, that Buck-Toothed Mayor's kid, unshaven Legs, Woodstock '94, 3 more days Peace Love and Music... With a Mosh Pit?? How about those, people with lockers, books with no Cliff's notes, Ace of Base, teachers who don't give reviews, women who talk about their menstrual cycle; something's are best left unsaid. Sally Struthers, Dwarf Tossing, pledges, 70's Disco, The Metric system, Bibliographies, The fact that you can only listen to WSIA if its a clear day with no telephone poles or trees and within a 2 mile radius of campus. And finally, Computer Viruses, Phone Sex, Hooked on Phonics, winter storms, men who wear 20 pounds of gold chains and the women who love them, women with 6 inches of hair height up front, people who say "War is unfair"... it's a f\*\*kin' WAR what do you expect. People that write a whole goddamn commentary with only one paragraph. We're just pissed off!

## GET A LITTLE CLOSER...

Peter C. Guagenti  
New York City

Well folks, it's another issue of the Banner, and another chance for me to shove my personal views down your throats. This month I'm going to write about something a little more somber than my usual light-hearted titter. The subject... loneliness.

Now loneliness is something that effects a vast majority of us at one point of time in our lives or another; and for many the point it comes is during college. To say that college is probably one of the loneliest times in a person's life seems kind of stupid, and more than a little false, but it is undeniably true. Sure, you have fraternities, sororities, assorted clubs and other groups of friends; but how well do these new-found friends really know you? And for a majority of students, school consists almost solely of going to class, going home, studying, going to work, and sleeping, with brief intervals of eating every now and again. For this student, where are the friends to pal

around with, to call when you're upset, or to walk through the pouring rain to get to their house to tell them about your first truly profound philosophical thought? Who do you call when the weight of the world seems too much, and you need a release and a wall to wail to? For a great number of students, there isn't anyone.

I recently had a wonderful thing happen to me. I made a true and serious friend. For some unknown reason, we, while enjoying an absolutely magnificent view of the Verrazano Bridge at about 12:00 am from the water's edge, stopped speaking to each other through the filter of pride and "face", and spoke to each other from our souls. When I all of a sudden realized that my guard was down, and I was speaking to someone about my deepest desires, dreams and fears, my first thought was to bring the wall immediately up.

I didn't.

That reaction was the best thing I ever did. From this late night shar-

## NEWS EDITOR SPEAKS FOR HERSELF!

Because of the last two Banner issues, I have been yelled at and mistreated because of my opinion, and (believe it or not) for quoting someone verbatim. I am sick of being yelled at for such nonsense, and I decided to voice my opinion!

To the person who wrote the letter to the editor about my piece on California, I have a few things to say to you:

1) Where do you come off yelling at me for my opinion? It's a free country.

2) I went to California this summer (July 1994). Out of curiosity, how long has it been since you've been to California? FYI: Call Cali, the laws have changed! (you know something that just happens when new elected officials enter office.)

3) My cousin is twenty years old and he was arrested, along with four of his friends, for going to a club with a fake ID and no, the cops did not just take the ID away. My aunt and uncle had to pay a fine for him because he was under twenty-one, and out past ten o'clock.

4) At least when I write something, I have the guts to put my name on it! Tell me something, who the hell are you anyway (Oh, maybe you forgot to leave your name)!

On the side, I do not apologize for quoting Ms. Rhonda Lackow verbatim, but I have to apologize to Ms. Lackow for the comment I wrote in my "Showdown of the CSI Gladiators" piece. Ms. Lackow made it perfectly clear to my editors that she does not eat pizza, due to the fact that she is a vegetarian. I realize, I was wrong for mentioning that her "giddiness could have been caused by the pizza...." Sorry about that.

ing of coffee, Marlboros and conversation, I received a glimmer of hope and happiness into a somewhat lonely life. I am a much happier and reassured person because of it.

So, I guess the moral of the story, or the theme, or whatever the fuck I'm trying to get at, is this: Next time you're standing by the fountain, or sitting in the Campus Center, or squatting on the library steps with that guy from your English class, or that cool girl from your Math class, give a little. I'm not saying drown them with your hopes and dreams, just give them a bit more insight into who you are and the life you lead. Number one, if they're a cool person, you'll make a better friend; and number two, life is too fucking short to leave people guessing at what you think or how you feel. So let 'em know! If you die tomorrow (let's hope you don't), your soul will be satisfied.

I say good-bye for now, and I leave an open invitation to anyone out there reading this, if you want to share a couple cups of joe, I promise to return the favor with good conversation. And Michele; thanks for being my friend.



# NYPIRG INC. AN EXTENSION OF CUNY ADMINISTRATION

By Ryan Monroe and P. C. Guagenti

Over the past few years, the City University of New York, along with the State University of New York, has been devastated by massive budget cuts. Tuition has skyrocketed at both institutions. At CSI, tuition increased 100% in a two year time span. In 1990, the budget for CUNY was \$1,100,000,000, but the devastating budget cuts conceived by Governor Mario Cuomo cut CUNY by \$140,000,000 down to a total budget of \$960,000,000.

This massive budget cut seriously effects the students at CSI. I question the intent of the professional lobbying organization, NYPIRG INC., to advocate for student concerns while they have participated in diffusing the student struggle for an affordable quality education. From the outside, NYPIRG INC. looks to be a group which is working for CSI and society. When you take a deeper look into this professional corporation, you realize that they have a self-serving agenda. This agenda is safe-guarding their "golden goose" not the student struggle for empowerment and quality education. NYPIRG INC. receives a whopping \$914,592.00 from student activity fees annually from 7 CUNY colleges and 10 SUNY colleges. Each student at CSI is forced to "contribute" three dollars to NYPIRG INC. each semester. The "tax" upon the 13,000 students at CSI amounts to \$85,000. While CSI students are forced to pay the NYPIRG INC. tithe, NYPIRG is working to save their "golden goose." The amount of time put into fighting the student referenda campaign last Spring, more than quadrupled the energy that this professional lobbying organization put into fighting Governor Cuomo's Budget Ax.

There have been many student organizations throughout CUNY who worked against the draconian cuts to the state budget for higher education. Various independent grass roots activist groups surfaced to fight against the budget cuts, i.e. the CUNY Student Union (CSU) and the Students for a Brighter Tomorrow (SBT).

During the 1991 budget cuts, students throughout CUNY held rallies at their campuses. Many of these protests were supported and funded by the Student Governments at each respective campus. These acts of civil disobedience brought the

worst attack against student's civil rights in the recent history of our university.

There were a series of attacks on CUNY colleges by Chancellor Ann Reynolds. NYPIRG INC. sat on the sidelines, while students rights were stripped away. There are three attacks against CUNY colleges. The first one is changes in the faculty/student disciplinary committee, which deprived students of the right to a trial by their peers. The second was the restructuring in the Association board, which gave the administration a majority of the representation on the board, outnumbering the students. This act by Chancellor Ann Reynolds restores the need for our founding fathers' phrase, "No Taxation without Representation!"

The protests against the CUNY budget cuts were funded by the student governments.

The Association's by-law changes were enacted to have the administration have a tighter reign on student activists. As a result of the restructuring of the Association, the ability of student government to adequately represent the students was seriously diminished by imposing another layer of bureaucratic dominance.

NYPIRG INC. said nothing and did nothing to fight this power grab.

NYPIRG INC. is the only group that is not under the oversight of the Association. This lack of a check and balance against an organization that collects tax levy funds provided by students is un-American and unethical. As an organization that sided with the independent activists, it seems strange that Chancellor Reynolds' wrath was not taken out on NYPIRG INC.

My concern leads me to follow the money trail. Ann Reynolds is the only one that has access to the accurate finances of NYPIRG INC. Reynolds has refused to release their books. NYPIRG INC. did not lose control over its funding, but at the same time did not organize massive rallies or letter writing campaigns to protect the other student funded activities. Then there is

CUNY's Vice Chancellor Jay Hershenson, who just happens to be one of the founding members of NYPIRG INC. This connection definitely demands that students begin to question where the loyalties of NYPIRG INC. and our Administrators lie.

If NYPIRG had the best interests of students at heart, they would have fought the Association structural change made by Chancellor Ann Reynolds. Why did they do nothing to help? Ann Reynolds took away the Association's right to oversee NYPIRG's budget and assumed that responsibility herself.

This is where the connection

between Ann Reynolds and NYPIRG INC. becomes even more apparent. If NYPIRG INC. sincerely wanted to empower students to participate in the electoral process,

they would not have opposed empowering the elected student leaders right to allocate activity monies as they deem proper.

If they were really looking out for the best interest of students, NYPIRG INC. would also support any legislation that the duly elected representatives of the student body brought forth to the association. However, they encourage the squashing of any legislation detrimental to their golden goose. NYPIRG should be advocating the passage of any student government proposals, as to be assisting in the empowerment of students through democratic process.

The connection between the CUNY administration and NYPIRG was more evident when Chancellor Ann Reynolds proposed to "consolidate" the CUNY schools. To "consolidate" means to eliminate majors at various campuses, and turn them into specialty "trade schools." The student activists at CSI began what was known as the CUNY Student Union. This student organization had branches on 9 different CUNY campuses. They organized the only student line of defense against the wrath of Reynolds and her cutting knife. It was the CUNY Student Union, student governments and student media that took the initia-

tive in informing students of this threat, organized protests, petition drives, and forums. NYPIRG INC. refused to officially participate in any organized resistance.

This refusal to participate is when the close relationship between NYPIRG INC. and Chancellor Ann Reynolds becomes apparent. NYPIRG's refusal to fight the consolidation plan that was proposed by Chancellor Ann Reynolds was a knot in my stomach. At the moment the students at CSI needed a highly organized, powerful and well-funded professional lobbying organization most, NYPIRG INC. turned its back on the students at the College of Staten Island, and protected its wallet and home. NYPIRG INC. would not oppose Chancellor Reynolds. This shows NYPIRG INC. for what it is, an extension of administration.

NYPIRG, INC. is used by Chancellor Reynolds to retrieve money from the state. The funds they fight for in Albany, then allocated to CUNY by the state, are given to Reynolds for use at her own discretion. Never once does NYPIRG suggest how to spend these moneys. This lack of accountability usually sees these funds making their way into administration pockets. But what of the students who work for NYPIRG out of the kindness of their heart (and for that internship credit!)? These students are not to blame. They have a genuine interest in bettering society through grass roots efforts. On the surface, NYPIRG looks like an organization that is pro-student. Their refusal to battle Reynolds at crucial junctures exposes that they are co-opted by her. NYPIRG INC. is used to distract and control the agenda of student activists. They mislead and limit students in the avenues of activism. They never have and never will take on the Chancellor and her cohorts at 80th Street. They want to know what independent student activists are doing, so they can protect their own interests and the those of Chancellor Ann Reynolds, not the interests of students.

If you are pissed off about NYPIRG's now revealed "hidden agenda," go to building 1C, room 219 and demand your refund. . . and bring a friend! If 50% of CSI students obtain their refunds, NYPIRG will be removed from campus.

**NYPIRG INC.  
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## A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE ON NYPIRG VS. S.G.

By Michael Hunt-Hertz

So what is all this hullabaloo between Student Government and NYPIRG all about? To summarize; Student Government has retained Ron McGuire, CUNY attorney, to work through proceedings to make an Albany court ruling made in 1992 applicable to NYPIRG at CSI.

The court ruling, made in Albany Superior Court on February 13, 1992, found "it sufficient to require that NYPIRG spend as much money on activities (on campus) as it takes from. . . students via their activities fees." This was to "ensure that objecting students. . . contribute only to NYPIRG programs. . . and not to off campus expenditures on such things as lobbying, staff salaries and administrative costs. We remand, therefore. . . procedures requiring NYPIRG to confirm in the. . . Student Association budgetary process that it spends at (the campus) the equivalent of. . . students'

activity fee contribution." According to NYPIRG's 1992-93 financial statement, which was released to the Student Government after much uproar, they spent an approximate \$54,000 on "lobbying, staff salaries and administrative costs" and only an estimated \$16,000 to \$19,000 on "campus" expenditures. These expenditures far exceed the appropriate amounts which NYPIRG received that year, where over 10,000 students were enrolled in the spring semester alone. At \$3.00 a head, that is over \$30,000 that NYPIRG received from spring semester students.

The fighting between Student Government and NYPIRG is nothing new. Last year, Student Government passed around a petition trying to have NYPIRG removed from CSI on the same court ruling mentioned above. But, to many Senators' dismay, Student Government failed to get the total number of signatures

to reach the required amount. Many students believe this failure was caused by the fact that for every Student Government Senator circulating their petition in their spare time there were at least five NYPIRG employees or interns circulating a counter-petition full-time.

Regardless of the outcome, as usual, we students will keep going to class, working towards our respective degrees, and all of this will keep going on and on. When does someone step forward and say, "Oust them both, and let's get back to our education." To anyone in Student Government or NYPIRG reading this, remember, if we removed NYPIRG, Student Government, Administration, clubs, and even our much beloved Student Publications, two things will always remain: a student looking to learn and a teacher willing to teach.



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COMMENTARY



# WRITTEN IN THE WIND...

emotionless I set forth  
no longer caring what is thought  
an empty shell of what once was  
ashes left as feelings  
my body sang out to you but it was rejected  
my heart I gave to you but it was denied  
in the beginning there was once hope  
you acted with love  
was it your plan for me to fall  
or did it turn to an added advantage

Unicorn.

## LAST NIGHT...

Translucent morning rays stream through the blinds.  
Illuminating the room. Stinging my tired eyes.  
Last night, this was not my intention...  
To stand back and not allow my heart to take over, that is  
what was supposed to happen.  
But you've grasped my hand, stolen my heart...  
And now I lie beside you wondering if what I've done is the  
right thing.  
Putrid aroma of roses, sweet stench of sex.  
Last night, that was not my intention...  
To endure as friends and heed the warning of others, that is  
what was supposed to happen.  
But your eyes peered through my feeble attempts to tell myself  
that I did not want you...  
And now I am engulfed in you...wanting to wake up beside  
you...  
Now I know that I love you.  
All ways...  
Last night, that was not my intention...

1.

## HISPANIC

It feels good to be Hispanic. To be able to extend my roots until  
they touch my descendants.

Teaching my hispanic heritage, cultivating my culture. It is in my  
food, in my language. It is in my way of living, of surviving. It is  
in my work ethic.

It is reflected in my struggle for a better future. It is my right  
and my duty to educate and instill a respect and pride for our  
heritage into our future generations.

My character is molded out of my culture. They are one and the  
same.

Being a hispanic woman makes me proud.

PROUD AM I, HISPANIC WOMAN.

THE MIXED RACES OF MY ANCESTORS IS MY INHERITANCE.

I AM WHAT I AM.

HISPANIC, WOMAN. I AM PROUD AND HONORED OF THIS.



## Do You Realize

### What Time It Is ?

The past ...

Years washed away like  
castles of sand taken by the  
waves

Where did they all go?  
and the memories...  
small moments our minds  
manage to save ...to hold...

What are they worth?

The future ...  
Who knows what it holds?  
Yet. For each of us.  
The future is inevitable

"I don't understand," you  
say?

Too Bad  
Even if you did.  
Understanding cannot  
Alter the ways of destiny

Besides, if we knew the  
answers,  
we wouldn't have the will or  
desire to  
Pose the questions...

The present ...  
constant state of change  
the questions we ask our-  
selves  
never cease to trouble us.

At times it may seem the  
strongest act of will  
to deal with the events  
to which we are saddled.

We may not be able to escape  
our past,  
or avoid our future.  
But forever is the present  
unrestrained  
Open to new thoughts and  
feelings....

By Lou Alamora

## To the One I Love

You know I love you sweetheart,  
But I wonder if you know  
You mean for more to me each day  
Then words could ever show.

I'll always need you, sweetheart  
To make my dreams come true  
And so this brings a word of love  
Straight from my heart to you.

## Because I Love You

Because I Love you,  
Your joys  
Are my joys...  
Your dreams,  
Are my dreams...  
Your life  
Is my life.  
By: Liz N. George.

Mass confusion flows through my  
brain...

How, after all these years could you  
betray me?

I walked out on a limb for  
you...more than once.

I'm the liar, I'm in the wrong...

But you, you are the anti-christ.

Everytime I open my mouth breath  
is sucked from within me.

Why do I even bother??

Strange, if you called, I would  
appear

Willingly...

You know that don't you?

And you hold that against me, use it  
to your advantage...

I'm the betrayed, I'm the heartbro-  
ken.

And you, you are the anti-christ.

## School

By: Frank Campione

School is my pal  
and my best friend  
I know we will be close  
'til the end  
The day I leave here  
I will be sad  
But I know at the same time  
I will be glad  
On to med. school  
to be a "Doc"  
I will be full of life  
not dead like a rock  
I thought I knew it all  
now I know more  
I used to think school  
was just a bore  
The truth shines through  
I need to learn  
I want the cars and a house  
for these things I yearn  
To be a "Doc"  
is my main goal  
I want green in my hand  
not dark black coal



# HOROSCOPES

## OCT.

### 20TH-31st

by Windy Webb

**Aries** - You may be a real bundle of energy this week mars going into Leo may produce that I can do anything attitude . The truth of the matter is that your actions are limited. Anything pertaining to writing or communication is likely to be difficult . This is a good time to end manipulative relationships or relationships that are painful . Retrograde venus combined with retrograde mercury could suggest that a relationship could end as a result of lack of communication . Aries are especially notorious for having a hard time expressing their true feelings to those they love .

**Taurus** - Probably have many ideas you want to put into action and make reality . However, it would be better if you waited until next month when mercury goes direct and the new moon takes effect . You will probably have many people looking for you for creative suggestions in the upcoming month.

**Gemini** - You probably have tons of information that your trying to circulate , which has probably become an impossible task with the mercury retrograde. Getting in touch with your best friend may seem like an impossible task. You may be put on hold until the last minute if your going to a Halloween party this week (mercury goes direct the 31st) . Be prepared for the unexpected .

**Cancer** - You may feel stronger and more powerful than usual this is because the sun is going into Scorpio on the 24th another water sign adding to your power. However, your power and authority may be challenged by the mercury retrograde. Hold back on putting big projects into action until

after the 31st when mercury goes direct.

**Leo** - You may be more direct in dealing with others this week (less likely to beat around the bush ). Be careful not to be too direct you

have to wait until mercury goes direct on the 31st for the change you desire to take place . The 30th and especially the 31st look like especially favorable days for you .

**Libra** - Currently the sun is in

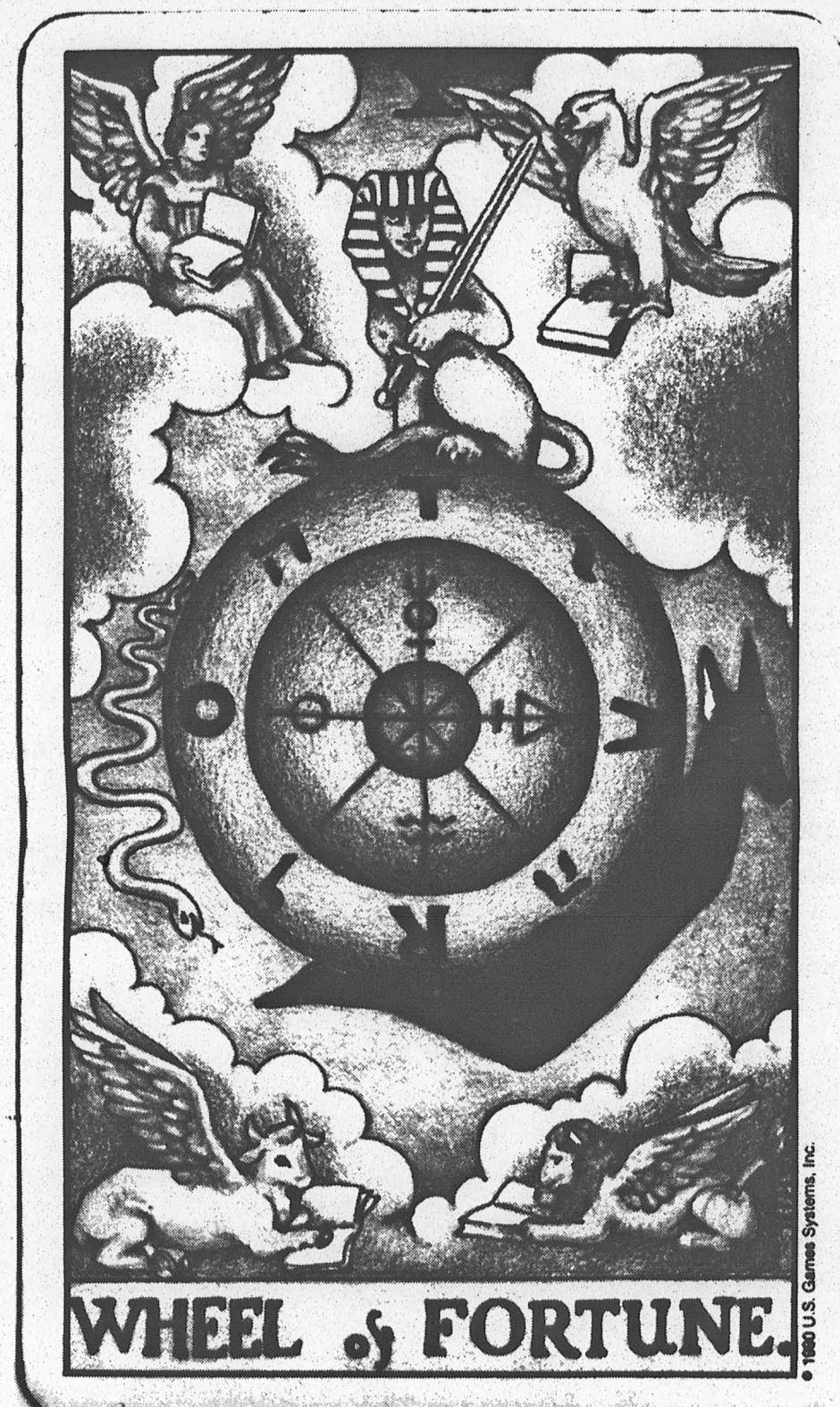
is in Taurus . this combined with the Venus -mercury retrograde may produce a feeling of emptiness and disgust . However, the wheel of good fortune should be crossing your path soon when the sun goes into your sign on the 24th. Venus Jupiter and Pluto are also in your sign adding to your strength however, little is likely to be achieved until the 31st. Now is the time to make plans and decisions about things pertaining to the future .

**Sagittarius** - There may be a lot of irons in the fire right now . You may feel compelled to take direct ( possibly physical) action against someone or a group of people . their may be many misunderstandings and false communication causing you problems . Perhaps someone is trying to deceive you. The 28th and 29th are good days to take care of important business .

**Capricorn** - Your creative ability and will power are undefeatable due to the Uranus and Neptune line up in Capricorn which recently went direct last week . The Halloween week end looks exceptionally good for you . However it would be best to put important projects or matters pertaining to communication off if possible until the 31st.

**Aquarius** - You may feel a little lost and deprived the recognition you deserve pertaining to your accomplishments . Keep a level head this week and don't dramatize that which doesn't need to be . Thing's will appear much differently next week .

**Pisces** - The 24th and 25th look like very good days for days for you . Your power socially among friends and loved ones is undefeatable . However there may be a slow down at the work front getting letters and information across to others may seem virtually impossible this week due to the retrograde mercury .



could hurt some ones feelings . Having others comprehend what your saying may be difficult this week. Don't take other peoples absence of attention personally the retrograde mercury will distracting their attention .

**Virgo**-This might actually be a good week for you considering the immediate planetary opposition . If your happy with your state of affairs right now then your probably going to enjoy the stable earthy vibrations when the moon is in Taurus on the 20th - 22nd . If your not happy with things right now then your going to

your sign until the 24th when the sun goes into Scorpio . This may be a tough week for you concerning leisure activities and matters pertaining to love . Their may be a lack of communication on someones part where relationships are concerned. this will end on the 31st when mercury goes direct . Perhaps their could be a reuniting of lovers on the 31st . Surrounding oneself with their work and keeping busy may be the best approach this week .

**Scorpio** - You might be feeling very disgusted right now especially on the 20th - 22nd when the moon



# MOVIE REVIEWS

## The Specialist Ed Wood

By: Ralph Mastrangelo  
(1 star)

This new movie is another movie dealing with the topic of hiring someone to help you revenge the killing of one's parents, the twist is that the hired hitman(Stallone) is being set up by the hiree(Stone), who is working with Stallone's old army foe.

Stallone plays an ex-army explosive expert who, with his partner on their last mission have a conscience decision difference and the death of an innocent child, cause Stallone to end both there careers. Here is where the scene is set for a revenge story line which is opposite to the main revenge theme but works parallel with it. The movie goes through the usual Stone gets in touch with Stallone, there is no initial meeting only a phone conversation. Stallone does not want to help, but Stone is planning to do it without him so he follows her and decides to help because of his conscience. He sees that the underworld members are too much for her to handle so he takes them out one by one, after stalking each victim.

After the first killing, Stallone's old foe works with the underworld leader to protect his son, along with the police chief, who is also on the payroll. The movie then goes on and on, with the usual bullshit. Stone and Stallone have an erotic shower that does not help this lousy movie. Stone falls in love and does not want to get Stallone killed so she turns on his enemy and the movie drags on 'til the end when Stallone confronts his enemy with the whole police force in his fortress (disguised as a warehouse), where he blows the whole place up, killing his foe. Stone and Stallone escape on a boat and kill the head of the underworld who ordered the hit on her parents and go off arm in arm as lovers.

The plot is one where it gets very predictable and receptive. The only good thing about this movie was the effects. They showed what a bomb and his specialist can do. This movie basically sucked and the only good thing about it was the explosive effects which get old quickly.

By Janet Berkman

Ed Wood has the distinction of being elected "Worst Director Of All Time". Therefore, it seems only fitting that the movie about him should rank in the same class as some of the ones he made. Tim Burton's new film "Ed Wood" is such a movie. Although the cinematography was good, it was not enough to do anything for the movie. The film was shot in black and white, and using this medium was appropriate to the story such as it was. There were some very realistic performances, most notably Martin Landau's portrayal of aging horror film star Bela Lugosi. For any insomniacs who have been unlucky enough to see one or (heaven help you) more of the infamous director's films, this movie was very similar. As the picture dragged on - and I do mean d-r-a-g-g-e-d - it became easy to see why Ed Wood missed out on "mainstream success". Very simply, Wood's did not deserve it. After having seen some of Tim Burton's recent hits, the audience did not deserve this either.

It is really difficult to explain exactly what one thing that made this movie so bad. The opening was less than perfect, and it just got worse as it went on. Maybe it was the fact that the story of Ed Woods' life could have been told in at least half the time that this movie took, and there still would've been time left over. However, this movie was definitely a disappointment after such great movies as the "Night Before Christmas".

What made Tim Burton want to make this movie is a mystery, and even bigger is how the project was funded. If you are the one person in America who has ever seen - and liked - an Ed Wood film than this movie is for you. If however, you agree with the title "Worst Director Of All Time", run in the other direction from this bomb, as fast as you possibly can.

## GET INVOLVED

by AJ Anwar

It is nothing new to see students angered by the limitations placed upon them. What I am referring to is not of a personal nature but of one dealing with legislation.

The rules and regulations that govern us are passed by our elected officials. These officials make promises to the public and are seldom kept. A short while after they are elected, they forget who elected them in the first place. Now, for a politician to acknowledge someone, that person must have either money or political influence, and for the most part we as students have neither. Although this may be true, the one thing that we do have is the power to vote, and politicians listen to votes.

For a student not to be overwhelmed by the system, they must first have some familiarity with it. This can be done in a number of ways, one is to read about it. Another is to experience it. Although we have not had the opportunity to do this before, we may now do so. The cries of the students have not gone unheard, for the powers that be have arranged for us to meet our politicians. There are a number of events being held that will allow you and I to meet some of these politicians and to hear what they have to say.

One of these events is set up by NYPIRG and will be held in Albany. This will be a debate between Mario Cuomo and Robert Walsh, George Pataki is also invited. There will be trip setup to take students from CSI to Albany. All are urged to attend.

Another event will also be held within a week or so and at CSI. This will feature politicians that are a bit more local to the college community. I again urge everyone to attend as this will familiarize you to the people that represent you and also give you a chance to speak to them. This event will be sponsored by a number of the leading clubs on campus.

Next time you feel that your voice is not being heard, don't say that no one gave you the opportunity to speak to the people that can make a difference.

## Music For the People

By Jenny Giacomo

Anyone in the Campus Center during club hours on Thursday, September 29, heard the melodic tunes of Keith Marks & Company. The Program Development Committee, is looking to provide the students with various musical guests during club hours each week, a program initially started at the Sunnyside Campus. A calendar of performers will be available soon.

Keith Marks & Co. is an instrumental group consisting of four musicians. Keith Marks, who has been playing the flute professionally for 20 years, is a free agent. This means he is the only permanent member of this band. He hires various musicians to perform with him at colleges up and down the East Coast. Performing with him now, are Gary Wilkins on Bass Guitar, Seth Farber on Keyboard, and Karl Latham on the drums. He has previously performed for the

New York Times, the United Nations, and Nelson Mandela.

Students sitting in the Green Dolphin Lounge, reacted to the performance with dancing, clapping, and an overall feeling of happiness. Florent Chekete commented, "It was great, but people need to be better informed about when this stuff is happening." Janessa Cooper, who heard about Keith Marks on WBSL, and Liz George both enjoyed the performance immensely, and stated that was the best band ever to perform on campus.

You can look for his debut album, entitled Keith Marks: In It, starting November 1, 1994. If you are interested in hearing Keith Marks & Co. yourself, they will be performing at The Fashion Institute of Technology (located on 28th St. and 7th Ave.) on October 13th, from 5p.m.-7 p.m. People who missed their show, should definitely check it out!

## Acclaimed Author to visit CSI

By Jennifer Valle

Acclaimed children's author, Louise Hawes, has been invited to come to CSI on November 3rd and 4th to conduct a two-day workshop entitled, "A Window into Writing" by the CSI Department of English. This "free of charge" workshop will be held in the Bijou room of the Campus Center, and will consist of "The Children's Publishing Market: Finding your story" held on Thursday, November 3rd at 1:00 PM, and "Thinking Like a Child, Writing Like a Grownup: Stories that Compel (and Sell)" on

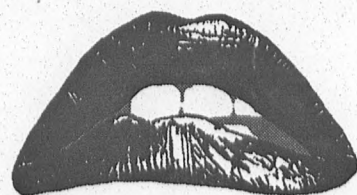
November 4th, at 1:00 PM.

Ms. Hawes has been writing and publishing her work for over twenty years. Her first published piece, called "On Continuing Education" was published in 1969. Although she never stopped writing, her next book "Nelson Malone Meets the Man from Mush-nut" was published in the mid 80's along with several items for the Sweet Valley Twins series. She also wrote "Outcast", "New Girl", and "Stretching the Truth" under the pen name of Jamie Suzanne. Ms. Hawes is currently the Public

Information Director for the Department of Community Affairs in New Jersey. She has won the New Jersey Author's Award and two Writing Fellowships from the NJ Council on the Arts.

The English Department, along with the aid of PDC and Poets and Writers Inc., has decided that Ms. Hawes's experience may benefit students academically. All interested students are encouraged to contact Mr. Edward Hack at 982 - 3663 for more information regarding this publicly open workshop.

IT'S  
COMING!!





# TOMKO AT THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BEER EXPO

By Thomas C. Kolakowski

September 30, 1994 marked the 2nd Annual Greater New York Beer Expo... and TomKo was there! This year's beer Expo was held at the New York Coliseum, an establishment I personally thought was closed for some time (maybe they opened it just for the Beer Expo, hoping some drunken revelers would torch the place!). This year's site boasted over 10,000 square feet more than the first Beer Expo held at the Javitts Center. Unfortunately, the increased space was not accompanied by an increase in the number of brewers present. Noticeably absent from this year's festivities was New Amsterdam Brewery, a New York mainstay! The set-up of the tables detracted from the homeliness that made the first Beer Expo so pleasant. After comparing the programs of the First Annual and Second Annual Beer Expo, I discovered that there were far fewer brewers present at this year's affair. Last year's festival had forty-nine brewers present, while this year only thirty-six brewers attended... a 25% drop! Even this year's program, something I had much trouble obtaining, was not as professionally prepared as last year's.

Accompanied by my "Official Banner Photographer" Andre, I proceeded to sample the many and varied beers available. One of first brewers I visited was Neuweiler of Allentown, PA. In the first issue of this semester, I reviewed Neuweiler's Black and Tan, a fine brew. I learned, in talking to the representatives from Neuweiler, that their Black & Tan is the product of blending their Porter and Traditional Lager; rather than the usual blending of an Ale and Stout. Since I already tried and liked the Black and Tan, I had to sample their Stock Ale... a fine compliment to their other beer! The representatives of Neuweiler explained to me that they are very new to the NYC area, and currently, only available in six locations (including our own Willowbrook Beverage!). Having sampled all the Neuweiler beers available, I must recommend them all!

My next stop was to visit Staten Island's own Old World Brewers, producers of New York Harbor Ale and

Porter. This was the first time I tried their New York Harbor Porter (or Dark Ale). I was hooked from the start. Sal, the owner, left me with the taps while mother nature called... a major mistake ... I had to help myself to seconds, thirds and fourths! Sal Pennacchio, is a C.S.I. grad (Business '81), so it's good to know that someone put his C.S.I. education to help his fellow man! I tried my first bottle of New York Harbor Ale shortly after it first appeared on the market. It had a mildly bitter

taste, with a nice wheatiness to it. I am glad to say that both the Ale and Porter made me quite

happy! Sal offered to organize a beer tasting here at C.S.I., an event I'm sure you would all love to see happen!

After leaving Sal, we moved across country (or so it seemed) to the other side of the room to see what beers resided there. The first beer I tried was Schmaltz's Alt by Schell Brewing of New Ulm, MN. Alt is German's equivalent of Ale. Alt means old... Alt being the old beer (pre-lager). Schell Brewing has been around since 1860 producing 30,000 barrels of beer a year. This output is relatively small, but it's size ensures that they will produce consistently good beer. I next moved on to visit Stoudt's, a Pennsylvania micro brewery. What makes Stoudt's so special is that their master brewer is a woman, Carol Stoudt. I tried their Honey Double Maibock. This was a strong and tasty beer. I don't think that I've ever seen Honey put to beer use!

Several of California's most famous breweries were represented here. Anchor Brewery was present to show off their world renowned Anchor Steam beer. One of the biggest attractions of the festival was the appearance of Pete, of Pete's Wicked Ale and Lager. Pete is a man after my own heart! He loves beer and brewing... Pete unveiled his

new Pete's Wicked Red, the latest addition to his award winning line of beers. Sierra Nevada was present serving their pale ale, considered by many to be the first

true pale ale to emerge in the U.S. since prohibition.

The Big 3 brewers (Bud, Coors and Miller) were present showing off their specialty beers. Coors brought their Killian's Irish Red and a new Oktoberfest beer. The Oktoberfest was an average beer of this style... but not nearly as good as a true German Oktoberfestbier. Budweiser showed up in the guise of Elk Mountain Amber Ale. This specialty beer is a craft brew that Bud is selling without using the

Budweiser name (I guess its an image thing!). Miller Brewing returned this year with an ample supply of their Reserve



Amber Ale and Reserve Velvet Stout... two beers that Miller unveiled at last year's Expo. From across the Great Pond, Guinness Imports featured their famous Guinness Stout and Bass Ale. I walked up to the Guinness/Bass rep. and said "Black and Tan me!"... and he did! The original Black and Tan is Bass Ale with Guinness Stout poured over the back of a spoon into the Pint of Bass.

## On the Negative Side:

My old Fordham buddies forced me to drink one of the vilest beers I have ever tried... Jenlain Blond Ale. This beer is French, thus proving the French know nothing of beer. This beer reminded me of wine that was starting to turn to vinegar! Bad beer! Avoid it at all cost! I also was disappointed with The Manhattan Brewing Co.'s India Pale Ale, a beer that several friends commented as being "too fresh". The beer tasted like it should have been aged longer.

**TomKo's Picks:** With few exceptions, I used this beer Expo as a chance to sample beer that I had not tasted before. Of the new beers I tried here are my picks:

1. New York Harbor Dark Ale (Porter): This is a nice beer. It is not especially bitter. It has a medium hoppiness, which adds character to the beer. It was good enough for me to come back for more!

2. Smaltz's Alt: German Altbier is a rarity here in the U.S., and this beer is a great example of Alt! And the name is real cool too!

3. Neuweiler's Porter: Neuweiler puts out a good beer, and their Porter is a fine one.

4. Stoudt's Honey Double Maibock: Damn good beer! Who says a woman can't brew beer!



Photos By Andre Ryan



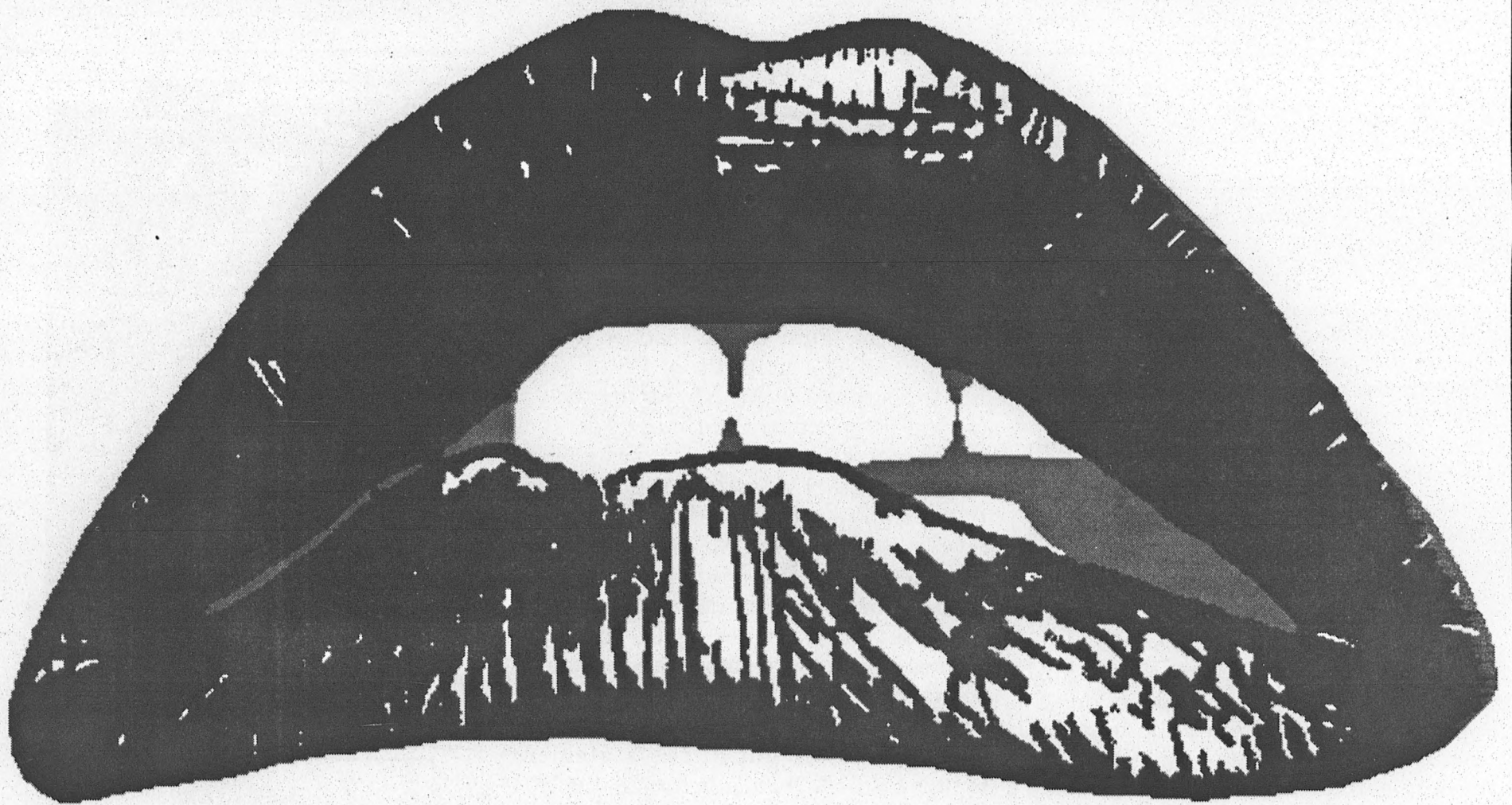
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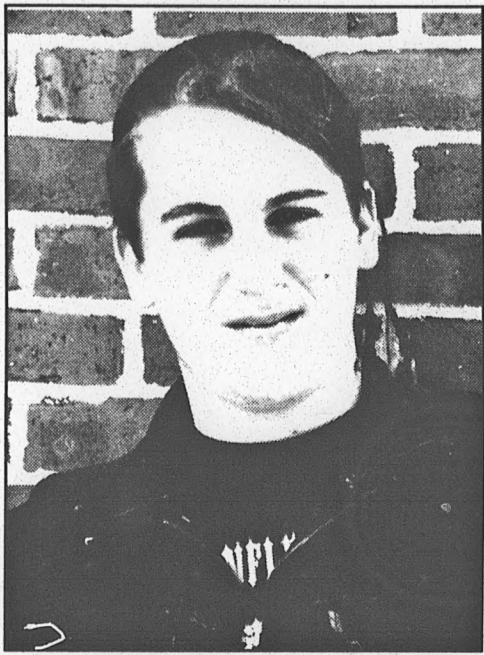
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# What Do You Think?

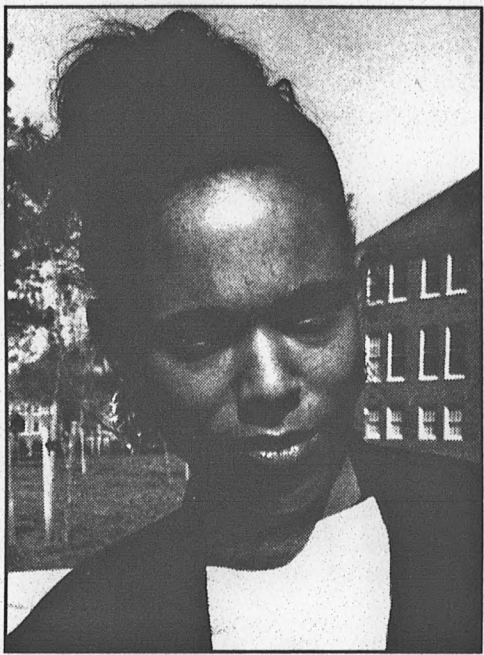
By: Michael Garofalo

**What do you think of the quality of education here at CSI?  
(Do you feel you're getting your money's worth?)**



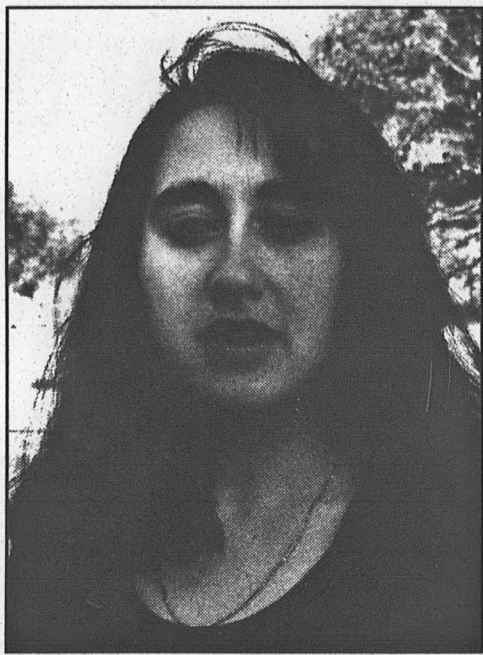
**Erik Swanson, WSIA DJ**

It's better than most city colleges. It's more like a private college. The teachers are more serious about teaching here.



**Nicole Carter**

I've had one or two bad experiences with teachers, but overall it's good.



**Tracy McCarthy**

Yes! I go to work to pay for my education. With the new campus, I feel that I'm actually getting more for my money.

## Psycho Ramblings

When the fountain was first finished, Peter Guagenti said to me, "Come hang out!" "What the hell," I thought. Checking out the new fountain, and watching the beautiful women go by, seemed like a great way to relax.

For some reason or another, discussion of the campus came into our conversation. I don't remember why I said it, but I said, "I feel I'm getting the best education money can buy." An attractive female eavesdropper started to laugh. I said, "What? You don't think so?" Needless to say, she was now part of the conversation. I don't think I was able to change her mind, but Pete did get her phone number.

This puzzled me! There's no school on the planet I'd rather attend. Although, I don't think the majority of students on the campus feel this way. Am I the only CSI patriot?

According to the results of 'What Do You Think,' it would seem I'm not alone. The responses were all surprisingly positive. Maybe it seems the rumors of student apathy have been exaggerated.

The poor man's Harvard is the nickname for CUNY colleges. For \$1,225 a semester, as opposed to \$25,000, it seems like a great deal, right? It all depends on the quality of the education. But, what determines a "quality" education?

**TEACHERS:** Skillful teachers are down-right essential for high quality education. CSI has more than it's fair share of 'good' teachers. Flip through the undergraduate catalog, and you'll see that our teachers obtained their degrees from a wide spectrum of colleges and universities. Not naming any names, but some teachers are down right outstanding. I often wonder sometimes, with their impressive credentials, what they're doing here. (Yes, the

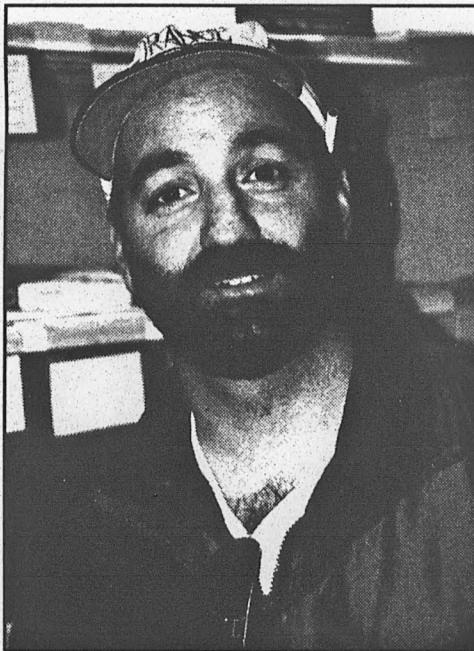
reverse is also true. There are some real losers at the campus too!)

**ENVIRONMENT:** (This is not to once again praise the new campus.) There are many factors in a successful learning environment. First is the teacher to student ratio. The majority of CSI classes have a healthy student to teacher ratio. I always feel jipped in the lecture hall style classes with 40+ students. However, there are overcrowded classrooms and usually limited course selections at CSI. The second factor is security. No one would want to go to a class and worry about getting stabbed for lunch money. CSI security does a superb job. Once again, check out the undergraduate catalog under Campus Safety and Security. Look at all the goose eggs. (The little asterisk [\* -arrests only] takes the power out of the statement though.) Third, let's not forget our 204 acre monstrosity. The college has to be fun! All work, no play, blah blah. . . if you cannot recruit students with eye-pleasing things like a fountain, or that headless armless statue thing, you will not attract new students.

**THE DEGREE:** Once you graduate, what will the diploma do for you? The all important career is what drives the majority of our student body. Well, I don't think a CSI diploma is as powerful as Harvard. But hey, you get what you pay for!

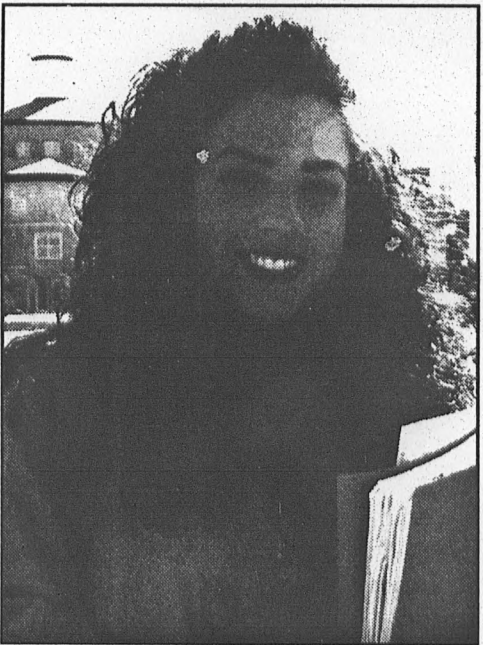
So what have I stated? I'm not really sure, but I think Pete and I have found a new pick-up method. Basically, CSI is a happy middle ground. It has to satisfy the needs of many different individuals. Obviously, this can't please everybody. Then again. . . what does?

- Michael Garofalo



**John Buckman.**

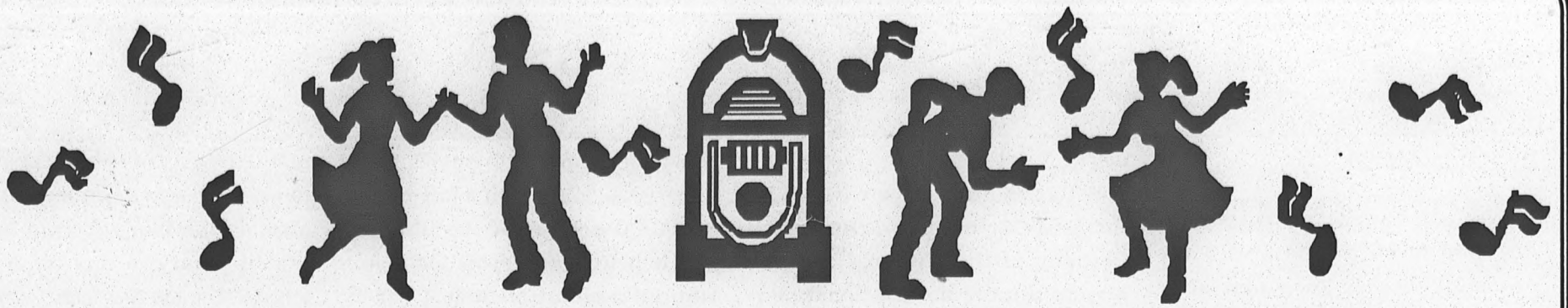
Definitely! I'm in the nursing program, and the quality of education they give is better than any Ivy League school. I wouldn't trade places with anyone. The teachers are fantastic!



**Jennifer Ruggiero, Graduate Student**

The quality of my classes, and the discoveries I'm making here at CSI, are developing my insight to help shape the young minds of the community.





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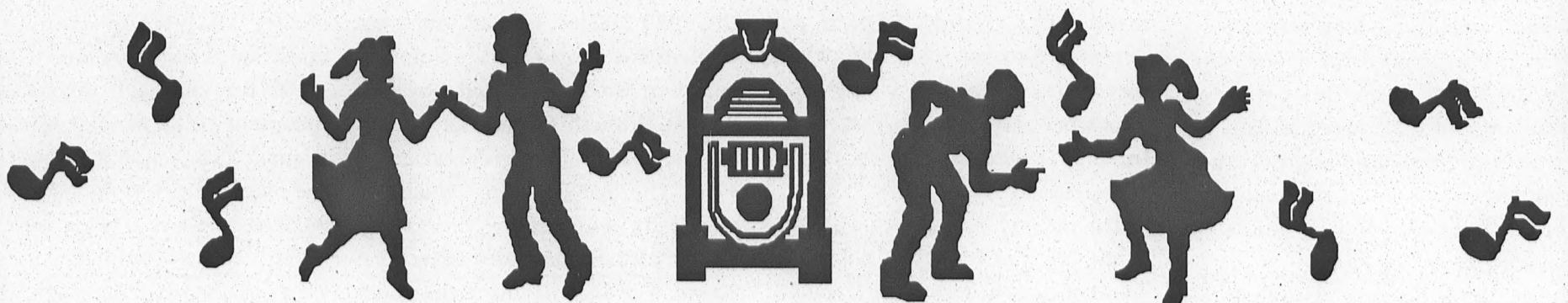
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# SEASON ON ICE

By Peter Matlak

Well, it has happened again. Another sport has fallen to the upcoming disease known as strike syndrome. Yes, hockey is the latest to fall to this disease. The issues are clear as in every sport: salary cap. The players want no part of any contract that has a salary cap in it. N.H.L. commissioner Gary Bettman has come up with an alternative tax on players salaries to replace the salary cap. The players still say it is a cap, and refuse to agree to it. The start of the season was set to begin on Oct. 1, with the players agreeing to play and not strike. However, since there was no contract, Bettman postponed the start of the season from the first to the fifteenth of October. Although Bettman called it a postponement the players are calling it a lockout, and refuse to report for the extra two weeks of training camp that has been added on. Well the Oct. 15th deadline has past, and the season is postponed indefinitely until an agreement is

meet.

With this, the lines are drawn for the players. In the players view, Bettman is the bad guy, and the players are the heroes. Some players even had some choice words for Mr. Bettman. A few players were making comments of how he is not the right man for the job. Others make jokes of how his wife would rather be shopping with her husband than him doing his job as commissioner. However, one player (in the eyes of many as well as my own) has gone too far. Chris Chelios, a star defense man for the Chicago Blackhawks, has been quoted as saying, "If I was Gary Bettman, I'd be worried about my family and well being right now. Some crazed fan or even player, who knows, might take it into his own hands and get him out of the way. This [labor standoff] might get settled." He added, "you hate to see something like that happen, but he took the job." Well Mr. Chelios will not get off easy for the comments he made.

Mr. Bettman plans to suspend him for several games with a fine of, say, \$500,000 dollars, or the ultimate: ban him from the sport for a substantial amount of time. I feel he does deserve to be punished, but I disagree with a banishment because many other players have made remarks about Bettman as well (although none as harsh as Chelios's remarks). As for press time, Chelios has not been reprimanded.

The whole business of a new contract and labor disputes has brought out the worst on both sides of the N.H.L. The tax would be the best thing for the players and teams because it is not limiting the team's spending cost on the entire team salary. This is best because, with a cap, you need to worry whether or not you exceed the cap limit. It would then result in letting many players go to fit the cap which can destroy a franchise team. A tax would nullify this so the teams can keep their players, especially their stars such as Messier, Roy, Hull,

and Gretzky. Lets face it, its the big name stars and a winning team that attracts the fans, not who has the lowest salary of any team in the league. The tax also helps struggling teams such as The Winnipeg Jets or teams such as the Ducks or Panthers who entered the league last year, by giving them some of the profit gained by the more successful teams. In other words, it would give everyone a fair share of the profits. This sounds like a great deal, but the players are not budging, and want the tax and the cap thrown out. I say that an agreement should be made where the players agree to the tax, but the owners lower it to three percent instead of the five which the N.H.L. originally proposed. The way it looks now, the worst should be feared. The hockey season will be canceled, and hockey fans will go through withdrawal. With October 15th already gone, and the season postponed indefinitely until an agreement is met, hockey is the latest sport which has fallen to the Strike Syndrome.

## Ken Burns' "Baseball": Mixed Emotions

By Bill Spurge

I eagerly anticipated Ken Burns' 18 1/2 hour "Baseball." The thought of seeing old film clips, hearing ballplayers tell old stories, and replaying moments from some of baseball's greatest games, had me excited. After all, the timing was impeccable. Baseball had already announced there would be no more of the national pastime this year. No World Series. No "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." No seventh inning stretch. No millionaires playing for billionaire owners. That in itself was an enticement to watch a show that would bring back the days when salaries were acceptable, and loyalty to one team - with a close relationship to a city - was important to the players and the league.

After it was over, I found myself satisfied with certain parts of the show, but disappointed in others. I didn't expect any letdowns because Ken Burns had done "The Civil War," which was long but riveting. Heck, I've watched the whole eleven hours or so, three times through. But I doubt if I'll watch all eighteen hours of "Baseball" again, and I could probably edit the highlights into three hours, and leave the important stories intact.

It was a big-time downer to see George Plimpton speak instead of

Joe DiMaggio. Bigger yet, to see Dorothy Goodwin Kearns, a historian, who told us how big a Dodger fan she was, then how big a Red Sox fan she was after the Dodgers left. Come on. Give me the Duke and Pee Wee (not Herman - though I'm surprised he wasn't invited to speak). Get some real fans - like a season ticket holder from Ebbets Field. Get someone from the Dodger Sym-phony. I did not want to see many of those people who were on, even if they were fans, out of their element. I wanted first hand accounts from players and the fans, whose lives revolved around baseball. I didn't need a thesis on why baseball is so great. You could have cut three hours out of the show just by not telling us how baseball reflects America. I coach this game, and the only thing baseball reflects to me is that this is a game - just a game. A great game. But it is not why America exists, it is just part of what we are.

The mistakes were many, and the media has picked up on them, so I don't have to list them all. Wrong nicknames for players, wrong stadiums where events happened, wrong innings given for when things occurred, etc.

The most glaring weakness in the show was that there was two hours spent for each decade of baseball, but the last two hours were spent

on the last twenty-five years. More time was spent on Fred Snodgrass blowing the 1912 World Series, than on Mike Schmidt, Tom Seaver and Juan Marichal put together. I don't recall Marichal and Schmidt being mentioned, and Seaver was a footnote on the 1969 World Series winning Mets. Schmidt is only considered the greatest third baseman ever, and I feel that Seaver was the best pitcher of the last 25 years. Marichal got lost in the shuffle, as Sandy Koufax, who was worthy, and Don Drysdale who was not, got much air time. No time was spent on the great Milwaukee Braves team of the late '50s, or on their great pitcher Warren Spahn, only the winningest left-hander ever. No time was spent on the 1980 Phillies, who hadn't won a world championship in a century, or on Steve Carlton, the other great lefty. Though we did get a ton of time on Lefty Grove.

Of greatest annoyance was the time spent on every Red Sox World Series appearance. No we didn't see the 1980 Phillies, but we saw a ton of Red Sox World Series games - yes, Ken Burns is a Red Sox fan. We sat through Game 6 of the '75 Series again - the "greatest game ever." The Red Sox win. Wake up, the Reds won Game 7 and the Series. What good was Game 6 if Game 7 was lost! And the most overrated play ever - Bill Buckner's

error. But we did see the most underrated - the wild pitch/passed ball that tied the game to set it up for Buckner.

There were some memorable moments in the show. The old clips I had pined for were excellent; especially those of Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, and including one I had never seen before of Lou Gehrig struggling during batting practice just before he was diagnosed with the disease that bears his name. The Bob Costas account of himself waiting in the Red Sox clubhouse near the end of Game 6 of the '86 Series, and how fast they got the television equipment out of there when the Mets came back, was the type of first hand knowledge I looked for in other parts of the program. The pieces of Jackie Robinson, and the segments on the Negro leagues was informative. There are other fine moments as well, and if you rent it or borrow it from someone, you will enjoy it because you'll find yourself using fast forward for much of the unnecessary analysis by many of the guest speakers. You won't have to suffer through eight thousand renditions of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." Just enjoy the players and the plays, even if some players were omitted and some plays were mistaken. For the younger fan, you'll get to see baseball as it was when it was just a game - a great game.



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# PROGRESSION

OF THE REGISTRATION PROCESS

by  
JAMES  
SCOTTO  
LAVINO

**INTRO**

Simply put:  
The registration  
process sucks.

**SCHEDULING**

Oh, no! Anything  
(but philosophy!)

**ADVISORS**

Before I sign this,  
tell me what  
you intend  
to do with  
your life.

Oh, great!

**LINE WAITING**

Please, please  
don't talk  
to me.

Line long  
enough for  
ya?!

**CONFLICT & AVAILABILITY**

Four conflicts? Doh!  
That's a toughie! Have  
you had immunization  
shots?

**RESCHEDULING**

y...yes! Women's  
Studies sounds great!

**READVISING**

So, what d... -

Sign the  
Paper  
now!

**RELINING**

This class was  
available ten  
minutes ago.

Tell me it's  
closed. Just  
give me  
a reason.

**RECONFLICTING?**

I'm going to have to  
ask you to wait your  
turn in  
line,  
young  
man.

The one and  
only thing that  
saves this school  
from certain  
destruction from ENRAGED  
students is this:

Gracious sakes  
alive!! I'm done!!

Then you wait for your  
bill, and begin the  
payment process.

**THE  
END**



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## Top 10 Jets Victories

by Bill Spurge

All it took was a few weeks to see that this was going to be another wasted year for the Jets. Happy moments are few and far between. I personally have suffered longer than most CSI students who are Jets fans, being that I'm twice the age of many of them. But I realized, one advantage of being older is that I do have some happy memories of the Jets, where a 20 year-old has almost none. Here is my top ten list of Jets happy memories. You can call it an Only Ten List if you want because its all I could come up with. After the first three, there's not many that are that big of a deal:

1) Super Bowl III - January 12, 1969 - Jets 16 Colts 7. The most important game in football history, and the Jets won it! It wasn't an upset to me. I had faith in what was a great team that year, and in the AFL.

2) AFL Championship Game - December 1968 - Jets 27 Raiders 23. This game sent the Jets to the Super Bowl, and was a great one that saw-sawed throughout, pitting the AFL's two best teams. The Jets pulled it out late, and held off a Raiders drive on a pass that was declared a lateral which the Jets recovered.

3) Jets-Giants Exhibition Game - August 1969 - Jets 37 Giants 14. The Jets, fresh off their Super Bowl victory, met the Giants for the first time. Giants fans, calling the Super Bowl a fluke, predicted a big victory. It was the most seriously taken exhibition game in history. Namath destroyed the Giants, going 20-22. The Giants were embarrassed. The Jets gained more respect, and owned New York for a few years after that.

4) Jets-Raiders Playoff Game - 1982 - Jets 17 Raiders 14. Lyle Alzado rips Chris Ward's helmet off, and throws it at him as Raiders try to intimidate the Jets. It doesn't work as Jets come back to win. Long time Jets fans hate the Raiders. Just ask any Jets fan over 35.

5) Last Game of 1988 Season - Jets 27 Giants 21. Last minute touchdown knocks Giants out of the playoffs.

6) Regular Season Game - September 1972 - Jets 44 Colts 34. One of the greatest passing games in history - Namath versus Unitas. Namath throws for 496 yards in the days of running offenses.

7) Regular Season Game - 1986 - Jets 51 Dolphins 45 (OT). The Jets tie it on the last play of the game on a Ken O'Brien pass to Wesley Walker and they hook up early in OT to win it in a wild one.

8) Last Regular Season Game - 1991 - Jets 23 Dolphins 20 (OT). This put Jets in playoffs, and knocked out Dolphins. Jets drive down field in a matter of seconds to set up tying field goal in regulation. Highlight of the Coslet regime.

9) Regular Season Game - 1993 - Jets 10 Giants 6. Had to put one in that everyone remembers.

10) Playoff Game - 1982 - Jets 48 Bengals 14. Dethroning the AFC Champion Bengals.

## FROM THE SPORTSEditor's DESK

by Jay Castro

Girls, get on those leotards!!! Step aerobics is the happening new thing these days, and it's happening here at Willowbrook's Green Dolphin Lounge every Monday through Wednesday at 10:00 AM, and Friday at 12 PM. So go, and please stop asking me if your thighs are too fat.

For all of you wannabe cowboys and cowgirls, we have Western Line Dancing at the Sunnyside Lounge every Thursday evening at 7 pm beginning Sept. 22nd. I don't know exactly what it is, but it sounds like fun.

Reebok presents the 6th annual Timex fitness week, beginning on Oct. 20th. The day begins with a half mile walk (backwards) at 1:30 PM, followed by a three mile run at 1:45, the World's Largest Aerobics Class (?) at 2:00, and Master Kim's self defense class at 2:15. Prizes will be awarded by Timex and other sponsors, and Ocean Spray drinks will be provided as refreshment.

Off campus events include Raquetball at Golds Gym (300 W. Service Rd.) on weekdays (except Wednesday), 1:30--5 PM, and Saturdays, 7:00 AM--Noon. Wednesdays are only from 2--3:30 PM, but it's only \$2.00 to get in. Other days, the school will subsidize \$2.50 from the regular cost.

These are the dates and times for swimming at the Jewish Community Center (1297 Arthur Kill Rd.): Sundays, 8--10 AM, 4--5 PM, Mondays, 8:15--9:30 PM, Tuesdays 10:30 AM--1:30 PM, 7:30--9 PM, Wednesdays 8--10 PM, Thursdays 10 AM--1:30 PM, 7--9PM, Fridays 8:30 AM--1:30 PM.

Bowling at Country Lanes (1600 Hylan Blvd.) are on Sundays at 12:30 PM. Students sign up for 10 weeks and pay \$3.00 for three games.

To participate in off campus activities, you must follow three guidelines:

1. You must be a CSI student.
2. You must have a validated student ID card.
3. For swimming and raquetball, you must obtain a blue card from

one of two offices: 1C--214 at Willowbrook or Sunnyside C--132.

Monday Night Football-- Table top football in the Green Dolphin Lounge every Monday night at 7:30, sponsored by Ocean Spray. It consists of:

- A grass roots Collegiate NFL table game & football trivia.
- Teams must have three students (at least one female).
- Tournament held prior to Monday Night Football game.
- Events held in Campus Center with a large screen TV.
- Campus winners advance to regional competition.
- Regional winners advance to finals during finals during Super bowl week.
- Final champions receive tickets to Super Bowl XXIX in Miami.

It begins Oct. 24 (Houston vs. Philadelphia) For more info, contact either Kristi Nielson (1C--214, 982-3122) or Sonny Grasso (C--132, 390-7685).

Times for open recreation at Sunnyside gym are as follows: Basketball, Tuesday and Friday 1--3PM, Badminton, Wednesday 1--3 PM. Both sports are played Friday 6:30--9:30 PM. The weight room is open Monday through Friday 1--4 PM, except Tuesdays, when it's open 2--4 PM. It's also open Friday nights 6:30--9:30 PM. Bring your students ID's, sneakers and sweats. NO SHOES!!!

Beginning Oct. 1, the CSI Dolphins Men's Soccer and Women's Volleyball teams will begin Intercollegiate play. The Soccer team plays Hunter at 1:00 PM, while the girls go head to head at Old Westbury Tourney, time TBA. The Women's Tennis team plays Manhattanville Oct. 2, time also TBA.

For more info, see the CSI Intercollegiate & Intramural Recreation Sports Pages (from where much of this is plagiarized). Thanks, Kristi!!

## Sports Notes

Rangers signed goalie Mike Richter to a four year deal which is estimated between 2.5 and 2.9 million a year. Captain Mark Messier is still unsigned but rumor has it they are close to signing him to a deal close to what he was originally asking.

Devils goal tender Martin Brodeur said he would play out his option year of his contract this year. If he is not signed to a new contract than he plans to leave the team.

Lawrence Taylor (L.T.) former line backer for the Giants had his number 56 retired during a half time ceremony. L.T. thanked Giants fans for the support they gave him over the years and said, "Without you there would not have been an L.T." Lawrence is known as the greatest linebacker to ever play the game.

N.B.A. Pres. David Stern met with his owners and player reps. to discuss their new bargaining agreement. Although he says the season will start with no lockout or strike, players and owners are not optimistic and they will be the next sport to fall to cancellation of the season.

The N.B.A. began training camp two weeks ago and preseason began this past week. Knicks and Nets both look impressive as season nears start.

## Sports Quiz ANSWERS

1. Bill Lee, 2. Tug McGraw, 3. Seven

## NEW QUESTIONS

1. What free agent pitcher became a walking advertisement for cable TV after signing with Ted Turner's Atlanta Braves?
2. What do Eric Show, Rod Scurry and Alan Wiggins all have in common?
3. What pitcher once bit the head off of a fan's parrot?