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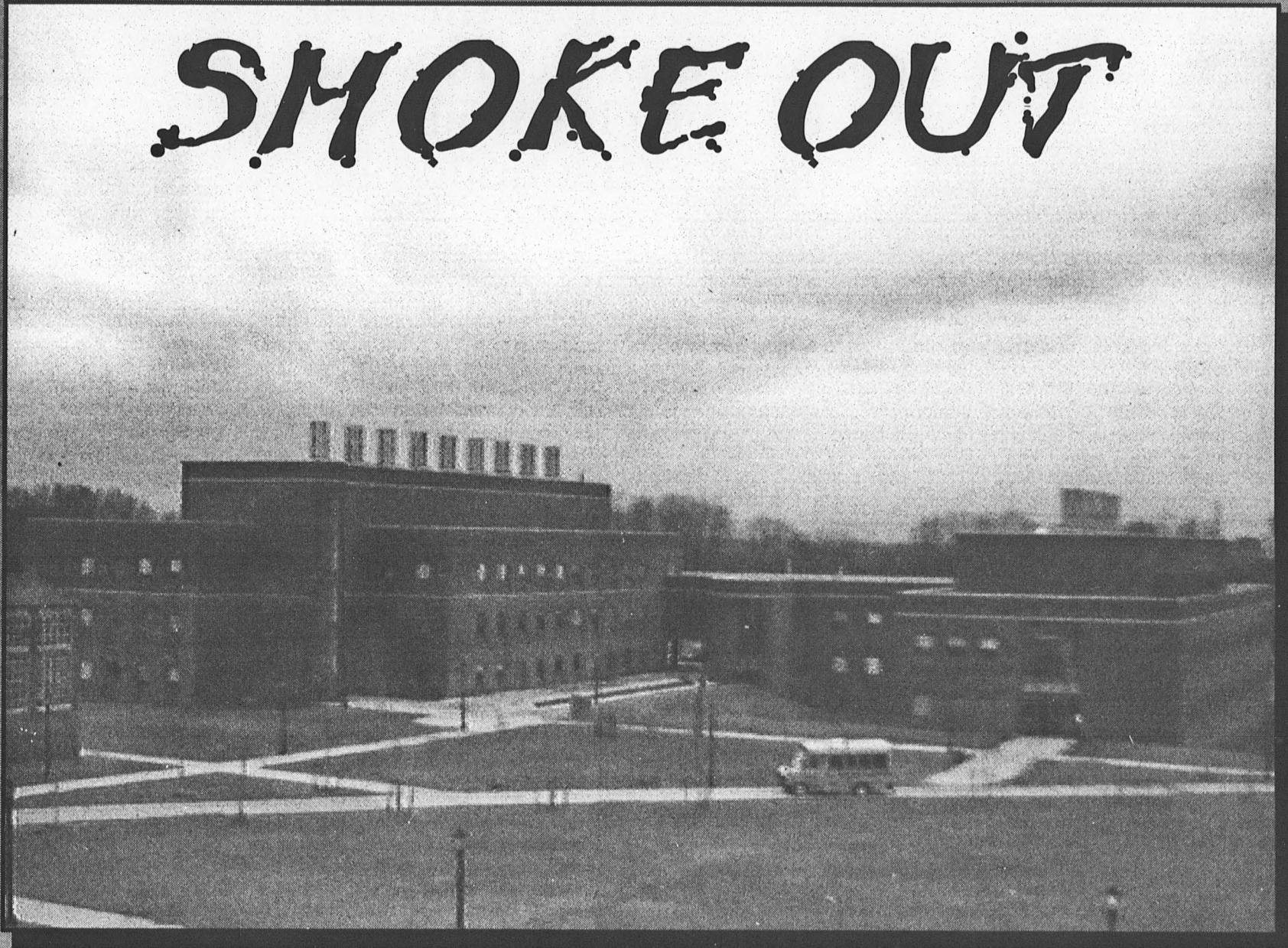
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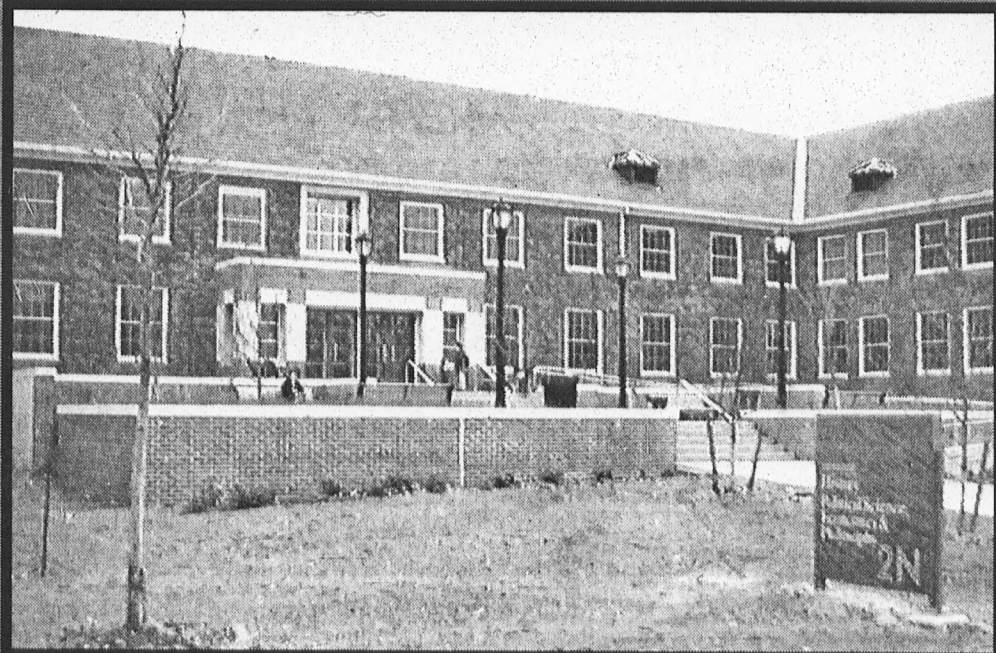
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SMOKE OUT



Building 6 South was evacuated when smoke alarms were set off.

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Evacuation Explanations In A Fog

By Jennifer Valle

Questions still surround the emergency evacuation from Building 6S on Tuesday, March 5th at 3:45 pm. Students evacuated when the fire alarms were set off by Buildings and Grounds [B&G] workers at 2:50 pm.

The engineers were working on a water pressure pipe in the building when the alarms were suddenly set off. "When you work on the water system, it sometimes sets off the sprinkler system which will automatically trigger the fire alarm," said Director of Security Gene Martinez.

Student Tutor Daniel Jablon said, "The B&G workers told us that it was just a system alarm and there was no danger, we could enter the building. What they failed to mention was that when the fire alarms go off, the vents in the building automatically shut down." Jablon continued, "There were chemical lab classes running at the time. Apparently, since the vents went off, the chemicals were trapped in the building."

With the odor circulating through 6S, the security officers immediately evacuated the building until the problem could be found. During this time, Professor Ernest Busch was teaching his organic chemistry class. "When the first alarm went off, the vents automatically shut down

and I told my students to quickly close down their projects and leave the building. We were told that it was a B&G routine check and everything was okay," said Professor Busch. He continued, "The second time the alarms went off, security came to the class and told us we should evacuate."

Professor Busch felt the odor

there was a malfunction with the vent system between 3:00 pm and 4:30pm, just after the first fire alarm went off. "The problem was on and off, it wasn't continued through the hour and a half of the incident," said Mr. Targownik. Lab Safety Officer William Knoop explained, "When the fire alarms go off, one of the safety features in the

came from.

Concerned over the evacuation procedure, Jablon said, "I was told that whenever there is an alarm system going off, the building should be evacuated." However, Martinez explained, "The officer that began the evacuation was at fault, he should have waited to see if there was smoke or fire... or wait for someone with experience." He continued, "When a fire alarm goes off in a building, there should be an evacuation, but in a case when there is an odor in the building, it's questionable as to the necessity to vacate."

The foul odor dispensed throughout the building and its origin is still a mystery. It has been speculated that the scent was released from the acid delusion tanks located in the basement. Busch commented, "If the delusion tank system is set up properly and designed correctly, the fumes would not be allowed to escape the room."

Last year there were problems with leaks in these tanks, but it is believed that the problem was solved. Therefore the strong chemical odor could not have come from these pits. When asked if there was a possibility that the acid delusion tanks were leaking again, B&G Supervisor Bob Pollock offered 'no comment' on the issue.

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could not have come from the labs. "These concentrations are so small, that they would not have had enough time to react with each other and produce any kind of dangerous reaction." He continued, "It is theoretically possible that this could happen but as a practical matter, the chances of such a thing happening are about one million to one because of the concentrations involved."

According to Campus Planning Director George Targownik,

building is the closing down of the vents. Since fire lives on air, the vents need to be closed down to prevent the fire from spreading."

Security evacuated the building because of the unbearable fumes. Later they were told by Mr. Martinez that it was not done properly. "When my officers evacuated the building, they were being too cautious, it was a mistake on my officers part," said Martinez. Despite this, it was still unclear as to where the noxious fumes

A "Speak-Out" Set For The 27th

By Christopher Zeyer

"Be positive... there can be change," were the words said by John Paul Patafio on March 14th at an "organizing meeting" in the Green Dolphin Lounge. The purpose was to unite students, faculty, administration, and anyone else that was interested in stopping the budget cuts. Some organizations in attendance were NYPIRG, The Banner, Student Government, and the College Voice. This gathering turned out to be a fruitful one.

Information handout, as well as open discussion, lead to three parts:

Part One

"Did you know there is another budget cut and tuition hike on the way?"

- Tuition increase by \$250
- Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) cut by 38%
- State Aid reduction by 11.2%
- A cut of \$57.6 million in CUNY's operating budget"

Part Two

"How does this Effect You?"

- Less classes being offered
- An increased number of students in your room
- Fewer Professors"

Part Three

"Proposed Demands

- No cuts to CUNY
- Full funding to meet enrollment
- No tuition increase
- No cuts to financial aid"

It has been decided to have what's called a "speak-out" on March 27th at the fountains, in the center on the campus. This is to be from 1:30 to 3:30. It's going to be a non-violent and peaceful gathering of anyone and everyone that wants to attend. This not only includes the college community (students, faculty, staff, administration, etc.), but the Staten Island community as well. Guest speakers from various departments on campus have been invited to discuss the specifics of the budget cuts and how they will affect students.

DON'T LET EDUCATION RAGS GET CUT TO LINT

Leonard Ciaccio, assistant to President Marlene Springer packaged letters addressed to Albany legislatures. The following are the names and addresses for all those who did not get to fill the neat bundle. According to Neysa Pranger, NYPIRG's campus coordinator, the cuts will probably not go into effect by April first. The Federal Budget is not in place yet and so we have more time to organize.

Hon. John J. Marchi
New York State Senator
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Albany, New York 12247

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New York State Assemblyman
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Albany, New York 12248

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New York State Senator
Legislative Office Bldg. Room 812
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New York State Assemblyman
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Hon. Elizabeth Connelly
New York State Assembly woman
Legislative Office Bldg. Room 645
Albany, New York 12248

Hon. Speaker Sheldon Silver
New York State Assemblyman
Legislative Office Bldg. Room 932
Albany, New York 12248

Hon. Joseph Bruno
New York State Senate
Legislative Office Bldg. Room 909
Albany, NY 12247

2N FALSE ALARM

By Michael Garofalo

Another false alarm disrupted classes in building 2 North last Monday night, "It happened last Wednesday night too," stated Student Sam Alacha.

2N classes continued on schedule once security realized that

there was no emergency.

"It was just a pulled box," replied Sergeant Donald Girard. He continued, "They shouldn't be doing this."

"Something always happens in here," States Student Cesar Flores. He added, "My teacher calls this the cancer building."

NYPIRG Generates Support From Local Legislators

By Yvonne M. Villa

NYPIRG lobbyists received major support from local legislatures on Friday, March 15th concerning the pending budget cuts. As with last year's budget, Assembly woman Elizabeth Connelly spoke out against the suggested 50% reduction to TAP assistance. When asked why NYPIRG was visiting individual legislators, Neysa Pranger the NYPIRG Coordinator of CSI said, "Part of our goal in the higher education campaign

is to let our legislatures know how students feel about these cuts."

In an effort to persuade public officials against the on coming cuts NYPIRG lobbyist united. Student and NYPIRG activist, Alec Caldwell expressed concern about the lack of staff since last year's CUNY crunch. Neysa Pranger said "Assembly woman Connelly was very interested in student's opinions and how the cuts would affect them. She listened to our points and agreed that these cuts should not be passed. Connelly really

supports the students."

Sagi Oluwole, another lobbyist, explained to Connelly that students have been overridden with enough expenses like transportation and textbooks. She expressed that another hike would prove detrimental. The budget at hand calls for a 50% reduction in TAP assistance as well as a possible \$250 tuition hike.

Lobbyists were only able to reach Diplomat Senator John Marchi's assistant, Kathryn Rooney. Lobbyist Christopher Alvarez described the

visit, "There were relevant things discussed in this visit. Senator Marchi would speak on CSI's behalf in committee, but would vote for the cuts if the Republican Party decides to back Pataki's budget." Alvarez added, "[It is believed that] the only reason why students go to CSI is because their parents offer them a new car instead of going to a private school. What that means for CSI students is that we have to be more active in the political community in order to be taken seriously."

Advisory Board Forms to Bring New Life to LGBT Alliance

By Alice Marino

People of all sexual orientations have been asked to participate in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Alliance Advisory Board. Arnie Kantrowitz explained, "As with racism, prejudice against sexual preference is not one group's problem. It cannot be overcome without every one's cooperation."

The LGBT Alliance was founded by Robin Garber-Kabalkin and has been supported by Student Activities since 1992. According to Eric Minton, a student at the college, there was only one staff member running the office last semester so it was rarely open. Students were not allowed to keep the office open without a staff member."

Earlier this the semester the office hadn't been open at all. Minton Continued, "Young gay students are still scared. They need a place to learn about themselves without the feeling that they are being judged by their straight peers." With the fear of losing the informative outlet, Allan Di Biase, Gloria Garcia and Arnie Kantrowitz joined together to begin the Advisory Board. Allan Di Biase, director of student services said, "It's always a struggle, but we are trying to create a more supportive and educated environment for all students, regardless of sexual preference."

According to a memorandum that was sent out, the LGBT Alliance Advisory Board's goals are:

1. to help foster an on-going sense of

social and intellectual support for sexual minorities, particularly in the Student Association,

2. to overcome prejudice by developing programs that promote education and communication, and

3. to create a positive atmosphere in which members of the college community feel encouraged to manifest their identities without fear of humiliation or reprisal.

Please note that on April 25th. at 1:30 the Advisory Board will be hosting an event at the college library, according to Gloria Garcia of the SEEK program. Those who wish to donate books to the cause, please bring them to Judeth Stelbom, of the English department 2S-224. Professor Stelbom expressed the need for gay

and lesbian studies to be more overt throughout the curriculum instead of fragmented as it has been.

According to Arnie Kantrowitz, next fall the Advisory Board plans to celebrate "coming out day". There is also the possibility that the LGBT Alliance will set up a table in the campus center. Gloria Garcia said, "We need to show our faces and serve as mentors to those who want to speak with someone from their own community but we also want to reach all members of the college community." In the meantime the new office hours are: Mon. 9-11:30, Tues. 9-11, Wed. 10-6 and Thurs. 10-11:30. Anyone who wishes to join the Alliance should contact Hyla Khulman (1C-220) at 982-33107.

The Sound of Bell

By Alice Marino

The Women's Studies Program invited Elouise Bell, feminist and author of *Only When I Laugh*, to speak at the Williamson Theater on Friday, March 15. She's been an author, professor, and public speaker.

Bell nurtured *Network*, a feminist newspaper in Salt Lake City, Utah. According to professor Jo Gillikin of the English Department, it is the oldest paper west of the Mississippi. *The Banner* states this as an accomplishment considering the Mormons' historical tendency towards polygamy at Salt Lake City.

Bell read excerpts from her book touching upon humorous subjects such as pantyhose and pockets. She began by explaining that in her teenage years, putting on a pair of silk stockings was a *rite of passage*, though they were (are) equivalent to foot binding when the high heel shoes were added. "I don't remember my first pair of pantyhose," she said. Apparently there is a difference between silk and nylon. She felt girls today remember their first tampon experience as a *rite of passage*.

The audience consisted mainly of women young and old. The topic

was quite heated for the few males who attended. Carl Phanoid, a student said, "I was moved by her humor and the reality of her words."

In addition to foot binding, Bell felt that women were forced to be weighed down by purses so that could not move freely. She compared the ease that men display in pulling their wallets out of jacket pockets, while women have to find a place to prop their purses as they dig for money. Bell reminded us that women were not supposed to walk around with hands in their pockets, traditionally a posture of confidence that only men were entitled to.

A student, Hallie Smith said, "I loved to hear someone addressing the lack of pockets in women's clothing.

Although, I never thought of it as a control issue, I have always been envious of men's inside pockets - especially since I don't carry a purse."

Elouise Bell ended the panel with a question and answer section. Students asked about control issues and passive aggressive behavior. In turn Bell asked: what do men gain by encouraging such behavior? People wanted to continue the discussion but time ran out.

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STUDY ABOARD: My First Year of College

By Barbara Kaplan

For my first year of college I studied in Israel. It was an experience that changed my life in many different ways. The reason I chose to study in Israel was because of the religious connection I have to the land.

The history of Israel goes back thousands of years. Wherever one tours in Israel one visits places where major historical events occurred, from the time of the Hebrews, Greeks, Romans and Crusaders.

This was not my first time in Israel. On my previous trips I had visited for a short time. I had gone to Israel in 1991 during the Gulf War to show my support for the country, but this would be my first experience living in Israel for an entire year.

When I first left New York I was thinking about being on my own, having fun and touring. I realize I did have fun on all of the school trips. The most fun however, are the trips I made up on my own with my friends. Every weekend I would go to different parts of the country and stay at the homes of many different types of people. Instead

of just taking pictures and driving through the country I got to see how the people actually lived.

The optimum experience was going to the classes each day, meeting new people, learning how to haggle with the shopkeepers, familiarizing myself with the bus schedule and finding the place to get the highest rate of exchange.

The year in Israel has had a major impact on my life. That year helped me realize that I want to become a teacher. I took a class in pedagogy. I taught a second grade class in fluent Hebrew about an upcoming holiday. I was nervous about my grammar. The class went very well and I enjoyed myself. When I saw first hand what an effect teachers make no matter which society of country I realized what an important and rewarding job it is.

Part of the education class also included going to Israeli schools. We learned many different styles of teaching. For instance in Israel the teach-

ers are not as entertaining as they are in America. This may be because television is not as popular in Israel as it is here, and teachers don't have to constantly entertain children to keep them interested. The classes are much more lecture oriented than they are in America. When we went around visiting the schools and sitting in on the different classes the children were excited to meet Americans.

Throughout the country you see how much people love Americans. Israel English is taught as a second language starting in elementary school, so whenever I met someone and they heard I was American all they wanted to do was speak to me in English in order to practice. At the same time I spoke to them in Hebrew and that way we each had a chance to learn the other's language.

A year if study abroad is some thing that I

highly recommend. You learn about yourself in dealing with new cultures. The friendships made will never be lost since friends become your family for that year. You have a chance to meet people from all over the world. In Israel I made new friends from England, France, California, Chicago, Detroit, and as close as Brooklyn.

The question of getting credit for a year of study abroad is the most asked. I can say that from my own experience at The College of Staten Island I got full year of credit. Another good point to studying abroad is that it enhances your resume. Employers take notice of experiences that set you apart from other job applicants. The world is a large place that has been made easy to get around so why not take advantage of it. and with all the scholarships offered by the college today you are sure to find a country that is in your price range and of interest to you. Why not stop by the Center for International Services today and find out about a country that you wish could be home for at least for a semester. The experience you will have will be unforgettable. I know mine was.

Brooklyn College sponsors a study abroad program in Israel. For more information please call the Center for International Service at 982-2100.

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Wellness Column: Nutra News

By Shari Mermelstein, R.D.

Buyer Beware: Fad Diets Don't Work!

Studies show that over 95% of those who diet regain all or more of the weight they have lost. Diets can negatively affect your health. Some of the health risks associated with dieting include dehydration, extreme fatigue, decreased muscle strength, loss of muscle tissue, nutritional deficiencies, and SLOWED metabolism.

- "Diets" are temporary. Permanent weight loss requires long term changes in your eating and exercise habits. If you are following a diet that you can not possibly stay on for the rest of your life, you shouldn't be on it.
- Quick weight loss results in the loss of water and muscle tissue, NOT body fat. Loss of muscle tissue causes a reduction in your metabolism. As a result, losing weight becomes more difficult, and gaining weight becomes much easier.
- Whenever you cut your calorie intake, you also decrease your intake of fat, protein, carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals and fiber. This puts your body at nutritional risk, and may affect your ability to fight colds and flu.
- Diets can lead to eating disorders. The obsession to be thin can lead to self starvation, binge

eating, and compulsive exercise.

- Diet products are **completely** unregulated. **Nobody** is checking to make sure these products are safe and effective; **nobody!**
- **If it sounds too good to be true, it is.** There are 30,000 different diet programs on the market which net approximately \$35 billion per year. The truth is that people promoting diets are making billions of dollars at your expense. Don't buy into it!

For sound advice on nutrition or weight control, call Health Services, 982-3045, and make an appointment to see Shari Mermelstein, R.D. Shari is a full time registered dietitian from Staten Island University Hospital. She is available at Health Services for individual counseling on Fridays, and she runs weight management groups on Thursday afternoons.

The Peer Drop-In Center is also available to students. Located in 1C-112 and staffed by peer educators, we welcome and encourage students to drop by 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 it's wellness issues, personal problems or academic needs, if it concerns you, it concerns us. So drop by, unload, ask questions, or just see what we have to offer. Call 982-3123 with any questions.

RESPONDING TO JOE CANALE'S JABBERING GIBBERISH

By Bennet Maurer

Joe Canale is living proof why Student Government is an organization that continues the practice of having brown substance on their lips. They should be an organization that challenges the students' intellect, and not just constantly spewing out propaganda like Mr. Canale did in his reply to my article.

The *Banner*, like every other newspaper in the country should discuss politics. How else will anything change? This is the publication that more students get their information and shouldn't it be the *Banner* obligation to talk about what is happening in the world around them. People shouldn't have their heads in the sand and pretend problems don't exist.

How else, Mr. Canale, was France's college students able to receive the information about how their government's budget is effecting them? How, Mr. Canale, were the students in the sixties and seventies able to protest? As shocking as this seems, it was the student publications. Student publications provided them with the information that they never received in any of the corporate owned media. This was what's relied on.

Now to address some of the other attacks which were thrown my way. While Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was alive, he was not so well liked by American government. J. Edgar Hoover considered King one of the most dangerous men alive, putting him under constant surveillance. Does this sound like a man who was Loved? Hell... it was only last year because of

the goddamn Super Bowl that Arizona acknowledged his official holiday.

Some basic truth exists around Lincoln too. If you read your history books, Lincoln was not solely responsible for freeing the slaves. Lincoln, like Dr. King, is more celebrated in the grave than they were when they were alive. They are living proof that America pays tribute to great people when they are dead and harmless.

Most of America's wars were to spread Social Darwinism, Manifest Destiny, the Protestant work ethic, and capitalism around the globe (in my opinion), and not to defend or promote democracy. Ask the Native Americans, if you could find them anywhere, about America wanting to promote democracy around the globe. Economics is what many of the wars have been focused on. I felt that it is my duty to point this fact out to CSI students how their country loves war. America's attacks usually center on non-white/WASP humanoids. If America was so interested in fighting for democracy, then why wasn't the fascist regime in South Africa attacked in the name of democracy? I'm sure the answer would be that our country would not make enough money on this type of attack. There are many other countries under oppressive governments that America's military should help to free, but they turn to close their eyes until America could profit from it. Remember the Persian Gulf War? So Joe put the flag away for a second and read the factual data which supports the facts that wars are fought only

when mult-national corporations can profit from dead bodies.

Another fact that you have conveniently forgotten to realize and acknowledge is that Jesse Helms and the rest of the nudnicks in Congress have talked about revitalizing the Star Wars defense system, and any government where bombs are more important than its citizens is a government that its citizens should fear. 60 Minutes did features on Pentagon waste and those episodes should illustrate to Americans how much of our tax dollars are being wasted daily on military stupidity. This is more proof on how much our government loves war.

The Reagan administration should clearly convince Americans that this nation has become a nation of bankrupt bullies. It turns out that Reagan's great policies resulted in a deficit that was more than the deficits created by all the other Presidents combined. This is further evidence of how America loves war. Robert Dole and the Republican Congress all love Reagan's policies and this is further proof of America being a nation that loves war.

Mother's Day and the rest of the days that you mentioned are not days off from work for us. I am proposing days off for love, not anything else. It sure can't hurt as this point in civilization.

To refute another one of Joe's points, many politicians forget about the first amendment and constantly talk about god in their speeches. This has gotten so bad that many of the politicians have started to get their support from the Christian Coalition.

What does this have to do with politics? I'll never know, but since these leaders are doing it, some one should point how much they are trying to transform Americans into a bunch of Jesus-worshipping Americans. During the Persian Gulf War, George Bush declared that "God is an American." These bungling idiots are always throwing God into their speeches, which gives the illusion that if you don't like them, then you are not following God and you must be a heathen. So why not shove the stupidity that these leaders are spewing out and shove it in people's faces so that they could see it.

The Vactian Church has tremendous power over the world whether you want to admit it or not. Many people fail to recognize the fact that the Vactian is the second largest land owner in America. The Pope also gave America thumbs up to bomb Iraq, which was Bush's license to kill. The Vactian is still one of the largest icons of the human race; not many people bad mouth it openly and have that much power in this world. How many Presidents did you ever see state how much they feel the Vactian is full of fecal matter? I think not. Many people who do speak out against the Church get labeled blasphemous for what they say. So the Vactian has much more power than you may believe.

I still feel that America needs more days off devoted to peace and not war. Mr. Canale, Americans love symbols and this act may increase the collective indifference that she is experiencing.

GOOD MORNING CSI

By John La Mantia

For students that need to find something to fulfill their College Life Unit Experience, or *CLUE* for short, you may have noticed that there is a program given five times a week. The program is called Good Morning CSI and is given between the hour of 10:10 AM to 11:00 AM in the Bijou.

Good Morning CSI is a program that educates students about matters that are not taught in the classrooms of CSI. For the hour that you are there you listen to a speaker talk about various topics, such as his

or her county or culture. Sometimes there is a speaker from one of the departments of the College that will talk about what his or her respective department does at the College and other times there is a workshop on the various topics that affect the students here at the College.

I had the good fortune of going to two of these Good Morning CSI programs. The first one that I went to had a speaker from the Academic Support Center, the speaker was Mr. Walter Okomo. For the hour that we were there he talked about the tutorial center. He gave us some background information on the center, as well as information about the resources of the tutoring center, and he also told us about what you need to do to become a tutor. The other one that I went to was a workshop about overcoming test anxiety. For this one the speaker was professor Steven Zuckermann, also from Academic Tutorial Center. The hour that we were there he talked about the reasons why students have problems with tests and gave us some ways to overcome some of the problems.

I have to say that for anyone looking for a way to meet their *CLUE* credit. I would recommend Good Morning CSI. The reason why I would recommend it because I found out some useful things that I did not know and the speakers make the hour go by fast. Plus the speaker makes it very interesting.



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OF DICE AND MEN

By Styvin Pauzolis

You don't know what a RolePlaying game is? It's real simple. Think of any movie you've seen or any book you've read. RolePlaying puts you right there, letting you do the things you've seen and read, things that only those larger than life characters can do... things that can only happen in fiction.

How do you do it? Well, it's actually pretty simple. All that's involved is for you and a few friends to get together and, using a game system of your liking and some dice, you play out a story by taking the roles of the characters involved.

O.K., maybe there is a little more to it than that, but it's not like learning molecular-physics or anything. The only thing you need to do is learn a few of the rules and make up a character (a persona for you to verbally act out and guide through the game). Aside from that you play your character out to the best of your ability.

Before you play, though, you'll need to pick out a game.

System, System, Whose Got The System?

A game system is just what we call the rules of the game. It tells us how to make up a character (how strong he/she is, how fast, how tough, etc.) and how that character can do things such as fighting, interacting with other people, climbing a rope, harnessing the power of steam to drive great engines across the land in an effort to achieve an economic empire that can span the nation, etc..

Each game system has its way of doing things. I could go into a few of the differences, but that would go beyond the scope of this article (I know, you're thinking, "aw, please?". Well, I said no and I mean no. Now stop whining or I'll turn this article around right now and take us all straight home).

Which game (or system) you decide to play can make a big difference in weather or not you enjoy the game. Each has its own set of rules, each has its own world for you to explore and enjoy. How then can you know the difference between them (especially if you don't even know what the hell I'm talking about!?!)?

Well, any good game system would have a few things in common. Chief among these is its complexity. A game should never be too complex. It should be relatively simple to play, and run fast & smooth allowing the player to improvise and use his/her imagination. Poor game systems tend to be slow and cumbersome, dwelling on details that no one would ever know or care to know, such as how heavy a character's equipment is down to the last sub-atomic particle. These are rather unimportant details that slow the game down.

A good game system also isn't too strict with its rules. It allows for the players to move around on their own without rolling dice every four seconds in an exhaustive attempt to determine the who, what, when,

where, and why's of life. This, again, is tedious.

You might be thinking, "How can a poor little Mook like myself find a good game system when I know Oh, so little of the games out there? Tell me, Please!". Well, calm down and I'll tell you.

The best way to find if a game is good or not (or to find if a game is what you want) is to find one that looks interesting and give it a shot. This is the surest way to figure this out. Of course *sure* and *smart* are not quite the same thing. This can actually become an expensive prospect if you find you don't like the game. No, no, no, you silly little muffin-heads, it would be a lot smarter to just ask someone who has tried the game before. Get their opinion on it. See what they think.

On the other hand perhaps you don't know anyone who has tried the game you are looking at (or maybe you're friends just aren't that bright. Don't be embarrassed... it happens). In that case, my acolyte, you can always check the review of the game in these very pages (BOING!). See, your life has been made infinitely easier for you thanks to this simple article. Yet another example why America will always be ahead of most evil, sand-dwelling nations in game technology (as well as the processed-cheese food technology at which we excel).

Play or Die, You Fool!!!

O.K., let's get to how you play.

This part is pretty easy since the players don't need to know all of the rules nearly as well as the Game Master (more on this mysterious figure later). All the player needs to know is the basics of the game. The rest is learned over time.

First things first, and the first thing you need to know is that when playing a RolePlaying game you need a few dice, most of which look very funky (note: see sidebar). You need your normal, everyday six-sided die (the square one's you grew to know and love from your youth), as well as a host of others. There are four-sided dice (shaped like little pyramids), eight-sided dice (shaped like a pair of pyramids glued together), ten-sided dice (shaped like... well, you have to see it yourself to understand), twelve-sided dice (shaped roughly like a little sphere), and twenty-sided dice (also roughly spherical). Now that's a lot of dice! But what in the Sam-scratch do you do with them all?

Dice are simply used to determine if your character succeeds or fails at something, or for any situation where you need to have a random chance of something happening. The first time you will mess with dice is when you make up a character.

Making up a character is pretty simple. In every popular game you will make up an alter-ego to guide through the game. To make this alter-ego you will have to follow the game's rules and determine how strong, fast, smart, skilled, etc. your character is. This is usually done with dice (roll them to see how good you are) or points (pay 'x' number of points to

have a high strength, etc.).

Once this character is made you are free to wreak havoc upon the world, but take care: the point of the game is to become part of a story. That's what RolePlaying is about... playing a role.

To do this you simply decide how you believe your character will act, what he's all about, etc.. This is similar to what actors do when they take on a role. When you play, the Game Master will tell you where you are and what is going on around you but it's up to you to try and make it mean something.

How would your character act in any given situation? How would your character act if he was faced with tough choices and dramatic situations? This is what it's all about. All the other things, such as fighting and adventuring, can become tiring if there's no story behind it.

This, then, is your job: to make a character that has a place in the story. Then you can feel free to wreak havoc upon the world.

"I, Who Am Master Of This Game"

The Game Master (or G.M., as the great and wise Gods of RolePlaying saw fit to call them) are as important, if not more so, than the system you choose to play. The G.M. has the illustrious job of creating the entire story... "spinning the tale", if you would. Sound good?

The G.M. also has to know the rules of the game beyond what the players need to know. He has to make up the story, make up all of the N.P.C.'s (non-player characters; all of the people the characters interact with), play the roles of the N.P.C.'s, design the game world, create the challenges, make the game enjoyable, keep people from cheating, etc.. Still sound so good?

Actually, G.M.'ing is not quite as bad as it sounds. Once you know what to do it becomes more enjoyable than playing in some ways. The big sacrifice here is that you don't get to play as the others do. Unfortunately, this sacrifice is necessary since without you no one plays.

The most important thing for a G.M. to do is to come up with a good story. This can either be a major, awe-inspiring epic that will take a loooooong time to complete (called a *campaign*), or it can be a "short story"-type situation that can be played through in a few sessions (called an *adventure*). Either way it is up to the G.M. to decide what the plot is, who the protagonist is, where everything takes place, etc., etc.. This in itself is hard to do. Add on top of that the G.M.'s other function: Referee of Doom!

Yes, the G.M. must know the rules to the game well enough to be able to handle any questions and situations that might come up. Keep in mind, however, that improvisation is king since the chances of any rules system covering everything a player may think to do would require H.A.L. 2000 to run the games. For this reason the G.M. is given absolute and

final say over what can and can't be done, as well as what rules apply or don't. This solves problems like figuring out how a character with a broken leg can do a triple-somersaulting backflip over five armed men, land, hit four of them with a two-by-four and leap out a window to safety.. The G.M. can simply say, "No, idiot." (perhaps the "idiot" part should be deleted. Use your judgment.)

The G.M. must be certain not to abuse these rights. It would be easy to have a character face fifteen armed berserker/interior-decorators and end up being boiled in a pot of mauve paint because his player ran over your dog, but be reasonable. Maybe your dog had it coming. Maybe he had wronged someone. Maybe Scruffy owed some money. Maybe, maybe, maybe... the point is you don't bring personal grudges to bear in the game!

In the end the G.M.'s life is a hard one, but well worth it if you give it a decent try.

What Does This Nonsense Mean?

All of this has (hopefully) given you insight into RolePlaying games and will encourage you to give it a try yourself. To help you in this brave and foolhardy endeavor I will be presenting game reviews on a regular basis. If this provides you with the knowledge you need to enter the world of RolePlaying and enjoy it (wonder of wonders!) then I have done my job. If not then remember: I never liked any of you.

A Quick Note About Dice

Dice are tricky things. You would think you would just roll them and look at the number, right? No, no, no, you fool! Maybe in simpler times when the word Coke still referred to a drink & America could happily beat foreign nations into politically-incorrect submission this was true, but no more!

It all began when the great minds that invented these games deemed life to be too hard since they had to write out the words 'roll 3 six-sided dice' or some such nonsense over & over again. Thus they came up with an easier way to write this. This way was written as follows: 3d6.

What's that you say? It looks stupid? Well, shut up and stop complaining.

Whenever you see something written like that it tells you what dice to roll. 2d8 means 'roll 2 eight-sided dice', 4d10 means 'roll 4 ten-sided dice', etc. Remember, the first number indicates the number of dice to roll, 'd' means 'dice', and the second number means the type of dice (six-sided, eight-sided, ten-sided, etc.).

Incidentally, if you ever see someone write 'd4', for example, it simply refers to a four-sided die (or whatever number is written).

One last thing you need to know is about the d100 (also called d%). That would be one HUGE die. Don't worry, there is no megalithic-sized die you need a bunch of Oompa-Loompas to carry around. To roll a d100 you simply take two ten-sided dice of different colors and roll them. If you roll a 5 and a 3 it would be read as a 53. If you rolled a 2 and a 9 it would be read as 29, if you rolled a 0 and a 1 it would be read simply as 1, if you rolled a 0 and a 0 it would be read as 100, etc. Pretty simple, eh? (Note: you use two different colors so that everyone knows which die comes first. I, myself, use a red and green pair. Red always comes first when I roll, because I'm very fashion conscious.)

I mention all this now so that if anyone ever says, "what does 3d6 mean?", you can look at them with a knowing smile and feel superior. No, really. That's the reason I mentioned it.

"My Prince Albert Experience"

By: Spencer Smarr

I'm not really sure on how I became interested in body piercing. It all started when a friend of mine introduced me to it. All she kept talking about was how she got her navel pierced and the experience on the whole. She felt that it was the most amazing thing she ever had. At first, I thought it was vulgar. I told her how I was not going to pierce more than just my ear (which I now have for three years). Then the ultimate happened. One day, I was reading a tattoo and body art magazine and they had a whole section dedicated to body piercing. It was then I discovered that my friend was right. So I decided to see what it was like for myself.

My first experience was on my last birthday. My friend and I went to *Gauntlet* so I could get my nipple pierced. I was so excited that I was going that I almost threw up. We arrived at the place and they gave me a list of care instructions and told me a little bit about the procedure. After that, I met the guy who pierced me. His name escapes me for now, but it was a scary thought to see a really tall built guy going to stick a piece of metal in my body. Anyhow, I laid down on the operating table and took off my shirt. He told me this would only take a minute. He told me to relax and count to three. For a

quick second, I felt a slight pinch as the needle went through my skin. He told me that he was finished and the ring was through. It was brilliant. And for a second there, I felt a bit of anxiety. And in the end, this seemed to be the greatest part of my life.

The experience was so amazing that I decided I wanted more. After thinking about it for a long time, I decided to get a Prince Albert. This is a piercing that goes

It's a lot of fun if you do it right.

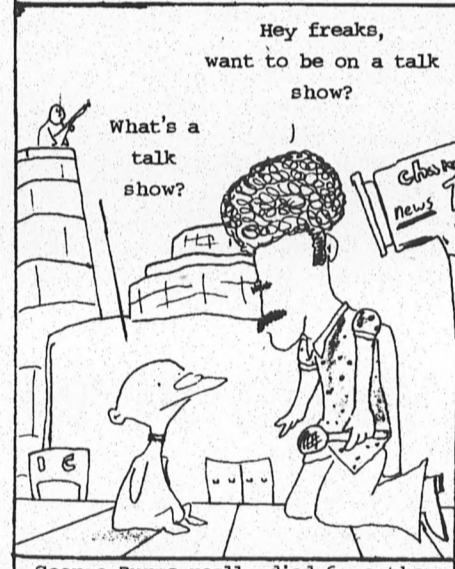
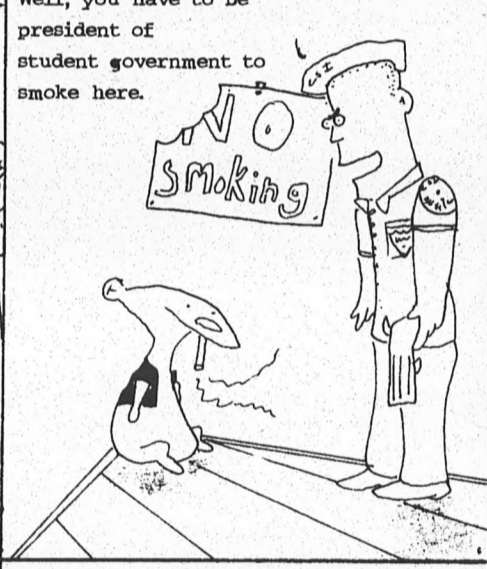
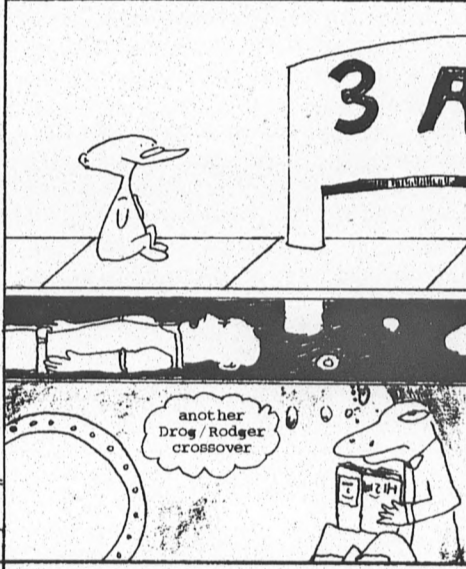
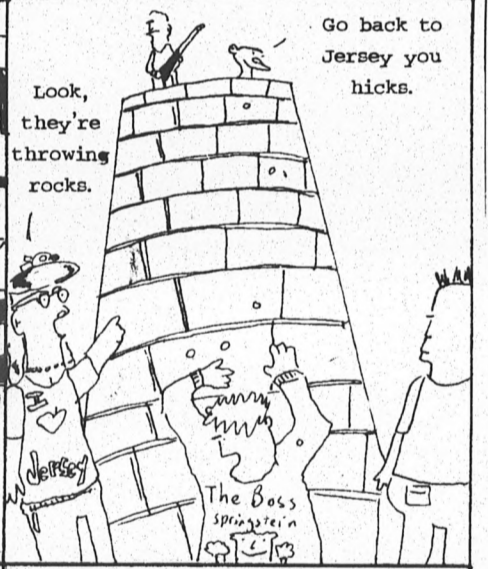
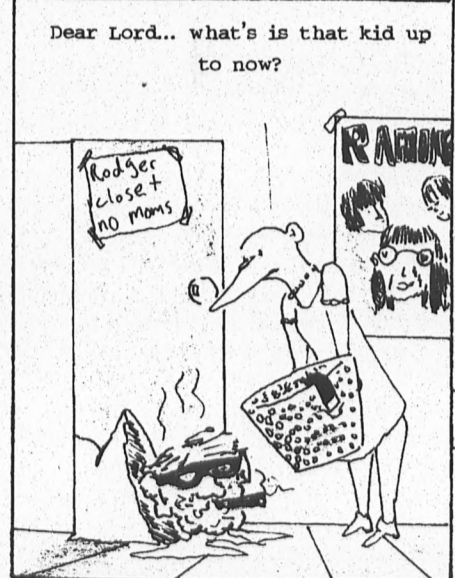
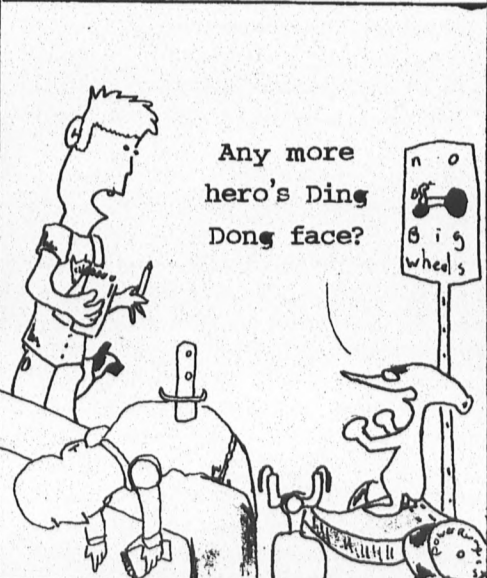
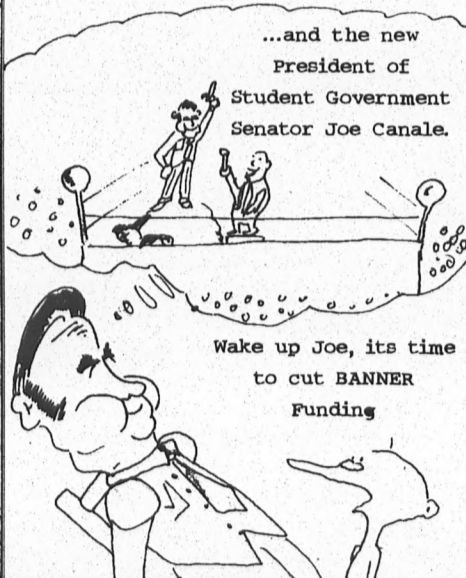
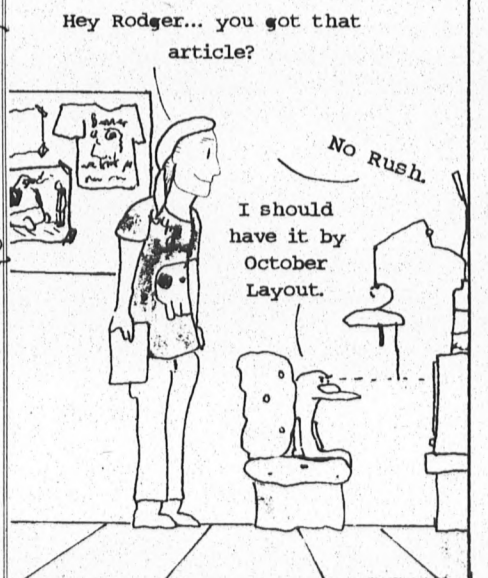
through the head of the penis and out through the bottom of the shaft. The reason I decided to get this piercing is because I saw it on the internet and I thought it was the most interesting one I have ever seen. So, in December, I decided to go back to *Gauntlet* to get it. After telling me about the procedure, I proceeded into the room. I was so

nervous that I started laughing. First, I took my pants off. He told me I didn't have to be erect, but told me that there may be a great deal of discomfort. He said I could have anesthesia but I said no. After that, he began to perform the procedure. He took a cathode tube and stuck it in me. It was so uncomfortable that I cringed. Then, I felt the needle pierce me and it was all over. The whole procedure took about 2 minutes. After wrapping it up in gauze, he told me that it was going to bleed. That night when I went to show a friend of mine, I took off the gauze and the gauze was drenched with blood. For four days after that, my penis bled heavily. However, it was normal for it to do this. It's been three months since I had it. Although going to the bathroom is a challenge (it goes in every direction), it's fully healed and looks really nice. This experience is one I'll never forget.

People ask me all the time if I'm going to get any more piercing. The answer to that question is yes. Ever since I was introduced to it-by my friends, I enjoy it very much. For some people, they only do it because it's trendy. For me, it gives me a sense of some kind of individuality. If you consider to get into body piercing, be safe. At best, go to a professional to get it done, follow the care instructions, and be gentle with it. It's a lot of fun if you do it right.

RODGER: Things you didn't know about CSI

By Ron Magnusson

<p>CSI was once a mental institution for loonies</p>	<p>There's no smoking in CSI unless you have power.</p>	<p>There are secret tunnels at CSI where happy little dinosaurs study to get you grades</p>	<p>Many people from New Jersey go to CSI</p>
<p>Hey freaks, want to be on a talk show?</p> <p>What's a talk show?</p> 	<p>Well, you have to be president of student government to smoke here.</p> <p>NO Smoking</p> 	<p>3 A</p> <p>another Drog/Rodger crossover</p> 	<p>Look, they're throwing rocks.</p> <p>Go back to Jersey you hicks.</p> <p>The Boss Springstein</p> 
<p>George Burns really died 6 months ago, but Rodger helped cover everything up so that George would go in the history books as living to 100 years</p>	<p>Student ticketers are easily intimidated. Chances are, if you put up a fight, you won't get a ticket</p>	<p>Student Government is a student funded organization that has over \$250,000 in it's reserves.</p>	<p>The BANNER is an actual news paper that occasionally does publish.</p>
<p>Dear Lord... what's is that kid up to now?</p> <p>Rodger close + no moms</p> 	<p>Any more hero's Ding Dong face?</p> <p>no Big wheels</p> 	<p>...and the new President of Student Government Senator Joe Canale.</p> <p>Wake up Joe, its time to cut BANNER Funding</p> 	<p>Hey Rodger... you got that article?</p> <p>No Rush.</p> <p>I should have it by October Layout.</p> 

A FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT

By Bennet Maurer

The following story that you will be reading is totally true; none of the names have been changed to protect the innocent. Students of CSI, \$13.79 (if you're full time) or \$5.70 (if you're part time) of your hard earned money goes to Student Government. Since most of us never get a first-hand account of what the hell happens with our representatives in meetings, here's the scoop.

I decided to run for Student Government. On March 7th I attended a meeting and was treated to a spectacle. The pizza, I felt was the best part of this gathering of our elected officials. Votes were taken for the most ridiculous reasons, like whether one would be allowed to go to the bathroom. Two of these elected representatives were engaged in such meaningful discussions as who should use a certain pencil and pen. "Yes, thank God that these people represent me," was all that I thought. It is still unclear to me why I had to go through this process of becoming not a Student Government Senator, but a candidate for the the students to vote on. I guess there is a method to the madness.

The process of deciding if I was worthy enough to become a candidate went on and on until it was finally my turn to speak. In a nutshell, this was my speech: "You should all be ashamed at yourselves at this spectacle that you are illustrating today. Does anyone remember the tuition hikes? Your silence at this meeting speaks volumes at Pataki's slow death at CUNY with his damaging budget. Shame on you! We need to organize like the students did in France or else this financial torture will continue. Did any of you ever hear of the occurrences in France? This will be the only way that Pataki's budget will be defeated! None of you have discussed the most important issue that your tuition will be going up also! Many of you just don't get it; where are the plans for rallies, walk-outs, where the hell is even the discussion! You are supposed to be the leaders of the student body and this silence speaks volumes! You must try to make the students more

involved!"

The election occurred and the Student Government didn't disappoint me at all. They voted for nobody instead of me. Yes, they decided to leave the seat with no one then someone with something meaningful to say about student concerns. I left the meeting with another tirade at our government. I said, "I feel that like I am in the Marx Brothers' movie *Duck Soup*. The biggest difference is that Groucho writes better material than anything I could witness here. You are talking about meaningless, trivial issues instead of trying to help the students win this budget fight. Just like in *Duck Soup*, you are fighting about worthless stuff when their is a war going on. What are you doing?! This process has proved the meaningless of your organization, you rather have no one in the seat instead of someone who cares. There exists a major issue here and not one sound about it except my mouth, what are

you people doing here? You are just wasting your time here. I wish that the students could see this mess!"

I wish that every student was able to see this "meeting". Since space is limited in this publication, I will not elaborate too much on the meeting. It was stranger than I ever could have imagined. While they are a couple of representatives in Student Government that are trying to make change, they're in the minority. I love to play the role of the man who opens up the overcoat to reveal the truth of these streakers.

I'm sure many of you won't even read my piece, and most of you don't even care that this even occurred. But, here it is in black and white that your Student Government doesn't even care about any of us (in my opinion). Can it be any clearer for you? Too bad that WSIA wasn't able to mic that meeting and have it broadcasted for this to truly be believed.

This is a democracy. The people have the power and must organize to better its Student Government. Wake up CSI students, stop being so indifferent and start getting involved! Please, do it before it is too late.

You are talking about meaningless, trivial issues

STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS:

Commentary On Music, Life, And Other Interesting Things
By "Gurudave" David Shear -
Program Director WSIA

Alternative isn't alternative anymore. There is no musical status quo to which there is an "alternative". There is just music. Depending upon when you tune in to WSIA, you may hear what is typically thought of as alternative. You may be just as likely to hear techno, hardcore, metal or other music/noise (depending on your point of view). You can also hear, if you

know when to listen, music that is more on the mellow side. You know, with melody, real instruments, and non-screaming vocals. Some of you may be too young to remember.

For those of you who care about such things, we do play jazz, blues, folk, world, new age, classical and the occasional spoken word piece. We are also starting to air more news programming and continue to broadcast sports shows. We are attempting to create a great, cutting edge college radio station with as diverse a mix as possible.

Whatever your musical tastes, WSIA is a fantastic place to explore the vibrant abundance of quality music available today. We are especially looking for people with an interest in the "less noisy" styles. Frankly, there is more than enough representation of the other genres. We're trying to balance the mix.

You say you're not interested in show biz? That's okay, we want statistics people to do demographic studies of our listening audience. We want creative marketing people to enhance our publicity, underwriting

efforts, and assist us in developing syndicated programming. We want computer folks to tweak our systems. We want... well, you get the idea. Put your education, talents and interests to practical use. Join us here at WSIA.

The quasi-mystical, semi-spiritual, once and future flower child Gurudave can currently be heard Tuesdays 11 AM - 2 PM. Life is full of surprises though as we juggle our format, schedule, and personnel, so stay tuned. For further information call (718) 982-3050.

Is Jesus really the answer for my life?

by Steven Guzzi

Many of us are stumbling our way blindly through life without hope. We look for happiness, but it never seems to happen for us, just the other guy. We set our hopes on things which seem to dissipate with the blowing winds. We try to better our chances of success for tomorrow, but wind up weeping for today. The trials and afflictions of life seem at times to just take all the zest out of our lives. In such times it is hard to envision that Jesus Christ is the answer for our lives. Somehow we don't believe that He is, so we blindly go our way seeking some other solution, but there is none. Jesus Christ is still the answer for our lives, He always has been and always shall be regardless of our circumstances, culture and time. The darkness of this life may get you down, but Jesus Christ is the light of the world who will illuminate your path when you walk in the light of His Word (John 12:46). Are you feeling down, defeated

and in despair? Well, the Lord knows it, for He Himself as a great high priest went through all the negatives of life too. "For we have not a high priest [Jesus] which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities [weaknesses]; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:15-16)." Jesus Christ was rejected, beaten, mocked and crucified. If any one knows your inward woes he does. The Bible says, "For consider Him [Jesus] that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds (Hebrews 12:3)." Because Jesus was crucified, some people have the naive notion that Jesus was a poor martyr, but actually He died willingly to pay for our sins so that we could be reconciled back into fellowship with God. Jesus said, "I lay down my life for the sheep [believers]. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it

down of myself, I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father (John 10:15,18)." We needed a Savior and that is what Jesus knew. He knew that he must die if we were to live. The sacrificial death of Jesus Christ was made in accordance with Old Testament's prophecies which had to be fulfilled in Jesus, the Jewish Messiah (Matthew 5:17). But Jesus didn't come just for the Jews, He came for anybody who would believe in Him. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved (John 3:16-17)." Considering that the Lord suffered, died and was resurrected for us, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father interceding on behalf of those who come to him, God instructs us to look to Jesus for hope, fulfillment and eternal life.

God allows pain and sorrow in our lives so that we will come to the point where we will die to self as it were and surrender ourselves to Christ completely as the Lord and master of our lives. If you are despairing of life, realize that even the apostles did at times. In fact, they went through things that will make our lives look like a Cinderella story (2 Corinthians 4). But what got them through the hard times was faith and hope, not in themselves, but in their Savior, who they knew was still in control of the storms of life (Matthew 8:27). If your life seems hopeless and dead, give your life over to the living Lord, who will resurrect your life into something new, beautiful and full of hope that is immovable and unhampered by the negatives of this life. "Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you...For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day (2 Corinthians 4:14-16)."

Shooting the Philosophical Breeze

By Peter Simpson

Have you ever heard of Thales? I expect some of you have, for he is famous for two things. First he is said to have been the first to predict an eclipse of the sun (the one we now know to have occurred on 28 May, 585 B.C.). Second, he is said to have been the first philosopher (first among the Greeks at any rate — I'll keep silent for the time being about Africa, or Egypt).

The eclipse was a famous one because it occurred during the middle of a battle (between the Lydians and the Persians, in fact, according to the father of history, Herodotus). His philosophy may be even more famous, for he is said to have declared that everything was water.

Now that theory seems, on the face of it, simply absurd. How could everything be water? Well, think of this last winter and the state the campus has been in for most of the time. Hasn't it been predominantly water? Of course the water has been in the form of snow or ice or slush, but water it has been nevertheless.

And this reminds us of another point. Snow and ice are forms of water, and so is steam. But if water can come in the form of snow, which is solid and soft and cold, and in the form of ice, which is solid and hard and cold, and also in the form of steam, which is hot and not solid at all, and finally in the form of water, which is liquid and cold (or warm or hot, depending on the occasion), then is it not clear that water can be a multitude of different things, or things that look and feel completely different from each other, while still all the time being water?

So if water can come in all these strange forms, which look and feel nothing like water in its usual liquid state, why could it not come in lots of other forms that look and feel nothing like water? Human beings, for instance, are said to be 70% water but not one of us looks like water (except when struggling across a swampy campus in driving rain and clinging mud). Aren't trees supposed to be mostly water too, and what about grass and flowers and bushes?

But, you say, bricks and concrete are not water, to say nothing of glass and metal and things like that. Well actually concrete is made with water and bricks are too, aren't they? And glass and metal melt and look far more like water in that condition than ice, snow and steam do.

So maybe Thales wasn't so far wrong after all. At least most things have a lot of water in them, and even things that seem to have no water in them can become liquid, which is what water is too most of the time.

Nice try, you will doubtless say, but still not good enough. For even if water is at the bottom of lots of things (besides our soggy campus), science has told us that there is something else at the bottom of water, and this, much more than water, has the right to be called what everything ultimately is. The thing in question is particles or, to be more precise, quanta of energy (of which there now seem to be unending sorts and amounts). It is these particles or waves or wave-particles that are really what everything is.

Well, maybe. But have you ever seen an electron or a quark? Indeed has anyone ever seen an electron or a quark? Scientists, of course, you will say in reply. But actually, if my sources are right, not a single scientist has ever seen an electron or a quark. What they see most of the time is weird patterns in cloud chambers. These weird patterns, the scientists then tell us, are made by some subatomic particle or other, or several such particles, resulting from the decay or splitting of some other particle, and the kind, length, duration or whatever of the pattern tells us which particle it is and from which particle it came.

Yea, right, tell me another one.

All this is just fancy theory backed up by even fancier mathematics built up on the basis of other theory which is itself built up on the basis of yet other theory. A chain, they say, is only as strong as its weakest link, and the same holds true of theories too. The latest development of theory is only as strong as all the other theory it is built on, and if any of that is wobbly or dubious so is the latest development from it.

Now anyone who knows how modern science began, or the philosophical basis on which it rests (the theory of perception and of the world it presupposes), and how questionable all that philosophy is, will think more than twice about trusting what it has

been used to support over the past 300 years.

So you are now going to question all the findings of science, is that it? That is too ridiculous! How can you possibly call into question all the achievements of modern science, all the concrete and palpable effects that impinge upon us

every moment of our lives, waking and sleeping?

Ah, but I am not calling into question the achievements, least of all the technological applications. I am only calling into question the theoretical picture that goes with them and that scientists use to persuade themselves and the rest of us that science tells us how the world really is. I'll accept all the technological wizardry science can throw at me, but that is never going to be enough to persuade me to accept the scientific picture of the world too.

You may think I'm crazy (lots of people do), but the world I live in and whose reality forces itself on me every waking moment is the world of my senses, and that world hasn't got a

single a quark in it. Oh, it's got lots of wonderful patterns in cloud chambers to be sure, but I've never doubted the existence or reality of clouds or chambers (of whatever sort).

You see, what is really going on is this. The world is the way our senses say it is (that's the only world any of us live in or perceive, including scientists), but of course the world as we see it leaves lots of things unexplained. So we seek to find explanations for what is unexplained.

One way is to take the world of the senses to be exactly what the senses say it is and look for explanations in terms of the things of the senses. Another way is not to take the world of the senses to be exactly what the senses say it is but to look for explanations in terms of things that the senses do not perceive and could never perceive. Thales' explanation of the world in terms of water is an example of the first way and our modern scientific explanation in terms of electrons, quarks and the like is an example of the second.

According to this second way, the sort of explanations provided by the first way are naive and simple-minded. According to the first way, the sort of explanations provided by the second way are myths and legends, and the fact that the second way gives us lots of technological applications which the first way does not makes no difference. Technological success is not a sign of truth; it is only a sign of technological success.

I, for one, am on the side of Thales (even if I don't go for water as the best explanation — I actually prefer an explanation in terms of the hot, the cold, the wet and the dry). Still I am happy enough to spend an idle hour reading about the myths of the scientists and to amuse myself imagining the world of quarks as much I might amuse myself imagining the world of hobbits. I'll go on enjoying the technology too. But the one thing I won't do is get bamboozled into believing there really are quark out there alongside water and mud and ice and snow and steam.

Disagree? Well go on and refute me. Ciao.

But have you ever seen an electron or a quark?

Budget Cuts in Child Care at CUNY

By Xiomara Cabrera

The City University of New York offers one of the best programs for parents today. The Child Care program gives the opportunity to attend college knowing that their children are nearby in a safe environment. This is not only good, but is an useful educational program. It's also more economical than regular day care centers.

A college education is not an easy goal to pursue when you have a child. Some parents have to go on welfare until their children reach the school age. The Child Care program allows parents to make those years more productive by attending any University. Some children's centers (like the one at CSI) are accepting

infants at the age of nine months.

These wonderful programs are facing a serious problem. Governor Pataki's budget cuts will do the following:

- A cut of 25% in the Federal Block Grant that will force many parent-students to drop out of college.

- It makes it harder for students to enroll their children.

- It discourages training for thousands of CUNY students who receive Child Care training related expenses.

- It will cut 250 children from CUNY programs in general.

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This last one is probably going to be the most deviating to some parents who already have their children enrolled.

A college education moves people on welfare into jobs. The cuts, being as they are, may force people to stay on welfare. Even a limited college education increases women's earnings by two dollars and twenty-four cents per hour. Society benefits through cost

savings of three to seven dollars for every dollar invested. Graduation rates of student-parents receiving child care is higher in campus counterparts, but less than 25% of the present child care need is been met.

A petition to support child care has been circulating throughout CUNY and SUNY campuses. It's asking the Chancellor for a 1.5 million budget in additional state funds for child care. If you would like to help protect the child care programs, especially the one at CSI, please stop down at front desk in the Children's Center (2R) and sign the petition. We need your help, and remember this line: "CUNY child care keeps New York State working."

TOMKO ON BEER: A Bit of Bavaria Comes to Staten Island

By Thomas C. Kolakowski

Can you name a single bar where you can have your beer served in a wooden three liter keg? Think about it for a minute or so. No? Well neither could we; at least not until the opening of Killmeyer's Old Bavaria Inn in Staten Island. After months of delays and with great fanfare Killmeyer's opened to the public on January 26th. Killmeyer's, which was known for decades as the Century Inn, is nestled on the corner of Arthur Kill Road and Sharrotts Road. The building has been a fixture in Staten Island since opening as an inn in 1890. It is believed that the front room was originally build in the late 1700's, and based on the hand hewn beams the dating is most likely accurate.

Part of the over-all experience of a night out is the atmosphere of the establishment. And when it comes to atmosphere, Killmeyer's got it! One of the best compliments one can give a restoration is that you are unable to tell whether the restorers did anything... that the place appears as though it hasn't changed in the 105 years since it first opened. That is just the feeling you get at Killmeyer's. From the hand-carved bar to the multi-patterned tin ceiling, you come to feel that you've just walked into an old Bavarian inn from the last century. Ah, the bar! The back-bar is a beautiful work of art. It is constructed from hand carved mahogany which is dyed cherry. A brass plaque names the maker as A. Boyer and that the bar was made in the Bowery in 1890.

Even the furnishing purchased to add to the overall effect seem as though they were there a hundred years ago. Much of the furnishing were purchased from a German restaurant in New Jersey that closed. These include such novel pieces as a moose head, hand painted tapestries and signs. Equal detail is given to the exterior, which include street signs saying Sharrottstrasse and Arthur Kill Platz. Due to the alliance the owners have forged with Spaten there is a beautiful Spaten wrought-iron sign (the only in the U.S.) as well as other Spaten items.

Killmeyer's is the latest project from the owners of Adobe Blue. Just as with Adobe Blues, Killmeyer's is a haven for beer lovers. With their menu approaching 100 listed there is a beer for every taste here. Since the theme is Bavarian, one can expect that the selection of German beers is extensive. Currently 51 German beers are offered, with new additions being made daily. There are only five taps, but all are classic Spaten products (Spaten Lager, Spaten Optimator, Franziskaner Hefe-Weiss, Paulaner Dunkel Weiss and Paulaner Munich Lager). These are subject to change, with some different beers being offered weekly. By the time you read this, it is expected that some kegs of Kostritzer Schwarzbier will be gracing one of the taps. Kostritzer is a rather rare beer brewed in Bad Kostritzer in the former East German province of Thuringia. The non-weiss tap beers are served in either 1/2 liter (\$3.50) or full-liter (\$7.00) steins, as

well as the 3 liter (\$21) mini-kegs. Unlike most bars there is no price advantage in ordering larger quantities, but who wouldn't love to have a 3-liter keg of Optimator sitting on their table? Weiss beer is only served in 23oz Weiss glasses (\$4.50). Bottled beer prices vary with size and style, with a Schneider Weiss running at \$6 bottle to more pricy .75L bottles of Belgian Abbey beers. Domestic bottled beers run around \$3.25. Killmeyer's also has a wide selection of German liquors and cordials.

Currently only the bar area of Killmeyer's is open (which is quite enough for some patrons). Management expects to have a fully operating German restaurant open by mid-May or early June. Another attraction that will most likely make a visit to Killmeyer's a "must" will be the brewing museum. It's not known when the museum room will open, but it will most likely be around the same time as the kitchen opens. Any Friday night is a good time to pay a visit to Killmeyer's, as they have an "Umpah band" playing German music, really making you think you are in Munich.

So if you are looking for a German Bar that as the look and feel of yesteryear make it a point to visit Killmeyer's Old Bavarian Inn, you certainly won't be disappointed! Oh, and by the way, we did think of another bar that has the same 3-liter kegs; but heading to Ayinger's in Munich is to far of a commute!

The New Look at Health Services at The College of Staten Island

By Meri Kaufman,
peer educator

This semester at the College promises to be a challenging one. Due to the budget cuts, many of these services at the College have been eliminated or greatly reduced. With that in mind, Dr. Audrey Glynn, Director of Health, Wellness and Disability Services is proud to announce the newly expanded and fully staffed Health Services Office (1C - 112).

With the cooperation of St. Vincent's Medical Center and Staten Island University Hospital, many new services are now being offered at the Health Center. Physicians and other health care profes-

sionals from these two major health facilities are available on campus daily to provide medical care and to offer information, counseling and referrals for the college community.

On site physicals are given for nursing students, student teachers, athletes on campus, and for all other students, as well. The immunization shots required to register at the college are given, as are tetanus shots. Other tests include blood testing for cholesterol, PPD, and tuberculosis. Confidential HIV testing and counseling are available by appointment. Diagnosis and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases are also provided.

With the majority of students at the college

being female, an important initiative for the college is the now available on campus GYN services, which are available 5 days a week. These services include pap smears, pregnancy testing, and other womens' health related issues.

A registered dietician is available to offer counseling on weight and nutrition issues. Weight management classes are also being offered on Thursday afternoons. The nutritionist is available from 9am - 12pm Fridays, by appointment only.

Office hours are from 9am - 8pm during the week, and from 9am - 12pm on Saturdays, when classes are in session. Contact the Health Services Office for information or appointments (982 - 3045).

While appointments are preferable, walk-ins and emergencies are seen. Another very important positive aspect of the Health Center is that if a student has no medical insurance, these services are free. If a student does have medical insurance, the insurance co-payment will cover all costs.

Another facet of this office is the continuance of the Wellness Program. The Wellness Program is an integral program of special events, workshops, seminars and counseling that have the common goal of educating the college community about wellness issues. The program is coordinated by Carol Brower, M.A. (982-3123), and is located in the Health Services Office. An important component of the Wellness Program is the Peer Drop-In Center. This is an office that is staffed by trained Peer Educators who are there to listen if you want to talk, or if you just need to get some information about wellness issues or on-campus services. The Drop-In Center is open Monday - Friday. The hours are listed on The Health Services Office door.

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Let The Madness Begin!

By Tom Krasniqi

College basketball is currently taking center stage in the lovely world of sports. Specifically speaking, we are talking about the NCAA tournament. When the brackets were first announced, I wasn't overly excited about this year's big dance. It only took a few first round upsets to change all that.

Drexel upended Memphis in the opening round which raised a few eyebrows, mine included. But the biggest upset in the first round saw number 13 seed Princeton stun the defending national champs, the UCLA Bruins. This was a classic case of David versus Goliath. UCLA had a huge talent advantage over Princeton. But sometimes, talent doesn't mean you can necessarily show up and expect the other team to roll over and die. Talent doesn't mean everything when it comes to winning tournament games. It was coaching that decided this game.

Legendary coach Pete Caril from Princeton coached circles around UCLA head man Jim Harrick. Princeton back doored UCLA to death and won the game 43-41. It just goes to show you how great of a coach Caril was. He is now retired after the tournament (Mississippi State eliminated Princeton in the second round). That victory is probably his greatest win ever and what a way to go out.

Another upset took place in the West region where top seed Purdue was knocked out by Georgia. In the East, Arkansas (#12 seed) took out Penn State and Marquette but now faces Umass in the Sweet 16.

Here's a breakdown of the four regions and a predictions as to

who shall emerge victorious:

EAST: This may come down to Umass against Georgetown. The top seeded minutemen had no problems against Central Florida but received a scare by Stanfords before beating them. Center Marcus Camby, arguably one of the best players in the country, has looked sharp but not dominating. He must dominate the paint for Umass to have a chance at all the marbles. Their backcourt has played well in Edgar Padilla and Carmelo Travieso. They rarely make mistakes and they can shoot the three. Dontae Bright and Dana Dingle help out Camby up front. A potential Umass-Georgetown matchup in the regional finals should be a great game. Allen Iverson can carry this Hoyas team all by himself. He can play in the NBA right now. Freshman sensation Victor Page has been a peak performer all year long in the backcourt and is a dead eye shooter. Othella Harrington, Jerome Williams, and Jahidi White

form a big frontcourt which can give the fragile framed Camby fits. I like Umass to come out of the East because of Camby, smart guard play and because they get great coaching from John Calipari. Sleeper Team: Texas Tech. Any team that whips up on North Carolina by a 92-73 count has to be dangerous. Jason Sasser and Cory Carr are star performers for this Red Raider team and they have won 23 straight games.

SOUTHEAST: Not a very strong region but there a couple of potent teams who can go far. Top seed Uconn has the

best backcourt in the nation in Ray Allen and Doron Sheffer. The key for the Huskies will be the play of their frontcourt, specifically center Travis Knight and forward Kirk King. If these guys can rebound and defend well in the interior, then Uconn can get to the Meadowlands on April 1st (That's where the Final Four will be held for those of you still recovering from the St. Patrick's Day Parade fiasco). Uconn will play Mississippi State next. The Bulldogs are led by standout center Erick Dampier and sharpshooting guards Marcus Bullard and Darryl Wilson. Dampier will pose a problem for Uconn up front but look for Allen and Sheffer to come up big to neutralize that advantage and move on. Georgia Tech will be a factor in this region as well. They also have an outstanding backcourt in Drew Barry and freshman sensation and Brooklyn



Who shall emerge victorious?

product, Stephon Marbury. Marbury has had a great year so far and had a great game against Boston College: 29 points, 9 assists, four steals and no turnovers. They will play Cincinnati next and that should be interesting. The Bearcats have a big presence inside in Danny Fortson but the key for them is the play of guard Damon Flint. He must contain Marbury and somehow must stop penetration. I don't think that will happen. Look for Tech to prevail in that one. Sleeper Team: Georgia Tech. If they get by Cincinnati, they can beat Uconn. That will be a great game with the two best backcourts in America going head to

head.

MIDWEST: This one is too easy to predict. Kentucky will destroy any team in this region. Pitino's troops are on a mission to win the national championship and no one in this region will get in their way. Kentucky has awesome talent led by Walter McCarty, Tony Delk, Antoine Walker and freshman Ron Mercer. Their bench is deeper than the Atlantic Ocean. Kentucky plays Utah next and the Utes will need a career game from Keith Van Horn to even have a chance against the Wildcats. Won't happen. In the other bracket, red hot Louisville will play Wake Forest. Dejuan Wheat and Samaki Walker have powered the Cardinals into this matchup with Tim Duncan and the Demon Deacons. The winner will get smacked big time by Kentucky. Sleeper team: Wake Forest. Tim Duncan will have to dominate the paint if Wake plays Kentucky. Big centers gave Kentucky problems earlier on this season.

WEST: The weakest of the four regions by far. Top seed Purdue is already out. That leaves second seed Kansas to emerge from the pack. Jacque Vaughn and Jerod Hase form a good backcourt and the Jayhawks have size up front with Scott Pollard and Raef LaFrentz. Kansas will be too strong for Arizona, who I think is overrated. Syracuse will play Georgia in the other matchup. John Wallace has carried the Orangeman this far will do so for at least one more game. But don't expect much more from the 'Cuse after that. Kansas will prove that the loss to Iowa State in the Big 8 Championship was a fluke. Sleeper Team: Syracuse.

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Volleyball	7:30 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.		1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m. - p.m.				
Badminton		12:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.			7:30 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.			
Racquetball	7:00 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.	
Fitness Center	7:00 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.	
Step Aerobics	1:25 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	1:25 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.				
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Early-Bird Workout	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.		8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.		8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.			

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