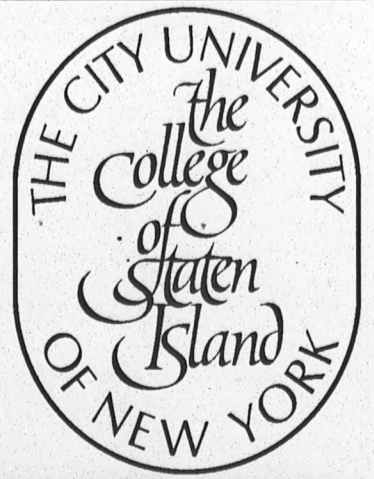


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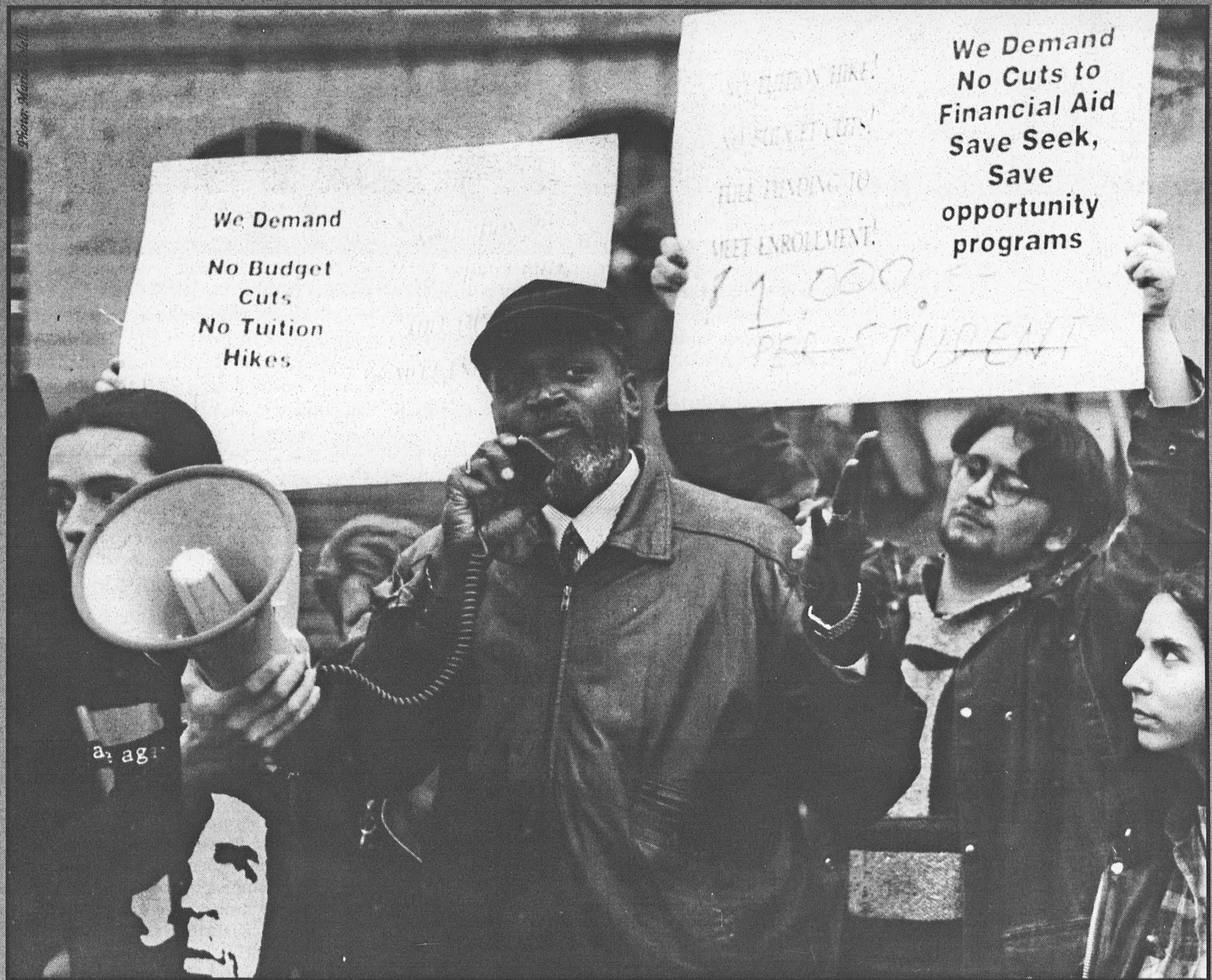
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CUNY Cuts Cause Chaos

By Michael Garofalo

CSI students rallied against Governor Pataki's proposed CUNY budget in front of Borough Hall, in one of the first steps to fight the cuts.

Demonstrators chanted, "Students United. . . Will never be defeated. . . Pataki says cut back, we say fight back." This is one of the first steps by protesters to fight the CUNY Cuts.

Protester John Paul Patafio stated, "We've got to get the word out. . . petitions are not good enough. Do you know what Molinari does with those petitions? He wipes his ass with those petitions... We've got to get out and fight."

Students may suffer a \$1,000 tuition increase, the largest proposed increase for CUNY. This is on top of the 26% cut of state aid to CUNY.

This leaves students worried for their future.

President of Students for a Brighter Tomorrow Ryan Monroe replies; "Education is a worthwhile investment that leads to self-sufficiency. Without education there will be more crime, more jails."

"The rally is meant to show Borough

President Guy Molinari, that any friend of Pataki is no friend of ours," explains Monroe. Molinari had no comment for the protesters.

Student aid is drastically affected by the cuts. \$100 Million in TAP cutbacks, total elimination of aid for part-time and graduate students, and termination of the SEEK (Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge) program.

Demonstrator Sue Twohy states; "The plain reason I'm here [demonstrating] is because of our tuition hikes. Deal with CUNY now, so you don't have to deal with us on welfare later."

Another protester Karen Marston replies,

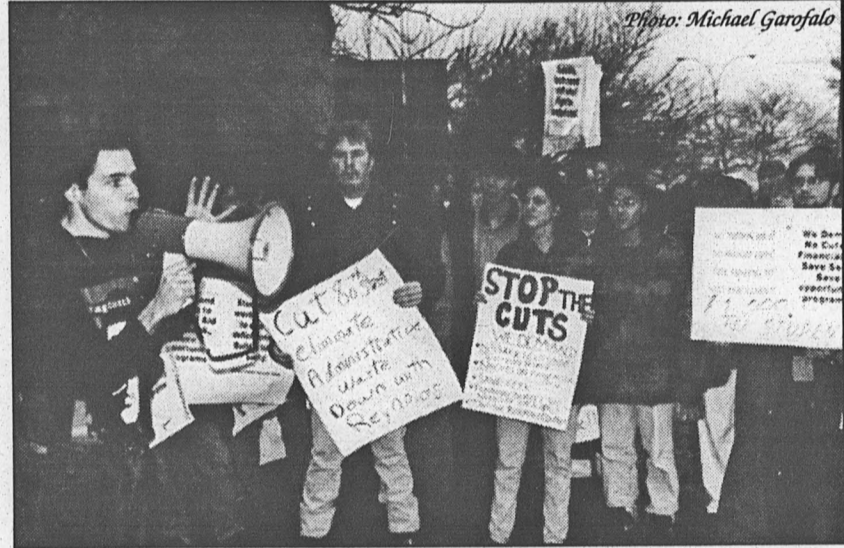


Photo: Michael Garofalo

"It's a direct hit at low-income families and minorities, we have no voice in office." She continues, "This is only the beginning."

The proposed cuts will also affect faculty. Protester Nicole Homes comments, "My mother is part

of the faculty (adjunct professor) and she might lose her job."

CUNY students are preparing for a city-wide protest in front of City Hall on March 23. Protester Thom Watson comments, "We weren't exactly disappointed with the turnout, but it's not enough to get the point across."

IN CSI NEWS...

CAFETERIA ACCIDENT LEAVES WORKER BADLY INJURED

While slicing cold cuts in the kitchen area of the cafeteria at noontime on February 14th, Sue Patoza, Cafeteria Personnel, sliced her thumb on her right hand and was immediately rushed to the hospital where she received six stitches. Ms. Patoza's thumb was sliced laterally, the wound extending from the tip of her thumb towards the joint, leaving her fingernail mangled and her finger badly cut.

Fellow staff worker Rosie stated, "It was just horrible, when they (EMS) brought her out and I saw all that blood, it was just terrible." Injured Patoza, upon leaving to go to the hospital stated the following with a shaky smile, "Don't worry, it's just a cut, I'll be back." Patoza was given a leave of absence and is expected to return to work by the first week of March.

MORE PARKING AREA

Due to the many complaints made over the parking spaces in the school, President Marlene Springer has made a petition to the fire department in order to add extra parking spaces between buildings 1A and 2A by the PCA building (around the great lawn). If approved by the fire department, the area will add approximately 80 new parking spaces. In addition to this area, students are also allowed to park in the gravel area along the loop bus road.

According to Mr. Martinez, Director of Security, Auxiliary Services will be paying to have the grassy areas fenced off in order to prevent parking on the grass. Mr. Martinez further explained that the loop bus road will be improved in order to prevent drivers from exceeding the speed limit. As recommended by parking consultants, 8 - 10 speed humps will be installed on the road. These "speed humps" differ from ordinary "speed bumps" in as they will be "gradual -

low bumps" instead of "abrupt - high bumps" found at most malls.

Martinez explained that although he is unsure as to the extent a speed hump will cause on a speeding car, "the driver will certainly get a jolt."

ILLEGAL ACTIVITY DAMPENS PARTY

During a Hip Hop Party held on February 16th, various people were caught smoking marijuana outside of 1C while others were found bringing alcohol into the party which was hosted by PDC. Security cracked down on the activity and immediately escorted the unidentified persons out of the campus.

After a fiasco party last year (which broke out into a brawl), Security came prepared for the worst with some guards in plain clothes and tight security around the area. Sources reveal that although security was "tight," it is "still easy to sneak in alcohol, all you have to do is empty out a soda can and fill it up with whatever. They (security) don't check that."

LOOP BUS LEAKED OUT OF COMMISSION

Loop bus #190 sprung a gas leak which left it inoperable on February 14th. The leak began early in the morning when the gas tank sprung a slow leak, however, Bus driver Fran did not realize the problem until 7 hours later when the hole in the gas tank became larger and the gas tank gage needle dropped within seconds. By this time, the fumes became unbearable.

Fellow driver Mike checked the bus and found the problem as Fran complained of a throat soreness and headache. How the gas tank was punctured is still unknown but Fran explained, "We use diesel fuel instead of gas. I doubt the fumes hurt any of the students." No complaints were made to the nursing station and the bus was repaired that night.

-By Jennifer Valle

WOMEN'S FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE HOLDS FIFTH CONFERENCE

By Jennifer Valle

February 18th marked the fifth convention in a series of eight conferences for the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP). The conference was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Washington D.C. with over one thousand female participants present for the occasion.

The WFWP was founded by Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon in 1992. Married to a reverend and adevout Christian who has seen the horror of war, Mrs. Moon felt "commissioned by God" to unite the women of the world through this federation in order to take moral action towards the healing and education within the family structure as well as in the society we live in. Explaining her commission, Mrs. Moon stated, "Men have tried for the past 20 centuries to build a world of peace, but now the task has been entrusted to us women. It is the decree of heaven that we take up the task of building world peace through ideal families." She continued, "In general, men tend to lead their lives centered on themselves, whereas women tend to be more willing to sacrifice themselves. We need to sacrifice ourselves for the

benefit of the whole and, thus, exercise true love." Joined by Mrs. Nora M. Spurgin in 1992, the women joined together and spoke to over one million women worldwide with their message of peace. As more women became involved, the organization grew.

The conference in Washington D.C. began promptly at 12:00 pm with registration and lunch for the participants of the day's events. Women from all parts of the United States and Japan traveled to this conference in their dedication and devotion to the cause that Mrs. Moon expressed. The American women were kept separated from the Japanese women until 3:00 pm when they were finally paired up (complete strangers) with one another. Each

of the women referred to her partner as her "sister" as they sat together to listen to the keynote speakers for the evening, former President George Bush and his wife Barbara



Former President Bush and wife Barbara were keynote speakers at the conference.

Bush. Mrs. Bush, before speaking to the congregation of women, was honored to walk in a "bridge" ceremony where Mrs. Moon stood on one side of the stage and Mrs. Bush on

the other. As the music began, both women walked towards each other and embraced as a symbol of friendship between the two countries.

Mrs. Bush began with welcoming all the women and talking casually about herself and her husband whom she dubbed laughingly as "The great golfer." She continued to jest Mr Bush as she brought up that fateful day when Mr. Bush became ill and vomited on the Prime Minister of Japan. "The Prime Minister remained so calm," she reflected, "and when George finally woke up and realized what had happened, he said 'Just roll me under the table and continue with your dinner.' It was then that I knew he was all right." She added on a happier note, "Just by the behavior of the Prime Minister and all of the people present, you could feel the friendship That was true friendship."

Mrs. Bush continued to talk of her family life and the importance of family ideals within a peaceful world. She expressed, "I can't stress enough the importance of spending time with your children. Mothers and fathers must spend time with their children, your children are the future." She further stated, "The learning starts at home with the parents and their children." Reflecting on the past, Mrs. Bush explained the decision made by former President Bush

during the Desert Storm Episode stating, "I'll never forget the agony that George went through before he decided to send the troops out." After speaking of family illiteracy

and the importance of family prayer and togetherness, she stated, "It has been said many times before but it is true... you've all heard of that saying 'You can't just talk the talk, you have to walk the walk'. Your children follow what you do and you have to show them, you can't just tell them and expect them to listen."

After Mrs. Bush spoke, Mr. Bush began with, "I thank God I am no longer in politics, and I am out of the news. I don't miss it." He continued jokingly by saying, "Now that I am no longer President, a lot more people beat me in golf." After a few more small jokes, he began to speak of his son, George Bush Jr., and the pride he has in him now that he has become governor of Texas. Mr. Bush continued by speaking of the values of family and prayer within the family structure. He continued by saying, "I am not ashamed to admit that I am a Christian." Mr. Bush continued by explaining how faith is a key to peace and how belief in God is what helped him through the hard decisions he has had to make as president. Mr. Bush ended his speech with a small statement, "I could not imagine having to live without faith. Faith is what ties us all together."

After the Bushes left for the evening, the women pledged the fol-

lowing:

"Through this sisterhood ceremony I join in friendship with my partner to build a bridge of peace and reconciliation between our two nations, The United States and Japan. As a woman concerned with peace at all levels of human endeavor, I will strive to be a peacemaker and harmonizer in my family, community, society, and between nations."

Afterwards, the "women were given time to get to know their new sister and exchange

phone numbers and addresses. The event followed with dinner and a ballet performed by the Kirov Academy of Ballet. The ballet company performed excerpts from the "Nutcracker" and "Swan Lake." After reflecting on the evenings events, one women stated, "Imagine if 55 years ago, before WW 2, men were able to put away their pride and walk across that bridge and make peace with each other just like the women do today."

The WFWP will be holding their last conference for the year on March 8th. All students who wish to attend this remarkable event should contact Lisa or Ralph Oppenheimer at (718) 448-1601.

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Jennifer Valle & Masako Onodera



The Kirov Academy of Ballet performed during th reception

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S.A.F.E. Team: Security or S.W.A.T.?

By Christopher Zeyer

On February 17, *The Banner* received a memo from a concerned member of the college community. This memo is signed by Jose Elique (the University Director of Security and Public Safety), and directed to Dr. Elsie Scott (the Deputy Commissioner of Training for the New York City Police Department). Mr. Elique requested of Dr. Scott that she should assist in and authorize training for a new type of C.U.N.Y. security force. This team has been dubbed S.A.F.E.,

team "more sensitive and would be more service-oriented". In Mr. Elique's own words, he wants to make "a corps of peace officers".

This team is coming at a time when serious budget cuts are about to be imposed on C.U.N.Y. When the budget cuts hit in 1991, C.U.N.Y. was confronted with rallies, takeovers, and sit-downs. Mr. Elique stated putting this S.A.F.E. team together now is "somewhat coincidental" and he reiterated

designees determine there is a threat to public safety or public order.' In other words, not only would President Springer have the authority, but also Chancellor Ann Reynolds and any person or persons they decide should have the authority. In effect, this takes the power of security away from campuses and centralizes it to the

after a building is taken over, this team would be called in to get the students. "This is not a game," according to Dr. Yousef and he says a group like this is "overkill".

There is also the major point about the pending budget cuts. With cuts affecting all of C.U.N.Y., Dr. Yousef points out that even if this team is only a "marginal expense", it's still an additional expense. He doesn't understand how, with budget cuts coming which would affect students, how could there be money for additional training of the S.A.F.E. team. Dr. Yousef believes the S.A.F.E. team "is not a major need" and a college campus is a "people's community" with "absolutely no reason for this extent" (referring to the team.)

The Banner tried to get an audience with President Springer about the S.A.F.E. team, but with the hectic schedule she has, we were only able to get a statement from her public relations office. The response to the question of when President Springer would call such a team on campus is as follows:

which means "Special Assistance for Events". The team is to be used for on-campus events such as protests, rallies, and large parties.

In an interview with *The Banner*, Elique goes into more detail. According to him, this is an "extension of a mobilization component" that is already in place. He explained that when any college needs extra security guards, they pull them from other campuses. "This is just assigning peace officers to do it" he stated. For example, if President Springer asked for additional security for a rally on campus, there would be an assigned team coming rather than personnel coming from other campuses. Mr. Elique did state that these officers would be slightly different.

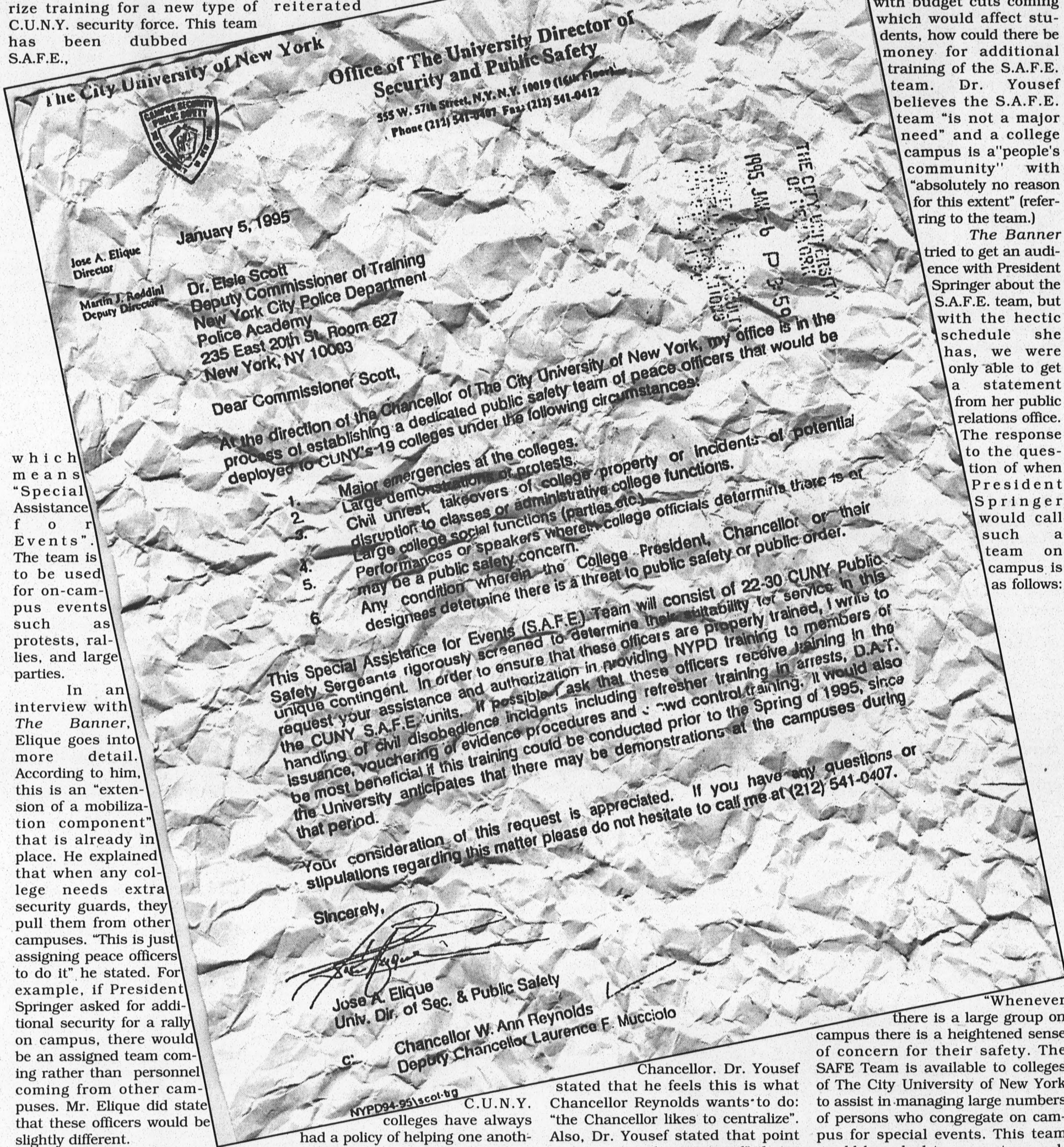
The public safety sergeants selected for this team would receive "additional training" from Dr. Elsie Scott. Dr. Scott has implemented a plan of community policing, to help the police strengthen ties on their beat. In this way, the community will help them, respect them, and would be more inclined to speak with them. Mr. Elique, with the help of Dr. Scott, would like to make the

C.U.N.Y. colleges have always had a policy of helping one another with security. This would only be assigning specially trained officers to the task. Mohammed Yousef, a professor of Engineering Technology and the Chapter Chairman of the faculty union, feels that S.A.F.E. will "dilute the local control". What he is referring to is point six in the memo which states: 'Any condition wherein the College President, Chancellor, or their

Chancellor. Dr. Yousef stated that he feels this is what Chancellor Reynolds wants to do: "the Chancellor likes to centralize". Also, Dr. Yousef stated that point six is "so loosely structured" that a college president or the Chancellor can give anyone the authority as to who would bring the S.A.F.E. team in. Dr. Yousef stated, "How would you know who would control it?" and he hears the S.A.F.E. team "sounds more like a SWAT team". One example of that would be during a building takeover. According to the S.A.F.E. project, two hours

"Whenever there is a large group on campus there is a heightened sense of concern for their safety. The SAFE Team is available to colleges of The City University of New York to assist in managing large numbers of persons who congregate on campus for special events. This team would be asked to support our college's public safety force should a greater level of service be required."

What do you think?
We would like to know if you are for or against the S.A.F.E. team's existence.
If you have any comments about the S.A.F.E. team, please bring them to *The Banner* in room 1C-228.



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Thousands Rally In Albany

By Jennifer Valle

Over 9,500 students from various CUNY and SUNY campuses traveled to the legislative office building and Capitol at Albany, despite the horrendous weather conditions, in order to rally and lobby against George Pataki's budget cuts, on Feb. 24th. The event was sponsored by NYPIRG.

One Student from Bronx Community, Akba Cowell stated, "It can't be done (the budget cuts) because without us, there is no them." Angry students shouted in protest such things as "Fight! Fight! Education is our right", and "Pataki says cut back we say fight back!!" As thousands swarmed on the front steps of the capitol, nearly 400 other student-lobbyists spoke with assembly members, Senators and representatives about the dangers and consequences that such a large budget cut would have on the education system.

The budget proposed by Pataki, if passed, will result in the loss of all Equal Opportunity Programs such as SEEK, Graduate Tap and Aid for Part Time Study (APTS) eliminated and Financial Aid drastically cut. Furthermore, the College funding for CUNY will be decreased by 27.5% (\$158.1 million), funding for SUNY decreased by 32% (\$289.5 million) and Independent colleges decrease by 4% (\$6 million). If the budgets go through as planned, colleges will be forced to raise tuition by \$1,000 in order to make up for the cuts, leaving no choice but for needy students to take out loans or drop college.

As the rally reached its

peak, student Daniel Fedus exclaimed, "We want to see Pataki face to face." Fedus, along with fellow Hispanic students explained "we're the minority. We want to tell Pataki we've been in the gutter most of our lives but you (Pataki) can't keep us there. You can't let Pataki cut the minority, we're the future of the country." The falling snow and frigid wind did not dampen the rally as students raised banners and shouted at the of their voices "Save CUNY, Save SUNY, Stop the Cuts."

Spokesperson Marcia Weinberg explained Assemblywoman E.A. Connelley's position in the matter stating "The democrats

are trying their best ;unfortunately it is a bill struggle." According to Mr. Jaffe, spokesman for Senator John Marchi, legislature is bound by the constitution to have a balanced budget. Jaffe explained to lobbyists Lori Seggio, Colleen McGraham and others, "You have to understand we are in this terrible bind. The state economically, has not done well in the past 5 years. It's gotten to the point where they can't hide it any further. It wouldn't have made a difference between Pataki or Cuomo, the budget cuts have to be made."

However, Binghamton student Matt Kramer claims, "Cutting Education is not the answer. Hurting the poor is a classist, racist ideology which isn't going to help. If

you want to save money why aren't you cutting taxes on the rich?" Gladys Santiago of Hostos Community College argued; "Mr. Pataki, today's students are tomorrow's taxpayers." According to legislature however, they are not the problem, Pataki and the senators are.

Assemblyman Eric N. Vitalino expressed, "Convincing the governor is going to be a job because this governor is not willing

to accept the restoration until he is forced." He continued, "You can't expect assembly to reverse this because there are plenty of ways for Pataki to get these cuts

passed. Assembly can hold down the fort and argue but until you (the students) convince the governor on the contrary, there will be zero restoration."

Students were told by Ms. Weinberg, "Ms. Connelley will try her very best to soften these cuts but it looks like a lot of people will be left disappointed." She explained, "A lot of republicans like the budget and they are going to vote for it as is"

The rally outside continued as the students passed around a human sized black coffin, representing the death of higher education by the hand of Pataki. As the coffin was passed around, several ralliers ran into the capitol building and refused

to leave, holding their banners up high for all to see.

One student of CSI, Paul Arguelles, explained the extent of damage the budget cuts would have on him stating, "I graduated from Vanderbilt University in Tennessee and I have a lot of overhead to pay (student loans) I'm going to the city university to get a masters degree." He continued "I would like to teach in New York, but the cut backs will have tremendous effects on me. Cutting back on weekend and night courses will make completing my degree slow if not impossible to complete." He continued "If they raise tuition, its a scary thought, I may have to leave school."

CSI student and SEEK recipient Liz N. George expressed "I'm depending on SEEK to help me economically and academically throughout my college years. If it gets cut it would not only affect me but my other colleagues as well. I also think it is the best program that helps students academically because the staff, faculty and tutors are always there to lend a helping hand whenever the students need it" She added "I let the members of the legislature know how important this program is."

Mr. Jaffe did mention that Mr. Marchi was one of the founders of SEEK in the early 1960's and confided, "Senator Marchi will do all he can for SEEK." He concluded "we will try to soften the cuts and make it more equitable to the contingency, however we have to do something to bring the budget into balance, we have to make cuts and raise revenues."



REYNOLDS ADDRESSES BUDGET SITUATION IN MEETING

By Jennifer Valle

On March 3rd, Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds came to CSI in order to speak to elected student officials about the budget cuts and what efforts need to be made in order to fight them.

The morning began with a review of the proposed budget for CUNY and explanation of the effects that the budget would have on students which was given by Ms. Sherry Brabham, Director of the University Budget Office. The overall cut is \$158 million to which Pataki has proposed a tuition hike in order to rectify. The projected amount to be made on tuition revenues is \$116 million which, according to Pataki, would only leave the colleges \$41.5 million in loss. "In reality that is simply shifting tax. Pataki says that he is cutting taxes but he is really shifting the break in taxes over to the families of students" said Chancellor Reynolds, "and he says we can make it up with tuition hikes and enrollment but in reality, (these cuts and tuition hike) would suppress enrollment so much that we will never reach that projected amount

of \$116 million."

Reynolds continued by explaining tactics which can be used in order to effectively fight these cuts. She commented, "If you look at our graduate rates and compare them to private colleges, they are the same. It just takes us two years longer for our students to graduate, and do you know why? That's because our students work." The state currently spends \$5938 on each student with students paying \$2,450 on tuition. If the budget goes through, the state will be spending a total of \$4,318 on each student with tuition up to \$3,450. In addition to this, dependent financial aid recipients will have to pay at least \$350 of tuition whereas independent students will have to pay \$1,000 more in tuition.

Eileen Goldman

Kouyoumjan, Director of State Relations stated, "You must write to your legislature and explain that we can't take these cuts to the budget and Financial Aid and still manage to get an education." She continued, "Make them (your representatives) understand that we are not the drain of the state, we are the sav-
iors of the state." Ms. Kouyoumjan explained that the bulk of the power lies with the registered voters and workers (namely the students) and further illustrated that each student pays taxes and cutting education would mean cutting the amount of students with jobs and thereby raising the number of people on welfare.

Mr. Clyde Aveilhe, Director of Federal Relations commented, "We are arguing for the budget that we have now. If this budget goes through now, it will affect the assistance the students are receiving

now. You will lose now and definitely next year as well." He continued, "those of you who want to go to graduate colleges and need graduate tap, forget about it (if this budget gets passed)."

USS, in conjunction with the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus, has set aside March 16th to be a rally date at Wall Street in the city. USS Chairman Anthony Giordano explained, "March 16th we want at least 50,000 students from all over the state to congregate at Wall Street. We want the message to be clear to Pataki that we will not stand for these cuts."

Although the conference went on with rough feelings towards the Chancellor over past conflicts with 80th street and her yearly salary, Mr. Giordano remarked, "This is not the year for battling against Chancellor Reynolds. We have to circle the wagons, sent out the troops, Right now, the Chancellor and Faculty are not our opponents. Our opponents are up in Albany." He continued, "We only have four weeks left to affect this budget."



An Open Letter to the Student Body:

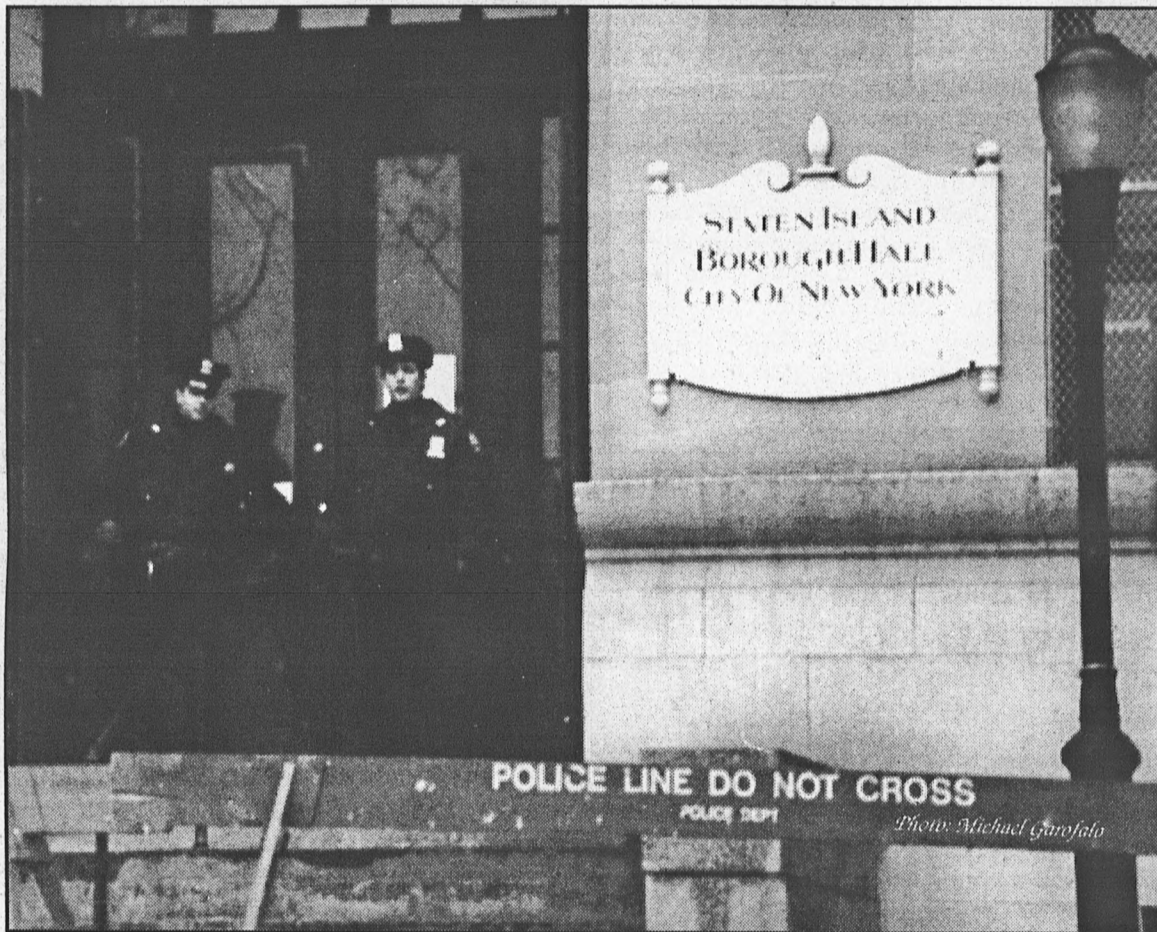
Budget Cuts! Effective Fall 1995... \$1000.00 increase in tuition....elimination of SEEK and College Discovery...elimination of Graduate TAP...loss of class sections...overcrowded classes (6 years to graduate???) ...retrenchment = laying off tenured faculty, adjuncts, HEO's and staff... the demise of entire departments. It is a grave, very grave situation indeed!

We must not sit back and let Governor Pataki and Mayor Guliani squash us. The money available to us now is paltry. Everyone is struggling!! The proposed budgets of the City and State are despicable. This is an injustice to everyone of us here at CSI and throughout CUNY and SUNY.

The times we are facing remind me of the stories told to me by my grandmother about the Depression. Money was scarce, food lines were long. Everyone was disgusted. It sounds awful, right? However, something else happened. People stood together -



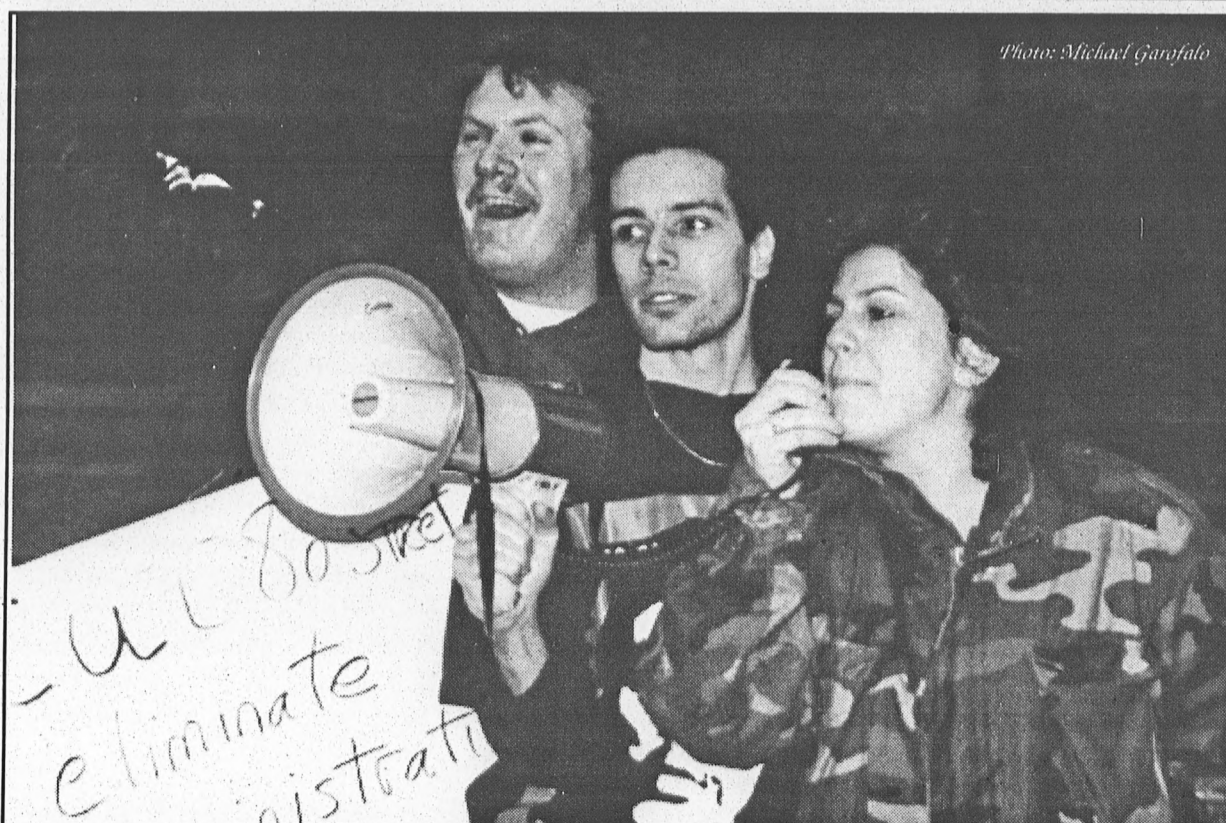
March 16 - Economist Bob Fitch will be speaking about the reasons for the budget crisis and solutions to it. The CSI coalition will be sponsoring the event and it will take place in the Campus Center at 6pm.



they crossed all the "barriers" they had built between them and helped each other. They shared the little food and clothing they had - they were creative in their will to survive. As your Student Government President, I urge everyone to come together to fight for the survival of CUNY by helping in the struggle against budget cuts! We have everything at stake and everything to lose!!

The leaders of today do not want us to be the leaders of tomorrow. They do not want to protect us, our future, and our children's future. We owe it to those who fought before us, and those who will come after us, to protect our rights to a public education, to carry on and to challenge those who are trying to oppress us.

March 23 - CUNY wide rally at 12 pm at City Hall. All students, faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to attend!



Please call me at 982-3082 or stop by the Student Government office, Room 1C-207, contact our college newspapers - The Banner(1C-228) or The College Voice(1C-230), NYPIRG(1C-219) and tune into our college radio station WSIA (88.9 fm) for further details and information.

Share this information with your friends and family. Remember, we need to work together to win the battle.

Most Respectfully,
Lori Seggio, Student Government
President

A SMOKER'S VIEW:

An Opinion of the new rules against smoking on campus.

By Allyssa Devoe

We live in a city which allows the pollution of its streams and ponds, and doesn't do anything about the 39,000 people a year dying from such air pollutants as carbon monoxide, sulfur oxides, and photochemical oxidants. It does though prohibit smoking in most public places. According to a memo by the Board of Trustees of CUNY, they surmise that second hand smoke is "associated with the occurrence of many diseases such as lung cancer and heart disease in non smokers". Moreover, they stated that they are "committed to promoting the well being of its faculty, students and staff". With such indebtedness to our well being, it's quite odd that they would build a 205 acre campus in the heart of Staten Island- home of the largest dump in the world.

For over four decades, The City of New York has been in violation of federal laws by dumping over 14,000 tons of garbage a day into the landfill which does not have a liner (an item used to prevent leakage). According to Bill Breen in *The New York Times*, the absence of a liner causes "more than 2 million gallons of untreated leachate - highly contaminated sludge that oozes from the landfill into the ground water beneath". The city continually allows these poisons to get

into our ponds and streams such as the Arthur Kill and Raritan Bay. Also, air pollution from the dump has been proven to cause cancer and respiratory problems in residents of Staten Island.

In addition to the violations at the landfill causing pollution, it is estimated that over 30,000 people each year are suffering from a wide range of respiratory ailments caused by air pollution, including asthma, bronchitis, lung cancer and emphysema. These pollutants are mainly caused by automobile exhaust, which accounts for almost 90% of all air pollution.

While the effects of second hand smoke are apparent, prohibition of smoking in all areas both public and private is a blatant violation of smokers' rights. Just as the government must continue to use the landfill and allow people to drive, smokers should be allowed to smoke. Comparatively, the government should implement stricter recycling laws, demand carpooling and provide better mass transit. Smokers were not as angry when given the opportunity to smoke in well ventilated areas, whereby not disturbing non smokers. However, the government continues to act in its usual self righteous manner instead of determining what can be done to stop ALL air pollution- not just the types they are not responsible for.

BANNER SURVEY:

(Please circle the letters that best describe you and hand in to the Banner 1C-228 or the brown box at the Info booth. Fortunately there is no pass or fail in this little quiz. We just want to know who reads what in our newspaper.)

1. Which age group best describes you?
A) 17 & under B) 18-35 C) 35+
 2. I am A) Student B) Faculty/Staff
 3. I am A) Male B)Female
 4. I am a
A) 2-year student B) 4-year student
C) Graduate student D) Career student
 5. I... A) Like the Banner
B) Hate the Banner C) Don't know.
 6. I wish the Banner would
A) distribute more B) quit polluting our school. C) stay the same.
 7. I would A) join the Banner if I had time
B) never join the Banner, even if you paid me.
 8. My favorite column is _____
 9. My least favorite column is _____
- Choices: A) Tomko on Beer B) Pissed Off
C) Psycho Ramblings/What Do You Think D)Progressions E) Your Rights

Any suggestions are welcome.

Letters to the Editor

February 17, 1995

Dear Mike Garofalo,

I am writing to you regarding the Smoking Policy Enforced in CSI Article by F.C. Castro, in your February 2, 1995 issue. I totally agree with this policy and am in favor of the strictest enforcement measures possible. I have, unfortunately, encountered many students and faculty alike, violating this policy. As a non-smoker, I truly appreciate this blatant disregard for others (as well as for themselves) to be annihilated!

In addition, there isn't a better individual to spearhead this policy enforcement than Dean Frank Torre. Dean Torre practices what he preaches! I have personally witnessed Dean Torre, on several occasions, smoking his cigarettes outside of building 1A. Thank you Dean Torre for obeying the policy and for enforcing it! Although I have tried to convince him to quit his life-threatening habit, it was to no avail. However, at least he **PRACTICES WHAT HE PREACHES!!!**

Very Truly Yours,
Frank Campione

My only response to this is, it's going to be fun this month when the smoking rules REALLY take effect. The smoking committee felt that a one-month grace period was necessary to give smokers a break as well as to adapt to the new rules. So what do you think? Will security really send smokers to the "Dean's Office" when someone gets busted? It's kind of like high school. -Ed.

About the Last Issue

A great number of people have shown their disappointment with the last issue of the *Banner*. More than a few people were offended by the two articles "Top Ten" and "Worst Lines".

It's pretty sad what gets letters. If you combined all of the past *Banner* issues, the responses did not equal the response we received from the Valentine's Day issue. It would seem that we ran these articles to create such a response.

I would just like to say

that it was not the intent of the *Banner* to offend women in order to get readership.

We at the *Banner* thought that the articles were entertaining, a bit childish, but still entertaining. If it was our goal to insult anyone, it was a back-handed insult to men who would actually use such lines.

The articles were shown to staff, male and female, and no one took offense. The problem with that is that staff knows who we are. They know we did what we did in fun, that no malicious intent was behind it. The readers didn't know that.

Why would we want to

Dear Editor-in-Chief of the Banner:

You guys up there don't give the Student Government a break. You say point blank in your column *Psycho Ramblings* (Feb 2 issue) "not to insult any one individually on Pseudo Government because on a personal level, all the senators are decent individuals, with strong beliefs." Then you violate that statement and go on and say Senator Carbonella is the one who started it all on the stipend issue (which bringing up the issue he did, but he alone is not solely responsible for the turmoil which has occurred over the issue in SG proceedings. You can blame some of that on the other pompous asses up there including your puppet master Crowdell) and of course you had to add the kicker at the end of the statement [again]. Meanwhile Senator Crowdell says "bash them" and you and your staff do her bidding. I think you should report the news of the day and tone down your own emotion as well as end the kowtowing to certain political wanna-be's with big mouths. Perhaps as you say "they're the Student Government and they are only following in the footsteps of our own highly corrupt government." Well, you the *Banner* are only following in the footsteps of the real liberal pieces of trash in the real world (yes, *The New York Times*) by following the pattern of how the media tend to treat Democrats with padded taps and the Republicans with backstabbing jabs, not unlike the way you treat individuals like Crowdell and still others with unfair

criticism like Carbonella.

Sincerely,
W.Y.L.T.K. (Wouldn't You Like To Know)

P.S. Remember those initials; you'll be hearing from me again.

Normally I wouldn't print this letter because of the cheesy pseudonym, but since I liked it so much I figured. . . why not. First I'd like to say thank you. If being trash is being compared to the New York Times, you can call me trash all you want. A world renowned newspaper. . . ow. . . don't hurt my feelings.

Secondly, if you think we're kowtowing to Christine Crowdell, we're not doing a good job. She is proposing that the three publications (Ictus, College Voice and the Banner) run on one-third of what they get now. This is after a 50% cut for this year. I bashed Pseudo Government because I wanted to, not because I was told to. It's just a coincidence that Crowdell and the Banner agree at this point in time.

As for Carbonella, I simply stated it as I saw it. He did start the stipend issue. . . AGAIN, although, I never stated that he was wrong for doing so. I actually hope stipends do pass. This way you might have a bigger voter turn out during election times. -Ed.



This is me, Michael Garofalo. Editor of the *Banner* and proud of it. So you can have something to do in class, feel free to draw on my face.

Wellness Corner: WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT? WHO IS AFFECTED?

By Corinne Lambert

Domestic Violence is a pattern of coercive behavior, which may include physical, sexual, economic, psychological and/or emotional abuse exerted by one spouse or partner over another with the goal of establishing and maintaining power and control. Domestic Violence is a CRIME.

DOES YOUR SPOUSE OR PARTNER...

- Hit, punch, slap, kick, shove or bite you?
- Threaten to hurt you or your children?
- Threaten to hurt friends or family members?
- Have sudden outbursts of anger or rage?
- Behave in an overprotective manner?
- Become jealous without reason?
- Prevent you from seeing family or friends?
- Prevent you from going where you want, when you want, without repercussion?
- Prevent you from working or attending school?
- Destroy personal property or sentimental items?
- Deny you access to family assets such as bank accounts, credit cards, or car?
- Control all finances and force you to account for what you spend?
- Force you to have sex against your will?
- Insult you or call you derogatory racial or sexual names?
- Use intimidation or manipulation to control you or your children?
- Humiliate you in front of others?
- Turn minor incidents into major arguments?
- Abuse or threaten to abuse pets?

Do these statements sound familiar to you? If you answered yes to one or more of these questions, it may be a sign that you might be in an abusive relationship! If someone's safety is at risk, they are probably in an abusive relationship. You're not alone.

Did you know?

- One family in five experiences some form of domestic violence or abuse.
- Every 15 seconds, a woman is beaten by her

husband or partner.

- It is estimated that three to four million American women are battered each year by their husbands or partners.

- Twenty-one percent of the women in City shelters are homeless due to battering.

- 29% (24,000 a year) of the calls to Victim Services Hotline are from battered women.

- Victim Services counselors and police officers reach out to more than 100 households a day that have reported a domestic violence incident.

- 95% of the victims of domestic violence are women.

- In the United States, a woman is more likely to be assaulted, injured, raped, or killed by a male partner than any other assailant.

- According to the FBI, 28% of all women slain in the United States between 1985-91 were killed either by boyfriends or husbands. Only 5% of the men slain in that period died at the hands of girlfriends or wives.

- The problem of teenage girls being beaten by their boyfriends is extensive across the country.

Mostly it is women and children that are the victims, but that is not always the case, men can be victims as well. Domestic violence can happen in heterosexual and homosexual relationships, and it doesn't matter what age category you are in. It can happen regardless of your socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, or religion. It can happen and hurt anyone.

Often outsiders may think it is easy to get out of an abusive relationship; they may say things like, "just get up and walk out the door." It's not always that easy. The victims usually have low self esteem, due to living with the abuse,

and have so much fear built up inside of them that they often think that they have no way out. Some reasons why the victims may stay in a relationship that threatens them:

- "If I try to get help, he'll really hurt me."
- "It's all my fault."
- "He promised he'd never hurt us again."

- "I have to stay for the children's sake."

- "I know he'll keep hurting me, but I can't make it on my own."

- "I know deep down that he really does love me"

There may be many reasons in the victim's own mind that will tell them to stay, but one vital reason for them to leave is for their own SAFETY!

No one should have to put up with abuse and violence in their lives. A person should never stay in a dangerous situation. Victims need to get back control of their own lives. An important thing to remember is that they don't have to do it alone. There are services that can help.

The New York State DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE 1-800-942-6906

VICTIM SERVICES 1-800-621-HOPE

The above was written by a Peer Educator from the Department of Student Services' Wellness Program. Peer Educators staff the new Peer Drop-In Center, located in the Campus Center, Room 112 (Health Center). They are trained and supervised, and are available to help. The Drop-In Center offers students a place to go to talk, ask questions, or get information about wellness issues.

The Wellness Program is coordinated by Carol Brower, and the phone number is 982-3123. The Wellness Program and Drop-In Center are open most days from 9-5, with later hours on Wednesday. The exact hours are posted on the Health Center's door. We hope you come by to see what we have to offer.

March is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and on Thursday, March 23RD 1:30 PM - 3:30 Pm The Wellness Program and The Program Development Committee are sponsoring a program called "PLEASE LISTEN TO ME" - LIVING LESSONS INC., An Educational Theater Company performs this powerful play addressing the important issue of Domestic Violence.

The Ebony Sisters: A Variety Show

By Andre Ryan

Black History Month honors and remembers some of our proud black leaders and teachers, who stood strong in spite of racial ridicule, and brings forth our talents. One honoree we would like to mention is Carter Godwin Woodson, the founder of Black History Month and of a number of Negro associations.

I was proud to witness a variety show presented by a youth program called R.I.T.E.S of Passage, sponsored by DFY (Division For Youth). The event, called "The Ebony Sisters," was hosted by Janet Robinson, an employee of DFY and

elder for the youths, and Kelsel Thompson, the publisher of the CSI FACTS newsletter.



The program consisted of young black females who got themselves back on the right track. It also showed the pride that they have deep down for themselves and for their heritage. These young, proud females showed their application by performing many different presentations, such as dances, poetry recital, singing and short skits.

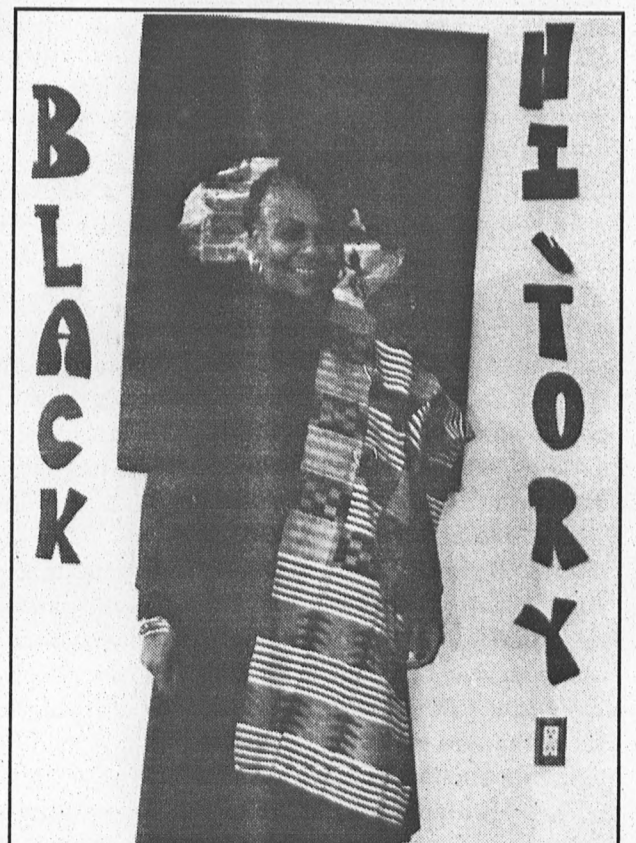
This program was made special by the fact that it was basically all original, with the exception of one or two songs. Two of the major creators of the presentation were Lamaha Saunder and Leeann James (one of the ebony sisters), along with Elaine Hester. These three young ladies performed a dance set of grace and style.

The name of the set was "Tomorrow and Silver and Gold." The dance compilation "Tomorrow" was about not holding off getting closer to the Lord. "Silver and Gold" was about not holding onto worldly possessions before the Lord.

It was obvious that they were proud to be part of this event, just as everyone else, even down to the young lady who designed the dancers' outfits, Ardia Lecky.

There is one young lady I would like to mention: Simone Johnson, whose strong performance of "Welcome" captured my attention. Maybe it was because she was performing with an injured leg, or maybe it was just the strong posture she took as she performed her piece. The program was delightful and would make anyone feel as proud as it made me.

Photos: Andre Ryan



Perry Zucker: Traffic Court Champion

A Public Service Announcement

By Morris Philips

Have you ever been given a ticket for a moving violation? Don't worry, Perry J. Zucker, E.E. will champion your cause in traffic court.

Mr. Zucker is an expert witness, that uses his skills as a degreed engineer (CUNY) to assist motorists. Let's face it, we all saw the importance of expert witnesses on television, concerning the O.J. Simpson trial.

Mr. Zucker specializes in speeding and traffic control devices (red lights, no left or right turns, stop or yield signs).

It should be noted that there are three basic methods of detecting the speed of a moving vehicle; in the five boroughs. The first method is referred to as 'RADAR', acronym for radio detection and ranging, which sends out a microwave beam that is reflected off a target vehicle and the 'doppler shift' is measured to detect speed of a target vehicle.

The second method is called 'clocking' or 'Pacing' whereas, the police officer a uniform distance with his vehicle for about 3/10 of a mile, while performing this procedure the police officer will monitor his 'calibrated' speedometer.

The last and newest method is called LIDAR, acronym for light detection and ranging or laser detection system. It basically, operates with multi pulses of infrared-light that is reflected off a target

vehicle from multi distances and time.

To help buttress his argument in court, Mr. Zucker delves into the laws of physics, electromagnetism, thermodynamics, automotive dynamics, civil & electronic engineering, and mathematics.

Mr. Zucker has a success rate of about 85%, and therefore has very strict standards. "I won't work with a liar. . . I will not perjury myself in court, nor will I waste my time or the court's time, with a truly guilty motorist. . . I will only accept a case, if I believe that the motorist is not guilty. . . Hereby, after a brief interview with a potential client I will make one of two statements; I can help you or I cannot help you."

Of course, with all detection systems there are various conditions that can alter the accuracy of the entire system; which is the key reason why numerous motorists are being falsely accused of speeding tickets.

Potential clients can reach Mr. Zucker at (718) 375-5063. All initial phone consultations are FREE, please mention this story.

*** Note: Mr. Zucker holds degrees in both Engineering and Technology. He is a member of the SAE and IEEE. He is listed with R.A.D.A.R. Inc., TASA, LRP, and ExpertNet. In addition, he is a certified Instructor of the LTI speed system. "Call Him The Traffic Ticket Doctor" — New York Newsday, July 12, 1992.

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The Annual Literary Magazine of CSI
invites students to submit
manuscripts for its next issue
(no. 14) to be published
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Submit original poems, stories,
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Tuesday, March 21, 1995



WHY AN ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS CLUB?

(C o n t i n u e d)

By Richard H. Schwartz
Profesor, Mathematics

It often happens that the universal belief of one age, a belief from which no one was free or could be free without an extraordinary effort of genius or courage, becomes to a subsequent age so palpable an absurdity that the only issue is to imagine how such an idea could ever have appeared credible.

-John Stuart Mill

I cannot think of a single major medical breakthrough that was produced as a result of an animal experiment. I wonder how many more million animals have to be sacrificed before we abandon the useless and barbaric practice of animal experimentation.

-Dr. Vernon Coleman, Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine

What about experiments on animals in order to seek cures for diseases? Many scientists believe that animal experimentation is a flawed methodology and represents poor science, for the following reasons:

a. It is difficult, if not impossible, to gain insight into a human disease by studying an artificially induced pathology in nonhuman animals, no matter how superficially similar the two may be.

b. Because of intra-species differences, studies conducted on non-human animals cannot reliably be extrapolated to humans. Many times, animals reaction to medicines is completely different than that of people. There is an ever-growing list of drugs that were deemed safe after very extensive animal testing, which later proved to be carcinogenic, mutagenic (causing birth defects) or toxic (poisonous) to humans. Examples of differences in human and animal responses to medicines include: guinea pigs generally die when given penicillin; aspirin causes birth defects in rats and mice but not in people; thalidomide works the other way around; insulin

produces deformities in laboratory animals but not in people.

c. Contrary to the conventional wisdom, medical historian Brandon Reines has documented that key discoveries in such areas as heart disease and cancer were achieved through clinical research, observations of patients, and human autopsy; at best, results of animal tests gave results that paralleled findings in humans. In other cases, improved hygienic approaches led to the greatest medical advancements. As medical historian Brian Inglis concludes: "The chief credit for the conquest of the destructive epidemics . . . ought to have been given to the social reformers who had campaigned for purer water, better sewage disposal, and improved living standards."

d. Misleading animal tests can be devastating for human health. In a number of cases, effective therapies have been delayed because of misleading animal models. For example, the animal model for polio resulted in a misunderstanding of the mechanism of infection that delayed the discovery of a vaccine.

e. Reliance on animal experiments and transplants from animals keep people from considering their prime responsibility for their own health. If the billions of dollars spent on animal experimentation were instead spent on educating people about better nutrition and other positive lifestyle changes, there would be far greater benefits for human health.

Because of the above factors, in spite of years of animal experimentation there has been little progress in many areas of medicine. For example, whereas 20 years ago, one in eleven women on the average could be expected to have breast cancer sometime in her lifetime, that figure is one in nine women today. In spite of (or perhaps because of) extensive animal experimentation for many years, as indicated before, there has been a sharp increase in medical costs in the U. S.

Many laboratory experiments are completely unnecessary. Must we force dogs to smoke to reconfirm the health hazards of ciga-

rettes? Do we have to starve dogs and monkeys to understand human starvation? Do we need to cut, blind, burn, and chemically destroy animals to produce another type of lipstick, mascara or shampoo?

A reduction of animal experiments does not mean that experiments have to be done on people. As indicated, healthier lifestyles would avoid the need for many experiments. Also many new approaches to advancing scientific knowledge have been developed, such as in-vitro experiments and computer simulations.

As Robert S. Mendelsohn, M. D., a syndicated columnist and bestselling author of medical books, put it, "The reason I am against animal research is because it doesn't work, it has no scientific value, and every good scientist knows that." Over 1,000 similar quotes from noted medical authorities are in the book, *1000 DOCTORS (AND MANY MORE) AGAINST VIVISECTION*, by Hans Ruesch. Also, some of the world's greatest humanists, including Victor Hugo, Mahatma Gandhi, Robert Browning, Lewis Carroll, Mark Twain, Albert Einstein, and Albert Schweitzer were strong opponents of animal experiments.

In summary, human health can best be advanced by improvements in hygiene, better diets and other lifestyle changes, and clinical studies. It is hard to believe that advances in human health depend on the torture and killing of animals in laboratories.

We urge members of the College community to join us in improving the lot of animals, while at the same time improving conditions for people and our precious, but imperiled, planet. We are anxious to begin a respectful dialogue that will lead to greater awareness and positive activities. Look for notices of programs on bulletin boards and in College publications. If you have comments and/or suggestions about the animal Rights Activists Club, or would like to get involved, perhaps even to debate us, on animal rights issues, please contact me (room 1S-222; phone 982-3621).

AGELESS ROCKERS DYLAN, CLAPTON, AND YOUNG KEEP ROLLING

By Bill Spurge

They have about a hundred years in the business put together and about that many albums between them. Most gratifying of all is that Bob Dylan, Eric Clapton, and Neil Young continue to put out quality music.

Dylan has a new Greatest Hits album (Vol. 3) with an excellent new song, "Dignity," added on to the set of hits that primarily covered his better stuff of the 80's. Provocative songs include "Hurricane," a story about a boxer framed for murder, and "Series of Dreams." Clapton's "From the Cradle" brings Slowhand back to his blues roots, from where some feel he has strayed too far. Neil Young's latest, "Sleeps With Angels," includes the excellent song "Change Your Mind."

Though these albums add to their legendary status, recommending the best buys of Dylan, Clapton, and Young will admittedly take you back a number of years. Among the MUST buys of Dylan are *Blonde On Blonde* (1966) and *Blood On The Tracks* (1974). Many seasoned rock critics consider *Blonde On Blonde* the greatest rock album of all time. It was a double

album, but you can get it on just one CD for a good price. Gems include "I Want You," "Just Like A Woman," and "Memphis Blues Again." Relatively obscure, but great tracks include "Absolutely Sweet Marie" and "Fourth Time Around." *Blood On The Tracks*, also considered one of the all-time great albums, includes "Tangled Up In Blue." A serious Dylan buyer would also add to their collection *Highway 61 Revisited* (1965), which includes "Like A Rolling Stone", and "Bringing It All Back Home" (1965).

Clapton's career, unlike Dylan's, has not been all solo. He started with The Yardbirds and left them when they turned from blues to pop. A short stint with John Mayall and The Bluesbreakers ensued, which led to his storied years with Cream in the late 60's. He then teamed with Steve Winwood in Blind Faith for one album, which was real good. But the MUST album for the rock fan was Clapton's next venture, when he teamed with Duane Allman in Derek and The Dominoes. *Layla* (1970) was this band's only studio album, but what a record! The title track has been played a million times, but what carries this

record are Clapton and Allman's riffs through many other great songs such as "Keep On Growing." A classic album.

Clapton has been a solo artist since 1970. I would recommend his first solo effort, *Eric Clapton*, most of all. It includes the great "Let It Rain." Other good buys are *461 Ocean Blvd.* ("I Shot The Sheriff") and *Slowhand* ("Cocaine, Wonderful Tonight").

Neil Young's early career included stints with Buffalo Springfield and Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young. He made great songs with C.S.&N, such as "Ohio," the ultimate anti-Vietnam War story of four protesters killed by National Guardsmen in a demonstration at Kent State University. Though he has done work with his backup band Crazy Horse, he's considered primarily a solo artist. I recommend these albums: *After The Gold Rush* (1970), a MUST. Also, *Everybody Knows This Is Somewhere* (1969) and *Harvest* (1972). If you can't grab all of the earlier stuff, Young's greatest hits through 1977 are on a double-CD called *Decade*, which is fantastic. A recent good buy is *Harvest Moon* (1992).

The Cryptic Love

Oct 31, 47 -

All Hallows Eve

Death wrapped his arms around the young man's waist.

She struggled to pull him from death's iron grip

But death possessed him.

Their souls torn asunder

She stood mesmerized by his

glass tears as he pulled

the trigger ending the pain

of existence

He longed for her to join

him on the path to

suicidal decadence.

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A year has since passed that she walks this

earth of everlasting

purgatory and never-ending

torment in search of his

wandering soul,

depression her only

companion.

The anniversary of his death

draws nigh,

her wait will end.

Pressing through the thick

trees and smoky air

She enters his tomb

A wave of emotions crash

over her as she thrashes

the veins of ivy that have

grown over his eternal

resting place, thistles as the

blades slicing her doe skin.

Blood gushes from her

mangled hands but there is

no pain, sweet remorse

Ripping open the casket, she

faces his decomposed

body. His soul and hers

unite in a kiss between

life and death, a love that

surpassed the

strength of the gods them-

selves.

Nov 1, 48

They found her in a casket

His rotting flesh and bone

locked around her bloody

body in an eternal embrace

of loving death

Together at last.

-Jen Valle 1/6/95

The Journey Never Finished

It's so dark and cold out here. I think I should hurry home. The alley over there should save me time. I see no one on the lonely, empty street. I hear footsteps as I turn into the alley but I see no one. Out of nowhere I feel someone grab me. I try to scream but nothing comes out. I feel a sharp pain in my chest, for I've been shot. As I lay on the alleyway I cry for help. I start to wonder what was the hurry. For now I will never see home again. And it will be the journey never finished.

-A. J. Linton

Hear me, oh sorrowful heart
You found love in a sweet girl's eyes
And in ecstasy's bliss you stayed
For as long as she did

Each morning you arose was your
Celebration to being with her
The letters, the roses, the warm
Soft feelings you felt each time
You touched her cheek,
Or held her close

She walked by your side
And you by hers
Both of you shining as
You gazed upon the future
Your dreams, and all they held.

She's gone now, for the dream
That you saw and the dream
That she saw was a
Different one

-Eric N. Castillo

motionless; yet alive
Egnimatic on my next move
hot tissue, cold flesh.
never complaining
always satisfied
A synthesis of desire
I pant lying next to
my eternal love.

-THE MAXX

arms spread and head low you come to me
not knowing reasons and not asking
shattered dreams and broken promises
cracked memories of pain
now, when I didn't ask, you come
you expect me to submit
to give up all I ever fought for

unicorn

Reflection

As I walk along the shore
I hear the waves crashing
on the wet sand which moves
between my bare toes.
The water is cool to the
touch but it is a comforting
feeling as the moon reflects
off the now black water.
It's silver beams provide
me with my shadow for company
as I think of days gone by
and remember the times
of a childhood now past
and wish for those days to
be again even if only for
a little while.

-Kim DeMorato

MUSIC REVIEW



By Alex Larsen

Recently, I was fortunate enough to sample two awesome albums and critique them for the Banner. One of them was *A Map of the Universe* by Blink, which will be released on IRS records this April. The other was a hard hitting kick ass

album called *The Death of Excellence* by an exciting new band called Low Pop Suicide.

When I received the CD *A Map of the Universe*, I noticed the cool artwork on the cover and thought to myself, "this might be a cool band," even though I don't usually like pop music. As I listened to it, I realized that listening to this album was better than sex... well, almost. This band's music is like a mix of Boingo and The Dead Milkmen. This band takes pop music in new directions. When the album was released in Ireland in late '94, it was quickly acclaimed as "the finest Irish pop album ever." I am certain that this band will be as big a hit in the U.S. as it is in Ireland. If you want to see this Irish sensation live, they will be making four stops in New York City on their first U.S. tour in support of their upcoming debut LP, *A Map Of The Universe*. They will be performing at The Bottom Line

on March 7, at The Carriage House on March 9, at Bishops on March 26 and at Sam Maguires on April 1. Don't miss out on this tragically cool band.

Low Pop Suicide is a hard hitting band that is in a class of its own. Their album, *The Death of Excellence*, is an aggressive array of songs that makes you want to invite a couple of friends over and get blasted. As one publication described the LP, "Imagine Soundgarden, Grant Lee Buffalo; Beck, Smashing Pumpkins and Nirvana hanging out together for a really long weekend... Bingo! The perfect album." I couldn't agree more. Words cannot explain how cool this album is. Low Pop Suicide will be kicking off a national tour with singer/songwriter Chris Connelly in support of their new LP, *The Death of Excellence*, released February 1st on World Domination Records. The tour, which begins in St. Louis on February 11th, will take the band through more than 40 cities across the U.S. and parts of Canada, including Los Angeles' Troubadour on February 24th, Toronto's Opera House on March 13th and New York's Limelight on March 14th. Joining Rick on the tour with Chris Connelly will be former Big F rhythm section Rob Brill and Al Gazzam.



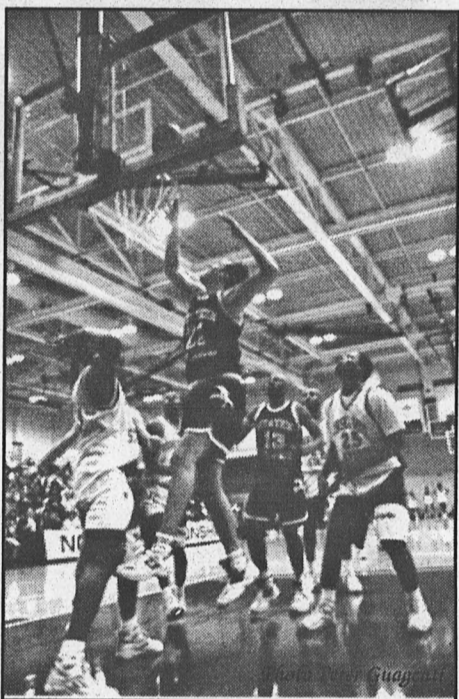
DOLPHINS SUFFER LOSS IN FIRST ROUND OF NCAA

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JERSEY CITY - Despite the 30-point effort of senior Rommell Santos, the College of Staten Island men's basketball team dropped a 109-91 decision to host Jersey City State College March 2 in a NCAA Division III Atlantic Region game at the Athletic, Recreation & Fitness Center.

The Dolphins, which finished the season with a 20-7 record overall, also received 17 points from forward Rick Maida while Kirk Staine, Chris Kelly and Fred Blaskovich chipped in with nine points apiece.

The Gothic Knights, the New Jersey Athletic Conference champions with an 19-8 slate, used an aggressive, man-to-man defense to stifle CSI's offense throughout most of the first half. JCSC shutdown the Dolphins' usually potent perimeter game (holding CSI to only two three point attempts in the



first half) and caused havoc each time each time a member of CSI's front court touched the ball inside the paint area.

To make matters worse, the Gothic Knights, behind point guard Omar Cooper (28 points, four three-pointers), nailed eight of 12 treys in the contest despite only shooting only a paltry 26 percent from behind the arc in their first 26 games. JCSC finished shooting a sizzling 54 percent overall.

"I didn't think they'd shoot

that well," acknowledged CSI coach Tony Petosa. "The bottom line is they buried (their shots) all night."

The Dolphins, for most of the opening stanza, hung tough with JCSC thanks to the inside play of Maida, who tallied 10 markers from either inside the paint or from the charity stripe.

However, the Gothic Knights staged a 14-2 run over the final three minutes of the first half to build a healthy 53-39 advantage at intermission.

After falling behind by as many as 24 points halfway through the second half, the Dolphins put together a couple of spurts to put themselves right back into the game in the waning moments.

"I put my five seniors in with about 10 minutes left and told them they have five minutes to get us in the game or we're going home," said Petosa referring to Santos, Maida, Blaskovich, Staine and Terrance Aiken. "hey, we gave it good shot."

Santos, limited to nine points in the first half, nailed a three-pointer (he finished with four) to cut the deficit to 94-84

and when Maida converted a Santos steal into two points, the Dolphins trailed by only eight with 2:42 showing on clock.

However, an 11-1 JCSC run over the next 1:18 buried any chance a CSI comeback as the lead ballooned to 105-87.

"We looked at three things — their interior game, their penetration and their shooting ability," Petosa said. "I felt if we could stop two of the three, we'd be OK."

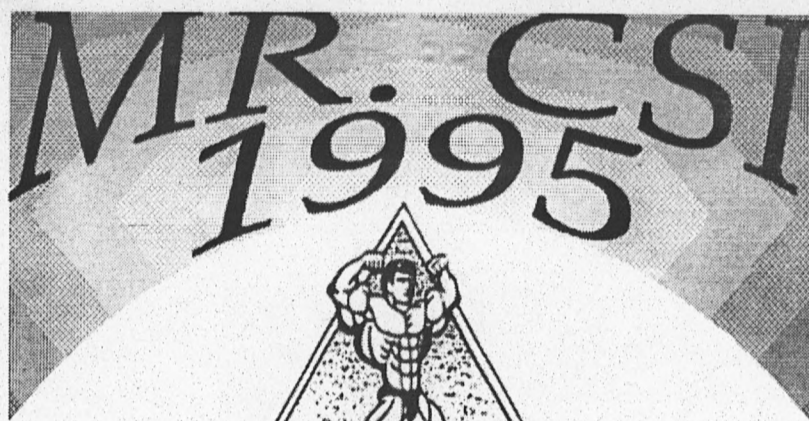
Unfortunately, things never

panned out in the coach's favor.

NOTES: Madia and Blaskovich paced the Dolphins with nine rebounds each. Kelly had eight ... JCSC out rebounded CSI 44-43 ... Staine led the Dolphins with four steals ... John Cali, Jack Westrenen and Brian Gasper also saw a considerable amount of action for the Dolphins.



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New C.S.I. Baseball Coach Rarin' To Go

By: Bill Spurge

C.S.I.'s new baseball manager Bill Cali must like late inning comebacks. Though he has been forced to play catch-up because he wasn't hired until early February, he isn't fazed. "We'll be ready," he proclaims. "So far everything is going fine."

Recently promoted from his spot as Assistant Coach after the dumping of Fran Hirschy, Cali, 58, brings over four decades of baseball experience to the college. He knows the game and his players.

"We have a good group of 18 or 19 players right now. We have a few transfers - two are pitchers," says Cali. He knows that the first problem he needs to address is on

the mound. "You got any pitchers for us?" he asks. Last year the club was forced to use position players to pitch. It was the main reason why the team's fortunes changed from previous years which usually ended with NCAA post-season berths.

The congenial and cordial Cali sees some strengths in his new club. He would not go as far as to say he is starting from scratch, but he knows that the core of sophomores and juniors will help him build for the future. "The freshmen who did well, we're gonna build on that," he says. Included in that group are Peter Noto, Dom Dinicola, Tom Considine, and Bobby Cambell, to go along with juniors such as Jason Anarumo and Billy Loshiavo. These players excelled last year.

As of now, there are ten players returning from last year, and only two are seniors - Bobby Marolla and Tom D'Angelo. Cali would love to have more good players, of course. "We're trying to get the word out to kids coming in," he says. He also says the team will play a fall season, saying "it's a must."

Cali doesn't plan to stray too far from past coaches in terms of approach, stating that "baseball is baseball." However, he does feel he'll have better control in the area of recruiting players. "I'm retired from the fire department. I have the time. Also, I have friends of mine who are retired who have volunteered to help recruit. These fellas will look at certain kids." He has

named an assistant coach in Tony Anarumo, and plans on adding an unpaid assistant.

So far, players have called practice loose, relaxed, and fun. Those returning are looking to put behind them the sour memories of last year's mediocre team and the unfortunate Fran Hirschy controversy. They want to play ball.

Coach Cali's early goals are modest. "We're gonna win some games. We're not gonna win them all. I just want to play fundamental baseball and see progress. Certain kids mature later. At 18, they're kids. By 20 they're men." That added maturity, along with some pitching, should be the ingredients for Cali to get off to a good start and his team back on the winning track.

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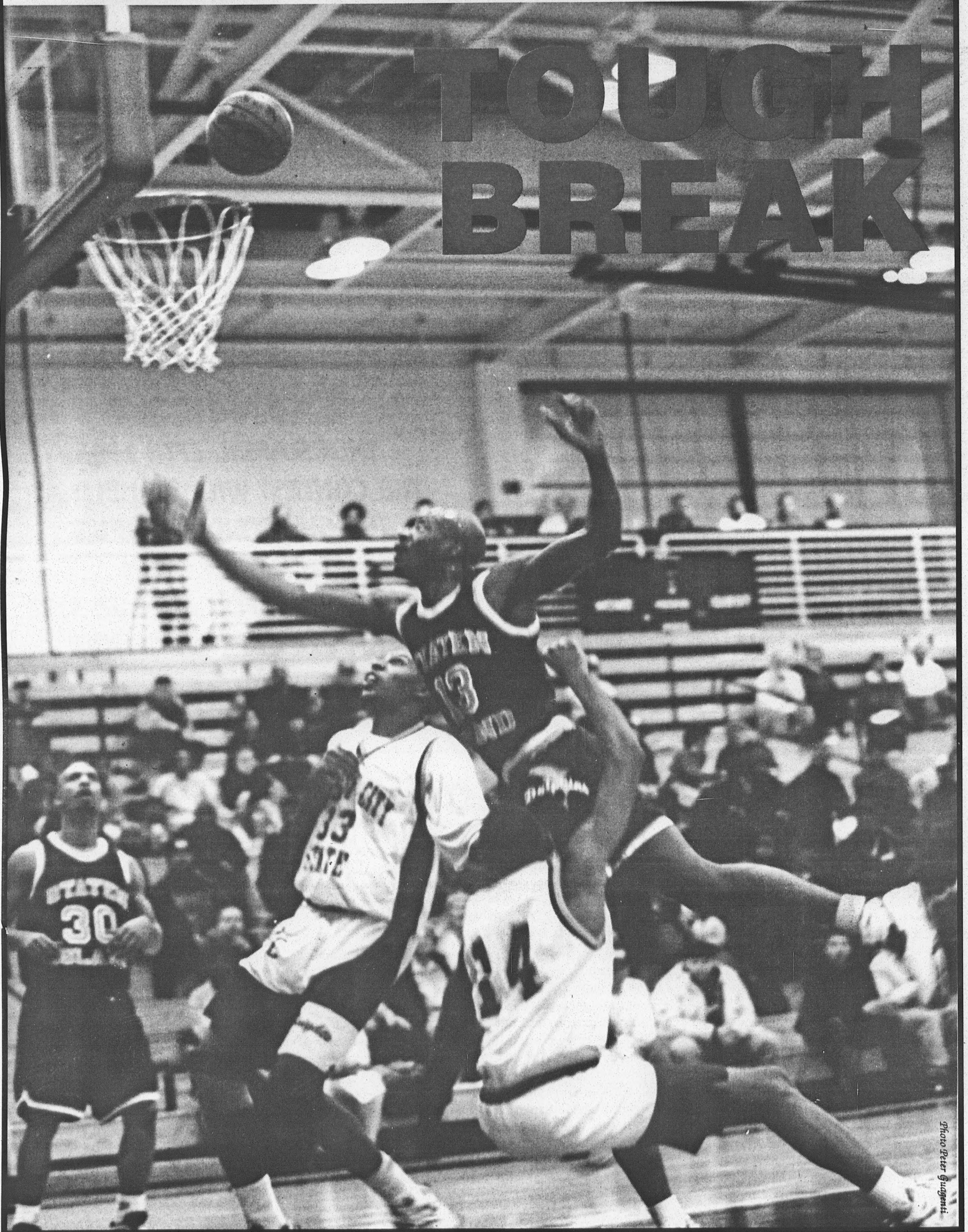


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