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FAHAMISHA PATRICIA BROWN: "What You Put Out, You Get Back."

Alina Dorfman

My daughter writes", said Fahamisha Brown's mother, after Langston Hughes recited his poetry and was speaking to the audience. "You do?" replied the poet. "I try", was what the painfully shy Fahamisha came back with. "She wrote her school play", her mama pressed on.

"Oh. You are a writer," declared Langston Hughes.

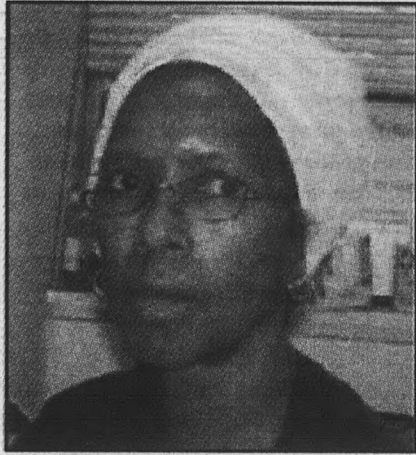
Being taken by her mother to poetry recitations made Professor Brown fall in love with poetry. This love is still breathing today. Growing up as part of the integration generation, living through the civil rights movement, traversing across Africa, and being the first in her family to go to college, Professor Brown has led a most interesting life.

Q. Where are you from?

A. Chicago.

Q. Where have you traveled to?

A. My ambition is to visit every African country. So far I'm about 1/5th of the way through. I've been to Senegal, Liberia, Ghana, The Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Kenya, Egypt, and Morocco. The experience there has always been positive for me. Americans really know very little about Africa. They mostly think that there's only poverty and the like. There is a different side that I was able



Professor Fahamisha Brown of CSI's English Department says she is "the all-purpose multi-cultural teacher." A "witness to history," Brown has met Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and Nelson Mandela.

to see. I usually visit the University Campuses, where I have seen the academic side of Africa. I have noticed that black people, wherever they are, are culturally similar. They are similar in the music they listen to, their clothing styles, and their religion.

Africans also have a predetermined idea about Americans. When I was in Nigeria, I was led around by guides and at one point we stopped at a roadside market. The guides were quite surprised that I was willing to eat corn on the cob that was boiled right there. I have also noticed that Church going is quite similar in Africa and in America. The clothes are a big

part. Everyone still dresses up in his or her Sunday Church clothes. I have also been to Puerto Rico, Martinique, Mexico, and Canada. I've also visited several states in the U.S.

Q. Where have you lived?

A. I've lived in Chicago and in Boston. I like Chicago best, as it is my hometown. New York City comes in second place. Boston is funny because everything closes at 12:00 am.

Q. Do you have a favorite book, poem, or play?

A. No favorites. Sometimes I'll go through phases where I'll read everything by a certain writer. My specialty is poetry. I do love Gwendolyn Brooks and Niyi Osundare. I love literature and the shelves in my office don't compare with my house.

Q. Your clothing style is beautiful, what is the story behind it?

A. My young adulthood was a period when cultural nationalism was in. That had an influence. However a bigger part would be that since I've traveled in Africa so much, I began to love the style.

Q. What classes do you teach or have you taught?

A. I'm the all-purpose multi-cultural teacher. My strong points are poetry and performance. I teach Non-Western Humanities, American literature, Introduction to Literature, and

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WSIA SEARCH DOWN TO THREE FINALISTS; DAVID SHEAR SPEAKS OUT

David Maltz

The search for a new general manager at WSIA may be coming to a close—or it may not. On Friday, September 10, one of the two finalists in the search took part in a phone interview; another came to CSI for an in-person interview, which included a closed door meeting with students who volunteer at WSIA. And on September 23rd, the final finalist had his final interview.

Despite such progress, there is no time frame for the search to wrap up, according to Carol Brower, CSI's Director of Student Life. "I think it was a positive day in the search," she said on Monday, September 13th. "I'm not really sure what the final opinion is."

Although there are now 3 finalists currently under consideration—which is down from 7—there is a chance that if none of the finalist is

hired, there will have to be a whole new search. "We'll have to do a whole new search," said Brower. "Then it would be sometime in spring."

Brower emphasized that she does not want to put pressure on the staff members at WSIA to pick one of the 3 finalists, but at the same time warns them that doing so may delay the process. "I don't want to have students come back in 2 months and say we don't have a GM," said Brower, "but I don't want them picking someone they don't like."

Reporters from The Banner were not present at the September 10th meeting, at the request of Brower, who said she wanted to "protect the finalist's privacy." When asked why a representative from publications was not present at the meeting as required, Brower blamed the error on miscommunication and promised

that someone would be present at the next interview. "Next time we'll do a better job getting the word out," she said.

Meanwhile, Dr. David Shear, who had been the Interim General Manager at WSIA since shortly after Greg Adamo resigned from the post in August 2002, and a community volunteer since 1993, told the Banner that the GM search didn't have to take this long.

"I went through the search committee like everyone else, to be fair," said Shear in a recent interview. "They liked all my answers in the phone interview and the in-person. It seemed like a done deal. Two weeks before my contract expired I was called to Jackson's office," Shear explained, referring to Carol Jackson, CSI's Vice President for

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Parking Ticket Sparks Brawl on Campus

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2 ARRESTS

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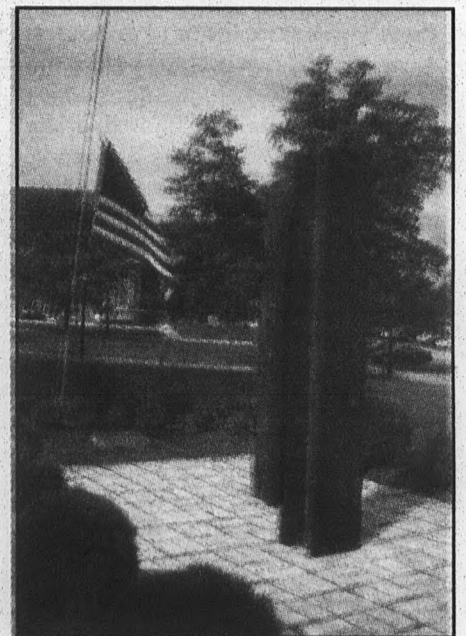
Jennifer Mosscrop

A parking ticket triggered violence at 1C's loading dock Thursday, September 2nd, resulting in four injured peace officers, two non-students arrested and barred from the college, and another suspect still being sought by the NYPD.

"I'm here sixteen years and I've never seen this kind of violence directed toward the officers," said Gene Martinez, Director of Public Safety.

The incident was captured on one of the several video monitors mounted on buildings around campus. At approximately 3:45 pm, a traffic enforcer, Sgt. Donald Girard, issued a ticket to a car parked illegally in front of 1C's loading dock. The Sgt. Girard

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On the third anniversary of September 11th the flag flew half mast at CSI's memorial, and students, faculty members, and administration gathered for the ceremony, in which Professor Keberle performed his "Meditation for 9/11," for solo clarinet.

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Bush Returns to Ground Zero for Political Gain

By Joe Tacopino

A lot of outrageous things have been said during the current election season, but few of these comments have been so absurd as what recently came out of the mouth of Dick Cheney. In a town hall style meeting early this month, Cheney hit a new low when he seemed to imply that a vote for John Kerry would be a vote for terrorism.

It's absolutely essential that eight weeks from today, on Nov. 2, we make the right choice, Cheney warned his audience, because if we make the wrong choice then the danger is that we'll get hit again.

This comment by Cheney was no accident. The Republicans have done their research. The pollsters and focus groups have submitted their results, and one thing is undeniably clear: Bush wins on terrorism. But, the President wouldn't actually try to capitalize on our fears, would he?

On a sunny day in late August, Dick Cheney arrived in New York City, where he was welcomed by delegates on Ellis Island. The speech was part of a photo opportunity to kick off the GOP convention, which would begin the next day.

As Cheney gave his speech, with the Manhattan skyline as a backdrop, 200,000 people marched up 8th Avenue past Madison Square Garden, to give the V.P. a different

sort of welcome. (Editor's Note: See pages 6 and 7 for the Banner photo spread on the demonstrations.)

It's no secret that New York is a Democratic City. A poll taken a week before the convention showed that 80% of New Yorkers did not want the convention to come here. But they came. For the entire week, a four-block radius around Madison Square Garden was cordoned to keep the delegates in a protective bubble.

This city has spent three years healing the emotional wounds that resulted from the worst terrorist attack on American soil and George W. Bush returns to Ground Zero and picks up some political points that he apparently left on top of the smoldering rubble.

The fact that Bush capitalizes off the September 11th constitutes one of the greatest political magic tricks in history. After all, Bush was in charge when those planes hit the towers. Former White House terrorism adviser Richard Clarke claims that he repeatedly tried to address the threat from Al Qaeda before 9/11.

He ignored terrorism for months, when maybe we could have done something to stop 9/11, Clarke told 60 minutes. "Maybe. We'll never know."

Then on August 6th 2001, one month before the attacks Bush received a presidential daily briefing entitled "Bin Laden Determined to Strike in US." The briefing mentioned

that there were patterns of suspicious activity in this country consistent with preparations for hijackings.

Nevertheless, the country is convinced that Bush will keep them safe and the GOP convention theme was "all terrorism all the time." Through a barrage of scare tactics and patriotism emerges the second Bush fallacy: the war in Iraq has made us safer.

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If the President dropped the ball on 9/11, he dropped the kitchen sink on Iraq. A recent intelligence report offered a bleak outlook on the country including a possible outbreak of civil war. The insurgency has stepped up its attacks and they appear to be more organized. Entire cities are out of our control. We've lost more than 1,000 soldiers and about 10,000 Iraqi civilians have been killed.

Kofi Annan, the United Nations Secretary General, has referred to the Iraq war as "illegal," according to the UN charter. Republican Senator Chuck Hagel recently said, "We are not winning. Things are getting worse."

Instead of diminishing the threat of terrorism we have created a breeding ground for a whole new generation of suicide bombers. The

images of dead bodies on Aljazeera and the abuses at Abu Ghraib prison have done incalculable damage to our nation's image and have been an effective recruitment tool for al Qaeda.

Last April the State Department released an optimistic report on global terrorism for 2003. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage held a press conference boasting that

the report was "clear evidence that we are prevailing in the fight" on terrorism. There was just one problem: the numbers were wrong. After some independent analysts looked at the report they concluded that terrorist incidents have not declined in 2003 but instead have been the highest in over 20 years. Colin Powell appeared on Meet the Press apologizing for the "big mistake" insisting that they had made an error and it was not a "political judgment."

In light of all this information we might want to look again at Mr. Cheney's comment. Maybe it is "absolutely essential" we make the right choice on Nov. 2. If Bush's first term is any indication of our future prospects of safety, I would have to say that four more years looks pretty grim.

Making Americans Safer? Some Thoughts on Homeland Security

By Matt Safford

Three years since the 9/11 attacks on America, and two months before the presidential election, the flags which appeared across our landscape like flowers in the desert after a sporadic shower have disappeared, or become tattered, and transparent, due to exposure.

While our media continually tells us of the neck-and-neck nature of the presidential race, unprecedented numbers of protesters clogged the streets of the very city which suffered the greatest losses, three short years ago. To say the political battleground looks shaky for the Republicans, may be a bit obvious. And yet, Bush and his entourage have at least one solid foothold, by which they attempt to gain ground: homeland security. Although the gap is narrowing, we as a nation still trust Bush more than we trust Kerry, to keep us safe at night.

This seems strange, since it was on Bush's watch that we were attacked in the first place. Perhaps respect is due to the Republican spin machine. After all, Kerry has actual wartime leadership experience, and those who actually served with him—as opposed to those swift boat vets,

and crash them into buildings, that establishing no-fly zones over such tempting targets as nuclear power plants would be one of the first tasks on Bush's list. And yet, regardless of requests by several governors, and the fact that one of the hijacked flights of 9/11 actually passed over Indian

home does. To be fair, he did spend more than 500 days on vacation either in Texas, or in Maine. Maybe we're supposed to feel good knowing our President is safe while he's clearing brush, or watching a Rangers game, even though we're not, out here in the real world.

So, if you truly do feel safer with Bush, than Kerry—and I guess we'll find out in November—just remember where his priorities lie, and how anyone with a pilot's license can criss-cross the airspace over any of our county's 100 or so nuclear power plants. Think about these things while trying to sleep at night, and wondering who is better suited to protect us.

Maybe we should all go out and start buying plastic and duct tape again, or teach a new generation how to duck and cover. Either that, or we all could think long and hard about giving someone else the chance to protect us, and see if he can do any better.

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who were never on the same boat at the same time as Kerry—seem to be more than happy with his service record. Yet, the public would still trust Bush, whose own service record is questionable at best, to keep us safe.

If we trust him, he must be doing something right since 9/11, right? One would think, since we now know that terrorists can and will hijack planes,

Point, the skies over nuclear plants remain open. Apparently our great wartime president and his advisors don't think it's that important.

If open fly zones over nuclear catastrophes waiting to happen weren't alarming enough, consider the fact that while nuclear power plants don't warrant no-fly zones, the President's Crawford, Texas vacation

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was then confronted by seven individuals who asked about the ticket on the car. The individuals involved included two non-students and two current students. At that time the traffic enforcer called Public Safety for assistance.

"The peace officers asked the suspects to go in their cars and leave campus," said Director Martinez. "But instead of leaving, a verbal fight ensued."

According to the videotape, a scuffle broke out between the officers and the men, and led to two officers being knocked down, and one being kicked while on the ground.

Meanwhile, assisting Officer Gil Garcia was struck by a Mercedes Benz as it tried to flee the scene. He sustained injuries to his calf and knee and chipped a bone in his foot. The owner of the car was later identified as a former student of CSI.

"The owner of the car said he was not driving it that day. Someone else was driving it," Martinez said. "The detective on the case is currently trying to contact the alleged driver." This may take a long time, since only a first name was given.

Within 10 minutes of the scuffle, three police cars from the 122nd precinct arrived and placed one of the non-students under arrest for second-degree assault and criminal trespassing.

Director Martinez, Dean Michael Daniels, and Vice President Aponte arrived on the scene during this time.

"It should have ended there," said Angelo Aponte, CSI's Vice President of Finance and Administration. "But the other guys kept revving it back up."

Student Government members, Taiwo Olasupo and a friend helped reduce the level of confrontation by taking the two men left aside and cooling them down in the parking lot.

Another individual was arrested after he interfered with the first arrest, and then threatened Dean Daniels when Daniels asked him to calm down.

Another unidentified man remains wanted by police. According to the video footage, he is seen interfering with police business.

The District Attorney subpoenaed the videotape, which will be presented to a grand jury. The two men arrested were released on bail but may face jail time if found guilty.

As for the status of the two current students, one withdrew from the college the day after to avoid academic dismissal, while the other is still being sought by police.

"He will be brought with charges of violation of the Henderson Rules," Martinez said.

"The interesting thing is the

amount of restraint that the public safety officers used," said Aponte. "As we reviewed the tape, it's clear that they could've used more force than they did."

Aponte also wanted to make clear that the officers didn't use their batons at any time during the scuffle and are seen in the video constantly pointing for the accused assailants to leave, pushing and separating the men.

Officer Elsayed Khedr was on the Egyptian Olympic Karate team. When Martinez asked him why he didn't use his skills, he said, "I was afraid I might hurt someone."

"Officer Khedr's statement personalized the actions of the Public Safety Officers," said Aponte. "They handled themselves very well."

According to Martinez, besides Lehman College there are no other public or private college that have armed officers. And while it is up to the President to arm officers, Martinez doesn't think it's necessary in New York City. "We have the biggest and best trained police department minutes away," he added.

An independent investigation, called for by President Springer, will be conducted by Professors Orlowsky and Garcia. Once completed, they will bring their findings to the President and take it from there.

"It's too soon to indicate, but no changes are contemplated as of now," stated Aponte.

"The students, faculty, and staff of the College must enjoy a safe environment in which to study, learn, teach, and work," President Springer wrote in a press release. "The College will take appropriate action against those who violate our Code of Conduct and the laws of the City and State of New York to ensure the safety of our campus."

Springer also wished the Public Safety Officers "a swift and complete recovery," and expressed her appreciation for "their prompt response and assistance in this matter."

Vice President Aponte gave the Banner access to the official report to CSI's College Council, which stated that on Tuesday, September 7th, "two former students involved in the incident distributed an inflammatory flier on campus alleging that the incident was racially motivated. For the record, of 36 Public Safety Officers, nineteen are persons of color: 9 are black, 2 are Asian, 7 are Hispanic, and 1 is Egyptian. 17 are white. Six of the officers are female. Of the four officers injured in the incident, two were Hispanic, one was Egyptian, and one was white."

Student Affairs.

Shear explained that he was informed he wouldn't be rehired at that meeting.

"My name was one of the three finalists, I was incumbent, and I was eligible," said Shear. "So there was no reason not to hire me. I was one of the three names!"

Shear went on to assert that CSI would rather have no GM than him for a GM, "someone who had been here for 10 years and had done a fine job."

However, Carol Brower disagreed. "David was one of many candidates for the position," Brower asserted. "Nobody was saying he did a bad job."

Indeed, Shear asserted that he had accomplished his goals for WSIA, which has made it more difficult for him to understand the administration's decision not to give him the full-time position. "There was nothing anybody could complain about," said Shear. "In my 2 years here we reduced the budget deficit 2 years in a row. We also increased our revenues."

Despite not being hired for the position, Shear has nothing against WSIA. "I still have a love for the station," Shear said, but is concerned that the administration wants his involvement with WSIA to come to a close. "When they heard I wanted to become a community volunteer, the administration said no."

"That's not the case," countered Carol Brower. "The administration does not want to bring on any changes to the station when there is no General Manager to make those decisions."

At a recent visit to WSIA, Shear noted "there was a history of a strained relationship between the station and the administration." Shear said, "My effort was to heal everything up."

Shear offered his advice to the man who will eventually become the permanent General Manager: "The biggest challenge would be to try sincerely to improve the station, despite the bureaucratic micromanagement and hidden agendas."

In an e-mail to The Banner, former general manager Greg Adamo gave his thoughts on finding a replacement. "My experience is that running a college radio station is a challenging position," he wrote. "I certainly know that I am not irreplaceable."

The Banner will continue to cover this story as it unfolds. Will there ever be a new General Manager for WSIA? Who will he—or she—be?

At this point, the only certainty is ... the search goes on.

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Some CSI Students Actually Do Have A Life . . . In Porn?

Carla Rengifo

Question: what do tattooing, bartending, and repossessing cars have in common? The answer is Tommy Lanza. Aside from the three aforementioned jobs, Lanza still manages to take 19 credits this Fall. Sure there is a lack of sleep involved, but according to this workhorse, anything is possible.

A typical day for the young entrepreneur consists of a few classes, hammering out a couple of tattoos in the evening, and pouring cosmos or towing off Chevies all night long. Lanza has his plate full—all the more reason for him to pursue his education. Well, that and a collection of credit card bills. Lanza gladly admits that his schedule leaves him no time to get into trouble.

At fifteen he received his first tattoo. Shortly after, it was followed by

Young Entrepreneur Holds Down 3 Jobs

another . . . then another. Today, Lanza sports 16 of the artistic creations, four of which he did himself. At 18, he took an apprentice course and began freelance tattooing.

Some of his body art includes a black panther on his right leg, designed to cover a Bugs Bunny tattoo which he "grew out of." A black tribal sun graces his calve.

"This one I did myself," Lanza said. "And I was wrecked that night." He points out irregularities in the black areas, explaining that the ink didn't set well with alcohol in the blood stream.

Lanza has gained many of his tattoo clientele by word of mouth. Working out of the basement of his home, Lanza has created a "tattoo parlor" that looks like a cross

between a hardware store and dentist's office. Lanza always makes sure to sanitize his tools, and even offers clients the needle used for their tattoos.

When he is not tattooing, Lanza is repossessing cars, which is a risky business. And Lanza's Friday and Saturday nights are spent as a bartending maitre d' at the Crystal Room, a catering hall in South Beach.

Here, the ambience is relaxing and Lanza actually has a good time. He dons a bow tie, hair tied back, and even looks more relaxed at this job. Bartending allows Lanza to act "like a recreational therapist," he admits with pride.

"I think I've just about heard it all," he continues, "and I find a lot of older women hitting on me too." This



Tony Lanza sports 16 tattoos, including a black panther. Here, he applies a design in his basement studio.

is definitely his favorite job. He can actually have a good time while he gets paid.

Lanza has learned so much from the exposure to his diverse array of jobs. He knows that all the hard work will pay off one day. "I guess it's all about being happy," he says with a grin, "that's what it's about."

CSI Actress Coming Soon to IP Near You

Michael DiSilvestri

Imagine watching a Hollywood movie and seeing someone you knew—or better yet a friend of yours. Is that cool or what?

Well if you know Pamela Lazarus, you're friends with an aspiring actress with a bright future. When she was just 13 years old she appeared in the hit movie *Ransom*, directed by Ron Howard, as an up-close extra in a scene. "It was lots of fun, she said, I met many people." Lazarus has also appeared in other box-office hits, such as *Mickey Blue Eyes*, *Analyze This*, *The First Wives Club*, and *K-Pax*.

Throughout her career, Lazarus has met and worked with actors such as Jim Carey, Mel Gibson, Rene Russo, Sarah Jessica Parker, and Tim Allen. Her all-time favorite actress is Julia Roberts, and her favorite movie is—you guessed it—*"Pretty Woman"*.

Other than movies, Pamela has also done some work on television. She played a student extra for a couple of episodes in the NBC show "ED," which was later taken off the air. She was an extra on "Law and Order," and has also appeared in TV commercials for Sears, Tiger electronics, and other companies as well.

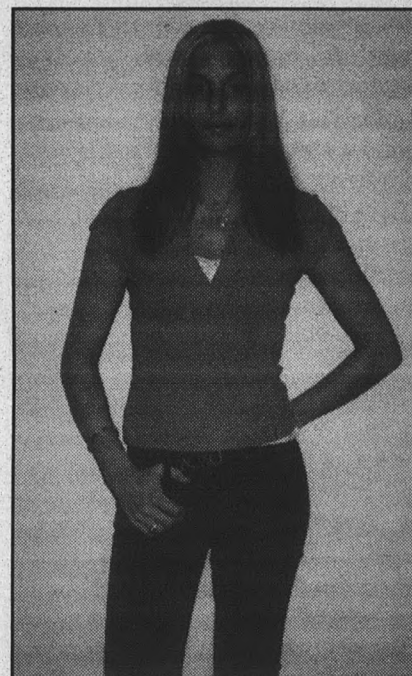
Lazarus began acting when she was 12 years old, and now she is 21 and her experience is increasing as the years and jobs pass.

"I want to be in a comedy with Jim Carey," she said. "He is hysterical".

Lazarus' career started in the Yellow Pages, looking under talent scouts. She found Adele's Kids Corporation.

"I didn't think they were going to call me," she said, but they did. Who wouldn't want a tall, slim, attractive woman in their film or TV show?

Lazarus hasn't worked in over 6 months, and has actually turned



Pamela Lazarus has worked with Jim Carey, Mel Gibson, Rene Russo, and Sarah Jessica Parker.

down some offers due to the fact of school and her full-time job.

"It was a lot easier when I was younger," she said. "I had a lot more

free time and opportunities to work." Now that Lazarus is older and has more responsibilities, her availability is slim. But she's keeping up with it, doing a job here and there, working around her schedule.

"My full-time job is cool with if I have to switch with someone else in order work in a movie or show." As much as she would like to just wait for a call from Adele's Kids and just work like that, she can't.

Many of us have that dream of becoming an actor, and for most it remains a dream, far from reality. But for some lucky and talented people, that dream comes true. Whether it's being at the right place at the right time, knowing somebody to "get you in," or simply being born a performer with that certain look no one else has.

Pamela Lazarus fits under that final category, and you will be seeing her in the movie theaters in years to come. "I'll have a major role in a movie one day," she promised. "You'll see."

Working in a Porn Store is More Than Just F***ing Around

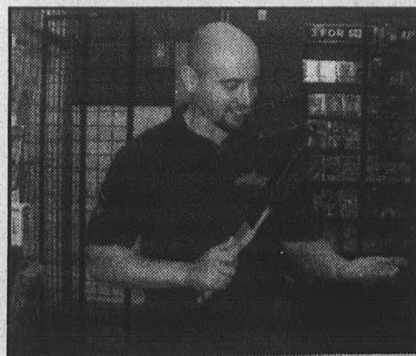
Jaqui Adams

Why not rock the bandanna at work?

"I like to look professional," Joe Fago says with a glint in his eye. Fago works at Nitecap, Staten Island's cleanest dirty store.

From tasty massage lotion and phallic-shaped breath mints, to a large array of videos and DVD's, Nitecap sells everything your naughty inner self desires, all the while being host to an extremely friendly and knowledgeable sales staff, eager to help you with your purchase, every step of the way.

"I didn't know anything about all this stuff before working here," says Fago, referring to the store's large array of toys and trinkets. "But knowing a little bit about the merchandise definitely helps."



"Do you think my job is sleazy?" Fago wonders. "I don't think so. I really do get a sense of satisfaction when I help someone."

Fago has only worked at Nitecap for about a month, but in that short time he has learned not to make judgements. About twenty percent of the clientele are married couples and almost half the customers are women. The ratio from whites to

blacks to Hispanics to Asians is about even. "Whatever the demographics are on Staten Island," Fago says, "that's what we get."

When Fago is not educating himself on the newest shipment of vibrators or re-stocking the shelves in the domination section, he and his co-workers have as much fun as possible.

"We crack jokes on each other," he says, "and every now and then we break one of the DVD's open. How can you not, working in a place like this?" The latest rage among the staff has been the new shipment of cartoon porno "You have to see them," he laughs. "They're hilarious."

With customers, Fago tries to be as personable and accommodating as possible. He tries to talk to everyone and help people find exactly what they are looking for. It comes as a

shock to most people, to be approached by a sales guy in such an environment, says Fago, but most people usually engage in conversation and are accepting of any help or advice that can be offered.

So, working in a porn store, one may think that Joe Fago's great passion in life is pornography. After all, he is a twenty-five year old guy. But that's not the case.

"I don't want to be in the porn industry," Fago insists, although, he has thought about directing, "I mean, how difficult could it really be?" Fago has tried his hand at acting, but appearing on camera is not one of his aspirations in life.

Nitecap, located at 690 Gulf Ave., will play host to adult entertainment queen Gina Lynn on Thursday, October 7.

From the Editor

As I lay staring at a blank page, my cat Dice is beside me falling in and out of sleep and purring softly. "Man, what a life she has" I think to myself, just as she stretches her legs and plops down off the couch, only to fall back to sleep on the floor. Here I remain, trying to write this letter, when all I want to do is snuggle next to Dice. Speaking of snuggling, our Sex Columnist has gone soft on us this issue. Jessica Mendez—usually known for no-holds-barred sex talk—tells of her gentle exploits at a Cuddle Party.

Editor's Note: Whoever heard of a Cuddle Party?

Meanwhile, the rest of us remain in non-Cuddly, cold-hearted CSI, about twelve thousand students scrambling to make something of ourselves. But we are more than just students, we play so many roles outside of the classroom: mothers, fathers, teachers, artists, performers, store clerks, teachers, construction workers, nurses, porn store salesmen (see page 4), and so on. Personally, if I could I would just lounge around all day like my feline friend. Hey, I can dream, right?

In this issue, The Banner tries to spotlight a few fellow students and what their lives are like beyond campus. A tattoo artist with a studio in his basement; an up- and- coming actress who has worked with stars like Mel Gibson, and a porn store employee who only gets satisfaction when a customer is satisfied. And that's just three people. Imagine reading every CSI student's profile? Oh, the stories we would hear. Speaking of interesting classmates, who do YOU want to profile? The Banner is always looking for the next CSI face to exploit. No, really, we want good, in-depth reportage.

While we're on the topic of excellent, in-depth profiles, The Banner also features a question-and-answer session with English, Speech, and World Literature Professor Fahamisha Brown. Brown participated in the Civil Rights movement in the sixties, and met luminaries such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and, more recently, Nelson Mandela. It's stories like Brown's that breaks the myth that Professors have no lives outside school. Who would've thought that they lead interesting lives, too?

To quote that Professor of Perception, Jim Morrison—*people are strange*. Still, you can learn a lot from them. For instance, I learned that while so many people on campus are doing interesting things, here I am planted in front of a computer, wasting my life away. *Just kidding*. But that's what I love about journalism. You get to talk to a variety of characters everyday. Like the cops and the CSI Administration, who may be a little strange in their own way, but who helped me immeasurably in my front-page coverage of the recent violence outside the Campus Center. This might be a good time to say that The Banner condemns all acts of physical violence, on campus and off. We do all our fighting in print. Just take a look at our letters and editorials on the American Democracy Page. Do you have a different opinion? We welcome your submission.

The Banner will continue to bring you profiles of your fellow students and professors in upcoming issues. Professor Mandiberg, the new addition to the communications department, will be profiled by Jessica Mendez. Also, we'll give you a glimpse inside the world of the Chemistry department with a profile of Associate Professor Shuiqin Zhou. We also look forward to the Music Issue, set for October 25th.

What does music mean to you? The Banner would like to publish your own musings about that question, so jot down your answer and stick it under our door on the second floor of the Campus Center, 1C-228.

Now I'm going to sleep.

—Jen Mossrop

Letters to the Editor

Re: The whole first issue of The Banner

Looking through this, I see about two or three articles I would actually read. I'm not interested in comic book conventions, Greg Horn, cookbooks, hockey or wrestling games. When I looked through this issue I just wanted to put it down.

I will excuse you guys because it is the first issue, and you had complications but really, I expect more interesting articles next time.

—Lil Acosta

Editor's response: *If you are not interested in our articles, submit something interesting to us. Thanks!*

Re: Behind Enemy Lines: A Bipartisan Love Story

I have never read the Banner before and didn't know they had such good and fun articles — like this one.

I agree with what Jessica Mendez is saying in the article. You can't stick to the same type all the time. It didn't work out for her this time, but maybe next time it will work out for her.

—Stacey D'Agostino, Senior

Re: Gendered-Skewed Cookbooks Serve Starved Students

I would love to see more reviews of interesting books make it into the Banner.

—Laura Bruij

Re: On The Campaign Trail: Who Are These Guys Anyways?

It is nice to know that The Banner is helping to inform students who the candidates are, what the issues are, and what we can expect in the near future. The article was in-depth and well-written. Good job.

—Jorge A. Cotto, Jr., Senior

Re: Hey Matthew Take a Stand!

How proud could you really be if you wear a disgusting "un-American" shirt?! You are blind and sound like an idiot. I say liberals are pussies. I say war is great. I say Michael Moore doesn't know shit. I say that all the protesters should have been beaten down. I think most protesters are rich, white yuppies who listen to Hollywood. Bush all the way; we will conquer terrorism. Stop bashing America. They pay your bills, you go

to their schools, and the US military dies for you. So become a man of tolerance—and live in France.

—Joseph Fago

Re: Look Forward to New Video Hockey and Wrestling This Fall

I have read other college publications and found nothing of interest, but being an avid video game fanatic, I found this article to be incisive. I also thought the games you decided to pick, NHL 2005 and WWE: Day of Reckoning, were well chosen because RPG games rock!!!

—John Ieraci

Re: 6S Water Fountains Off Limits

I have just read this article and quite frankly I'm a little nauseated! If CSI water "is not good, even to wash a car," shouldn't something be done immediately? There should be a sign in front of every fountain.

—Thomas Lanza, Junior

Thank you for publishing such a helpful article. I am always drinking the water from water fountains at CSI, and I was never aware of the health risks.

—Susanne Grigoli, Senior

Re: WSIA Search Continues

I was very interested to read about the problem that WSIA is having finding a General Manager. I would think that this issue would be highly publicized throughout the school, but this is the first time I have heard about it. Hopefully, with support from The Banner, WSIA will be able to find someone suitable this year. And by the way, great job to the WSIA staff, who have been able to keep the station running.

—Jaqui Adams, Senior

I like the way your article brought to light the search for a GM. Something is definitely not adding up.

—Carla Rengifo

Re: Top Ten Facts Every Freshman Should Know About CSI

Oh how I wish I had read this way back when I was a freshman! I recall being very confused and scared of this big campus and its various buildings, offices and classrooms.

—Janine LeChillgrien, Senior

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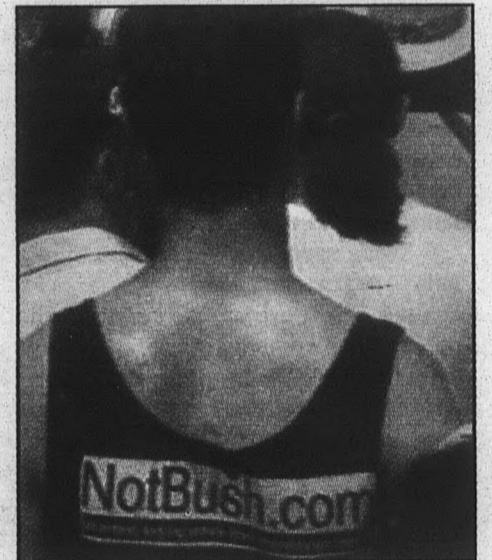
On August 29, more than 250,000 protesters marched up 7th Ave in a show of solidarity against President Bush and the RNC. Not one for missing such opportunities, I decided to capture the day on film, never expecting to get caught up in the madness.

A photo essay by Mellissa Seecharan



Who knew capitalism and anti-Bush protesters went hand in hand? Many vendors took advantage of the day's events by setting up tables filled with buttons, jewelry, and shirts bearing humorous messages and images. The vendor pictured here holds up a t-shirt with an image of a devil-like George Bush urinating oil on the world. Got to love those wacky liberals.

Political website advertisements were every where. Whether the sites advertised had anything at all to do with politics, this was one of the classic and more simplistic ways of advertising an anti-Bush website—a bumper sticker on a wifebeater. The person in this photo may not be MacGuyver, but he gets an A for trying.



Groups came from four corners of the earth to take part in the "festivities" in Union Square. To get their messages heard—or in these cases, seen—protesters created clever and odd ways of taking shots at the Bush administration. The picture on the left shows people meditating, while the group on the left performs a puppet show that looked like a cheap rip-off of Genesis' "Land of Confusion" video. (Note for freshmen: Genesis was Phil Collins's band, big way back in the 1980's).



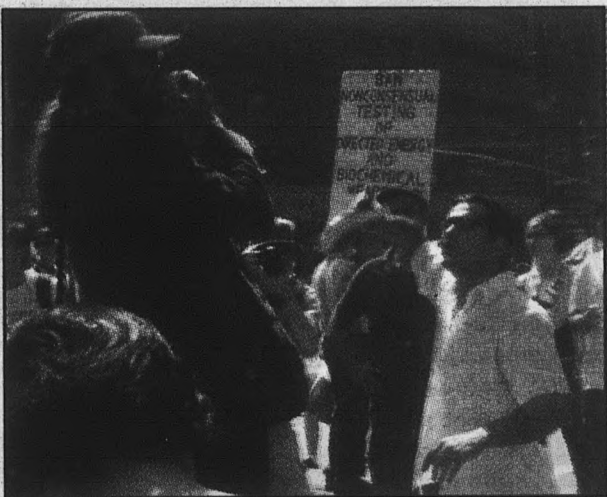
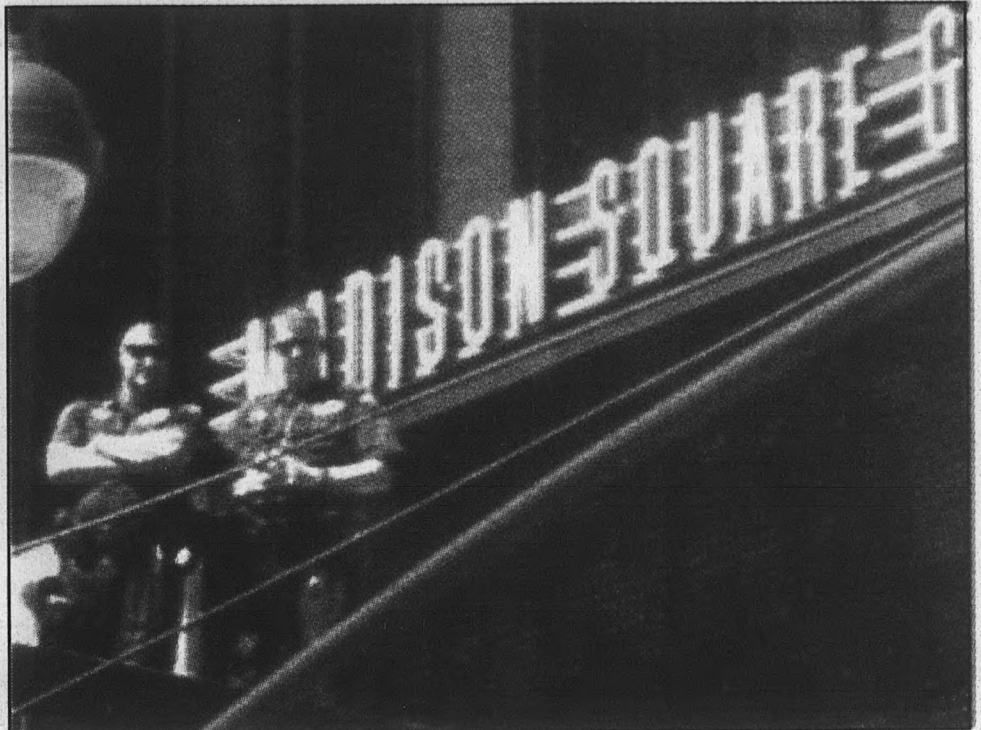
Want to know how to get attention? Hold an oversized banner with a witty message. Were the messages in these two photos witty? No. So why all the attention? Take a close look at the picture above. Notice the swastika in place of the "s." Lame and uncalled for. The picture below is of the group, "Pink Slips for Bush," who were known for passing out pink slips during the convention. That's a lot of pink.





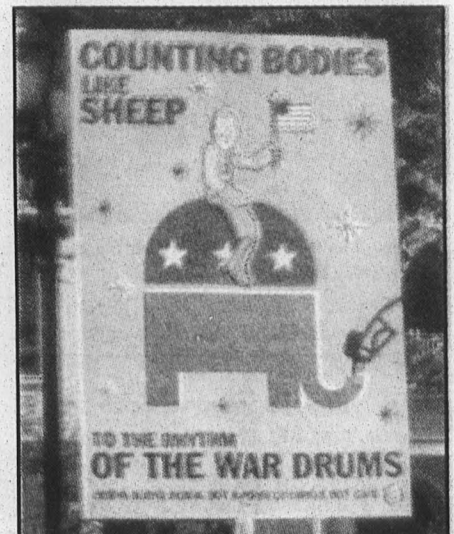
Look at these capitalistic pigs! The irony of the group, "Billionaires for Bush," would make anyone chuckle. Walking the protest route on stilts and donning Uncle Sam costumes with pig masks, these guys were the object of a fairly large amount of attention both from media and protesters.

Along the route, police presence wasn't really felt until the vicinity of Madison Square Garden. Here, two of New York City's finest keep watch over the crowd from atop MSG. Though they might appear to be posing, they were actually trying to intimidate anyone taking pictures of the building. Alas, they need to work on that.



What's more entertaining than two people arguing? Watching a conservative and a liberal shout inanely at each other to the point they draw curious protesters and tourists, both with cameras in hand. It's obvious which side the clean cut, collared shirt, thick framed glasses wearing guy and the long haired, visor wearing, megaphone holding guy represent. The whole argument, however, did appear to be a bit contrived.

There wasn't a direction you looked in and didn't see some kind of sign with a message scrolled across, whether it made sense or not. Some people probably were high when they made their signs, but no one's holding it against them since they created some good laugh-out-loud moments. Sadly, the "Communists for Kerry" and "Support President Bush, Trust Jesus" signs weren't jokes, but at least these people will be voting come November 2 for candidates they believe in. The battle between Bush and Kerry, Republicans and Democrats, fanatics and moderates didn't end with the Democratic and Republican conventions. It is currently in its most crucial days. So, when Election Day rolls around, give a damn and vote so you can have the right to complain during the next 4 years.



Life... Love... & Cuddle?

Jessica Mendez

The floor was covered in a melange of limbs and free-spirited loving.

"This is like *Caligula* without the sex," quipped the handsome, muscular Rock as he spooned me, eliciting chuckles from the mellow crowd. Garrett, a smooth mocha brother, gently rubbed my calf while getting a back massage from a partygoer. Meanwhile, a willowy goddess of a woman briefly kissed Rock as she languorously caressed my face, then my arms and side. A Cuddle party, I thought, might just be the closest thing to heaven on earth.

I first heard of Cuddle Parties from my IM buddy Don Chulo. I was stressed, work was hell on a stick, and I was feeling isolated and sad, with the world rushing by faster than I could run. All I could do to neither quit my job on the spot nor burst into tears was to lament, "I need a hug."

Don Chulo's next IM read, "Let the friendly people at Cuddle Party help you out," with a tempting link, www.cuddleparty.com, glowing blue underneath. Too curious to ignore, I clicked. After deftly perusing the site and finally being convinced that this was not a joke, I began to warm to the idea. Cuddle parties are nonsexual events (no, really!) that give hug-starved people a safe place to connect, lounge in comfy jammies, and engage in all things affectionate.

Hugging is so underrated in our "gimme gimme," "all-or-nothing" society. Sex is great, but is it the obvious next step? REID Mihalko, Cuddle Party creator, says no. Cuddle parties aren't the place for immature people

looking for a quick feel.

REID's mission is to introduce the concept of "welcome touch," that is, spooning, cuddling, hugging, hair toasting, even—kissing? Yes, kissing and nuzzling are allowed, but it's not getting any hotter than that, folks. The pajamas are more flannel than frill, and they stay on the entire time (my accidental breast flash caused by a momentary skew of my halter top doesn't count, okay? Right, moving on....)

Rule number 7, which is posted on the website, printed on Cuddle Swag, and graces the door of REID's bathroom, clearly states NO DRY HUMPING! And, to avoid "drowning in a sea of sexual energy," as REID so eloquently

explore (and revel?) in what may or may not be false intimacy.

"Ready to cuddle?" Superman asked. OK, so it was actually REID in a Superman tee and Operation PJ pants, with a wide, pearly grin crossing his handsome, angular face. If anyone can convince someone that cuddling was a good idea, it's Mihalko. His charm and enthusiasm assured me that this party wasn't even a choice—it was a necessity.

REID's Upper East Side apartment is small and cozy. The cuddle monsters were noshing on bagel slices slathered with Nutella. After I changed into my red polka dot PJ pants and the cursed halter, I sipped out of a giant hunter green mug and began chatting with

want to spoon with me, darling?" The yes spilled from my lips as if it had been born on them that day.

The party was a mix of massages, giggles, mellow music and great conversation. For three hours, I finally felt what it was like to just stop and relax. I was tempted to ask for a kiss from Rock, but for once, I didn't want things to progress to the next level. I needed to know what it felt like for this exchange of caresses to be enough. And, for once, it was.

Some, like Don Chulo, assert that cuddle parties are merely instances of false intimacy, but I must disagree. The space is so conducive to intimacy that it becomes easy to get in touch with that deeply hidden part of yourself that needs to remember what it feels like to be a kid, unencumbered by gender roles, responsibilities, and social "norms." Heaven, indeed.

REID and Marcia brought us out of our transcendental state slowly, and we complied reluctantly. When I left the party, some new friends made and numbers in hand, the sun shone brightly on my face, and a breeze caressed my back, ghosts of the hands that had come before. I wanted to stop, to linger in that spot, but the world chose to run ahead, and I strode to catch up. But it won't be too much longer until I stop once again and let time melt around me. Who needs a hug?

For more info, go to www.cuddleparty.com

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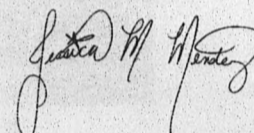
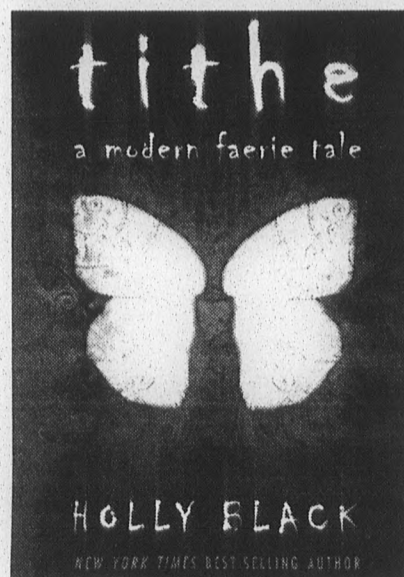
metaphors, everyone chooses a cuddle buddy when REID strikes the chime signaling an overload of sexual energy (yes, I'm serious). REID's partner in cuddling, the Cherubic, curly platinum-haired Marcia Baczynski, a relationship and communication coach, writer and sex educator, is also immersed in the group, ensuring that everyone's emotional needs are met and everyone feels safe.

I nearly lost my nerve and had to force my feet to not run back to the station. I knew that, in order to even touch someone, I would have to ask permission and receive a verbal yes. The thought of asking some random stranger, "May I cuddle you?" was mortifying. But I pressed on, eager to

some fellow partygoers. REID let us in on a secret: he was just as antsy as the rest of us.

"Every time I do this, I'm like a seventh grader," he revealed. "I sit here thinking, 'No one's going to my party!'" Once we had the welcome circle and introduced ourselves, REID and Marcia went through the rules and had the group engage in some icebreakers. By the time the cuddling commenced, everyone was pretty much at ease, falling into each other, surrendering to relaxation.

I looked around; the words "Wanna cuddle?" stuck in my throat. Luckily, Rock glanced up at me from his leisurely position on the quilted floor and silkily said, "Jessa, do you

Tithe: A Modern Faerie Tale; by Holly Black; 336 pages; Simon Pulse, April 2004

Jessica Mendez

Faeries are supposed to be delicate, fragile, and full of benevolent magic, or so the stereotypes would have you believe. For those of us who like our fantasies dark and dangerous, Holly

Fierce Faeries: Welcome to Holly Black's Dangerous World

Black is definitely a must-read. *Tithe: A Modern Faerie Tale* is a novel that takes the conventions of what faeries have come to be in folklore and incorporates darker elements that Disney never dared to touch.

Tithe centers around 16-year-old Kaye Fierch, a teen travelling with her wannabe rock star mom Ellen, front woman of the band "Sweet Pussy."

When Ellen's rocker boyfriend Lloyd attacks her, Kaye and Ellen return to industrial New Jersey to live with Kaye's grandmother. There, Kaye hangs out with the flamboyant Janet, her trailer trash best buddy, and searches for the faeries that were once her childhood friends. Unwittingly, she stumbles into an ongoing war between two faerie courts, the Seelle and the Unseelle.

Tithe is more than a faerie tale. It is a novel that explores the themes of identity. There's Kaye, struggling to decide whether or not the nomad life

is for her, along with discovering her own power as a woman. When realizing her power over one boy in particular. "She wanted to control him. He was every arrogant boyfriend that had treated her mother badly. Her was every boy who told her she was too freaky, who had laughed at her, or just wanted her to shut up and

characters are well developed, and the evolving relationship between Kaye and Roiben, a sensual, dark fey knight, is filled with enough conflicting emotion and heat to keep it interesting. The imagery is succulent, such as a Queen's laugh "[rising] up out of her throat like crows going to wing."

This is an unconventional fantasy

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make out." Meanwhile, Janet's brother Corny has just come out of the closet by, interestingly enough, using a clever Star Trek reference.

Black delves into issues of pleasure and pain, using enchantment as a metaphor for vulnerability. The metaphors in this novel are subtle, clever, and effective. The central

novel and a fast read that's a cure for Lord of the Rings overload. A new generation of faerie enthusiasts and literature buffs will appreciate the gothic tones of Black's haunting new world. Anyone who can turn the Jersey shore into a battleground for faeries and humanity has truly performed some magic of her own.

Madden NFL vs. ESPN Football: Which One Will You Tackle?

Dominic Fiduccia

Football season is well under way, and of course that means new football games to go with the 2004 season of the National Football League. There are two great choices to choose from: classic Madden NFL 2005 from EA Sports, or this year's contender for the throne of must-have football games, ESPN Football from Sega.

So which is better: Madden or ESPN?

This year's edition of Madden's all about the defense. It's the biggest change to the game because for the most part it's been the game's weakest aspect. That's all changed with this year's Madden as the defense is largely improved and is now on a par with the game's offense.

There is a new mode added for the defense called the "hit stick." When playing defense, tapping the control stick in the direction of your opponent will give him one hard hit. You'll be able to shove him or knock the ball from your opponent. This can result in getting the opposing team to commit fumbles and drop passes. Although you must remember that you'll have to do it right, because if you miss the tackle the offense of the opposing team will be able to move

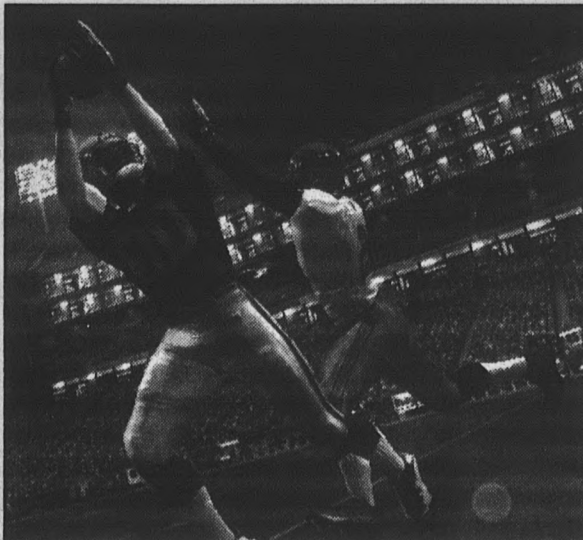
down the field.

Sadly, with so much of the game's energy put into the defense, this year the offense is largely unchanged from last year. The upside is though those who played last year's

game will be able to understand how to play from the start. Still, Madden is the standard for football games for more than a decade now. It has the best graphics, offensive gameplay—and now defensive gameplay.

Which brings us to the contender from the worldwide leader of sports; ESPN has entered the world of video games with ESPN Football.

One of the most impressive modes in the game is the franchise mode, which enables you to have the power of a general manager who can sign and trade players, but if that is



After seven months without football, watching it won't be enough. Check out Madden NFL 2005 and ESPN Football.

too much to deal with, the games computer will take over.

There is a virtual e-mail system that allows you to quickly see what's new in the league and with your team. You'll get e-mails, with feedback,

from the team owner about impressive wins or disappointing losses and injury reports from team doctors who let you know how long injured players will be out. You'll also get inside information on your opposing team for upcoming games.

There is also a place called, "The Crib" which serves as a showcase for all of the bonus items and awards you will win by completing specific objectives. The objectives range from simple accomplishments, like

looking at certain things in the game's menu, such as how many hours you played the game, to big play accomplishments, like returning a punt or kick or completing a game without the other team scoring any points.

There is a feature in the game called the first-person football which allows you to play the game from the point of view of the player instead of the usual third person view. It's fun and different, but for those who find the first person view gameplay hard or frustrating—don't play it.

While Madden is more realistic, ESPN relies more on having fun; plus, for those who don't want to spend much on video games, guess what? ESPN Football is only \$19.99. The real downside with ESPN Football is that it is only for Playstation 2 and Xbox, completely ignoring Nintendo GameCube owners.

Madden is for all three systems. And Madden still is, overall, a better game. But you still can't deny the fun you'll have playing ESPN Football, and isn't having fun what video games are all about?

FAHAMISHA BROWN
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Poetry classes.

Q. Have you written anything yourself?

A. I wrote a book called *Performing the Word—African American Poetry as a Vernacular Culture*. It discusses the relationship between poetry written and folk practices and language use. I have written biographies of authors, and critical pieces. I am also put together an anthology of poems as a tribute to Gwendolyn Brooks. Right now I'm working on a study of Black Women Poets.

Q. What was life like during the civil rights movement?

A. I grew up in a predominantly black environment up until high school. I was one of twelve. Ever since then I've been a minority. I was part of the integration generation. The Archdiocese at the time was integrating schools. This all gave me a strange sense of the world. I learned that white people were diverse. Many of the kids I went to school with were children of immigrants and were bilingual.

When I became homeroom and freshman president, I had to learn to pronounce all the names. I was on the Catholic Interracial Council. There was an idea that the black people should open their doors to white people. My mother wouldn't allow that, but I went with my class to a man's house and he showed videos of his daughter's graduation. The camera astonishes everyone. Blacks and whites are really the same. I wasn't eager to participate in the demonstrations and whatnot. I did not want to be on the receiving end of the spitting and the rocks. However my friends were part of SNIC, and went on freedom rides. I was part of "The Town Criers." We were freedom singers and gave concerts to raise money. I was more of a witness to history than a participant. I met

Martin Luther King Junior, Malcolm X, and Nelson Mandela.

Q. You were coming up for tenure in Tennessee, why did you leave?

A. I left because I didn't want to live there anymore. I wanted a different life. I'm coming up for tenure at CSI, but now I think that I'm approaching the end of my working days. When I retire I'll probably read more, I will keep traveling, I'll write and maybe I'll teach occasionally. A perfect day for me would be not doing anything that I don't want to do.

Q. Have any of your ancestors been in slavery?

A. My family originated here because of slavery. My great grandmother was born into slavery. Her older siblings experienced more of it. She always heard stories from her mother. The parents of my father's parents were slaves.

Q. Is there something you regret doing in your life? Is there something that you would have liked to do?

A. I don't look back. I can't regret because everything that has happened made me who I am, and I like who I am. I would have liked to learn and speak another language. I spoke Swahili for a time.

Q. Has there been anyone in your life that has influenced you?

A. All of the women in my family have influenced me. There was one woman I worked with that influenced me. She was the only Black woman with a college degree. We both liked clothes and she was my first adult friend. She was super confident and was my role model.

Q. What are your thoughts about CSI?

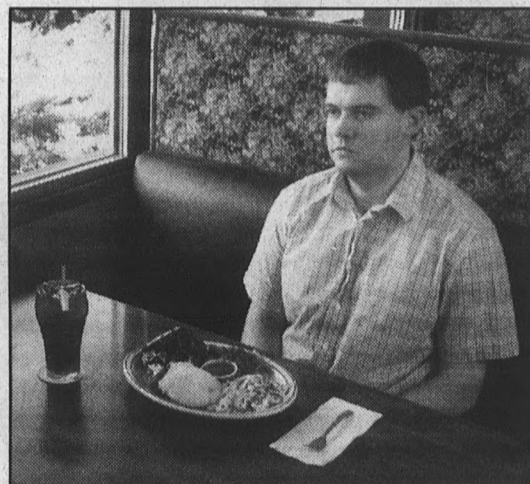
A. I applied to work here because I like teaching urban students. I can relate to them. I'm sorry that most students don't take advantage of college life. They come for the wrong reasons. I look forward to interested students.

Q. Do you have any advice for living?

A. I'm a firm believer in the rule that says: what you put out, you get back.

Area college student dating self

THINGS ARE REALLY STARTING TO HEAT UP



Eric Peterson, top, has one of many romantic dinners with himself at their favorite restaurant.

By LISA CHENEY

Local college student Eric Peterson recently announced that he's entered a committed relationship—with himself. Peterson vehemently denied rumors that the two were dating other people. "We're totally committed to each other. We've never been happier." When asked what prompted the campus heartthrob to take himself off the market, he chalked it up in large part to his current financial situation, claiming that monthly fees from his checking account were making it too expensive for him to date around. "It was partly a cost-effective decision on my part, but it's been really nice for us to spend more time together." Peterson was apparently unaware of Free Checking from Washington Mutual. It's an account with no monthly fees and the option to add Deluxe services like free online bill pay. And he could have gotten Free Checking just by visiting a Washington Mutual Financial Center, then signed up for online bill pay at wamu.com. "Dang," said Peterson, "if I had known about Free Checking Deluxe, my current dating situation would be different. I probably wouldn't have settled down with someone so soon."

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COMICS

The Beacon

Written and Drawn by Enrique Inocente

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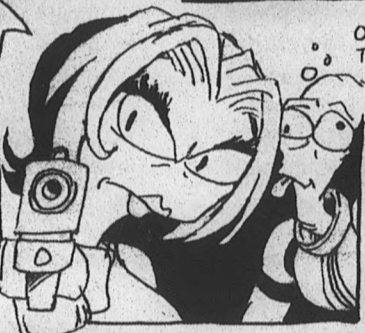
OH NO! YOU ARE NOT TRYING TO KICK IT TO THAT ALIEN! YOU SO NASTY!

SHE'LL LOOK HUMAN ENOUGH WITH A BAG OVER HER HEAD. WHAT'S WRONG, LEESA? JEALOUS I'D GET WITH AN ALIEN BEFORE I'D EVER GET WITH YOU.



WHOOPS, GET OVER YO'SELF. YOU AIN'T ALL THAT AN' A BAG OF FUNYUNS. I'M JES SAYIN'.

DROP THE SWEET TALK, LOVE BIRDS. I'M HERE TO RESCUE YOU. ME AND MAHONE HERE ARE DOUBLE AGENTS WORKING FOR THE ARCADIAN PARLIAMENT. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PREVENT THE ASSASSINATION OF CARROT TOP TO AVOID INTERSTELLAR WAR.

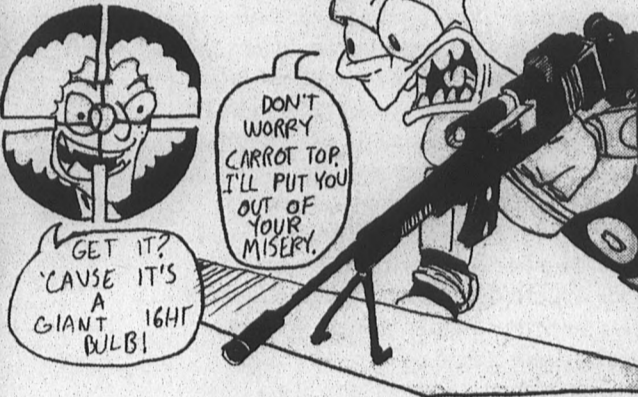


OKAY, SO FAR WE'VE HAD A TOXIC WASTE COVER UP, THE LUSTY LADY, AN ALIEN CONSPIRACY, CARROT TOP, DOUBLE AGENTS... HAS ANYTHING IN THIS COMIC STRIP MADE ANY SENSE UP TO NOW?



THAT'S WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU TRY TO SQUEEZE ASININE POLITICAL SATIRE IN A BI-WEEKLY STUDENT RUN NEWSPAPER

FOCUS! THERE'S NO TIME TO ARGUE ABOUT THE SPOTTY PLOT! CARROT TOP IS APPEARING TONIGHT ON CAMPUS WHERE HE'LL BE ASSASSINATED. SHUPA AND NAILGA WILL BE THERE. THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO EXPOSE THEM TO THE WORLD.



GET IT? 'CAUSE IT'S A GIANT LIGHT BULB!

DON'T WORRY CARROT TOP. I'LL PUT YOU OUT OF YOUR MISERY.

LAFF QUICKIE

An Enrique Ignacio Inocente Joint

I'M HEART BROKEN. MY HUSBAND LEFT ME FOR ANOTHER MAN. SOMEHOW I KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN THE FIRST TIME I MET HIM. WHERE'D YOU MEET HIM?



AT A GAY BAR.



CRAZY LITTLE SPACE MONKEYS

WHAT THE HELL DO YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T KILL ANYONE?

THAT'S WHAT YOU MONKEY. BOTS WERE MADE FOR!



AND NEXT TIME I CATCH YOU HUNKS OF JUNK NOT KILLING ANYONE, I'M GONNA SCRAP YOU! GOT IT?

GOT IT.

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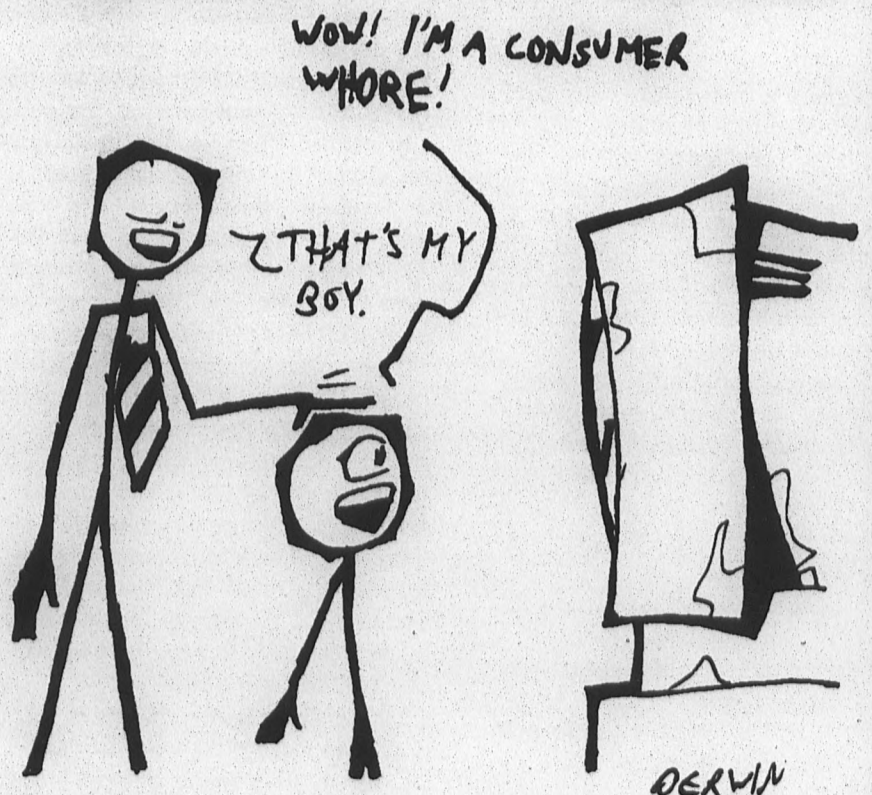
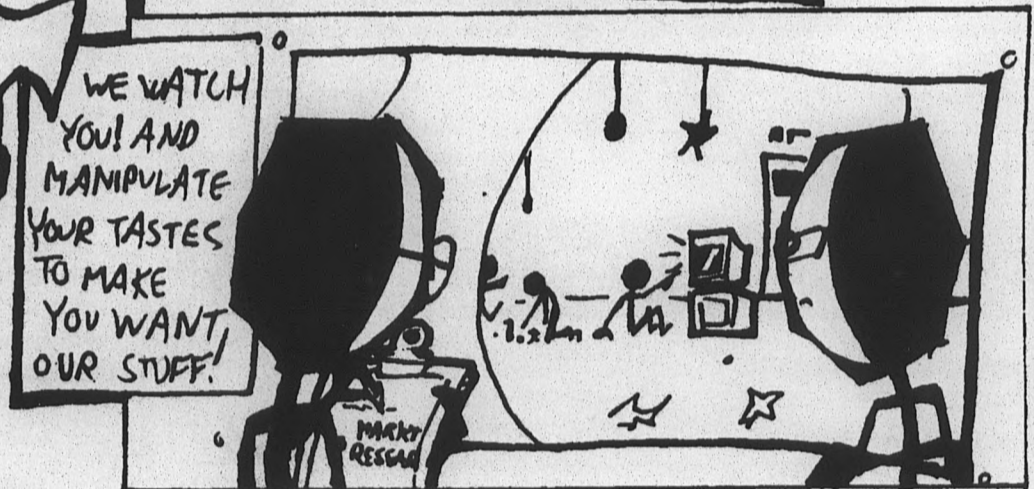
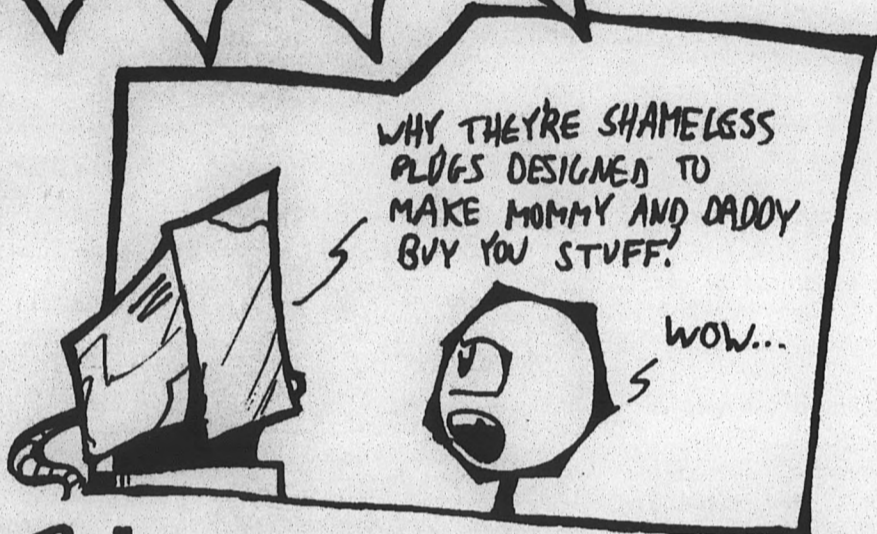
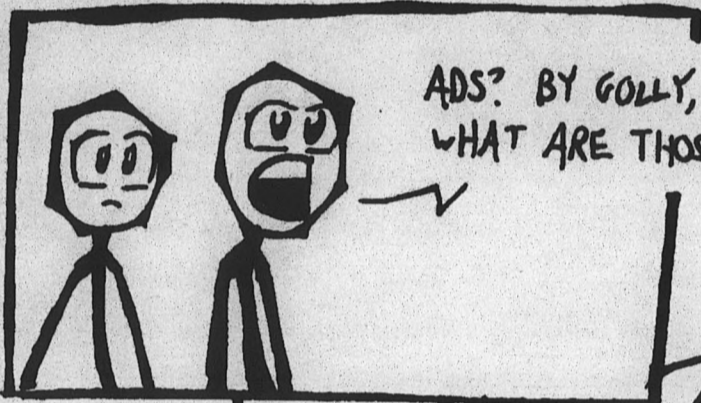
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New "Field Turf" Soccer Field Ready in October For Men's and Women's Season

Dominic Fiduccia

CSI has been in need of a new soccer field for a long time.

Well, it has finally happened—new field is being installed. The new field will have a special kind of artificial turf known as "Field Turf." Although the new field is going to be artificial, it will still have the look and feel of grass. The turf has been used on playing fields for both college and pro stadiums.

"I think it's about time CSI stepped up and took a greater interest in its athletic facilities," said Diana Illuzzi, Senior.

The biggest problem with the old field was maintenance. When it rained, the field would become soaked, making it almost unplayable. The new field won't have this problem. It will have a state-of-the-art drainage system that will dry itself out of the field when it becomes drenched by rain.

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For those who were wondering if

any of this year's CSI's home soccer games will be affected in any way, the answer to that question is not at all. The original field will continue to be used for this year's games.

The new field will be ready by the October 16, Men's Soccer game against the Brooklyn College Bridges. If it is not ready by this date, it is expected to be ready for this year's CUNY Soccer tournament, which begins on October 27, and will be held at CSI.

The new field comes at an

opportune time, now that CSI is supporting two soccer teams (the Women's team made their debut this semester). CSI has been trying to get a new field for years, but has been unable to have money approved that would be necessary for the soccer field. With Councilman Oddo's help, the new field finally was approved last year.

Now, with this new sports field soon to be ready CSI can be proud of finally having the soccer field that they had always needed.

Lady Dolphins Serve Polytechnic

Marcel San dougout

The lady Dolphins started the tennis season on the right track by winning their opening game against Polytechnic, 9-0 on Wednesday the 15th.

"It's nice to open with a win," said Dolphins coach Bill Mueller.

Led by their number one player, Geraldine Thomas, the Dolphins swept Polytechnic, allowing only a total of six games to their opponents. Thomas easily beat Palmer, 6-2, 6-2, and at number two seed, Yncino won against Holder, 6-0, 6-2.

At number three and four seeds, Lauria and Chesnokova respectively beat O'Neil and Faroul with identical scores, 6-0, 6-0. At number five and six, CSI's Borzymowski and Saez won by forfeit because Polytechnic missed two players.

"It's good to win," Borzymowski said, "but not like that." Saez was also ready to play. However she would have to wait for their next match. "I run a lot of miles to get ready," she said, "but I still need to practice."

CSI's tennis team has received a makeover, with only one player returning from last year, Richie May

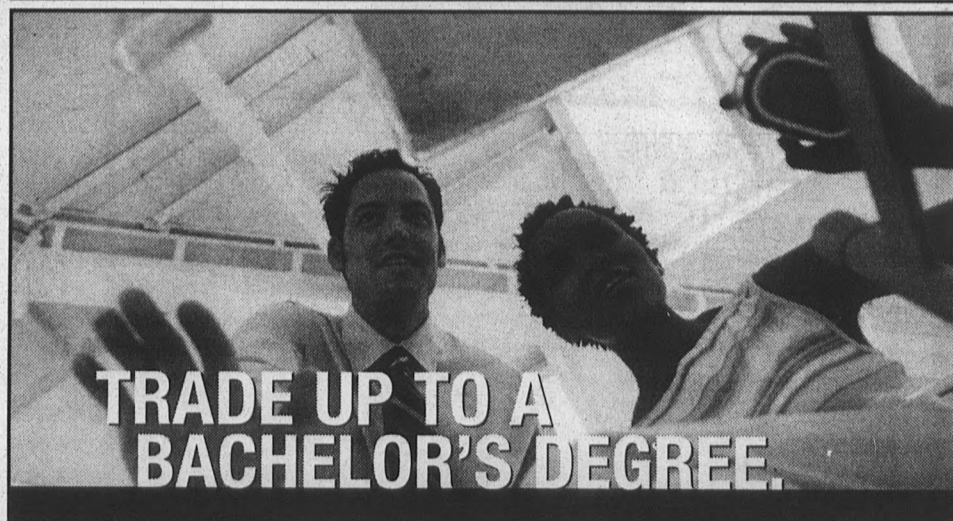
Yncino, who is the current number two seed.

"It feels good to be back," she said. Indeed, the coaching staff and the players are new members of the Dolphins. Bill Mueller was first hired as assistant coach. However, he became coach when Bruce Knittle resigned a few weeks before the season starts. "This is my first time coaching," he said, "I'm still a student of the game." It might be his first time coaching a tennis team, but Bill Mueller is a certified tennis instructor, who works for the USPTR, and has been a tennis instructor for ten years.

In order to make his job easier, Mueller can count on his assistant coach, Michael Padmora. Padmora is always available when the girls need to practice or advises. Both coaches have brought a brand new style to this team. The girls practice regularly, and play hard in a pretty relaxed atmosphere. Currently, the team is pretty confident and the players feel like they can win it all.

"We've been practicing a lot," Saez said, "the team looks ok."

Her feeling was echoed by her coach. "I'm optimistic," Mueller said, "we've been working hard in practice."



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