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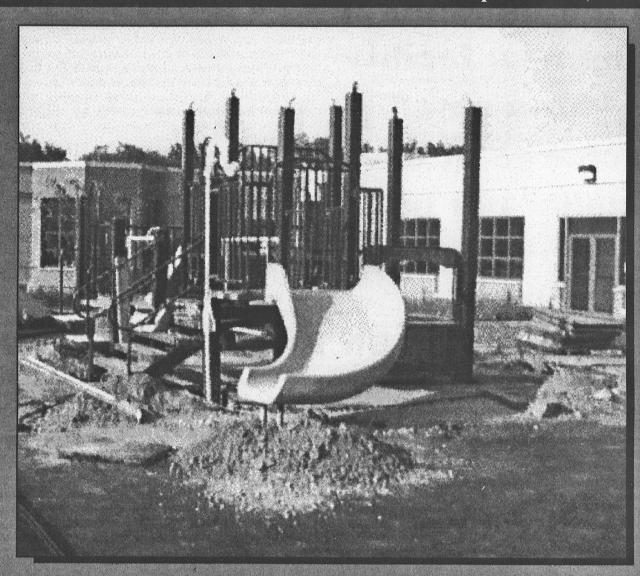
# CSI'S OFFICIAL STUDENT NEWSPAPER



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# CSI'S DAYCARE CENTER OPENS





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# Willowbrook Children's Center Opens

By Jennifer Valle

A new children's center opened at the Willowbrook Campus on Tuesday, September 29th. Parents that attend CSI can leave their children at the new facility for a small charge of one dollar per

**CSI** can leave their children at the new facility for a small charge of one dollar per hour

hour. "The new facilities are beautiful and have a lot to offer the children," stated parent and student Colleen O'Leary.

Cynthia Murphy, Director of the Children's

Center, heads a staff of twenty-six teachers and teaching assistants. She commented on the new facilities, "I think it's beautiful and appropriate for the ages of the children we have. We have children from six months to nine years and there's something for everyone." Rooms are labeled by animal names instead of the traditional numbers and are designed in 'pre-school' styles. Featuring brightly colored carpets, walls, and safe toys, the center has an enrollment status of nearly 200 children.

Not only does the center cater to the child's needs, but it assists with education through the use of games. "It's a really nice educational facility as well as an opportunity for children to learn through play," commented Ms. Murphy. Each room features little pre-school desks and chairs, safe Fisher Price toys, as well as children's books to encourage reading and thought, kitchenette areas complete with sinks and microwaves, and carpeting for the children to sit and play on. The nursery also features wooden cribs for babies.

Student and mother Tycia Boyd commented, "[The center] it's less stress for me... I love this place because they work with them [the children] they do a lot for me being that I get up to leave him here, someone takes care of him." She continued, "These guys have catered food, they have a good place for the kids to play. Everything is safe and well structured... I love this program."

The center also hosts a playground for the children with jungle gyms and rubberized floors to break any tumbles that may occur. There are also little park benches and water fountains for kids. Teachers read to the children and play games to keep the kids entertained and active. For every three infants, there is a teacher to watch over them. Children from five to nine years old are in the after school program where they are brought in, enjoy

# These guys have catered food, they have a good place for the kids to play. I love this program

snacks, games, and occasionally watch videos. Parent Sora Schmid, while picking up her three year old son, commented on the center, "I think it's very nice here, I don't care how it looks, as long as it's

SG BATTING \$1000

Student Government has recently The Campus Center was recently kicked in \$1,000 for President Marlene

take place in October. The Staten Island community known as the Friends of the College has raised approximately \$10,000 for this event. All students are invited meet President Springer again ... for the first time.

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**CAMPUS CENTER** 

endowed with coin operated copy Springer's Inauguration, which will machines. For the past year and a half

open, students have had to

trek to the library in order to

make copies; but thanks to

Campus Center Operations

and Student Government,

this will no longer be the case.

**WATCHING YOU** 

TO CLUBS: WE'RE

Student Government has dropped the clubs' allocating line for office supplies to \$30. In the past, clubs had the freedom to spend whatever percentage of their funds they wished to on office

Kaufman explained, "A lot of clubs are

putting down [in their office supplies

line] \$200 to \$300 which leaves that

money open for abuse." The decision

to drop the amount was made in the

hopes of stopping the clubs from abus-

ing any amount of the \$500 budget

given by

they are

Government.

COVERING OUR ASS ETS

Advisor for Student Government Allan DiBiase stopped SG from spending approximately \$100 for a lock. SG has

> had a problem with their office, in that past members with access to the SG office failed return their copies of the keys to the office. With thousands dollars worth equipment stashed in the office, SG decided they need to change the lock on the door and were about to allocate funds to do so when Mr. DiBiase commented, You know

you don't need to pay to change your lock. When I needed my office lock changed, I called B&G [Buildings And Grounds]." Senator Natalie Williams immediately withdrew her proposal to allocate the money, thanking DiBiase for covering their assets.

By Jennifer Valle



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Thursday, September 7

# SG REFUSES TO FAST

By Jennifer Valle

After passing a budget for the year which drastically cut Student Government's allocating amounts for expenditures, SG decided to change the budget to re-instate the refreshment line for their Executive Expenditures.

Government's Student Finance Commission, after reviewing the budget line by line, drastically slashed allocated amounts to stop excess spending for the year. The commission cut Library textbooks from \$7,000 to \$3,500, and scholarships were also hacked down from \$6,500 to \$3,000. Along with cuts, the Student Government refreshment line was removed to save an extra \$900 dollars. During Student Government's Thursday, August 31st\_meeting, SG Senator Natalie Williams became upset with the change in the refreshment line and stated, "I motion to have our food back. I move we spend forty dollars per meeting on food.'

Almost immediately, an argument broke out over the motion. Advisor Allan DiBiase commented on the issue, "The budget that you passed slashed money for textbooks, money for scholarships, you guys passed a brutal, bare bones budget... and now

"We've been cutting others... I think we should practice what we preach... I think we shouldn't cut others and then serve ourselves lunch."

you want to add back snacks? I think it's self-serving.

Arguments raged back and forth across the table as each senator voiced his or her opinion. "At most of

colleges, Student the other Governments get paid but we declined that... Now, I don't see nothing wrong with a little snack" commented Senator Michael Johnson. Arguments

"We are doing everything for students and we don't get anything. I believe we deserve something."

continued as Senator Joseph Canale stated, "We've been cutting others... I think we should practice what we preach... I think we shouldn't cut others and then serve ourselves lunch." Senator Natalie Williams spoke in defense of her motion stating, "All we get is shit on by Administration, shit on by faculty, staff, and shit on by students. I'd rather be playing spades with my friends than be here. I don't think a slice of pizza at the meeting is too much to ask for."

Finance Commissioner for Student Government, Charlo Almeda, spoke on behalf of the decision made by the finance commission to drop refreshments at meetings. Mr. Almeda went as far as to beg Student Government not to reinstate the budget line, exclaiming, "I'm begging, I'm pleading, I beseech you in the name of common sense, let us be self sacrificing and let the students know that we are also sharing their pain." After a good laugh, Edward Deighan commented, "We are doing everything for students and we don't get anything. I believe we deserve something."

The issue was brought to the table and passed with a vote of six to four and SG will be spending \$680 dollars for the semester on food. Tina Jefferson commented after the vote, "All those who voted against the refreshment line shouldn't eat at the meetings."

## **NEW NYPIRGer's join CSI**

An interview with Project Coordinator Lara Fabiano

By Jennifer Valle

New Project Coordinator, Lara Fabiano discusses what NYPIRG plans to do this year at CSI. In the past, bad blood has passed between the organization and Student Government. With a new Student Government and a new NYPIRG staff, will the two groups get a fresh start and finally work together? Lara Fabiano speaks...

BANN- Welcome to the college, I understand you are one of the new Project Coordinators at the NYPIRG office. What are your plans for this

LARA- As a student run, student's rights organization, one of the first things we need to do this year is to encourage and welcome all students to take part in NYPIRG. Students are, after all, the heart and soul of our organization and therefore, a vital part of NYPIRG and our plans for this year. One of the first ways we like to introduce ourselves to new students, and re-acquaint ourselves with old ones, is through our book exchange. This program offers students a more affordable way to purchase books while, at the same time, it enables us to interact with students and tell them how they can get involved in NYPIRG.

BANN- I understand you have gone to Student Government to introduce yourselves. There has been some bad blood between SG and NYPIRG in the past... have you gone to them for a fresh start?

LARA- Yes, it is true, We have introourselves to Government as well as other organizations on campus. Getting to know the other members of our college, as well as our community, is essential for us, as we are an organization that works with and for students, This year we look forward to working together with all of the student body.

BANN- What about environmental issues on campus. What, if any, plans do you have for those issues?

LARA- This week, there will be a toxic waste hearing in which NYPIRG will be asking that the fresh kills dump be closed down. Considering the proximity of the landfill to CSI and to the many students who live on Staten Island, we see this as one of the first steps in cleaning the environment.

BANN- What about issues on campus such as clean drinking water and envi-

LARA- While, right now, we are concentrating on the upcoming hearing, we will be looking into what can be

ronmental problems with building 6S?

done on campus and we encourage any students interested in working on the environment to join us in this pro-

BANN- What are your immediate plans on campus? Will you be doing the voter registration anytime soon?

LARA- Yes, we have already started a voter registration drive in conjunction with Student Activities and will continue with it throughout the year. As a student's rights organization, a key component of our work is to ensure that all students are aware of and have access to this most fundamental right of self expression.

BANN- Have you been successful during your first week on campus in getting the attention of students? Has anyone expressed interest in NYPIRG, I mean, with all the negative press, you are basically fighting a ghost.

LARA- We have been very successful. Many students have been using the book exchange which we have made available to them through tabling in the campus center. Likewise, we registered more than fifty students to vote on our first day here. We have met with several students who have expressed interest in interning with our organization and others who wish to be active members. We will continue to call students to take an active part in their school and community.

BANN- What about those students who just say, "Oh, you guys do nothing." How do you keep from being discouraged and how do you turn these students from disinterest to active in the program?

LARA- We welcome all students to our General Interest Meeting September 20th at 2:30 in the Green Dolphin Lounge where they will be given an opportunity to learn more about NYPIRG and more about what they can do as students interested in making a difference in their school and community. The projects we look forward to working on and the ways for students to take an active part in them will be discussed at this meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone there and we are excited to be working together with all students.

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# The Economics & Finance Club Presents:

As Special Guest:

Vice President of the Staten Island of Commerce Come join us!!

Thursday September 14, 1995, Room 2N 005, Club Hours 1:30 pm Elections will be held to appoint officers. It is strongly suggested that all Economic & Finance majors attend!

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# **Letter to Editor**

September 5, 1995

Dear Banner,

At the behest of other Senators who have taken offense to an article which appeared in your last issue, I am compelled to write this letter.

The article to which I am referring is Yearbooks Saved on page 5, by Jennifer Valle. I speak for myself as well as others in saying that I feel that the criticism toward Student Government is unfair and uncalled for. I would like for the benefit of Student Government and The Banner's readers to clarify what I perceive as a blatant misjudgment which has clouded the truth of the whole yearbook ordeal. As the Student Government's delegated Publications Commissioner I feel it is my duty to shed some light upon the entire situation.

With regard to the lines "It took Student Government and Association three months to pass the idea. This was to insure that it would not cost them anything or cause legal problems" I would as I said previously like to shed some truth on the situation. First of all the old Student Government approved Project '95 last May, I was on that Student Government and no it did not take us three months to do it. Then as the members of The Banner well know it went to Association for approval. Upon review of The Association it was not approved because the Yearbook plan lacked some fundamental requirements like a membership list, (like we should approved a plan not knowing if there was actually people to work on the project) and still other important articles like a charter. Now, after the Yearbook proposal was shot down it was too late for that current Student Government to deal with the plan as all senator's terms expired.

The project was then brought to the new student Government, (the current Student Government) who rather hastily, having a majority of its membership as new members passed it despite their unfamiliarity of the situation contingent my decision Publications Commissioner. I would for the record like to say no it did not take me three months to approve Project '95 it took me about two days. Just to be clear Project '95 was approved at the end of June, but again the proposal had to go before Association. Where on separate occasions Association did not have a quorum, (enough attendance to conduct business). Here is where I have my major gripe with the article, I can not comprehend how you can equivocate Association's not being able to attain a quorum to Student Government being at fault for the hold up of Project '95. In fact, the very concept enrages me because it makes absolutely no

sense at all, not to mention the fact that there is no truth to the scenario either.

Also I would just like to say that this year funding is already in place for a 96 year-book (\$12,000.00) and no it did not take the Student Government or it's Publications Commission three months to approve that. In the future I should hope The Banner is more fair and accurate when presenting news especially when it comes to the area of Publications which I look after.

Sincerely, Student Government Senator Joseph Canale, Commissioner of Publications

All I have to say to letter is do the math - May, June, and July. That is three months no matter how you slice it.

I can understand that the current Student Government may take offense to the article in question. Obviously the last SG was not for yearbooks at all. I would not want to have that stigma if I was on SG.

I am glad to see that this year's Student Government does show signs of improvement. \$12,000 for the '96 yearbook will ensure that there will be a book this year.

It is unfortunate that the current SG has to deal with the paper work of '94 and '95 yearbooks.

However, I spent more time waiting for yearbook meetings this summer than working for it. -EI **BANN**- What first motivated you to join NYPIRG and become a Project Coordinator?

LARA- As a very active member of the sociology and urban clubs at my college, SUNY Geneseo I came to recognize the important role a student can make in improving the world that he/she lives in. I was interested in teaching other students how they too could get involved and felt that becoming A project coordinator would give me the perfect opportunity to do this. As a Staten Islander myself, when asked what school I'd like to work at, I chose CSI. I felt that this would give me the opportunity to give something back to my community while, at the same time, it would enable me to move others to do the same.

**BANN**- What about your co-worker, Neysa Pranger, How did you come about working together, here, in CSI?

LARA- I've already explained a little bit about what brought me to CSI, I know that Neysa is very excited to be here. She has been with NYPIRG since 1991 involved in the summer outreach campaign program and is eager to bring these skills to CSI students.

**BANN-** What do you hope to accomplish at CSI? what's your ultimate goal for this year?

LARA- NYPIRG, as an organization, has a two part goal of educating and advocating. Our ultimate goal for this year is to teach students how they can become advocates for themselves, their school, and their community.

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#### News

# Springer's Memorandum

MEMORANDUM TO:

College Community

FROM:

Marlene Springer

DATE:

August 31, 1995

As we begin a new school year, I write to bring you up to date on changes that have followed on the adoption of the College's Retrenchment Plan by the Board of Trustees and on other recent developments. Though the financial blows were severe and unrelenting, we can and should take consolation in the fact that we survived, indeed in many instances prevailed, in very difficult times. In spite of the continuing uncertainty of our fiscal future, I hope you will agree with me that we have many reasons to go forward into the 1995-1996 academic year with confidence and optimism.

Let me summarize the changes briefly:



1. The abolition of the Department of Health and Physical Education was approved by the Board of Trustees at its June meeting. We are recommending to the Board that, as of September 1, 1995, Professors Nicholas Farkouh, Howard Peirano, and Evan Pickman join the faculty of the Nursing Department and that Mr. Ben Zarrelli join the Department of Student Services to support the facilities of the sports and Recreation Center.

2. The abolition of the Department of Student Development was also approved by the Board of Trustees at its June meeting. We are recommending to the Board that, as of September 1, 1995, Professors Eugene Dudley, Gloria Garcia, Charlotte McPherson, and Roberta Vogel join the faculty of the department of Student Services and Ms. Allyson Straker-Banks join the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. The SEEK program will continue, of course; it will be housed in the Department of Student Services.

While these changes were certainly painful to the personnel involved, there is solace in the fact that through these changes we were able to avoid losing many valued members of the community. I am certain that welcome and support will be offered the colleagues in their new departments and offices.

3. As a result of the retrenchment of their administrative positions, Philip Alsworth will return to the Education Department as Professor of Education and Frank Torre will return as a counselor to the Department of Student Services as Associate Professor. The College thanks Dr. Ahmad for his service in his past and present positions.

With the reorganization of administrative offices, several colleagues have generously agreed to expand their administrative responsibilities.

5. Dean Carolyn Fazzolari has been recruited to serve as Acting Director of the Office of Information Technology and will work closely with Professor Michael Kress, Special Assistant to the Present for Information Technology. She will continue as Acting Associate Dean for Freshman Programs.

- 6. Ms. Constance Dondore will continue to serve as Director of the Evening and summer Sessions and will add to her responsibilities administration of the Weekend College.
- 7. In addition to her current assignment as director of the SEEK Program, Professor Gloria Garcia will be the coordinator of counseling services for both the SEEK Program and the Department of Student Services.
- 8. Professor Ira Sweet will be the Acting Athletic Director and Manager of the Sports and Recreation Center in 1995-1996. We will undertake a national search as soon as possible to fill this combined position. The position will report to vice President Carol Jackson.
- 9. Mr. Michael Daniels will assume, in addition to his current duties as director of the campus Center, the functions of President of the Auxiliary Services corporation. Mr. Barry Sommers has been appointed by Auxiliary Services as Director of Parking Enforcement.
- 10. As an added assignment, Lorelei Stevens will coordinate the CSI CUNY BA/BS Program.
- 11. The Office of Recruitment and the Office of Admissions have been combined into a single Office of Admissions reporting to vice President Jackson. Ray Hulsey, the Director of Admissions, will add to his other duties the coordination of prior learning.

Through this very difficult year, I have been deeply impressed with the loyalty and good will have observed among the faculty and staff of the College. I look forward to working with you in the year to come in the same spirit of dedication to our central endeavors: the support of teaching, of learning, and of the generation of knowledge.

Best wishes for a fine new year.

# **House Republicans Vow To End Direct Student Loans**

By Elissa Leibowitz College Press Service

WASHINGTON—House Republicans no longer want to limit President Bill Clinton's pilot direct student loan program. They want to scrap it altogether.

With a mandate to cut \$10 billion out of the budget within the next seven years, Republicans on the House Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee said on July 27 that Clinton's direct loan program is a good place to start.

"Direct lending can work, and in some ways it is working," said Rep. Bart Gordon, R-Tenn, a member of the committee. "The question is not, 'Can it work?' The question is why go to direct lending unless you can make significant improvements in the current system. Just to say it works is not enough."

The year-old direct loan program allows colleges to bypass banks and other lending agencies when students seek loans from the federal government. Without the middlemen, students receive their loan funds much

more quickly and save money in interest, say proponents. At the same time, colleges benefit by cutting back on paperwork and by receiving tuition payments faster, which improves cash

Originally, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) had estimated that direct loans would save taxpayers \$6.8 billion by the year 2000 by eliminating reinsurance fees and other subsidies now paid to banks and guarantee agencies under the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program.

But Republicans have charged that the Department of Education misjudged the amount of money that the program saves taxpayers. Instead of saving money, direct loans will cost the nation \$1.5 billion over the next seven years, according to a new CBO study.

"They used smoke and mirrors to determine the savings," said the House committee's chairman, Rep. Bill Goodling, R-Pa., of Clinton administration estimates.

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# **Mortal Kombat 3 - The Cheat Sheet**

Ultimate Kombat Kode

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#### **Kombat Kodes**

0-3-3-0-0-0: Player 1 starts with 1/2 Energy 0-0-0-0-3-3: Player 2 starts with 1/2 Energy 7-0-7-0-0 : Player 1 starts with 1/4 Energy 0-0-0-7-0-7: Player 2 starts with 1/4 Energy 0-2-0-0-2-0 : Blocking Disable 1-0-0-1-0-0: Throwing Disable 9-8-7-1-2-3 : No powerbar 6-8-8-4-2-2 : Dark Fighting 9-8-5-1-2-5 : Psycho Kombat 4-6-6-4-6-6: Unlimited run

2-8-2-2-8-2 : No Fear 1-2-3-9-2-6 : No knowledge that is not power 9-8-7-6-6-6: Hold Flippers during casino run

6-4-2-4-6-8 : Galaga

Winner Fighters 9-6-9-1-4-1: Winner fights Motaro 7-6-9-3-4-2: Winner fights **Noob Saibot** 0-3-3-5-6-4: Winner fights Shan Kahn 2-0-5-2-0-5: Winner fights Smoke

#### **Mortal Kombat 3 Special Moves**

#### **Shang Tsung**

One Fireball: B-B-HP Two Fireballs: B-B-F-HP Three Fireballs: B-B-F-F-HP Fire Eruption: F-B-B-LK Fatality 1: (close) Hold LP (D-F-F-D) Fatality 2: (close) Hold LP (R-BI-R-BI) Animality: (sweep) Hold HP(R-R-R) Friendship: LK-R-R-D Babality: R-R-R-LK Stage: U-U-B-LP Morph: Sindel:D-B-D-LP Jax: F-F-D-LP Kano: B-F-BL Liu Kang: F-D-B-U Sonya: D LP BL RN Stryker: F-F-F-HK Sub Zero: F-D-F-HP Cyrax: BL-BL-BL Sektor: D-F-B-RN

Nightwolf: U-U-U

Sheeva: LK (F-D-F)

Kung Lao: RN-RN-BL-RN Kabal: LP-BL-HK

#### Sindel

Float: B-B-F-HK Fireball: F-F-LP Air Fireball: D-F-LK Scream: F-F-F-HP Fatality 1: (sweep) R-R-Bl-R-Fatality 2: (close) R-Bl-Bl-R Bl Animality: (anywhere) F-F-U-Friendship: R-R-R-R-U Babality: R-R-R-U Stage: D-D-D-LP

#### Jax

Single Missile: B-F-Double Missile: F-F-B-B-HP Fast Punch: F-F-HK Grab Punch: F-F-LP Slam: Throw repeatedly press HP LP Back Breaker: BL in Ground Punch: Hold LK (3 sec) Fatality 1: (close) Hold Bl (U-D-F-U) Fatality 2: (far) R-Bl-R-R-LK Animality: (close) Hold LP (F-F-D-F) Friendship: LK-R-R-Babality: D-D-D-LK Stage: D-F-D-LP

#### Kano

Knife Throw: D-B-HP Knife Slice: D-F-HP Roll: Hold LK (3 sec) Strangle: D-F-LP Air Throw: BL in air Fatality 1: (close) Hold LP (F-Fatality 2: (sweep) LP-Bl-Bl-Animality: (close) Hold HP (Bl-BI-BI) Friendship: LK-R-R-HK Babality: F-F-D-D-LK Stage: U-U-B-LK

#### Liu Kang

High Fireball: F-F-HP Low Fireball: F-F-LP Flying Kick: F-F-HK Bicycle Kick: Hold LK (3 sec) Fatality 1: (anywhere) F-F-D-D-LK Fatality 2: (anywhere) U-D-U-U-BIR Animality: (sweep) D-D-U

Friendship: R-R-R-D R Babality: D-D-D-HK Stage: R-Bl-Bl-LK

#### Sonya

Rings: D-F-LP Flying Punch: F-B-HP Leg Grab: D LP BL Bicycle Kick: B-B-D-HK Fatality 1: (≥1/2 screen) Hold BI R (U-U-B-D) Fatality 2: (anywhere) B-F-D-D-R Animality: (close) Hold LP (B-F-D-F) Friendship: B-F-B-D-R Babality: D-D-F-LK

Stage: F-F-D-HP

Stryker



High Grenade: D-B-HP Low Grenade: D-B-LP Baton Throw: F-F-HK Baton Trip: F-B-LP Fatality 1: (close) D-F-D-F-Bl Fatality 2: (3/4 screen) F-F-F-Animality: (sweep) R-R-R-Bl Friendship: LP-R-R-LP Babality: D-F-F-B-HP Stage: F-U-U-HK

#### Smoke

Teleport Punch: F-F-LK Spear Throw: B-B-LP Invisible: U-U-RN Air Throw: BL (in the air) Fatality 1: (across screen) U-U-F-D Fatality 2: (sweep) Hold R Bl (D-D-F-U) Animality: (outside sweep) D-F-F-Bl Friendship: R-R-R-HK Babality: D-D-B-B-HK Stage: F-F-D-LK

Sub Zero

Ice Throw: D-F-LP

Ice Clone: F-D-LP Ice Shower: D-F-HP Far Shower: D-B-F-HP Near Shower: D-F-B-HP Slide: B LP BL LK Fatality 1: (close) Bl-Bl-R-Bl-R Fatality 2: (outside of sweep) B-B-D-B-R Animality: (close) F-U-U Friendship: LK-R-R-U Babality: D-B-B-HK Stage: B-D-F-F-HK

#### Cyrax

Net: B-B-LK Far Bomb: LK(F-F-HK) Near Bomb: LK(B-B-HK) Air Throw: D-F-BL (LP in air) Teleport: F-D-BL

> Fatality 1: (anywhere) D-D-U-D-HP Fatality 2: (close) D-D-F-Animality: (close) U-U-D-D Friendship: R-R-R-U Babality: F-F-B-HP Stage: R-Bl-R

#### Sektor

Missile: F-F-LP Heat Seeker: F-D-B-HP Teleport: F-F-LK Fatality 1: (sweep) LP-R-R-Bl Fatality 2: (Over Half screen) F-F-F-B-Bl Animality: (close) F-F-D-U

Friendship: R-R-R-D Babality: B-D-D-HK Stage: R-R-R-D

#### **Nightwolf**

Arrow: D-B-LP Hatchet: D-F-HP Shield: B-B-B-HK Shadow Charge: F-F-LK Fatality 1: (close) U-U-B-F-Bl Fatality 2: (far) B-B-D-HP Animality: (close) F-F-D-D Friendship: R-R-R-D Babality: F-B-F-B-LP Stage: R-R-Bl

#### Sheeva

Fireball: D-F-HP Stomp: B-D-B-HK Teleport: D-U Fatality 1: (close) F-D-D-F-LP Fatality 2: (close) Hold HK (B-Animality: (close) R-Bl-Bl-Bl-Friendship: F-F-D-F-pause for 1/2 sec.-HP Babality: D-D-D-B-HK Stage: D-F-D-F-LP

#### **Kung Lao**

Hat Throw: B-F-LP Air Kick: D HK Teleport: D-U Spin: F-D-F-RN Fatality 1: (anywhere) R-Bl-R-BI-D Fatality 2: (little close) F-F-B-D-HP Animality: (close) R-R-R-R-Bl Friendship: R-LP-R-LK Babality: D-F-F-HP Stage: D-D-F-F-LK

#### Kabal

Fireball: B-B-HP Spin: B-F-LK Gear Slice: B-B-RN Fatality 1: (outside sweep) D-D-B-F-Bl Fatality 2: (close) R-Bl-Bl-Bl-Animality: (close) Hold HP (F-F-D-F) Friendship: R-LK-R-R-U Babality: R-R-LK Stage: Bl-Bl-HK

Please note: Friendship and Babality can only done without blocking at final round. Animality can be done after mercy (Hold R, D-D-D-D), Mercy can be done at the 3rd round. Friendship, Babality, and Mercy can done anywhere expect close. "Stage" must done close, no mercy is required to do stage fatality.

Thanks to Jonathan Roberts. See his home page http://pages.prodigy.com/VA /jonroberts/mk3.html

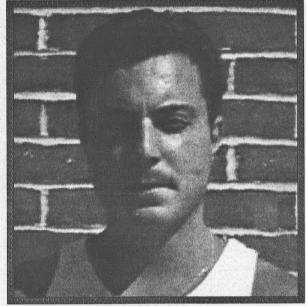
#### The Review:

In my opinion, Mortal Kombat III is the worst in the series. All the character have a retro-trendy, 1980's punk rocker look to them. MK I ruled because the players looked real, not like cartoons (ie. Street Fighter II). Yes, the graphics look better, but it does not feel like MK. And forget about playability; the combos ripped off from Killer Instinct make this game cheaper than before. The fatalities are bloodier, but totally unbelievable. However, this will not stop the game from making a ton of money. Long lines in the arcades prove that fact. If that's not enough, look for a home version on every system.

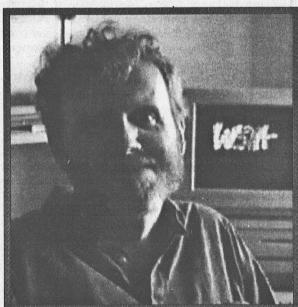
# You Think? What

BY: Michael Garofalo

# What do you think of the new parking policy?



Gregory Castellano - Horrible! The parking facility is not big enough. There are just not enough spots for all the students.



Greg Adamo - If it stops people from driving like nuts, it's a good idea.



Joanne Vadell - I believe that they are selling too many decals. This is why there is a problem. The people who pay should be guaranteed a spot.



I think I can safely criticize the new parking policies without the fear of being biased. They simply do not affect me, because I do not have a car. (I got the driver's license for ID, and it keeps my empty wallet warm.)

At first glance at the new policy I thought, "Is the college hard up for cash?" Last year's cuts weren't pretty. Everyone knows that's how 'The City' makes its money. Why should CSI be any different? Manhattan and CSI have much in common. You just cannot find a space during rush hour, and the traffic moves at the same speed.

The difference is CSI can control population. Limit the ticket sales or make more spots. "Oh no we cannot do that, it would cut into Auxiliary's million dollar budget." Don't get me wrong, I am aware of the fact that Auxiliary takes on many financial responsibilities of the college, but how can they sell pseudo spots and then be surprised when cars are not legally parked. I advise Auxiliary not to double charge drivers; first for the decal, then for the ticket. They have cars, they might drive to another school.

For those of you who don't know. the purchase of a decal does not guarantee you a spot. Then what are you paying for? The

purchase of a slice of pizza does not guarantee you a bite. This is the third year of the parking mayhem. You think someone would try to ease matters, not increase

Now picture this. You have just circled the loop, and you have to park in the far end of lot 6. (Yes, lot 6 gets crowed too!) You go to class and find out you have to buy a 70 dollar textbook. You go back to your car to find out that a STUDENT is giving you a ticket for 'improperly displaying' your decal. Am I the only person who see a problem with this? Students should not be the grunts for auxiliary. This is

because their safety is in jeopardy. I know one day soon I'm going to write this headline, "Student found beaten in lot 6." Hopefully, it won't be my News Editor.

The fact that someone might have to pay \$15 because their sticker is not permanently attached to the car is outrageous This also proves the need for Auxiliary to generate money. Let's say some one owns two cars. We cannot allow you to tape your sticker from car to car, Auxiliary would be out the price of one decal.

Now before Auxiliary tries to pass a rule that we can now ticket Rollerbladers, (I think I would get five a day for "Skating in an unsafe manner" but I'd love to see how they could nail me for parking.) let me point out some good points of the new parking policy. Tickets for speeding and driving in an unsafe manner should have always been in effect. If that had been the case, lives would have been saved last

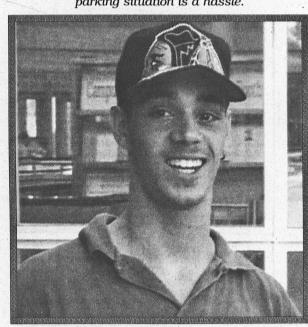
The money that can be made from ticketing is outstanding. This money could be used for more parking spaces. That sound great, but I don't think that fact is going to calm down. Let us all not forget that the snow is coming. We got off easy last year, but two years ago I thought people would get shot for spots. I said, "glad that's not me" as I walked to class.

Now I don't just want to pour salt on the wound so let me offer suggestions.

- · Bogus tickets such as 'improper displaying of decals' should be eliminated. This is just too petty. Is it worth the 45 minute argument in the parking office.
- · Don't hire students. If you do, make sure they can fight.
- Auxiliary, show where the money goes. We can all get a copy of the minutes, but for you to volunteer these numbers in good faith shows that you have CSI's best interest at heart. (The Banner will be asking for them soon anyway.)
- PUBLIC RELATIONS!!! It seems the only time you deal with anything concerning Auxiliary services is when you're giving them money. Lets see some promotional events sponsored by Auxiliary Services. You can learn a great deal from PDC.



Denise Parlante - I don't drive as of now, but I'm glad that I don't, because the parking situation is a hassle.



**Rick Jackson** - Being staff for the Auxially services, we should not have to pay for parking. To me it appears to be another way for the administration to line their pockets.

# WELLNESS COLUMN

Welcome back. This semester the Department of Student Services' Wellness Program has an exciting calendar of events that deal with issues ranging from stress management and the creative arts to a dramatic theatrical performance about AIDS, from yoga to the facts about marijuana. In addition to these informative programs, we are also very happy to announce the continuation of our Peer Drop-In Center. Located in the Campus Center, room 112F (Health Center), this center is staffed by trained Peer Educators. These students can assist you with referrals to oncampus services, in accessing information on topics related to wellness, in learning what services are available in the community, and for just talking, if that's what you want. Even if you don't have a specific reason, stop by and see what we have to offer. If you want more information you can call 982-3123.

The following is the Wellness Calendar for September 1995:

#### Sept. 14, (Thurs), 10:00 - 11:00am, Campus Center, Bijou Room (211)

"Violence and Relationships" - Laura Atkins, from Victim Services Agency, leads the discussion on this important topic. All are invited to attend this Good Morning CSI event. (Personal Growth CLUE)

#### Sept. 21, (Thurs), 1:30 - 2:30pm, Campus Center, Bijou Room (211)

"HIV/AIDS Education" - Sarit Golub, a Health Educator from the Staten Island AIDS Task Force, repeats last semester's excellent program on this issue. Come get the facts. (Personal Growth CLUE)

#### Sept. 27, (Thurs), 2:30 - 3:30pm, Campus Center, Green Dolphin

"Yoga and Stress Reduction" - Lisa Nigro, a yoga instructor, gives some basic information and exercises to help with stress reduction. (Personal Growth CLUE)

All of these events are sponsored by the Wellness Program, located in the Campus Center, room 112 (Health Center). The Program is coordinated by Carol Brower, and the phone number is 982-3123. Get the full calendar of Wellness events for this semester at the Campus Center Information Booth, or stop by the Wellness Program office or Peer Drop-In Center. We look forward to seeing you.

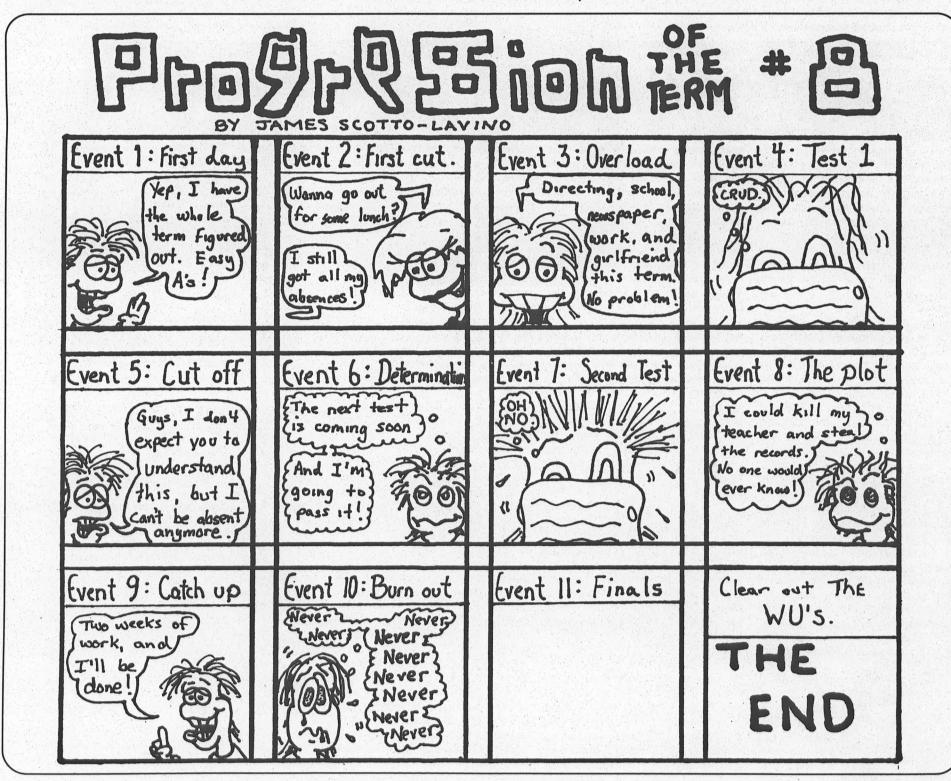
#### Point of Information:

Professor Daniel C. Kramer, Room 2N-225, phone 982-2895, is the College of Staten Island's Pre-Law Adviser. He would be happy to speak to any student thinking of going to law school. Also, many Catalogs are on closed reserve in the Library and posters from a dozen law schools are on the bulletin board outside 2N-225.

Students applying to law school must first take the Law School Admissions Test. Professor Kramer has the application forms: there are extra such forms in Room 2N-224. This year the LSAT will be given Saturday, September 30 and Saturday, December 2. The February 10 exam will be given in New Jersey but not in New York.

This year's Law School Forum (admission free, no preregistration required) will be held Friday, September 22, noon-6 and Saturday, September 23, 10-3, New York Vista Hotel, 3 World Trade Center. Representatives from just about every law school in the country will attend and will be happy to answer questions about their respective institutions.

Professor Kramer also has applications forms for New your State Assembly and Senate internships. Students work for a State Senator or State Assembly Person in Albany during Spring, 1996 semester and receive valuable experience plus a stipend of approximately \$4000 and 16 academic credits. Juniors and Seniors from any major may apply. Senate interns must be U.S. citizens. Applications are due in Prof. Kramer's office by Thursday, October 26th at the latest.



# College Horoscope For The Week Of Sept. 4, 1995

By Linda C. Black

The sun's in Virgo all this week, making it good for memorizing by rote. That's still an excellent way to store data, so give it a try. Monday and Tuesday the lesson could come through experience, with the moon in Capricorn. Wednesday and Thursday, it goes into Aquarius, which is better for computers and physics problems. The moon is in Pisces Thursday night through Saturday. Should be fun, if somewhat impractical. Sports go best on Sunday, with the moon in Aries.

Aries (March 21-April 19). Don't argue on Monday or Tuesday; you'll lose. Just do what the professor wants. Wednesday and Thursday should be good for learning with a group of other students. That'll work especially well with a science project. You're under pressure on Friday and Saturday. Follow your intuition and keep your agreements. Sunday, the ball's in your court. Take on a competitor who's been very annoying while you have the advantage.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). You're very lucky, especially in practical matters, on Monday and Tuesday. You may be able to work an excellent trade. Wednesday and Thursday won't be as easy. A professor with whom you disagree could have the upper hand. Wait for a better time to share your true feelings. Friday and Saturday could be good for that, in the company of friends who feel the same way you do. Get busy on Sunday and finish an assignment that's due.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Bills are due on Monday. If you can't pay them all, talk to an older person about a loan either then or on Tuesday. Wednesday and Thursday should be excellent for all intellectual endeavors. Write papers and wax eloquent then. Friday and Saturday could get downright confusing. There are almost too many options from which to choose. Trust a hunch. Sunday is excellent for team sports, but finish up the housework, too.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). A friend may disagree on Monday or Tuesday in a rather rude manner. Don't take offense; the feedback could be important to your success. Wednesday and Thursday, you'll have to deal with finances. Those would be excellent days to fill out a grant application. If you can finish classes early on Friday, it's a fine day for you to travel. Saturday's pretty good, too. Take along a friend. Get back by Sunday; you have several chores to do.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Expect Monday and Tuesday to be grueling workdays. Don't plan anything else. Wednesday and Thursday should be good for dating, though. Pick a partner who can help you with your calculations. Friday and Saturday, make sure the bills get paid. If there's not enough money, sell something. You'll be in fine form on Sunday. Travel, romance and sports activities should all go very well. Push yourself to do something outrageous.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be in a practical frame of mind on Monday and Tuesday, so go shopping with your sweetheart for something you both want. Wednesday and Thursday, an assignment could have you stumped. Take your time and ask for help if you need it. Friday and Saturday, it's you who'll be providing the assistance. A friend may be confused or overwhelmed. Help that one get organized. Pay your bills and balance your checkbook on Sunday.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may have

to make a difficult decision regarding your living arrangements on Monday or Tuesday. Hold off until Wednesday or Thursday to get a deal that's more to your advantage. You're luckier in love on those days, too. Friday and Saturday could be stressful. You could get lucky with a guess on the quiz, but it would be better to have studied. Go out with a wild and crazy friend on Sunday. You'll have a marvelous time.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Monday and Tuesday should be very productive. Assign tasks to several friends and you'll multiply your effectiveness. Wednesday and Thursday could go more slowly. Listen to a roommate's opinions thoroughly before you make a decision. Friday and Saturday, you're in luck again. You may find several interesting prospects at a party or club meeting. Don't get too upset if an impetuous type tries to rattle your cage on Sunday.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may have to buy several things to keep up with the class on Monday and Tuesday. Shop around for the best deal; maybe you can get used stuff instead of new. Wednesday and Thursday, your attention span will be longer. Tackle complicated technical material then. Friday, a domestic matter could distract your attention from an assignment that must be done. Relax, you can handle the former on Saturday. Play hard on Sunday.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're cool on Monday and Tuesday. Venture beyond your old limits with an attractive tutor. Wednesday and Thursday, the test is on finances. Can you meet your needs on what you make, or will you have to take another job? You may come up with a creative solution. You'll learn by watching an expert on Friday and Saturday, so get near one. Stay home on Sunday to take care of a problem that's brewing. If you have a lawn, mow it.

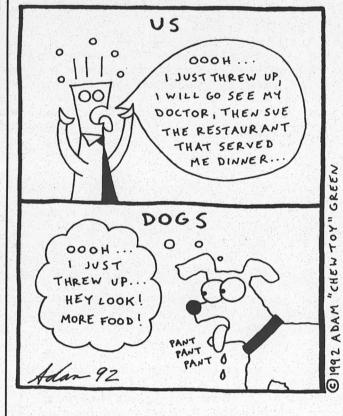
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may be under pressure on Monday and Tuesday. You can learn a lot from those who disagree. You'll be in a much stronger position on Wednesday and Thursday. Those are your best times to ask for money, especially from an agency. Friday and Saturday, you may need it to buy something to help you do the job. Get a more experienced person to assist you in making a purchase. Sunday should be good for playing with your friends and

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Attend social events and club meetings on Monday and Tuesday, especially those in your major. You could make valuable contacts. Settle down Wednesday and Thursday and write a paper that's coming due. Those are also good days to do research. Friday and Saturday, your imagination will be very active. A practical friend can help you pour that inspiration down useful channels. Take care not to spend too much if you shop on

If You're Having a Birthday This Week ... Born Sept. 4-5: Set long-term goals and get started on them. This is the stuff of which true love is made. Born Sept. 6-7: Work you're doing now is the foundation upon which your dreams will rest, so don't complain. Born Sept. 8-9: Let an imaginative partner lure you out of your dull routine and you can accomplish great things. Born Sept. 10: Learn to manage other people's money and your future is secure.

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### WHAT SEPARATES US FROM DOGS:



# A Monday **Night Poetic** Haunt

By Louis Bardel

In the beginning of the summer of '95, there began an experimental poetry reading at the Cargo Cafe in St. George, S.I. Starting at 9:00pm that first Monday night, the organizers (Nanci Richards and Robert Levine) expressed mild apprehension about its potential. But worrying was a waste of time, as the reading developed into a weekly success. On any given night there could be a turnout of nearly forty people or more, half of whom got up on stage and read.

Sweet sounds, eloquent voices, profound memories, lines of sadness, and political militancy could be heard echoing through the streets surrounding this local artist hangout. Whether it was Rob L. offering unsmiling and sometimes comical metaphors, or Nanci R. laying down the light-hearted, often hysterical improvisation every night was a success. On some nights poetic verse could be heard well towards the early morning, and it seemed that with every poet that read the crowd only got larger. The night often ended with poet/actor/comedian Al Peters throwing up some of his righteous vibes, always prefacing his performance by saying, "I'm going to do something a little experimental.'

Nonetheless, Al never failed at mesmerizing, and sometimes electrifying, the crowd with his various stage personas.

The list of poets who stood up in front of the crowd and purged their guts is too long to list in this article. There were some notable artists, like "Will Winn," who with gentle voice inspires wisdom; quasi-schizophrenics like "Doc" berating modern culture; voices like Marguerite Rivas and her unconventional stories of computer interaction; and constructive words from rebel poets like David Lipp who rails and wails against the overwhelming feelings of discontented youth who turned out almost every Monday night and revealed themselves. Many of the brave poets that showed up were CSI students and poet ry at the Cargo has proven itself to be a magnet for various sorts of people. The Cargo is a place that people can meet together on the common grounds of free expression. I advise all to check it out.

The readings are held every Monday night from 9pm to 11pm, with sign-up beginning at 8:30.

By Thomas C. Kolakowski

Adapted from his article in The Beer & Tavern Chronicle.

As I have often said here in The Banner we are seeing an ever increasing interest in good beers. Not since the "golden age" of American brewing (before prohibition) has so many styles of beer been available to the American public. It seems like every day a new brewpub or microbrewery is opening somewhere in America. Yet with all the increased interest in beer it is surprising that so little thought is given to how one should serve these "new-found" beers. To the average beer drinker (and alas all too many pubs and taverns) there are just two types of glasses used; either the Pilsner or pint glass. While it is true that bars like Schaffers Tavern will serve their beers in the proper glasses; they are the exception, not the rule. Even at the East Alehouse, a personal favorite of mine, you will find that all beers are served in pint glasses (even Weisse beers!).

This of course raises the questions, "What is the right glass for a given beer?" and "Does it really make a difference what glass you use?". If you were to travel through Europe, especially in Belgium and Germany, they would tell you that it is especially important to serve a beer in the correct glass. Beer should be pleasing to all the senses, not just taste. Just look at the beautiful steins used in Germany, they are works of art. They show just how important the presentation of beer is in German culture. Beers really should be presented in such a way that it will be pleasing to the eyes, nose and palate and choosing the correct glass will greatly enhance each of these factors. Now lets look at the major types of

Possibly most commonly used (and misused) glass in America is the Pilsner. Pilsner glasses were originally designed to accentuate a style of light bodied beers that have weak heads and little aroma. The narrowness of the mouth of the glass, and the way it widens toward the top helps to build up and maintain the head of the beer. Pilsner glasses can be used in many cases where the beer is not very hoppy and does not maintain a good head.

After the Pilsner, the Pint glass is the most prevalent style of glass seen in New York Bars. Unfortunately, this style is now being used for all varieties of beer in many places. There are two major styles of pint glasses available, the tall pint and the pint tankard. The standard tall pint is best used for mildly heady ales and lagers. The tall pint's shape serves the same purpose as that of the Pilsner glass, to build up and maintain the beer's head. For more heady ales and stouts the pint tankard is far more

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appropriate as the head will quickly dissipate.

The nation which uses the largest range of glasses is Belgium. Few styles of Belgian beer are ever served in a Pilsner or Pint glass. Abbey and Trappist Dobbles are best served in wide mouth glasses, either chalices or goblets. The wide mouth enhances the aroma of the beer, while weakening the strong head that is characteristic of this style. One thing to remember is that wide mouth glasses will cause the beer to approach room temperature quickly due to the larger surface area. Additionally, the beer will loose it's aromatic qualities just as quickly, so drink

Abbey Tripples, Golden Strong ales (like Duvel)

and Monk's Brown Ale should be served in tulip shaped glasses. The tulip glass's shape serves two purposes. The first is to fully display the rich creamy heads produced by these beers. The second is to allow the drinker to take in both the beer and the head, making the beer creamier and smoother to the taste. To enhance this experience the tulip glass should be a large one, a 22 ounce tulip glass should be used for a 12 ounce bottle of beer. so, if you are drinking a 25.4 ounce bottle of Corsendunk you should use two or more 22 ounce tulip glasses.

Lambic beers (such as Kriek, Framboise and Pech) are generally served in champagne flutes. Since these wonderfully fruity beers are not overly heady, yet sparkling, the champagne flute adds some style and class to this exceptionally unique beer style. The narrowness of the flute will concentrate the nose of the beer, as well as the head.

In Germany there are far fewer glasses to worry about. The .25L and .5L Stein is appropriate for most German lagers. The main exceptions are Weiss beers. These use a .5L Weiss glass (about 22 ounces) for a 16.9 ounce bottle. One unusual glass (and probably difficult to find) is the Berliner Weisse glass. Berliner Weisse is served in a bowl-like glass, resembling a tall ashtray. The beer is served with some raspberry or Woodruff syrup and is an experience one should savor.

Finally, an additional style of glass which should be mentioned is the "thistle" glass . The unusual shape (a bulb at the bottom straightening out to the shape of a pilsner, resembling the thistle) is perfect for strong and sweet beers. It is good for beers like Sam Adam's Triple Bock and Samichlaus; beers that are exceptionally sweet and high in alcohol. You want to drink these beers slowly, and with a thistle glass there is no way to drink fast without getting more beer on you than in you!

So the next time you sit down with a good beer, give a little consideration to what drinking vessel to serve it in. Many of the glasses mentioned above are available through Vanberg & DeWulf, call1(800)656-1212 for a free glassware catalogue. And enjoy!

# Tomko on Bars: A Bit of the Old West on SI

By Thomas Kolakowski

Even before you set foot through the doors you know something is amiss on Staten Island. Approaching Adobe Blues you are overwhelmed by the feeling you that you have just been transported across country to some small bar in the Old Southwest. The front yard is entirely sand, with various western plants and props. There is even a large "steer skull" carved out of what appears to be granite. The interior of the bar is equally impressive, from the adobe walls to the beautiful corner fireplace.

Adobe Blues, 63 Lafayette Avenue, is the brain child of Jim Stayoch and Ken Tirado, two accomplished theatrical set designers. The entire interior was designed and built by owners Jim and Ken after taking a twelve day research trip throughout the southwest. The renovations required to turn an old neighborhood dive into a Old Western bar was so extensive, even Bob Villa would be proud of it!

The dining room has three separate menus, one for lunch, dinner and late night snacks. The menu has many traditional Southwestern staples, such as Quesadillas and Nachos. But how many places serve Buffalo Burgers made from farm raised Buffalo? Many of the dishes are prepared using either beer or Tequila. Their Drunken Mexican Shrimp is prepared with shrimp marinaded in beer (quite a tasty treat!). The complimentary tortilla chips and salsa are probably the best you will ever find in the five boroughs. The food menu is extremely well priced, during both lunch and snack times a group of four can expect to spend around \$50 including drinks. Lunch items and appetizers range between \$6-\$10. Beers generally go for \$2.50 per tap pint or \$3.25 for a bottle.

Large bottles (such as Affligem or Corsendunk) and some of the more obscure beers will cost more.

Possibly the most impressive facet of Adobe Blues (for beer lovers like us) is their extensive beer list. The list currently stands at 230 beers from 35 different countries. (On a lighter note, Budweiser is listed separately under the heading "Alleged Beer"). Maintaining such an impressive beer list is not easy. Currently, Bill (their day manager), has to deal with

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six different distributors to get so many countries represented. Jim Stayoch, states that they try to have as many countries represented as possible, even if that country's beer is not especially good. Unfortunately, Jim adds, there are some countries with excellent beers which can not be carried because no area distributors carry them. A stated example were the beers of Norway. Unfortunately, not a single Norwegian beer is carried by importers/distributors in the New York Area at this

Making sure that the beer stays fresh with such

a large selection is usually a tough one. There are many times one goes to a bar boasting a large selection only to find that the beer has turned sknky due to age. Such is not the case at Adobe Blues! Why? Probably due to their "99 Beer Club! Using the term "99 Beer Club" is actually a bit of a misnomer when dealing with Adobe Blues. It is actually a "multitiered" beer club, with each tier consisting of "99 beers". In order to help you get excited about the beer club prizes are award for each group of 33 beers a member completes. After 33 beers the member gets an etched beer mug with the "Adobe Blue Logo". With 66 Beers you receive a special Adobe Blues cap, available only to club members. Finally, tier 1 ends with with a Commemorative Polo shirt with the member's name and number embroidered in gold on it (to date 114 people have completed the first 99 beers, the names of the first hundred are on a plaque in the bar-room). An additional benefit of completing phase one is being invited to various seasonal beer tastings. Phase two ends with a black denim jacket embroidered with the Adobe Blues logo. Phase 3 consists of pins of any country in which five or more beers are offered. For each country in which you consume five beers you will receive that country's flag pin. Phase four is 99 beers selected by the club member, with a special collared sweatshirt. Finally, Phase 5 is the completion of the entire beer list, with the prize being a leather jacket. The beer club is not in effect on Fridays and Saturday nights.

Jim and Ken's newest venture is a German bar and restaurant. They recently made an extensive visit to Bavaria to ensure that this establishment is as accurate as possible. The bar will be opening around September 1.

# SCOPIN' THE SOAPS

By Toby Goldstein

Due to the unpredictable coverage of the O.J. Simpson trial, a few of the following soap opera synopses may either cover episodes preempted in your viewing area, or repeat summaries already run so as not to reveal upcoming plot twists.

Soaps for the week of Sept. 4, 1995

ALL MY CHILDREN: Alec made love to Arlene in exchange for her promise of silence. Janet comforted Pierce, who blamed himself for Christina's death. Taylor seduced a vulnerable Derek, who was heartsick over his failed marriage to Mimi. Isabella interrupted Julia and Noah as they were becoming passionate. Seeing Laura overcome by pain, Janet insisted that the girl go with Mateo to get medical help. Joe alerted a distracted Maria to a medical error. Erica tried to hide her back pain from Dimitri as he prepared to leave for Corvina's wedding. Coming: Erica's dependency endangers

ANOTHER WORLD: Vicky was taken prisoner by Justine, causing Ryan concern as her absence lengthened. A heat wave placed Bridget and Laurie's son, Ben, in danger. Jake told Paulina about his amnesia and begged for her understanding, meanwhile warning Joe to keep away from his wife. Gary blew up at Josie when she jokingly accused him of drinking. Donna learned the truth about Michael's illness, then startled Matt by asking to postpone their wedding. Coming: Jake vows to win Paulina back.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Emily revealed to Jeff that she might be pregnant. Samantha admitted to Scott that she and Kirk were never legally married. Lily exploded at Damian when she saw Orlena holding Luke, which Lily had forbidden. Later, Lily began to hallucinate. Emily battled with Larry over his decision to move away, which would mean she couldn't see Allison. Mike offered Carly \$1 million to leave him and Rosanna alone, which she refused with difficulty. Rosanna wanted to find Mike's family. Coming: Nikki decides to trust Jeremy.

BOLD & BEAUTIFUL: When Ridge appealed to Taylor to attend Thorne and Macy's wedding, she agreed to do it for him. Eric Jr. insisted to Eric that Ridge used him in his courtship of Brooke. Ridge flatly turned down Eric's request to have Eric Jr. visit him on weekends. Dylan and Maggie agreed to wait until after the wedding to tell Jessica the truth about their romance but found keeping silent very difficult. Macy surprised Thorne by singing after they were wed. C.J. was spoiling for a fight with Eric Jr. Coming: C.J. breaks his promise to Sally

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Tony rigged John's re-creation of Houdini's great escape to kill his rival, only to be foiled when Austin and Lucas rescued John. Despite Bo's decision to be with Billie, he still had to fight a strong attraction to Hope. Peter and Jen realized that Celeste had lied to them about her connection with Aremid when they found a photo of her that was taken there. Hiding her love for Austin, Carrie planned to move back to her old apartment, despite the fact that Austin lives next door. Coming: Tony hatches another plot against John.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL:** Stone and Robin were delighted when she tested negative for HIV. Mac realized that he's jealous upon learning that Katherine got back together with Damian. Miguel reluctantly teamed up with Ned and Lois to get Sonny out of the record company. Kevin and Mac went undercover and in disguise to attend Maia's women's seminar. Tony was stunned by Bobbie's comments in therapy. Justus got angry when Tom provoked guilt feelings in Simone about their son. Coming: Tony has to make a tough decision.

GUIDING LIGHT: Josh, Matt and David were injured when the scaffolding collapsed. Disguised as Marian, Brent let Lucy come to the conclusion that "she" was raped. Annie received shocking news, which she shared with an equally distraught Rick. Fearing that Dinah might marry Roger, Ross told Blake and Matt that if Dinah does so, she may be entitled to receive her trust fund. Matt told Dinah he wants them to make a deal. Alan was taken aback to learn that Reva knows Buzz. Nick asked Susan, who is HIV-positive, for a date. Coming: Brent plans more reprisals.

LOVING: Lorraine finally revealed to Bree the truth about her past with Charles. Angie was left speechless when Jacob candidly discussed his past. Tony felt convinced that he's seen Neal somewhere before. Ally stepped up her plan by convincing friends that she feels uncomfortable around Danny. Steffi blackmailed Tess into hiring Ally as a photographer. Ava's apologies to Alex made him feel even guiltier about his encounter with Jocelyn. Coming: The serial killer claims another victim.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Javier turned Rachel on to cocaine, which Ben later spotted at her apartment. Kelley canceled a date with Joey in order to see David and was thrilled when David asked her to go home with him. Dorian admitted to Blair that David is blackmailing her about the diary. Antonio learned the identity of the rogue cop. Marty broke up with Dylan. Christian and Jessica vowed to keep seeing each other secretly, as Clint asked Carlotta for her help in keeping the couple apart. Coming: Rachel is confronted about her habit.

YOUNG & RESTLESS: Mamie turned down John's offer of financial support and said she's moving on with her life. Paul's impotence finally ended and he made love to Chris. When Phyllis collapsed and was taken to the hospital, she asked Joani not to mention the tranquilizers. After Chris returned from her trip with Paul, Danny professed his love and kissed her, throwing her into turmoil. Matt overheard Victor discuss Nick's arrest, then named Nick as the person who shot him, even though he recalled his assailant as a woman. Coming: Paul tries to clear Nick's name.

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# TV Highlights

Thursday, 07-Sept.-95

8:00 P.M. ABC Matlock: The Verdict. A district attorney (Jane Sibbett) prosecutes her ex-lover (Josh Taylor), Ben's client, for murder.

8:00 P.M. CBS Murder, She Wrote: Dear Deadly. An advice columnist (Eileen Brennan) falls victim to a crazed gunman; with Laurence Luckinbill; John Rhys-Davies.

8:00 P.M. FOX Living Single: The Ex-File. Overton's ex-girlfriend moves to New York with hopes of reconciliation.

8:00 P.M. NBC Friends: The One With the Birth. Carol (Jane Sibbett) begins labor; Ross and Susan (David Schwimmer, Jessica Hecht) clash.

8:30 P.M. FOX The Crew: The Dating Game. Lenora and Paul (Christine Estabrook, David Burke) console each other after being stood up.

8:30 P.M. NBC Hope & Gloria: A Midsummer Night's Trim. Hope (Cynthia Stevenson) has nightmares about Gloria (Jessica Lundy) trimming her

9:00 P.M. ABC The Commish: Letting Go. The Scalis await results of Rachel's breast-cancer tests; Tony and Paulie rig an elaborate sting to trap a phony investment counselor.

9:00 P.M. CBS CBS Reports: Faith and Politics: The Religious Right. Dan Rather examines the roots of the Christian Right and its growth as a political movement.

9:00 P.M. FOX New York Undercover: Tag, You're Dead. J.C. and Eddie must determine if a former parole officer's shooting of a graffiti artist was in self-defense.

9:00 P.M. NBC Seinfeld: The Face Painter. Elaine's boyfriend's behavior at a hockey game appalls her and Jerry.

9:30 P.M. NBC Mad About You: How to Fall in Love. Jamie disagrees with Paul's video on how to meet women.

10:00 P.M. ABC Day One

10:00 P.M. CBS 48 Hours: Child Care. Working parents seeking child care often face limited options and many dangers.

10:00 P.M. NBC ER: Motherhood. Dr. Lewis' mother (Valerie Perrine) drops by the hospital to see her and Chloe (Kathleen Wilhoite); Ross (George Clooney) treats eight children with digestive trouble.

#### Friday, 08-Sept.-95

8:00 P.M. ABC Family Matters: We're Going to Disney World. Urkel's alter ego must tell Myra he plans to marry Laura. (Part 2 of 2)

8:00 P.M. CBS Diagnosis Murder: Vanishing Act. Mark and Jack call on underworld contacts to clear Steve of a trumped-up murder charge. (Part

8:00 P.M. FOX TV Nation Staff reunites with high-school bullies; newspaper strike in Detroit; KGB agent examines Democratic Party.

8:00 P.M. NBC Baseball: Texas Rangers at Milwaukee Brewers or Detroit Tigers at Toronto Blue Jays or Baltimore Orioles at Cleveland Indians or Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees or Chicago White Sox at Oakland A's or Minnesota Twins at California Angels or Kansas City Royals at Seattle Mariners.

8:30 P.M. ABC Saturday Morning Preview A look at the line-up features three new shows; with Raven-Symone; Marquise Wilson; Zachery Ty

9:00 P.M. ABC Step by Step: Adventures in Baby-Sitting. Desperate for vacation money, Alicia follows J.T.'s baby-sitting scheme.

9:00 P.M. CBS Picket Fences: Without Mercy. Brock arrests Jill for euthanizing a cancer patient; guest Harry Smith.

9:00 P.M. FOX The X-Files: Little Green Men. Though X-Files has been closed, reassigned Mulder investigates a videotaped alien sighting in

9:30 P.M. ABC Hangin' With Mr. Cooper: High Hopes. Mark mulls a distant job offer; Vanessa accepts Eric's proposal.

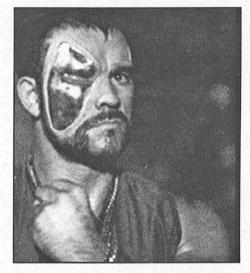
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# MORTAL KOMBAT:

#### It Has Begun

By: Jeremy Fein

I would first like to say that this movie has to be the best adaptation of a video game so far. From its sensational special effects to its low budget, yet really impressive, martial artists, Mortal Kombat has everything you would and will expect to see on the silver screen. Unlike Super Mario Bros., Double Dragon and Street



Fighter, Mortal Kombat has the right characters and the right story to make an enjoyable and unforgettable movie

experience. I've seen the movie twice so far and plan to make it a third if possible, and after you read this review and go see the movie you'll see what I mean.

First off, if you have never heard of Mortal Kombat, it is based on one of the bloodiest and most difficult arcade games, which made its debut back in 1992. Since then, eager game players have spent lots of time and quarters (or game tokens) trying to beat the game as they play seven different martial artists who compete in a tournament to see who is the greatest martial artist. Each character has his/her own special move that can freeze, set on fire, or rip their heads off. Since then the Mortal Kombat symbol (which is a dragon's head) and characters have been on lunchboxes,

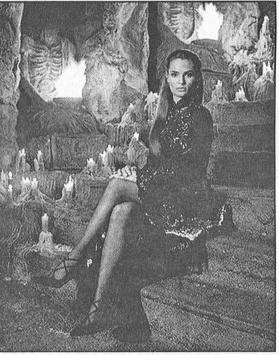
T-shirts, etc. So it would only make sense with all its popularity for a movie to come out and now for the



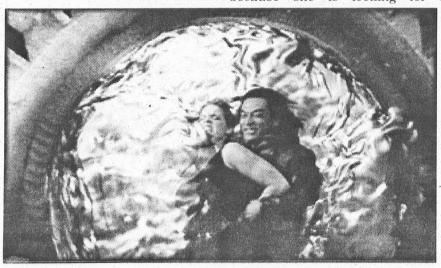
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If you are a fan of the hit video game then you're in for a real treat, because most of your favorite characters are in the movie as well as a few of their famous fatalities. The movie is about a underworld sorcerer named Shang Tsung; a 8 foot half-dragon, half-man named Prince Goro; and their leader, Shao Kahn, who wishes to rule the realm of Earth. In order for them to do this, they must win 10 straight battles in a tournament called Mortal Kombat. They have already won nine and the movie starts off with the tenth match.

The movie starts off with the main hero of the film, Liu Kang, who enters the tournament after he learns that his brother was killed by Tsung while fighting in the tournament. He is followed by Johnny Cage, who is a spoiled movie martial arts actor who enters the tournament because he is



angered that the critics call him a fake. Then there is Sonya, a U.S. Special Agent who enters the tournament because she is looking for an



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Australian assassin by the name of Kano, who killed her partner. Finally there is Liu's god of thunder and lightening, Raiden. He doesn't enter the tournament, but he does help the trio with hints on how to win.

Basically, the film is about how Johnny, Liu, and Sonya are the earth's last hope to save the world. Even though the movie is predictable and the fights scenes could have been longer, the computer special effects and the story make up for it. And if you are a fan of the game you'll also get to see Liu, Johnny and Sonya fight Sub-Zero, Scorpion, Goro, Kano, Reptile, and Princess Kitana (who, later in the film, helps Liu and company).

In closing, I was impressed

with the film. I don't want to go into much detail because I don't want to spoil it for you, but believe me, it's the best adaptation of a video game so far.



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### Men's Soccer

# **Intramural Recreation**

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Wed, Sept 13	vs. NJIT	4:00pm	<b>Touch Football League Starts</b>	Thurs, Sept 14	1:45pm	
Sat, Sept 16	vs. USMMA-Kingspoint	Noon	<b>Bowling Meeting</b>	Sunday, Sept 17	Noon	
Wed, Sept 20	at Manhattanville	3:30pm	Volleyball CO-ED	Thurs, Sept 21	1:45pm	
Sat, Sept 23	at Mount Saint Mary	1:00pm	<b>Tennis Tournament</b>	Thurs, Sept 28	1:45pm	
Wed, Sept 27	at Medgar Evers	4:00pm	Frisbee Golf Tournament	Thurs, Sept 28	1:45pm	
Sat, Sept 30	at Hunter	2:00pm	<b>Table Tennis Tournament</b>	Thurs, Sept 28	1:45pm	
Sat, Oct 7	at SUNY- Old Westbury	Noon	Chess Tournament	Thurs, Oct 12	1:45pm	
Mon, Oct 9	at Lehman	Noon	3 on 3 Basketball Tournament	Thurs, Oct 26	1:45pm	
Sat Oct 14	vs. CCNY	1:00pm	Wheel of Fortune	Thurs, Nov 9	1:45pm	
Mon Oct 16	at SUNY- Maritime	4:00pm	Turkey Trot	Thurs, Nov 16	1:45pm	
Wed, Oct 18	vs. John Jay	3:30pm	<b>Badminton Tournament</b>	Thurs, Nov 30	1:30pm	
Sat, Oct 21	vs. York	Noon	Billiards(men and Women)	Thurs, Nov 30	1:45pm	
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Table Game, Sports Trivia Contest and the 7th Annual Timex Fitness Week will also be a part of the

Recreation Program with the dates and time to be announced. OFF CAMPUS RECREATION: Bowling: Every Sunday at 12:30pm, starting September 17th. 3 games for \$3.00. Students must sign up for 12 weeks of

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	Sat, Sept 23	vs. Manhattanville	Noon	Fri, Sept 15	vs. St. Joseph's - Brooklyn	6:30
	Wed, Sept 27	vs. John Jay	3:30	Mon, Sept 18	at Molloy	7:30
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BA	Sat, Oct 14	vs Brooklyn College	1:00	Thu, Oct 5	vs. Dominican/ Rutgers- Newark	7:00
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#### Money 101 —Read The Fine Print **Before Leasing A Vehicle**

By Christy Heady College Press Service

The automobile industry is after you. Touting "low monthly payments with little to no money down," car dealers are aiming to make a bundle off of the younger generation with their proposed low-cost leasing programs.

The idea of turning in your car to get a new one every two or three years has caught on in a big way. Only, if you don't do your homework, you could get taken for a ride.

Leasing a car today may appear to be the cheapest way to get behind the wheel, but it's loaded with mathematical schemes you may not understand. In the past, leasing was something the corporate big wigs did, but now you're the key customer. So how popular has leasing become? Today 27 out of every 100 new car deals is a lease, up from 3 out of 100 in 1985. In 1994, leases expired on 2.5 million vehicles in the United States.

growth? Why the big Automobile prices are going up. The average car cost last year was \$18,200 and not many people can afford to plunk down a wad of dough on a new car-especially when you're saving to pay tuition, room and board. So it seems to be cheaper to get into a leased vehicle.

You have a couple of choices when the lease expires:

\* You can walk away from the car and owe nothing. That's called a "closedend lease"; however, in some states, this type of leasing arrangement is illegal.

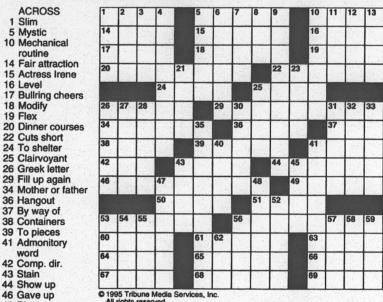
\* You can buy the car when the lease expires and have lower monthly payments, but you may actually end up paying more for leasing the car than if you were to have bought it.

How? Let's say your dealer figures out how much your car will be worth at the end of the lease, perhaps in three or four years. That's called the residual value or buyout price. Only some car dealers calculate the buyout price based on two or three years instead of four or five, which ultimately benefits the dealer. The reason: A car can depreciate up to 10 percent the moment you drive it off the lot and then another 20 percent two or three years down the road. The younger the car, the higher the buyout price. If you get a five-year lease and the dealer has figured the value after two years, you'll have to pay more than you should to buy the car when the lease expires.

If you need a new set of wheels, you'll find out you have more options to choose from today than your parents ever did. Since you'll buy many cars in your lifetime, you need to know how much you really are paying. If you're like most consumers, you'll never learn the nervy, shocking backroom tactics used by car dealers to drive up the cost of your car. Just make sure you keep these tips in mind:

- Most folks don't know you can negotiate a car lease just as on a sale. So go
- \* If you lease the car in the state where you go to college but your permanent home is in another state, you must check to see whether you are restricted from taking the car to another state when you're done with school. Some dealers don't want you to do this.
- \* Lease for no more than three years so you don't get stuck if something unexpected happens, especially since manufacturers' warranties typically cover up to two to three years of repairs.
- \* Determine how many miles you think you will drive per month and then annualize that figure. Usually dealers will hit you with an extra-cents-permile charge and that can be costly
- You may get hit with an early termination charge between \$250 to \$500 if you turn in the car before the lease

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#### Loans From Page 5

However, Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., one of Congress' main supporters of the direct lending program, accused the Republicans of using "concocted formulas" to skew the congressional budget report in their favor.

"Direct loan opponents are trying to cook the books when it comes to student loans," Simon said in a statement. "Write a recipe for mush, and mush is what you get.'

Goodling and Republicans will try to cancel the direct loan program in a reconciliation bill in September.

But not so fast, said financial aid officials. Dan Mann, associate financial aid director at Southern Illinois' Carbondale campus, said the Republicans are rushing to end a maturing program that has not yet shown its fullest potential.

"It would be a real mistake to eliminate the program because it is a much easier process for everyone involved," Mann said. "I don't think they've given it a chance."

The Clinton administration kicked off the program last year at 104 schools and expanded it to 1,400 colleges for the 1994-95 school year. That number represents 40 percent of the college students who receive federal loans.

Republicans said instead of improving the guaranteed student loan program, which still serves the majority of colleges, the Clinton administration is rushing to phase it out so that officials can institute the direct loan project at all universities nationwide.

"It wasn't our idea to move that rapidly," Gordon said. "The problem is they got too greedy. They couldn't be satisfied with just a test.'

But Madeleine Kunin, deputy secretary of education, said the guaranteed loan program benefits from the direct loan project

"What they are proposing to cut would affect both programs,' Kunin said. "If you know something is working, why not make it available to a large group of students and institutions?

She accused the Republicans of bending to the banks and other lending agencies, who lose business when the federal government sends the funds directly to the colleges.

"This is too vital a subject for people to play politics with," Kunin

And it's too vital to colleges participating in the direct loan program, according to a study this summer by the Education Department. Ninety percent of the schools surveyed said they would recommend the program to other colleges.

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Lincoln University, a predominantly black college in Jefferson City, Mo., was one of those singing the program's praises. Spokesman Dan Diedriech explained how the direct loans ease Lincoln's financial aid process, which processed almost \$4.1 million in direct federal loans last year.

"Under the old system, a student comes in, says 'I want a loan,' and the financial officer hands out a form." Diedriech explained. "The student fills out the form, and it goes to a bank, which accepts it or rejects it and sends it back. That can take up to six weeks. The decision is now made on the spot. The process might take six days. The disbursement of funds to students is an advantage.'

Proponents say the program saves the government money by eliminating the subsidies it pays lenders to administer the loans. The government also can borrow money directly from the Treasury at a lower rate and turn that money over to students. Students then benefit from lower interest rates.

But a July study by the Washington-based Coalition Student Loan Reform states that 72

percent of Americans interviewed believe student loans should be offered through private institutions and not through the federal government.

They share the sentiments of those House Republicans who want to end the program altogether. Other critics on Capitol Hill, including Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., want to limit the number of colleges allowed to participate. If left uncapped, the program would put too much of a burden on the government and would cause lending agencies to lose money.

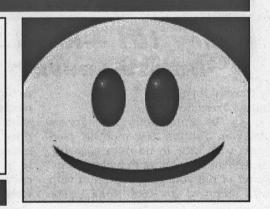
"The direct lending program is very new," Kassebaum spokesman Mike Horak said. "It's easy to make calculations on the savings at this point before loans become due. Clearly it's too early to tell what the long-term fiscal impact on direct lending will be."

Kassebaum and other Republican leaders in Congress have introduced legislation to cap the program at 40 percent of new loan volume. They also want to force students to pay the interest on their loans while in school, rather than defer it until after they leave.

Goodling introduced a similar bill in the House, but he said he would scrap that bill in favor of ending the direct loan program altogether and restoring the in-school subsidy.



# BANNER Thursday, September 7, 1995



Complete Fall Sports Calendar Inside

# WILD CARDS ARE FOR JOKER

By Bill Spurge

Among the greatest travesties that have been perpetrated in baseball in the past twenty years is the invention of a third division and a wild card in each league.

Creating four additional playoff spots may work well in the other sports where the cream usually rises to the top, but is a detriment to a game where truly anyone can win in a short series, and where the rewards for having a good regular season in effect do not exist.

Proponents of the new system say that wild card races will create fan interest because more teams will be alive for post-season opportunities.

However, what we have seen is a drop in division title races, as only one of the six divisions is being hotly contested. Since there are fewer teams in each division, there are more chances that one team will run away with matters.

In addition, once a team falls six or seven games behind in a division race, there is no sense of urgency to catch the leader. A team can turn its thoughts to being a wild card. Why waste your time and energy? After all, there are no advantages to finishing first because home field edges rarely exist in

If anything, a team finishing 18 games ahead of a team it will oppose in the playoffs will simply have additional pressure to win, while the mediocre team will feel as if it has nothing to lose.

Teams like the Mets of the early 70s would have loved this. They would have played .500 ball in the regular season, squeezed into the playoffs, then employed Tom Seaver, Jerry Koosman and John

Matlack to shut down a team that won 100 games. They turned the trick against the Reds in '73 in one of the rare years that a team close to .500 made the playoffs, so it can happen now.

For example, suppose the Mariners win a couple more games than they lose and become a wild card, while the Indians play .667 ball. Seattle will have Randy Johnson on the mound for at least two games, and he is better than anyone the Indians have. If he shuts down Cleveland just twice, the

I don't care how much more money the owners and players make off the deal because it's simply not going to answer the problems of baseball

Mariners will most probably erase in one week what Cleveland accomplished all year.

If the Yankees sneak in for the extra spot, they simply have no business being in the World Series ahead of the Boston Red Sox, but it can very well happen given the opposite past fortunes of the

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clubs and the fact that in a short series the Yankees would rate the edge. It's bogus.

Extra divisions only exacerbate the problem because you can have a team close to .500 win a division more often now. The NL West and, to a lesser degree, the AL West now have this problem. This is because there is more intra-division play, which allows an entire division to beat up on another weaker one. The bottom line is that the extra playoff spots produce mediocrity and a playoff system where the mediocre can be rewarded at the expense of the talented.

I don't care how much more money the owners and players make off the deal because it's simply not going to answer the problems of baseball, only add to them. Besides, no one is flocking to the park to see if anyone can make a wild card.

In a sense, I hope a team like Kansas City goes on to beat Cleveland and a team like the Cubs goes on to beat Atlanta. We would have a Royals-Cubs World Series and that would be fantastic because everyone can name all the great stars on those teams. Maybe then we could laugh at baseball

We may laugh a lot before the season ends. Think about it. When a team clinches a wild card spot, will the players pour out onto the mound in celebration and drink champagne like they won something real? Better yet, if a homer is hit to clinch that spot, will the announcer yell, "The Royals win the Wild Card, the Royals win the Wild Card! They're going crazy. It's Unbelievable."

You bet it's unbelievable.

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