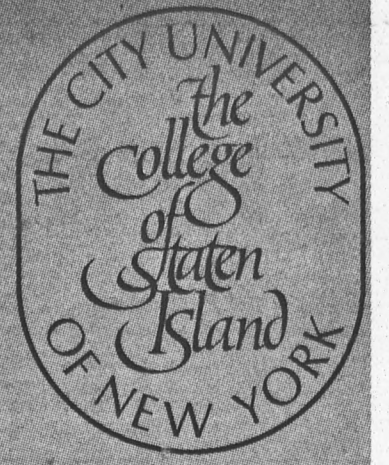


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### **Staten Island Hosts New York Fall Festival**

**By: David Bullock**

People from all over the United States and the world are coming to Staten Island. Why? Because The Staten Island Chamber of Commerce (SICC) and the Council on the Arts & Humanities for Staten Island (COAHSI) placed a successful application for the "I Love New York" Fall Festival, which is apart of the state's "I Love New York" tourism program.

Out of all the spectacular and majestic places in New York, Staten Island was chosen over 62 counties through a competitive bidding process much like the Olympics. People have been coming from all over the world since September 1 and will be coming till November 30 to a participate in Staten Island's activities and events.

As a result of the successful bid, Staten Island is promoting all the attractions that occur on the island. A fall foliage hot-line has been set up to describe the color of the leaves in the Greenbelt. Every weekend there will be a different theme highlighting a certain area of Staten Island. The "Country Western Weekend" highlights the annual Staten Island Rodeo, while a history weekend highlights Historic Richmond

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# Slow Down.....

By: David Bullock

Some say that the American car is one of the country's most beloved possessions. It is synchronous with images of freedom, independence and mobility. In some ways, it's a lot like college. But when the college and cars mix, some people at CSI want you to watch how much freedom and independence you use. The Director of Public Safety is enforcing a speed limit of 25 mph and is using new radar guns to get the job done.

The Department of Public Safety purchased one Speed Monitor II to make sure that CSI students are strictly following the speed limit. "The Speed Monitor is a new piece of equipment that we received. We are always looking for ways to have people obey the speed limit on campus," Gene Martinez, the Director of Public Safety explained. "We purchased the equipment a few months ago and my officers were trying it out. And as soon as the parking situation settled down at the beginning of the semester I had my officers set up the radar detection on campus and set up warnings." Starting October 14th, Public Safety will be issuing summonses to people on campus who are speeding.

Speeding has always been a problem on campus. There was an accident three years ago on May 31, 1994. Two people, a brother and a sister, were driving on the campus loop and got into an accident with a van. The brother and the sister were killed. It was an important incident that affected Public Safety, and the department doesn't want something like that to happen again. On campus, there have also been other accidents that didn't involve fatalities, but they could have been avoided if the drivers obeyed the speed limit.

"We have a very good roadway," continued Mr. Martinez, "and I want people to watch their speed at all times. One of my biggest concerns is traffic safety." In addition to the purchase of the radar gun, Public Safety is thinking of taking other precautions to curb the speed limit on campus. Road altering devices such as speed bumps and road striations are being considered. These devices would physically force people to slow down.

The Speed Monitor II is also one piece of hi-tech equipment. It is

**"We are always looking for ways to have people obey the speed limit on campus" -**

*Gene Martinez  
Director of Public Safety*

described as a portable speed display with self-contained, one-direction radar sensor. It has an approach only sensor which makes sure that there will be no false speed due to opposite direction traffic, a radar range of 600 feet and a narrow radar beam width which gives precise selection of traffic lanes. The device is manufactured by MPH Industries. Costing \$2500 or more, it is one expensive piece of equipment. One thing concerns me. Can you avoid the radar gun somehow?

There is some strict enforcement that will be administered if anyone is found speeding on campus. All tickets have

to be paid by the due date, either in person at the Office of Parking Services or by mail. Tickets range from \$15 to \$40, and there is a risk that your car can be "booted" off campus. An appeal can be brought forth if one finds a discrepancy with the violation. Appeals must be made in writing, on a special form available from the Office of Parking Services.

At first the speed limit was 15 mph, but that was deemed inappropriate. CSI students were given a little edge for traveling around campus. So eat, drink and be merry. Just don't drive over 25.



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# NYPIRG Holds General Interest Meeting

By: Charlo C Almeda, Jr.

The Staten Island chapter of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) held its 20th General Interest Meeting at the Green Dolphin Lounge on Thursday, September 25th during club hours. Over 90 students attended the event being informed of NYPIRG's various projects for the fall semester. Some projects include Homeless Empowerment, Voter Registration, and the Small Claims Court Action Center.

CSI NYPIRG is one of the 19 college campus chapters throughout New York State. NYPIRG is known as the largest consumer, environmental, and government reform organization. It boasts in playing an integral role in pushing numerous pieces of reform in public interest legislation. One example was the passing of an environmental law requiring the Fresh Kills Landfill, the world's largest garbage dump, by December 31, 2001.

There were several speakers during the event. These speakers were Joann Raiola, Ingrid MomPoint, Tara Khan, John Ohlson, and Olusoji Oluwole, the NYPIRG State Board Representative of CSI. William Wharton, President of Student Government, gave an introductory speech and Chris Meyer, the NYPIRG Executive Director, was the keynote speaker.

When interviewing Chris Meyer about the purpose of the event, he commented, "The purpose of my speech is to inspire each individual to take a little bit of time from their busy schedule to volunteer with NYPIRG this semester." He further commented, "There is a lot of great projects [environmental, consumer, public health, voter registration] that will be beneficial to the community. In addition, it is good for students of learning important skills [of organizing] adding to their resume."

Also interviewed was one of the new project coordinators of the Staten Island chapter, Greg Mihailovich. He discussed the purpose of the General Interest Meeting, "The main reason for this event was recruitment. This event is mainly a publicity event. A lot of people does not know about NYPIRG. CSI NYPIRG has been here for twenty years and [when presenting about NYPIRG] I receive numerous replies, such as 'Are you new here on this campus?' " He furthered continued, "NYPIRG just wants to get people aware of what we do to get them involved."

An incumbent for approximately three years, Olusoji Oluwole, CSI NYPIRG's state board representative felt very pleased with the outcome of the event. Rep. Oluwole remarked, "I was surprised by the huge turnout knowing that it was a short time of putting [the event] together. I hope that with the success of the G.I.M. (General Interest Meeting), more people will be involved in projects such as internships or voter registration."

The audience looked very inquisitive and curious as they listened to the speakers. The reaction of the crowd was positive. Certain students commented that the event was very interesting and that they would like to know more about NYPIRG. After the event, numerous students signed up to be involved in specific projects.

Chris Meyer summed up the essence of this event, "Unless students get involved, our democracy is at peril, with the manifestation of the campaign finance scandals that are engulfing in Washington. Students have been leaders in expanding democracy and we will start here in CSI."

## Academic Success Week

October 20 - 24, 1997

Academic Success Week will be held from Monday, October 20, 1997 through Friday, October 24, 1997. This comprehensive, college wide initiative is designed to provide students with meaningful information to enhance their academic success. Faculty and staff will conduct workshops and panels which will familiarize students with the academic requirements and available services at CSI Presentation will include:

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**Counseling**

**Student Life seminars**

**Technology seminars**

**Tutoring program seminars**

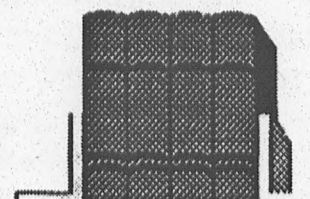
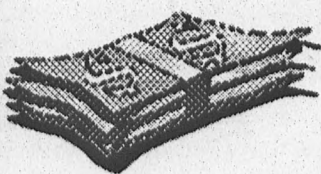
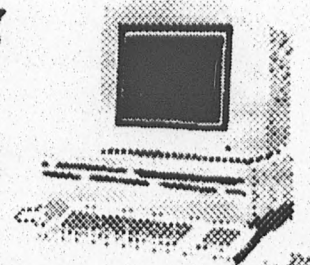
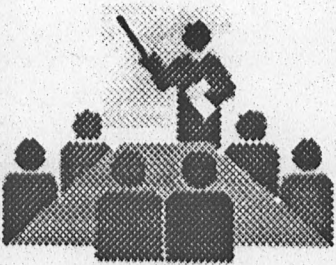
**Health & Wellness programs**

**Financial Aid/Scholarship workshop**

**Academic Advisement**

**Academic Support Center seminars**

**Library Workshop**



Faculty information will be disseminated during the first and second weeks of October. This initiative is co-sponsored by the offices of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Vice President for Student Affairs.



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## C.S.I.'s ACCOMPLISHMENTS

By: Joseph Canale

CSI's President Dr. Marlene Springer gave her annual convocation last week. The President's address, a mix of accomplishments, concerns, plans, and humor was given in the Williamson Theater and was attended by approximately 250 faculty, students, and staff. The purpose of the event was to welcome the college community back and discuss the results of the previous year's initiatives and upcoming endeavors.

The overall tenor of the speech was generally uplifting. The speech had a "harvest theme" in which the President described the past year as "productive". She stated, "it was productive especially in terms CSI standards because we have been consistently functioning with a diminishing number faculty and staff for a long time. And we've been asked to do more with less for so long that it is difficult to define either term but things are looking better our requests for more have begun to happen."

The President went on to take a look back at some achievements from last year and cited the hiring of 26 new faculty positions, the faculty and staff publishing 15 new books and 2 dozen articles, as well as the faculty and staff receiving almost 6 million in grants. She also went on to talk about the completion and adoption of the CSI Multi-Year plan which will chart the direction of the College in the future. The President discussed the changes the Multi-Year plan will bring and stated, "we owe our students and ourselves no less than a continued commitment to improvement and quality."

The President identified the issue of technology as a major concern. Her comments focused on the need for the college to embrace the technology revolution. In addressing the college's state of affairs with technology, the President appointed a CSI Task Force to do an institutional technology plan to go along with the Multi-Year plan. Also within the technology discussion the President brought up the implementation of the SIMS (Student Information Management System). SIMS, which is a support system that will ultimately facilitate everything that is done for students, will be operational in February.

It will deal with everything from advisement, registration, financial aid, billing, collection, to graduation. The President stated that with the introduction of SIMS, "in the long run we will streamline many of our own services." A direct benefit for students though, will be that the college's telephone registration system will then be brought on-line, and will be operational in Fall of 1998. The President said, "we are far ahead of everyone within CUNY in terms of technology and that we have been generous in sharing our expertise."

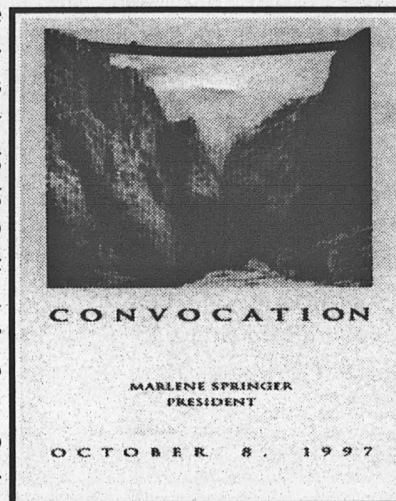
Another concern the President raised was the Library. She alluded to the fact that things at the Library would have to change. Dr. Springer stated, "that times are not a changin they've already changed." She agreed the Library was inadequate, but the college has to agree where it is inadequate and a decision would have to be made as to what the Library should be. The President called for a new mission for the Library with eclectic needs in mind, and sought wide participation from the college in developing this.

The President strongly commented about the fate of students at the college and their education. She focused on the importance of public perception relating to students when stating, "what people think of a CSI degree will be the label that employers, their neighbors, their children, and their families place on it." The President further commented, "I want that label to be a good one and I can talk about standards and goals until I'm

blue and maroon in the face but I need help." The President called for constructive suggestions on how to make it better and stated she would try and use those suggestions. Going into more depth about the well-being of students, the President touched on the vast difficulties that plague us.

Among the difficulties mentioned were the juggling of classes, work, high tuition, high stress, Workfare, and Welfare reform. The President stated, "the Marchi/ Ramirez bill sponsored by John Marchi, after we went and asked him to do this has made it possible for Welfare recipients to do their Workfare on campus." The President also explained that although students pay for their college, 1/3 is paid for by those who will never set foot on a college campus. She stated, "students must know that they are a privileged elite group- less than 1% of the world's population and probably less now has the privilege of any extended education."

The President announced that the administration is doing its best to help. Dr. Springer explained the library hours have been extended, and that prior loss of services are gradually being recouped. Additionally, the President is bringing back a limited number classes on Sunday in order to help students that need courses on weekends. She was happy to point out that new parking spaces have been added, and that she is looking to pave some of the gravel lots. She wants to increase the campus lighting by adding more lights and added that she has made a capitol request for this. Dr. Springer is also trying to get the computer labs open longer.





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The President pointed out that remediation is a continuing concern, as well as, access in the face of all the attacks on CUNY. The President stated, "that 46% of our students in remedial classes are under 20 years old." Thus, pointing out that this a problem CSI has inherited from the secondary schools. The President took this in stride when she said, "this is a challenge to us". The President cited grade inflation as another problem in some areas and "that some faculty are going to have to make more accurate assessments of their student's accomplishments." The President's focus on standards continued on the scores of Teacher Education exams, and she made a call to do better. The President reflected on the adjunct faculty rate and stated, "full time faculty has to be a priority." Additionally, the President stated that the administration is continuing to work on this.

The President closed her address with a story from a book called "The Heart Around Us" by David White. The moral of which was "we all come to bridges in our

lives when it seems too scary, or too troublesome, or too unknown to cross and than you realize that it can be done and you just do it." The President said, "right now I think we sometimes feel like we're swaying in the wind and the outside pressures of the last three years have certainly buffeted CSI, but as colleagues and as an institution we will share hope with each other and we will continue to cross that bridge and build new ones....we'll just do it."

The President's address ended with sustained applause and a harvest reception. A student that was present for the address, Mina Imtanos commented, "I think the President's speech was great it spoke about helping students and their environment." Dr. Sandi Cooper, a professor of History at CSI and Chair of the Faculty Senate/CUNY Trustee stated, "I think the address was right on target, it was upbeat, humorous, targeted, and well structured. We should be proud that we have one of CUNY's best."

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Town, the Conference House and Fort Wadsworth, and an outdoors weekend will highlight Staten Island's parks and nature trails. Roberta Scott Boatti, Director of Business Development at SICC noted, "The festival takes all the existing events on Staten Island and markets it under the umbrella of the 'I Love NY' Fall Festival."

Sponsors for the festival include The Port Authority of NY & NJ, Citibank, Con Edison, Brooklyn Union, Richmond County Savings Bank, the Committee to Reelect Vito Fossella among others. Hosting the festival is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Staten Island. Much revenue should come about from the program. Gina Gutman, Director of Tourism at the Staten Island Tourism Council, which has been asked to Co-Chair the Festival, stated, "The elimination of the ferry fare comes at an ideal time. One could see the best

Staten Island has too offer- from jazz to Italian history to historic tours." She adds that the response has been positive and that the Staten Island Tourism Council has needed to call on interpreters for the international response that it was getting.

In 1995, Queens hosted the festival and there was a 50% increase in attendance in their local events. Staten Island should expect the same increase for the 1997 Fall Festival.

So far the festival is going well. One event held at the Seguine House was extremely successful. The "Funday Horse Show" was held September 28, and had about 400 spectators and participants combined. Christine Carrieri, a former CSI student, who is now Director of Equestrian Events at the Seguine House, clarified, "Lots of families showed up. There was a blacksmith and horse tapes. Renowned artist Bob Travis came and made wildlife



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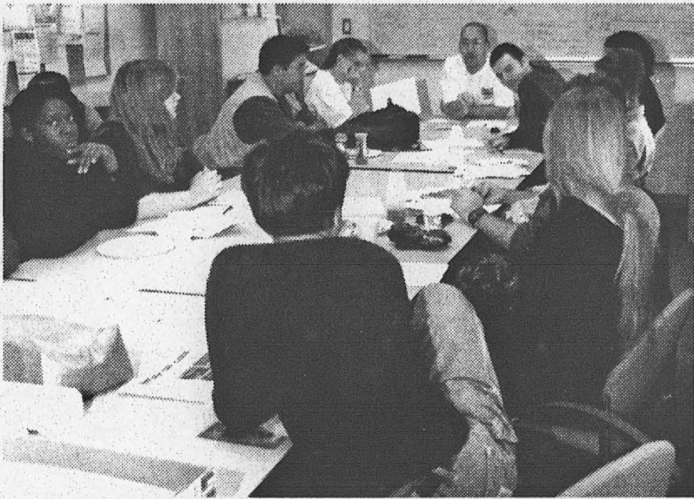


# Student Government News Briefs

By: Charlo C. Almeda, Jr.

## Student Government Denies Student Union Chartering.

CSI Student Government on September 25 approved the most recent chartered clubs with the exception of the Student Union club. Senator Neil Schuldiner, one of the original members of the club, questioned whether the previous club officers had been informed of the chartering process. Senator John Pae, Commissioner of Clubs and Organizations, explained that there



Our Student Government at work.

was not any policy by the Club Commission concerning internal matters. He noted that the commission must accept the first chartering packet, whether a name of a previous club was taken or not. Senator Colleen McGraham, Commissioner of Publications, was disenchanted of the process the Student Union club was chartered without the knowledge of certain students. Meri Kaufman, acting College

Coordinator of Clubs and Organizations, stated that the process chartering of the the Student Union was legal despite ethical difficulties. Other senators were concerned of the Student Union chartering process since some of them were the original members of the club. Senator Joanne Gallo, another original member rechartering the Student Union expressed her total disapproval

of the Student Government's pending decision on the status of the Student Union. The Student Government approved all the clubs with the exception of the Student Union by a vote of 6-3-1.

**Student Government sponsors A.C.C.E.S.S.** CSI Student Government has sponsored a forum series called Academic and Curricular

Consortium Speaker Series (ACCESS). Such issues that will be presented, but not limited to, are multiculturalism, nationalism, and gender issues. The next program would be a forum entitled CUNY in Crisis with speakers: Sandi Cooper, Joseph Murphy, and Frances Fox-Piven.

**October Student Government Elections coming.** Nominations for one Upper Division seat, two Lower Division seats and one Graduate seat will begin on September 29th and run through October 16th. Nomination forms could be picked up at 1C-207.



Joanne Gallo Shows her total disgust, while Morgan Healy looks on.

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and Native American paintings."

CSI is playing a special role in the festival. Events such as the Italian Opera Company and the Staten Island Symphony will be promoted to the public at large. Laura Jean Watters, Executive Director of COAHSI explained, "The college has been very active. Laura Graham and Eugene Matta have lent us [the Fall Festival] the Center of the Arts to use to hold the initial planning meeting. [CSI] has been instrumental to the program. It is a state-of-the-art facility with a wide variety of programming

How have CSI students reacted to the Fall Festival? When interviewed informally, most did not know there was a festival being held on Staten Island or that CSI was hosting some of the festival's events. Asha Sampath, a Sophomore, had a positive note to add to the fact that CSI was hosting some events, "CSI has a wide variety of clubs that represents cultures each in their own way. Events such as the World on Wednesday would be a great event to visit." Jackie Carlson, a Freshman, added, "CSI would be a good host for people all around the world because

of the different ethnicities at this school."

Many students also thought that the Fall Festival would be good for Staten Island. "I think its good that Staten Island gets more exposure. Staten Island has always been the 'forgotten' borough and maybe this would help," said Aurora Gurgone, a Senior. Sophomore, Tete Tetteviah believed, "The Fall Festival is a good idea. Staten Island is a quiet place. I would go to the events." After looking at the festival brochure, Joseph Imbriano summed, "Its nice that you have a variety of things that you can do. And you can learn a lot. All the free things here are good too." With that incentive, its no wonder that the 1997 "I Love NY" Fall Festival has been a success so far.

If you are interested in a calendar of events, you should call the Staten Island Tourism Council at its toll free number - (800)-573-SINY. A more comprehensive list of information could be found at the festival's web site at (<http://www.sifest.org/>). There will also be people to greet visitors at the ferry terminals at St. George and South Ferry on week-ends.



# Safety First....

By: Meredith Fogelman

The College of Staten Island hosted the first annual children's health and safety fair on Saturday Sept. 20, between 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. This event was sponsored by Women, Infants and Children, Staten Island Coalition to Support Breast Feeding, Bayley Seton, Staten Island University and St. Vincent's Hospital.

Some on going events throughout the day included face painting by Crayon Blu, ambulance and fire truck tours, arts and crafts with the Staten Island Children's Museum, photos with cartoon characters and finger painting, police dogs, motorcycle patrol and Magruff the crime dog by the New York Police Department. There were also about 50 tables set up in the cafeteria for information, displays and presentations. A few of the more interesting tables would have to have been the attention deficit disorder information table, the therapeutic massage table and the mothers resources table. There also were many doctors and dentists providing valuable information.

The most popular events of the day were the karate self-defense demonstration by the House of Karate and the Fashion Show. The House of Karate gave a full

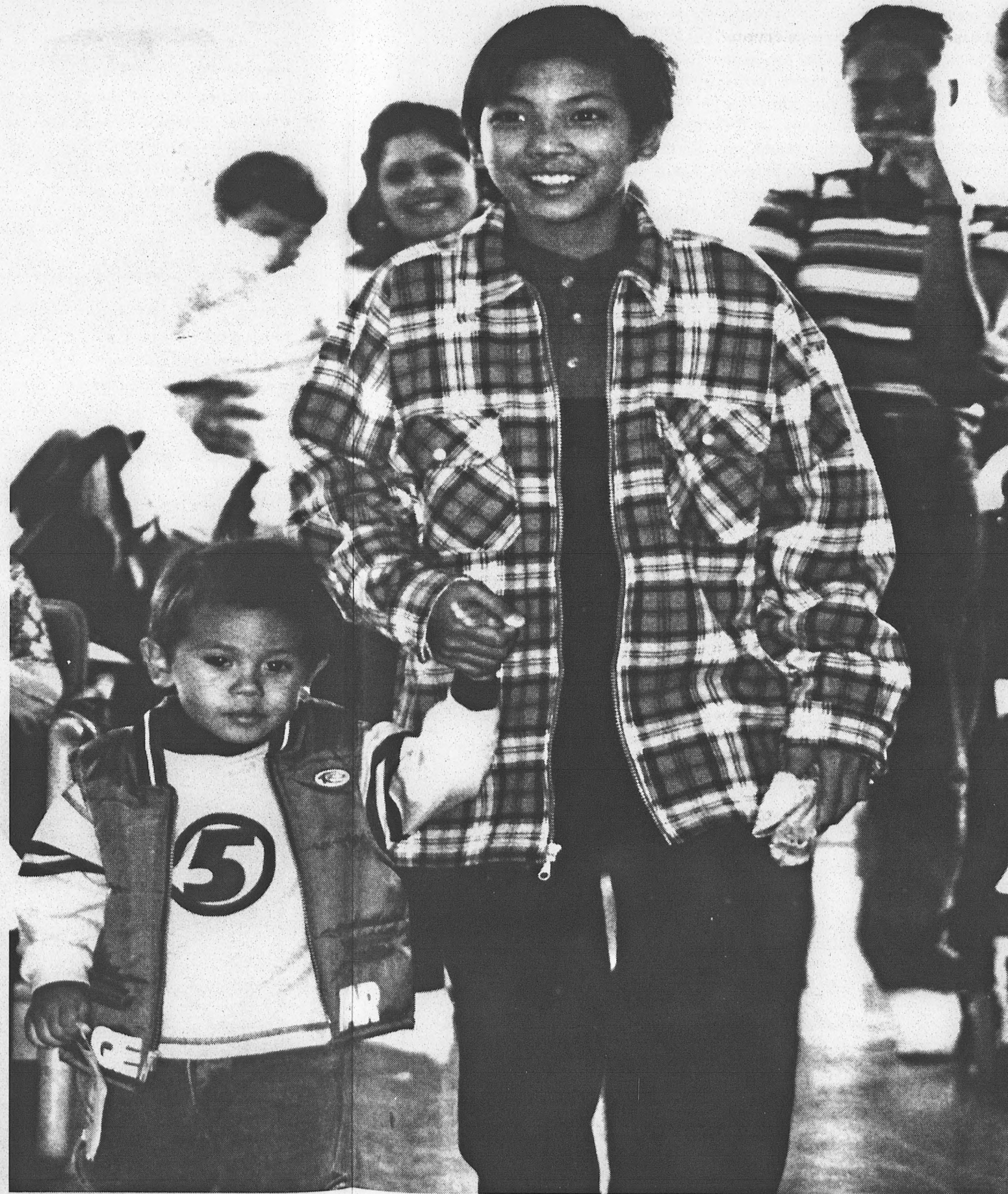
class example of self-defense moves, and warm up techniques on the lawn behind the Green Dolphin Lounge at 12:30. At 1:15 p.m., the largest part of the fair began; the mother and child fashion show. The mothers were all wearing clothes from Learners, of the Staten Island Mall. While the children, who ranged in age from 6-months to 14-years-old wore clothes from the Children's Place, of the Staten Island Mall.

A few days after the fair, I spoke with Linda Lotito, a representative of WIC, who was on the planning committee. She informed me that "all the vendors were very happy with the turnout, they were already asking when the next fair will be."

She mention that the one big disappointment to everyone was that the Staten Island Advance did not feel that this event was "big enough or important enough" to be covered by them.

Despite the fact that they extensively advertised in the Staten Island Advance and elsewhere. Yet she said the overall feeling was that this event "was a great success" and she is hoping they will be able to do it again next year.

Ms. Lotito ask me to make the point that the children's Health and Safety Fair's overall message was that our children our future and we need to protect them to the best of our knowledge, which is what we are trying to help provide.

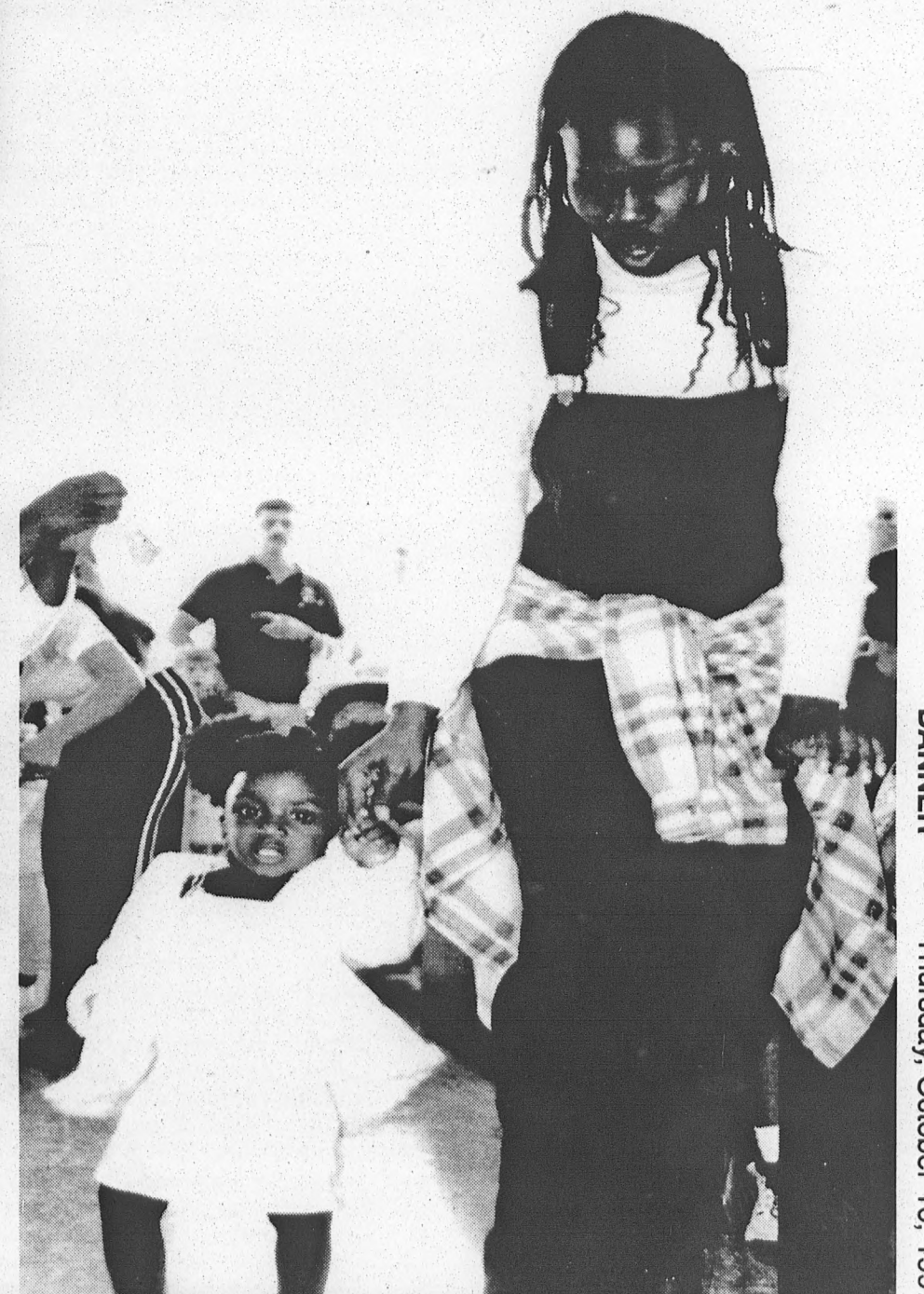


Left- Arielle Digennaro, 2 seems to be having a great time at the Fair after having had her face painted and making that great hat with the Children's Museum.

Above- These two young men are modeling the latest fashions from The Children's Place. Aren't they cute?

This mother- daughter team seems to be having a great time modeling these clothes from Lerner's and The Children's Place, during the fashion show.

Right- This is just one of the many tables, with just a few of the people, enjoying the fair while gathering as much information as possible.





# McCourt is Amusing

By: Louis Bardel

Perhaps a distinctive Irish-American culture is a thing of the past, but what a past it is. Best selling author of *Angela's Ashes*, Frank McCourt, has assembled a new tour de force of songs and stories about "The Irish...And How They Got That Way," directed by Charlotte Moore, now appearing at the Irish Repertory Theatre in Manhattan.

I may be the only one who has not read *Angela's Ashes*, but when I do, if the book fails to equal the quality of "The Irish...And How They Got That Way," I will recommend to Mr. McCourt that he consider Charlotte Moore as a ghostwriter for the next edition of his memoirs because "The Irish..." is an enthralling play.

The meat of the play lies in the history of the Irish folk, their joyful art and their political tribulations. For this play Moore is doing another excellent directing job. From choreography to costume design the presentation is precise. And despite the sorrowful side of Irish history, the play is done with a pleasant flair.

Ciaran O'Reilly sets the tone of the play immediately in Act I when he says, "We are the music makers; The dreamers of dreams." Imagination and fancy have traditionally been the Irish persons ways of entertaining themselves and also relieving the hardships of life. As the Earl of Beaconsfield, Benjamin Disraeli, so eloquently stated in 1868, "These (Irish) are discontented because they are not amused." When Ireland produces such literary greats as Thomas Moore, Sean O'Casey, G.B. Shaw, Brendan Behan, Samuel Beckett, Bono, it is not a bad bet to say the Irish like to be amused. But more seriously, perhaps one of the reasons why the Irish were not so "amused" in the 19th century was because the English State regularly forced the exportation of Irish grain and beef; that must have been especially painful to take in the midst of the 1840's decade-long-bad potato crop. One quarter of the Irish population emigrated to other countries or died during that time. The play combines history and personal emotion, so that we do not lose sight of actual human feelings. Anger and longing are potently expressed in the song "Fields of Athenry" performed by Marian Tomas Griffin. The song is about loving a man who has been unjustly put into an English jail. These sentiments are what fuel Irish politics to this day; the song makes the political personal.

Between 1840 and 1860 1.7 million Irish emigrated from Ireland

to the United States leaving behind English law and the heavy weight of the past. They hoped the United States would be a sanctuary, and it was. Of course, the new Irish-Americans were abused, best expressed in the song "No Irish Need Apply," but there was also escape from wrenching poverty, more opportunity than existed in Ireland, and there was political successes as well. Ciaran O'Reilly, the Irish Rep's co-founder along with Charlotte Moore, and part of the six-person ensemble, tells a strong tale about being a politician at Tammany Hall. O'Reilly's character explains that when a public official helps to provide housing and clothes for his constituents, it is not called philanthropy — it is called politics. Then narrative cynically moves to explain the finer points of illegal and legal graft — to Tammany Hall politicians there was a

difference. Charming in its boldness, riveting because of its apparent timelessness, the skit shows that holding political office can be both beneficial and corrupting. Just as some powerless Irish were discriminated against, the same way other groups throughout history have been, quite harshly, other powerful Irish took too much from the political system. It is a clear example that life is a struggle between the powerful and the powerless; demeaning characterizations according to merit and intelligence are some tools that the powerful use to justify the exploitation of the powerless (see the despicable attacks some of the powerful have recently made on CUNY; or the gross stereotyping of people on Welfare). McCourt's picks of such songs as the "Irish Washer Woman" and "Erie Canal," shows his artistic allegiance to the working class point of view.

Some may be turned off to the tales of hardship, for we can sometimes start forgetting the beauty of

life. But this is where the play comes through powerfully. Showing the force and potential of life, the beautiful music, the sharply enunciated poetic dialogue, and the costumes combines for a mesmerizing experience.

Terry Donnelly, clothed in a handsome burgundy suede dress, is a model actress; her stage presence alternates between passionate sensitivity and frolicking humor, examples of both are when she longingly sings "Galway Bay" and tells the jocular tale of "Finnegan's Wake."

One of the fine points of the production is the velvet-heart tones of Ciaran Sheehan. "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen," which deals with the inheritance of culture, and "Skibereen" are two songs that are both touching and endearing.

Marian Tomas Griffin, who wears a gorgeous blue-emerald satin dress, and plays a great Irish tin flute, is especially fanciful, especially when she sings. What makes her even more

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## Wellness Column:

### Helping A Friend Who Drinks

By: Allison Gigante, Peer Educator

There's no question that most people who use alcohol don't develop alcoholism. Still most people who become alcoholic never thought it would happen to them and from its earliest stages, alcoholism employs a complex system of rationalization and denial which keeps an alcoholic and his friends and family from effectively dealing with the disease. Would you know if alcoholism was effecting someone close to you?

Generally, alcoholism is a pattern of drinking that causes trouble in the drinker's personal, work, or family life. But experts also know that alcoholism is an illness. It has early warning signs and symptoms, any one of which can signal that a friend may be developing a problem. These include:

- Σ Using alcohol to deal with problems or to cope with difficult situations.
- Σ Drinking more often, consuming larger amounts, or both.
- Σ Hiding the amount of alcohol consumed, drinking alone or with strangers.
- Σ Gulping drinks or switching to more "potent" drinks to get the effect quickly.
- Σ Getting annoyed when others comment about how much he or she drinks.
- Σ Being uncomfortable when alcohol is not available.
- Σ Thinking its cool or sophisticated to "hold their liquor" or to drink their friends "under the table".
- Σ Feelings of guilt about drinking.

In addition, other signs that may signal a developing or existing alcohol problem include:

- *Drinking more than planned.* "Loss of control" or planning to have only one or two drinks and ending up intoxicated is a sure sign of trouble.
- *Becoming a different person when drinking.* A quiet person who becomes argumentative or an emotional person who becomes weepy or sad when drinking.
- *Blackouts.* Loss of memory for a period of time when drinking. Also known as alcoholic amnesia.
- *Frequent intoxication.* Although you can have an alcohol problem without ever getting "falling down drunk", frequent intoxication does make it more likely that problems will result from drinking.

- *Drinking to feel normal.* There is cause for concern when alcohol is used to become associated with the need to feel normal. Using alcohol to regulate highs and lows from other drugs also means trouble.

It makes no difference how long someone has been drinking, what alcoholic beverage is used, or whether that person drinks every day.

If you see these signs in someone you care about, it's time to take a look at what drinking alcohol is doing to their life, and yours. You don't need to be able to know how to diagnose alcoholism — if someone's drinking is causing problems, it's a problem. You also never need to deal with an alcohol problem alone.

On Thursday, October 16th, the Wellness Program will be sponsoring a program entitled "How to Help a Friend that Drinks Too Much" with Joanne Hollan, a substance abuse specialist. As with all Wellness events, this program is Clue certified and promises to be informative, enlightening and entertaining. Ms. Hollan is an expert in her field and is also director of the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Certification program through The College of Staten Island's Continuing Education Department.

In addition, on campus, the Peer Drop-In Center, 1C-112, has information about alcohol and substance abuse and the resources on Staten Island that offer help. Trained peer educators are always on hand to offer assistance, guidance and a concerned ear in an atmosphere of confidentiality. Drop-In anytime you need someone to talk to. We are located inside Health Services office in the Campus Center, Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., from 9-5 and Wednesday from 10-7p.m. No appointment is necessary, just follow the signs to the Drop-In Center.



# Poetry

## UNCONQUERED LOVE

By: Michele Robillard

THE TWO ARE DIVIDED,  
ONE IN LIFE,  
THE OTHER DEATH.....  
BUT YET THEY STILL VALIANTLY CLING  
TO THAT ELUSIVE QUALITY  
LOVE BETWEEN THE TWO SEXES.....  
AND YET LOVE WILL ARISE ETERNAL FANNING THE FLAMES  
OF DESIRE.

## Untitled

By: Ed Valentino

I USED TO SIT AND WONDER,  
ABOUT THE LOUD AND DISTANT THUNDER,  
WHAT IT MEANT AND EXACTLY WHERE IT WAS HEADED,  
THAT I NEVER KNEW.  
THE RAIN FELL DOWN SO SOFTLY,  
THE LIGHTNING DANCED ACROSS THE SKY,  
I SAT AND WATCHED THIS,  
ALL THE TIME I WONDERED WHY.  
NATURE IS A MAGICAL FORCE,  
WHO CAN'T BE SECOND GUESSED,  
SHE CAN PICK YOU UP AND SHAKE YOU,  
AND DRENCH YOU LIKE THE REST.  
SUMMER SKIES ARE GLOWING RED,  
THE SUN IS SETTING LOW.  
THERE'S LEMONADE IN THE KITCHEN.  
TIME BEGINS TO SLOW,  
THERE ARE BETTER TIMES AHEAD.  
THE MOON RISES HIGH IN THE ATMOSPHERE,  
THE SUN HAS GONE TO BED.  
I NEVER WONDER ANYMORE  
OF THUNDER, LIGHTENING, OR RAIN,  
I HAVE REACHED A NEW LEVEL,  
WHERE NATURE IS MY FRIEND.  
I NEVER GUESS,  
I NEVER QUESTION,  
I TREAT HER WITH RESPECT.  
NATURE IS ALL POWERFUL,  
SHE SHOULD NEVER BE GIVEN NEGLECT.  
THE LIGHTS ABOVE DANCE,  
LIKE A SUPERNATURAL BALLET,  
WHERE TIME AND NATURE MAKE THE BEST PARTENERS.  
ALL IS QUIET AS NIGHT PASSES SLOWLY.

## SHADOWS

By: Michele Robillard

A SHADOW SILENTLY SLITHERS  
ALONG THE SIDEWALK  
SLITHERING ALONG IT COMES ACROSS A LONE DAISY  
GROWING VALIANTLY IN THE TENUOUS SIDEWALK. IT  
HUNGRILY DEVOURS IT. BYE, BYE DAISY!  
IT FLOWS ALONG, IT COMES ACROSS A SHOE, THE SHOE  
IS UNINHABITED. IS IT STILL HUNGRY???

## Untitled

By: Ed Valentino

HEAVEN,  
GOD, AND ALL THE ANGELS SMILING.  
YOUR BEAUTY MAKES THE ROSES BLOOM,  
YOUR GRACE GIVES BIRDS THEIR FLIGHT.  
THE SOUND OF YOUR VOICE IS MUSIC TO MY EARS.  
THE MOON,  
GLOWING HIGH IN THE EVENING SKY.  
LIGHTING YOUR WAY THROUGH DARKENED  
NIGHTS,  
THE PATH TO MY LOVE IS CLEAR.  
ALL THE BESTIAL BODIES PLAY SONGS FOR YOU.  
BEAUTY,  
ANGEL,  
LIFE.  
SHOW ME THE WAY TO KNOWLEDGE.  
HEAVEN SENDS YOU TO ME,  
THE EARTH BINDS US AS ONE.  
GOD HAS GIVEN US TO EACH OTHER,  
LET THE LOVE GROW GREATER BY THE MINUTE.  
LOOK TO THE FUTURE,  
YOU WILL SEE ME.  
I'M HERE FOR THE LONG HAUL.  
THE ONLY THING WE NEED IS LOVE,  
THE ONLY PEOPLE THERE ARE IS US.  
HOLD MY HAND,  
THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW TENDERNESS.  
KISS ME,  
THAT I SHOULD KNOW LIFE.

## IDENTITY

BY: MICHELE ROBILLARD

WHO AM I? DO YOU KNOW? AM I  
REALLY HERE OR IS MY EXISTENCE  
EXOSTENSIAL IN REALITY? DO  
YOU KNOW? DOES ANYONE? COULD  
YOU TELL ME?!

## STARS

By: Michele Robillard

A STAR TRAVELS THROUGHOUT  
SPACE AND TIME, ITS PRIMORDIAL  
CHACTERISTIC COMING FROM A  
SOLID MONOLITH WHICH HAS BEEN  
FLOATING FREE IN STELLAR  
SPACE, IT RICCOCHETS OFF THE  
CONCRETE MONOLITH LIKE UNTO A  
PINBALL. WHERE WILL IT RAIN  
DOWN ON US IN THE NEAR FATAL-  
ISTIC FUTURE?!



# The Ink Spot

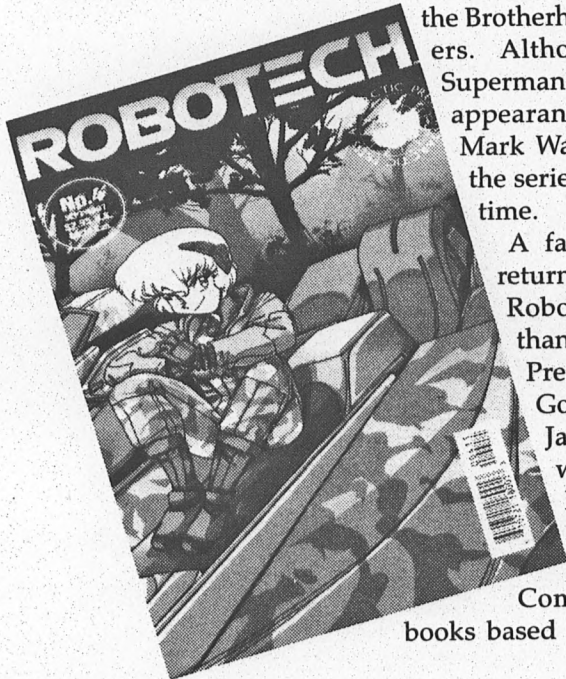
By: Shawn Fisher

Last year DC comics amazed us with its year long maxiseries Batman: The Long Halloween. Set in the Year One format "The Long Halloween" followed the adventures of the Dark Knight during his early years. The year long murder mystery now draws to a close with issue 13, where the identity of the serial killer Holiday is revealed. Each issue of the series has provided us with one more suspect who motives are just as legitimate as all the others. Those who have followed the story all along knows that one of Batmans Most dangerous foes (Two Face) will come to be in issue 13. Whether or not he is also the killer Holiday remains to seen. The Year One formula is a marvelous way of giving readers insight into their favorite characters I'm glad that DC is planning to do it again with JLA Year One.

The Justice League of America has been part of the DC Universe (DCU) in one form or the other since the sixties. Recently the book was relaunched and retitled simply be JLA. The new book consist of the DCU's dream team with Batman, Superman, Martian Manhunter Green Lantern, Aquaman, Wonder Woman and the Flash. Since its reincarnation the JLA has become DC comics most popular title with sales in the industries top ten every month. DC comics now want to turn this book into a franchise meaning merchandising movies and of coarse more comics. With the advent of this comes JLA: Year One. Year One is a 12 issue maxiseries that will follows the formation of the original JLA. The story will take place after an alien threat causes five of Earth's mightiest heroes to come together. The Flash, Green Lantern, Martian Manhunter, Black Canary and Aquaman become the founding members of the JLA. As we follow how these five young defenders gain experience in being heroes, forge close friendships with one another and eventually become the grade A team we know today. In Year One they will confront such

villains as Vandal Savage, T.O Morrow, and the Brotherhood of Evil as well countless others. Although not founding members Superman and Batman will also make an appearance in the series. With writers Mark Waid and Brian Augustyn plotting the series readers should be in for a good time.

A favorite from my childhood has return to the world of comic books. Robotech is back from obscurity thanks to the kind folks at Antarctic Press. In the early eighties Harmony Gold purchased the rights to three Japanese animated shows, which were Macross, Southern cross and Mesopedeia. The programs were re animated and combined into one saga. At the same time Comico began publishing comic books based on the new version. Comico put



out three separate series based on the new trilogy titled respectively The Macross Saga, The Masters and The New Generation.

The Macross Saga begins in the late nineties with World War Three plaguing the Earth. Along comes a mysterious spaceship crashing on our world planet. What is discovered inside this three quarter mile ship is shocking enough to cause the nations of the world to cease hostilities and unify under one flag. Years later enter Rick Hunter a flying circus stunt pilot on his way to help his friend Commander Roy Folker celebrate the restoration of the alien spacecraft now called the SDF-1. Things go bad though when the Earth is invaded by an unknown foe. Over the coarse of the Macross Saga it is discovered that the giant aliens called Zentrati serve another race called the Masters who genetically breed the Zentrati for war. At the end of the first Robotech war its veterans leave Earth in search of the Masters homeworld.

Enter the Masters who have come to Earth to complete the task that their warrior race failed to do, retrieve the SDF-1. The soldiers of the Southern Cross are all that were left behind to defend the Earth. This includes Dana Sterling daughter of Max and Mira key characters from the first saga. As the story progresses it is revealed that the SDF-1 was the flag ship or Zor Prime the scientist responsible for creating Protoculture the substance that powers all of the Masters technology. The SDF-1 had contained the only known records for creating Protoculture, which is why the Masters want it back. By the end of the second war the Masters and humans join forces to battle a greater threat.

The Invid have come to Earth and are quite pissed off. Apparently Protoculture comes from a plant that originally grew on their home world. That is until the Masters came and took it all away. Unfortunate for the Invid who rely on it for a source of food. First rule of galactic peace never mess with an aliens dinner. After being drained by the first two Robotech Wars Earth was ill prepared for the Invid invasion. Now its up to the Expeditionary force to return to Earth and retake our home world.

Now that you know the original story you can enjoy Antarctica Press new rendition of this classic. The new Robotech won't be a rehash of old material rather new stories the fit in between the original continuity. Any one who grew up on Eighties cartoons will defiantly enjoy this book.

**Overstreet defines:**

**Superhero** A costumed hero crime fighter with powers beyond those of mortal man.

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impressive is the accompaniment of the musicians Rusty Magee (Piano/Accordian) and Bob Green (Fiddle/Bazouki). The bazouki, which is like an electric guitar, is a daring move, and is done well. Still electrically amplified sounds at the Irish Rep feels a little strange. The Bazouki is played for "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For," the last number of the show, when the ensemble comes together to each sing parts of the popular song/poem by Bono. This works, and by including the song in "The Irish..." McCourt

has recognized Bono as a great contemporary poet. Placing this song last, McCourt makes a statement about the Irish people — ultimately they are about searching for Love. That is what Bono's lyrics speak of, and maybe that is what life is all about also.

Finally, if one has twenty dollars to blow, a good desert may be had at Community Bar & Grill located down the block from the Irish Rep on Seventh Avenue. The service is ultra polite and the atmosphere is chic and modern, in a Barry White and Picasso sort of way.

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# Our Money...Their Lawyer

By Kristopher Dennis

Here we are, another year is upon us, and one would have thought the craziness of the past year was behind us. It was a year full of tensions among students embroiled in a fierce student election. It was an election that brought out what you would assume was the worst in the student body, now pales in comparison to what some students have sunk to.

A select few of our new student government senators, headed by President Bill Wharton, have sunk to a new low. In an attempt to retaliate for the first of last years elections being declared null and void by President Springer; they have enlisted the aid of Ronald Maguire (CUNY's answer to the proverbial ambulance chaser) to sue not only CUNY and the state but their fellow students as well. This attempt to seek monetary restitution for what they deem to be a denial of their first amendment rights is another example of the frivolous lawsuits that cost us taxpayers an obscene

amount of money every year.

But the mere lawsuit is not the worst of what our new representatives have done. The way in which they have conducted themselves with regards to the lawsuit raises much greater questions about the ethical practices of Mr. Wharton and his crew. It shows the downright vindictive nature of our new student government.

Lets start out discussing some of the ways in which they served legal papers to their fellow students. Former Student Christopher Alvarez was standing outside his broken down car on the Staten Island Expressway when out of nowhere Mr. Maguire and Mr. Wharton pulled up behind him. Mr. Maguire proceeded to serve Mr. Alvarez with court papers and drive away. Another Student named on the lawsuit was physically grabbed by the arm by student senator Thomas Stoll in an attempt to serve that person. Both of the stu-

dents in this example have dedicated much of their time to better this college and deserved to be treated with some respect.

Probably the most appalling action of some of the members of the new student Government are the attempts they have made to pay Ronald Maguire for his services. This is the same Lawyer who so "Kindly Volunteered" to work for free during the controversy with the election. This student government has tried to give \$10,000.00 of student activity money (on more than one occasion) to Mr. Maguire. These attempts were blocked by the Association. Another way they have tried to line the pockets of Mr. Maguire with our student activity money is by giving him \$2,500.00 to be a guest speaker. This was once again stopped by the Association. Our new student government has tried to use our activity money to benefit themselves. Why should we pay for their lawyer?

This legal action is still ongoing and is an attack on each and every student at this college; not just the ones being directly sued. In actuality we should look at it as if we are all being sued, because it is our activity fee that might pay for this lawyer. And in the event that they win; it will be our tuition and tax dollars that will pay them since they are suing the state as well.

This lawsuit will not go away easily if Mr. Wharton has his way. At the first SG meeting of the year he stated after the Association's refusal to pay Mr. Maguire, "they can't give up. It's about principle". (What principle is that Mr. Wharton? The principle payment on a new house or car?) It must be made clear that its not all members of the SG that is showing so much disregard for the students at this college. We must be wary of these members: Bill Wharton, Neil Schuldiner, Sarah Hussain, Colleen McGrahm, Jeff McGrahm, Kathi McCugh and Thomas Stoll.

We must make it clear that these "thinly veiled" attempts to pay for their legal expenses will not be tolerated. If Mr. Maguire was willing to work for free before they had access to our money, why not now?(or was this just a service given for future business?) Last year some students created the motto "I lost a friend in Joe Canale," well this year it should be I lost a friend in Bill Wharton, but more importantly I lost respect for him and our new student government! Students take a stand let SG know that you don't want to be abused and disrespected in this manner. This SG claims to be student advocates, so why do they feel the need to hurt their fellow students?

## THE IMPORTANCE OF KINDERGARTEN

By: Xiomira Cabrera

**K**INDERGARTEN DETERMINES SUCCESS IN A CHILD'S LIFE. IT PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE FUTURE OF A CHILD, AND IT WILL INFLUENCE THE BEHAVIOR OF THE CHILD IN THE FUTURE.

KINDERGARTEN WAS THE INVENTION OF GREAT PHILOSOPHERS LIKE PLATO, FROEBEL, AND OTHER FAMOUS MEN. THESE PHILOSOPHERS, BESIDES PROVIDING THE WORLD WITH AMAZING THEORIES, THEY GAVE CHILDREN THE OPPORTUNITY OF LEARNING THROUGH PLAYING. PLATO'S KINDERGARTEN WAS A PLACE FOR LEARNING AS A GROUP; HE BELIEVED THAT GROUP LEARNING TAUGHT THE CHILDREN TO WORK AS A COMMUNITY. FROEBEL BELIEVED THAT NATURE WAS ESSENTIAL IN EDUCATION. FROEBEL'S KINDERGARTEN HAD PLANTS THAT CHILDREN SAW GROWING DAY BY DAY. IT ALSO HAD A CLASS PET IN ORDER TO TEACH CHILDREN ABOUT THE ANIMALS.

NOWADAYS, WE HAVE ALL KINDS OF KINDERGARTEN IN OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM. MOST OF THEM ARE FOLLOWING A CURRICULUM THAT'S BASED ON ONE OF THE PHILOSOPHIES MENTIONED ABOVE; THEY CAN ALSO HAVE THEIR OWN CURRICULUM, OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH, BUT WHICHEVER PHILOSOPHY IS BEING USED, I'M SURE IS GOING TO BE OF GREAT HELP FOR THE CHILD. PARENTS SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT KINDERGARTEN HAS

IN A CHILD'S LIFE. THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT STAGES IN A CHILD'S EDUCATION BECAUSE AT THIS AGE THEY ARE OPEN TO LEARNING AND AN AVID OF INFORMATION; WHATEVER THEY ARE TAUGHT AT THIS STAGE WILL ACCOMPANY THEM IN THEIR ACADEMIC LIFE.

PARENTS WHO ARE THINKING OF DELAYING THEIR CHILDREN'S ENTRANCE INTO KINDERGARTEN SHOULD THINK AGAIN. WHILE THE INTENT IS GOOD, TO GIVE CHILDREN TIME TO BECOME MORE MATURE, THERE IS A PRICE TO PAY LATER ON.

A STUDY DONE BY ROBERT S. BYRD, AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY, SHOWED THAT THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHOSE ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN WAS DELAYED DEMONSTRATED HIGHER EXTREME BEHAVIOR LIKE CRYING, FEELING UNLOVED, LOSING TEMPER, ETC. THAN THOSE WHO STARTED ON TIME.

I WOULD ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO GET INVOLVED IN THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION BY MAKING SURE THE CHILD IS LEARNING WHILE HAVING A GOOD TIME. MY PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY IS: "THE SEED OF LEARNING THAT IS PLANTED IN THE YOUNG'S MIND WILL GIVE THE FRUIT OF SUCCESS IN THE ADULT'S LIFE"

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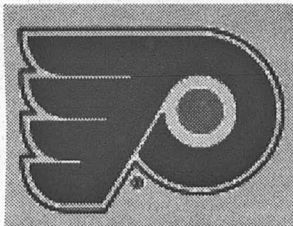
# Fire on Ice

By Steve Hall

A new season has begun and some NHL teams have gotten major facelifts. For starters, The New York Rangers have gotten rid of their leader, Mark Messier, leaving a vacancy for leader of the team. The "blueshirts" were hoping to fill that spot by signing Joe Sakic for \$21 million, but the Avalanche matched the offer sheet leaving Sakic in Colorado and the Rangers with a rookie captain.

Well, let's see how the first week of play has shaped up with a complete NHL rundown:

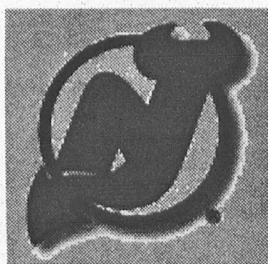
The Philadelphia Flyers are still licking their wounds from being swept out of the Stanley Cup Finals and are out for



revenge. The "Legion of Doom" is still intact and are looking to getting their team back to the cup finals.

Lindros, LeClair, Brind'amour, Desjardins,

and rookie Janne Niinimaa are going to all have great seasons. Goaltenders, Eric Snow and Ron Hextall must have strong seasons, but it will not be enough to bring them to another cup final, they will most likely be the first seed in the Atlantic Division.



The New Jersey Devils are very disappointed from being ousted in the second round by the Rangers, but they will make another strong attempt during the regular season. Martin Brodeur was 37-14-13 last season with a 1.88 g.a.a and will get even better this year. Scott Stevens, Niedermayer, Gilmour Maclean and Guerin will all start as a team together and play a full season as a single unit. Are these

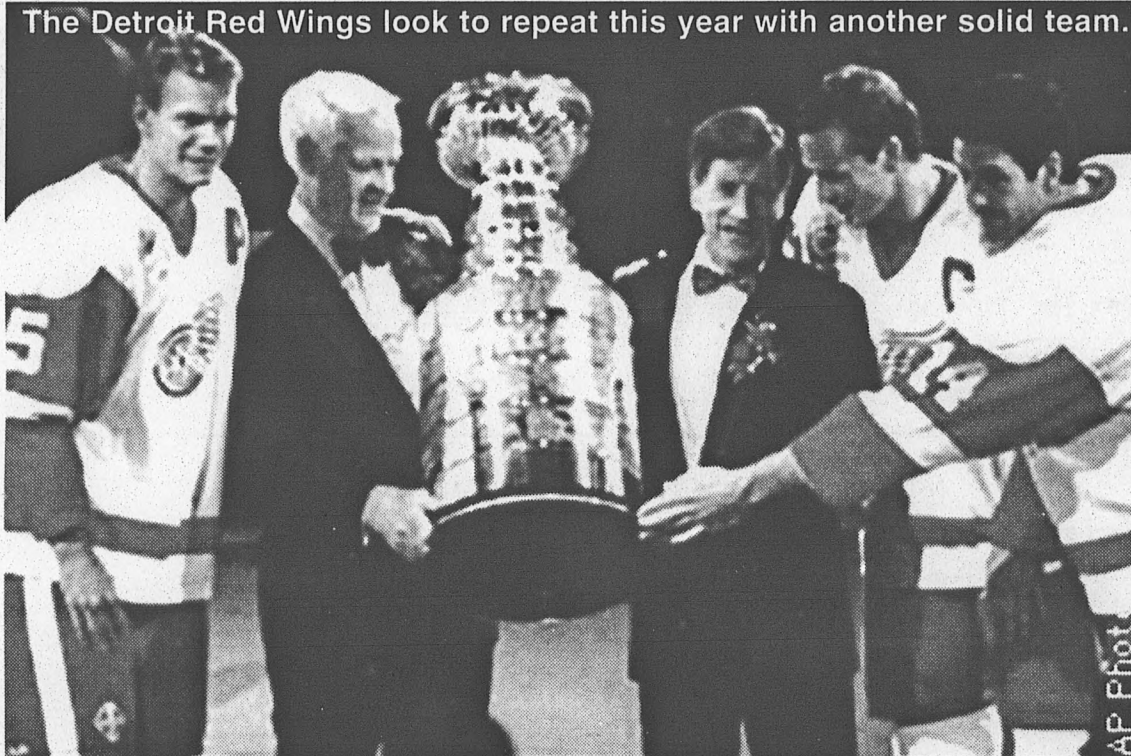
Devils ready to get back to the Cup Finals?

The New York Rangers have made the most moves in the off season with the loss of



Mark Messier... this team is searching for an identity. Brian Leetch and Wayne Gretzky will have to have super years in order to pick up the slack of the captain they have lost. The team made a bid for

The Detroit Red Wings look to repeat this year with another solid team.



Joe Sakic, while speculation of Pavel Bure coming to N.Y. was just that, speculation. The Rangers finally signed Pat Lafontaine, who was instrumental in tying the second game of the season against the Islanders leaving the game at one apiece. Fans must questions whether or not this team has the chemistry they once had with Messier. The Rangers will finish no higher than third in the Atlantic.



John Vanbiesbrouck, who is still very

impressive at goaltending, must have the offensive help from newly acquired center Dave Gagner from the Calgary Flames. The Panthers are a very troubled team whose time has come and gone (at least for now), I don't see them finishing any higher than fourth in the division.

The Washington Capitals had a miserable season finishing below 500 with a 33-40-9 record. This team is in total disarray with the coach being fired and



much of the talent being quite disgruntled. Adam Oates must be kept happy as well as Peter Bondra and Joey Juneau. The Caps are playing in a very tough division and could fall as low as fifth ion their division.

The New York Islanders have envisioned a return to glory, but I do not feel that it will be this year. Goalie Eric Fichaud showed



flashes of brilliance during last year's regular season. Zigmund Palffy, who was named to the Eastern Conference All-Star scored a team high 48 goals last season. Success has eluded the Isles and will continue until next season.

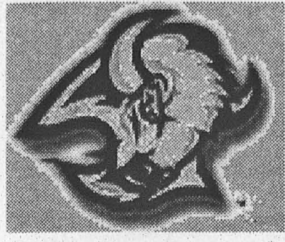
The Tampa Bay Lightning will be in the basement of the Atlantic this year and for many more years to come.



This team is in a very tough division. Dino Ciccarelli, who has always been a star has the wrong kind of supporting cast. The wrong kinds of trades will continually

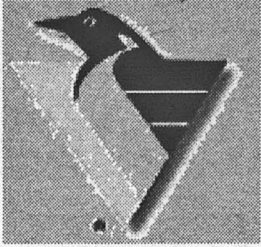


doom the team.



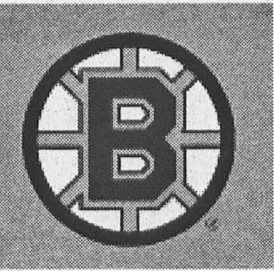
In their northeast division, the **Buffalo Sabres** are gunning for first place in behind the magnificent goaltending of Dominik Hasek, "the Dominator". The team is reliant on their goaltending and defensive players. They will be playoff bound and may make it the conference finals, but not to the Stanley Cup Finals.

Second seed goes to the **Pittsburgh Penguins**, who are now facing the task of going on without Mario Lemieux. Jaromir Jagr and Ron Francis will have to keep the team together. Their goaltenders, such as Patrick Lalime and Ken Wregget have established themselves as great defensive stoppers. This team has not made any trades and are going to struggle unless a blockbuster trade is made.

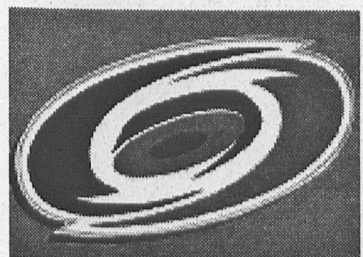


The **Ottawa Senators** will finish third place with a team that is fairly unbearable to watch. Alexei Yashin led the Senators in scoring with 35 goals. This team can and will not go very far even if they do make the playoffs.

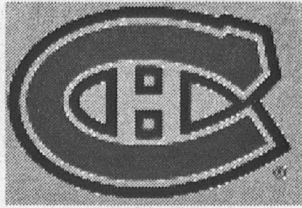
The **Boston Bruins**, a team who last year posted one of the worst records in franchise history must look at their team very seriously. Ray



Bourque must stay healthy and keep his team together. The Bruins will get a little better but they will still be close to the bottom of the division.

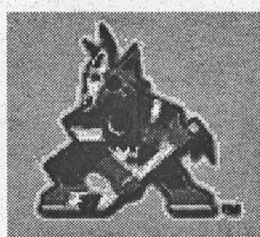


The **Carolina Hurricanes** were the Hartford Whalers but fans in North Carolina will not care about hockey because they have their college teams. Different name, same results, who cares?



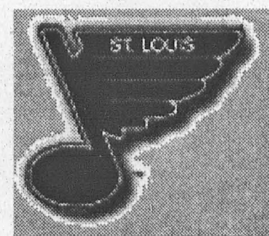
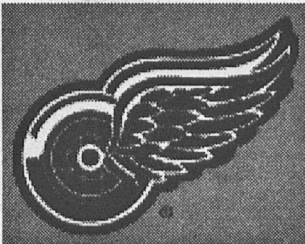
The **Montreal Canadiens** will sink to sixth place with a fair amount of talent but sub-par players who need to play totally cohesive games which will not happen.

In the Central Division, the **Dallas Stars**, will be aiming at the Stanley Cup Finals this year being a complete dark horse. The Stars will be a well prepared, highly disciplined, defensively-conscious team with players Verbeek, Zubov, Hatcher, and Belfour. The Stars are hoping to avenge their playoff failure next year.



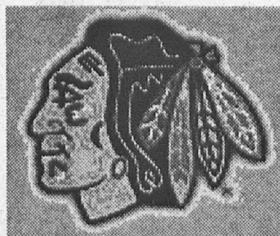
The **Phoenix Coyotes** will place second behind captain Keith Tkachuk who netted 52 goals last year, finishing 11th in total scoring also. Nikolai Khabibulin tied for second in the NHL with seven last season. Jeremy Roenick will also be contributing to the cast as the second year team will place in the top half of their division.

The **Detroit Red Wings** are going to have a great season even without Konstantinov who is still in a coma. Captain Steve Yzerman has demonstrated why he is the captain of the team. The most ridiculous move of the season was trading goalie, Mike Vernon. This is why they will finish in third place.



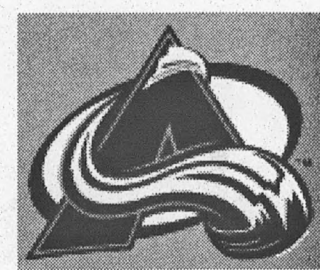
The **St. Louis Blues** will finish in fourth place behind Brett Hull who finished last season with 42 goals. Pierre Turgeon led the Blues in total points with 85 which make Hull and Turgeon one of the deadliest one-two punches in the league.

The **Chicago Blackhawks** will finish



in fifth place, Tony Amonte will continue to dazzle players and finish with a 40 goal season at least. Goalie, Jeff Hackett had a career year with a great save percentage a third best g.a.a average.

The **Toronto Maple Leafs** will finish sixth place with Tie Domi, who has been a very physical presence for the Leafs. Many young players will be making quite a few mistakes as the veterans muddle through another season. This team is lottery bound, no matter how you look at it.



In the Pacific Division, the **Colorado Avalanche** will be finishing first with their team still intact surviving the scare of Joe Sakic signing with the Rangers. This team is looking for revenge as most teams are but especially at the Red Wings who gave them a whipping last year where not only the team got physical but the coaches got into a shouting match. This team will make a return to the playoffs but there is a question mark as far as the Cup Finals is concerned.

The **Edmonton Oilers** have not made the playoffs for four straight years and fans are getting impatient. Curtis Joseph had 32 of the teams 36 victories last year. Doug Weight has led the Oilers in scoring for four consecutive years and paced the team with 82 points last year. The team will finish second place this year.



The **Anaheim Ducks** will be finishing in third place even though Paul Kariya has been holding out. He scored 99 points, including 44 points, in just 69 games last year. Teemu Selanne led the Ducks with 51 goals last season. There are too many important pieces missing for the Ducks to get far in the playoffs.

The **Vancouver Canucks** will be finishing fourth even with the acquisition of



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## THE AGONY OF DEFEAT

**BY: ROBERT LAURO**

**A**s I write this piece, the morning after the Yankees were eliminated from the playoffs, I was struck by an image that most of us who have ever watched *Wide World of Sports* know quite well.

It is at the start and finish of the program. A ski jumper goes down the ramp to make his jump, veers to the side and slams into cameras, people and finally off the ramp and down into oblivion.

All the while the commentator is saying his spiel about "The THRILL of victory and the AGONY of defeat".

Anyone can write about the winners and their fans are never at a loss for words in relating how great their team is, how they "knew all along their team would win" ad nauseam. But what of all the legions of fans whose team like mine, the Dodgers, fell one game shy of the Giants?

Or, the Giants fans who had their moment of glory winning the National league west only to be swept in three games by the Florida Marlins.

As it stands as we go to press the Marlins will play the Atlanta Braves, who in turn swept the Houston Astros in three.

As my team never got to the playoffs, I'll have all winter to wonder which games they should have won that would have put them ahead of the hated San Francisco Giants. To a Dodger fan, losing to the Giants is the worst fate that can befall my team. Their fans feel the same way.

The Yankees, World Champions of 1996, also have fans that will have all winter to try and analyze what went wrong, what went right, how to improve and all the other factors that go into having a Championship season.

Obviously, the problems that befell David Cone played heavily into the mix as well as their problems each time they traveled west during the season. Andy Pettite, for all his above average stats, has yet to show this reporter that he can win the must win games. The effort against Cleveland in the last game is a case in point.

I'll go out on the prediction limb once again and pick the Baltimore Orioles to win it in six games over the Indians. In the national league, you have to

be nuts not to pick Atlanta Braves to wrap it up in five. They just



have too much really good pitching for anyone to beat them in a series.

My heart though is with Florida to win along with the Orioles. Should it come to pass that they in fact play each other in the series I, being a national league fan, will root for the Marlins. Should

Atlanta prevail then I'll "cross league lines" and root for either Baltimore or Cleveland.

Speaking of league lines, this winter's baseball meeting will have a long lasting impact on the way the game will be structured well into the next century. Inter-league play, so successful this season, seems to be the coming wave in scheduling.

Look for more and more of it until the meaning behind being in one league or the other is nullified. That's what I see coming, unless the owners and players agree to radically re-align teams by geographical rivalries regardless of present league affiliation.

The owners, operating without an independent commissioner, can pretty much do what they want as far as moving teams from one market to another.

I see the main sticking point being the status of the American league's designated hitter and the national league's insistence on playing the game with nine players, having the pitcher hit.

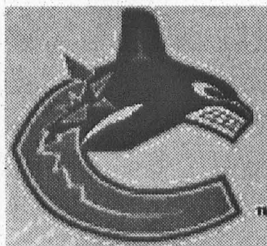
In the next issue I'll report in depth on my views on the league playoffs & world series. I'll also get into why I feel that having the pitcher hit is important to seeing baseball played the way it was designed to be.

To all the Yankee fans reading this, my condolences on what might have been.

To the Mets fans, you have the core of a real contender and should enjoy this winter if your team makes some moves, like dumping Gilkey, and finding out how you can stick with the front until Todd Hundley returns from surgery.

Until next time, don't burn yourselves on the hot stove league.

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Mark Messier, who will not make this team into a mighty force that they wish to be. The Canucks are hoping to revitalize Messier behind Pavel Bure, who also needs to

regain his form as well. These two were once great players but time is a very big factor with this team and is unfortunately what they do not have.



The Calgary Flames will be finishing in fifth place. This team is very inconsistent, the players are a mess and will be lucky to be making the playoffs, they would be better off making the lottery so that they will receive a good draft pick.

The L.A. Kings will be finishing in sixth place who have seen the last of the Gretzky winning



days for a while. The addition of Olli Jokinen will bring a few more fans to the Forum. This team has a great history but if they do not get their act together, they will continue their losing ways.

The San Jose Sharks will be hanging around the bottom of their division with a mediocre amount of talent. The best thing for this team to do is just play out the season and gain a great lottery pick.

