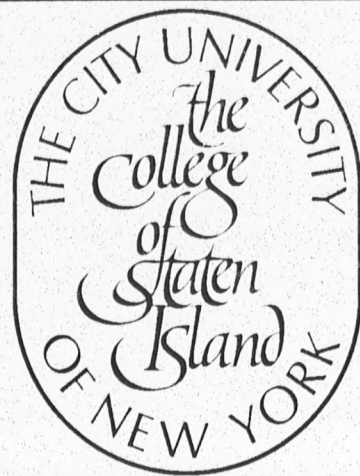


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Registration Woes



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Students endured five hour lines at the Financial Aid Department, in the over crowded 2A Building.

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IN CSI NEWS...

By Jennifer Valle

CUNY CUTS CANCELLED

The proposed budget from Governor George Pataki which called for a reduction in TAP and increase in tuition was denied by the State Legislature. After weeks of debate over the budget, Legislatures and Governor Pataki were able to come to the agree on restoring almost all of the \$200 million dollars that the original proposal called for.

"I am thankful that the students in CUNY were spared another tuition increase," said President Marlene Springer. She continued, "I want to thank all those who worked to get the restorations to the CUNY budget... the legislators from Staten Island were also united and very helpful in their support of the College."

The preliminary report for retrenchment called for major reductions in faculty and staff along with another \$345,600 reduction in the Engineering Technologies Department. If Pataki had been able to push his proposed budget, the cut to CSI would have been \$5,711,200 dollars.

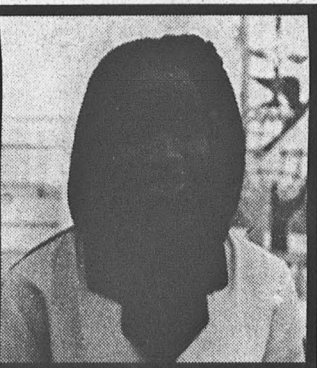
Although this budget may represent a victory for CUNY, the flat budget and declines in enrollment have left the college pensive. According to Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds, the budget situation remains "austere" and will require "ongoing vigilance, creativity, and frugality."

NEW SERGEANTS AT CSI

CUNY has recently been given a grant to upgrade security on all of their campuses. CSI is just one of the colleges to be getting new sergeants. Recently graduated from a class of thirteen, CSI has three new sergeants which will be taking the place of Sergeants Perrone, Sprague, and Vicente.

The new sergeants are Kevin Myers, Al Rivera, and Joe Martin. Upon meeting, these new sergeants are eager to work with the students to make sure this campus remains safe for all. Head of CSI Security Mr. Eugene Martinez said, "I think that these new sergeants will add to the public safety personnel. They will be very helpful to the college and the students at the college." As for the lost officers, Martinez said, "They will be missed."

CAN WE DIVERSE?



The position has recently been filled and the new Pluralism and Diversity/Student Club Coordinator is Ms. Ayayi Fubara. "Since I'm new to the college of Staten Island and to New York City, My first goal is to get acquainted, speak to the students, faculty and staff," said Ms. Fubara. Ms. Fubara went on to explain that one of her main goals would be to "educate people and celebrate the different cultures" because she has concerns

about the diversity in the college.

"A lot of the things that I do want to do is focus more attention on the diversity of the CSI population by having a lot of programs that educate," said Fubara. She continued, "I want to coordinate a mentoring program for students of color on campus, and basically link the first year students with the upper class students and for all students to be guided by faculty and staff members."

Another project that Fubara is working on with the student government is getting club rooms for the clubs on campus. "I want to get an understanding of what's needed here, figure out what is the most effective way to meet the needs of the students, and then get to work," stated Fubara.

When asked if she felt CSI had a good blend of diversity, Fubara said, "I think that CSI has a lot of potential. I think the college is committed to diversifying the campus and that's why I was brought in; however, the university has a lot of work to do to overcome the perception amongst people of color." She continued, "Quite frankly, a lot of people think that Staten Island is racist and so is CSI, but that is not necessarily the case."

Fubara also said that she looked forward to working with everyone at the college in order to make the school more culturally mixed and clubs more active on campus. "One of the primary things that I can do in this position is to work with other offices and departments to provide as diverse an education for everyone as is possible, specifically we need leadership workshops and diversity training for everybody on campus," said Fubara.

FINANCIAL AID LINE CROWDS FIRST FLOOR

By Jennifer Valle

Students endured massive line length while waiting to process their financial aid papers Tuesday, August 27th. One student braving the line, Stephanie Ghobrial said, "I've been on this line since 11:30 am, it's already 4:00 pm and I know I still won't get seen until at least 5:00 pm."

While the registration line made eight terminals available and bursar had five terminals open for business, Financial Aid only had two people available to the many students waiting on line. When asked why additional help was not made accessible, secretaries in the inner office of financial aid offered 'no comment' before slamming the door in reporters faces. Ms. Ghobrial commented, "I would appreciate it if they opened the other gate and had more personnel helping." She added, "the welfare line must be better than this."

Students were quick to suggest ways of making the line move quicker. Student activist Natalie Williams said, "Some students wait on that line just to drop off their completed forms and are forced to wait on that long line. Making a 'drop off point' in their office would make things move a lot faster." Another student, Mei Ling offered that Financial Aid should have at least one person available to strictly answer questions for students. "It just seems like too much of a long

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wait just to ask a question that takes a couple of seconds to answer," said Ms. Ling.

This day was not coincidental however, financial aid has consistently made only two people available, with the exception of August 30th when only one terminal was opened for business. Student Nia Weir said, "I got there at 9:00 am. They were scheduled to open at 9:30 am but didn't open until almost 10:00 am and when they finally opened the gate, they only had one person working there. I didn't get out until 12:00 pm." She added, "They want us to be courteous to them but they really don't want to help us." A second terminal was opened for business approximately two hours later on that day.

Student Government President Joseph Canale said, "I think it's all part of the inefficiency of the college... they should really think about reorganization of the process." Angry for having to wait four hours on the line to drop off his completed forms, student Bryan Tomlinson said, "It's really inconsiderate. Every year, they [the financial aid office] know they are going to get a rush of people, and they have two windows open and a lot of staff people in the back doing absolutely nothing."

Despite several attempts to reach the office personnel of Financial Aid, no one was available for discussion on this issue.

MUNICIPAL TICKETS TO BE DISCUSSED

By Jennifer Valle

Drivers may get more than they bargained for if they are caught speeding on campus by security- municipal fines of up to \$100 dollars. Head of Security Eugene Martinez explained, "We made a request to the Head of CUNY Security, Mr. Elique, about looking into the possibility of getting CUNY peace officers authorization to issue municipal traffic summonses for moving violations on campus."

The decision to investigate this possibility was first reached two years ago, when speeders on campus caused several accidents, including the death of two students on Tuesday, May 31, 1994 [The Banner, Volume 1, Issue 7]. Vice Chancellor Elsa Nunez-Wormack commented, "After those two students died on campus, we knew that some action needed to be taken." According to Dr. Nunez-Wormack, security has recently received authorization from the state to issue actual summonses on campus.

These tickets would be the same as those issued by the New York Police Department and would carry the same weight as though it were issued by an actual NY Police Officer. "If a person received a summons on campus, it could lead to points on their license and increase in their car insurance... it would be treated just like a regular summons," said Mr. Martinez.

Currently, students are issued local parking tickets under the Auxiliary Services. When a student receives a ticket on campus, the student becomes answerable to the college. Failure to pay a college-issued ticket results in late fee charges and finally, a stop on the student's record. If a student were to receive a municipal ticket on campus, they would need to answer to the Department of Motor Vehicles, which could lead to higher fines, points on the NYS License, and probable higher car insurance payments. "I don't think they [security] should have that authority," said student Andrew Felix. He continued, "the parking situation is bad enough without compounding it." "I have mixed feelings about issuing tickets for parking violations, but I feel that

security should give out tickets for speeding," said Wormack.

Despite the justification for such a measure, students have different feelings concerning the ticket issue. Student Government President Joseph Canale said, "I can understand looking out for peoples lives but students were never involved in making this decision, they were excluded. This decision will be fought tooth and nail by the students." He continued, "The current system that we have in place seems to be working, There hasn't been a major accident since the death of those students two years ago... what we have now is adequate." Under the current system, all money generated from the tickets goes directly to the college, with the municipal system, the money would go directly to the city. Head of Auxiliary Services, Ira Persky, was unavailable for comment on this matter.

According to Martinez, if security were given this approval, a student would "think twice" about breaking the 25 MPH speed limit on campus. Student Sterling Persad said, "I would have to agree with the idea of security giving out speeding tickets because people could get hurt on campus, this place isn't so big but some people treat it like an expressway." "I think it's bull... If you give security a small amount of power, it will get abused," said staff member Paul Jackson. Board of Director member Bill Negron commented, "Security is turning into a student paid army force for the Administration... Security is there to help the students, not to become the CUNY private police." Still, others feel the idea of security issuing summonses would be good. Student Pat Slaughter said, "Since I've seen people speeding on campus, I'm in favor of tickets because people could get hurt... better safe than sorry."

Despite the authorization from the state, the decision is far from final. According to Wormack, the administration of the college has received approval to go ahead with the tickets, it just "their decision whether to implement it on campus." Martinez said, "I will continue to push for the administration to implement this system."

EXIT COORDINATOR ALLAN DIBIASE

Colleagues cry: "We'll miss You!"

By Jennifer Valle

After twenty-five years of dedicated service to the college, Student Activities Coordinator Allan DiBiase has left his position to pursue other academic fields at Plymouth State College in New Hampshire August 30th. "My wife Grace and I spent summers down in New Hampshire for the past 15 years and it has been a place that we have both wanted to live," said Mr. DiBiase. He continued, "After Grace left and got a job down there in March, I applied for jobs down there as well and finally one came through."

Mr. DiBiase will now be working in the music department at Plymouth State. Fellow colleagues have only nice words to describe the man who spent a quarter of a century at CSI. One colleague, Greg Adamo said, "He truly understood how to carry out a team and collaborate effort." He continued, "Allan was my supervisor but he hated the word 'boss.' to

him, we were a team."

The Student Activities team was able to accomplish multiple student oriented programs in the years it has been under DiBiase's direction. "In a structural way, we made the move to the new campus. There are better facilities for students, The Program Development Committee was designed to produce programs geared toward student interests, we've done student leadership training workshops, club organizing, and countless programs to serve students," said DiBiase. He added, "We have had our ups and downs but there has been great accomplishment."

Other programs in which Mr. DiBiase was involved include the forming

of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgendered Alliance [LGBTQA] and the College Life Unit Experience Program [CLUE]. One student which worked closely with DiBiase was Student Government President Joseph Canale. "I never thought there was a stronger student advocate... I never met a person with more love for the students," said Canale. Canale added, "This is a tremendous loss for the college." "It's very rare that you can consider your supervisor a good friend, but Allan has been nothing but a great friend to us all," said Adamo.

When asked what he will miss most at the college, DiBiase said, "It really pains me to say good-bye to all the student interaction I had. I'll miss the students in

my classes and the team [student activities team]." He continued, "We had a work purpose [on the team], we learned to work together, trust each other, and I learned a lot from working with them. Not only did they learn, but I learned and grew with them... and that's what it's all about." He concluded, "The thing I liked the most about the job was when everyone got together to do problem solving... I found that most energizing."

After such extensive work accomplished at the college under DiBiase, one can only wonder what will happen now that he is gone. Adamo responded, "While I'm happy for Allan, I feel it's a great loss for the college. This doesn't come as a surprise, he has been planning this move for a while." He continued, "the team is going to try to keep the collaborate, but we will miss him." Team member Kristi Nielson commented, "Allan was not only my supervisor but a friend as well... he will be missed."

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ANOTHER STUDENT ADVOCATE VANISHED

Fingers pointed at Vice President Carol Jackson

By Jennifer Valle

With the most recent loss of student advocate Allan DiBiase, many people are putting the blame on Vice President for Student Affairs Carol Jackson. "There is a diminishment of opportunity, disempowerment, and deep repression of free speech and communication which comes from the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor and implemented by the administration of this college," said Allan DiBiase.

Mr. DiBiase continued, "An example of this was when Vice President Jackson brought the idea of graduates paying for their caps and gowns for graduation at an association meeting and then demanding that students of the press not release the information in the school paper."

Former coach Fran Hirschy also spoke out against Jackson regarding this issue. "She's incompetent, she's way over her head," said Hirschy. Mr. Hirschy explained, "When I was still a coach at the college, Carol Jackson had a meeting with all of the coaches and told us that if we had any problems, we could speak confidentially with her." He continued, "The coaches were having a hard time with the Athletic Director, at the time it was Joe Baressi, and we spoke to her in confidence about the situation. She told us that she knew Baressi was incompetent and that she would do something to fix the problems. She then broke confidence and told Baressi about our meeting with her and the next thing I know, we were fired."

Hirschy claims that just before he was "dismissed" he was working on trying to get better teams for the college to play against, as well as upgrading schedules for the student athletes. Hirschy commented, "Jackson pulls power plays on people... she says one thing and does the complete opposite... she's a liar." This is far from the only incident in which a student advocate "disappeared." In a confidential letter to former Vice President Felix Cardegna dated May 13, 1994, Allan DiBiase goes into detail about how another professor, Dr. Erica Polakoff, was "dismissed" for "no apparent reason"- again, pointing the finger at Jackson.

The letter explains, "Dr. Polakoff conceptualized and implemented a peer educators program on wellness issues by teaching a course in the [Political Science/Economics/Philosophy] department." The letter continues, "The course was designed to provide an intellectual and theoretical framework, followed by a practicum which would allow students themselves to begin work with other students on a variety of wellness issues. She worked hard on the development of this course... the most

practical benefit of the peer educators program is that it would have provided a considerable pool of trained people who could advance on the campus, student-to-student, the core of the wellness mission... this fine endeavor, designed to provide future benefit for the college community has not been adequately appreciated or supported by Dean Jackson, due, I think, to a prejudice or insecurity she embodies."

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-Joseph J. Canale

Allan further explains in the letter, "From my direct experience, I understand that the Dean [Jackson] wants a service oriented mission for the department. Although she has never made it clear exactly what this means- the converse is evident- that she actively disdains any product of the classroom... even if this attitude could be justified in a broader way, the practical results in this case are obvious... Despite this, Dean Jackson cannot seem to see even that far ahead." The letter further explains that Dr. Polakoff's vision that "promised to engage our students" was "cruelly cut off" when she was suddenly not

reappointed to her position. The letter questions "How could Dean Jackson possibly have advocated such an extreme remedy?"

The letter also claims that when Dr. Polakoff wrote articles concerning some of the donated art work on campus, she "may have offended a wealthy donor" to the college, thereby causing her non reappointment. DiBiase states, "It delivers a chilling message about how the very people who represent new thinking and energy which we so urgently need, can be quickly and inexplicably 'vanished.'" DiBiase further explains, "I think it was not until I saw what happened to Dr. Polakoff that it really came home to me that I too had been 'rubbed out' by Carol's managerial inadequacies... I write to emphasize the extraordinary degree to which Carol, unwittingly I think, sponsors and promotes some truly horrible situations." DiBiase further stated, "I am sure that such actions will foment a very deep strain of discontent directed against such forces of repression... The grievance is much greater than the simple administrative decision to not rehire... It cuts to the very heart of what kind of academic community we are to become."

When asked what he felt about DiBiase's leaving the college, Student Government President Joseph Canale said, "I feel that Carol Jackson is directly responsible for his leaving. This is a man that went to the mat for students... he was just crushed by Carol."

DiBiase commented, "She's made important changes for students- in her own way- but in terms of support for what I tried to do for students, I did not get what I wanted." He continued, "I have watched her run this place slowly into the ground." DiBiase's May 13, 1994 letter also laid claim to this stating, "[Carol Jackson's] good intentions are not backed by the judgment, skills and competencies to realize them." It goes on to explain, "As Dr. Volpe is gone, I fear that constitutionally weaker and less principled people in power will corrupt the institution with the worst possible exercise of that power."

Angry with this situation of 'disappearing' student advocates, Hirschy remarked, "What has Carol Jackson done that has been good for the students? What the college should do is get rid of Jackson, I mean, when is she going to take the fall?" He concluded, "The college is being run into the ground, and one of the biggest problems is Jackson. If the President of the college has confidence in such a person as Carol, then there should be an investigation on both Jackson and the President." Vice President Carol Jackson was unavailable for comment on any of these issues.

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PSYCHO RAMBLINGS



Editor-In-Chief Michael Garofalo

On Administration:

One would expect that an institute of higher learning would be devoid of back room deals and political power plays. Ideally, all of its constituents should be focused for one goal... the enhancement of society through the education of students.

Unfortunately, nothing seems to be more politically backward than this college's administration. A twisted web spans from all positions of the CSI's hierarchy.

Power and politics are synonymous. It is to be expected that this college would have the usual political waves. However, when these tides destroy lives, something must be done to curb its path.

Never have I seen so many people with good intentions leave with bitterness and anguish. Talented people spend their lives at this college, never reaching their maximum potential; simply because the system does not promote productivity. This is economically as well as morally flawed.

Economically- As an administrator, one would want to ensure that your workers are happy. Employees that are satisfied with their occupation are clearly more productive. Workers that are unsatisfied with their duties will seek employment at other facilities.

Educated administrators should be aware of this fact. It would seem that one would neglect employees only if their resignation was desired or if unsatisfactory production was preferred.

Following the laws of logic, administrators are either incompetent in managerial skills, want to eliminate employees, or are satisfied with poor products.

This theory of course hinges on the fact that happy workers are more productive. There might be some administrators who believe that instilling fear and low self-esteem in employees is a more effective motivator.

Morally- Administrators not only need to preserve a stable working area for economical reasons, they also have to consider that there are lives at stake. Many people who do work at this college put their heart and soul into the job.

While there are many workers who resign out of frustration, there are even more employees who suffer daily just to support themselves and their families. There is no question that it is morally improper to exploit people just because they need to earn a living.

Ultimately, administrators have too much free reign on

what happens to students and employees of this college. This college does not tolerate anyone who goes against the grain of the CSI hierarchy. Until administrators are put in check, they will continue to jeopardize what is in the best interest for students.

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On Student Apathy:

What is it? Student apathy is an overall lack of caring toward events that occur on campus. While apathy seems to be associated with *Generation X*, it is a serious problem that effects the overall quality of education.

"So what... who cares if I don't go to your stupid free food events and I don't vote in your crummy elections. What's the big deal?" The big deal is that it takes away energy from student leaders to effectively deal with administrators.

The balance of power has shifted too far towards administrators. This has been made quite clear since CSI moved to Willowbrook. Voter turnout has decreased dramatically since that time.

Now, it is quite easy for an administrator to say, "Get lost!" to a Student Government Senator when less than 300 people out of 12,000 voted in the last election. There is no threat to that administrator. Their job is safe as long as the students are under control.

Students are still registering, still paying their bills, the college is still making their student quotas. As long as students comply, there will be no positive change in student life.

Hey, maybe you enjoy no parking spaces, overcrowded classes, long registration lines, over priced cafeteria food, and the highest CUNY tuition ever. The administrators are well aware of these problems but are in no need to fix them. As long as we keep registering, the high administrators will continue to make \$90,000+ per year.

Breakdown:

Parking Spaces- The administrators were warned before we moved to this new campus, by student leaders and by professionals, that parking would be inadequate. Despite many meetings parking was determined to be acceptable.

Overcrowded Classes- This follows the student quota rule. If the college does not receive enough registered students, CUNY central will cut CSI's operating budget. The more students you can stuff in a class, the less overhead you have.

While quotas and shrinking budgets are not

the direct fault of the administration, they have chosen to deal with the matter poorly. This solution is merely a patch-fix and will ultimately create a larger problem as time progresses. If students cannot receive the classes they need here, they will go to other schools to do so.

Long Registration Lines- I have three words to solve this problem... Fire Code Violation, something the college is no stranger to. There were way too many people in 2A during the last week of August. This wasn't surprising since only two people work behind the desk of financial aid. Some administrators rival the financial aid staff with their number of secretaries.

Over Priced Cafeteria Food- Blame Auxiliary Services for this one... right? Not really. Auxiliary Services is merely a puppet of the administration. Their surplus is spent by a committee made up of administrators, who hold the majority, and a few students. Unfortunately, students don't always show up at the meetings. Often, the student position is vacant because nobody runs for it or the elected official drops out. Usually this is out of frustration from being poorly out numbered.

Highest CUNY Tuition- For those of you who don't know, remember, or believe, CUNY tuition was once completely free. Over the last few years, administration could have organized the students and faculty to protest the increased tuition and service cuts. It seemed however that the CSI community was split as three separate entities: students, faculty, and administrators. The administration totally lost any chance of success when they complied with the cuts, by forming a retrenchment committee. Faculty fought the administration, while students got lost in the shuffle.

Students need to be active in anyway they can. This will ensure that student life returns to the level it once was. While the obstacles may seem overwhelming, students will prevail. It starts here. Don't just quietly endure... join an organization, be active, voice your opinion, and most importantly... VOTE!

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"Freedom is not free, Its price is constant vigilance."

Light or Darkness, which for you?

By Steven Guzzi

Jesus Christ told the apostle Paul to go to the gentiles "to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me [Jesus]" (Acts 26:18).

In Ephesians 5:8 the apostle Paul says to Christians, "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light." These verses tell us that before we come to Christ we are not only in darkness, but are darkness itself. But how could this be?

According to the Bible sin is equated with evil and darkness. In fact, if we sin we are of the devil, this is because the devil sinned from the beginning of time and when we sin we are following his pattern (John 8:44; 1 John 3:8). Every time we yield to sin we are saying yes to Satan's power in our lives.

We commit sin when we break God's law (John 3:4). If we examine our lives in light of scripture we will surely find that "for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). That is, we all do evil, which by nature is against the light. "For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved" (John 3:20).

Since we all do evil we are by nature haters of light. Since "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" we are haters of God (Romans 1:30). But it isn't just in our actions that we are unrighteous, it is in our thoughts and in our hearts. The sin we commit emanates from our own being, from the darkness within ourselves.

"God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Genesis 6:5). This is why there is little desire of people to live for God, learn of God through reading his Word the Bible and pray to him in an ongoing relationship.

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It is also the reason why a person doesn't come to Christ as their Savior or heed the Bible as the authority in their life. Both Jesus Christ and the Word of God is described as light. In fact Jesus is synonymous with the Word of God itself (John 1:1,14).

We reject Christ and the Word because of our love for darkness. "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). Unsaved people's guilt over their sin automatically alienates them from fellowship with God since it brings shame; therefore they are often afraid to come to God on his terms. They stay blind in spiritual darkness and remain ignorant to God and his ways, thus they remain spiritually lifeless without salvation. They may have a religion but they don't have a relationship with God without Christ.

The Word describes unsaved people as "having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart" (Ephesians 4:18).

There is only one way out of the darkness into the light and Jesus tells us it. He says, "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness" (John 12:46). A person who comes to Christ for forgiveness, which he shed blood on the cross provided, believes in him for salvation and repents of their sin will receive the gift of eternal life and is passed from condemnation (hell) to pardon, darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God.

When we are in the light of Jesus by our acceptance of him, who is the light of this world, we will give evidence of it by walking in the light. We will have an earnest desire to do the will of God, fellowship with God in his Word the Bible, which will be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path, as God will open up our understanding to his Word and its relevance to our lives.

PDC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 18, 1996

Lecture: America & Vietnam
4:30 pm
Park Cafe

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September 19, 1996

Fall Carnival
Campus Center Plaza
12 to 4 pm
Free Food and Amusements

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September 21, 1996

Jazz Brunch with Keith Marks
Campus Center Rotunda
11 to 2 pm
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September 25, 1996

Virtual Reality
11 to 5 pm
Campus Center/West Dining Hall

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Films from Southeast Asia
1:30 to 3:30 pm
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September 26, 1996

Rain Date for the Fall Carnival
12 to 4 pm
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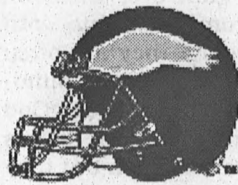
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N F C E a s t



Philadelphia Eagles- Last year the strength of this team was the running game. And once gain the Eagles will soar or sink depending how far their running game can go.

The catalyst of their ground attack is Ricky Watters. After an opening day loss to the Buccaneers, Watters was used pretty minimally. He was pissed and lashed out at the team. His demand was for him to get the ball more. The Eagles listened to him and the end result was a 1273 yard and 11 touchdown season. As anyone knows a team doesn't finish second in the NFC in rushing with those numbers. He must have had an accomplish. That man was Charlie Garner. The problem with him was that he's very injury prone. He had 588 yards on 108 carries. That translates to 5.4 yards per carry. If he can stay healthy, Garner would provide the best running back tandem in the NFL. To succeed in the playoffs you can't be one-dimensional on offense. This is Philly's problem. Their quarterback situation was decent last year with Rodney Peete. His problem was that he made little big plays and his 14 interceptions almost doubled his eight touchdown passes. For this reason, they brought in Ty Detmer. Right idea. Wrong choice. Their success on defense can be attributed to their passing defense which ranked number one in the NFC. Teaming with second year man Bobby Taylor is free agent Troy Vincent. The signing of this tremendous cover man will help solidify their secondary. Their season will rely on how much their rushing defense can stop the Emmitt's and Hampton's.



New York Giants- Take this memo to the Giant brass. Get Rid Of Dan Reeves! Whatever talent he had in Denver he has seemed to lose in New York. Granted quarterback Dave Brown may not be in

the elite class, but after signing him for a multi million dollar contract it should be established that he's the man. However, not to Reeves. He benched him one preseason game so Tommy Maddox can have a shot. The same Tommy Maddox who had a 6-of-23, three-interception relief appearance against the Eagles. Thankfully he cut Maddox after a horrible preseason, but the comments he made after the decision was not too pleasant to the fans. If Maddox put up those numbers in the CFL he would sit the bench. That makes me to believe that either the game has passed Reeves or he just wants out. Plus a quarterback doesn't have to be a Pro Bowler when you have Rodney Hampton running the ball. Last year Hampton finished with 1182 yards and 10 touchdowns. It was the fifth year in a row that Hampton surpassed the 1000 yard barrier. Hampton doesn't have break-away speed, but when he gets his shoulders squared defenders look out. Their wide receiver position looks good with two Michigan alumni. Chris Calloway and Amani Toomer should help the passing game. Although Toomer is only a rookie, he's looked awesome in preseason and it's just a matter of time before he starts. Their defense was mediocre and it should be helped when rookie Cedric Jones cracks the lineup. Their secondary is anchored by Phillippi Sparks. Similar to the Eagles, their season depends on how good their rushing defense is.



Washington Redskins- Here's a team that has two fantastic young quarterbacks at the helm. No, that's not a mistake. Coach Norv Turner can't decide whether Gus Frerotte or Heath Shuler should man the controls. So he switches them at any time. Shuler came out as the top QB in the 1994 draft

while Frerotte was a seventh round afterthought. Shuler has the hefty contract and the most potential, but Frerotte provides better leadership and wins. Either way neither will succeed until one is dealt. The constant fear that you're going to get pulled if you don't perform can't be too healthy for either one. When one leaves, the other will perform better. While Turner was playing revolving quarterback, one constant emerged on offense. Terry Allen was brought in from Minnesota and he performed fifth-best in the NFL with 1309 yards rushing. Added to the running game last year was fullback Marc Logan. The Logan and Allen pair lifted a running game from 24th to seventh in the NFL. Wide receiver Henry Ellard exploded in the early going, but faltered towards the end. However, he did manage to barely surpass the 1000 yard barrier. Their defense wasn't anything extraordinary so they helped that on draft day. The worked out a trade with the Rams for Right Tackle Sean Gilbert. He had 5.5 sacks last year, but he's still a monster of a force.



Arizona Cardinals- Does anybody feel sorry for this team? Buddy Ryan proved to be a huge mistake for the team. The offense ranked 24th in the NFL. So Arizona fired Ryan and brought in Colt defensive coordinator Vince Tobin. That's right, yet another ex-defensive coordinator is head coach in Arizona. The quarterback situation proves that it's going to be a long season. Gone is 37 year old Dave Krieg and in is 35 year old Boomer Esiason. Talk about a youth movement. If you really want to know if Boomer is any good, ask any Jet fan and he'll let you know. If you don't know any just remember the Jets finished worst in the NFL last year with Boomer at the helm. The running back position looked really great, but it just looks good. They released 1000 yard rusher Garrison Hearst and will replace him with rookie Leeland McElroy. McElroy slipped in the draft and the Cardinals stole him in the second round. The fullback position is occupied with Larry Centers. All that can be said is that he's the best receiving full back in the NFL. He is the only fullback to catch over 100 balls in one season. Meanwhile, the defense looks good. Clyde Simmons and Eric Swann propell the line. Swann is in the top three as linemen go in the league. The linebackers have Eric Hill, Seth Joyner and Jamir Miller. If Miller can play like his capabilities showed in college, Arizona has a potent trio. Cornerback Aeneas Williams is the only constant in the secondary. The rest are question marks, like the offense.

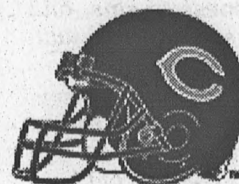


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Green Bay Packers- Until this team figures out how to win against Dallas in January, they're not going anywhere. Last year most people picked the NFC Championship to be Dallas vs. San Fran again. That was until Green Bay beat San

Francisco on the road 27-17. And the game wasn't even that close. To repeat that performance and improve they need quarterback Brett Favre to have another year like last year. Last year Favre threw an NFC record 38 touchdowns. The knock on him was that he threw too many interceptions (13) at key moments. That's to be expected from someone who throws the ball so much. Another bright spot on offense was that running back Edgar Bennett rushed for 1067 yards. The bright spot was that he became the first Packer rusher to eclipse the 1000 yard mark since 1978. The down side was that he only averaged 3.4 yards per carry (the lowest of any back with at least 750 yards) and he had no run longer than 23 yards. When wide receiver Sterling Sharpe retired, people wondered who would carry the load. The load was divided between wide receiver Robert Brooks and tight end Mark Chmura, who scored 13 and seven touchdowns respectively. When it comes to defense, newcomers assume that the Packers had a great one because they had the pass rushing skills of Reggie White, Clyde Simmons and Sean Jones. However,

if you look at the fine print you will see that their defense was just average based on their 14th overall defense ranking.



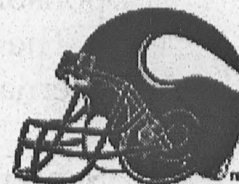
Chicago Bears- Da Bears came this close to making the playoffs. How close? Well, they lost out on a tie-breaker with the Falcons when the Falcons nipped San Francisco 28-27 on the last game of the season.

Chicago doesn't want to sweat it out like that this year. Quarterback Erik Kramer will try to see to it. Kramer was known for two odd distinctions. One, was that he was the only quarterback to take every snap and the other was that he led the league in drawing defenses offside. Kramer set single-season club records for completions (3-15), touchdowns (29) and yards (3838). The main question he faces this year is if he can repeat these numbers without his main target Jeff Graham who departed for the Jets. Curtis Conway will eat most of Graham's chunk, but a complement for Conway will be needed. Kramer might not even have to worry if Chicago runs the ball more. Last year's rookie running back Rashaan Salaam rushed for 1074 yards, but he also lost nine fumbles. Free agency brought vocal and enthusiastic middle linebacker Bryan Cox in from Miami. He will try to join the great Bear tradition of awesome middle backers. Although, Cox is not expected to be a Dick Butkus or Mike Singletary, the biggest pressure may fall on a Mississippi State rookie, cornerback Walt Harris. The rushing defense was fifth in the league while the passing defense was 27. Harris was drafted to make a huge impact. If he doesn't it could cost the Bears the playoffs. Again.



Detroit Lions- Here's a team that one can't figure out. They lose their first three and then end the season on a seven game winning streak only to embarrass themselves in the first round of the playoffs by

losing 58-37. It may sound like a tricky team, but one thing is almost certain. If they can score over 23 points in the regular season they almost assure themselves a win, with one exception. The exception was a shoot-out against Washington. The rest of their losses were because they had point totals of 20 (Steelers), 10 (Vikings), 17 (Cardinals), 21 (Green Bay) and 22 (Falcons). Usually, blame doesn't fall with the head coach for failure, but in this case it does. Wayne Fontes should be axed. When you have one of the best running backs ever in Barry Sanders and two 100 catch receivers in Herman Moore and Brett Perriman, a Super Bowl is reachable. Granted Detroit made the playoffs, but Fontes didn't have them prepared enough. There's no way to excuse giving up 58 points to an Eagle team that wasn't known for it. They didn't even sign any huge notables to help their pathetic defense. They just signed guys to improve an offense that ranked number one in the NFL last year. Make sense? Neither does this team.



Minnesota Vikings- At one point this team had one of the best defenses. But know age has caught up to them and now they must try to rebuild. The problem is that their offense is starting to age, too.

Quarterback Warren Moon will be 40 in November. Most football players don't see the ball field at the age, but Moon keeps shining. The question is how much longer he can withstand the battles. Last year he proved that he is still an elite quarterback as he threw for 33 touchdowns. Seventeen of those passes went to wide receiver Chris Carter. Carter has had back-to-back 122-catch seasons. Last year, teams thought that there was no secret in the offense to where the ball was going on passing plays. Wide receiver Jake Reed showed how wrong they could be. Reed had a successful campaign last year. He had a 16.2 yards-per-catch average on 72 catches for 1167 yards plus

nine touchdowns. The lack of a consistent running game from Robert Smith or Amp Lee make Minnesota's offensive success contingent on the passing game. On defense John Randle was once part of that great Minnesota defense. Now he's surrounded by nobody. Draft picks Duane Clemons from California and James Manley from Vanderbilt will try to put the defense back on the map where Vikin fans remember seeing it.



Tampa Bay Buccaneers- When you talk about a young, promising team the Bucs are a good choice. However, their youth can give them problems. Quarterback Trent Dilfer was supposed to be their first real franchise quarterback. The numbers he put up last season is enough to make a franchise move. Ironically, the Bucs may be on the move if a new stadium plan isn't approved. Dilfer's numbers last year were bad. No, they were very bad. Correction, they were pathetic, paltry or any other adjective you can think of. He only connected for four touchdowns and had 18 interceptions. It would be a huge understatement to say that those numbers have to improve. The promise of the offense is running back Errict Rhett. He had 1207 yards and 11 touchdowns. Unfortunately, he's holding out for a better contract and says he will sit out the season or he wants to be traded. This can get ugly. Their defense has young promise, but most of the promise has been met with underachievers. Their defense can boast of having four first round picks as their starting four defensive linemen. Rookies Regan Upshaw and Marcus Jones will join Warren Sapp and John Copeland on the front. Since the defense has potential, Tampa Bay hired former Viking defensive coordinator Tony Dungy to be their new head coach. Tampa Bay fans are hoping that his techniques can spark the young and sometimes promising defense.

W e s t



San Francisco 49ers- What can you say about this team. It seems no matter what year it is they're at the top. Although they were strong last year, the Packers exposed their non-running attack. Steve Young can do all he can, but when there's no rushing attack, defenses can key on him throwing the ball. The problem for San Fran is that he must stay healthy. Young missed five games last year and the offense wasn't the same. Wide receiver Jerry Rice will be the prime target again, but he's unstoppable. That's just the way it is when you're the best wide receiver of all time. As hard as it may be believe, the defense is the strongest part of the team. The tackle positions are one of the best in the league. Bryant Young and Dana Stubblefield halt action in the middle. Linebackers Ken Norton Jr., Gary Plummer and Lee Woodall like to hit. Their problem is that their passing defense was good, but the departure of cornerback Eric Davis could hurt.



Carolina Panthers- After losing their first five games Carolina lost 4 of 11 the rest of the way. One reason was that rookie quarterback Kerry Collins found his way into the offense and performed well. If Collins can cut down on his rookie mistakes, he will be on his way to giving Carolina their franchise quarterback. Carolina was lacking a running game last year so they drafted one. Their pick was Michigan running back Tim Biakabutuka. He will be the starting back and is expected to have an explosive year. Speaking of explosive, Carolina is hoping that Rocket Ismail can become this. After underachieving in Oakland, Ismail comes to Carolina with something to prove. The defense was strong last year and it should be even stronger. Head coach Dom Capers installed his great defensive schemes and these schemes produced some wins last year. This year they improved it by adding heart and soul linebacker Kevin Greene from Pittsburgh. Also, the addition of Eric Davis should help the secondary roar.



Atlanta Falcons- Atlanta made the playoffs last year with a defense that ranked next to last in the league. Offense shouldn't be too much of a problem as long as Jef George is at the helm. George put up good numbers last year, but only re-signed with the team for one year and lost the transitional player tag which means he's free to sign with any team next year. That's the bad news. The good news is since he wants mucho dinero he'll have to play up to it. George was ultra-successful last year because he had three great receivers that all reached the 1000 yard plateau. Eric Metcalf, Terrance Mathis, and Bert Emanuel provide the spark for George. Craig Heyward had a great year rushing for 1083 yards. However, the running game as a whole ranked near the bottom. To improve the dismal defense, Atlanta brought in some replacements, but the defense won't be tremendously improved. Comelius Bennett can help, but he's not the answer.



St. Louis Rams- The Rams started off hot in their new surroundings, but reality set in. They're just not that good, yet. There are some key changes from last season. Quarterback Chris Miler is out and Steve Walsh is in. Walsh won't light up the lights, but he'll get the job done. Running back Jerome Bettis was traded to Pitt and drafted in was Lawrence Phillips. If Phillips can keep the law off his side, he will be the next great running back in the league. He's got speed, size and can flatten defenders. How far the offense goes will rely mainly on him. The offense will also be helped out greatly by wide receiver Isaac Bruce. He put up great numbers with 1781 yards and 13 touchdowns. The defense shipped out Sean Gilbert and hopes the new defense can swim without him. Leslie O'Neal was brought in for Gilbert and Jimmie Jones and Kevin Carter are expected to elevate their game to help elevate the defense and the team.



New Orleans Saints- The best thing for them to do is to blow the season and try to draft quarterback Peyton Manning. He'll be a perfect fit because he's great and because his father played well there. Let's forget about the future and focus on the present. Quarterback Jim Everett played well in his first season with New Orleans. However, his main target, Quinn Early, is gone and Michael Haynes is his new prime target. Last year Haynes had just under 600 yards and only four touchdowns. Their rushing offense was pathetic with near 1000 yard rusher Mario Bates the exception. On defense they were consistent. They ranked 22 in passing defense and 21 in rushing defense which ranked them 22 in total defense. Their main problem is that they face potent receivers in their division. Cornerback Mark McMillan was signed and Alex Molden was drafted to help out their defense. If they don't help, another Manning might be in the future.

AFC Preview: AFC Crown Shuffling Off To Buffalo

By Tom Krasniqi

This will finally be the year the AFC finally captures the Super Bowl. With Dallas and San Francisco struggling in a few positions, the AFC has a great shot at finally winning the big one. An old Super Bowl whipping boy is recharged and reloaded with talent and confidence that they can finally get the job done. That whipping boy is the Buffalo Bills. Pittsburgh and Oakland will also compete for the AFC crown. In the East, the Jets will surprise some while Houston will do the same in the Central. But when all is said and done, the Buffalo Bills will reign supreme. Here's a look at Kraz' AFC Preview:

A F C E a s t :

The Bills are easily the class of this division. Buffalo added to their deadly defense by signing middle linebacker Chris Spielman to go along with Bruce Smith and Bryce Paup. The offense is still potent with Jim Kelly, Thurman Thomas and Andre Reed. They upgraded their receiving corps by signing Quinn Early and drafting Eric Moulds. They'll finish 11-5. Here's the rest of the division:

Indianapolis- Colts lost four starters on the offensive line and also lost their head coach, Ted Marchibroda. Jim Harbaugh won't surprise anyone this year but Colts' defense is still imposing: 8-8

New England- Quick: Name one Patriots defensive lineman. Thought so. Any moron who picks this pathetic team to make waves this year is just that, a moron! The Patriots defense is awful and their offensive line is suspect. Drew Bledsoe will have a better year than last year but he will get banged up. This is the most overrated team in football. They will finish 6-10.

Miami- It will take time for Jimmy Johnson to mold a winner. The Dolphins took a big hit in free agency and traded away Terry Kirby and Pete Stoyanovich. Rebuilding time in South Florida. Sorry, Mr. Marino! Record: 6-10

A F C C e n t r a l :

Despite losing Neil O'Donnell, Ron Erhardt and Leon Searcy, the Pittsburgh Steelers will win this division again. Their defense is till superb led by Greg Lloyd. The trade for running back Jerome Bettis was a great move. Bill Cowher is still one of the best head coaches in pro football. They'll finish first at 10-6.

Houston- My suprise team in the AFC this year. Steve McNair will be the starting QB by week 4. Draft pick Eddie Goerge will flourish in the Oilers' one back set. They have an excellent offensive line led by Bruce Matthews and Mark Stepnoski. Chris Sanders is a fine young receiver and will be joined by free agent Wille Davis. Their defense is good and they have the best secondary in football. Cris Dishman and Darryl Lewis at the corners with Blaine Bishop and Marcus Robertson at safety. They have all been to the Pro Bowl. Jeff Fisher is a fine young coach. Look out for this team. They will go 10-6.

Cincinnati- Ki-Jana Carter is healthy and that makes this offense is more dangerous along with the likes of Jeff Blake, Carl Pickens, Darnay Scott and tight end Tony McGee. Their offensive line and secondary are still question marks but these Bengals will be fun to watch. Prediction: 8-8.

Jacksonville- Coach Tom Coughlin will build a winner here soon. Quarterback Mark Brunell is solid. Jaguars picked up Natrone Means and Andre Rison to spice up the offense. Their offensive line is beefed up with the signing of tackle Leon Searcy to go along with Tony Boselli and Brian DeMarco. They drafted linebacker Kevin Hardy and signed Clyde Simmons and Eddie Robinson. The Jags are still young but talented enough to go 7-9.

Baltimore- This offense looks pathetic. They have no running game and Vinny Testaverde is on the way down (He was never on the way up). The defense can be formidable but they lack depth. Owner Art Modell will not have a pleasant first year in the new city: 6-10

A F C W e s t :

The Oakland Raiders should rise to the top in this competitive division. Quarterback Jeff Hostetler must stay healthy for this team to win. The Raiders sport a track team of receivers who are fast and can make big plays led by the likes of Tim Brown, James Jett and Darryl Hobbs. Watch rookie tight end Ricky Dudley. He's the next Ben Coates. The Raiders got stronger defensively with the signings of former Cowboys Russell Maryland and Larry Brown to go along with holdovers Anthony Smith, Chester McGlockton and Terry McDaniel. They will go 10-6 and win the AFC West.

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From Centerfold

Denver- The Bronco offense will light up the scoreboard this year with John Elway at the controls again. He has talented receivers to work with in Anthony Miller, Mike Sherrard, and tight end Shannon Sharpe. They got a little better on defense by signing linebacker Bill Romanoski, defensive linemen Alfred Williams and Jumpy Geathers and drafting linebacker John Mobley. They'll finish 9-7 and make the playoffs.

Kansas City- The Chiefs will have to rely on Steve Bono having another big year and that won't happen. They have a suspect running game and an aging offensive line. The defense will still be tough with the likes of Derrick Thomas and Neil Smith causing havoc but that will not be enough to get the Chiefs into the playoffs: 8-8

San Diego- This team is just average at best. Junior Seau is their best player but he's overrated. They lost Leslie O'Neal and Natrone Means during the off season and keeping Stan Humphries healthy is the main task. They'll finish 7-9.

Seattle- When is Rick Mirer ever going to step up? That's the big question in the Northwest nowadays. Here's the answer: when he gets a competent offensive line in front of him and Seattle doesn't have it this year. Running back Chris Warren is the most underrated player in the NFL. Brian Blades was acquitted of his cousin's murder but will he recover psychologically from that? Will Joey Galloway duplicate his fine rookie season? On defense, will Cortez Kennedy be a consistent force for the Seahawks? Who's playing cornerback for them? Too many questions on this team and not enough answers. They'll finish last with a 6-10 mark.

Kraz' AFC Division Winners:
Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Oakland
Kraz' AFC Wildcard Teams:
Jets, Houston, Denver
AFC Championship:
Buffalo over Pittsburgh
Kraz' Super Bowl Pick:
Buffalo over San Francisco

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A message from Professor Kramer:

1) Prof. D. Kramer, Room 2N-225, phone 982-2895, is the College of Staten Island's Pre-Law Advisor. He has application forms for the 1996-97 Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and would be happy to talk to any student thinking of law as a career. Any student thinking of attending law school in January or September of 1997 must take the 1996-97 test. It will be given Saturday, Oct. 5, Dec. 7, and Feb. 8. Late phone registration for the Dec. and Feb. tests closes Oct. 25 and Dec. 27 respectively. Applications forms may be picked up in Room 2N-224.

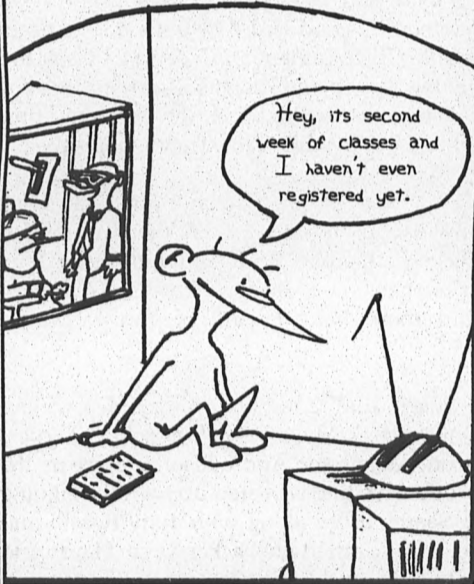
2) Prof. Kramer has application forms for the Spring, 1997 New York State Assembly and Senate Internships. Interns work full time in Albany during Spring Semester for a State Senator or Assembly Person and receive 16 academic credits plus a stipend of about \$4,000. Interns may come from any major but must be juniors or seniors with a grade point average of 3.0 or better. Only U.S. citizens are eligible for the Senate internships. Application Deadline: Oct. 25.

3) All students interested in Law School for Jan. or Sept. 1997, should attend the Pre Law Forum at 3 World Trade Center (Marriott Hotel) Friday, Sept. 20 noon - 7 and Saturday, Sept. 21 10-3. Most Law Schools in the country will have a representative there.

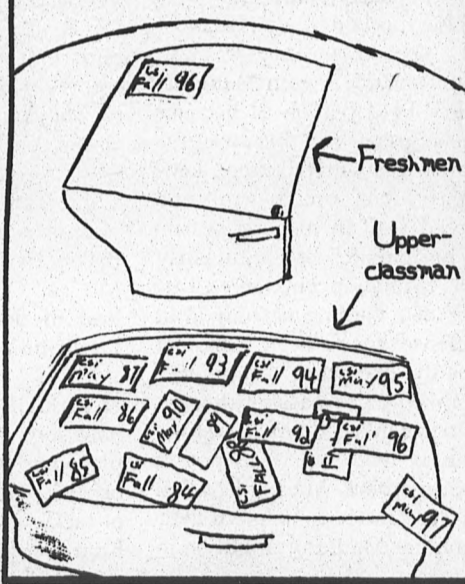
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By: Ron Magnusson

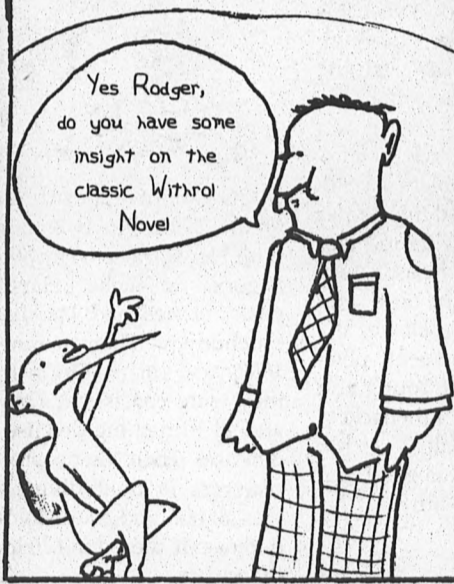
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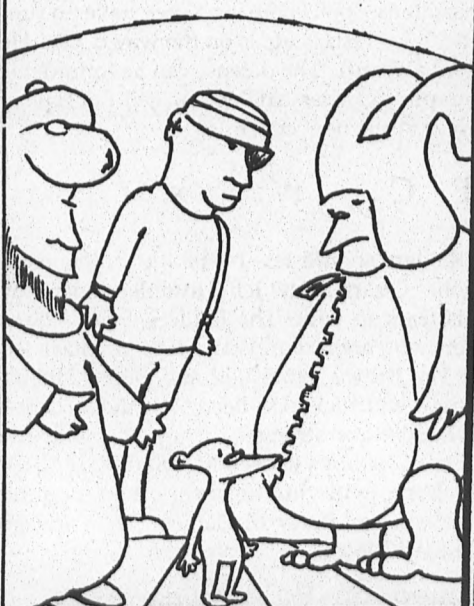
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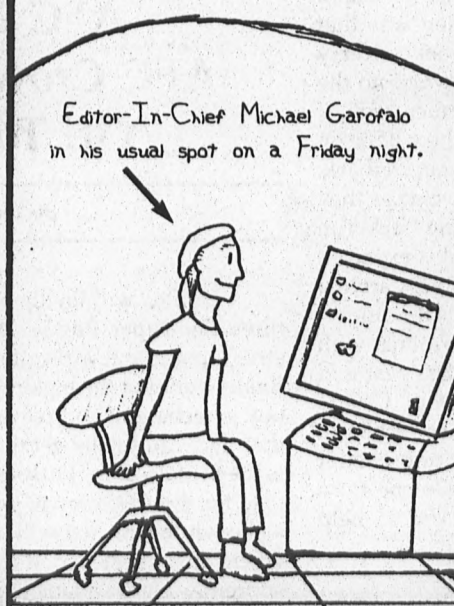
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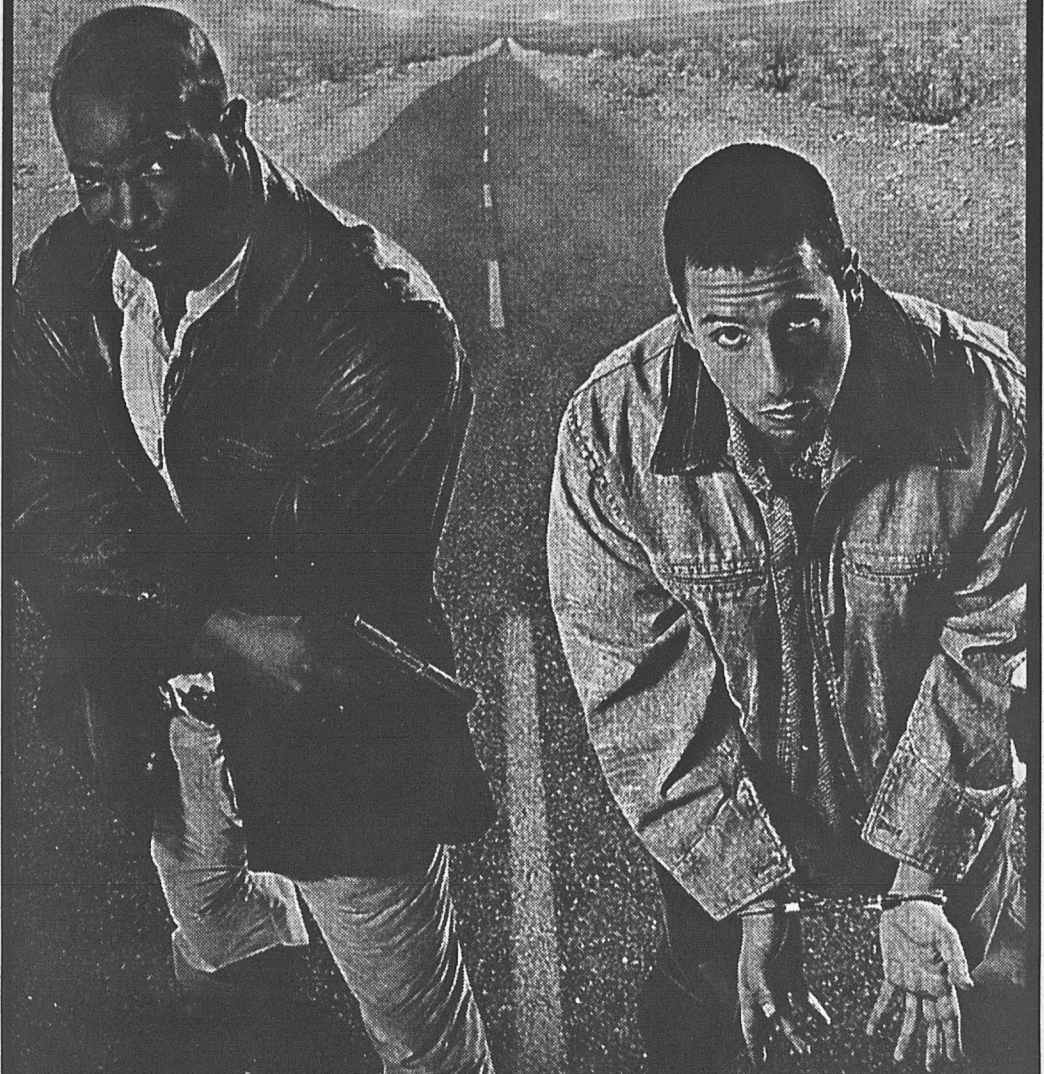
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By Allan DiBiase

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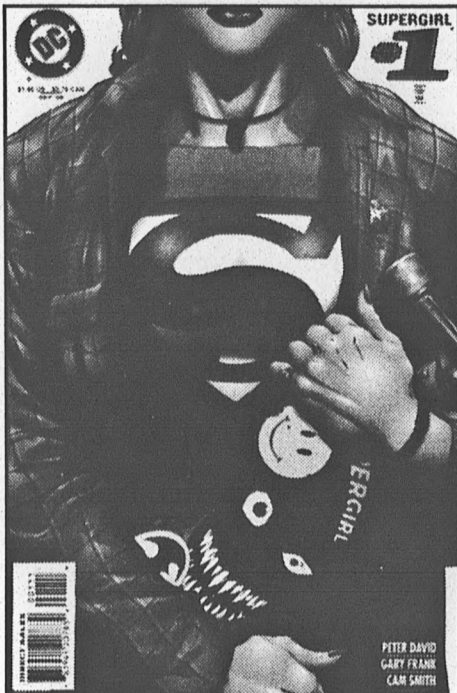
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By Shawn Fisher



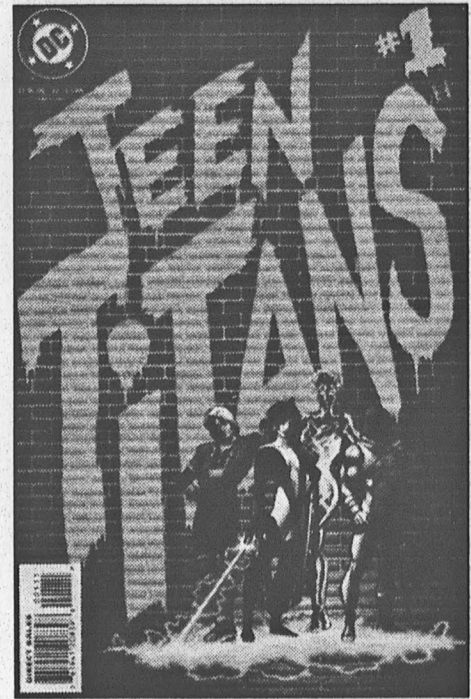
Hot off the stands this summer is Supergirl the new ongoing title from DC comics. Written by Peter David, it is one of the better book's out there today. In a decade besieged by gimmick covers, poly-bags and mega crossovers, it is nice to see that DC is giving more attention to what's behind the cover. While Gary Frank's artwork is very good, the story is what makes this book great.

For those not familiar, the true Supergirl (Kara) died in the mid 80's. While trying to save the Earth, during the "Crisis on infinite Earth" saga. Since that time the mantle of Supergirl has been carried by Matrix. Who is a metamorphic alien of a dead world. As characters go, the modern Supergirl was not much to talk about. She lacked a lot of the human qualities that cause fans to follow a character. However, Mr. David has changed all that with this new book. Quite literally Mr. David has given her a soul. In the first issue which is done in flash backs. Supergirl sets out to save a young woman (Linda Danvers) from become an occult sacrifice. Unfortunately she arrives a little too late. In order to save the dying Linda, Supergirl merges with her. One body... two

minds, cool huh. Confused about what happened at first, the new Supergirl begins to enjoy her new life, family and friends. Though when Supergirl realizes that Linda's past isn't as sweet and innocent as she portrays it to be. There in lie's substance for a long and interesting story line.

It's good to see that some comic companies returning to the basics. Where story takes priority over artwork and cover design. Other titles worth reading are surprisingly enough X-Force. This is well written, with less physical and more intellectual conflict. Such as one characters problems with alcoholism. This book has come a long way from its creators (Rob Liefeld) original concept as lots of pictures, little wording and carnage, carnage, carnage. X-Force has come a long way. Teen Titans is also making a come back. Most likely to compete with Marvel's Generation X and it does. Teen Titans has definite potential to be the must read books of the nineties.

When money controls an art form there's no place for quality. Such has been the current comic book industry. Plagued with



cookie cutter plots and one-dimensional characters, with the return of Supergirl and Teen Titans the maturing of X-Force and like titles there may be hope for the comic industry yet.

Ask Vanessa

Q. Why do girls like guys who treat them badly?

The one who resists is the one we desperately want to kiss. Why, it's a challenge! People love the power of knowing that they changed another person, it gives them a sense of superiority and feeling superior is one fine feeling. The endless torture one endures in the process of changing another will be worth it. in the end, but keep in mind you can only alter another human's way to a certain extent.

For example, I desperately tried to make my ex-hell raisers more considerate and understanding, but I failed miserably. What was I thinking. I couldn't even get him to put the toilet seat down and I expected a total personality change? A wake up call was long over due, because I learned a person only changes if they want to. I suppose I stayed with him because I wanted desperately for him to appreciate me, thank me, tell me I looked nice and after all the bad times it be worth it because I could honestly say "I turned that bastard into a gentleman". No such luck for me, it just got worse and I became more obsessed until he decided to go left and pushed me right, and my heart was broken down the middle.

As I look back on most of my relationships I see a scary pattern, I date Mr. Bastard and tell Mr. Nice to step off. Maybe it's an inferiority complex, Mr. Nice may just be too good for me and Mr. Bastard is the perfect match, this can only mean low self esteem! Oddly enough I think girls only go for the mean guys because they feel they don't deserve better. Ouch that hurt, but it's true. All of my past unhealthy relationships revolved around my own self image or lack of. Now that I'm older I look for Mr. Nice and often think about all the one's I gave walking papers to. I realize I'm worth all he can give me and so what if he's not my ideal type, while I wait for my nice Mr. Right. I can still have fun with my nice Mr. Wrong.

Tip for the day: Being nice is nice. :)

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Movie Review: Trainspotting

By Shawn Fisher

One not so big budget summer film worth seeing is *Trainspotting*. Released by Miramax Films the plot revolves around the friendship of a group of young Gen.-X junkies, living in a not so popular area of Edinburgh, Scotland. We observe how the groups friendship slowly dissipates due to their addiction to heroine (which is what probably brought them together as well). The lives of these young men are going nowhere or worse, except for the lead character Mark. During one Mark's various attempts to quit drugs he wind's up sleep with an underage girl (Diane). First perceiving this as bad luck Diane eventually is one of the stabilizing factors in Marks life. Unfortunately the for Mark

the more he tries to further himself from his friends the closer they follow. After the death of one member, the group part ways. Until Sick Boy lands a large stash of heroine and pulls the group into the sale. This becomes Marks final dealing with his friends and not all of them will be happy with that (except for Spud).

This dark comedy manages to be both hilarious and sick at the same time. So long as you have a strong stomach, you will really enjoy this movie. If you don't have a strong stomach then your friends will enjoy it that much more. *Trainspotting* is a movie worth Manhattan ticket prices.

NATURE

By Leslie Lake

Gems release luster during the night
While you remain in sight
Come let us be blind to the rest of the world
only to endure your true beauty seen as a symbol of dark and light.
Moon of enchantment
reveal your promising ways
through the blush of a lady for tonight roses live through us.
Oh purple ocean you take rapture of the rocky shoreline
and breathe our dreams
and reflect the days we once knew.
The moon bring us to our future destiny.

ROOTS

By Jennifer Valle

The passionless hand of depression.
Wipes away an angry tear.
A vision of misery stands ahead.
Never to escape the loving hand of death.
Falling into his embrace once again,
Sorrow is reborn.
A frozen hand slowly chokes the life from me
Uncaring, I feel its drain.

A dark child of hate
Bled into this world of despair
This melancholy soul stands over the graves;
Bitter tears falling.

The last seeds of happiness
Like sharpened daggers
Fall to the hard, hollowed ground
Bringing forth blood-stained roses.

Fading to black... the embrace of ruin
With the last breath of life
Whisper the Our Father
One last time.

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Cowboys From Back Cover

Novacek and Irvin, out of commission for some time.

Another key ingredient to the offense is Pro Bowl left tackle, Mark Tuinei. In preseason he suffered a knee injury and can miss up to three games. That will force another Pro Bowler, Larry Allen, to move from his right guard position and cover Tuinei's left tackle position. That will leave a very inexperienced starter at right guard.

Every year Dallas seems to get hit hard in the free agent market. They lose more superior players and because of their high-priced stars the salary cap makes it so they can't afford to pay top-of-the-line replacements. After all these problems, people still believe that Dallas can repeat due to their strong points. Their first strong point is quarterback Troy Aikman. In just seven years he has three Super Bowl rings. He doesn't put up huge amounts of yardage or touchdowns but he gets the job done. For this reason he's considered one of the best at his position. However, he will be tested early as he will have to adjust to new go-to receivers.

Aikman may not put up huge amounts of touchdowns, but he doesn't have to when Emmitt Smith rushes for 25 touchdowns. His contract was up after the season and rumors were flying that he might play in Miami for ex-coach Jimmy Johnson. Owner Jerry Jones put a squash on that thought when he re-signed Emmitt for eight years and \$48M. As long as Emmitt and Troy stay healthy Dallas will remain a force.

When it comes to Emmitt's success he throws a lot of gratitude toward his offensive lineman. And why not, they are probably the best group in the NFC. When Tuinei returns and barring any more injuries Dallas returns LG Nate Newton, C Ray Donaldson, and RT Erik Williams. How good are they? Once again this year all have a shot at making the Pro Bowl. Also, last year when Donaldson was out with an injury, Emmitt's numbers weren't

quite as good when Donaldson was playing.

You can't win championships on solely running the ball. That's where the wide receivers come in handy. With Irvin's suspension that puts Kevin Williams as the prime receiver. Williams was the second and third target for Aikman, but due to Novacek and Irvin's absence, Williams must now become the number one target. The other wide receiver will be Deion Sanders. Sanders wanted to play more offense this year, but not this way. The emergence of Sanders is important, but hopes better not be too high because no matter how much has progressed, he's still very raw at the position. No matter how desperate the offense is, Sanders must complement his cornerback position to ensure Dallas of a great passing defense.

The cornerback positions are set with Kevin Smith and Sanders. So is the strong safety position with Darren Woodson. Dallas locked up this Pro Bowler last season to ensure that they have no problems in this area. The free safety position is Brock Marion. He was tied for the team lead in interceptions with six. However, with Sanders playing more offense people will see how good Marion really is. If Marion falters, Dallas traded for safety Roger Harper from the Falcons. Harper will probably start the season as the nickel safety but the position can be his in due time.

Dallas also has some intangibles working for them. Their place kicker, Chris Boynol, connected on 27/28 field goals last season. He probably won't duplicate these numbers, but anything close will be sufficient. Fullback Daryl "Moose" Johnston is a perfect fit for this position. He wasn't a Pro Bowler last year, but if it wasn't for him Emmitt wouldn't have the yards he had. The last intangible that Dallas possesses is Herschel Walker. Not only can he play running back, fullback, tight end, slot receiver or kick receiver, but he brings leadership and class to an organization that seems to lose more each offseason.



Jets From Back Cover

now, the Jets. He is a possession type receiver with sneaky speed and great hands. Former two time Pro Bowler Webster Slaughter and speedy Rico Smith were also signed and add to that mix the incumbent Wayne Chrebet, who caught 66 passes in his rookie year. Watch out for Smith. He never got much of a chance with the Browns/Ravens and if Kotite gives him a chance, he will make plays with his blazing speed (clocked at 4.29 seconds in 40 yard dash). In the draft, the Jets made this position a strength by tabbing USC's Keyshawn Johnson with the first overall pick and Alex Van Dyke with their second selection. Johnson showed up late due to a contract hold-out but has grasped the offense nicely since his arrival and he will be a great player in this league along the lines of a Rice and Irvin. Van Dyke has terrific hands and can be dangerous after the catch.

The Jets re-signed Adrian Murrell to be their main man in the backfield. Murrell rushed for 795 yards last year and caught 71 passes behind a terrible offensive line. He will be a 1,000 yard rusher behind the Jets' revamped offensive line. Richie Anderson will join him in the starting fullback spot now that Brad Baxter was cut. Newcomer Reggie Cobb looked fantastic in the preseason and will get some carries. At tight end, Kyle Brady must step up and this offense will give him that chance. He's a devastating blocker but is inconsistent in the passing game. He must improve his hands and learn how to get open if he wants to be an elite player. I'm still down on this guy and have been since he was drafted. Backup Fred Baxter is a nice role player who's underrated. All in all, this will become a potent offense in time and will put up some points. But it's going to take some time because of all the new faces in this mix.

The Jets did not do much to sure up their defense but it's still one of the top units in the league. The key for this group is to stay healthy and it starts right in the middle with middle linebacker Marvin Jones. After he returned from an ankle injury last year, the Jet 'D' elevated their play in his presence and did well vs. the run. If Jones stays healthy, look out! This guy is a future Pro Bowler who has amazing speed and power to destroy the opposition's running attack. Joining Jones in this Jet linebacking core on the outside is Mo Lewis and Bobby Houston. Mo Lewis is one of the best outside linebackers in the NFL. The guy can do it all: rush the QB, play in pass coverage and stop the run. He has also become a leader on this team. He will have more opportunities to rush the passer this year and that spells trouble for the opposition. He will be a future All Pro this year and beyond.

Houston is the strongside linebacker who excels in coverage and has great speed. He's an underrated player. This Jets linebacking core is one of the best around. The defensive line was strengthened with the re-signing of Marvin Washington. Washington can stop the run and put pressure on the quarterback. The other defensive end is last year's Defensive Rookie of the Year in Hugh Douglas. Douglas will be a force once he learns how to play the run because rushing the passer is all on his mind. The interior of the Jets' D-Line could have used an upgrade here. Matt Brock and Erik Howard are solid veterans but they are a little undersized. They need a big defensive tackle who can collapse the pocket and they don't have that and that's why the Jets are vulnerable against the run. The secondary is looking good with future star Aaron Glenn at cornerback. Glenn is one the best cover corners in this league and will make more interceptions this year.

The Jets have two hard hitting young safeties in Victor Green and Gary Jones. Backing up at safety is Ron Carpenter, who is a good kick returner, and rookie Marcus Coleman. The other corner position opposite Glenn may be a problem. Incumbent Otis Smith has been burned so many times, you would think he was the Human Torch from that comic book. He's that bad and rookie Ray Mickens is an Aaron Glenn clone but shorter than Glenn. Backup Carl Greenwood should be given a chance. He's a feisty corner who has all the physical tools to be a good corner.

The Jets have the talent to make the playoffs this year but Kotite may hold them back. He cannot make poor coaching decisions that he made last year. He should learn from his mistakes. The Jets have mighty Buffalo in their division and Indianapolis went to the title game last year. This will be a different year. O'Donnell will make the offense click and the defense will do just fine, if they stay healthy. New England and Miami are both vastly overrated and will both finish 6-10. The Jets have a soft schedule and should make things exciting down the stretch. Mark this team down for a 9-7 record and their first trip to the playoffs since 1991. This team has the talent to do that. The Jets have been saying that they will be a force to be reckon with in the AFC. The other team in New York, the Giants, will be awful and win maybe six games. It's time for the Jets to soar. They must put up or shut up. It's time to play ball.

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Two Teams At The Other End Of The Spectrum

Dallas Cowboys Try To Repeat...

By Michael Anderson

There's no place better to start than at the top. Unfortunately, when you're at the top, there's no place left to go but down. Last year's Super Bowl XXX Champions proved to everybody that they can win a championship under Barry Switzer. However, they had a tumultuous offseason that will hamper them in their quest to repeat.

Let's start with the most obvious distraction—the Midnight Cowboy himself, Michael Irvin. To make a long story short, Irvin got caught with drug possession in a hotel room with an ex-teammate and two topless dancers and pleaded no contest to drug possession. The end result is a five game suspension in which Irvin will miss games against the Bears, Giants, Colts, Bills, and Eagles. Although Dallas won't lose all five games, any loss could hurt the ultra-important race for playoff

home field advantage.

Another suspension came when back-up right end Shante Carver got caught abusing the league's substance abuse policy again. Originally he had a season-long suspension, but upon further review the commissioner's office only suspended him for six games. Many people picked this year, his third as a pro, for Carver to emerge as a key force on defense. The six game ban became an evenly more costly blow because Charles Haley's back can go at any moment and Carver was supposed to be his back-up.

On the injury front Jay Novacek will be out for some time due to a bad back. Nobody really knows how long. It could be the season or it could be weeks. Even when he does come back he won't be 100 percent. With his injury that leaves Troy Aikman's two favorite targets,

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While Off Season Has Jets Set To Soar

By Tom Krasniqi

We have heard all of the press clippings until now. The 1996 NFL season is here and the New York Jets are optimistic that they can once again rise up from their history of mediocrity. Owner Leon Hess has opened up his check book to acquire the best players that money can buy. Jets head coach Rich Kotite is still the worst coach in football and their 3-13 year last year was mainly his fault. He is a poor talent evaluator and makes poor decisions coaching wise. But he swallowed his pride and made the biggest off season acquisition when he hired Ron Erhardt to be the offensive coordinator. Kotite handed over the reins to Erhardt, who brings a smart, offensive system to the table in which he uses the pass to set up the run. That was a gutsy move by Kotite.

To help run this offense, the Erhardt and the Jets needed a quarterback.

So Gang Green went out and signed former Steeler Neil O'Donnell. O'Donnell is a smart, tough quarterback who knows Erhardt's system very well. He helped lead the Steelers to the Super Bowl last year and is a better than average quarterback. He isn't an Aikman, Young, or Favre but he's better than most people think. It didn't stop there. The Jets upgraded their pitiful offensive line with the signings of tackles Jumbo Elliot and David Williams. If they stay healthy, the Jets offense will be able to soar because the success of any NFL offense hinges upon the play of the offensive line. The Jets needed receivers badly to match Erhardt's four and even five WR sets. The Jets went out and signed another player who knows the system in wideout Jeff Graham. He played with O'Donnell and Erhardt in Pittsburgh for a couple of years before moving on to the Bears and

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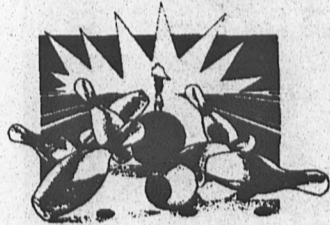
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