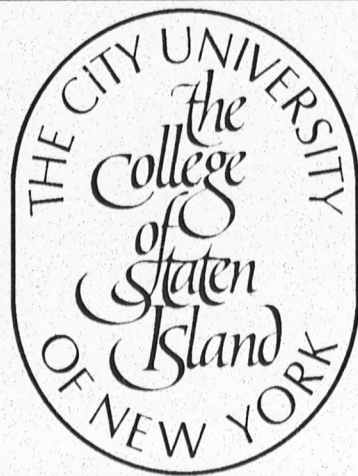


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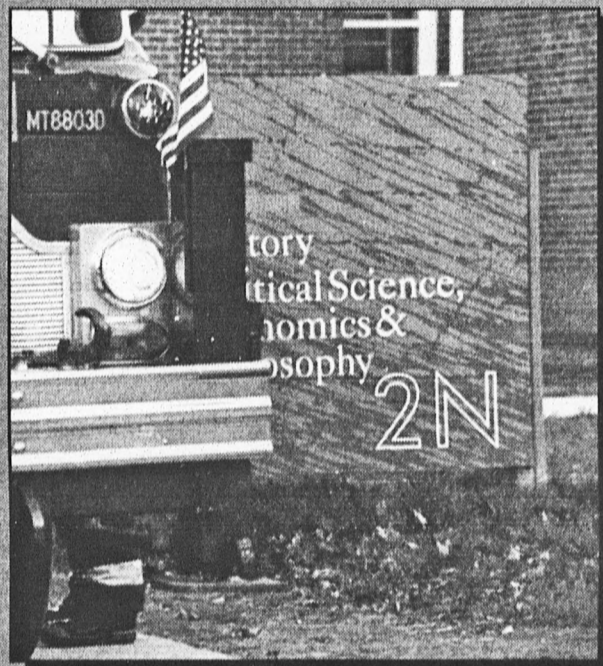
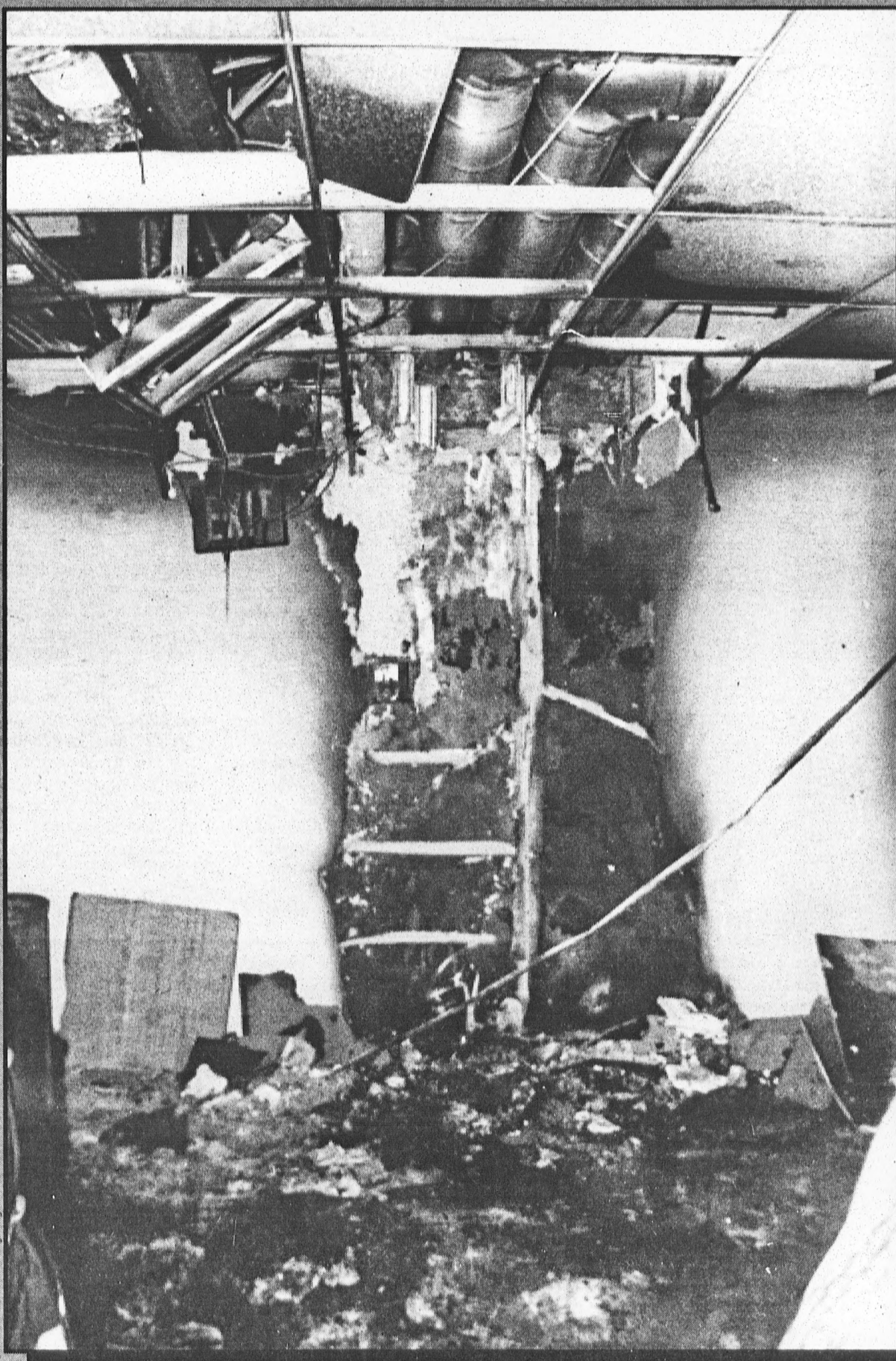
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## ACCIDENT OR ARSON



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Is There  
Cause For  
Alarm?**

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# YET ANOTHER FIRE

By Jennifer Valle & Christopher Zeyer

A fire broke out in the west wing basement of the 2 north building Thursday, November 9th at 3:15 PM. The student who first spotted the fire, Francis Franzen, stated, "I saw a whole bunch of boxes stacked up in the corner [of the 2N basement]. Something went off, and then the fire jumped up to the ceiling. I ran upstairs to the security guard and told him there was a fire."

Officer Christopher Adams was the first on the scene accompanied by Officer Billy Dalton and Officer Keith Clarke. The building was immediately evacuated but the fire was already raging... covering a corner of the wall as well as the ceiling. Once the Fire Department and additional security came, Officers Adams and Clarke left to be treated for smoke inhalation. The Fire Department was on the scene by 3:25 PM and the fire was put out immediately. Among the damaged property was a trash can, an exit sign, part of a door to a classroom, a broken window, ceiling and floor tiles, and part of the wall extending full length from floor to ceiling. Extensive smoke damage has also been recorded.

Upon investigation, it was discovered that the fire was not from an electrical mishap. Fireman John Dungan said, "There was nothing around there [which could have caused the fire], we are a bit suspicious." Fireman Quigley of Engine 166 explained, "It was a rubbish fire... it seems as though someone set up some

cardboard boxes, newspaper, and a flammable substance, some kind of accelerant... it was probably some mischievous vandals." Fireman Richard Flynn also commented on the scene saying, "This is a possible arson."

Firemen were baffled as to the start of the fire and labeled it as 'suspicious'. Fire Marshals Joe Gillen and Tom Driscoll were immediately called to the alleged crime scene. Upon further investigation, Fire Marshall Gillen commented, "This was a hot fire, it shouldn't be this hot..." Gillen attributed this to the fact that the floor tiles in the basement were literally melted away, which would not have happened if the fire were a normal one.

Although it is suspected that the fire was caused by use of an accelerant, there was no residue smell, which has left the marshals baffled. Fire Marshall Driscoll was able to collect samples which he explained would be taken to police headquarters for further analysis.

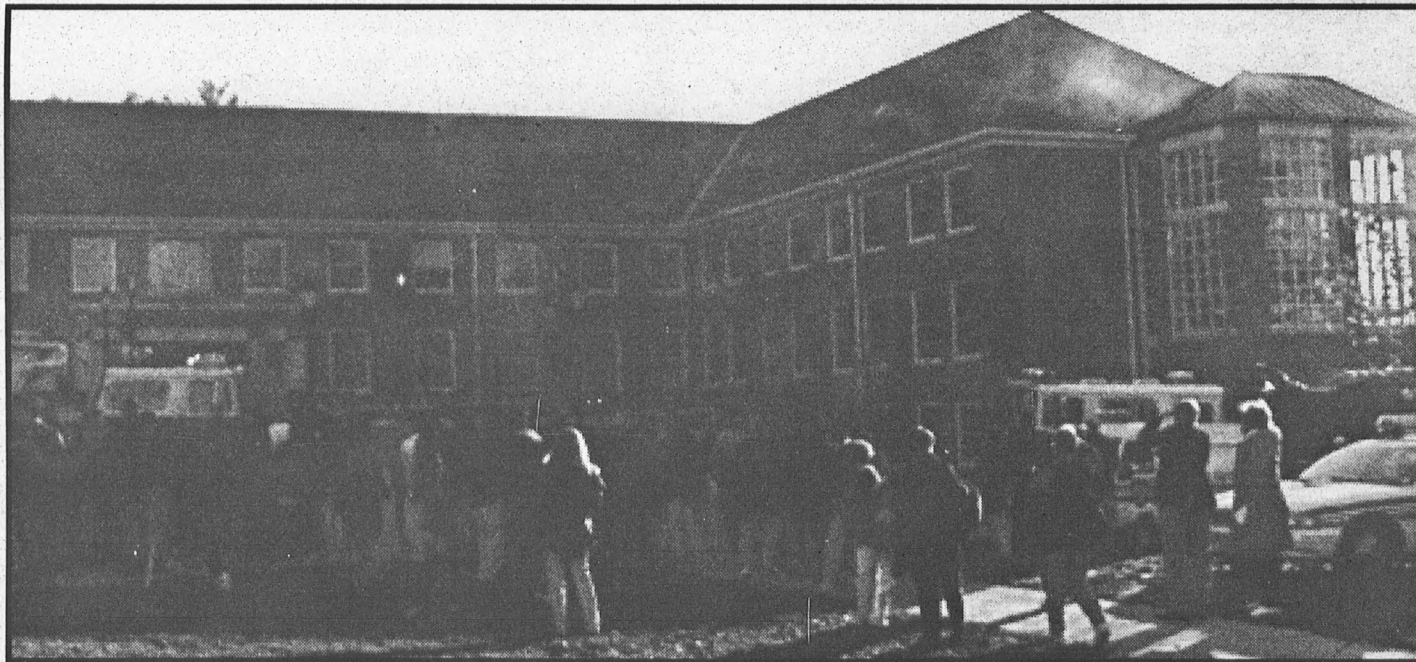
There is another question dealing with other than how it started.



One source who would like to remain anonymous told the Banner that the fire alarms went off approximately one minute after security was notified. Although the alarms went off late, students ignored the siren until security told them to evacuate. One student, Sheri Rahey explained, "We heard the

alarm, but we didn't move... there was no more information given." Student Lisa Lange agreed saying, "When we saw the people running, we ran too." Classes were cancelled until 6:00 PM that night when students were allowed back into the building, however, the west wing of the basement was closed down until Buildings and Grounds was able to clean the area.

This has been the third fire on campus in the past three months. One curious conviction about the past three fires is the fact that each of them had entirely nothing in common. The first fire for the semester, which occurred in Building 1P, was caused by hot lights reflecting heat on backdrop curtains in the Williamson Theater. The second fire, which occurred in Building 1N, was started by an experiment gone sour. This recent fire holds the possibility of arson and has left investigators confused. When asked as to how she felt about the multiple fires on campus, Vice President Carol Jackson said, "No comment." This recent fire is still under investigation by Fire Marshals Driscoll and Gillen, and by the campus security.



## Trouble with Handicapped Parking

By Alice Marino

Beginning next fall, physically challenged students will have to register with the Disability Services office in order to make use of the handicapped parking spaces on the College of Staten Island campus. A special decal will be distributed to those who have either hang tags or handicapped plates. "Although this is further inconveniencing the disabled student, it is for their benefit," said Ira Persky of Auxiliary Services.

The blue hang tags are distributed through the Department of Motor Vehicles and they can be moved from one car to another. Because of the difficulties with parking, some selfish students have been using the handicapped spots. According to Audrey Glynn, Director of the Health and Wellness Program, students have admitted to borrowing tags from friends and relatives who are disabled. "They are terribly disrespectful to those who legitimately need the spaces." We at the Banner are appalled by both those who would allow others to take advantage their disabilities, as well as those who should be more sensitive to the needs of the disabled.

One student said "It's all right

if someone has a blue tag but some people are parking in the handicapped spots without tags or plates, particularly in lot 1." Those of you who display such blatant disrespect should know that Auxiliary Officers are working to enforce the law rigidly. According to Mr. Persky, Auxiliary Services Administrator, the ticket for illegal parking in the handicapped spaces is the most expensive ticket on the campus, forty dollars. "Our goal is to receive no revenue. We are not just concerned about people killing the grass, we want students to comply with the rules for safety reasons. Parking on the road way obstructs the flow of traffic and causes accidents."

He also wished to let disabled students know that there are handi-

capped spots in the faculty and staff parking lots two and three. To have access to lot two one must contact the security office ahead of time to be buzzed in. If you are concerned about any parking violation that you have witnessed, please call at 982-2294 as soon as possible.

### Handicapped Spots Available

Lot 1	= 7 and 2 temporary
2	= 4 and 2
Faculty	7
3	= 5 and 1
Faculty 1 temp	
4	= 13 and 2 temp
5	= 2
6	= 15

## Three Fires In Three Months: Cause For Alarm?

By Christopher Zeyer

The College of Staten Island has always promoted itself as a safe place to study and get your degree. And for the most part, the college has succeeded in doing that. The problem is that having three fires in the past three months, students are wondering, "Is the school safe?"

First of all, the College of Staten Island's Peace Officers during all three fires acted quickly and with intelligence. Fires cause confusion and the Peace Officers were calm. The bad thing is they have had to react so often. The last fire, Officers Chris Adams, Billy Dalton, and Keith Clarke ran into the building without regard for their well-being to ensure the safety of the students. This shows that the Peace Officers are alert and ready for any contingency.

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, the Williamson Theater had a fire scare, or rather a smoke scare. It seems the

lights atop the theater were starting to ignite the backdrop. It didn't become a catastrophe because someone smelled the smoke and reported it to security. The question is, "Why didn't the alarm go off?" If somebody wasn't around and reported it to security, would the theater have burned down? When the word came down that there was fire, security did everything correct the problem. What would have happened if they didn't know about the fire until it was too late?

On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, two people were injured in chemical fire in 1N. Again, the Peace Officers responded quickly and everything was contained; but there are still questions about the case. Were the professor and assistant

wearing protective gear since they were dealing with flammable chemicals, and were they at a safe distance? (Note: No students were injured, just the professor and her assistant.)

The last fire happened just last Thursday. This was started allegedly by carelessness. The theory was that someone was smoking in the basement of 2N and threw either his or her match or cigarette in to a trash can. Now you can't blame stupidity on the college, but

there is one thing the school can correct.

I was talking to students that were in the basement and most of them gave me the same reason why they didn't move quickly when they heard the alarm. The fact is they hear the alarms all the time and don't know

when it is real, a test, or just a bug in the system. Because of this, students wait for further information. In 2N, the further information was watching other students running from the smoke-filled corridors to safety. The college has to get on the ball.

The college should make it aware when to move and it's not real. The Peace Officers can only do so much. Maybe the college needs more fire drills like in high school. Maybe they should improve the system by having two sounds, one for a test, and one for real. We should also know the difference between the sounds. Or maybe the college should just evaluate the current system and improve on it.

Personally, I think the college does pretty good job when comes to problems like this. Or maybe it's just the college's Peace Officers I'm thinking of. The point is there is room for improvement and when you're talking about people's lives, improvements should be made.

**...students are wondering, 'Is the school safe?'**

## 1996 Presidential Politics: Powell Says No To The Presidency

By Joseph Canale

Before I get into Colin Powell and the race for '96, I would like to address a couple of points of concern about the race and about the column. First, several people have approached me and asked me why I only report on Republicans running the race. Well, let me say that I am commenting on Republicans simply because they are the only class of Presidential hopefuls that have formally entered the race. President Clinton has not declared his candidacy and Ross Perot and the Independent Party haven't endorsed or picked a candidate to run, therefore I am working with what I have. Besides, this week you, the readers get a break Powell while a Republican has not entered the race so he's different than the others I have commented on in the past. How's that for variety?

Second, I think it is important to let you know a little about the outcome of the recent Iowa straw poll. For those of you not knowing, a straw poll is like a make-believe primary vote that the registered party members vote in to show who they support. The outcome of this particular one put Senator Phil Gramm (R-Tx) at the head of the poll with Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN) right behind him. The third supposed front runner of the Republican field was Senator Bob Dole (R-Ks). Dole

was followed by the others elephants who got rather low support, but what did surprise me was that Morry Taylor, the tongue twisted business man in the field beat more polished entrepreneur Steve Forbes who has been making large gains in New Hampshire.

Third, Bob Dole really got some help from California Pete Wilson, who publicly endorsed Dole for President. Wilson's support is a blessing for Dole who could use the help when competing for California's approximately 54 electoral votes.

Now back to Colin Powell, well everyone... it didn't happen. On Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> in Alexandria, Virginia, Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin Powell will not be seeking the GOP presidential nomination and has decided not to run for President. The former general cited his reasons for bowing out of the race because the life of politics requires a strive of commitment that he said he was not ready for. In addition, Powell said that "the changes and scarifies would be too difficult for him and his

family at this time." Powell denied that, he was not running because he feared for his life, as many sources have hinted lately that the assassination of Yitzak Rabin might make Powell from entering the race. However, while Powell said that fear for life had no bearing on his decision, his wife (Alma)

from the get go was worried about the danger to her husband's life in embarking on a Presidential bid and then becoming President.

While Powell has decided not to make a bid for the White House next November, he has made clear to everyone that he is a Republican. In affirming this, Powell has expressed an interest in keeping in tune with national politics and helping the Republican party open itself up. Which is good in my opinion, if anything Colin Powell can be nothing but an asset to the party as member and maybe even a reformer in helping the moderate wing of the party assert itself. As for his future, if you're wondering about Powell in 2000 you're not alone many are inquiring as to his plans. All I can tell you is it may be a

possibility, but as of now the retired general does not want jump back on "the political treadmill."

From my point of view I am actually sorry that Colin Powell is not going to be running, according to the most recent polls he was the only shot at beating Clinton whether or not he ran as a Republican or a Independent. As you can probably guess, from that last sentence I'm not too fond our current President well, I'm not I don't think Bill Clinton is a good President. In fact, I was in D.B. Dalton the other day and I saw a book about appropriately named "The Dysfunctional President" and thought it was funny and fitting. Any how, good ole Billy and the Republicans in the field are all wiping the sweat from their brow and breathing a sigh of relief now that Powell is out and they have a shot at winning again. One thing I would like to say, is that for some reason Colin Powell compared to other politicians really comes off as a person with tons of class. Maybe, its just the calm, collective way he presents himself which I admire, or maybe its the fact that he thought of his family before himself when not running for President. One thing is for sure the race for '96 won't be the same with out him and it won't be as interesting for this political buff.

**...if you're wondering about Powell in 2000 you're not alone...**

State Senator John Marchi, who has served in the New York State Senate longer than any other individual in the history of New York State, will speak about the New York State Legislature Tues., Nov. 21, Rm. 2N-102 from 6:30 pm to 8pm. A CLUE event. All members of the College of Staten Island Community are welcome.

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# IN CSI NEWS...

## CSI TELLS STUDENT: SUE US!

Student Tracey Kunkin was walking on the grass from the Performing and Creative Arts Building to the parking lot when she suddenly tripped over a concealed metal hook and ripped her \$200 Justin Cowboy Boots Wednesday, October 25th.

Ms. Kunkin called the school the next day and was told to see Vice President Carol Jackson. Because VP Jackson was in a meeting, Kunkin was told to fill out a complaint. She was then sent to speak to Dean of Administration Terry Penna. Dean Penna referred Kunkin to Mr. George Targownik from the Campus Planning Center. Kunkin was able to take Mr. Targownik to the sight of the rusty hook. Buildings and Grounds was notified of the problem and the hook was removed from the ground. Because her boots were severely damaged due to the hook, Kunkin asked for the school to replace her shoes and was told that the school would not replace her damaged boots. Outraged with the turn of events, Kunkin stated, "I think this is disgraceful, I could have been hurt."

CSI's lawyer, Kathy Galvez commented, "Each of these cases are different we will have to look into the legal ramifications of this." Kunkin was told by Mr. Targownik to "get a lawyer and sue

the school." Angry at the entire ordeal, Kunkin commented, "They will pay for my boots."

## COMMUNITY HONORS PROFESSOR

Professor Charles C. Thomas of the Performing and Creative Arts Department will be honored at a dinner Saturday, November 18th at 7:00 PM. Professor Thomas, who has devoted over twenty years of his life to community service, will now be awarded for his dedication.

The dinner is scheduled to take place at the Central Family Life Center located at 59-69 Wright Street. During the past twenty years, Thomas has supported Kwanzaa Celebrations at CSI as well as in the community. He has also put together play performances at the college, and helped students overcome difficulties with their singing and acting. Drama student Jamal Holmes commented, "He helped me train for my singing role in 'The Witlings.'" Mr. Holmes continued, "He is truly one of CSI's finest... he really cares for the students."

Another student who has been influenced by the professor is Liberal Arts major Stommy Holder. Ms. Holder explained, "He is a great guy. He and I sang 'Vittoria Vittoria' by Carissimo together... he's a wonderful person to work with."

# CSI FIGHTS AGAINST CUNY RETRENCHMENT RESOLUTIONS

By Jennifer Valle

Recently, CUNY has passed down a 37 point resolution which outlines the cuts that are expected to be implemented by the CUNY colleges. Upon receiving these resolutions, the CSI college council has decided to combat these points calling them "an infringement into the areas of faculty rights and responsibilities."

Professor Alfred Levine, and former member of the Ad Hoc Committee explained, "The 37 resolutions passed by the board did not involve any consultation with any of the members of the Ad Hoc Committee in any of the campuses." He continued, "There is a certain paradox here... you have every campus setting up committees to try to figure out how to do minimal damage with the major budget cuts that we had to take. We came up with attempts to deal with this obscenely low budget that we have been given and the Board has gone and completely ignored us by passing down their own set of cuts."

Among the drastic cuts that have been passed down by the board is resolution 27 which states: *It shall be University policy that, effective September 1, 1996, all Bachelor's degree programs will require a maximum of 120 credits for graduation; all Associate degree programs will require a maximum of 60 credits.*

The policy goes on to stipulate that individual colleges may grant waivers for additional credits to be taken by undergraduate students for certification purposes. The school policy currently has the Bachelor's Degrees at 128 credits, and the Associates at 64. The problem that the college has with these cuts made by the Board of Trustees is that these proposals cut into the rights of the college to set their own curriculums and criteria for the attainment of a degree from the college.

Controversy about the cuts are surrounded with the call that was made for financial exigency when the Ad Hoc Committee was first formulated. Mr Levine commented, "This is definitely a move towards centralization by the board which is being made under the face of financial exigency... frankly, I question whether there even was a financial crisis." Among other moves that have been made by the

Board of Trustees is the implementation of the Student Information Management System (SIMS) Program. SIMS would call for a centralized billing system which would bill students of all CUNY campuses from one system located at the central office of CUNY. Students would still be able to go to their bursars office to pay their bills but if a student had problems with their bill, he or she would have to go to the CUNY Central office in Manhattan in order to fix the problems.

More problems with the resolutions lies in the remediation standards that are being set by the proposal. According to points 15, 16, 17, and 19, students who have to take a remediation course will have to pass it by their second semester or risk being denied entrance into any Bachelor's Degree Curriculum.

SEEK will also be affected in the way that they can no longer receive admissions from potential SEEK students in the Spring. This issue is addressed in point 21 which states: *Effective with the '96-'97 academic year, students apply by April and be admitted only once per year in the fall semester.* All students that would have been SEEK students that do not enter in the fall would miss out on the tutoring and monetary services provided through the SEEK Program. Professor Gloria Garcia commented, "Traditionally, we accepted incoming freshman in the fall and in the spring, but now we will no longer have a spring freshman class. Potential SEEK students who enter the college will not be able to take advantage of the SEEK program. We are basically depriving these students of the services that they would be entitled to if we had a freshman class in the spring."

The College Council recently discussed these proposals at their meeting on November 9th and have decided that because it goes against the University Policy, they will fight the Board on these decisions. The motion was made to "recind such resolutions of the Board and that the College Council of CSI will invite the Board of Trustees to enter into appropriate and collegial dialogue with elected and representative members of the faculty of CSI... on this matter."

### Retraction:

Our sincerest apologies goes out to Carol Brower for a typo in the last issue. The sentence should have read, "Carol Brower, who spoke about their experiences with alcoholism and drug addiction."

# THE BEATLES ANTHOLOGY: HISTORY BY THE GUYS WHO MADE IT

By BILL SPURGE

For those who have been living in a cave, the Beatles' anthology series will be running on ABC the week of November 19, and coincides with a plethora of music to be released by the group, including a few new tracks.

The upcoming events have given me an excuse to write a piece on the most famous musicians ever, and it's something I've always wanted to do before I retire from The Banner (shucks, no pension).

With such a wide age disparity in students who read our paper, it's nice for me to be able to reminisce with the older ones and inform and intrigue the younger set. Since the Beatles transcend time, it's not a nostalgia trip. However, an additional reason for talking about the ultimate icons of music in the 20th century is the incredible lack of respect they have gotten on the radio recently.

Before I talk about a few of the Beatles' achievements (to mention them all would require another budget for newsprint), I would like to touch on the dead air on the radio.

After years of dominating the airwaves, the Fab Four have been completely wiped off some stations' playlists. I suppose this is because they are not a "current" act, but it appears more likely that they are being penalized for recording only seven years before going their separate ways. It seems now like a blip on the screen.

In truth, Beatles' tunes did need a scaling down after years of passing the saturation point in play. However, because of radio's penchant for playing only a certain amount of songs by each group, the Beatles suffered more than anyone else because the number of great songs they had to offer that didn't get played far outnumbered those of all other artists.

But what reason can a station like WDHA give for not playing these guys at all when the "mop tops" invented modern rock? How about WNEW's change of format, which totally erased Fab Four songs (except for the obligatory one song played by Scott Muni at the start of his show)? NEW's Annual Top 500 always had about 60 Beatles songs on it. Can't they still play a few?

I understand that Q104.3 wants to be as modern as possible, but

tell me the definition of hard rock is not "Helter Skelter," "Revolution," or "Everybody's Got Something to Hide...?" After all, it's okay for them to play Led Zeppelin, whose records first received airplay in America only four years after the Beatles' Communication Breakdowns older than "Get Back"

All these stations are doing is depriving younger fans of the band that made it all possible. Fit them in! Play some of the deeper cuts that are gems, but didn't get killed on the radio. The Beatles are not just "classic rock," they are "eclectic rock."

The accomplishments are awesome. In a day in age when we categorize an artist or group as great based on two good records or five good songs, one has to consider that the boys from Liverpool recorded 14 albums in seven years that normally included 13 or 14 tracks (18 LP's in five years in the U.S.) - and EACH and EVERY one redefined rock and brought it to new heights.

Also, there were very few throwaway tracks. You don't need to program the songs on their CD's - you play them all the way through. It was Kurt Cobain who called it "a major progression" to go from "I Wanna Hold Your Hand" to the Sgt. Pepper album. He so revered the Beatles that he hoped to achieve the same, but admittedly on a much smaller scale.

It's a tribute to Beatles' everlasting appeal that a modern-rocker such as Cobain admired their every move and pieces of work. It also shows the wide range of music they attempted. That Elton John loved them may be no surprise, but Ozzy Osbourne of Black Sabbath called them "the greatest ever, bar none" and said that "Sgt. Pepper is my absolute favorite album of all time." Musicians usually know where their bread's been buttered.

The timelessness of the music was predicted years ago. It was gener-

ally felt that Beatles' music would outlast all others. There will always be revisionists who will dispute this or deny it. Who knows what the future will hold? But the way I look at it, how can a song like "In My Life" ever be passe. The songs hold too much meaning to grow old or fade away.

The group's greatest strength was its ability to write and sing in such varied styles. They could appeal to everyone from Frank Sinatra ("Something") to

Soundgarden and Aerosmith ("Come Together") Though a large numbers of songs talked of love, others could be introspective ("Nowhere Man," "Strawberry Fields Forever," etc.)

psychedelic and dreamlike ("Tomorrow Never Knows"), angry ("Sexy Sadie," "Revolution") and so forth.

Statistics will never tell the whole story of the Beatles, but in a time of great competitiveness during the 60's, they came up with 21 number one hits in five years. Let's see, Madonna has been the most popular artist over the last 12 years, and in more than twice the time has not come close to this record.

Comparisons to Elvis? Well, let's just say these guys played on all the songs and wrote most of them. In fact, what other group has two prolific

singers, musicians, AND songwriters. (John Lennon and Paul McCartney) and a third who was very good in his own right (George Harrison)? How many other pairs of singers traded lead vocals WITHIN songs?

Firsts? A wide range of them, from being the first artists to sing, write, and play all the tracks on an album, to having what is believed to be the first feedback on a recording ("I Feel Fine"). They did two minute songs in the early days, but the first seven minute single? "Hey Jude."

If music lovers are wise enough to buy all the Beatles' CD's, and takes a chronological approach, they will hear the extraordinary changes from "Please Please Me," to "Help," to "Rubber Soul," to "Revolver," to "Sgt. Pepper," and "Abbey Road." Without these progressions, where would rock be today? Would rock exist in its present form, if at all? I doubt it.


Perhaps Lennon's work is more closely related to today's raucous and angry rock (witness the latest CD of current artists' renditions of his songs). But listening to Beatles' records allows younger listeners to find a unique blend of talents unmatched in modern times. That's why their music cannot be labeled.

I'm not sure the television series will be the greatest, nor am I certain that the new single ("Free As a Bird" - with the late Lennon's vocals attached to it) will be among their best. But nothing can tarnish the history. The bottom line is, if you don't own their records, you don't own a rock record collection and if you don't appreciate the accomplishments, you are not a true fan of music.

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WAR!

Might crushes right,  
all minds distorted.  
Fear in the fight,  
mass destruction reported.  
Bewildered in their plight,  
most are slaughtered.  
End in sight?  
No! More ordered.

Without any thanks  
their bodies gone dry.  
From all the ranks  
they come to die.  
Fathers, sons... bloody banks.  
Mothers, babes... come, cry.

Everything is gone to naught,  
and lives lost in vain.  
Many to distraught  
from the terrible strain.  
All seemed caught  
in the crimson rain.  
Given a thought,  
realize we the gain?

-Larry (L.H.) Jacobs Early 1940s

"The Power Of Knowledge"

By Xiomara Cabrera

The power of knowledge is like a jewel; it shines forever.

Having knowledge is better than having money, because without knowledge, you won't know what to do with your money.

A powerful mind has knowledge of the truth; if you don't know what's the truth you'll live in falsity.

Try to find the truth. Try to have knowledge, and keep it for the future because it will be a treasure no one can steal from you.

MUSIC REVIEW

LOVE JONES

Powerful pain relief .....NOT!!

By Alex Larsen

So far the CD's I have received to review from BMG have been pretty cool but this one blew goats. I should have realized this as soon as I saw the lame artwork on the cover of the CD and the boring looking disk itself. Listening to the first song, I almost decided it wasn't that horrible. I figured that the CD would get better, but the album sounded like elevator music. There was no beat to the songs. It made me feel sleepy and nauseous all at the same time. Throughout the entire drawn out album I felt as if my nutsack was being used as a pincushion and someone was slowly putting in needles. Love Jones sucks so bad that it is not even worth mentioning the band members. I strongly suggest never buying this CD because instead of being "powerful pain relief" I needed to take a couple of pain killers to ease the suffering.

Just My Opinion : Copycat

Sigourney Weaver and Holly Hunter star along with Harry Connick Jr. in this latest release from New Regency. Weaver's character, a brilliant criminal psychologist, is the victim of an attack by a serial killer and then develops severe agoraphobia. This sets up some tension because she can't go outside, but because her apartment is really nice to look at you don't mind being drawn in and made to feel like it could be your place too. Soooo, when things start getting close to home, you get pissed that someone's in your house! Holly Hunter can do no wrong as far as I'm concerned (you may differ and that's cool because this is just my opinion). Her performance is strong and she's a great shot to boot, but there were a few times when I thought : "no police dept. could be so incompetent . . .". Then, I suddenly realized - I'm in movie land! . . . and kept taking notes for my review. Ever see a trailer for a movie and think you've seen the movie? When I saw Copycat's trailer, I thought I'd done just that, but decided to give it a chance because Sigourney hadn't taken a major role since Polanski's "Death and the Maiden", and I think she's pretty discerning when choosing scripts.

The San Francisco Bay area makes a good backdrop for almost any film, and there are a few cool forays into cyberspace that get our main characters acquainted with their serial murderer. This was a very entertaining movie, with something I always look and hope for - unpredictability.

RODGERS GUIDE TO BECOMING POPULAR By Ron Magnusson

**Make friends by bringing in a special treat for one of your classes**

Hi, I'm Rodger would you like a special treat?

Just give me the damn cookie freak boy.

**Everyone loves a celebrity**

Hi, I'm Rodger. I'm in your math class, but you might know me better as one of the Joey Lawrance brothers

**Boost your ego a bit by running for Student Government. Don't knock yourself out with a campaign either. Chances are if you vote for yourself you'll win.**

Everyone loves a politician

Vote Rodger Senator with Balls

**Rodger cannot stress the importance of good hygiene.**

yeah, something smells!

Oh no it's me. WHAT REEKS?

**Cool by association: Discovered by Arnold Jackson of Different Strokes. Fame - It uses the principle that if a relative of yours is cool, you're automatically cool.**

**NO COMMENT!**

**For all those with low-self esteem, Rodger suggests joining the Buger King Kids Club, that's if you don't mind the membership fees.**

Join The Banner, have nobody like you.

I wonder if Katie Keric ever felt this shitty?

Pet the weirdo \$1.00

# THE NET UNLEASHED

## ONLINE PROVIDERS AND WHO'S BEST

By Ralph Mastrangelo

The biggest problem with the Internet for beginners is how to get on line, and who's better. There are many ways to achieve home access. You can go through the "big 3" America On Line, Compuserve, and Prodigy. Or obtain access through smaller providers (eg. Pipeline or Delphi), or dial up a local BBS who offers Net access (Eg. NYC Metro on-line). For those with Windows 95 you can use the new Microsoft network. As you can see there are many options, but which is better for you?

When you decide to get an account there are a four questions you need to answer.

- 1) What do I want from my provider?
- 2) What kind of connection dial-up or a slip account?
- 3) How much do I want to Pay?
- 4) Where am I calling too?

These questions if thought out and researched will save you money and get you what you are looking for in a service provider. The one piece of hardware you should have besides a computer is a 14.4 modem. This is the minimum speed to surf at since a slower rate will cause you to have expensive download time.

On final note to the beginners, you should try subscribing to one of the "big 3". All three of them offer Net services and Web access. This will allow you to become comfortable with the Net and you can then move on to a Internet service provider for direct access. Only you can decide what's right for you, a dial up account or a slip account.

A dial up account is what the "big 3" providers offer. This is just as it sounds, you call there number and gain access through there machines. You computer is not part of the Net, you are just logging on and using another machine to surf. This is slower and can have lots of bottlenecks during the up times.

A Slip account is where your computer actually becomes part of the Net. You are given an IP address which when used allows you to get direct access to the web through your providers main system. The "Big 3" are working on offering this type of access but for now it's just dial up. To get a Slip account Metro On-line is one of the places you can contact.

### America On Line:

America On Line(AOL) has quickly become on of the largest providers for on line service. They have a smooth and solid interface, which is easy to use and navigate around. AOL is a service that is suppose to be geared to people in there mid-30's but it has become a perfect service for beginners. AOL offers many features to the subscribers:

FTP access, Gopher & WAIS Searches, web Browser E-mail(The New Craze), Mailing lists, Newsgroups, Chat room's, Web crawler search, Stock quotes etc... Good points about AOL:

Ease of use, Many step by step screens to navigate through new tool and environments. Service is said to be 99.99999% problem-free. FTP sites that do not allow anonymous contact will allow you in. The whole environment is idiot proof.

Bad points of AOL:

AOL screen updates happen all the time so you sometimes have to sit and wait while the artwork is download to you computer. A E-mail address ending with Name@AOL.COM sometimes lead to flaming by some people on news groups. Not as fast a direct account.

AOL's rates are \$9.95 per month minimum charge for five hours of time. Then its \$2.50 per hour after. To get on-line you can call them or get one of there free disk's from any magazine. You then install the program, logon, enter your name and a

user ID, and of course a credit card number. This does entitle you to ten hours of free service, but once you go over you card is charged. Call 1(800)827-6364 for more details.

### Compuserve:

Compuserve the number two Net service provider that has an excellent resource for a range of informative services. This service seems to be aimed for people older then that of AOL subscribers (mid 30's to late forties). It seems compuserve serves people who business-minded. This service though makes beginners feel comfortable, but keeps advanced users interested. Compuserve offers the following services to it's subscribers:

E-Mail, Usenet News, Telnet, FTP, Gopher, World Wide Web, Stock Quotes, and more.

Compuserve's good points are:

User friendly Icons and tool bar. Help available from any screen. Telnet, FTP, and Web Browser's are all slightly more advanced then other Servers. They help beginners but don't hinder experts.

Bad points about Compuserve:

It is easily to be lured out of basic services and into many extra charge areas. Some of these are cost \$24 per hour. But you do get ample warning when you are entering these areas; so it's wise to read everything before clicking that "OK" button.

Compuserve rates are \$9.95 per month

Encyclopedia's, political info, and other informational needs. All there services are the same they are just setup in a unique way. They all do offer stability to their subscribers. Also users are rarely "Bumped Off" or locked out from basic services. Choosing one of these is a choice that is based on personal preference. It should be known that so many people use these types of providers because of the ease of use and setup. This to me is there biggest appeal. Most of the average computer users are intimidated by having to set up a TCP, or logon to a computer by a terminal to set up. So the invention of a graphical user interface curbes these fears.

I personally would not use these services. I rather use Netscape to serf the web and Eudora to check my mail so I would use a SLIP account. The other reason is that I do not like being regulated on where I can go, and what Newsgroups I can and can't read. I also feel that they charge too much for services that you can get cheaper from a direct server along with more hours for you money.

### NYC Metro:

NYC Metro On-line is one of the best ways to get a Slip account. The service you get is great and you are working of there new T1 server so performance is fast. What you get is:

a Netscape Browser to surf with, Faster and better FTP programs. Eudora for mail (Or whatever you want). Of course you can use any other program for the net that uses a TCP connection that you like.

NYC Metro since being based in New York offers calling from area codes. This allows you to call and not run that phone bill up. NYC Metro is also a BBS board so you do not have to use any type of Net credit to use other services they offer.

What NYC Metro offers:

All type of chat rooms ranging from local to global. You are given an E-mail address that unlike the "Big 3" accepts attachment from everyone, even those outside the Metro circle. Attachment are documents or programs or whatever sent along with the E-mail but as a somewhat separate piece of mail.

What's bad about NYC Metro:

You have to logon by terminal to set up the Net account. Not much else is bad except this and maybe that you have to set up the TCP. This is not as hard as it sounds. But because most people do not know how to I will list it as a bad point.

NYC Metro's rates are \$25 for about 45 hours. They do have other plans but this one is the most cost effective. Now how can you beat that. For more info cal; 1(212)876-3031. This is the server that me and two fellow Banner Member use, and we are very satisfied. You also need a credit card to get full privileges, because you pay then you play.

As you can see there are only four options that I have shown, but there are hundreds more to choose from. I hope this has helped anyone who was undecided or unsure of who to use. I want to emphasize that because I don't like a Provider does not mean it is not good for you. I do suggest that you take the time to call up AOL, Compuserve, and Prodigy. Get there free software and try there services and then decide. NYC Metro on the other hand you just dial the number given with you modem. The NYC Metro server will take you with the steps to subscribe and get started.

For a complete listing of hundreds upon hundreds of different service providers download the list from <ftp://ftp.teltport.com/vendors/cci/pocia/pocia.txt>

•Until next time Surf's up•



which includes unlimited access to basic services and three hours of Net access. Additional hours are \$2.50 per hour. There is an optional internet club at \$15.00 for Twenty hours of Net access and \$1.95 per additional hour. You must have a credit card to start your membership or trial time. This is like the AOL rule once you go over the time you get a bill. Call 1(800)848-8990 for more details

### Prodigy:

Prodigy The last of the "Big 3" even though it was the first to offer complete web access. They are a stable service and offer more to family's with children (Though the others are jumping into this).

Prodigy Offers to it's subscribers:

FTP access, Gopher, Web Browser, E-mail, Newsgroups, Chat room's, etc..

Prodigy's Good Points:

Easy to use if you are familiar with windows, Tech support is easily attained. Rarely there are technical problems, Prodigy does have a well designed browser that is easy on the viewers eyes.

Prodigy's Bad points:

Frustrating for advanced users, since Prodigy assumes it's users don't know much. Even though Prodigy updates regularly, you have wait to upgrade your software before you can download new items. Censorship of material due to the strong family agenda. The interface looks like windows 3.11, which is UGLY.

Prodigy's rates are \$9.95 per month which includes Five hours of use includes Net access. Each additional hour is \$2.95. There is also a plan called 30/30. Which is 30 hours for \$30 dollars per month. To get you subscription or trial time activate you also need a credit card so if you go over they can bill you.

The "Big 3" all offer access to

## Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

### Aries (March 21-April 19)

You should do pretty well the first of this week, although a friend could run into trouble. Don't spend more than you have on toys. By Thursday, that temptation should have passed. You'll be up to your neck (and maybe occasionally over your head) with work by then. Go over your answers at least twice! Little errors could knock you out of the competition. Relax with a partner this weekend in the most beautiful place you can find.

### Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Consult with a roommate on Monday and Tuesday regarding a domestic matter. You should be able to reach a workable solution by Wednesday. Thursday and Friday are good for setting long-term goals with your sweetheart. You may achieve some of them through higher education. Review your objectives and put in modifications if necessary. This weekend may be devoted to studies. It's a good time for reading and writing homework assignments.

### Gemini (May 21-June 21)

The first three days of this week should be very good for learning, and teaching. You'll do especially well if you're presenting material to others. Thursday and Friday could be confusing. Anticipate changes to your schedule, and be prepared to adapt on a moment's notice. Romance should go very well over the weekend. If you don't already have a date, an old partner would be a good choice, or might lead you to a new one.

### Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Required equipment could put a major dent in your budget the first of this week. Shop carefully, and you might find what you need secondhand. Your school workload is heavy all week, but it should be a little easier on Thursday and Friday. You'll remember what you read then. Unexpected company could show up over the weekend, so it may be difficult to finish a homework assignment. If necessary, excuse yourself and go to the library.

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

You're strong the first half of this week, and that's good. You'll need that energy to convince a roommate to do what you want done. Try a little flattery, but don't fall for any yourself! Buying a household item could use up all your allowance on Thursday and Friday. Do that, instead of loaning a "friend" money you'll never see again. You'll be lucky in games this weekend, and also in romance. Studies should be a breeze, too.

### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You're under a great deal of pressure the first part of this week. Avoid being distracted by a person who wants to tell you how great she or he is. Even if you can't do all the studying you want, you should do well on tests on Thursday and Friday; you'll be able to concentrate. Festivities at your house this weekend could be expensive. Don't complain, or shoulder the whole burden. Pass the hat for donations!

### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Push hard to complete a project with friends by Wednesday. You can make up for a lack of money by combining your creative talents. Thursday and Friday could be tough. You'll need to focus your attention. If you let your mind wander you'll waste valuable time and not do as well on the test. You'll be in

great form over the weekend. There's still not enough money, but you're so cute and lucky that it won't matter.

### Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Although you're strong this week, you'll get a real workout Monday through Wednesday. Watch out for two competitors who are teamed up against you! You've got more support on Thursday and Friday. If you can, schedule your major confrontation for then. This weekend may not be all that relaxing, either. Bills must be paid and messages returned. You might be able to finish up a huge homework project you've been avoiding, however.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

If you had a game scheduled out of town the first of this week, you'd probably win. You'll be decisive, lucky and good looking! You're also strong in the area of higher education, so push for what you want! Thursday and Friday aren't as good. A picky professor will try to make your life miserable if you don't know the material by heart. This weekend's good for group activities, so a party or major outing is in order.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Financial issues may dominate the first half of this week. Study your options on Monday and Tuesday so you can make your decision by Wednesday. Thursday and Friday should be much more pleasant. You may come up with several promising new possibilities from a class you're taking. If other responsibilities threaten to interfere with your personal plans for the weekend, don't fret. Get your friends to help and you can do it all.

### Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Monday and Tuesday, expect to hear all the reasons why your latest scheme won't work. If you can get the various parties to agree by Wednesday, there's a good chance you'll succeed. Find the money you need on Thursday and Friday. If you're filling out an application, make sure it's perfect, neat and turned in on time! A discussion with friends this weekend may help you do better in one of your classes.

### Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

You'll be more than busy the first part of this week, keeping up with a demanding schedule. You may not have time to do errands or make a decision about your future until Thursday or Friday. A friend can help you get organized then, and reach a decision. You should do well on a test on Friday. Go shopping over the weekend for something you need to make studying easier. Review your options carefully before you finally choose.

## SCOPIN' THE SOAPS

By Toby Goldstein

**ALL MY CHILDREN:** Louie spied on Noah and Julia as they made love. When Erica refused to go to a rehab clinic, Dimitri moved out of Linden and into the hunting lodge. Bobby taunted Scott by calling him a wimp, which prompted Scott to punch Bobby. Liza failed in her attempt to seduce Tad while they worked together in New York. At the shelter, an insecure Janet noticed the close bond between Pierce and Brooke. While Noah headed to Front Street in search of Louie, Louie showed up at the coffee bar during Julia's shift. Coming: Erica tries to win back Dimitri.

**ANOTHER WORLD:** Donna and Michael made love on the night before her wedding to Matt. Following a fight with Michael, Donna crashed her car and wound up in the hospital. Vicky discovered Justine's locket among Kirkland's toys and accused Grant of withholding evidence. Jake appeared to accept Paulina's request for a divorce, but then made a mysterious business proposition to Nick. Rachel and Carl were stunned to find Cecile living in their home. Coming: Felicia can't forget about John.

### AS THE WORLD TURNS:

Nancy and Mac joyfully accepted Kim and Bob's invitation to live in their garage apartment, rather than move away. Much to Carly's chagrin, and despite her denials, Scott figured out that Carly slept with Mike. When it became clear that Orlena had murdered Eduardo, John swore revenge against Lisa. Smythe was revealed to be Damian's real mother, Bettina. Lily had mixed feelings when she found out that Mark is dating Claire, a nurse. Connor was cool to Cal's hope that they start a family. Coming: Tom is estranged from Lisa.

### BOLD & BEAUTIFUL:

Stephanie was stunned after Sheila saved her life following an attack by another inmate. Maggie decided to accept the position as Stephanie's maid in order to remain close to Jessica. James visited Taylor and convinced her to return to Eric, if she really cares for him. Taylor walked into Eric's house, only to find him in bed with Stephanie. Michael became curious after noticing certain marks on the Spectra design sketches. Coming: Taylor feels foolish and hurt.

### DAYS OF OUR LIVES:

Stefano reacted violently to a painting Tony showed him and was distraught to be confronted by a memory from his past. Jude uncovered information that could answer Peter's prayer to get Jack out of Jen's life for good. Sami, rejected by Austin, sought solace in her old childhood bedroom, where she went into labor. Lexie and Abe demanded to see Lexie's birth certificate, as Celeste raced to destroy the file. John was dis-

turbed when he heard a familiar-sounding voice call to him. Coming: Jack is thrown into shock.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL:** Emily and Lucky couldn't find her Aunt Corrie in Boston, and headed for New Mexico, where they faced a new danger. Tom's outburst disrupted Mary Mae's concert in Philadelphia. Mac told Katherine she should inform the police about Damian's illegal activities. Tom and Tony were furious when the hospital board refused to fire Dr. Dorman after he refused to treat Stone. Lois was dubious about Edward's request to send Ned to Tokyo for ELQ business. Coming: A common cause bonds Luke and Laura.

### GUIDING LIGHT:

Dinah encountered Hart but assumed he was Roger's private investigator. Susan and Nick admitted their mutual love. Brent tried to change Lucy's final HIV test results. Although Lucy and Alan-Michael were overjoyed by the news, Brent vowed to kill them. Roger got Marcus into big trouble. Reva enjoyed watching Alan and Buzz bicker over her. Amanda managed to win Ross' sympathies by lying about her life in Los Angeles. Cutter spotted a blood stain on the carpet at Marian's house. Coming: Brent is put on the spot.

### LOVING:

Deborah was shocked to discover that her lottery ticket is worth \$10.5 million. Charles and Angie said their farewells after realizing they weren't meant for each other. Jacob observed their goodbye kiss and mistakenly thought that Angie and Charles had reunited. Later, Charles made a bold move towards Lorraine. Neal proposed to Kate. Alex decided to see if he could work things out with Ava in Florida. Coming: Getting used to big city life.

### ONE LIFE TO LIVE:

Dorian showed David the incriminating tabloid photo and said she'll divorce him. Kelly slugged David after seeing the photo and later admitted to Joey that she's a virgin. Maggie declined Cord's request for a date, wanting only to be friends. Viki revealed to Todd that her father raped her as a child, news that affected him deeply. Jessica panicked when Cristian kissed her passionately. Javier warned Linda that she'll be killed if she testifies against Manzo. Carlotta had second thoughts about her involvement with Clint. Coming: Todd is filled with self-doubt.

### YOUNG AND RESTLESS:

Sharon was about to leave town when she was served with a subpoena to testify for the prosecution. When Sharon was asked on the stand if she had sex with Matt, Nick became visibly upset. Phyllis consulted a marriage counselor, who advised her to remain calm after she received divorce papers from Danny. When Victor refused to discuss his marital problems with Hope, she made the decision to separate. Keesha wouldn't make love to Nathan until he puts her first on his romantic list. Jill continued to woo Ryan to accept the job. Coming: Phyllis still clings to hope.

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# Wellness Column: DIETING TO DEATH

By Allison Gigante, Peer Educator

The quest for the perfect body has resulted in a national epidemic among American women. Often as a result of cultural pressures, millions of women get hooked into self-defeating patterns of feeling fat, crash dieting or using appetite suppressants to lose weight, only to repeat the cycle again and again because the vast majority who lose weight this way, will gain it back again.

For some, the obsessive thoughts or behaviors regarding food and weight develop into illnesses known as Eating Disorders. More than ninety percent of those afflicted with Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia, or Binge Eating are adolescent or young adult college women and these disorders can be life threatening.

Anorexia, in particular, is often a dangerous syndrome in which five to possibly twenty percent of it's victims will die. The disorder is characterized by voluntary self-starving, irrational fears of weight gain and a preoccupation with food. Anorexics often supplement their starvation with obsessive exercising, induced vomiting and reliance on laxatives and diuretics.

More common than Anorexia Nervosa is Bulimia. An estimated twelve to twenty percent of college women suffer from this disorder which is characterized by a destructive pattern of overeating, followed by vomiting or other "purging" behaviors to control weight.

**The good news is there is plenty of help for the sufferers of eating disorders. Recently developed specific programs involve medical treatment, counseling, and nutritional education.**

Persistent anorexia or bulimia leads to serious physical, as well as, psychological problems resulting from starvation and the dire methods to purge food. Victims routinely suffer from anemia, dehydration, vitamin and mineral deficiencies, chronic urinary and bowel difficulties, hypoglycemia, loss of monthly menstrual cycles, and potentially

seriously altercations in cardiovascular malfunctioning. Depression and low self-esteem, also, almost always accompany these illnesses.

A third eating disorder, binge eating, is characterized by episodes of uncontrollable eating but unlike bulimia, purging does not occur. This syndrome also results in depression and low self-esteem and is also connected with alcohol and drug abuse.

The good news is there is plenty of help for the sufferers of eating disorders. Recently developed specific programs involve medical treatment, counseling, and nutritional education.

If you or anyone you know may be suffering from these disorders, don't suffer in silence. The Peer Drop-In Center is your on campus resource headquarters. Located in 1C-112 and staffed by trained peer educators, we welcome and encourage students to drop in anytime. We can assist students with referrals to on-campus services and advise them to services in the community. Moreover, we're here to listen. Whether its wellness issues, personal problems, or academic needs, if it concerns you, it concerns us. So, drop-in, unload, ask questions, or just see what we have to offer--we love the company.

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belong. They should hire Jimmy Johnson and give him a blank check. Build around the potentially great line-backing corps of Mo Lewis, Marvin Jones and Bobby Houston. Sign free agent to be defensive tackle Eric Swann of Arizona which would elevate the defense from good to excellent. Then use your top draft pick on either McElroy, Johnson or trade down with another team to stockpile draft picks and players.

The Giants are not that much better than the Jets. Their offense is bad and they commit too many penalties. Dave Brown is a decent quarterback but he's not special. They are deep at running back but their receivers are banged up most of the time. Has anyone seen bust Thomas

Lewis? I haven't. The Giants offensive line is not what it used to be. The defense is OK but they can't seem to come up with a big play when they need it. Their pass rush is practically non-existent. Dan Reeves is frustrated with this team and with GM George Young. Reeves contract is up after this season and will not be back.

The Giants, believe me when I tell you, next year will look like this year's Jets team. Just look at their free agents whose contracts are up: Dave Brown, Rodney Hampton, Mike Sherrard, Chris Calloway, Howard Cross, Stacey Dillard, Mike Croel, Michael Brooks, Philippi Sparks and others will be free agent after this year. Reeves will be gone and George Young may retire. The future of the Giants really looks gloomy when you sit back and think about it. Both the Jets and

Giants have embarrassed themselves in 1995 and the future doesn't look so bright. We should have ourselves an interesting winter around here. The Jets and Giants have had quite a Fall. **QUICK OUTS:** Here is my basketball predictions: Chicago Bulls will come out of the East. Seattle will surprise some and come out of the West but Chicago will win it all. Michael Jordan will be MVP once again. The Knicks will win 50 but will lose to the Bulls in the playoffs. The Nets will win 43 games and make the playoffs but will lose in the first round. Ed O'Bannon will turn into a big time player.....Riddick Bowe is a classic underachiever. He beat Holyfield but was knocked down by Evander in the fight. If Holyfield, who's not known for his punching power, can knock down Bowe, what do you think Mike Tyson

will do to him? Tyson will maul this baboon inside of three rounds.....The sequel to Pat Riley's book is coming out soon. It's called "The Quitter Within".....Speaking of quitters, Mike Keenan wants to trade for Mark Messier or Alex Kovalev. The Rangers will not give in. They should let him rot in St. Looie.....How bad is the Islanders new logo? What is that? It looks like the guy from the Gorton's fish sticks box. That is really weak. That's just about as bad as WFAN's Joe Benigo. Benigo doesn't have a clue. (Tom Krasniqi, along with James Speciale, can be heard every Sunday night from 9pm-11pm on the sports talk show "Sports Action" on 88.9fm WSIA. Catch it! It's awesome!)

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# NCAA FOOTBALL RANKINGS: DON'T TAKE THEM SERIOUSLY

By BILL SPURGE

Nebraska University must love the college polls. After all, they have been taking advantage of this horrendous system for many years.

The idea is simple. Stay in a conference that is traditionally weak, and maintain the edge of imbalance by recruiting the biggest steers you can find for the offensive line and the fastest people from the southwest for your backfield.

Where are these kids going to attend - a perennial loser such as Missouri? Or the program that beats up on weaklings en route to a bogus 11-0 record?

The easiest way to play for a national championship is to do it Cornhusker style. Look what happened last year. Penn St., playing a much tougher schedule, finished second to Nebraska in the regular season, and because of the rules, the clubs could not meet for the title (the Nittany Lions were bound to the Rose Bowl).

Penn St. was ranked No. 1 until they made the cardinal sin of letting their opponents turn a blowout loss into a closer final score. Result? They drop to No. 2 while Nebraska beats up on another inferior foe to gain the top spot. Penn St. averaged over 40 points a game against better competition, but was unrewarded.

The fact that Nebraska has been able to

compete in major bowls and for the national title for years despite this fiasco has been ludicrous. Until they finally won a big one against Miami for the title this past New Year's Night (you're gonna win one eventually), they continually were spanked by legitimate opponents after destroying inferior teams all year. It was embarrassing to see, and unfortunate because the two best teams weren't really there. The Nebraska record has always been deceiving.

This doesn't even include Nebraska's track record in producing good pros, which is horrible at best, especially for a team that's considered so awesome. That's a story for another time.

The problem is the system, which holds blowout scores in higher regard than strength of schedule. I'm not trying to say that Nebraska can't beat most teams, but if they played in the PAC 10, there's no way they would go through the season undefeated, and therefore be in position to play for the national title.

The PAC 10 is a murderous conference. The teams beat up on each other. That's why no team from this conference has much of a chance at winning a national title. You simply can't get through the year without a loss.

When a team such as USC plays in such a conference, and has to play the likes of Notre Dame in its non-conference schedule, what are their chances of going 11-0? None and less than none.

Meanwhile, Nebraska may play one tough team a year, such as Colorado, and can gear itself physically and mentally for that game. I guarantee that USC will produce more and better pros than Nebraska, as they always have, so who's fooling who?

The Big 10 has always been guilty of taking advantage of the system. For years, Michigan and Ohio St. beat up on the rest of the conference, went into the Rose Bowl with an 11-0 record and installed as huge favorites, only to lose to a superior 8-3 PAC 10 team. The record, again, is deceiving.

Nebraska is not alone. How many other clubs laughed through weak schedules, such as Oklahoma, only to lose to Miami in the Big One? Oklahoma is another college that produces few good pros.

The solution to the problem is not easy. I've had ideas such as teams having to be forced to play non-conference games against other ranked teams at least once a year, to using power points based on strength of schedule. Each is flawed in its own way.

The only thing that can be done is to see to it that teams aren't rewarded for huge margins of victory and to notice strength of schedule. Am I the only soul who can plainly see that PAC 10 football is closest to the pros in overall ability?

The trick is to not be deceived by the polls. There's nothing else you can do.

## BIG APPLE FOOTBALL ROTTEN TO THE CORE

By Tom Krasniqi

The NFL season, in my opinion, is the most anticipated sport out of all the sports. Everybody gets pumped up before the season thinking their team has what it takes to go all the way. The same can be said here in New York, maybe more than every other city in the country. But this year, we have been treated to some of the most disgusting football than I can ever remember.

Let's start out this conversation by talking about the most ridiculous and the most poorly run organization in all of sports: The New York Jets. This team can't get anything to go their way. They're a cursed franchise but in a lot of ways, they do it to themselves. They fired Pete Carroll after only one season which wasn't fair at all. Then they did the unthinkable. They immediately hired Staten Island resident and former Eagles head coach Rich Kotite to run the entire operation without even calling Jimmy Johnson to ask if he was interested. As it turned out, Johnson later said that coaching in New York would definitely interest him if that opportunity arose. The Jets really shot themselves in the foot and set their franchise back another dozen years when they chose Kotite to run the ship. What Kotite is doing right now is running the ship into a huge iceberg. This man knows absolutely nothing about how to run a football team. You're asking for big problems when you let this guy in charge of making personnel decisions. He contradicts himself by saying he won't sign older players in free agency but he still goes out and re-signs 32 year-old Tony Casillas and 31-year-old Erik Howard and then goes out and signs Bubby Brister who has only shown consistency when throwing interceptions to turn games around or by being

a disruption in the locker room. This guy is a total loser and a waste of a uniform. No wonder he and Kotite are close friends.

That's not the end of it. Kotite ignored the screaming need for a wide receiver in the draft and instead picked Kyle Brady, a huge tight end out of Penn State. The Jets could've had J.J. Stokes who I think is going to be a great wide receiver. Brady has done nothing and is hardly on the football field for anything other than blocking on running plays. He doesn't have good speed and can't get open downfield. When he does catch it, he easily gets tackled by 5'10" 200 pound defensive backs. He doesn't use his 6'6" 260 pound frame to his advantage. This guy, in my opinion, is an overrated football player and a terrible pick by the Jets and I've said this since draft day. Hugh Douglas, the other first rounder out of Central State, is going to be a great player. As of press time, Douglas had nine sacks and is well on his way to getting Defensive Rookie of the Year honors. He abused Pro Bowl tackles Richmond Webb of Miami and thoroughly raped Will Wolford of Indianapolis in recent weeks. This guy is an animal. But keep in mind that Douglas was a Dick Haley pick and NOT a Kotite selection. Dick Haley is a great personnel man who should be the next GM of the Jets because the man has a terrific eye for talent. When he was with the Pittsburgh Steelers, he

drafted Lynn Swann, Jack Lambert and Mike Webster all in the same draft in 1974. Case closed. Haley should be GM, and Kotite should step back and accept the fact that he can't pick his own nose, let alone pick anyone in the draft. Kotite already has the head coach title and is also the offensive coordinator so why should he carry the heavy workload? He has performed all of those tasks miserably.

Kotite's offense is quite simply the worst offense in the NFL in the past 20 years. Boomer is shot and almost got killed by Bruce Smith. Scrubby Blister is a total clown who steps on his own feet and blames it on everyone else. Glenn Foley is an interesting prospect who I think can be a player in this league. He finally got his chance against New England and played well before the "Jets Curse" hit him and dislocated his throwing shoulder and put him out for the year. The Jets must get rid of Boomer and Blister and sign a free agent QB to compete with Foley next year. The Jets also need a top flight running back. All of their backs are average with Adrian Murrell being the best of the group but he drops too many balls and doesn't always hit the hole. Brad Baxter is an excellent fullback who has been underused. Leeland McElroy of Texas A&M may be the answer. The Jets will have a top three selection and will have to consider him along with wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson of USC. The Jets need at least two

receivers. When a free agent wideout from Hofstra named Wayne Chrebet starts for you, you need to see a doctor. The kid deserves a lot of credit for making the team but he should not start. Charles Wilson is a decent receiver who can get deep and make big plays. He needs someone who knows how to get him the ball. Johnny Mitchell is a great talent who can make plays but gets hurt often and acts like a thug most of the time. The Jets should try to keep him. The offensive line is awful especially at left tackle. Matt Willig stinks and Everett Mciver is even worse. Roger Duffy, Cal Dixon, and Matt O'Dwyer are building blocks and Carlton Haselrig can be dominant when he keeps himself out of trouble. Siupeli Malmal is a player who has been hurt. I think this group will get better and better once they get to play together and develop cohesion and continuity. The secondary is not bad at all. Aaron Glenn does just about everything but intercept a pass. Victor Green is an emerging star in this league. He just makes plays and I really love the way he plays the game. Gary Jones is a hard hitting safety the Jets signed from Pittsburgh who has been injured but rest assured, you will be hearing a lot from Mr. Jones before you know it. Todd Scott is a solid veteran but Vance Joseph shouldn't be in the NFL. What a joke that was. He was a backup QB in college and genius Kotite starts him at corner and watches him get beaten profusely by just about everyone. Carl Greenwood will emerge and take this spot before too long.

How do we fix the Jets? You don't. You could start by convincing Leon Hess to sell the team and firing Rich Kotite and moving the Jets back to New York where they rightfully

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healthy he's probably the best all around power forward. The problem is that he's not always healthy. Alonzo Mourning helps add turmoil to the Hornets. His contract is expiring soon and he wants too much money. The Hornets are offering a great deal of money, but not enough for Alonzo. This distraction can help bring the team down.

**Biggest Question-** Will Alonzo Mourning remain a Hornet and if he doesn't how will it affect the team?

**Washington Bullets-** This team is on the verge of making the playoffs and causing some upsets. This team may consist of a bunch of money-hungry athletes, but the talent they have is enormous. The talent pool starts with Chris Webber. He's becoming more developed in his game and he's becoming a major force. Most players can't compete with his athleticism. Juwan Howard adds more destruction to the Bullets. He has good numbers for a young player and his numbers can only get better. Drafting Rasheed Wallace was a great pick. Wallace was only a sophomore and was able to be the fourth overall pick in the draft. His skills are varied and too many to list.

**Biggest Question-** How will such a young team react to all the pressure of making the playoffs?

**Detroit Pistons-** The Pistons are making their move back to the playoffs. They will succeed because of a young all star and an old all star. Last year Grant Hill was the co-winner of the Rookie of the Year award. Coming out of Duke University people had high expectations about him. He proved to them that these expectations weren't so high. He makes his team perform better. He does everything so well. In due time he will become the next Michael Jordan. The other all star that will help Detroit is Joe Dumars. Dumars is a proven scorer and defender. He may be old, but Dumars shows no decline in his game.

**Biggest Question-** Can the rest of the Pistons realize that Grant Hill and Joe Dumars aren't the whole team?

**Milwaukee Bucks-** The forward position for the Bucks is filled for years to come. Glenn Robinson and Vin Baker are possibly the best one-two forward combination in the NBA. The best part for Bucks' fans is that these players are still very young. The starting Bucks lineup has an average age of 24. Vin Baker was an all star last year and this year Glenn Robinson will come close. The guards and center position are the Bucks' main downfall. Robinson and Baker will help compensate this lack by elevating their game. This is why the Bucks will just squeeze into the playoffs.

**Biggest Question-** Can rookie Shawn Respert help add some offensive punch from the guard position?

**New Jersey Nets-** The Nets are a major disappointment. They have two all stars on their team and they will barely miss the

playoffs this year. Kenny Anderson is one of those all stars. This year Kenny Anderson will shoot less and put up good numbers for assists and points. Also, Kenny Anderson's contract expires at the end of the season and he will be primed to put up good numbers for a more attractive contract offer. Derrick Coleman is a waste of good talent. He has good talent, but he doesn't apply all he's got. He misses games and practices for long lengths for non-serious injuries. When Derrick Coleman realizes that his team needs him, maybe he'll start applying himself more.

**Biggest Question-** Rookie Ed O'Bannon was drafted to score at the small forward position, but has an arthritic knee. Can the knee withstand a full NBA season?

**Miami Heat-** Miami is trying to gain some attention and headlines from state rival Orlando. In order to do this they signed the best coach in the game today in Pat Riley. Pat Riley left the Knicks with proven players and all stars. He comes to the Heat with one proven player. That player is Glen Rice. Glen Rice is one of the top scorers in the NBA. Since 1989, he has averaged 19.3 points per game, but hasn't made the all star squad. With Riley's teams in Los Angeles and New York he had a future hall-of-famer center. In Miami, he has Kevin Willis. Kevin Willis is a good scorer, but he's better suited to play power forward rather than center. The addition of Rex Chapman will add some more offensive punch. Also, Riley has supplanted himself with many guards which could mean some high scoring games. **Biggest Question-** How far can an under .500 team go with one of the best coaches in the history of the NBA?

**Philadelphia 76ers-** This team proves that troublesome players can still perform. Coach John Lucas has brought in guards Vern Maxwell and Richard Dumas. Vern Maxwell left the Rockets last season after taking a leave of absence. Maxwell also served a 10 game suspension for punching a fan in the stands. Richard Dumas is an explosive player. He can score at will. However, his dark side is that he violated the league's drug policy twice. Center Shawn Bradley is 7' 6". He was drafted number two overall a couple of years ago and has been a disappointment ever since. He showed some good flashes towards the end of last season. Now he must build on that and become more than a shot-blocking force. **Biggest Question-** How will the troublesome players fare in their return back to the NBA?

**Cleveland Cavaliers-** Last year Cleveland had the best defense in the NBA. They also held three teams to under the 70-point mark.

With Mark Price traded away, Cleveland becomes a thin team. Tyrone Hill showed last season that he can play defense. He supplied the rebounds and defensive aggressiveness. After Hill, there really isn't anybody else. Dan Majerle was traded in from the Phoenix Suns. The reason why the Suns traded him was because he was too inconsistent. Also, it seemed Majerle lost the knack of draining the three point shot in crunch time. Majerle is on his way down and the Cavaliers are the last to know. **Biggest Question-** How far will Cleveland sink after making the playoffs last season based on their strong defense?

**Atlanta Hawks-** The city of Atlanta recently added a championship

with the Braves.

Unfortunately, the Hawks aren't next.

Their best player is one that they acquired from the New Jersey Nets. They received Mookie Blaylock for Rumeal Robinson in 1992. They got the better end of the deal. Mookie added some scoring for a pitiful team. He led the team in points per game, assists per game and steals per game. Mookie has three straight years with

200 or more steals and a fourth straight is on the horizon. The other guard in Atlanta's system

is Steve Smith.

Smith is a scorer that complements Mookie. Steve Smith can take opponents off the dribble and will find more success as the shooting guard as opposed to the point guard. In Miami, his play suffered because of his point guard duties. In Atlanta, he flourished as a shooting guard. This season should be no different.

**Biggest Question-** Will Atlanta's defense help them excel or will their minimal offense prove to be too insurmountable?

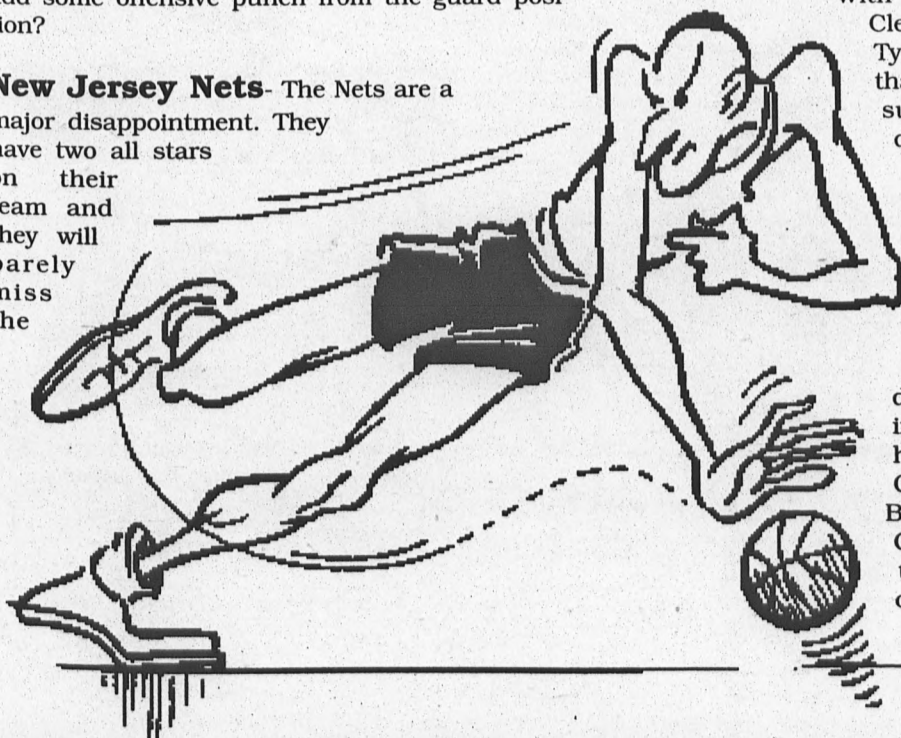
**Boston Celtics-** Last year they made the last playoff spot. This year they won't even come close. For the last two years the Celtics failed to produce a 20 point per game scorer. So this year they signed one in Dana Barros. Barros is a great shooter and more especially a great three point shooter. His points will have to take the place of Dominique Wilkens' points. After Wilkens fled for Greece his point production must come from someone else. Dana Barros is not an impact player, but the Celtics will take anything for now. Dino Radja showed good success for a young player new to the NBA. His numbers are expected to increase, especially his rebounding numbers.

**Biggest Question-** With a new coach (M.L. Carr) and a new arena (the Fleet Center), how will the Celtics do without any impact player?

**Toronto Raptors-** The reason why this team will be the worst in the East is because they are an expansion team. Since Isiah Thomas is vice president of the Raptors you could see his philosophy reflected in the Raptor's first ever draft pick. The Raptors drafted Damon Stoudamire for the point guard situation. Thomas feels that you need a point guard to help in the scoring. Also, the point guard can help distribute the ball to the big men down low. Like all expansion teams past, the way to form their team is through the expansion draft. The expansion draft is when teams put their disappointments on the market. So actually, expansion teams are usually made of player disappointments. However, they are lucky that not much is expected from an expansion team.

**Biggest Question-** Is there a big enough audience in Toronto to help lend support for the Raptors?

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## CSI Sports: At A Glance

By T. W. Watson

We know about the new athletic building already, but have you heard about the latest accomplishments of our student athletes?

- Women's Tennis**- the CSI Women's tennis team had huge success this Fall, finished the season with an impressive 11-3 record. Earlier in the season the team wrapped-up and took home the title of Skyline Conference Tournament Champs. The Dolphins were also the regular season champs but were upset by Hunter in the CUNYAC/Wilson women's tennis championship in late October, the CUNY Tournament was held at the National Tennis Center (home of the US Open) and CSI took second place.
- Women's Volleyball**- being the first CSI team to compete in the new facility helped the Lady Spikers out this year, unlike the tennis team the volleyballers didn't have the benefit of home court until late in October. Playing 22 consecutive matches on the roads really took a toll on the team. With their first home match on October 23 they Christened the new "Dolphin Dome" and went undefeated in their new home for the rest of the season. Not a bad way to open a building! Senior Vicki Radolinski ended her career here by making the CUNY Athletic Conference All Tournament Team.
- Men's Soccer**-kicked some major booty throughout the Northeast. A superb season was capped off with a 10-3-4 overall record. Standout player, Jackie Susan finished the season sixth in scoring in the CUNY Athletic Conference. Head coach Jim Donlan had some great local talent with a little dash of International seasoning and came up with just the right flavor, with no aftertaste.
- Baseball**- had its first Fall scrimmages in a few years and looked pretty good doing it. Head coach Bill Cali and his pitching staff had a tough season last year but are looking to bounce back in the Spring.

## NBA Basketball Preview

By Michael Anderson

The 1995-1996 basketball season is upon us. The league has two new expansion teams. Teams have new logos and uniforms. Teams have new coaches. Like every year the season brings new outlooks and new questions. Here is my preview of the basketball season. The teams go in order of my prediction on how they will fare in the season. Remember that only the first eight teams in each conference make the playoffs. The rest don't.

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**Chicago Bulls**-Many people are predicting the Bulls to win another championship. So why should I be any different? Be it as it may, but the Bulls are the crop of the NBA. With Michael Jordan primed for a full season of basketball, one can only wonder how good this team will be. Finding other scorers besides Jordan won't be a problem. All star Scottie Pippen will add more offensive punch. Plus Toni Kukoc will be the best sixth man in the league. However, the main addition is rebounding machine Dennis Rodman. Last year all that Chicago needed was a defensive player. They got one of the best in Rodman. Biggest Question- Can Dennis Rodman be a productive influence or a productive headache?

**Orlando Magic**- Last year's second best team will have some more trouble getting back to the championship. The scorers will still be there from last season. Say what you want about Shaquille O'Neal, but he's such a force that rarely do you see him get one-on-one match-ups. With these double teams around O'Neal, it opens up the floor for everyone. The person that takes most advantage of O'Neal's double teams is Anfernee Hardaway. He's quick, savvy and can post up smaller guards. Their main weakness is not

having an adequate back-up for O'Neal. Biggest Question- Can Shaquille O'Neal survive a whole season of being brutally fouled by weaker opponents?

**Indiana Pacers**- This team is one of the top three in the East and people still don't give them credit. Reggie Miller is super at crunch time. When it comes time for a leader to emerge, this is when Miller should step up. Unfortunately for his opponents he steps up in big ways. Rebounding isn't a problem for this team. Dale Davis plays great defense and when he needs a rest, Antonio Davis steps into the same role. Center Rik Smits steadily improves year after year. This year he'll make a strong bid for all star honors.

Biggest Question- With a weak point guard situation, will rookie Travis Best step into the mix and perform well.

**New York Knicks**- Patrick Ewing is the best player on the team. Then again he always has been. Charles Oakley will once again be a force to be reckoned with. He gives all he's got and that's why players and fans respect him. The rest of the Knick team doesn't scare many opponents. If John Starks is hot, watch out. But opponents don't worry because his hot streak is minimal and his cold streak is excessive. Charles Smith is a soft, pathetic player. He's a huge disappointment. Anthony Mason is a key player that will help the Knicks perform on defense.

Biggest Question- Can new coach Don Nelson's running offense find success with over-the-hill players?

**Charlotte Hornets**- At one point this team was said to be a dynasty in the making. They have young stars and proven veterans. However, turmoil and injuries have shrunk the dynasty bubble. When Larry Johnson is

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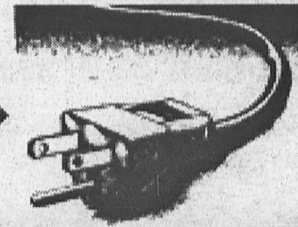


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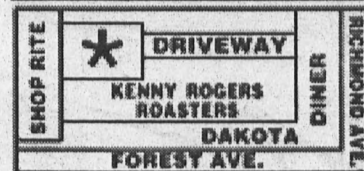
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