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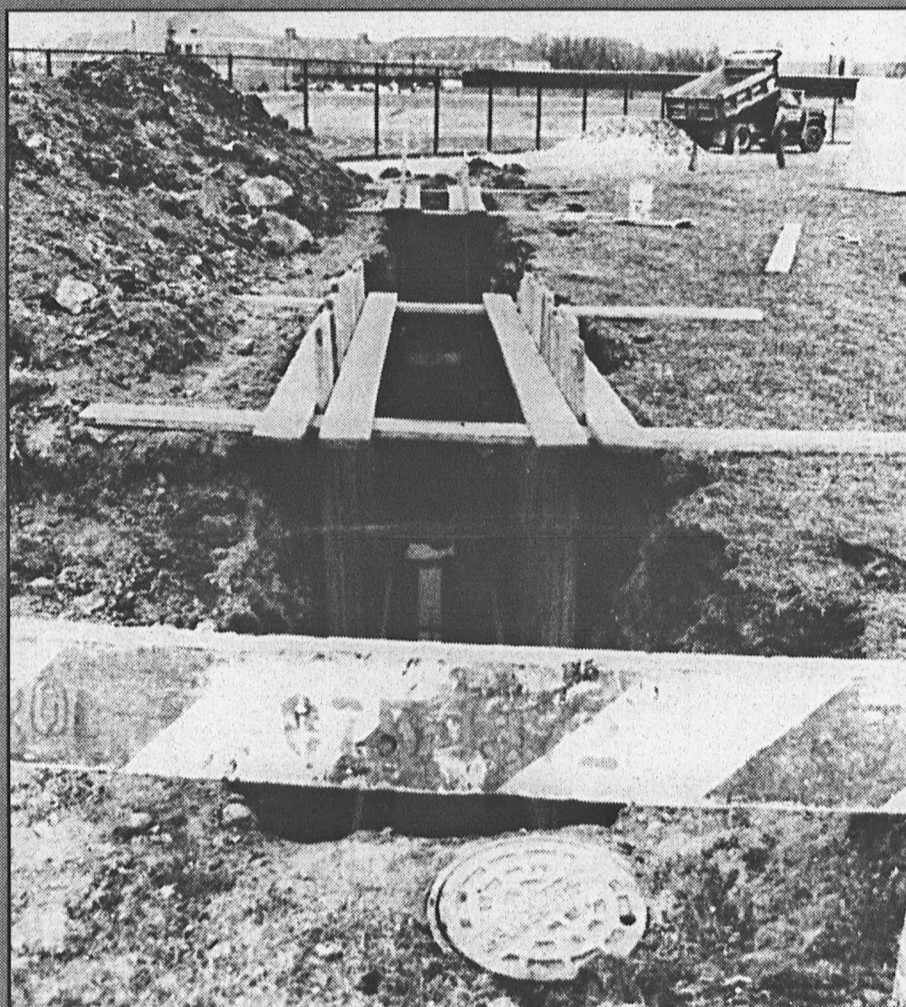
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CSI Baseball Field Out of Commission Again

By Laura N. Allen

For the second year in a row, the campus baseball field has been out of commission. Last year, there was a problem with drainage. And now the new problem with The College of Staten Island's baseball field was it was submerged with sewage. There are sewage pipes located under the field that are for buildings 1A, 2A, 3A, and the Staten Island Developmental Center. The submergence was caused by a boulder sitting on top of the pipe; the boulder eventually broke through the pipe, breaking it and creating a hole which the waste seeped through.

Not only was there a hole, but some of the surrounding pipes were cracked. Approximately one hundred fifty-five feet of pipe has to be replaced. Mr. Eugene Marshall, the Athletic Director at the College of Staten Island, stressed the fact the school is doing everything in its power to right this problem immediately. He also said Vice President of Student Affairs Carol Jackson and Vice President Academic Affairs Marilla Afron are key players in getting the situation fixed.

Vice President Jackson said it was actually Vice President of Finance and Administration John Hudacs who played the key role in getting everything arranged. When Vice President Hudacs was reached for information and comments, he was extremely cooperative. He said the soil on the baseball field must be tested, and if all is not well, it will be replaced. In addition, the manhole located underground on the field behind home plate is going to be moved off of the field. *The Banner* asked Hudacs how long it will take for the field to be repaired. He said, "Two weeks for the pipe to fix and for the

manhole to be relocated".

When the problem was discovered, a surveyor was brought in to video tape the inside of the pipes. After that, the college had to find the lowest bidding contractor who met the specifications. The Matthew Ruggiero Plumbing Company of Brooklyn was picked to do the job because they offered the lowest bid.

Vice President Hudacs also mentioned there has been a moisture problem on the field before. It seems the soil in that area doesn't absorb the rain water properly, so the field winds up with big mud puddles. Mr. Marshall also mentioned problems with this area previously. He believes it is the fault of the people who built the field.

While the problem is being rectified, the team will be practicing on the softball field, which is smaller than the regular baseball field. It is hopeful for them to be able to use the field at Clove Lakes, and something is in the works with Wagner College. It seems the baseball team had quite a few home games which now has to be played away.

The Banner had the chance to speak with Mr. Marshall about the problem with the Ball field he said, "I would probably say the field is gone for the session, but there is a slight chance that it may be playable by the end of the session," he also went on to say, "the team and the coaching staff has been fantastic, their just playing these games on the road and not complaining, in that aspect they make me proud." Mr. Marshall ended this interview by saying, "I think the college is doing what they have to do and I feel that they are taking some unnecessary heat. It not there fault, but the contractors."

CUNY Students Rally to Stop Budget Cuts and Tuition Hikes

by Liz Levy

About 400 CUNY students and faculty gathered yesterday in front of City Hall to voice their opposition to the city's proposed financial aid cuts and \$400 tuition increase. Many student government organizations were represented.

Along with a tuition increase which would bring each semester's tuition to \$3,600, Governor Pataki's proposed budget will reduce the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) by \$172 million, according to C.C.N.Y. Student Government Association.

Pataki's plan is for half of Pell awards to go directly toward tuition instead of living expenses, counting against recipients in determining their Tap awards. TAP for graduate students and independent students making more than \$10,000 a year will be completely eliminated in the governor's budget, which also cuts another \$56.9 million in state support from CUNY's operating budget.

Students voiced other concerns about, the demise of open admissions, faculty layoffs, the jeopardy of ethnic and remedial studies, the lack of funding for child care, and the problems with Workfare.

Workfare, a Public Assistance program for those on Welfare, requires a Work Experience Program (WEP) that assigns recipients to jobs to pay off their monthly checks. However, students are being asked to work in parks and sanitation, according to the Student Liberation Action Movement! (SLAM!).

Refusing these positions, which, students say, provide no training or skills applicable to their education means a loss of public assistance. According to SLAM!, the program prevents students from getting the education they need to get off welfare.

"I am a victim of Workfare," said Jannet, an upper-freshman at Baruch University. "I had to reduce to a two-year degree because they will no longer pay for four years. For this I receive \$143 every two weeks for my living expenses. Education is my right and I want more for my son's future." Her son Marcus, six, stood at her side with a sign "Workfare is Unfair."

More than 10% of the students, about 20,000, at CUNY receive Public Assistance, most being single parents.

Yamile Mendez, a senior and President of Student Government at Hostos Community College, spoke on behalf of Latino students who are "entitled to an education and a chance to be someone," says Ms. Mendez.

"I need only three more classes to graduate, nine more credits. If this budget goes through I may not be able to register for next semester," says Ms. Mendez. "I am a Computer Science major. I really like what I'm doing and want to finish with a degree."

Sumair Hammed, with SLAM! also spoke. "They have the money. Why do they have to hit the students?"

The rally ended with the members of SLAM! announcing that the protest was not over. Their "Day of Outrage" continued at the City College Shanty Town until midnight.

CSI Pride Day

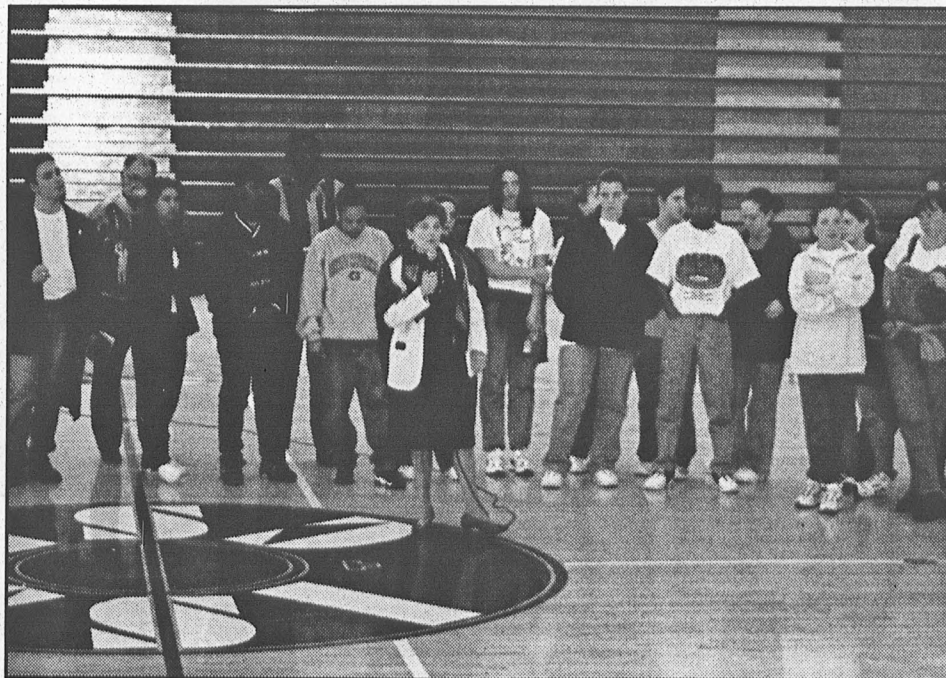
By Luis F. Cruzatte

CSI had a Pride Rally at the 1R building on April 2nd. Many students had a chance to express their feelings, and tell how they felt proud of being part of the only public college on Staten Island.

The Regency band which was an acappella that was sponsored by Program Development Committee (PDC) was on display for the most of the time; raising student's energy and motivation. They played several songs from oldies to hip hop. Student senator and member of PDC, Tina Jefferson said to all who attended, "I just feel proud of being a student at CSI, this college has facilities you would not find at any other place." Student Government President Joe Canale was also present to speak to the crowd. He asked all student leaders to stand up when they were called. He then said to everyone, "These are your Student leaders, and we all should be proud of it, they represent the pride of CSI."

Another student, Kellyanne Biesty, president of Delta Delta Greek Club shared her experiences at the college. Mrs. Biesty went on to comment, "When I came the first time to CSI, I only attended my classes and left. Now I am involved in several programs at the college and

feel very proud of it." She added, "I will encourage others students to do the same because is a good way to make friends and get to know your own school."



Administrators and College Staff were present at the event. Marla Brinson, newly hired Director of Student Life said in a brief speech, "I started working here at CSI just a few days ago, and I'm feeling proud of this college already."

College President Dr. Marlene Springer and Vice President of Student Affairs, Carol Jackson reached the students with words of confidence and support. Dr. Springer mentioned the women's basketball team as an example of pride for CSI students. The team went undefeated and won the CUNY Championship.

Staff member Carol Brower, Peer Drop Coordinator, and Acting Assistant Director, Mike Silva, were the organizers of this event, with the co-sponsorship of PDC who supplied the musical entertainment. In an interview with *The Banner*, Mrs. Brower commented "We worked hard for this event, but I think it was fun and I had a great time." She also thanked Eugene Marshall, Director of Athletics Department for his cooperation in making this event happened. Letters were mailed to all Student Leaders telling them about this event and also about the Free Pride T-Shirts, that were given to the first two hundred students arriving at the rally, they also obtained CLUE credit for their attendance to the event by filling out an information card. It was a good first step for the college. It might be the beginning of a better and less apathetic atmosphere, were the pride of the students can be felt.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

By Christopher Alvarez

Over the past few months, CUNY has undergone some drastic changes in leadership. The most important change has been the recent replacement of James P. Murphy, who served as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees from 1980 to 1997, by Dr. Anne Aturra Paolucci.

The Board of Trustees is the top administrative board of CUNY, which currently sits sixteen members. Fourteen, including the Chair and Vice Chair are appointed by the Governor and the Mayor of New York. The final two being Dr. Sandi Copper, the Chair of the University Faculty Senate and Ifeakor Potts, who is the Chair of the University Student Senate. The Trustees who sit on the executive board with the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor decided policy and budgets that affect the entire CUNY system.

A February 22, 1997 press release announces the decision by Governor George Pataki, it reads as follows: Governor George Pataki today designated Dr. Anne Aturra Paolucci as the Chair of The City University of New York Board of Trustees, Dr. Paolucci will replace James Murphy who has served as Chairman since 1980. George Pataki also designated Herman Badillo to be the Vice Chairman of The City University of New York Board of Trustees, replacing Edith B. Everett. "I am grateful to Mr. Murphy and Ms. Everett for their steadfast commitment and leadership during their tenure as Chair and Vice Chair of the CUNY Board of Trustees," Governor Pataki said. "I am pleased they will remain as board members, and look forward to working with them to provide the highest quality education to each and every student in the CUNY system."

Chairman Murphy said, "It has been a great honor to have served as Chairman of The City of University of New York Board of Trustees since 1980. My

principal focus as Chairman has been and will continue to be as a member of the board to preserve and strengthen the mission of the City University in providing access to affordable quality higher education for thousands of New Yorkers."

Governor Pataki said, "Dr. Paolucci and Mr. Badillo's exceptional credentials will ensure that CUNY students continue to receive the highest quality education possible as we move into the 21st Century. I am confident Dr. Paolucci and Mr. Badillo will bring commitment, leadership and vision to their new roles as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the CUNY Board of Trustees."

Mayor Rudolf Giuliani said, "Herman Badillo has proven record on education. He has committed his career and his livelihood to the betterment of New York City schools. I am sure that Herman, a product of CUNY himself, will continue to be a role model for the thousands of students who have entrusted the City University with their hopes and dreams of a quality education."

Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds said, "We look forward to working with Chair Paolucci and Vice Chair Badillo. We all share a deep commitment to the vitally important education mission of The City University of New York."

Paolucci has been a full time English Professor at St. Johns University since 1969 and the Director of the Doctor of Arts Degree program in English since 1982.

A Fullbright Lecturer, Dr. Paolucci, a resident of New York City, has a bachelor's degree in English Literature and Creative Writing from Barnard College, Columbia University, a master's degree in Italian Literature from Columbia University and received her Ph.D. from Columbia University in English and Comparative Literature.

Mr. Badillo is currently practicing law at Fischbein, Badillo, Wagner, Harding located in New York

City. He currently serves as a member of the CUNY Board of Trustees, a member of Mayor Rudolph Giuliani Advisory Committee on the Judiciary and was appointed as Special Counsel to the Mayor for Fiscal Oversight of Education.

Mr. Badillo, a resident of New York City, has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and graduated Magna Cum Laude from City College, and was Class Valedictorian and a Cum Laude graduate of Brooklyn Law School. He was admitted to the New York Bar in 1955 and became a Certified Public Accountant in 1956.

These designations do not require Senate confirmation. There is no compensation other than reimbursement for necessary expenses. Dr. Paolucci was confirmed as a member of the board on June 30, 1996. Her term expires June 30, 2003, Mr. Badillo was appointed as a member of the CUNY Board of Trustees by former Governor Mario Cuomo on July 1, 1990 and was reappointed in July of 1994. His term expires on June 30, 2000.

This wave of change in leadership even reached the Chancellor's Board with the naming Dr. Louise Mirrer the new Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Her replacement of the acting Vice Chair Anne L. Martin will become effective July 7, 1997.

Dr. Mirrer was Chair of the Humanities Division at Fordam University from 1991-94. She joined Fordam's Spanish Department in 1979 as an Assistant Professor and rose to become a full Professor of Spanish and Comparative Literature. Dr. Mirrer holds a double Ph.D. from Stanford University in Spanish and Humanities. She earned a Diploma in Linguistics from Cambridge University in 1975, following her Graduation from the University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. magna cum laude with honors in Spanish.

The Hispanic Cultural Society Poetry Meeting

by Holly Lenehan

The Hispanic Cultural Society held a poetry meeting. The event was held on Thursday, April 10. It was held during club hours in building 2S.

The reading was organized by President of the Hispanic Cultural society, Vielka Rollins. *The Banner* spoke to her prior to the reading. She said, "this is essentially for Spanish majors, so they can have more of a sense of culture." She explained that every poem read will be followed by an open discussion and interpretation. "The open discussion will allow students to express themselves," she said.

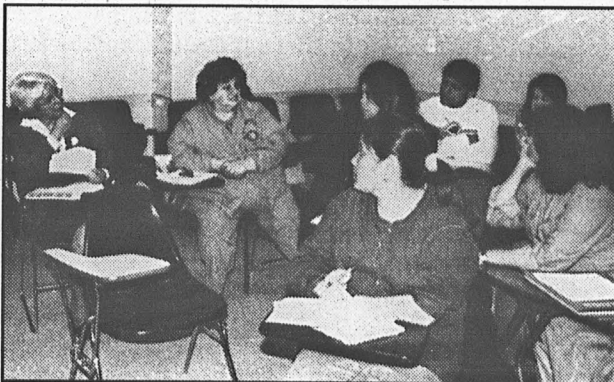
She spoke about the organization of the event. She explained that she is trying to get more students involved in cultural activities. She said, "I talked to professors in the Spanish Department about the need for more cultural activities and the need to get students together so they can become more involved."

The event was held entirely in the Spanish language. Professor Calderon served the purpose of interpreter. She explained to the *Banner* what was being said.

Rollins opened the event, and told to those in attendance how the reading will be held. She explained that the poems will be discussed after they have been read. She stated that the writers will discuss their own meaning

for the poems, however all poetry is open for interpretation.

Rollins then introduced the first poet, Professor Garcia. Professor Garcia read a poem about a friend of hers that had died of AIDS. The poem explained how she



would give everything she had to see him "recycled", or brought back. The poem was described as "touching and poignant," by Professor Calderon.

The second poet to read was a woman named Zunilda Cabrera. She read two poems. One of them was a poem she had written in Professor Calderon's class. The other poem was about an experience that she had had

with her daughter, earlier in the day.

Vielka Rollins then read a poem of her own. The poem was about how her daughter's smile made her delirious with joy. The group of people in attendance were surprised by the actual meaning of the poem. They explained that the poem was touching, however the meaning behind the words was made unclear.

The last poet to read was Xavier Nieto. His was the only poem that made a political, rather than an exclusively personnel statement. His poem dealt with the affects of proposition 187 on children and elderly people. This poem led to an intense discussion between the people in attendance.

The Banner spoke to student Martha Tejada about the event. She expressed positive feelings toward the reading when she stated, "it was very interesting. This is the first time I have been to one of these events. It was very positive."

The Banner also spoke to Professor Calderon, who expressed a similar opinion on the success of the event. She commented, "I think it was lovely. It was a very big success," she continued, "I am sorry more students did not come." She then spoke further on the Hispanic Cultural Society. She said, "it is a cultural and an educational club. We are trying to get more people involved."

Dreams and the Subconscious Mind

by David Reiersen and Rachel Harris

Professor Steven Zuckermann gave a lecture about the common dreams people have and there meanings on April 4 in Building 1A. The event was a personal growth clue.

Professor Zuckermann discussed some of the common dreams people have. One particular dream people often have is they find themselves falling and right before they hit the ground they wake up. In the eyes of some dream interpreters a persons dream could mean that in there subconscious mind they feel they are being put down. Constant falling could mean being in a state of nervousness or insecurity. Many people feel this way due to

the fact that they don't know what's going to happen next.

Another common dream people have is finding themselves in water. For example, you're swimming and a shark comes after you. This could represent that someone is forcing you to do something you don't want to do. Dreams in which people find themselves drowning could also mean they feel themselves being pressured into something they find stressful.

Death is also another recurring dream that people have. It could mean that someone close to you has died. It could also signify that a long relationship with your boyfriend or girlfriend has ended.

When too much is going on in a persons life and they can't deal with things, these thoughts are usually

stored in the subconscious mind and symbolized in dreams they have. One result of not being able to cope with dreams is becoming hysterical.

There are many other meanings to dreams. According to Professor Zuckermann, "Dreams are the royal road to the subconscious. Dreams are not present or future events, but ways of solving problems. Through the dream the dreamer often comes up with the solution to something that has been troubling him or her."

After the lecture was over, the students who attended walked out with a better comprehension of their dreams. "It helped give some understanding to common symbols experienced during my dreams", said Melinda Conney, a student at CSI. Clue Events are required for graduation, and this particular clue event was worth while.

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Tibet Supporters Hold Gathering in New York

by Suzanne Tamang

Over 500 Tibetans and Tibet supporters gathered March 10th in New York to commemorate the 38th Anniversary of Tibetan National Uprising Day. This event concluded a Tibetan Awareness Week. The event was organized by a committee of which I took part in. The week was designed to bring public light to the political, social and cultural situation, past and present, regarding Tibet.

Tibetan Awareness Week began March 3rd and the New York committee sponsored special community outreach events all around the Tri-State area. One event took place on the College of Staten Island. It was headed by the Students for a Free Tibet on campus. This organization is non-profit and student supported. Their goal is to educate the public of human right violations in Tibet.

The special event sponsored at the College was a slide presentation by a Tibetan in exile. In regard to the presentation of the club, Vice President Brendan Kelly said, "This is a clear and obvious injustice here [in Tibet], anyone who learns of the circumstances immediately becomes outraged, but the problem is very few are aware. That is why I think it was important we did this event." Another club member, Jennifer Pena, commented on the turn out at the March 10th rally in Manhattan. She said, "It's nice to know people really care, and are willing to donate their time to protect the human rights of others."

The March 10th rally began at 11am with a number of distinguished speakers before the United Nation's building. This was after a some one read a writing statement made out by his Holiness the Dali Lama Speeches were given by many well known figures.

The list of people had Jose Ramos-Horta (1996 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate), Adam Yauch (activist and member of the Beastie Boys), Lodi Gyari (Special Envoy to the Dali Lama in Washington), Professor Robert Thrumman (President of the Tibet House), and Xio Quiang (Executive Director of Human Rights in China). There were other that spoke words of inspiration, but more than words followed. A protest soon began in Manhattan.

At 1pm, the crowd began marching towards the Chinese United National Mission, carrying dozens of place-cards and Tibetan flags. Along the way, the marchers were joined by many bystanders. This caused a spectacle along some of the main avenues. It also caused traffic to stop.

Upon arrival at the Chinese Mission, the protesters put up a deafening noise, filling the entire block opposite the 10 story building. At 3:30pm, thirty Tibetans and Tibet supporters staged an act of civil disobedience. These activists laid themselves in the street before the mission. They draped their fallen bodies with the Tibetan flag. The terrible sufferings of the Chinese people under the Chinese since 1949 were over the loud speaker. Sixteen activists were subsequently arrested and released later that evening.

The demonstration and the arrests were covered by the *Daily News*, *New York Post*, on March 11th. CNN presented a half hour live coverage show, including an interview with Adam Yauch. Also present were reporters and camera men from the *Associated Press*, *Reuters*, *MTV Radio*, the Chinese TV network of Hong Kong, *Radio Free Asia*, and the *Voice of America*.

It was 38 years ago when Tibetan rose up against the might of China and declared their desire for freedom and independence. March 10th, 1959 was when a movement was initiated by the rank and file of the Tibetan people. China was able to quickly suppress the uprising, but not spirit of the Tibetan people.

The uprising was a spontaneous movement of the Tibetan people aimed at the Chinese tyranny and occupation. Angered by the diplomacy of the Tibetan government to appease China, and in order to avoid further shedding of Tibetan blood, the smoldering resentment of the Tibetan people burst into one last ditch effort to strike. On March 12th, the women of Tibet took to the streets of the Capital of Tibet, Lhasa.

It took the "Peoples Liberation Army" a little over three days to wipe out the uprising in Lhasa, but the resistance movement mushroomed all over Tibet. According to China's own estimate, about 87,000 Tibetans were killed in Central Tibet alone to re-assert the Peoples Liberation Army's shaky occupation. As a result of the resistance movement that Started 1949 over one million Tibetan have died.

A statement submitted by Senator Alfonse D'Amato to be read at the march, said: "March 10th 1959 represents a dark day in history for all of us. It was on that day that the Chinese troops viscusly attacked and murdered Tibetan civilians who sought to protect their beloved Dali Lama, a man whose love and peace is known to all of us. The pattern of intimidation and human rights abuses by the Communist Chinese government against the people of Tibet continues today, and is unsuitable for a country like China which seeks status as a responsible member of the Community of Nations." To this reporter, it effectively summarizes the present situation.

(Side note: Suzanne Tamang is the College of Staten Island President for the club, Students for a Free Tibet. She is also a part of the Tibetan Youth Congress. For more information about Tibet, or if you want a club meeting schedule, please contract the Student Government office. You need to leave your name, number, and if possible, your E-mail address. The Students for a Free Tibet will be happy to contact you.)

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South Asian Cultural Club Fund-raiser

By John La Manita

The South Asian Cultural Club had a party/dance fund-raiser to collect money for up coming events. One of the up coming events is the Multi-Cultural festival that will give CSI clubs the chance to show the CSI Student body what they are about. The purpose of this organization is to allow those students here at CSI that are interested in South Asian culture and wants meet and learn about the various cultures, customs, views, developed in the individual countries within South Asia. The way that this club achieve its purpose, is through weekly group discussions and occasional guest speakers and video's. The party was on Friday April 4th from 5:00pm to 10:00pm in the Green Dolphin Lounge. Students who attended this event there was a five dollar cover charge.

This five dollar charge included food and refreshments that were offered to the one hundred and twenty people that attended. this event Also, those who went to this event were able to listen to DJs Gurdeep and Sunny (A.K.A. The Underground Soundz). They entertained the crowd with a large range of music

from rhythm and dance, to reggae. They also had a high tech lazier show. A student that comment after the party was over Sibi Geevarghese "It was fun I meet a lot of interested people, And it gave a chance to relieve some of the stance that this college puts on my shoulder".

The Banner had the chance to talk to ask Asia Sampath, the President of South Asian Cultural Club. She commented, "The money that is raised at this event will go towards the Multi-Cultural festival [on May 1st]. It will help to buy costumes for the dancer that will be performing, and food for this up coming event." She went on, "The money will also go to provide the dances and their instructor with item and supplies they may need for Multi-Cultural festival

Leeza John, a member of South Asian Cultural Club, and one of the organizer of the party commented to *The Banner* as the party was going on and she said, "We worked hard on this event and I am glad that everyone is having a good time."

The Banner also talk to Sarika Sapra Secretary of South Asian Cultural Club she said " It was successful we made a lot of money for the Multi-Cultural festival".

It was successful. We made a lot of money

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Theater Review:

O'Casey is Alive at the Irish Rep

By: Louis Bardel

In 1922, Ireland was declared a 'Free State.' Not that life improved under the new banner, however Ireland now had their own Parliament. Around the time of the first world war, the situation in that green isle was rough for there was often high unemployment, and intense poverty. This is the atmosphere for Sean O'Casey's play, "The Plough and the Stars," directed by Charlotte Moore, now appearing until May 11 at the Irish Repertory Theatre.

The story begins in Dublin in the year 1915, and the lights go up on Act I in a living room of the Clitheroe flat in a Dublin tenement. This is where a hilarious exchange occurs between the characters The Covey and Peter Flynn. The banter starts when The Covey, a marxist in his mid twenties, played by John Keating, taunts the character Peter, a Parnell patriot, played by John Leighton. Peter, who is preparing for a meeting and trying to look official, is dressed in a green and white uniform, complete with sword, but he resembles a leprechaun more than a soldier. At one point The Covey is persistently ridiculing Peter, and the old soldier becomes so agitated he pulls out his sword and chases The Covey out of the room. The Covey goes on taunting Peter through a window in the door, all the while the audience is twisting in their seats with laughter. What makes this section of the play work is the character Peter's pretentiousness, which The Covey easily undermines with his acerbic wit.

The dialogue between The Covey and Peter Flynn is played with a comical flair, yet it is an important part of the conflict in the play. Throughout the first two acts Peter extols the virtues of the Irish war for independence, but The Covey thinks the movement is stupid because it is not about the economic emancipation of the proletariat. "There's only one freedom for th' workin' man: control o' th' means o' production, rates of exchange, an' th' means of distribution," says The Covey, essentially expressing the moral of the play. The message gets developed particularly through Acts III and IV, set during Easter 1916 when the Irish

Republicans tried to seize the Dublin Post Office. The tragedy was that they were easily outmaneuvered by the British army, who literally turned the Irish into shambles.

O'Casey himself was a founding member of the Irish Citizen Army in 1913, which was one of the precursor groups of the currently banned Irish Republican Army. In the early days of the 'Freedom' movement there was a significant socialist presence in the armies ranks, and this seems to have influenced the politics of the play. The character, 'The Covey,' a young militant, is characterized throughout the play by his disgust with the patriots, who he sees as shortsighted.

The character, Mrs. Nora Clitheroe, played by Louise Favier, whom the Covey and Peter Flynn both live with, is forced to reprimand the pair after she appears in Act I, as Nora is trying to keep a civilized home. It is no wonder then that she has a nervous breakdown after her husband goes off to fight the Brits, as a member of the ICA. The central conflict of the play is that Nora's husband Jack Clitheroe, played by Paul Mc Grane, must decide between the love of his wife and the love of his nation. The question is answered when in the heat of battle, during Act III, he blurts out, "Ireland is greater than a wife!"

The last two acts, III and IV, after intermission were significantly different in tone than the previous two. Gone was the hilarious hijinx replaced by the more solemn and tragic situation of bloody battle and death. The play takes the audience member on an emotional rollercoaster, which leaves one never to look at rhetoric and patriotism the same way again.

Feisty, sometimes riotous, supportive roles were given by Des Keough, who played Fluther Good, and Terry Donnelly, who played Mrs. Gogan. This holds especially true in a boisterous section of Act II, situated in what is called a 'public-house,' and the baby-toting Mrs. Gogan almost has a fistfight with the character Bessie Burgess, played by Pauline Flanagan.



Untitled Death Poem

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with carnations and circumstance
with a dark earth mouth for her keeping
with her sweet hazel eyes sewn shut
and the morning burned core bright
and the warning lights went off and on
nearby

When we were eight...
we ate tacos and potato chips for dinner three nights in a row, and had coffee
ice cream
for breakfast all week, and they buried her today.

When we were nine...
we read "Annabel Lee" together and cried for Lenore, in her sepulcher by the
sea, but
we cried more for poor Edgar, the surviving lover's half, and they buried her
today.

When we were ten...
I threw her into the pool with all her clothes on and she screamed so loud the
neighbors
came to investigate, and it took four hours for her sneakers to dry out and she
had a cold for two weeks, and they buried her today.

When we were eleven...
she got a baby sister in her house, and I went to her house each day to hold it
and look
into the eyes that were a pale mimicry of hers, and they buried her today.

When we were twelve...
we went to Seaside Heights and got very sick on chocolate peanut butter fudge
and even sicker on the Scrambler, and stopped twice to take cheesy black and
white photos four at a time in the claustrophobic boardwalk booths, and I keep
them in my memorabilia box now, because they put her in the ground this
morning.

When we were thirteen...
we went to Great Adventure and got on the Condor and got stuck at the top of
the thing for fifteen minutes and she was screaming and I was clinging to her
arm, and I swore we were going to die, but we didn't, and yet we did anyway,
because she's dead now.

When we were fourteen...
we went to high school together, and found some guys to love or at least to cry
for, and birthed her cat's litter of kittens underneath the stairs, and wondered
what to do with seven tiny little lives (or actually sixty three, if you want to be
technical) that she couldn't keep and we got hurt sometimes and they buried
her?

When we were fifteen...
she accidentally broke my finger by jumping on her parent's bed with me in it
and I still can't bend it all the way and we went to Woodstock, New York, and
bought a pair of matching silver cladaugh rings so guys would know if we

were "taken," and while I bent mine hitting a wall a few months later, she
gave hers away because it never quite fit her and they buried her.

When we were sixteen...
she told me all about her stepfather and we skipped school to go to the police
station and nail him to the proverbial wall and I hugged her hard and took her
home to live with me because she was my best friend, and if she wasn't safe in
her bed then she would sleep in mine and I took every cold March night on the
floor for her but I lost my grip on her somehow and she left, which may or may
not have been an indirect result of why they buried her today.

When we were seventeen...
she took every last piece of the person I loved, and shredded it for everyone to
see, and that's the way I lost my best friend to change, and I didn't know the
person she had become, or why, but I still cared and I tried to help her but it
didn't work, it never worked, because she was just as pig headed as I am, and
she got crazy and careless and she got out of control, and she lost herself again and I
wasn't there to find her, and She Is Dead...

When I was eighteen...
She left no more room for worry.
No more room for anger.
No room for words.
She died on a warm August night
in a hospital I never knew she lay in
before I ever got a chance to say I love you
before I could say goodbye

they buried her today
and I spoke to the dark eyes
and the linen faces
all cringed against the unbelievable
I touched the splintering sobs
and read them in my own oil soft tears
a heart as young and rough as hers
had no reason for defeat
too young...
so hard...

They buried her today
with my silver cladaugh ring in her casket
bent in the middle of the crown
and my shell pink lipstick on her cheek

the surrender is tangible

the reflection in the casket

my own drawn face
looking back at a stranger

what else to do but walk away
from where they buried her today.

By Amy Soppet

Ink Spot

By Shawn Fisher

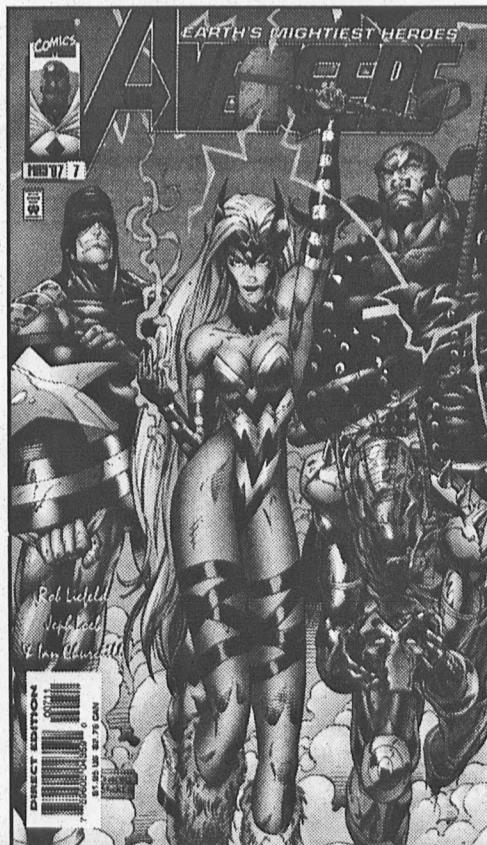
The early sixties marked the dawn of the Silver Age of comics. Creators like Jack Kirby and Stan Lee set the standards for the decades to follow. Realistic personalities and real life problems were introduced to the superhero genre, allowing readers to better relate to the characters. Books like the Avengers, Fantastic Four, and Spiderman helped to propel Marvel to the top of the industry. Maintaining that position ever since by consistently setting new standards for the genre. That was until the nineties when tragedy befell this once noble publisher. The company became open to the public and an army of greedy shareholders led by the maniacal Ron Perelman invaded the placid community of comic creators. Mr. Perelman was not interested in the artistic expression or quality of comics only in how much money he could suck from the readers. He flooded the market with gimmick books that had no real value to them. Mass merchandising became his chief concern the books were second to action figures and T-Shirts. In a matter of a few years Marvel was gutted from the inside out. Nothing more than a shell remained of what took a good portion of this century to build.

With nothing but a few good books left readership began to drop massively and cost of over expansion finally took its toll. Marvel began to lose money, so like any company in debt they began to cut back. Like the fool that Perelman is though he started with the hand that fed him, laying more than half the creative staff. His final move though was his most gravest error. Wanting to eliminate the creative staff entirely he franchised the rights to four major books from the Marvel Universe. Those being the Avengers, Captain America, Fantastic Four and Ironman. Books that are both the beginning and keystone of what is Marvel Comics. Story wise these characters were defending the world against a being known as Onslaught. During the battle they were flung into an alternate reality that had no relation to the known Marvel Universe. In actuality creators Jim



Lee and Rob Liefeld were given the creative rights to the books for one year. This idea was half successful in that Jim Lee is an excellent creator and editor. His books came out on time and were quite good. Liefeld on the other hand can not put out a decent book to save his life. As a consequence his two works the Avengers and Captain America have severely dropped in readership. Which is shameful considering before he took over Captain America, the book was at an all time high in popularity due its excellent creative staff. The problem created by this franchise of books is that if someone is handling the book poorly there is not much Marvel can do about it.

For the hope of the reader a mutiny of sorts has occurred. Marvel having lost so much money was forced to file for bankruptcy this past December. The shareholders having realized their error in allowing Mr. Perelman to run the company are trying to oust him and return more control to the creators. With the end of the franchise experiment approaching its end, hope is dawning for the readers that quality of the books may once again be the priority of Marvel. Alas this may not be the case as I've learned that Marvel plans on starting these books at number one in order to increase sales. This has been an over exploited tactic of the Nineties, to keep starting a book at number one to lure readers into thinking it has value. We are not that stupid though we know that numbers have little to do with what's inside. With one exception that is a high numbered book is a sign of continuous quality. DC Comics has always understood this in fact when the Flash returned to comics in the sixties they began numbering at 105 where they had left off at when Flash was canceled in the forties. The hope was that the reader was going to get the same high standard book he had received before. Marvel should follow this with the return of their books to the Marvel Universe. We the fans can only hope they do the right thing and if they don't then DC has plenty of good books to read.



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Scorched

by Patrick Miller

I would like to point out that not all women want to be treated badly. On the other hand, there are some that do. In this article, I will discuss some of my own experiences with women who like to be treated badly. You, the reader, might be appalled or even amused at this article. Read at your own risk.

My father always taught me to treat a woman with respect. "Never hit a woman," my father would say; many years later, I still haven't. My father grew up in the early 1940s. Things were much different in those days. You could treat a woman with respect and not get dumped on. The stories I will discuss do not mean that all women are bad; there are good ones.

In November of 1983, there was a girl I liked. She was aware of this, but stated that she was not interested because I was a nice guy. I was 15 at the time. Once, three of my friends and I were hanging out after school on my friend's stoop. An idea came up between us four horny guys, that we should call this girl and get her to come to one of our houses. So my friend called her and she came over to my friend's house. They gave her some nonsense story about needing a homework assignment.

She walked up the steps and said "Hi!" to me. I really believed that my friends would not carry out this horrible act. I thought this was just all talk. My three friends were inside waiting for her. They threw her onto a bed and had their way with her. After a few minutes, they were done with her. She walked out of the house angry; she was not even scared. My friends were happy with their accomplishment.

She walked by us a few weeks later, talking to my three friends as if nothing had ever happened. She started to argue with me, and I couldn't figure out why, since I had had nothing to do with the previous incident. The long and short of it was that she called me a bum and a loser. She never spoke to me again. She treated my three friends great, despite the fact that they raped her. I had not taken part in the rape, and I was told to get lost. What did I do wrong? What do you think?

In July 1990, another friend of mine hooked me up with a gorgeous girl. While she and I were making out in the park bushes, I tried feeling her up as most normal guys try to do with their girlfriends. After she pushed my hands down two times, I, like a nice guy, stopped what I was doing. I went home with blue balls that night. A day later, she called me and said she couldn't go out with me anymore because I was a nice guy. I responded by asking, "Then what is the problem?" She gave no answer except for the same response: "You're a nice guy." A week later, I found out that her old boyfriend used to beat and rape her. As a result, she stayed with him for a year.

The most compelling event happened here at CSI in November 1994. I met a girl in one of my courses, and we went out for two weeks. I never kissed her and I treated her like a gentleman. I was working the night shift at WSIA on a Friday night, and my girlfriend walked in and confessed to me that she had had oral sex with the two male friends who she usually drove home from work, and had had intercourse with one of them. She added that it was all right because none of them came in her mouth.

Later in the conversation, she told me that I would not get sex for six months because I was a nice guy and that I was worth the wait. Meanwhile, six months earlier, she had met some lowlife guy and gave up her innocence to him after going out with him for only two weeks. This man treated her like garbage. She told me she did the wrong thing with this guy and that he wanted only one thing from her. (No kidding, honey!) Needless to say, I went home with blue balls and, to top it off, she didn't want to drive me home.

These are only a few of the experiences I have had with women. I know that there are women who have had some horrible experiences with their boyfriends, and I do feel for these women. In retrospect, all of the girls in this article were taught proper family morals and had good families. It's scary to think that there are women who respond to lowlife guys. I also realize that all of these women, and women like them, need psychiatric help. If most women accept this kind of treatment from the men they go out with, than this is a very sick society.

HIGHER ED: NOT AN EXPENSE, AN INVESTMENT

By State Comptroller H. Carl McCall

In Governor Pataki's budget proposal for fiscal year 1997-98, he is recommending a \$300 million cut to higher education. If that cut is enacted, tuition at the State and City University systems will have increased by 40 percent in the two and a half years Governor Pataki has been in the office. His penny-wise, pound-foolish approach to higher education is jeopardizing the public university system. Even more troubling is the response of the two university boards, which are supposed to serve as an advocate for the University. There has not been any cry of protest from either board, most of those members were appointed by the Governor.

The Governor looks at education as not an investment but as an expense. His tuition hikes send an unfortunate message to our young people: go study somewhere else. The problem is, some kids can't afford to go study somewhere else, and those that can afford to will probably live somewhere else after the graduate.

New York can't afford to lose young minds. Our State needs bright, energetic, educated young people to create new businesses, fill technical jobs and develop new products. The Governor may have missed it, but the world's economy has changed. If New York is going to regain its competitive edge, we have to change also. We need to focus on the most important tool for economic success — education. Today's global economy doesn't have much room for unskilled, uneducated workers.

Regrettably, the Governor has tried to make his lack of commitment to higher education into a partisan issue. It's not a partisan issue. It's an economic issue, and the future of our State depends on our willingness to invest in the future. A study done in Illinois showed that for every dol-

lar Illinois invests in higher education it gets back four dollars and thirty-one cents in taxes along with an educated, innovative work force. New York needs to make an investment in higher education because it's the best investment for a strong economy.

Thirty years ago, then-Governor Nelson Rockefeller, a Republican said, "Our goal is to assure that no young man or young woman in this State with the desire and capacity for education shall be denied it for lack of facilities or personal financial means."

Governor Rockefeller had the vision to recognize the importance of making higher education available and affordable. He understood the value, not only to the individuals but to the State as a whole, of a higher education system that gives students, poor, rich or middle class, the opportunity to become contributing members of society. Governor Pataki should take a page from Governor Rockefeller's book and recommit himself to New York's economic future.

If our State is going to be a competitive in the future, we have to invest in the young people who will shape the future. We shouldn't penalize those young people for going to school in New York. We should be doing everything we can to make sure they have an opportunity to stay here, learn here, and when they graduate, contribute to the economy here.

Students have to make their government realize that tomorrow's opportunities are created by today's investments. It's imperative that every student on every campus stand up and be counted. Get involved. Your future, and the future of New York, depend upon a commitment to providing every person with the "desire and capacity" the opportunity for a quality education.

Noisy Students Are a Nuisance

by Lou Bardel

There has been an alarming incidence of unnecessary talk in the learning areas of the College of Staten Island. I believe it has become a fairly serious problem. Although most students here are earnest about their time at school, there is unfortunately a group of rabble at the college that go about disturbing classes on a regular basis. The rabble is characterized by the amount of time they spend in class making silly jokes, giggling, and gossiping loudly. This behavior is not appropriate, and it is unfair to the students who are trying to listen to the teacher. The situation in the library is similar. Whatever happened to the rule of silence in the library? Has this rule passed its interest or usefulness? Absolutely not. What is needed is a newfound respect for academics; otherwise, the administration must police the unruly students in the classroom and the library.

A college should be a haven for learning, a place where one can enrich herself unhinged without being disturbed for no good reason. It is scientifically impossible to concentrate well on more than one thing at a time. That means every time a wild student cackles, or talks loudly out of turn, she is disrupting a serious student's train of thought.

One would think that a student of CSI would have the right to an environment which is quiet and conducive to learning. If you disagree with the basic principle of silence in a library, or with the fact that you should not talk out loud in a classroom unnecessarily, this is a good sign that you are not a serious student. If this registered student is you, then you may consider pursuing a different vocation.

There may be a problem of making rules for solitude in the library. One can imagine that study groups will do a fair amount of talking, but should noisy students be in close proximity to quiet studiers? Perhaps there should be areas set aside for those students who feel compelled to talk out loud. As for the classroom, there should be no question about the small minority of immature talkers who disturb the majority of serious students: teachers should effectively police the classrooms that they preside over, and serious students should back their teachers up.

A student is a person who carefully examines, or studies, a subject. One can be a good student regardless of "intelligence quotient." Witnessing blatant disregard for the scholastic process makes me think fondly of the time when unruly students would be rapped on the knuckles by authoritative teachers, and when disruptive students received demerits. A student who is being a nuisance should be physically removed by one of the many security guards on campus; at least one of them is usually positioned in the lobby of every building. As for the library, if ever the time comes when the librarians feel pressured to quiet the place down, it will be refreshing to see noisy students asked to leave because they are disturbing the more serious students. The security teams should also police the quiet study areas, like the Sleeping Dolphin Lounge in building 1-C, if they are not already obligated to do so. (Just lower the volume on those radio transmitters and receivers when you are near an area of study.)

A Student - Mother Speaks Out

by Kirsten Bergen

I am sure you have heard about the cuts to child care funding, but do you know how these cuts are going to affect the Children's Care Center on our campus? Last year the Federal Child Care and Development Block Grant to CUNY was cut by 21.6%. These cuts may be in place again this year. If these cuts go into effect the infant/toddler room, including evening and weekend classes may be eliminated. President Springer, our college president, has been supportive of child care on campus. An increase of \$1.2 million in additional state funds has been requested in the CUNY chancellor's proposed budget. In addition, an increase in the CUNY child care block grant subsidies from \$1.27 million to \$2.7 million is being sought from the state.

If the state cuts the CUNY Child Care and Development Block Grant again, a loss of \$350,000 would result. This would cause more children to be dropped from the program, which would cause more parents to drop out of school. There has not been an increase in State Educational funding since 1987. Meanwhile the number of children needing these services has increased by 102%. CUNY child care serves over 1,500 student parents and children and has 3,100 children remaining on active waiting lists. This means that CUNY Child Care centers meets less than 25% of the need on CUNY campuses. CUNY child care provides work for 220 employees and 84 family day care providers, many of which are present or former CUNY

students.

These cuts may not affect you personally, but think of all the students and children who will be affected. Many students may have to drop out of school because they will not be able to have their child attended to. You may think that somebody else will help or that you do not have the time to help, or you might wonder what can

one or two people do? The answer is a lot! You can write to your elected officials and tell them that you support CUNY child care and why you support it.



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Research shows that graduation rates of student parents receiving daycare are higher than those student parents who do not. Student parents show a higher rate of persistence, higher G.P.A., more likely to stay in school and graduate in fewer years.

I am a 26 year old single mother of a sixteen month old daughter. I

have been going to college for seven years. While trying to finish my education, I have been trying to survive. Survival is much harder now that I have a child. Having a college degree greatly increases my chances of being a productive member of society. It also increases my daughter's chances of going to college because I will be better able to pay for her education. I will be starting my last year in the fall, hoping to graduate in June of 1998. What happens if these budget cuts go through? I can not finish school because I will no longer be able to use the children's center for my child's day care. I do not have the resources to pay for an off campus daycare center. I am sure that there are many students

who are in the same predicament as I am. We need to come together as one and fight these cuts before it is too late. We students and our children are the future of this world. We need to educate as many people as possible to build our future. Without the children's center functioning as it should many people will not be able to finish their education. I am begging each and every person (with or without children) on this campus to help save the children's center at CSI by writing letters to the legislators, and to help getting as many signatures on the petitions as possible. You can get the petitions and letters in the Children's Center, located in Building 2R.

End of an Era

by Steve Hall

The Pittsburgh Penguins superstar Mario Lemieux finally called it quits. Lemieux held a press conference after weeks of rumors circulating around the league concerning his retirement. Super Mario is facing a 50 goal season and another scoring title to add to his super star status. A final playoff run for the Penguins seems imminent with their position in the playoffs but how far they will get will be up to their stars.

Mario began his career as an 18 year old rookie in 1984 exhibiting good skills but as the years went by people recognized the superstar we now see. In his second year, eyes were taking notice to this great player now referred to as Super Mario. Pittsburgh realizing the importance of a supporting cast had not gotten the job done until drafting Jaromir Jagr. The two combined as one of the leagues deadliest lines and leading the Penguins to two NHL championships. Scoring titles were adding up for Lemieux but tragedy had

befallen Super Mario. Lemieux was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease and he was forced to make a hard decision, retiring for a season watching the Penguins get eliminated early in the playoffs. Lemieux made a decision to come back and join the team to give them the extra firepower they were lacking.

With four games remaining this regular NHL season and the Penguins battling with the Rangers and Panthers for playoff position are playing all away games. Lemieux's final regular season home appearance was a tearful one and perhaps Super Mario had a case of the butterflies being shut out even though the Penguins won the game. The playoffs are coming and with Jagr healthy and Francis ready to play, the lineup that has devastated teams are making their final appearance. Hoping to win the Stanley Cup this season would be another great accomplishment to the list of Marios feats and perhaps the Penguins can give this Hockey God another title.

The True Gospel

by Steven Guzzi

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3-4). The true gospel was given by the apostles and prophets of the Bible. The apostle Paul said, "As the truth of Christ is me." He tells us that there were many false apostles and prophets who came posing as ministers of righteousness, but were telling lies. These false apostles ability to transform themselves into ministers of righteousness came from Satan, who is able to transform himself into an angel of light. (2 Cor. 11:10-16). So, just because a religion claims to be of God and appears to be good, holy and open minded on the surface doesn't mean it is of God, it could be of the devil. Many liberal minded ideas which deny clear elements of traditional Christianity, such as the resurrection, claiming their unorthodox teachings are the enlightened views are a fraud. The test for truth is if the teaching lines up with the scriptures. It is sad that those who deny the basic tenets of the Bible don't have the true gospel, therefore they shouldn't be followed. Many of these false teachers both in the apostles' day and today exercise dominion and great authority over people (Matthew

20:25). They use their knowledge, experience and powers to gain converts. They usually gain money and power out of the deal. All false gospels have a way of shackling people with some kind of hard bondage (Matthew 23:4). However, the true gospel has a liberating effect upon a person. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). For example, a gospel that claims you are saved by keeping the law (the commandments), or doing good works brings a kind of slavery with it, since no one can keep the law perfectly, as we are all born with a sinful nature and since all our good works are as filthy rags to God (Isaiah 64:6). Yet, how many religious leaders teach that you need good works to gain or at least keep your salvation? But the Bible says, "For by grace [unmerited favor] are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). To know that all the work of salvation has been accomplished by Jesus and there is nothing that you have to do to obtain it, simply believe in Lord with all your heart for it has a liberating effect upon the believing sinner.

The apostles were of God because Christ was speaking through them and contrary to what the false teachers were doing, the apostles were using their powers and teachings to edify and serve the church. They were

not overbearing, but gentle as a nurse tending their patients. They proved their sincerity by the persecutions they went through for Jesus. One proof that God spoke through the apostles in the Bible is although they were plagued with weaknesses, God's Word through them is powerful enough to change and liberate those who read and hear it (2 Cor 13:3). The Bible is a living book that is why it has changed millions of lives, even as it has changed mine. It is powerful enough to change your life, give you solutions to your problems, allow you to fellowship with God and save you from hell. Without the Bible there is no real way to know if a teaching is of God.

The true gospel is according to the apostles' teachings in the Bible and asserts that in order to become saved you must admit your weakness and inability in the flesh to earn salvation. Instead you are to trust in the grace and power of God to save you. It involves calling on the Lord for his mercy and asking Jesus to be your Savior. Jesus died on the cross because it was the only way you and I could be saved and that is what the apostles knew, having it made known to them by God's Holy Spirit. The apostle Paul says, "Which also things we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth: comparing spiritual things with spiritual" (1 Cor. 2:13).

Yankees Set To Defend Their Title

By Fran Stuchbury

Last year the Yankees won the World Series—the first time they have won the World Series since the late 1970's. The main reason they won the World Series was because of their great bullpen.

Mariano Rivera was the best set up man in baseball. When he was in there, the seventh and eighth innings were automatic and then John Wetteland got the job done in the ninth inning. In the post season everybody in the bullpen got the job done including Graeme Lloyd, Brian Boehringer, Jeff Nelson and David Weathers. Their bullpen can be compared to the Cincinnati Reds old bullpen that was featured "The Nasty Boys" (Rob Dibble, Randy Myers and Norm Charlton). Throw in some clutch hitting out of Bernie Williams and that's how the Yankees won the World Series. Here's a look at the defending World Series Champs, the 1997 New York Yankees.

Infield

At first base Tino Martinez had a really solid year offensively smacking 25 HR and 117 RBI. With his good performance, Yankee fans did not miss Don Mattingly that much. At second base Mariano Duncan was the best hitter the Yankees had with a .340 batting average. More importantly, he came through and became valuable when Pat Kelly was unable to play. In the offseason there was talk of trading him and putting Pat Kelly at second, but Joe Torre decided that Duncan is the starter. At shortstop Derek Jeter had a spectacular rookie season (.314 BA, 10 HR, 78 RBI) and was named AL rookie of the year. At third base it looks like Wade Boggs will play most of the time primarily because he is the lead off hitter and gets on base a lot. Reserve third baseman Charlie Hayes should get more time because he is a power hitter and is a good hitter against left handers. As the season progresses expect to see Hayes getting

more time at third base. Luis Sojo is a capable backup at short and second because of his solid fielding. During the off season Jim Leyritz was traded to the Anaheim Angels because they needed to cut down their \$60 million dollar payroll. Joe Girardi last season hit .294 and unlike most catchers he has surprising speed (14 stolen bases). Jorge Pasada is the backup to Girardi and he is there just to give Girardi a day off. The addition of Cecil Fielder gave the Yankees the power hitter they desperately needed. During the offseason no other clubs were interested in giving him a long term deal so he only had to settle for 9 million dollars this season. Cecil Fielder is a lot like Dave Kingman—he is homerun hitter but he is a below average fielder.

Outfield

Bernie Williams had a great season (29 HR 102 RBI) and a spectacular post season. He wants Ken Griffey Jr.-type money but I feel he has to have a similar season to get that money. He has the toughest agent to deal with in Scott Boras so expect negotiations to go on for a long time. Paul O'Neil had a solid year with 19 HR and 91 RBI's. Left field is the question mark. Daryll Strawberry is already having health problems and I feel that Tim Lincecum can definitely get the job done so there is no way this guy should be traded because injuries do happen and depth is a necessity. Mark Whiten is a solid backup outfielder and brings some left-handed power off the bench.

Starting Rotation

The Yankees have two great pitchers, but I feel that David Cone is the ace of the staff. If he did not get injured, he would have put up similar numbers that Andy Pettite put up (21-8). The Yankees did lose Jimmy Key to free agency but they signed free agent lefty David Wells because despite his cockiness (asked to have Babe Ruth's number) he pitches great in Yankee Stadium.

Kenny Rogers was a huge disappointment last season primarily because he was pitching when he was hurt and did not tell any of the coaches that. For him to have a good season he has to stay healthy. Doc Gooden will be best remembered for his no hitter against Seattle and is a question mark this season because it seems recently the injury bug has caught up to him. Thankfully, Ramiro Mendoza can step in and pitch well, if not better, than Gooden could.

Bullpen

Everyone's job changed when John Wetteland signed with Texas. There was no way the Yankees were giving him six million per season. Mariano Rivera will step in to be the closer. The Yankee bullpen will blow more games now that Rivera is not the middle reliever. To pick up that slack, the Yankees signed lefty Mike Stanton who was the second best middle reliever in baseball last season. He should have the role Rivera had but it looks like Joe Torre will do it by committee. It looks like lefties Mike Stanton and Graeme Lloyd will only pitch against left handed hitters and righties Jeff Nelson, Brian Boehringer, and David Weathers will pitch the rest of the time.

Final Prediction

I feel that the Yankees will win the division because with the exception to John Wetteland this is pretty much the same team. They are still better than Baltimore and even with all the improvements Toronto made, the Yankees will have no problem beating the Jays. The team that will give them problems is the Seattle Mariners. Lately, they have had a very tough time with them. If they face the Mariners I feel they will lose to them but if they don't face them, they will have a good chance to get to the World Series again.

Is Chicago Unbeat-a-Bull?

by Steve Hall

The Chicago Bulls are basketball gods and the rest of the league are bowing down in awe of them but someone must step up and become a challenge to them! Who out there is brave enough to take on these juggernauts of the rock? The Knicks? The Jazz? The Lakers? The Sonics? The Rockets? Do any of these teams have the depth to challenge this team?

The Utah Jazz who must be a prime candidate for the NBA finals just by looking at their record which is the best in the west have clinched home court advantage throughout the playoffs. Karl "the Mailman" Malone has delivered each game with strong performances with John Stockton dishing those same assists which are as plain and ordinary without any pizzazz are still beating most opponents? Hornacek who has always been a great shooter has added dimension which the Jazz has lacked for years. Tyrone Corbin, Antoine Carr and Greg Ostertag have beefed up their front line but how have they won all of those games? Behind Stockton's assists to Malone which are usually on the money combine for a lethal one-two punch. But without those two stars who are at the end of their careers the Jazz would be an average team. The Jazz will meet their fate in the playoffs unless a miracle occurs and they face the Bulls in the finals which would make for a four game sweep.

The L.A. Lakers who with Shaq in the lineup are one of the deadliest teams Chicago would meet in the Finals. The most exciting fast break to watch in the league has been slowed down due to injuries which have plagued this team since the All Star break. With five games remaining, the Lakers are scheduled to face the Jazz this Sunday with Shaq back in the middle appearing for the first time in over two months. The question of chemistry comes into play concerning how well the injured players will slip back into their roles. Elden Campbell who has filled in nicely but hasn't been the defensive force that Shaquille is under the basket. The dominating presence that O'Neal brings to the court is amazing and that will definitely be a factor against the

Bulls. But, will the inexperience and immaturity the Lakers possess be their downfall? We'll see in the playoffs.

The Seattle Supersonics who are in turmoil at this point in the season concerning Shawn Kemp and his "problems." The team chemistry is coming apart when Schrempf has just gotten back and relocated his shooting touch. Gary Payton being silent on Kemp's problems is seemingly disenchanted with the lack of team effort to pick up the slack. In Kemp's last appearance, he scored a season low three points and a number of turnovers. Missing practices and team buses have contributed to Kemp's new bench role where he seemed indifferent about the situation. Team meetings haven't phased Kemp but coach George Karl has said that his team will be ready for the playoffs. Perhaps if Kemp is not ready they will be bounced from the playoffs by their opponent to be, the Phoenix Suns who had beaten them twice in one week. Will the Sonics become super? That is up to Kemp and the rest of the team who met the Bulls in last years finals. A team claiming they have the desire to get back to the championship round and claim the NBA title are facing self destruction with less than a week to go before the playoffs.

The Houston Rockets who have exceeded expect-

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tations by winning numerous games without their star forwards Drexler and Barkley leaving Olajuwon with a no name supporting cast. A 52-24 record has given the team a solid third slot in the western conference picture

and with their stars just coming back in time for the playoffs means perhaps another title run which would be very interesting. The Rockets taking two titles in a row going head to head with the team that has won four titles in the last six years. Barkley starving for his first title ever has the fire in his eyes pulling down double digit rebounds and scoring 20 per game. Drexler and Olajuwon who are nearing the ends of their careers as well are hoping to pull off a miracle as they've done in the regular season with a stellar record considering the injuries and the supporting cast they have. The Rockets are a considerable threat to the Bulls.

Finally, the New York Knicks are coming apart at the seams. After last night's performance against the Bulls, I can only say that the Knicks should be grateful if they make it to the second round to face the Bulls if they maintain their position. A tight race between the Pistons, Hawks, and the Hornets who are battling the Knicks for their playoff spot can switch spots in the matter of one game. The loss to the Bulls last night had given the Atlantic division title to the Miami Heat proving that everything Riley touches becomes gold. The Knicks playing with fresh legs against the road weary Bulls still couldn't beat Chicago with a five point lead with two minutes left. The Bulls gunning for another 72-10 record are looking to steamroll their way into the playoffs. Jordan scoring 20 in the fourth quarter had manhandled the Knicks, abusing them every chance he got no matter who guarded him.

In short, all of these teams have a legitimate shot at the title but Jordans desire will not let the Bulls falter. In the recent game against the Knicks when Jordan had taken over the game, he was laughing at the Knicks firing up jumpers, beating them single-handedly. With Rodman, Kukoc, and Wennington returning to the lineup should boost the confidence of the team giving added firepower and defensive intensity to the already perfect Bulls. Unless the Bulls pull off an upset in the first round, I don't see any team posing a great threat in a seven game series.

D o l p h i n R e w i n d

by Michael Anderson
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Mens Baseball

For games 6-12, the Dolphins went down to Florida to play some games against Division II competition. CSI played 7 games and came out victorious in two of them. Here's how they did in Florida:

March 28 at Colby (Gene Cusiack)

As soon as CSI got off their plane, they had a game to play. This was the first one in their trip and the result was a narrow 6-5 loss.

March 28 at Edgewood (Gene Cusiack)

In this game, CSI got some strong pitching from senior Dom DiNicola. CSI got their first victory in Florida as DiNicola pitched a 7-0 shutout.

March 29 at Marian (Gene Cusiack)

This was another close game, but this time CSI came out victorious 5-4. However, this would be the last victory that CSI would encounter in Florida.

March 29 at St. Thomas (Gene Cusiack)

In this game, another team other than the Dolphins got the offense going. Even though CSI did score 6 runs they lost because St. Thomas scored 14.

March 31 at Warner Southern

For the second straight game, CSI's pitching was nowhere to be found. CSI got pounded for the second game in a row, 21-7.

April 1 at St. Leo

There was no April Fools to be found on this day as CSI encountered a matchup with St. Leo. St. Leo was going to be a tough game because at the time of the matchup St. Leo was ranked eighth in Division II. CSI played a tough game, but eventually lost 5-1.

April 2 at Eckerd

CSI finished up their Florida road trip with a 17-4 loss. With the exception of three games, CSI had a lot of positives to take out from their trip.

April 5 at Manhattanville (DH)

First Game- Back from Florida, CSI played Manhattanville in a road doubleheader and in the first game CSI pounded the hits. After three innings, CSI held a convincing 13-4 lead. With the help of John Scarangelo and his grand slam home run, CSI belted out two home runs and 18 hits. Tom Considine chipped in with a three run home run. With the offense already deciding the game, it was up to the pitching to stay consistent. That's where sophomore pitcher Kevin Plunkett came in. Plunkett pitched a 7 inning complete game to earn the victory. He gave up three earned runs (four runs total) and struck out six while walking none. Even when the game was decided CSI didn't quit as the Dolphins still tacked on six runs in the sixth and seventh innings. At the end CSI came out with a 25-4 victory.

Notable Performances

Tom Considine finished 2-for-4 with 4 runs scored, 4 R.B.I. and a stolen base.

John Torres was 5-for-6 with 4 runs, 2 R.B.I. and a stolen base.

Second Game- The second game was much closer than the second. CSI was able to squeeze out a one run victory when they scored two runs in the last two innings to escape with the victory. After three innings, it looked as though CSI would take another commanding victory. After the top of three, CSI held a 9-2 lead. However, Manhattanville didn't quit. They scored four runs in the third and fourth innings to take a 10-9 lead after four complete. In the sixth, Bobby Campbell drew a lead-off walk which was followed by John Torres' sacrifice bunt. John Scarangelo then tied the game on a single. In the seventh, it didn't look too good. CSI had two outs, but that was when they started their rally. Frank Sansonetti singled and then scored when Jason Anarumo ripped a double down the left-field line. The Dolphins held Manhattanville scoreless in the last inning to preserve the come-from-behind victory.

Notable Performances

Frank Sansonetti was 2-for-3 with two runs and 3 R.B.I. He also pitched the last four innings to earn the victory. He gave up four runs in his first inning of work, but then settled down to shut down Manhattanville for the last three innings. In just four innings, he had seven strikeouts. Leadoff man Tom D'Angelo was 2-for-3 with two runs and

one R.B.I.

April 6 at NJIT (DH)

First Game- Another doubleheader on the road produced another sweep for the Dolphins. The first game had Dan Price going the distance for his second victory. Price gave up only three earned runs and struck out four batters. The offense was supplied by Tom D'Angelo. D'Angelo hit a home run and for the day he had two R.B.I. and he sparked some glove work in their victory. He helped turn two double plays to get Price out of some trouble. After three innings, CSI held a 6-0 lead and never looked back.

Notable Performances

Ryan Lotito chipped in by going 1-for-3 with 2 R.B.I.

Frank Sansonetti went 2-for-4 with one R.B.I. and one run scored.

Second Game- The second game was pretty similar to the first in that CSI got another strong pitching performance. This time around, senior John Testa provided some solid pitching. Testa went the distance pitching a shutout as CSI won the nightcap 11-0. All total Testa gave up four hits and struck out two. The offense in the second game was carried by Tom Considine and John Scarangelo. Scarangelo was 3-for-4 with 3 R.B.I. and Considine continued his hot hitting by going 2-for-5 with 3 R.B.I. For the weekend, CSI won four games in four days.

Notable Performances

Marc Navarino went 3-for-3 with 2 R.B.I.

John Torres went 2-for-4 with 2 runs scored.

April 8 vs Drew

This was a day that could be called "Jason Anarumo Day". Senior outfielder Jason Anarumo had a career day going 5-for-5 with 4 runs scored and 8 R.B.I. not to mention that he had three home runs! Anarumo's three home runs came on the first three times he stepped to the plate. And the pounding that CSI inflicted on Drew didn't stop there. CSI pounded out 19 hits to go with their 19 runs. On the mound, senior pitcher Dom DiNicola pitched six strong innings only allowing one run and striking out five. DiNicola is fresh from a Florida start in which he shut out the opposition. After this start, DiNicola lowered his ERA to 2.66 and became CSI's hot pitcher with two straight victories.

Notable Performances

Freshman Anthony Avena was 2-for-2 and had a sparkling, diving catch in right-center field to end Drew's eight inning.

The two's were wild for John Scarangelo as he was 2-for-2 with 2 runs scored and 2 R.B.I.

Womens Softball**March 27 at Tampa University (DH)**

This doubleheader looked pretty similar in the box scores. CSI lost both games to Tampa by the identical score of 9-1. If nothing else, at least you can say that they were consistent.

March 28 at St. Petersburg CC (Pasco)

CSI had four games scheduled for this day. The first game of the day resulted in a 10-2 loss.

March 28 at Port Colborne, Canada (Pasco)

It seems as though the score 9-1 is one that CSI sees a lot in Florida. After two 9-1 losses to Tampa, CSI lost to this Canadian team, 9-1.

March 28 at Niagara County CC (Pasco)

The bats finally woke up for the Lady Dolphins in Florida as they scored eight runs. The problem was that they allowed 14 runs to extend their Florida losing streak to five games.

March 28 at Edison CC (Pasco-Hernando)

After the bats woke up, they went back to sleep. CSI failed to score more than three runs again as they lost 11-2.

March 29 at Hillsborough CC (Pasco)

With the bats still silent, one may wonder when the bats would wake up. This game was not it. They failed to score more than three runs again as they lost 8-2.

March 31 at Niagara County CC (DH)

A doubleheader against Niagara proved to be healthy for the Lady Dolphins. CSI swept the doubleheader as the runs finally came in. In the first game, CSI won 8-2 and in the nightcap they pitched a shutout as they earned a 12-0 victory. The victories stopped the Florida seven game losing streak and an overall losing streak of eight games.

April 5 vs Mount St. Vincent

CSI celebrated their return to New York with a shutout against Mount St. Mary. Even more impressive than that was that freshman pitcher Christine Liguori tossed a no-hitter. The hitting returned to the Willowbrook campus as the Lady Dolphins pounded out 28 runs. Lynne Addington drove in seven runs on four hits, including two doubles. Lynn Saunders collected three hits with two of them being triples.

April 6 at Bloomfield (Nick Lia Tourn.)

First Game- This game was pretty close and became tied in the fifth as Lynne Addington knocked an R.B.I. single. In the eighth it looked as though CSI would take the game as Lucana Troia connected on a two-run double. The double gave CSI a 3-1 lead, but they weren't able to hold on as they allowed three runs in the bottom of the eighth to lose the game 4-3.

April 6 vs Queens (Nick Lia Tourn.)

Second Game- The second game didn't have too many positives for the Lady Dolphins. Queens shut out CSI, 11-0 in the second game of the Nick Lia Tournament. For the tournament, Lynn Saunders and Lynne Addington were named to the all-tourney team.

April 9 at John Jay (DH)

In both games, the hitting game alive for CSI's first CUNY opponent of the season. In the first game, pitcher Christine Liguori yielded only five hits and three walks to earn her third victory. CSI banged out 13 hits in the opener including Andrea Saporito going 3-for-3 game with a double and three runs to propel CSI to a 19-8 victory. In the nightcap it was pitcher Jennine Elkins that pitched well enough to earn the victory. She scattered six hits during the game to earn her second victory. Senior Lynn Saunders led the way hitting in both games by connecting for a home run in both games. With the combo of Elkins and Saunders, CSI won the second game for the sweep, 11-6.

Notable Performances

For the day, Lynn Saunders hit two home runs to go with her six R.B.I. At press time, she led all Lady Dolphins in batting average with .540.

Lynne Addington is second in batting with a .500 average and leads in stolen bases with 11.

Mens Tennis**March 25 vs Rutgers-Newark**

CSI opened up their tennis schedule with a defeat to Rutgers-Newark. CSI lost 3-6 by winning two single matches and one doubles. In singles play, Justin Moore won 6-4, 6-4 while Robert Klein won 7-6, 6-7, 7-5. The doubles victory came as Moore and Mark Wantowski won 8-4.

March 26 vs Lehman

After an opening day loss, the Dolphins were ready to prove what they can do. The end result was that CSI shutout Lehman 9-0. All CSI players that played were victorious. All the singles winners winners were: Justin Moore (6-1, 6-3), Robert Klein (6-2, 6-2), Mark Wantowski (6-2, 6-0), John Fucci (6-2, 6-1), John Fede (6-3, 6-0), Brad Sibling (6-2, 6-1). The double winners were comprised of the teams of Moore & Wantowski (8-4), Klein & Fucci (8-4) and Fede & Sibling (8-2).

April 9 vs Manhattanville

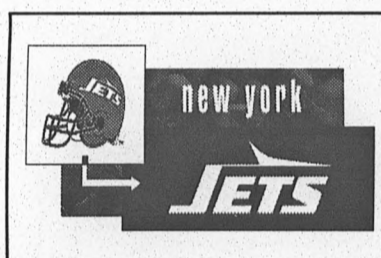
For the second time in a row, CSI blanked their opponent. Once again the single winners were Justin Moore (6-0, 6-1), Robert Klein (6-3, 6-3), Mark Wantowski (6-2, 6-2), John Fucci (6-1, 7-6), John Fede (6-2, 6-3), and Brad Sibling (6-4, 4-6, 6-2). The double winners included teams Moore & Wantowski (6-4, 6-0), Klein & Fucci (8-3) and Margent Maslinka & Fede (8-4).

Jets, Giants Feelin' The Draft

By Tom Krasniqi

The flowers are starting to blossom. The pollen count is alive and kicking. The Mets are already out of it. That can only mean one thing. It's spring time and it's also time to focus our attention on football. No, we're not talking World League Football or the hideous Arena football league which will feature the New York Cityhawks who will play at the Garden (Oh joy!). We're talking National Football League here, specifically the NFL Draft to be held on April 19-20 in the Paramount Theatre. This is an event that is known for its intrigue, suspense, excitement and downright embarrassment and this year should be no different.

For the second year in the row, the New York Jets have the first pick overall in the draft and for the second year in a row, they will probably tab a USC player with that pick. Last year, it was wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson. This year, it could be defensive tackle Darrell Russell. Russell is a 6'4" 320 pound wrecking machine who can collapse the pocket and dominate a game at times but he has also been accused of taking some downs off. New coach Bill Parcells will not let this happen. He will be on Russell's case from day one if the Jets tab him and that's a very likely scenario. The Jets are alarmingly thin at the defensive tackle position and they are in dire need of an impact player there who has size and the ability to stop the run and also put pressure on the passer. Darrell Russell can do all that and more.



The Jets are also considering Ohio State offensive tackle Orlando Pace with their first overall pick but the Jets have a lot of money invested in their two tackles, Jumbo Elliot and David Williams. The Jets are also said to be concerned with Pace's knee. But if that knee checks out, Pace can be the most dominating offensive lineman the NFL has seen in years. The Oakland Raiders have traded up to the second pick and are salivating for Pace. The Seattle Seahawks pick third and they have their sights set on the best cornerback in the draft in Ohio State's Shawn Springs who's 6'0" and weighs 195 pounds. He has excellent size and speed (4.35 in 40 yard dash) to be a Pro Bowler on this level. The Jets are also interested in Springs because they are thin at corner and they need players with size at the position to team up with Aaron Glenn. A potential Glenn-Springs corner combo could become the best in the NFL so the Jets are intrigued by that scenario.

The Jets could use any one of these three high impact players, meaning Russell, Pace or Springs. Those are positions that the Jets need an upgrade. They are in a prime position to better themselves and if they play their cards right, they will come out of this draft like real winners. They are sending smoke signals out for everyone to notice that they love these three players and they may be leaning toward one player over another, even if they don't prefer that player. But they will do that to get a team like the Raiders (second pick), the Seahawks (third pick), or a team like the St. Louis Rams (sixth pick and they love Orlando Pace) to worry that the Jets may take the player they want. The Jets will hold on to this pick until draft day and look for them to make a deal with one these teams or perhaps someone else (49ers?)

who might make a tremendous offer that the Jets cannot refuse. The Niners have reportedly offered the Jets defensive tackle Dana Stubblefield and a couple of picks to move up because they want Pace. The Jets hold all the cards so let's see if they have a good poker face when draft day rolls around. Prediction: the Jets will trade down one spot with the Raiders with the Jets getting a third round pick. The Raiders will grab Pace and the Jets will draft USC defensive tackle Darrell Russell. You read it here first!

The Giants pick seventh overall in this draft and they need a left tackle and a wide receiver as their top priorities. They are said to be looking at Florida State offensive tackle Walter Jones, who's the second best tackle in this draft behind Pace. Jones has decent size (6-5, 300lbs.) and has cat quick feet to play the all important left tackle position in the NFL. He would fit in well with the Jints. The guy they may end up picking however is Miami wideout Yatil Green. He came out as a junior and he may be the right choice. He had an awesome combine workout where he ran a 4.29 forty on a slow surface and has great size (6-2, 200lbs.) and big play potential. He's an impact receiver with good hands and the best receiver Miami has had since one Michael Irvin. The Giants need impact players at the receiver position, especially one that can catch the ball and Green fits that perfectly. Either way, Big Blue will get themselves an impact player with that seventh pick overall. Here's a look at the rest of the draft:

Quarterback

Virginia Tech's Jim Druckenmiller is the top QB and the only one who will get drafted early in the first round. He has good size (6-4, 233lbs.) and is very strong physically with a cannon for an arm. Arizona State's Jake Plummer is a winner with a big heart but not much size or arm strength. I'm not too high on him nor Heisman winner Danny Wuerffel. BYU's Steve Sarkisian is a natural passer who played in a pro style offense. He'll be a steal for someone in the third round. Sleeper: Colorado's Koy Detmer. Younger brother of Ty is not big (6-2, 205) but he has a quick release, tough competitor and plays well in cold weather. Looks like a poor man's Brett Favre.

Running Back

Decent group led by Houston's Antowain Smith who's a 6'2" 225 pound workhorse with great speed (4.4) for his size. Washington's Corey Dillon is also a big back with big play potential. Florida State's Warrick Dunn and Iowa State's Troy Davis are undersized backs who may not be able to take the NFL pounding. Sleeper: Tennessee's Jay Graham. An all purpose back in the mold of Chris Warren. He can run, catch, and block. Keep on eye on this guy.

Wide Receivers

Miami's Yatil Green is best of bunch and should be scooped up by the Giants. Colorado's Rae Carruth has blazing speed and has been compared to Joey Galloway. Florida's Reidel Anthony has burner speed who makes plays and is better than teammate Ike Hilliard. I love Texas' Mike Adams potential as a gamebreaker and will make some team happy in the second or third round (Giants?). Sleeper: Kansas State WR Kevin Lockett. Will open up some eyes on the next level with his size (6-1, 190lbs.) and great hands. Could be one of the most

underrated players in the draft.

Offensive Linemen/Tight Ends

LSU's David LaFleur and Cal's Tony Gonzalez rate out as the top two tight ends in the draft with Southern Illinois' Damon Jones not far behind. All three will go in top two rounds with LaFleur being best of bunch with his enormous size (6-7 280lbs.). Michigan's Rod Payne is top center along with TCU's Ryan Tucker. Colorado's Chris Naoele and Michigan's Damon Denson are top flight guards but watch out for Washington's Bob Sapp, said to be best pulling guard to come out in years. Ohio State's Orlando Pace is top tackle followed by FSU's Walter Jones and Arizona's Juan Roque. Sleeper: Central Michigan ON Scott Rehberg. His size and speed (6-8 320 lbs. 5.2) make him a small school gem just waiting to be discovered.

Defensive Linemen/Linebackers

USC's Darrell Russell is top DT in draft with Cortez Kennedy/Chester McGlockton potential and should go to the Jets at #1. Myron Elzy of Central State (6-4, 305 lbs.) and Texas A&M's Ed Jasper (6-4, 305 lbs) are big bodies who can be solid NFL defensive tackles. FSU's Peter Boulware (6-4, 255lbs.) and Clemson's Trevor Pryce (6-5, 280lbs.) are the top ends in the draft. Alabama's Dwayne Rudd (6-3, 245 lbs) is top 'backer in the draft and should go in the top ten. The Virginia LBs Jaime Sharper and James Farrior (both 6-3 and 235lbs.) have great closing speed and are versatile. Tyrus Mccloud of Louisville and Matt Russell of Colorado are the top inside linebackers.

Sleeper: Colorado OLB/DE Greg Jones. At 6-4 and weighing 255 pounds, Jones played end in college but depending on who drafts him, he will make a Pro Bowl outside linebacker for a team that plays a 3-4 scheme. Plus, he has 4.55 speed which makes him more appealing. Would be a great picker for Steelers or Carolina but may end up with Cincinnati which just switched to a 3-4.

Secondary/Kickers

Best crop I've seen in years with Ohio State's Shawn Springs (6-0, 195lbs 4.3 speed) and Texas' Bryant Westbrook (6-0 200 lbs. 4.4) the top two corners in this draft and both are sure fire Pro Bowlers and top five picks. Iowa's Tom Knight, Louisville's Sam Madison, Kansas State's Chris Canty, and Nebraska's Michael Booker are all top flight cornerback prospects. Ohio State's Rob Kelly (6-2, 200 lbs 4.5) and Miami's Tremaine Mack (6-0 195lbs 4.4) are the top two safeties with Penn State's Kim Herring is not far behind. Jets may tab Kelly in second round. Ball State's Brad Maynard is said to be the best punter in the draft since Ray Guy. He's got a powerful leg and can really boom it. Penn State's Brent Conway is the top placekicker.

Sleeper: Texas safety Chris Carter. A big play safety with size and speed (6-1, 205 lbs 4.5) that will remind you of a young Tim McDonald.

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