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Students May Be Unaware of Sex Offender on Campus

Melissa Seecharan

As the school year kicks into high gear, faculty, and staff find themselves more cautious on campus as information concerning the "presence of a level 2 sex offender"—a person of "moderate risk of reoffense"—was released to them via e-mail to their college addresses. According to numerous reports, the e-mail, sent out by the CSI's Office of Public Safety on August 26th, somehow never made it into students' online accounts.

"I checked my CIX account and never got anything about this," said Theresa Conliffe, echoing the experiences of many others.

According to the e-mail, obtained by The Banner through Vice President of Student Affairs, Carol Jackson's office, "the law allows the administration to make it known to the entire college community the presence of the offender on campus."

Under the Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act of October 28, 2002, sex offenders must register with local law enforcement officials who will in turn notify the college of the individual's enrollment or employment. That information is then forwarded to campus police and made available to the college community by request.

PRICE OF HEALTHCARE MAKING STUDENTS ILL

Ann Marie Costella

If you are a college student on a budget, health insurance is probably not high on your list of priorities, but it should be. The reality is that in most cases after you turn 21, you are no longer covered by your parents' health insurance. Doctor visits and prescription drugs are costly. Accidents or medical emergencies can occur unexpectedly and a short hospital stay may cost several thousand dollars. High medical bills are even forcing some students to put their education on hold. It has become such a problem now that 65% of colleges have made it a mandatory requirement that students have health care coverage. Although CSI has not taken such drastic actions they are doing their part to make students more aware of their options.

In recent years, New York State, under Governor George Pataki have been making it a priority to provide free

or low-cost healthcare for those who need it with programs like Medicaid, Family Health Plus, and Healthy NY. "The goal of this program is to provide for the next generation, said Healthfirst marketing representative Anna Barac. "Everyone, regardless of income, has the right to be healthy."



Healthfirst Marketing Representatives Mitch Pilnick and Valerie Vega help CSI students sign up for health insurance.

Every semester representatives from Healthfirst and GHI (the official C U N Y health care provider) are stationed outside the Health Center in Building 1C on designated days to educate students about health care and aid them in applying for coverage, although very few stop by to inquire. "They are aware that it's important to have health insurance these days, because when they go to the hospital, they get hit with a ridiculous bill, and then they find themselves in debt", said Healthfirst marketing representative Valerie Vega. "So they are trying to do the responsible thing

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CSI Responds to Hurricane Katrina

Luke Crisalli

The devastating affects of Hurricane Katrina on the gulf coast of the United States will most likely be felt for years, perhaps even decades to come. The CSI community came together to work on ideas on just how to aid those who aided New York during September 11th.

On September 8th, 2005, Top CSI administration members met in 1A to put together plans for the campuses response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster. Among the many people present were, V.P. for student affairs, Carol Jackson, Director of Student Life Carol Brower, Associate Dean of Student Affairs

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The City of New Orleans is submerged under 20 feet of water in some places.

Mike Daniels, Associate Director of the counseling center Mary Murphy, Clubs coordinator Debbi Kee, Director of admissions Mary Beth Reilly and Director of communications and marketing Bob Huber.

Jackson took the lead in the half hour meeting, in which she assigned various people to head certain groups in a better effort to respond to the disaster. Among these groups are; Fundraising, Collection of goods, Service learning opportunities, and the web site which can be found at <http://www.csi.cuny.edu/admissions/hurricane.html>

the campus is taking in Staten Island students who had enrolled in colleges affected by the hurricane. Currently, one student, a geography major previously

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Back to High School—On the Global Scale

Thomas Bradley

September 8th—The College of Staten Island High School for International Studies opened its doors for the first time this fall. Building 5N will be the temporary home for the new Region 7 public high school while its future home in building 2M is still under renovation. The student body will consist of the inaugural freshman class and continuously add a grade each following year.

Two by two, with nametags slapped on their chests, the freshman hungrily marched into the Campus Center for lunch. They were unavailable for interviews as their parents had not yet signed a consent form allowing them to speak on record.

These voiceless minors are attending the school to, "prepare for college and jobs in the global economy." The school's homepage, www.csiinternationalhs.org, asserts its progressive mission state-



Aimee Horowitz, principal of CSI's High School for International Studies

ment: "To create a culturally diverse, rich, and respectful community of lifelong learners." The high school's site overshadows the College of Staten Island's own home page by being both more user friendly and visually pleasing. The high school freshman used the site to learn the theme of their summer reading: "Identity", which is an appropriate theme for a fledgling institution looking to make a name for itself.

However, "Identity" is something of a difficult subject for most 13/14 year olds and the new high school will be experi-

encing its own growing pains as it seeks to establish a name for itself in the higher performing college preparatory schools throughout New York City.

The principal, Ms. Aimee Horowitz, was formerly an Assistant Principal at Edward R. Murrow High School (designated a School of Excellence by the U.S. Dept. of Education) in Brooklyn. It was there that Ms. Horowitz implemented a Model United Nations Conference, We The People Program, and a Law Institute, making her no stranger to guiding institutions through the difficult stage of infancy.

With its focus on the "globally interdependent world", The College of Staten Island High School for International Studies has set a high standard of success for itself. However, the standards shouldn't be considered too high, the high school is set on a college campus with all the resources of a CUNY college to call upon.

The American Democracy Project

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Blame Game is a Shame Game

Kevin S.P. Mamakas

Tens of thousands of lives may have been lost in the after effects of Hurricane Katrina. The numbers are not certain because officials have not been able to search all the living areas yet. Everyone else in the area have been forced into a greater point of poverty.

New Orleans is now going to be shut down for at least nine months because of the destruction and disease.

The people that survived one of the most horrific natural disasters the nation has ever seen have very few places to go.

It was reported by numerous people that in the Superdome and Convention Center shelters there have been rapes, murder. Little girls are being raped and killed. Soldiers and national guards have become confused and can not control the crowds. So they reportedly end up killing the so called refugees that are suppose to be safe in the shelters. The people could not leave if they wanted to. The soldiers are unfairly outnumbered because some believe there are too many people in places like Iraq.

The amount of injured and sickly people is increasing and it would only be natural for more physicians to be needed to help tend to the wounded. Therefore Cuban physicians have volunteered to

help out, but the US government claims they do not need help of this nature.

And on top off all this, the Labor Department reports that around 10,000 people filed for unemployment as a result of the storm, and the level will continue to rise. They predict that the number would have been higher except that the storm forced unemployment offices to close and prevented more of the jobless, homeless, and family-less from filling out the paperwork.

The Red Cross and other recovery groups have been blocked from helping the people as a result of both the massive flooding of the roads and the mayhem caused by the confusion.

The big issue has become who to blame for the tragedy. The politicians are blaming each other. The state is blaming the federal and vice versa. Actors and musicians are blaming the actions, or lack of actions, on racism.

The fact of the matter is that the federal government knew that New Orleans was in great danger before anything occurred and they should have done something. The state government had two days to provide transportation methods. They had Greyhound and school buses but decided not to use them.

It is becoming clear that race could have something to do with the government's slow response to fixing the levees that were not built for a Category 4 hurri-

cane. The blame should be put on more than one person, but now is not the time to concentrate on the blame game.

After 9/11, New York proved the entire nation wrong. Many outside of New York thought of our sociological community to be near extinction. When we were under attack, we worked together to get through the tragedy. We still feel the effects today. But we must now do the same that people across the country did for us. The people of New Orleans need our help and that should be the only reason why we help. Not because we want to fix someone's mistakes. We help because it is the humane thing to do.

The way we change the status quo is by working together, not blaming each other. It will not be easy, but we have to learn as a whole how to work as one. There is nothing we can do to prevent natural disasters, but we can fix how we recover from them and how to save as many people as possible. We can either talk about what we are going to do to help and blame people for having to do it, or we can help and prevent it from happening again.

People can blame politicians for everything that went wrong, but remember we vote them into office. We can only work together and learn what not to do again.

The Spirit of New York

Luke Crisalli

At this time four years ago, our lives changed forever, in one shocking, gut wrenching moment. On a clear, beautiful morning, we lost a part of our city, a part of our skyline, we lost family. We lost friends. But we gained something. We gained a spirit, strength and resolve unlike any other city on the planet.

For what seemed like the first time in ages, being a New Yorker gave you real pride. Seeing an NYPD car didn't send you running the other way in fear. Grown men became little kids, filled with pride when seeing an FDNY fire truck race by. Hearing Billy Joel sing "New York State Of Mind" brought tears of joy to peoples' eyes. And in what once seemed to be an act of sacrilege, Red Sox fans actually cheered for the Yankees, and in some cases, Yankees fans even cheered for the Mets.

The terrorists sought to beat us down, and make us cower in fear, and instead did something else. They united a city that had been divided in many ways for many years. Democrat or Republican, Black or White, for once it truly didn't matter. We were New Yorkers. This is the real New York. The city that never sleeps, the city with the best pizza, the best cheesecake, and still the best damn skyline on the planet.

If anything good can come out of pure evil it is the spirit of millions. There's an old saying, "When a warrior is wounded, is when you should watch out most." That saying was proven to be true in the days following that September day. New Yorkers prove to be a most resilient group of warriors. For once, being a Staten Islander made you proud.

Riding the "1" train downtown almost seemed jovial. Coney Island had a new magic about it. Traffic on the Queensborough bridge didn't seem that bad for a change. A certain Bronx cheer rang a little...ok, a lot louder.

Tourists on the Staten Island Ferry didn't seem as annoying, and for once, New Yorkers didn't mind showing them the sites. Many people visited the Empire State Building for the first time.

"Daily Show" host Jon Stewart came back on the air following the attacks, and while fighting back tears, remarked how the view from his apartment was now the Statue of Liberty. "You can't beat that," he said.

New York had always had a certain hidden charm to it, and for a few magical months, New York's true face shone through in the darkness. And though it seems once again hidden now, you will still see signs of it on the faces of New Yorkers.

As you reflect and remember those lost, remember also, the unity and strength of the greatest city on Earth.

The Casualties of Cronyism

Matt Safford

Bush's Buddies at FEMA and Homeland Security Fail New Orleans, America

As the water of Lake Pontchartrain invaded the city of New Orleans, pouring through levee breaches like a downpour through a storm drain, President Bush—fresh from his nearly 5-week vacation—played guitar at a California Naval base. Across the county in New York, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice shopped for shoes, played some tennis and laughed the night away at Spamalot. Meanwhile, VP Dick Cheney, vacation-



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FEMA Director Brown has been accused of botching the federal response to Hurricane Katrina. Others question his qualifications for the job

ing in Wyoming did...well, whatever one does while vacationing in Wyoming.

And why not? Sure, thousands of Americans too poor to get out of New Orleans were drowning or losing everything they owned, but the capable people at FEMA, who have steered us through so many other disasters with competence and experience, were on the job, and things were being taken care of, right?

Well...no. It turns out that FEMA, once an effectively-autonomous arm of federal disaster control and relief, now answers directly to the Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's current

front man Michael D. Brown has no previous experience dealing with emergencies, and his mismanagement (of horse shows) at his last private-sector job got him fired. So just how did Michael Brown get to where he is today? Well, it turns out that he had the fortune of being a former college roommate and friend of FEMA's previous leader, Joe Allbaugh. Allbaugh himself got the job after successfully managing President Bush's 2000 presidential campaign.

That's right; FEMA's current leader is the product of a second generation of Cronyism. He is not a qualified, experienced leader or a disaster specialist, but simply, tragically, just the friend, of a friend, of the President.

So when you see the horrible videos of bodies rotting in sewage-water, or being eaten by rats in the streets, when you hear the stories of those who waited for days to be saved, only to die days later, because no one came to help them, when the 25,000 body bags recently brought to New Orleans begin to fill up, you will know just one of the reasons why.

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by looking for an affordable health insurance, but then again, they see the high price quotes from plans like GHI and they get freaked out."

Medicaid and Family Health Plus are free health care programs and Healthy NY is a low cost program. Unlike regular insurance such as GHI, you have to qualify for them and qualification goes by monthly income. The less money you earn the lower the amount your healthcare will cost. Medicaid, for example, is available to people who have an exceptionally low income and limited financial resources. In order to qualify for Medicaid a single person must earn a monthly income no greater than \$667.00 and may not have financial resources exceeding \$4,000. Family Health Plus is available to those who do not qualify for Medicaid and whose income does not exceed \$798.00 a month. Healthy NY offers different plans, that includes prescription coverage (premium, \$193.90 per month) and one that does not (\$170.63 per month). To qualify for Healthy NY, a single person can have a monthly household income of up to \$1,984 and an annual household income of \$23,800.

There are several important factors to consider when applying for health insurance. First, ask your physicians (primary doctor, dentist, gynecologist etc.) what insurance they accept. If you have special needs aside from general medical care like mental health or substance abuse issues you need to check if your prospective insurance covers them – not all do. If you do not qualify for free health care and have to pay a premium find out if it's a quarterly or monthly payment and plan accordingly. Also inquire about whether there is co-payment for prescription drugs (this means even if the plan covers prescription drugs they may require you to pay a small amount). This goes for doctor visits too. Also there maybe a yearly drug maximum. After you have done your research and you are ready to fill out an application there are several things you need to bring with you: identification (i.e. driver's license, birth certificate), proof of address that has been dated within the last six months (i.e. utility bill, or postmarked envelope, postcard, or magazine label), and proof of employment/income (i.e. 4 weeks worth of paycheck stubs, W2 form).

Students often equate youth with good health, but cramming for exams, drinking, partying, and even a poor diet can make a person more susceptible to becoming ill. "Do they experiment and drink? Absolutely. Does it compromise their health? Absolutely it does," said CSI nurse Terianne Darragh. "To keep a healthy immune system, you need to eat right, get enough sleep, and stay away from alcohol and drugs.

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enrolled at the University of New Orleans. Baruch is currently assisting 10 students. Current reports state that more than 30 colleges and universities have been severely damaged by the hurricane, displacing an estimated 100,000 students. Governor Pataki and Chancellor Matthew Goldstein have announced that CUNY will charge in-state tuition rates to the students for the fall semester.

The campus has started selling "CSI Pride" wristbands, with all the proceeds going to the Red Cross relief efforts. As of September 8th, over \$2,300 has been collected. Jason Fein and the CSI Athletic Department have collected \$600 from the sale of the wristbands so far. Staten Island Bank and Trust will match the final tally and also send the money to the Red Cross.

David Jacobs, deputy CFO for all the students to know; "Anyone who wants to donate, should call the office for student life for more information." Jacobs also said that any student who wants to donate but has no checking account can go to his office.

If you want to know more on how to contribute, simply email Katrina@mail.csi.cuny.edu

The CSI Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) is also in talks with the Red Cross to have their students take Disaster Preparedness classes which include basic first aid and CPR courses.

There is also an effort among students to start a food and clothing drive in conjunction with the non profit group "Project Hospitality."

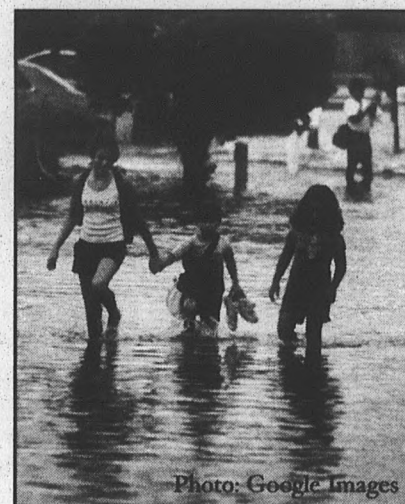
Another idea mentioned in the meeting was for students to potentially go down to the storm ravaged areas for a 4 day weekend to maybe assist the building group "Habitat for Humanity," or other non for profit groups down there.

There has also been talk of fundraising concerts in the Center for the Arts with the cash also going to the Red Cross.

There was also a warning to watch out for counterfeit websites and organizations collecting money. The New York State Office of Cyber Security issued a

bulletin informing web surfers on how to give to the right organizations. They advise that you should validate the relief fund or charity through a known reliable entry. You can validate sites through the Federal Emergency Management Agencies (FEMA) Katrina relief site, located at; www.fema.gov/press/2005/resources_katrina.shtm

Arthur Chikofsky, Director of Fee-Based Programs at the Office of



Hurricane Katrina Survivors wade through the floodwaters of New Orleans

Continuing Education, brought in the idea of sending used musical instruments to musicians in New Orleans. "In New Orleans, many musicians perform on the street, collecting money in a hat. Some of the greatest music comes from there, and now they have no money and may need new instruments," he added.

Linda Sharib, Assistant Director of Instructional Support Services suggested a "CUNY Cares for Kids" program, which would involve buying backpacks and filling them with school supplies. "I will personally include \$5 in cash inside the first 100 bags," says Sharib. "These bags may help restore some sense of normalcy, they will give the children something of their own, a place to put their things, and reintroduce the importance of school and learning."

The way Vice President Jackson plans to initiate all of these plans is to organize everyone into four specific groups, Fundraising, Collection Of Goods, Service Learning Opportunities, and Web Sites. The Fundraising group will continue to promote the "CSI Pride" wristbands, while looking into even more ways to raise funds. The Collection Of Goods group will focus on the food drive, while the Service Learning group will look into the possibility of sending students down south. The Website group will keep the CSI students informed, via the web, of how they can continue to help. The site can be reached at <http://www.csi.cuny.edu/admissions/hurricane.html>

To find out more on how you can help, visit the Office of student life, located in the Campus Center, room 201.

A CSI Student Says Aloha from Hawaii

Gerard Forte

I am currently an upper freshman here at CSI, pursuing a degree in Special Education. I am one of seventeen students who were fortunate to experience a summer class in Hawaii with Professor Ohan of the Geology Department. The class was taught in the field of Hawaii's active volcanoes. Each day was a new adventure. We saw several volcano sites inside and outside Hawaii's Volcanoes National Park. However, we did not see any active eruptions, (though there were a few) because state regulations do not allow people to view them too closely. We visited a Tsunami Museum and a Tsunami devastation site. We went swimming with sea turtles in a beautiful black-sand beach. We acquired knowledge of Hawaii's history, walked through a historical Hawaiian village and attended a Hawaiian cultural festival. One of our lectures was conducted at a geothermal facility. There we learned how geothermal energy operates. On our one day off from lectures, a group of students and myself rented a convertible car and explored the big Island of Hawaii from north to south. This type of academic experience was as good for my soul as it was good for learning the history of Hawaii's geology. It opened new doors for me, in that it allowed me to see life from a different perspective.

Professor Ohan's teachings were well beyond the duties of any professor's. He was compassionate to each individual and supported the entire group with all their needs. He demon-

strated a passion to teach the subject matter with great confidence. By the end of each day he disassembled Hawaii's geology into its simplest form. He was a mentor for each person on this trip because he exemplified courage to accomplish his duty while inspiring each soul to gain fundamental understanding of our planet. As the leader of this family-like group, he supported anyone seeking to gain knowledge in one of the world's most geological hot spots. He was also a great inspiration to everyone, especially because of the environment in which the lectures were taught, which was a hot, humid, and rainy climate and most of all very full of rough terrain.

Although it may have appeared to be a spring break-like environment, it definitely was not. Students were still responsible for their notes and daily lecture exercises as if we were in the 1P lecture hall on CSI's campus. He never once complained or expressed any signs of discomfort. He encouraged everyone to explore their curiosity while using caution in an area filled with geological hazards. He was certainly a trooper.

Our journey began at 7:30 am on the morning of July 6, 2005. We departed from Newark airport and flew to Chicago, where we transferred. An hour after arriving in Chicago, we left for Hawaii. Our first stop in Hawaii was Maui. We laid over in Maui for about an hour. Next was our final flying destination, Kona, on the big island of Hawaii. We arrived in there safely, following an 18-hour trip. After arriving we still had a bus ride of 3 hours

before we could get to our temporary domain. We arrived at the Naniloa Hotel at 8:00 pm Hawaii's time (2:00am NY time). Most people in the group were exhausted, so many people called it an early night. A group of students and myself went to Ken's a famous local diner. Some people made this diner their favorite eating spot.

The next morning and the following mornings after that, we met at 8:00 am. We spent our average day in the field learning about the geological hazards of the big island. In the Volcanoes National Park, where we spent most of our days, we learned about the history of several volcano eruptions that date back to more than 3,500 years. We saw three types of magma eruptions. We toured a community that was covered in lava within the last 20 years. Many lives were lost and it cost millions of dollars in property damage. While cruising through this mountainous island, we experienced a tropical rain forest with many acres of green grass, beautiful healthy plants and flowers. All around this picturesque environment, the lava flows had created lava trees. These lava trees had shapes that carved the trees to look like life forms. Some of the life forms resembled a human standing in the middle of a Forrest.

The community in which we stayed is well known for tsunamis. In fact, Hilo's most recent tsunami occurred in the 1960's. Over a hundred lives were lost including children. People did not realize what was happening when the water receded far

back from the shore, leaving fish all over the seafloor. Natives Hawaiians rushed to gather the fish. It is ironic that it was on April Fools day, for these people were horribly tricked into thinking that it was safe to retrieve the fish. Today Hilo has a landmark figure, a tall clock that stands about six feet off the ground and reminds citizens of the exact time on that sad morning on April 1, in the 1960's. While we were there, two earthquakes occurred. One of them I felt. It was around 5:50 in the morning. I was asleep. Suddenly I felt my bed shaking as if someone was politely trying to wake me. I opened my eyes and realized what had happened. I did not hear any alarms, but my instincts told me it was an earthquake. When I met up with the group later that morning, a few people had experienced what I had. I thought to myself an experience like that and being here in Hilo, Hawaii, could be most memorable.

Although the hikes were challenging, the days were long and the course work was intense, it is without any doubt in my mind that this was one of the most rewarding experiences I have had, and if I had the opportunity to do it again I would do it in a heartbeat, most of all with Professor Ohan and his assistant Professor Steven Okulewicz. Everyone safely returned to New York on the morning of July 20, 2005 after 13 hours of flying and a short layover in San Francisco. Most of us returned a few shades darker with knowledge rich in Hawaii's geology.

SG RECAP: Grade Appeals and Lunchtime on the Table

Anne Demarzo

In an extended August 10th meeting, and again on September 1st, CSI's Student Government collaborated to serve the students by establishing protocols, reviewing commission reports, and arranging meetings with relevant administrators to address student needs.

Student Government President, Taiwo Olasupo, began his presidency with a reminder to senators of their obligation to

attend meetings and requested their input on establishing assembly etiquette to insure more efficient meetings. After brainstorming for forty-five minutes, the senate voted on ground rules that included: keeping debates on topic and limiting side conversations to pertinent business, setting cell phones on vibrate and leaving the room for emergencies only, limiting the food break to fifteen minutes and removing all food from the meeting table before resuming business, and lastly, setting a time minimum in

the attendance policy for senators to be counted as present at S.G. meetings.

With protocol established, June through August Commission and Committee reports were reviewed and approved. This included votes on SG financial support for New Student Orientation, Student Life Involvement Fair and scholarship awards.

Ellen Krieger, Coordinator of Student Affairs, explained that according to the SG

Constitution, a Deputy Commissioner is appointed to fulfill duties in the absence of the commissioner and if quorum is not met — attendance of at least half of the committee members — for two consecutive meetings, a new commissioner is appointed.

Senator Joshua Center updated the SG membership on Academic & Curricular Affairs' proposals for a non-major pass/fail

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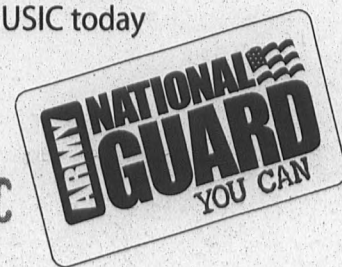


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From the Editor

Only two weeks ago we were starting classes. While everyone was still getting into the routine of waking up in the morning to go to class, we stopped to remember the 9/11, an event that happened 4 years ago, but that feels like it was just yesterday. But as we remembered one national tragedy, another one unfolded before our eyes.

Hurricane Katrina made landfall in Louisiana and Mississippi on CSI's first day of classes. However, the full extent of the disaster wasn't apparent until the next day. Thankfully, the CSI community is helping to aid relief efforts.

We here at The Banner are doing our part to help Katrina victims. Head Photographer Luke Crisalli wrote an article highlighting CSI's various relief efforts. He is also serving on a food and goods collection sub-committee. When the collection of food and goods commences, please donate. The victims of Katrina need it, badly. As Matt Safford reports, the government hasn't done their job, so now it's our turn to step up and do it for them.

CSI students weren't the only ones going back to school. As Tom Bradley reports, we now have the CSI High School of International Studies., which began classes on the 8th. So now high school, which we all sought to escape is back at CSI. How ironic.

We have a great Arts section for you as well, with a great movie and CD review. We resurrected the sex column with a new writer, Annemarie Dooling, and there is also another installment of Freshman Diaries.

Kadijah Renteras signs on with a Women's Volleyball Preview. Comic Editor Enrique Innocente, aka the causal misogynist has a special action packed Relationships and Firearms edition.

Now that Summer is unofficially over, it's time to hunker down and focus on our class work. In the meantime, we'll be here to keep you informed and entertained.

—David Maltz

CENTER FOR THE ARTS If It's Too Loud, You're Too Old

This article was well-written and definitely hit a chord with students. The lack of budget and school spirit would doom a second or third tier performer. If it were possible to diversify the acts, the CFA might attract more students. I think Costella is correct in assessing the situation, which is to bring new blood on campus.

—Andrew Rafferty, Senior

I've always wondered how CFA acts get booked. Costella's story was a very informative piece, and as a student who has many classes in 1P, it was highly relevant.

Perhaps Lisa Reilly should cooperate with WSIA, who plugs the local talent its faithful listeners would love to see. I imagine they'd make more than half a million dollars.

—Frantz Barosy, Junio

I'm happy somebody finally brought this to the attention of students. The performances at CSI don't interest them at

all. It's about time we get some more modern acts. Even showcasing local bands or comedians would be a great idea. There should be acts that attracts students, not their grandparents!

—Mike Smith, Senior

I agree with the "If It's Too Loud, You're Too Old" article. I don't think that CFA takes into consideration what the students want. Although they (CFA) cannot afford all of the acts we would like to see. Why not try and get some of those affordable performers? It's just a good way to incorporate campus functions its students. I have been here for four years and my parents have gone to more CFA functions than I have. Some of the performers are just too outdated for the students here. Maybe we need a young voice helping the director of CFA so we can have performances that will attract students.

—Jacum Alessi, Senior

This article definitely speaks for the majority of CSI students. We have the CFA right here on campus and no one

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ever goes to it because the acts are terrible. No one has heard spending a lot of money on Davy Jones, the director of the CFA should save the money for artists that the students will actually go and see. And as for "a population that does not want to be served", that's not true. We want to be served, but maybe she just shouldn't be the one serving.

—Lisa LaBruzzo

I firstly want to commend Ann Marie Costella on her fine job with the article. As a student who does, from time to time, look through the performance arts calendar bt has yet to attend an event. I can stay that time restraints on students is certainly a mahjor part of the trouble for the Center of the Arts. Though, there maybe students that would make the time to see more mainstream acts. If during these shows the center did their best to promote the more "high art" events the students might become more aware and ending up attending. The mainstream acts might be a benefit to the CSI radio station as well. Thank you for the article.

—Jennifer Carroll, Senior

CSI'S EMPTY STADIUM If You Build It They Won't Come

In my four years at CSI, I have yet to see or receive any sports-related information. This article properly portrays the lack of advertising interest by CSI officials. The one or two times I did see what appeared to be a game, I didn't know if it was a closed event, or even how to get to the entrance.

—Ryan Dandrea

I agree that more people need to attend sports games. Last year, many teams—including women's soccer, basketball, softball, and Men's baseball—won CUNY championships. It would be great if more people, both students and community residents, attended games at our school.

—Jennifer Miller, Junior

GRADUATION DISASTER More Jong Aftermath

The graduation ceremony in question lasted approximately three hours. Erica Jong decided to take forty plus minutes. I was actually working at the event and feel that if there was any disrespect, it was done on the part of Erica Jong. Jong's idea of a speech was to use her time to talk about herself and her own ideas. The uproar began when students and parents alike realized that her speech had no relevance to the Class of 2005. Prior to Jong's speech, Mayoral candidate Anthony Weiner spoke. His speech was very motivational and greeted positively.

—Scott Zeller, Senior

When I attended my brother's graduation at Hofstra University two years ago, there was a similar experience. A speaker took it upon himself to give his very republican viewpoint about

the war at a very sensitive time, to a very democratic audience. People booed, students and family members alike, but I don't believe people took away negative feelings with them. After all, it was a celebration for the students. They worked very hard and political viewpoints as opposed to something personal and memorable they can take with them to remember their school by and start their careers with. As a CSI student, I am not embarrassed by their behavior, nor do I care about what some blogger has to say. I say to the CSI students, Congratulations on your graduation and good job for taking a stand on what you believe in.

—Crystal Brown

It is really sad when group of 2,100 adults and their parents harass a guest speaker, or completely disrespect someone who has come to your child's graduation to honor them.

I think people on the Internet have every right to say whatever they want. My problem is, who is this woman and why do we care? I'm sure most people could have cared less and been a lot more pleased to go to graduation if she wasn't there. however, that doesn't give anyone the right to act like a 12 year old, especially on the day they enter the "real world".

—Marisa Gersin, Junior

I think saying that the entire CSI and CUNY community image will be tarnished for years to come is overreacting. In my opinion, a forty minute speech—unless extremely interesting—would lose my focus. The graduates nor the families should be to blame. The college should review commencement speeches before they are given to prevent situations like this occurring in the future.

—Dana Sveva, Junior

GRADUATION PHOTO SPREAD They Came, They Studied, They Conquered...

I really enjoyed the photos from June's graduation. Every picture made it seem as if I was there. They were well taken, with good captions. I didn't even know Anthony Weiner spoke, but now I do. Good job!

—Nicole DeLuccia, Senior

IS SCIENCE SAFE AT CSI? Questions arise about lab safety following Chemical Explosion

I found that Matthew Beck's "Is Science Safe at CSI?" article hit dangerously close to home. I had an incident like this happen to me in Junior High School. I don't remember the chemicals mixed, but I do recall the Bunsen Burner leading to a test tube exploded. No one was hurt so it was neverreported. The lack of supervision was the issue. The instructor didn't even realize it had happened.

—Stephanie Palmieri, Senior

SG Recap

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option and a grade appeal change. Currently, the Committee on Grade Appeals requires a unanimous vote to uphold students' appeal. A vote is pending in hopes to get that changed to a two-thirds committee agreement. The Club Commission reported nine clubs chartered this fall and the Program Development Committee (PDC) submitted this year's events calendar along with budget modifications. November 17th was set as the date for the SG Town Meeting with President Marlene Springer.

With the objective of increasing candidate and student participation is SG elections, the Elections Commission report reflected a possible referendum that would

change the method of electing SG President and Vice President. Currently, senators elect these representatives, but after polling other CUNY schools, Carol Brower, Director of Student Life, found the highest voter turnout was at schools where the student body voted directly. A referendum would allow students to consider this popular vote option.

Student Government meetings for September are scheduled for Thursday, Sept 8th and 22nd. Meetings are held in Room 1C-206 during club hours: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Goals for the coming year and stipends are expected to be discussed. All are welcome to attend.

FIRST DUE AT CSI

THE FDNY'S ENGINE COMPANY 166 AND LADDER COMPANY 86, PROTECTING CSI AND STATEN ISLAND.

Photos And Story By Luke Crisalli

The dispatch tones ring throughout the house as the crew listens with eager anticipation for the command. The pre recorded voice booms throughout the house, "Engine, Ladder." And with that, the crews of Engine Company 166 and Ladder Company 86 of the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) quickly race to the gear racks in the garage area, or apparatus bay of their firehouse, located on 1400 Richmond Ave., don their protective bunker gear and helmets and board their rigs on the way to the job.

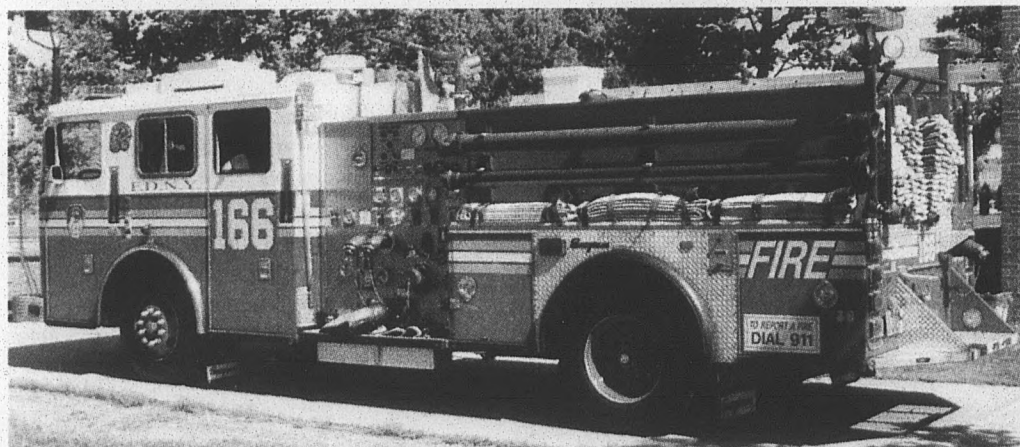
The standard FDNY engine, mainly manufactured by Seagrave has a 1000 GPM pump and a 500-gallon water tank. Engines deploy hoselines and are also equipped with a tank to propel the water. The ladder crew is in charge of entering the building, providing necessary ventilation to allow smoke to escape, and performing search and rescue. They are also equipped with forcible entry equipment, such as sledge hammers, axes, and saws. Ladder 86, also manufactured by Seagrave, in conjunction with Aerialscope, is a 75 foot tower ladder, which has the ability to propel water from a higher height.

The company was formed April 15th, 1963 and has operated out of the same quarters since then. Located across from the Staten Island Hotel, Engine 166 and Ladder 86 (Ladder companies are also commonly referred to as a "Truck" company.) protects the area in and around the College Of Staten Island's 204 acre Willowbrook campus, and if need be, responds to larger calls on Staten Island. Recently, The Banner had the opportunity to visit the company and its crew.

Firefighter Jim McChale told of how they recently pulled a construction worker from a trench, and assisted in rescuing a passenger wedged under a truck in an accident on the Goethals bridge. There was a 2 alarm fire (which usually brings at least 8 engines and 5 Trucks, among other units also responding.) on Victory Boulevard in which 2 buildings were fully involved. The companies used a "surround and drown" technique in which the fire is fought entirely from the outside to ensure firefighter safety. Hoselines are aimed at windows and other openings until the fire is completely extinguished.

As for responding to calls on campus, McChale, a firefighter since 1999 says, "We get a lot of medic runs to the campus center." FDNY Engine companies many times respond to medical emergencies and that brings them to the Campus medical center in 1C. The FDNY has had engine companies respond to various medical emergencies since the FDNY/EMS merger in March of 1996.

Other than that, the companies respond to manual alarm pulls, science lab incidents and of course, fires. "There was one time," McChale recalls. "A professor accidentally lit a garbage can on fire and we had to come and knock that down, though it was nothing big."



include the Hurst tool, also nicknamed "The Jaws of Life." The Hurst is a hydraulic spreader used for everything from getting an injured passenger out of a car to freeing a child stuck in a fence. Also in the FDNY's repertoire are powerful airbags used to assist in lifting heavy objects, such as rocks or building materials.

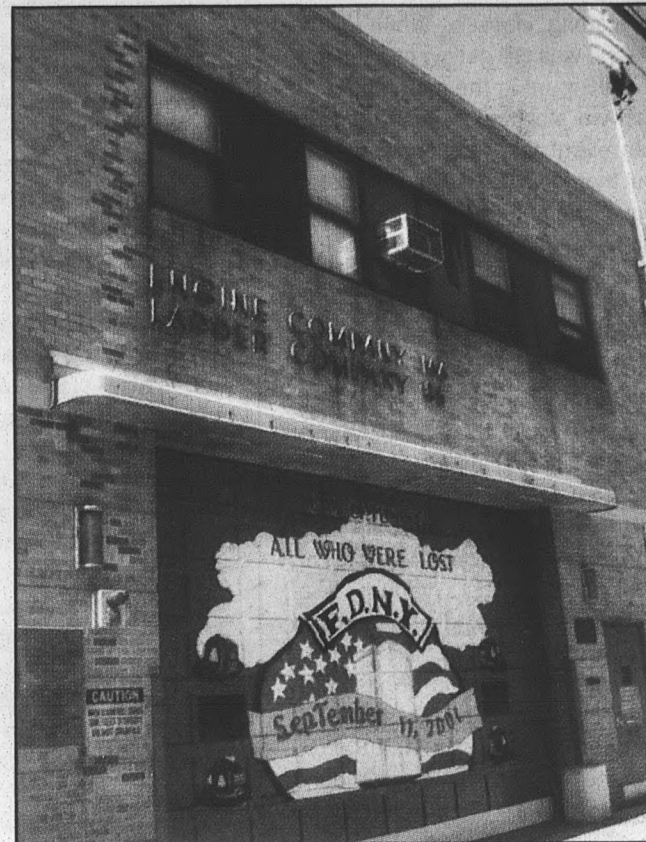
The FDNY also employs the use of handheld Thermal Imaging Cameras. The cameras display images based on the heat of the objects in view. Hotter images glow white against a darker background. This can help firefighters locate difficult to see hot spots, pockets of fire that can hide behind walls or other objects. This is especially helpful in the often dark, smoky conditions firefighters often face.

What about those who want to learn how to be an FDNY Firefighter? There is a written test, followed by a physical and a grueling few weeks at the FDNY training academy on Randall's Island, aptly nicknamed "The Rock." There you will do everything from rope repels to learning how to properly aim a fully charged hose at a fire. Being in the best shape is paramount to passing the physical. "You need to get your cardio up and you gotta have endurance.", says Spall. "If you maintain yourself and keep your stamina up, that will help you in a big way."

Also operating out of the firehouse is Brush Fire Unit 2, a 4 wheel drive unit which responds to incidents in which normal rigs can't get to, such as forest or swamp fires. "Its in service for about 90 days a year and has its own pumps on board," says Lt. Spall.

And what about the cooking? A well known firehouse tradition, especially here in New York City, is the cooking, which adds to the family-type brotherhood. "The guys from the engine cook one month, and the guys from the truck cook the other month," says McChale. "If you don't know how to at least cook chicken cutlets, you may be in trouble.." he joked.

[This article could not have been done without the help of Seth Andrews and the FDNY Media Services office, and the crew of Engine company 166/Ladder 86, including Capt. Melvin, Lt. Spall, and Firefighter Jim McChale.]



As for navigating the campuses sometimes confusing layout, McChale, who has also been senior chauffer (driver) since 1999 says, "It's not that bad. Once you go a few times, you learn it, and Public Safety always meets us at the gate, and they keep all the extinguishers and hoses up to date and in working order."

"When the campus first opened," Lt. Fred Spall recalls, "we would get a lot of calls for the heat sensors kicking up dust that messed with the sensors a lot." "We also do training drills once a week, extending hoselines, making sure they work properly, raising the ladder, making sure the equipment works right basically." However, the training doesn't stop there, in fact, in many ways it never stops. "You always want more training, more knowledge." McChale says. "It's a lot like football," he adds, "you always keep adding more to your playbook." Lt. Spall echoes those thoughts. "You can never not know enough. Tying knots, auto extrication, there's always something new to learn."

Some of the tools that the company and FDNY are known for using

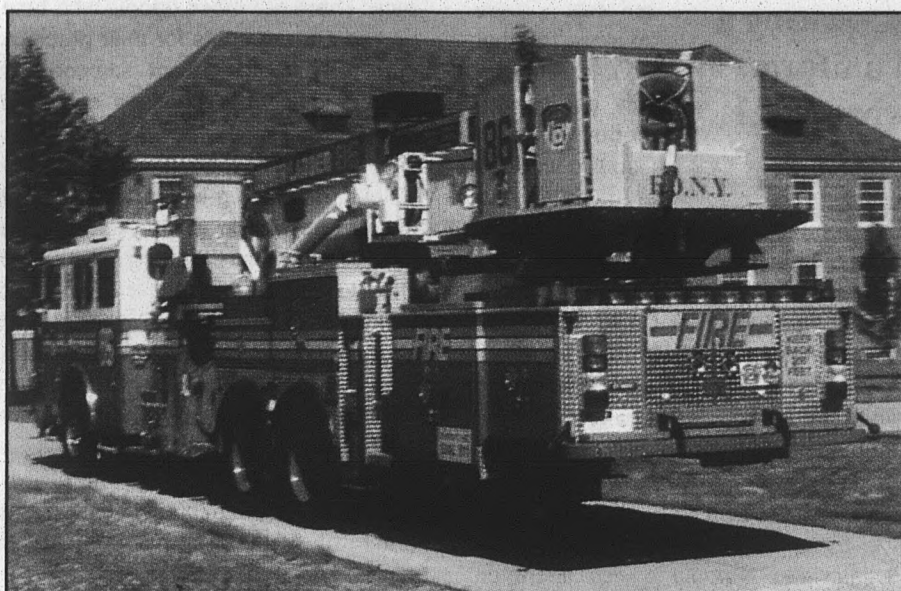




Engine 166 receives assistance from FDNY EMS while responding to a medic run at 1C.



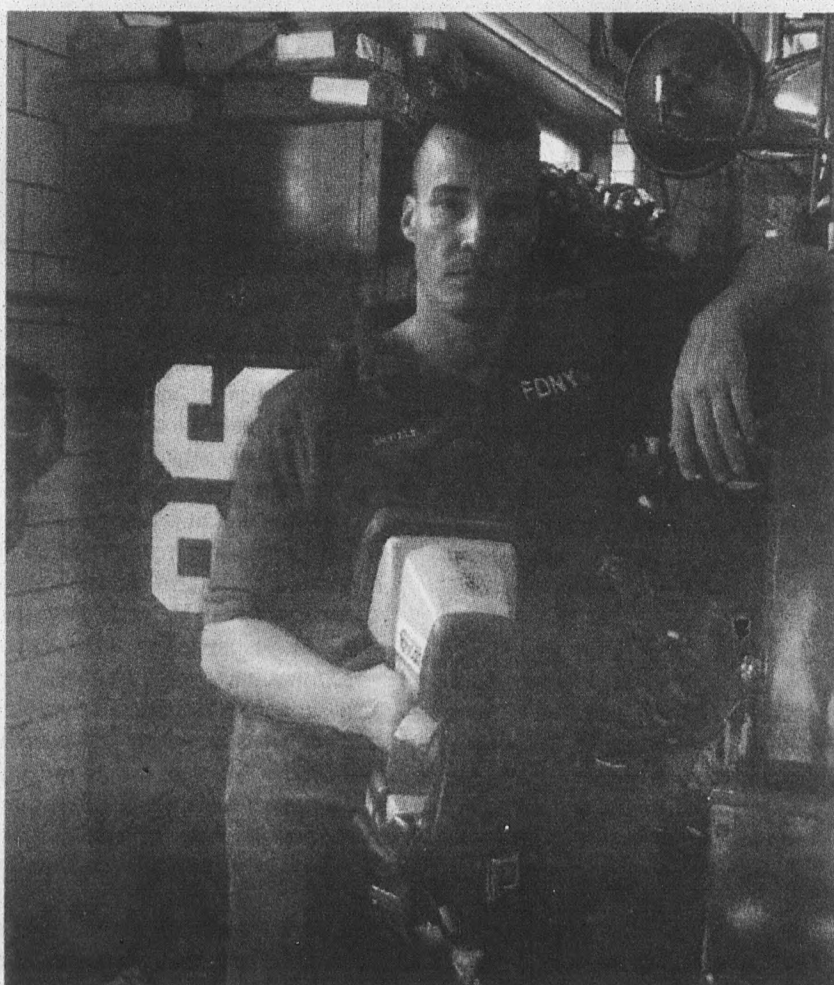
The crew of Engine 166 after a medic run at the campus center.



Ladder 86 responds to a report of a gas leak at 1S.



Engine 166 on campus.



Firefighter Jim McMchale demonstrates how the FDNY uses Thermal imaging Cameras.



Lt. Spall and Firefighter McMchale Pose in front of Ladder 86.

Freshman Diaries...

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS: MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR STAY HERE.

Lauren Taylor

I started classes on August 30th. The first day of preparation was weird because after 12 years of wearing a Catholic School uniform, I could choose what I was going to wear the next couple of days. I now realized that even though the uniform was a restriction, it was easier to get ready for school. In addition, homeroom time does not exist anymore in college; attendance was taken and information was given but now that is an individual responsibility. I am in control of my existence in college. I am given the opportunity to create my destiny on my own, to succeed or to fail.

When I first received my class schedule and campus map, it seemed overwhelming. The distance between certain buildings seemed so far and I thought it would take forever to get from one class to another, but it didn't. Walking with friends helps the time pass. In no time, I became familiar with, and began to direct other students to the buildings that they were looking for. Campus maps and the Gazetteer help greatly. I recommend them.

In addition, make sure you have your student I.D with you all the time because without an I.D., you do not have access to many of the CSI buildings like the Library and Campus Center. Carrying the student ID will be

like having another body part to be aware of. It must be with you at all times.

Since I recently found part-time employment to make some money for myself, my work schedule will be very tight. It so happens that my first job coincides with my first year in college. I didn't think it would happen at the same time, but it seems right to experience new things all at once (maybe).

Hopefully, the school work I will endure in the weeks to come will fit with my employment. School will still be the number one priority. If I could, I would work all of the time because money is necessary for my expenses, especially for gas. But, I know education is still my number one responsibility and my primary goal.

Now that I have to juggle homework and to forget about delaying their attention, along with my required working hours, it might be difficult to be organized. I know that sometimes when seeing the due dates for assignments, I feel that I have time to complete the work and then it's the day before it's

due and I'm scrambling to get work done. It's been a while since I've actually had to worry about the element of time to get an assignment done. Summer vacation made me lazy, but the new school year will get me an organized schedule, I hope. Yes, it might be

hard to organize, but that is why teachers' give us syllabus in advance, so that we can successfully get assignments done. I also like the idea of the syllabus in St. John Villa

High School. I have never received work for a class that had a list of assignments due unless it was for Christmas break. Syllabi makes me feel more organized to know when things are to be handed in and what is expected of me in the future months. Maybe reading ahead and doing extra work might payoff, although it's a hassle doing so.

Even though I do not have my license yet, I would advise freshmen students to arrive early in order to find a parking space. CSI is very empty around seven in the morning for those who have early classes. Yes, it is nice to park close to the building in which your

class is held, if you're lucky enough. If you do find a parking spot close, take it; although there are more parking spots available somewhere else. I have seen people fighting for those spaces. The cursing that occurs over something so small as a vacant parking space is ridiculous. It's not anyone else's fault but your own if you do not arrive early enough to find a reasonable place to park. There are those people who take up two parking spots for their precious cars. If you didn't want someone to park next to your precious car, then please don't drive your car to school. Take public transportation such as the 62 bus, depending where you live. But for anyone who is looking for parking, your best choice is Parking Lot # 6 and walk to class or take the Loop Bus. Make sure you have your parking pass sticker on your car window and make sure it's visible for security to check.

These are the best (college) years your (my) life or so I've been told. I really don't know how and where I will be when I graduate, but I can wish and dream about how I envision my life at my college graduation.

Sex Column: *Laying the Smackdown in the Bedroom*

Annemarie Dooling

A friend of mine believes everyone should succumb to homosexuality. "Men enjoy rough, wild sex, and women like gentle passion and to be caressed, so why not just get it from someone who knows best?" This pearl of wisdom from a man who is happily and newly married to a beautiful woman who gives him everything he needs. What concerned me most about his comment was how one sided it was. Women just want gentle sex? Have music videos and six seasons of Sex and The City done nothing to change the views of what women want in bed? Do men still actually believe that we need to be cuddled and hugged for the sex to be tolerable? Haven't men realized by now that we, women, just like them, prefer different types of sex at different times, and are even into <gasp> experimentation?

Now, most men do understand not all of us women are porn stars in the making, but, when they are enjoying biting and hair pulling and sweaty screaming and yelling—who are they enjoying it with? Are men delegating this type of sex to certain girls? And what type do you have to be to have this experience open to you?

My best friend, who is affectionately known as Sam, experienced this dilemma first hand a few weeks ago. No matter how

many times she told her boy he could switch it up a little and dare to experiment, he told her he wanted to make her happy... as if experimenting wouldn't do that. However, her late night sessions with another bed buddy always resulted in nothing but mind blowing orgasms so intense the bed ended up in a different corner of the room from where it started.

After deciding she'd rather be with the boy who screwed her without inhibition, she dumped her love-maker and tried to begin a relationship with Mr. Orgasm. Unfortunately, he had delegated her to a certain part of his life. He spoke to her online, and on the phone, and occasionally asked about her to common friends, but she could barely finish her obligatory glass of water after the sex before she felt the awkwardness kick in and it was time to go home. He specified her to certain hours of the day, certain events, and certain friends, and it was a mold she couldn't break with him. Eventually he got back together with an ex-girlfriend, leaving Sam wondering if she was just his 'crazy sex girl,' and not someone he could actually ever be with.

What's confusing about her experience was the attentiveness of the boy who wanted to date her and the unabashed roughness of the boy who wanted to do

her, and neither the 'tween shall meet. Was her bed buddy saving the lovemaking for a girl he really cared about—his ex? Is anything other than missionary off limits for girls he planned on bringing home to mom, and Sam was simply his way to get off?

According to experts, many men actually seek out two types of relationships. Although there is no formal diagnosis for it, psychology has labeled this the "Madonna/Whore Complex." In this complex, men enjoy sex with women, but eventually seek out a rather inexperienced woman with whom to spend their life. This woman would feed upon his intimacy needs in an almost Freudian way, acting like a nurturing mother. And really, what man wants to think of his mother figure in a sexual way? These women can be anyone the man views as virginal, but are usually slightly less educated, and have only ambitions to start families. This feeds on the man's need to procreate and begin his clan. However, this can, in fact, happen in any relationship, and to any person. In this situation, when the woman attempts to be sexual, she brings on name calling and verbal abuse, most often, "whore," "slut," or anything like minded. This is basically the shock, on the part of the man, in seeing someone he thinks of as pure in a

"dirty" way.

In her first relationship, Sam was virginal and motherly in the eyes of her boyfriend, while the man she was having sex with thought of her in no more of a capacity than just for sex. The first boy had her over for dinner with his entire extended family, while the second kept her away from his house in daylight hours like she had the plague. Which is the lesser of the evils? Being the virgin or the whore?

In my opinion, any relationship that can fit the label of a psychological complex, has problems from the get-go. If we think of the person we are with as fitting a certain part of our life, and taking care of that specific need, isn't there still other needs that have yet to be met? If we're with someone who fulfills our need for love and attention, but will only have us in the dark where they can't ruin their image of us, are they really making love to the person, or just the image? On the same hand, if we're having sex with someone who throws us out practically the minute they orgasm, that doesn't feel right, either. Both are a good indication of how you will be treated should a full fledged relationship begin. And ideally, don't we all want someone who would think of us as both their Madonna and their whore, or neither?

40 Year Old Virgin Pops His Cherry

Kevin S.P. Mamakas

I saw the preview for "40 Year Old Virgin" before settling into "Wedding Crashers" — and immediately I knew that I was going to see another comedy during the summer season.

Steve Carrell stars as Andy, a 40-year old loner who works in a radio outlet store and has been collecting action figures since he was a child. He is different than many other men his age in more ways than one. In particular, he is still a virgin, and the victim of various hilarious mishaps while trying to solve this problem. While one willing woman was sucking his toes, Andy kicks her in the face. While another partner is about to go down on him, Andy lets loose with a girly scream so ridiculous and unsexy that the screen went blank, along with his chance. So he takes it seriously when a girl tells him he should never attempt to have sex again.

When his coworkers invite him to a card game, they all start telling stories about their weirdest sexual experiences. When it is his turn to tell his story, he didn't want them to know that he never had sex. He makes up a ridiculous story that involved "sandy breasts" and the girl saying "Me so horny." He is immediately exposed by his lack of sexual knowledge. Once his coworkers find out that he never successfully had sex, they become determined to try and help him find the right girl, or should I say the right now girl.

They convince him that he needs to wax his chest. Even though it has been reported that he was not acting when he got his hair waxed off, his

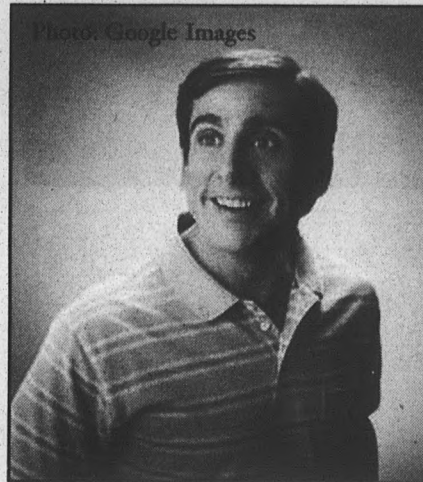
reactions were classic. It had to be one of the best scenes in the movie.

There attempts to free him of his suppressed ways only make matters

worse. He becomes frightened by the people they make him meet, who range from a woman who just got out of jail who wants to be straight again to a sex-fetish crazed woman.

When he meets Trish, played by Catherine Keener, he is

terrified to call her. When he finally is annoyed enough by his co-workers, he



Steve Carrell is the 40 year old virgin.

builds up his nerve and asks her out. They begin to date and soon attempt to have sex. After Trish's daughter interrupts them, they decide that they will have twenty dates before they attempted.

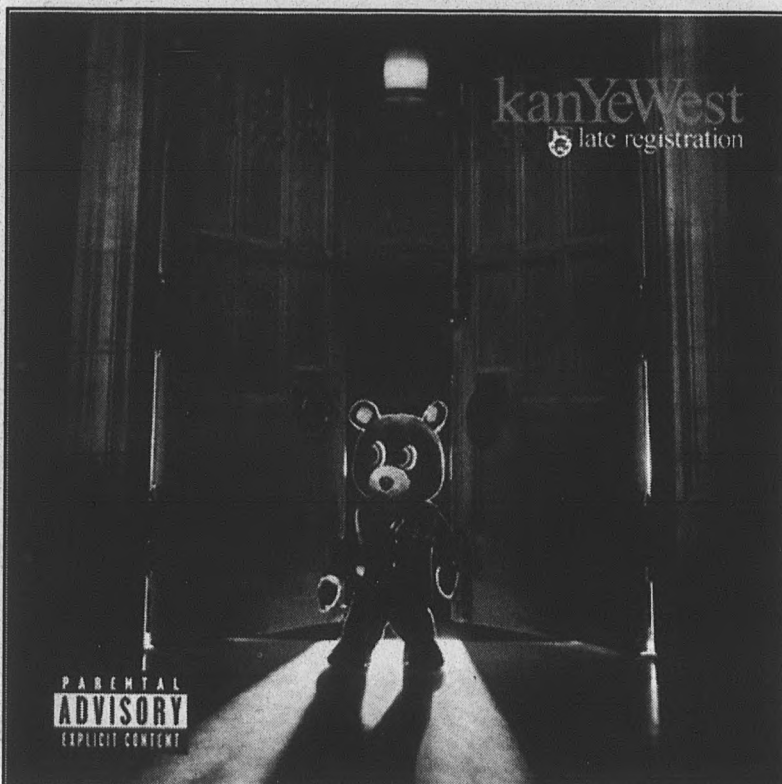
I will not ruin the ending for those who did not see it, but I will say that when the music started, I thought it would ruin the whole movie. But after I adjusted to the song, it was great.

Steve Carrell has broken out of his former supporting actor role in the "Anchorman" and the "Daily Show," and has starred in a hilarious movie of his own. Even though he is funny in these roles, I was a little weary about Carrell as a lead actor because I have never seen him in a role of this magnitude. Now he has proven that he can make a movie work by his humor.

The movie was great for anyone who enjoys comedy. I wouldn't bring kids along to see the movie because of the content. I give it four and a half out of five condoms.

Kanye's New Workout Plan

Thomas Bradley



more," said Mr. West at a recent listening party hosted by Hot 97. "Not unless I get to sign off on the article and approve the pictures." Which, in case you weren't sure, will never happen. Kanye also expressed his annoyance with Hot97 for reporting on the TIME magazine article. Kanye's frustration may seem juvenile but he defends his concerns by explaining, "My words are so powerful and they change people's lives." Hopefully Kanye learns to pick his battles with the press or his career in the spotlight will become a very painful experience. "I'm just everyday people," said Kanye. "I feel a way about people who want me to fail." Since he is apparently writing off the media altogether one might have thought "Late Registration" would receive less than glowing reviews. Yet, "Late Registration" has produced critical applause from The New York Times to XXL magazine. Selling 860,000 copies in its first week of sales, "Late Registration" will be #1 on next week's Billboard album charts.

"Late Registration", the second album from everybody's favorite chauvinist, super-producer/rapper Kanye West was delivered late August. While Mr. West's first album, "College Dropout", was a hit with critics and consumers alike, the second album was highly anticipated by both his fans and detractors alike. The mystique of the sophomore jinx would weigh heavily on Kanye's Gucci clad shoulders since he first vocalized his frustration with magazines giving his first album less than perfect reviews. However, both of the album's first singles, "Diamonds (From Sierra Leone)" and "Gold Digger" have had substantial radio success and both videos have entered standard MTV rotation.

Kanye's recent cover of TIME magazine, a milestone in any artist's career, has fostered more negative feelings between Kanye and journalists. "I'm not doing magazines no

A recent interview in Mass Appeal magazine, Kanye once again vocalized his mistrust for the media (yes, in a magazine article). "What they do

is," said Kanye. "They take my words and they'll flip it." Ever conscious of his image, Kanye is not about to have his words, the essence of his craft, minced by some writer who nobody cares about. Using phrases like "frustrating genius", "quite prolific", and "the Midas touch", Mass Appeal aptly described how we all feel about Kanye West: He may be arrogant, self-important, and flashy, but he's just that good.

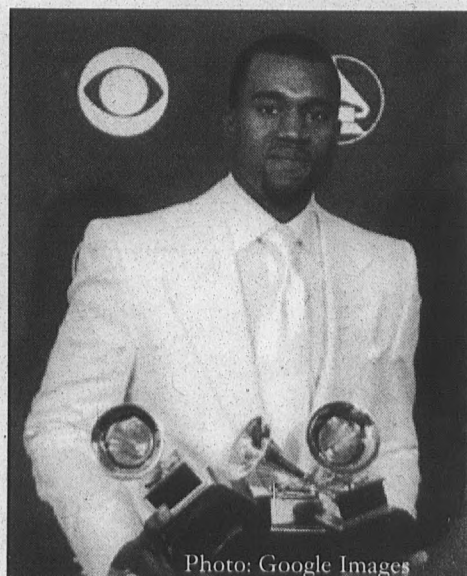
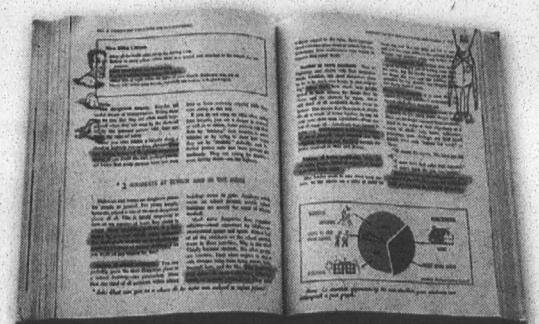


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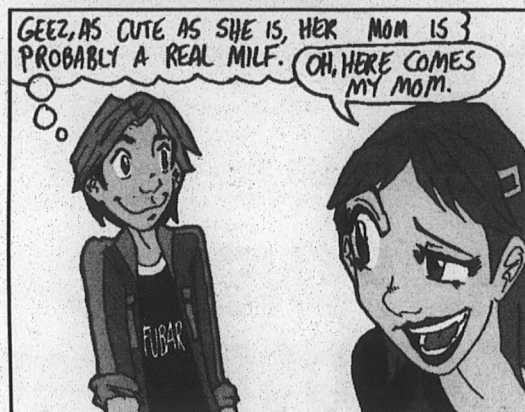
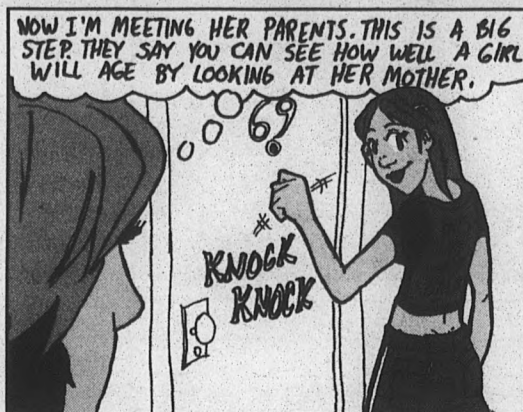
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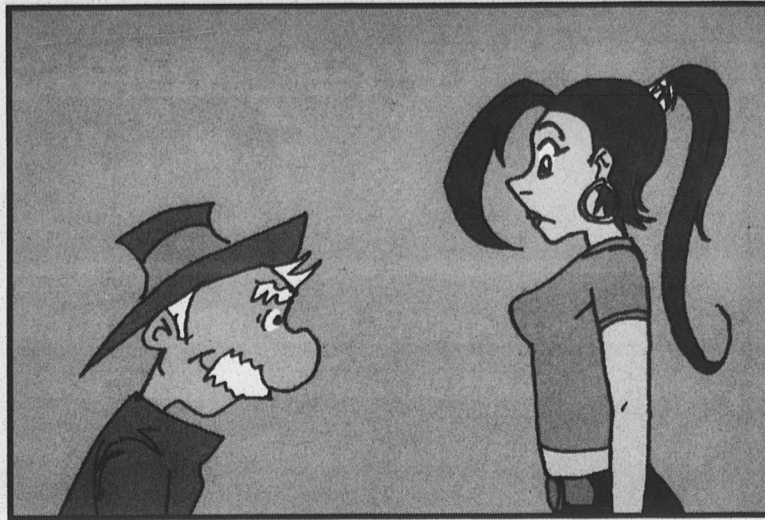
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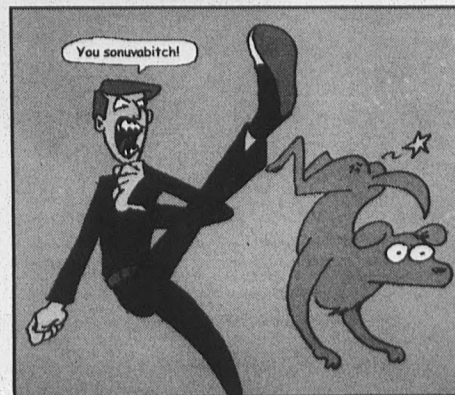
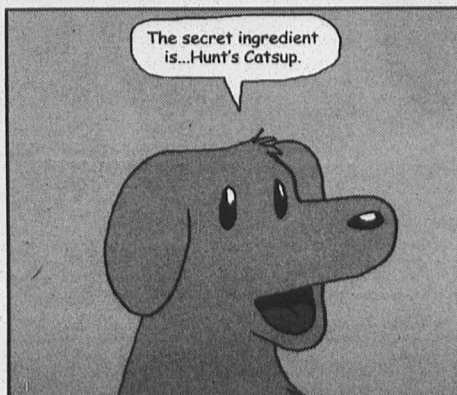
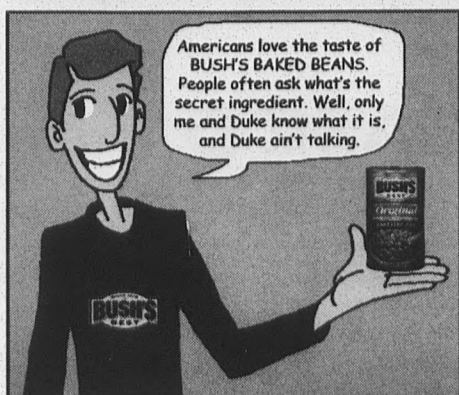
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Women's Volleyball Gets Set to Compete Beyond CUNY Conference

Khadijah Rentas

In the year 2002, the famed pair Misty May and Kerri Walsh won four FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour gold medals and the U.S. women's volleyball team fought for the silver at the Women's Volleyball World Championships, didn't equate to the same fame or glory for CSI's women's volleyball team. The team won only one game that year, but this season forecast may suggest a much brighter future.

CSI's associate athletic director and assistant coach of the women's volleyball team, Jason Fein, expects to at least win enough games to earn a position to compete at the CUNY Conference November 1. Since 2002, the team has strengthened its reputation. "It's a kind of rebuilding process,"

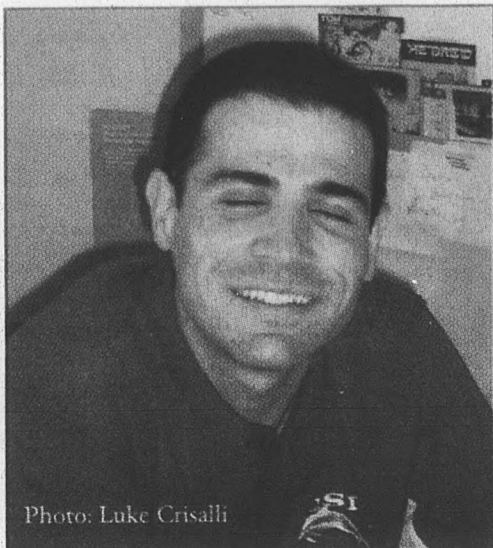


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Assistant women's volleyball coach Jason Fein expects to win 10 games this season.

marked Fein in reference to previous stats,

"we hope to win 10 this season." Two years ago, the team won three out of 20 games when Fein governed as interim head coach. Last year, head coach Rose Delnnoentiis stepped in. The team won five games and scooped a spot in the playoffs. Ten may not sound like a great season average for wins, but it's enough to play at the CUNY Conference and face their toughest opponents.

CUNY Colleges have challenged the Dolphins to some difficult games the past few seasons. Outside of CUNY, Mt. St. Mary College and Farmingdale College have also been tough to beat. "I don't think we've beaten any of those teams, at least not in the last few years," said Fein, "but we should beat some teams this year that we haven't in a while."

Team composition has affected

victory turnout in the past. Some players adapted to life as a volleyball player after competing for other teams at the college, such as the basketball team. Heavy recruiting by Delnnoentiis has made a difference. "Rose really cares about the team," said Fein.

The women sweat over scheduled games, both home and away, about three times a week, said Fein. The team has never won a championship and even with the overload of practice and talent, Fein doesn't expect to win the gold. "We knew the last couple of years we weren't going to win the championship," said Fein. However, Fein also doesn't believe winning is necessarily everything. "There's not a whole lot of glory in Division III," said Fein frankly, "you play because you love to play."



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