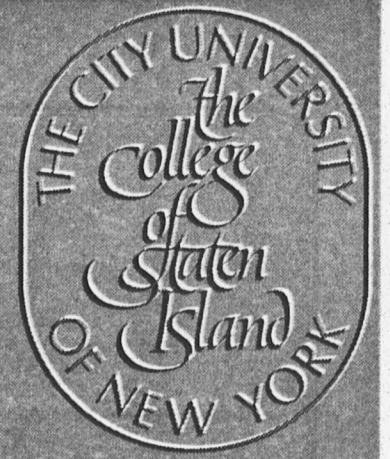


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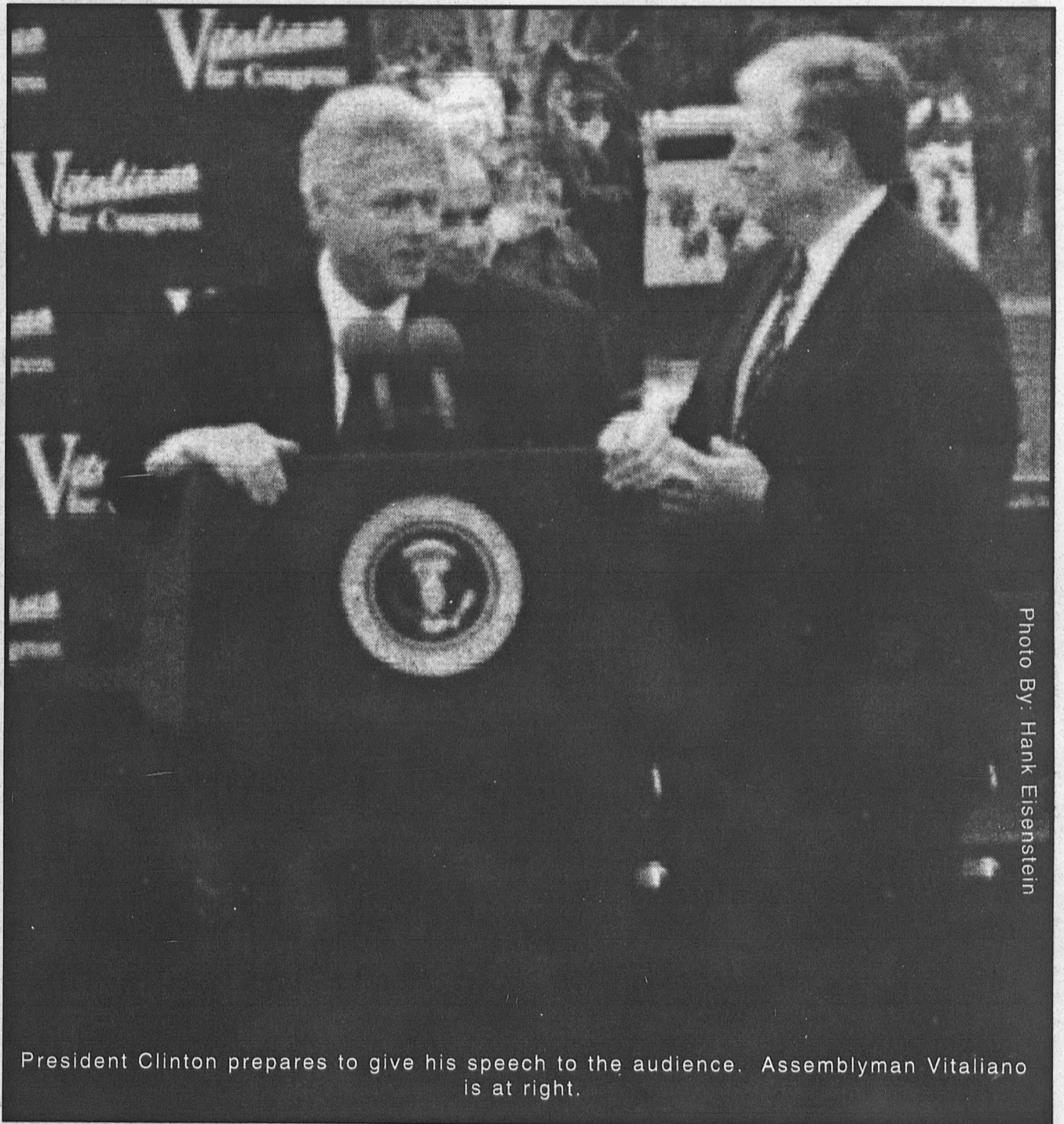


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President Clinton prepares to give his speech to the audience. Assemblyman Vitaliano is at right.

By **DAVID BULLOCK**  
& **JOSEPH CANALE**  
BANNER STAFF WRITERS

Last Sunday, President William Clinton made an historic visit to our campus. His visit was prompted by the nation's only Congressional race.

President Clinton is the first to visit CSI. Braving harsh weather conditions and rivaling the NYC Marathon, the President came to CSI on invitation from CSI's Political Science/Pre Law Society in conjunction with a request from the Vitaliano campaign. CSI went all out for the occasion, as this is

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undoubtedly one of the biggest events in CSI history. During a pre event address, President of the Political Science Club, Kristopher Dennis stated "we can all take pride in CSI today as we welcome President Clinton to our campus." Later a childrens choir led the crowd of roughly 2,500 in singing the national anthem. The Richmond Choral Society was also on hand for the event and they sang the psalms: And the Glory of the King as well as the Alleluia from the Messiah. Adding some spice and lots of rhythm the New Dorp highschool Thunder Drummer Band charmed the crowd with their performance. Following the performances, CSI's President Marlene Springer amidst the sounds of the President's helicopter escorts setting down on the softball fields made her way to the podium. Dr. Springer brought greetings and cordially offered sentiments of welcome to the President's visit. Dr. Springer stated " I believe in fate" and pointed out that when she first came to CSI she donated the Arkansas State seal hanging in 1A and indicated that this day is some coincidence. Succeeding Dr. Springer's welcome, Assemblywoman Elizebeth Connolly now made her way to the podium as the President's helicopter now set down on the lawn. Connolly then paused as the President's motorcade arrived at the Great Lawn, to the vast applause and cheers of the gathered audience.

When the motorcade came to a halt the crowd's applause then subsided only to erupt into a furry as President Clinton, Senator Robert Torricelli (D, NJ), and Eric Vitaliano, and family emerged from the limousines. President Clinton ascended the platform flanked by Torricelli, Vitaliano and family and was greeted by Assemblywoman Connolly and Dr. Springer. Connolly quickly resumed her place at the podium and proceeded to praise Eric Vitaliano for his leadership and dedication to Staten Island. Connolly stated "this race comes down to one thing....experience and Eric is the one with it." She then introduced Vitaliano as Staten Island's next Congressman and he proceeded in giving an impassioned speech on what he has done and what he will fight for when he goes to Washington. Following his statement about Staten Island and America, Vitaliano introduced President

Clinton who recieved heavy applause. Despite a hoarse voice the President gave an intense speech. During his address, Clinton reminded the audience of the hard economic times that faced them prior to his Presidency, and that he wanted to bring a vision to people that they could live the American Dream. He asked the crowd if they "could remember to vote for the future?" referring to the upcoming November 4th election. Clinton's message continued calling for a future that included all types of Americans. The President also made reference to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 which was opposed Vitaliano's oponent City Councilman Vito Fossella.

Following the President, Senator Robert Torricelli also gave an extremely well recieved speech. Torricelli who is a recent benefactor of Clinton's support in his own extremely close race just last year came to support and endorse Vitaliano. Torch as he is called by people in New Jersey like wise captivated the pro Vitaliano crowd. Torricelli exclaimed "I hear all of you on Staten Island have had some strange visitors recently" referring to former President George Bush and former Presidential candidate Bob Dole who were on Staten Island a few days ago to support Vito Fossella. Torricelli invoked Newt Gingrich's name several times and connected Fossella to Gingrich's politics.

In addition to 2500 onlookers and supporters several big apple politicians were on campus to catch a glimpse of the commander-in-chief. Some of these included candidate for Mayor Sal Albanese and the City Public Advocate Mark Green and a few other City Council hopefuls. Generally responses to the President's visit were positive student Gurdeep Seehra, a senior majoring in electrical engineering was particularly excited that Clinton came to CSI. "I think its great," Seehra explained.

In addition to coming to New York for Eric Vitaliano, the President's visit was part of campaign blitz to bolster support for several other political races in the area. Among these races are Mayoral hopeful Ruth Messinger hopes to get some help from Clinton, additionally New Jersey candidate for Governor Jim McGreevey also hopes to benefit from some help from Clinton.

# CUNY Protests

## Daily News

By NEIL SCHULDINER  
BANNER ASSOCIATE EDITOR

On Tuesday, October 23rd, an estimated crowd of seventy-five to as many as one hundred CUNY students participated in a CUNY wide rally to protest the viscous attacks the New York *Daily News* has propagated against the City University of New York, her faculty and her students. The rally which took place at 11:00 am, in front of the offices of the *Daily News* at 450 West 33rd Street in Manhattan, was organized by the students of Hostos Community College. Armed with banners, posters, signs and their voices, the students demonstrated against what they believe were malicious, deceptive, racist, class-based discriminatory editorials recently published by the editorial board of the *Daily News*. Illustrating the massive CUNY wide support in condemning the *Daily News*, CSI Student Union members, Denise Carrier, Jeff McGraham and William Wharton partook in the demonstration. Jeff McGraham, a philosophy major at CSI commented, "I thought the rally was a great success. It's nice to see students fight back against the erroneous ad hominem attacks that the *Daily News* has been printing in their editorials about CUNY."

The editorial attack on CUNY by the *Daily News* began over two years ago in 1995. The editorials are written by a board consisting of Chairman & Co-Publisher, Mortimer B. Zuckerman; CEO & Co-Publisher, Fred Drasner; Executive Editor, Debby Krennek; Managing Editor, Arthur Browne; and Editorial Page Editor, Michael Goodwin. The first attack came in a December 31, 1995 editorial which contained a "Year In Review" quiz, that was suppose to test the *Daily News* reader's knowledge of events that occurred in 1995. At the end of multiple choice test, the editors printed the first of many insults to come, which read, "Please note: Because this test was put together by CUNY officials, there are no wrong answers. Everybody passes and gets to have a Happy New Year!" The accusation that CUNY professors place no demands on CUNY students and that CUNY is the school with no standards became standard practice at the *Daily News* for the next two years.

The June 9, 1996 edition of the *Daily News* contained an editorial entitled, "Final Lesson, Wrong Lesson" which argued against CUNY building a new proposed community college in the financially repressed neighborhood of Harlem. It stated, "The city needs jobs. Not another taxpayer-funded second chance high school. [CUNY] Chancellor Ann Reynold's mission should be to pare down

CUNY's inflated bureaucracy, establish educational standards and end the reliance on remediation that has transformed the 'poor man's Harvard' into Tutor University. The last think she should be doing is expanding a system too weak to be called mediocre." Student activists countered that the *Daily News* was satisfying their corporate advertisers, who didn't want college educated laborers, but rather preferred a large pool of uneducated Harlem residents that could fill minimum wage, menial positions. In addition, they argued that the *Daily News*' reference to CUNY as a "second chance high school" was a direct attack on the policy of Open Admissions. Open Admissions was a policy instituted in 1970 at certain CUNY schools which enabled all New York city high school graduates, guaranteed admission to one

- "[CUNY] Grades are not a true indication of student achievement. This isn't a case of mere grade inflation; it's more like fraud." (June 22, 1997)
- "Teachers who can teach, do and those who can't were trained at City University [CUNY]." (July 14, 1997)
- "...the College of No Standards, aka City University [of New York]..." (July 9, 1997)
- "CUNY has been cheating taxpayers and conning students for a quarter century, ever since Open Admissions spawned a culture of unlimited tutoring, grade inflation and unenforced education requirements." (June 23, 1997)

These attacks have all been met by CUNY students with extreme outrage and disapproval. George Springer, a CSI junior majoring in Sociology exclaimed, "I wish every damn CUNY student would stop buying that rag as a sign of protest until they [the *Daily News*] can make

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CUNY's schools. Open Admissions was first attacked when tuition was instituted in 1976, resulting in thousands of minorities being unable to pay the newly implemented tuition. Later, the Open Admissions policy was further eroded when Open Admissions at senior colleges was eliminated, remaining only in community colleges. Student activists reasoned that the attempt to prevent an Open Admissions administered community college from being constructed in Harlem was a ploy by corporate managers to repress the working, poor minority resident of Harlem. In addition, they asserted that the labeling of CUNY as a "second chance high school" and as "Tutor University" was meant to degrade and belittle the achievements of CUNY students and was a direct attack on the policy of Open Admissions.

The insults of the *Daily News* reached their zenith in 1997 during the Hostos CC crisis. During this period, Hostos CC seniors were illegally mandated by the CUNY Board of Trustees to pass an English examination, two days prior to graduation. During this period the following remarks were published by the *Daily News* editorial board:

- "Too many [CUNY] campuses and classes now play the role of a do-over high school." (Feb. 26, 1997)
- "After a quarter century of Open Admissions, CUNY is little more than a second-chance high school." (March 10, 1997)

some real serious intellectual input instead of the diarrhea which they print. And if the *Daily News* doesn't like it, Bite Me!!" Mimicking those sentiments was David Hughes, a CSI history major who commented, "As an aspiring attorney, I wish I had my JD so that I could sue the \*#? out of those arrogant piss heads who probably attended CUNY institutions themselves and forgot what it was like to write an editorial of substance. GET A LIFE!" Further infuriating CSI students and faculty, was when CSI President, Marlene Springer actually seemed to concur with the *Daily News* editorials, when she stated during her recent convocation that grade inflation was a serious problem and "that some faculty are going to have to make more accurate assessments of their student's accomplishments." When informed of her feelings, one student who preferred to remain nameless, fearful of retribution by administration stated, "I feel that professors know what's best for students and if the students deserves an A why should the professor give them a B? She [president Springer] is not there to teach the students, the professor is the one who has contact with the students and if the professor sees that the student deserves an A, why should Springer tell the professor to deny that student an A. Just because Springer claims there are too many high grades doesn't mean students who deserve an A shouldn't

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receive that A. Are we working on a bell curve where a certain percentage of the class gets A's, B's, C's and F's?"

The recent attacks on CUNY by the *Daily News* as well as comments made by CSI president Marlene Springer, comes in a politically charged period of mayoral elections. Student activists claim that the recent assault on CUNY by both external and internal sources is meant to sway public opinion against the idea of higher education for all those who desire it. Student activists have asked that all CUNY students boycott the *Daily News* to send a message to its editorial board that they will not buy a newspaper that prints lies, misinformation, and attacks on students. Student activists state that with over 200,000 students enrolled in CUNY schools, the effects of a successful boycott would be detrimental to the *Daily News'* financial condition, but it requires the participation of all students at CUNY, including students attending CSI.

## Food for Homeless

By C.S.I COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

**Homelessness, Hunger and Despair.** These three socially constructed realities are not usually associated with the typical CSI experience. Theoretically, students are working to attain their degrees which will generally lead to an increase in their life possibilities. An education plays an integral part in both the development of self confidence and identity, while allowing a person the opportunity achieve a higher standing in the eyes of society. For those citizens that go to bed hungry, for those without shelter, life is reduced to the fundamental struggle for survival. Their future consists of the next scraps to eat, the next box to sleep in, or the next sympathetic offering. Despite this, the poor and the homeless maintain their position as both citizens of this nation and members of our community. Regardless of what type of indignity is heaped upon them these two classifications cannot be stripped from them.

### Building a College Community

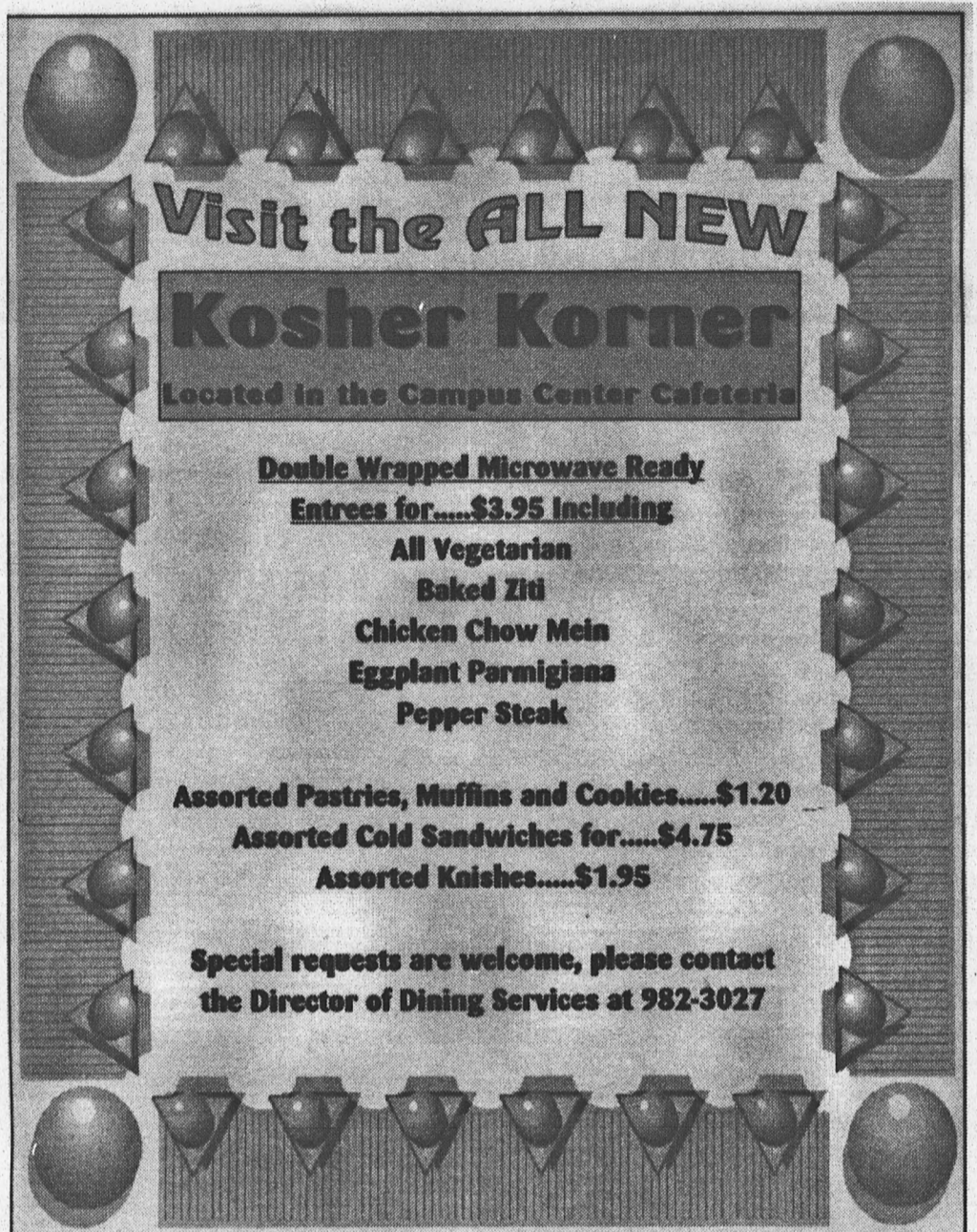
Currently the College of Staten Island exists as a meeting place for particular segments of the Staten Island community. This has translated into various cultural, business, and dramatic events in which invitations have been extended to specific exclusive segments of the community for the purpose of "showcasing" the college. Members of the community also make constant use of the grounds and athletic facilities on campus. All of this is fantastic providing that it does not transform itself into a policy of exclusivity, based on monetary payment, which prohibits significant portions of the community from participation. It is therefore our responsibility, as students in leadership positions, to take measures to rectify this situation and create an alternative vision of what a college community is composed of. In the great tradition of Open Admissions, we should struggle to make our campus one in which multi-culturalism and diversity is not only tolerated, but where these two concepts are promoted and utilized. This situation comes about through a combination of education and exposure and that is the task at hand. The college community should be one marked by inclusion regardless of financial means.

### What is Our Project?

Understanding this, a coalition group made up of members of NYPIRG, the Banner, the Christian Club, the Student Union, the CSI Student Government, and the College Voice working in conjunction with Project Hospitality, have formulated a plan to invite 100-200 poor and homeless citizens to the campus for the purpose of providing them with food and a brief respite from their daily struggle. The event will take place on November 26th and will be held from 5:30 - 9:30 in the Campus Center. The coalition is currently in the process of contacting restaurants to procure food donations for the event. In order to accomplish this task, the group will need not only the financial support of organizations such as the Student Government, we will also require volunteers to work on this day. Through shared work, students can receive exposure to segments of the population that are often times hidden from away from view.

It is the hope of the coalition that this project would serve not only to provide a token holiday meal to our guests but it will provide a stepping stone towards a larger movement to cultivate a more inclusive college community. Hunger and hopelessness do not appear, and will not disappear, specifically during the holiday season, they exist 365 days a year. As college students it is our intellectual responsibility to begin examining why these problems con-

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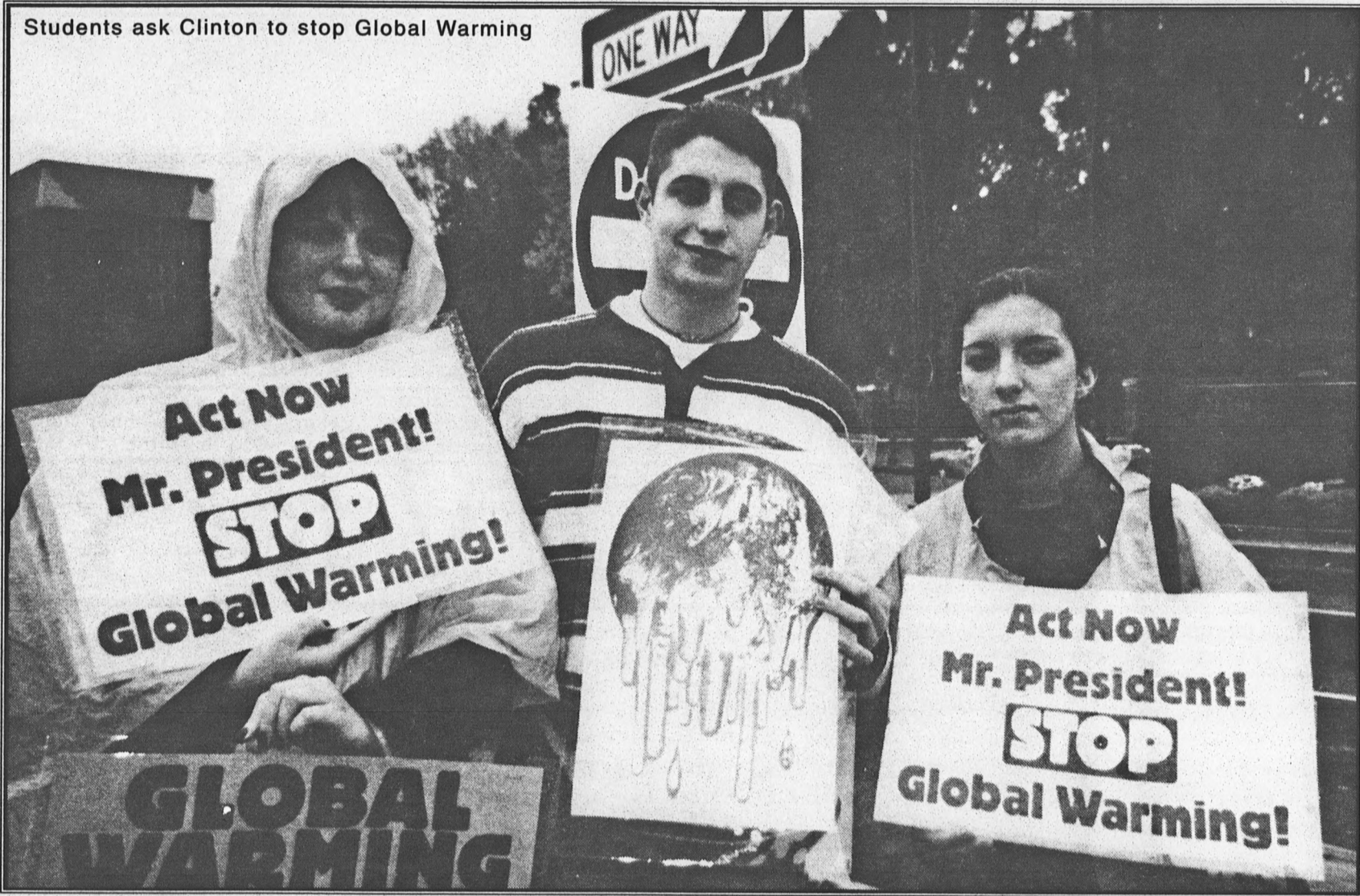
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## STUDENTS CALL FOR CLINTON TO ADOPT STRONGER EMISSIONS STANDARDS

By DINA GAMBONI  
NYPIRG PROJECT COORDINATOR

Students from the New York Public Interest Group (NYPIRG) urged President Clinton to strengthen his position on global warming at a demonstration at the College of Staten Island during his campus visit on Sunday, November 2, 1997.

Students ask Clinton to stop Global Warming



Holding signs saying, "Act Now, Mr. President" and "Global Warming Isn't Cool," the group also handed out leaflets asking people to call on President Clinton and

Vice President Gore to reduce greenhouse gas emissions below 1990 levels by the year 2000, a goal which he committed to in 1992.

Instead, President Clinton has proposed standards that would reduce emissions only to 1990 levels between 2008 and 2012.

"The President's plan would reduce pollution by much too little, much too late," said Dina Gamboni, Project Coordinator of the NYPIRG chapter at the College of Staten Island. "We're here to ask Mr. Clinton to protect our future."


Other industrial countries have proposed stricter regulations which would reduce emissions even further, by requiring developed nations to cut emissions to below 1990 before 2010. International negotiations are due to resume this December in Kyoto, Japan.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has found that the burning of fossil fuels is increasing the atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that warm the atmosphere, resulting in a long-term rise in the average temperature of the Earth, or global warming. The risks of increased global warming include the rising of sea level, severe weather, increased disease, and catastrophic floods, all of which could affect New Yorkers.

"It's time for the President to realize that we have a crisis," said Jamie Merrill, a student at Brooklyn College and a member of NYPIRG's Board of Directors. "The United States ought to lead by example. We implore President Clinton to change his position."

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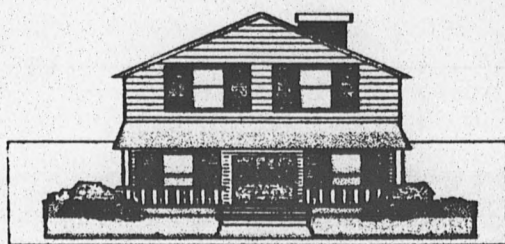
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tinue to exist and develop more effective solutions to combat them. It is our hope that the Student Government will not only approve the budgetary expenditure but that they will also become active participants in the coalition team and the work team for the day of the event. The next meeting of the coalition will be Friday, November 8th at 2:30 pm in the NYPIRG room. All students are invited and encouraged to participate. For further information you may contact Ms. Meredith Fogleman -editor in chief of the Banner- at 982-3115.



Some of the members of the Political Science/ Pre Law Club who sponsored the Presidents visit to C.S.I. From Left Maria Vella, David Hughes, Vullnet Kolari, Kristopher Dennis, Joseph Canale, Jeanine Cacace, Luis Vale and Jason Hajistron. See the Article on the front cover.

# No More CTV for You

By DAVID BULLOCK  
BANNER STAFF WRITER

Staten Island Community television, the public access channels for Staten Island Cable are at a threat to be no more. The cable company is renegotiating their contract. One of the issues that will be brought up with the contract negotiations will be the status of cable access.

Every ten years the cable companies renegotiate their contracts. This year, since the satellite companies are not funding cable access, companies like Time Warner are fighting not to provide community television to the cable viewing public. Channels like 16, 24 and 35 are being threaten to be taken off the air and the viewers and volunteers that put on the programming are likely to have their lives affected.

In contrast to popular belief, community television has a strong following. According to Lance Armstrong of Staten Island Community Television, 56% of cable viewers watch community television at least once a week. Cable access is watched by over 102,000 homes. 84% of people are aware of programming on CTV.

CSI students are also involved in producing shows on CTV. Students Brian Respler and Bill Adams are producers of the shows *Down to the Mat* and *Staten Island is Great* each respectively. Brian enjoys volunteering at Staten Island Community Television and is concerned about the negotiation that are coming up. Once working on a program Brian describe CTV

as a "family." He and others are worried that the "family" might break up.

Producer and host of *Positively Speaking*, Mary Ann Dinger expressed her feel-

*Positively Speaking* started showing in November of 1994. Ms. Dinger has produced 25 shows to date on various subjects. Her next show will air on November 24, 8:30pm on channel 24. Her guest will be Sister Ann Leonard, provincial of the Congregation of Notre Dame. The sister is accountable for 22 U.S. states where her order has schools in some of the poorest section of our country. She is of particular interest to Staten Island because of her affiliation and former work at Notre Dame Academy.

Lance Armstrong summed up his feelings on Community Television, "Staten Island needs CTV. I feel that CTV is valuable to our community which is not address through other media sources. It is an important first amendment right of free speech. CTV provides that forum."

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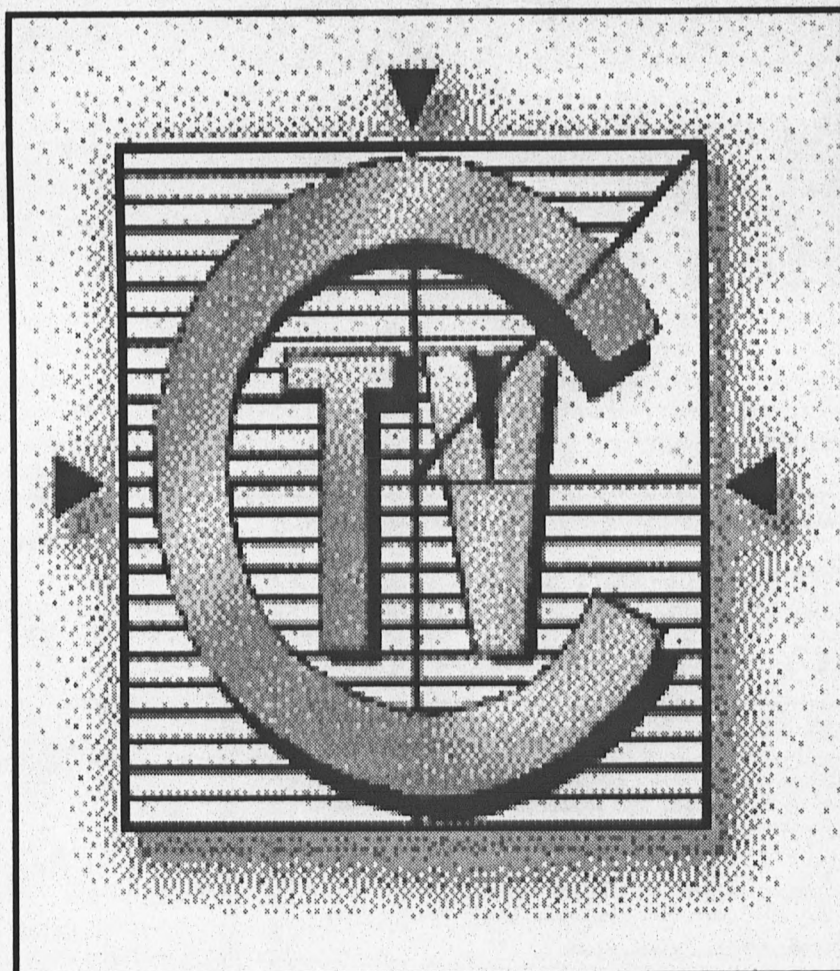
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# March of the Pigs!

By STEVE HALL  
BANNER STAFF WRITER

Has anyone noticed the debris floating around our campus, that has been built for us to enjoy, not to trash? I'm just wondering how people, who are going to a college such as ours to receive an education that will better us and contribute to our personal growth, be so ignorant as to throw a piece of paper on the ground when there are trash cans set up all over our campus?

Do unto others as you'd have done to you. Would anybody on campus go into their homes and go into their rooms and trash their private possessions? I would hope not! I walk off campus and see garbage whipping around: newspapers, bottles, and various unmentionables that make me want to vomit. What is the cause for this mess? I can accept the mess outside beyond our gates because most are ignorant, but I would expect a lot more from college students who are supposedly trying to improve themselves, and maybe even the community. In some classes, professors comment about the filth that students leave behind. Doesn't this sink into your brains?

I try to understand the logic in tossing something into the wind when there is multiple garbage cans positioned every ten feet from one another. Do we expect someone else to clean up after us? Obviously! I am proposing for some sort of crack down. If the college has enforced speed limit guidelines, then I propose for security to issue summons' to students who are caught littering. Perhaps that will cut down on the filth that I've noticed. I know that others are aware of this problem, but no one is willing to see the problem or admit to it. Police are supposed to issue summons for littering off campus even though nothing is done. I feel that by issuing hefty fines for littering, maybe people would think twice before throwing garbage on the ground and would then rightfully place it in the trash can. This would in turn prepare human beings for the real world by having well rounded CLEAN people into society.

We cannot allow for our campus to be polluted by students who are destroying how our campus looks. Just because we pay tuition doesn't give us the right to do whatever the hell we want to do. We are supposed to be the future of America. This future doesn't appear to be so bright. It looks rather gloomy amidst all of the filth.

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## What's A little Sin?

By LOUIS BARDEL  
BANNER ASSOCIATE FEATURES EDITOR

Has anyone seen the "Devil's Advocate"? I heard two opinions about the movie before I went to see it. One from a Communist, who said, "The movie sucked." He probably doesn't like the religious themes of Hell and Vice. Another comment came from a Christian, who said, "There is some serious meaning there." He was never very clear about what that meaning is.

Despite the mixed reviews I went to a matinee show of the movie last Sunday. I can no longer go to an evening movie because the thought of paying \$7-10 is too painful. Surprisingly, there were a lot of people in the audience. The theatre was at least half full. Perhaps audience members are attracted to the big names of Al Pacino and Keanu Reeves, as I was. Pacino gives his usual good performance - funny as hell and smart. Reeves also holds his own, except he tends to yell a bit too much at times in his performance. At one point in the movie, Keanu's character is yelling at his mother for not telling him that Satan, played by Pacino, is his long lost father. I would have played the part with a little more disbelief than fury.

One assumes that the movie is loosely based on the 17th century epic poem, "Paradise Lost," by John Milton. Pacino's character is also named John Milton, a slick power attorney from New York. Like Milton's Satan, the *raison d'être* of Pacino's Milton is to corrupt mankind. He knows everything about sin and the weakness of man. He lures Reeves' character to New York to work as a lawyer and while Reeves is winning

one high profile case after another Satan is trying to lure Reeves into his sinful Party. The movie explores voodoo, cuckolds, boxing matches, tuxedo affairs where Al D'Amato shows up, fashion, and all other matters of debauchery. The message of the movie seems to be that self-love is a bad vice, or maybe a good one. I'm not sure.

Reeves' marriage does fall apart because of his vanity as a high-power lawyer, and his mother can't stand to be in her son's new hometown, Manhattan, a.k.a. Babylon, but they just don't know how to have fun. The movie, at times,

seems to laud the virtues of such "sin" as cuckolds and violent boxing matches.

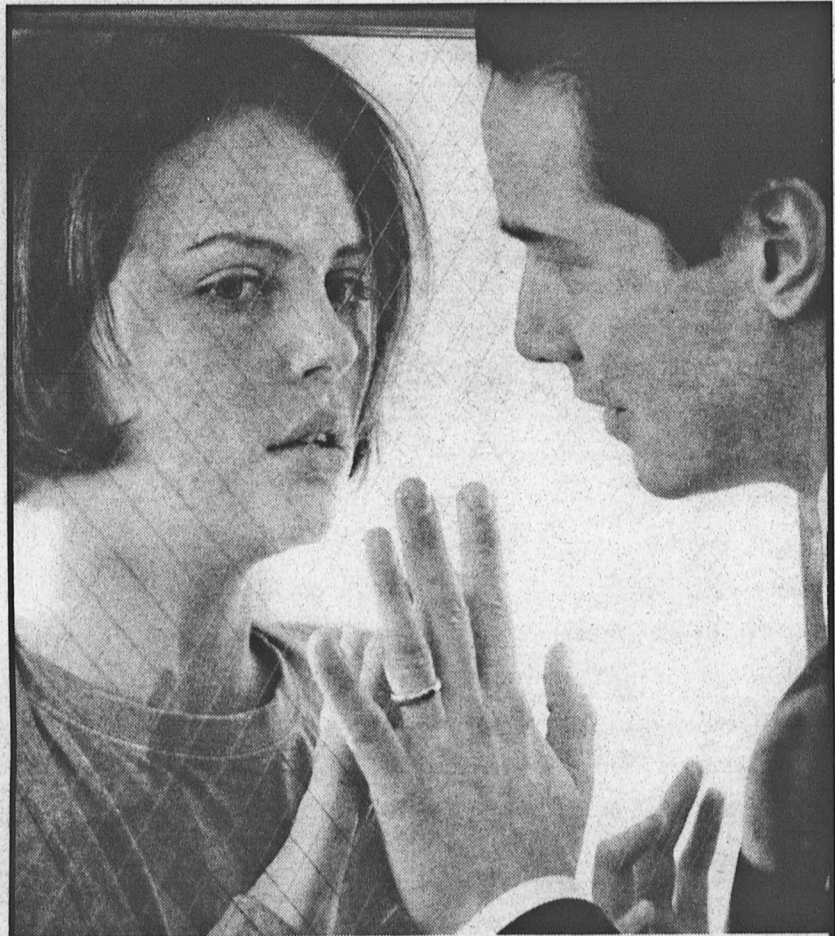
Why? Because human beings have been created by an absentee god that is cruel. We should be doing whatever brings us pleasure. That's the only payoff, according to Milton. Does violence bring us pleasure? For some of us, yes.

Great examples of art and architecture that any art student could

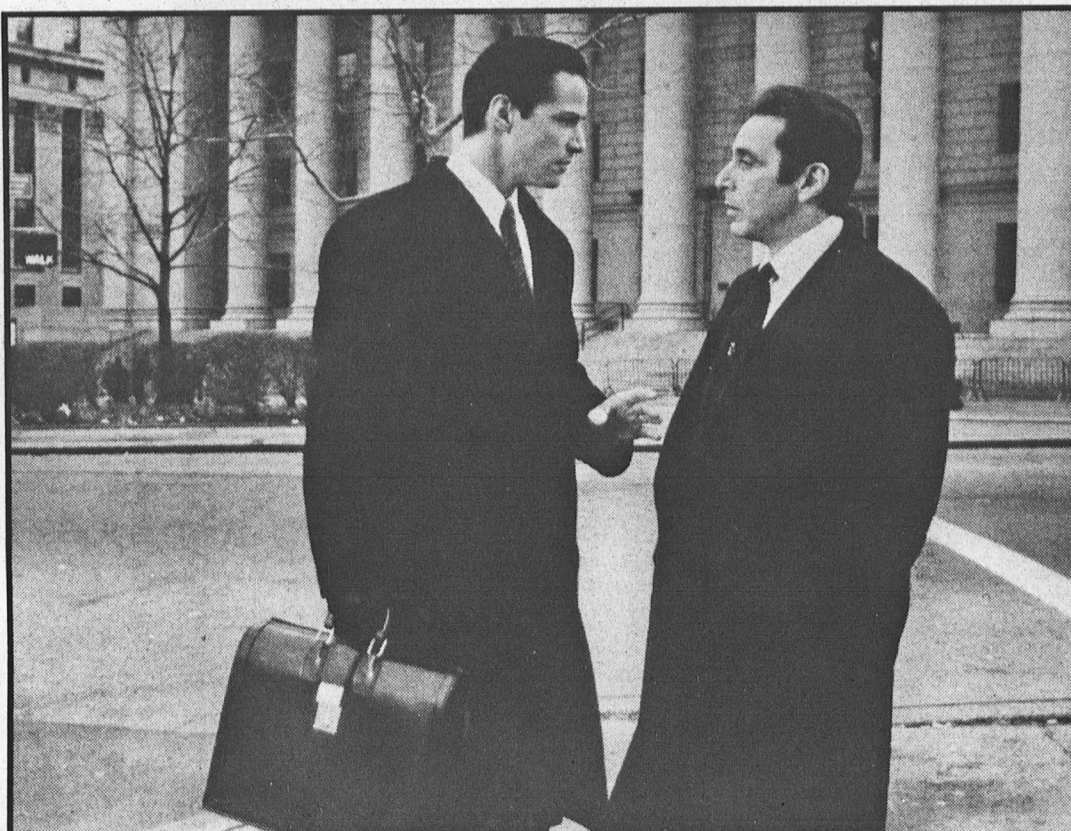
appreciate are plentiful. Likewise, the quality of the scenery is good. From penthouses, top-story offices, atop towers we are given great views of the New York skyline. Aerial shots of Central Park show what rich, green park land exists in the middle of Manhattan. Also, sights of uptown abandoned slums and scenes of the urban streets indicate the wide disparity of culture that exists in the Big Apple. The shots are often done from far above ground level which may have some poetic meaning — like who the movie's sinners actually are.

Ambiguous from a human perspective, the movie's point of view is really an outlook from the angle of Satan, and his world is exotic and dangerous. For us humans, I think, it's better to experience his existence from afar. Preferably, in a theater near you.

This movie gets:



CHARLIZÉ THERON and KEANU REEVES STAR IN "THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE."



SATAN, PLAYED BY AL PACINO LURES REEVES INTO HIS SINFUL PARTY



## NYPIRG KICKS OFF START '98 AT FALL CONFERENCE

By MEREDITH FOGELMAN  
BANNER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**H**undreds of college students from throughout New York State, including students from the College of Staten Island, gathered in Binghamton, NY for the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) annual Fall Conference. NYPIRG is New York State's largest student-directed research and advocacy organization. NYPIRG works on environmental preservation, consumer protection, government reform, and student rights. NYPIRG is based on twenty colleges and universities throughout New York State. The purpose of the conference is to provide student activists with the opportunity to learn, teach, and network with each other. There were over 40 different workshops, dealing with a variety of subjects and issues. Some dealt with local and state government, and its machinations. Others introduced students to different environmental, consumer, and public health issues, such as global warming, toy safety, and the abuses of the tobacco industry. Still others taught skills like time management, how to organize a successful campus event, public speaking, and how to deal with the media. There also workshops about NYPIRG, as well as its internship and employment opportunities.



NYPIRG kicked off its campaign to reduce public college tuition next year. The campaign named START (Students Taking Action to Reduce Tuition) urged Governor Pataki to provide sufficient state support so that SUNY and CUNY tuition can be lowered. Although students and the State Legislature have blocked tuition increases in New York proposed each of the last two years, the average tuition and fees since 1990 at New York State public colleges has still increased 154.4%. Students at Massachusetts and California public

colleges have seen their tuition reduced over the last two years.

"Students in New York need a tuition reduction," said Michael Livermore, chairperson of NYPIRG's student board of directors. "With faculty, students and businesses working together we can build grassroots support and generate pressure for a tuition reduction."

Investing in our higher education system produces an educated workforce in our society. By reducing college tuition and increasing funds to financial pro-

gramms our government increases the access to students at both public and private universities.

heard student speakers tell personal stories about how cuts have affected their education.

"New York State needs to reaffirm its commitment to affordable tuition at CUNY. So far the 1990's have been a decade marred by skyrocketing tuition," said Mizanoor Biswas, Chair of University Student Senate. "However, as the economy improves it's time to reverse that trend. A roll back of tuition would bring welcomed relief to thousands of working students and their families."

While many serious issues were presented during the conference, the students seemed to enjoy themselves.

"I learned a lot in the workshops, I met some great people, and the party Saturday night just rocked," said Mike Besio, a CSI student who attended the conference. "I can't wait for the one in the spring." Information about NYPIRG's issues or Spring Conference is available at the NYPIRG office in room 219 in the Campus Center or call (718) 982-3109.

At the conference students wrote letters and

**T**aking **R**ollback  
**S**tudents **T**O **T**uition  
**A**ction

# THE POET'S NOOK

## Vive Les Revolution!

by Michele Robillard

Lovers fight for the right for Life as they know it, the lovers Delight in the fight for closure. They know they shouldn't, but they must! Despartely grasping, they muster on towards each other and the future.

## A Lonely Vine

by Michele Robillard

A vine flourishes on the wall, watch it ebb and flow.....

Why doesn't it have its brethern around it? Did it consume its brothers and sisters in its fight for sovereignty alone of its prescribed place on the Wall? SHH, watch it sigh, ebb and fall.....

## CLICHE

by P. Melissa Visnosky

ONE STEP FORWARD, TWO STEPS BACK  
MAKES FOR SLOW PROGRESS  
THE FARTHER I MOVE AHEAD  
THE MORE I FALL BEHIND  
IS THERE LIGHT AT THE END OF THIS TUNNEL?  
A SILVER LINING TO THIS CLOUD?  
AND AS DARKNESS BREAKS THE GLOOM  
OF NIGHT  
SHE LIVES...HAPPILY EVER AFTER?

## Starshine

by Michele Robillard

Stars shine on.....  
Glittering and blinking.....  
winking at you with a star crossed love.....  
It burns on forever more with a destiny all its own.....

You like to think they all love you, but beware  
that Lofty plateau  
for when you do fall, you will from a great height,  
Do Not Wonder, You will fall Hard..

## A Hero

by Michele Robillard

A Hero Exists in  
Myth or reality....  
which one will you so  
enviously be? Will you  
be someone that we all can  
emphasize with? Or Will You Be  
A Hero Just for Me?

## A Ripple

by Michele Robillard

A Pebble drops into the water  
creating ripples upon the surface....  
Truths and Lies are all assumed to be  
One and the same....  
You cannot tell whether  
a Ripple comes from a source of Good or a Hot  
and dangerous Evil One.....  
How are we to know  
when and where the ripples stop, for they will  
go on forever.

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by P. Melissa Visnosky

So I'll cry you a rainstorm  
Sing to the wind and pray you hear  
And when the sun warms my face  
I will feel you near  
I'll see you in the starlit sky  
And when the moon shimmers on the sea  
And when the breeze blows past my ear  
I'll know you're talking back to me

Dedicated to the memory of Theresa L.  
Jones

(1/14/66-2/25/93)

And Thomas P. Moriarity Jr. (5/9/90-  
2/25-93)

## Story of My Life

by P. Melissa Visnosky

Mine's the story of the nightingale caged  
A thing of beauty with a hint of rage  
It's all been written on the fable's page  
But it's the story of my life

Grew up being told what to think  
Living on an emotional brink  
And so now the fuse ignites in a wink  
Just the story of my life

No room to fly No song to sing  
Only the pain that confinement brings

No tears to cry No time to dream  
No one to hear my silent scream

I built these walls that I hide behind  
Higher and higher inside my mind  
They may be lonely, but they're all mine  
Sad, but it's the story of my life

So now the bars are back again  
The guards safely at their posts again  
With solitude as my best friend  
Just the story of my life

## Domestic Violence

By GREG DIAZ  
PEER EDUCATOR

Are you in an abusive relationship? Abuse is defined as any behavior that is used to intimidate or control another person. Does your partner:

- Discourage your ties with family or friends?
- Restrain you?
- Throw objects at you or destroy property?
- Express extreme jealousy?
- Consistently ridicule or insult you?
- Manipulate you with lies or promises?
- Undermine your sense of confidence?
- Make you account for every moment you're away?

If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions please be advised that this relationship is considered abusive.

There are some serious and surprising facts you should know about domestic violence. A survey of national crime shows that a woman is beaten every fifteen seconds in her home and one out of two women in America will be abused by a man in her lifetime. In the United States, a woman is more likely to be assaulted, injured, raped or killed by a male partner than by any other type of assailant. Domestic violence occurs among all races and socioeconomic groups. One out of every twelve women is beaten while pregnant. These women are four times more likely to have babies born with low birth weight and twice as likely to have a miscarriage.

Women are not the only victims of domestic violence. Studies show that men are

also beaten by their partners and killed in self defense. Other victims include children. Child abuse is a very serious component in domestic violence. It involves the physical, mental and sexual abuse of a child. It also includes the neglect of a child's basic needs. Abuse is a threat to the child's health and well-being. Children become fearful, withdrawn and they may act themselves as abusers of other children or they may try to protect a person being abused.

There is a repeated cycle seen in domestic violence. Battered woman syndrome occurs when a woman is in an abusive relationship over a long period of time. There is a *tension building* period where the abuser behaves irrationally, is easily angered. The woman often blames herself for his behavior. She represses her anger to keep a peaceful relationship. This is followed by the *explosion*, when the physical injuries are incurred. She denies her injuries and will blame it on other factors such as drinking or 'he didn't know what he was doing'; or she will not label it rape because it is her husband. Finally there is the remorseful or *honeymoon* period, when he is very sorry for his actions and promises he will not do it again. This cycle is repeated and help is not often sought. Sometimes family of the woman intervene and report evidence of the physical abuse. There are many reasons why women stay in abusive relationships. Among them are lack of financial resources, rationalizations and excuses for the abuser's behavior, acceptance of violence as "normal" in families, and strong cultural and religious beliefs about the importance

of maintaining the marriage regardless of 'marital problems'. The woman lives in fear and feels ashamed, depressed and trapped.

Though personalities differ and each man is an individual, one general characteristic that men who abuse share is denial. They deny they are responsible for their actions and this denial perpetuates the abuse. An abusive man tends to have very rigid rules for behavior and needs to control his partner so she will follow his rules. When she does not, she is blamed for breaking the rules. It is perceived as her fault and he then does not take responsibility for his abusive behavior. Another characteristic is extreme jealousy. In the beginning of the relationship this seems like strong love and commitment but his lack of trust and need to control soon isolates his partner from those who might help her. He claims her family doesn't like him so she must not talk to them. This attitude is extended to friends as well. He tries to control by intimidation and she believes his threats of violence - toward herself and her children. It is a vicious cycle of abuse, helplessness and despair.

On Thursday, October 23rd, the Wellness Program will be sponsoring an event, "Domestic Violence". The Staten Island Council on Domestic Violence will present an award winning slide show followed by discussion on this important topic. Stop by the Drop-In Center, 1C-112 with any questions or problems you may have concerning this or other wellness issues. There are trained peer educators there to help. It's free and confidential.

## Self - Esteem

By JANET MCKEON  
PEER EDUCATOR

What is self-esteem? Is it your self-image? Is it how you feel about yourself? Yes, that is what self-esteem is and more. Your self-esteem is made up of thoughts and feelings you have about yourself. The thoughts and feelings you have about yourself may be positive, for example: I'm attractive, I'm smart, I learn from my mistakes, I'm fun. The thoughts and feelings you have about yourself may be negative, for example: I'm ugly, I'm stupid, I'm afraid to fail, I'm boring. The more positive feelings you have about yourself, the higher your self-esteem. Some feelings you have about yourself may be difficult to express or explain. That's because you're a unique individual — there's no one else in the world like you. That's reason enough to be proud!

Why should I think about my self-esteem? You should think about your self-esteem because it affects the way you live. It affects the way you think, act and feel about yourself and others. It affects how successfully you are in achieving your goals in life. High self-esteem can make you feel effective, productive, capable and lovable. Low self-esteem can make you feel ineffective, worthless, incompetent and unloved. Self-esteem can be improved. Don't let past failures hold you back. You owe it to yourself to learn to feel good about who you are!

The importance of high self-esteem is feeling good about yourself. This enables you to accept challenges, enrich your life, maintain self-confidence and remain flexible. When you have high self-esteem, you're not afraid to develop your abilities. You're willing to risk trying new things. If you don't try, you can't grow. Self-esteem enriches your life because happy people are a joy to be around. By being happier with yourself, you'll be eager to meet new friends. By being more comfortable and open about yourself, you'll develop closer relationships. Self-esteem enables you to maintain self-confidence. Believing you can do something is half the battle; it allows you to involve yourself completely with whatever you're doing. Wholehearted effort helps to bring improvement to performance. Self-esteem helps you remain

flexible. Change isn't easy. It's unfamiliar and frightening at times. However, a positive self-image makes it easier to accept new ideas and ways of doing things. With high self-esteem, you can be the person you want to be, enjoy others more fully and offer more of yourself to the world.

To think positively about yourself, make it a point to be your own best friend. That means giving yourself acceptance, encouragement, praise, time, trust, respect and love. Accept and identify your strengths and weaknesses, everyone has them! Take a "can-do" attitude. Set a reasonable timetable for personal goals and offer yourself encouragement along the way. Take pride in your achievements, both great and small. Remember your experiences are yours alone, enjoy them. Set realistic goals. Meet them by learning new skills and developing your abilities. Take time out regularly to be alone with your thoughts and feelings. Get involved in activities you can enjoy by yourself, like crafts, reading or an individual sport. Learn to enjoy your own company. Pay attention to your own thoughts and feelings. Act on what you think is right. Do what makes you feel happy and fulfilled. Don't try to be someone else. Be proud of who you are. Explore and appreciate your own special talents. Learn to love the unique person you are. Accept and learn from your mistakes. Don't overreact to errors. Accept your successes and failures, those who love you do.

So remember, think positively about yourself and take pride in your individuality. Help yourself by developing your talents and abilities. Encourage yourself whenever you need it and praise yourself when you deserve it. Trust your own judgment. Love yourself. You can improve self-esteem, it's really worth the effort!

If you would like more information about self-esteem or would like to talk about this or another issue, feel free to drop by the Peer Drop-In Center, located in 1C-112 in Health Services. Trained peer educators are there to help or just listen. It's free, it's confidential, and it can really help.

## The Ink Spot

By SHAWN FISHER  
BANNER BUSINESS EDITOR

For those who did not know, Staten Island is rich with comic book talent. Among Staten Islands finest are Joe Jusko, Evan Dorkin and now Bob Supina. Mr. Supina recently joined up with Slave Labor Graphics. A comic company that was formed by Evan Dorkin one time Staten Island comic shop worker turned professional artist. Mr. Dorkin's company has had phenomenal success with the book Milk and Cheese one of the few modern independents to achieve and maintain a high value in a very volatile market.

Now former Staten Island resident Bob Supina joins the fold with Monster Boy comics a book designed for all ages to enjoy. This reporter had the recent pleasure speak with the man behind Monster Boy. This is what he had to say.

SF: Are comic books your main line of work?

BS: My nine to five, job is as art director of a medical journal. I draw my comics at night.

SF: Do you enjoy your main line of work?

BS: It's not bad it pays the bills!

SF: How did you become interested in drawing comics?

BS: I've been drawing comics since I can remember. I would copy the dialog from an Archie comic and substitute my own characters, which were usually monsters. The results were pretty bizarre.

SF: What comic books do you enjoy reading?

BS: The comics I buy on a regular basis are Hellboy, Bone, Batman Adventures, and Gen 13. I'm always looking for weird stuff from small publishers, like Milk and Cheese and Land of Nod.

SF: Do you have a favorite artist or writer?

BS: My all time favorite artist is Robert Crumb. I don't have the words to describe his work. Other artist I like are Jack Kirby, Basil Wolverton, and Will Elder. As far as contemporary artists—Mike Mignola, Adam Hughes, Artur Adams are great. I like the writing of Steve Purcel. He does a funny comic called Sam and Max. (Also) Even Dorkin John Bryne and Mike Mignola. I had the great Will Eisner as a teacher at the School of Visual Arts. He was the best teacher I ever had, he taught me how to think like a professional artist.

SF: Tell me about Monster Boy?

BS: I first drew Monster Boy about ten years ago for a self published comic book a college student was doing.

About a year later, I submitted the comic to Michael Gilbert for use as a back up in his Mr. Monster series. He published several stories of mine over the next few years. In nineteen ninety-one, Fantagraphics contacted me about doing a Monster Boy One Shot. Last year Slave Labor Graphics accepted my proposal for a quarterly series. Monster Boy is a ten year old monster who lives with a normal human family in the suburbs. They found him as an infant on their doorstep and adopted him. Now he goes to school, and tries to be like other kids, but his monster behavior some times slips through.

SF: How did you become involved with Slave labor Graphics?

BS: I read some of Slave Labor's other titles (Milk and Cheese, Dork) and I thought they may be interested in Monster Boy, so I sent a proposal and

a sample comic. They called a few months later!

SF: How far would you like to take Monster Boy?

BS: I'd like to take Monster Boy as far as possible! A regular comic series—in color would be nice—maybe a TV cartoon, action figures, etc.!

I'd love to see Monster Boy's head on a Pez dispenser!

SF: Are there any other projects you would like to work on?

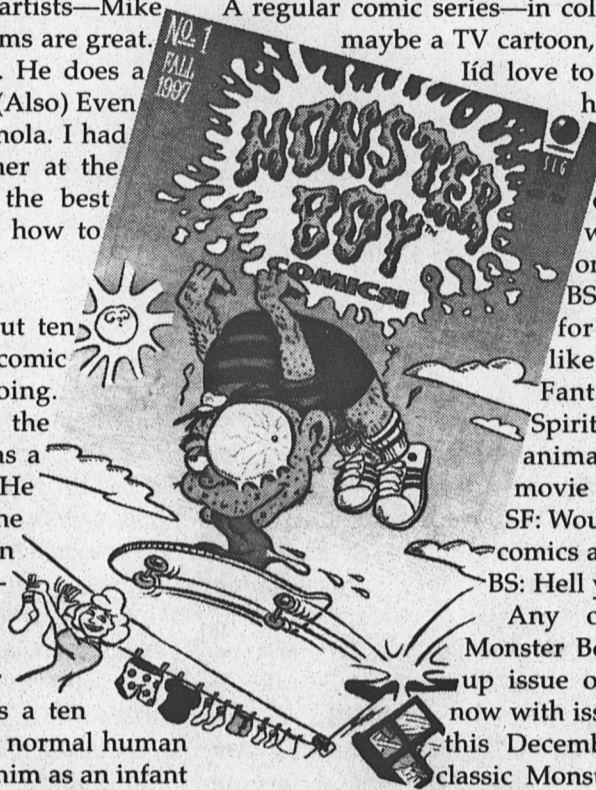
BS: I'd like to write for other characters, like Batman, The Fantastic Four or The Spirit. I'd love to write a animated TV series or movie someday!

SF: Would you like to make comics a career?

BS: Hell yes! Who wouldn't. Any one interested in Monster Boy comics can pick up issue one at comic shops now with issue two coming out this December. Also look for classic Monster Boy reprints in future issues of The Banner.

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## WHAT'S UP CSI?

By LUIS F. CRUZATTE  
BANNER STAFF WRITER

Welcome to the new section of the banner. Here you will find interesting stories about CSI, the students and issues that concern them, therefore I wish you to enjoy this new section and find it useful.

Special greetings and congratulations to Allison Gigante, she was accepted into law school. The well recognized student and peer educator makes us so happy for her achievement. We will miss you Allison don't forget us...# The Christian Life Center, Club of the year in 1996 - 1997, is ready to rumble! They are preparing their second annual Gospel Festival for the Fall semester. Good luck guys - we know you always do a great job!...# In the cafeteria, some of us saw a sad sister from a well known sorority at campus - might it be a broken heart?...# If you have not chartered a club yet you better hurry up! The last day to charter a club with a full budget (\$1,000) is on November 7th...# However some students think Student Government should postpone the dateline...# What happened with Student Government? They had a meeting on Wednesday November 5th and they were unable to have a complete quorum. Why aren't the members of S.G. attending their own meetings?...# By the way, there's a rumor that

we have been left without a Club Commissioner...# Speaking of which, we've heard different complaints from CSI students concerned about the lack of advisement for their club activities...# They probably didn't know that we have the energetic Club advisor from the Student Life Office, Meri Kauffman (1C - 201)...# President Bill Clinton visited CSI last Sunday, to boost his fellow candidate for congress Mr. Vitaliano...# Which reminds me of the fact that the President decided to charge \$1,000 per person for a picture with him - maybe if he was Harrison Ford! ...# Two thumbs up for the Peer Drop In Center, during the semester they have reached a record number of students looking for advisement...# The wall street breakdown seemed to have reached CSI, the prices in the vending machines have gone up with no previous announcement to the student body. Students are asking themselves what is the reason of this price hike? Maybe they should see Ira Persky, from Auxiliary Service, and ask him in person to 1C room 208...# Be extremely careful when you are about to pay at the cashiers in the cafeteria, they might be over charging you for the food you are consuming, remember you have the right to ask for a receipt...# The Canadian

geese have found a new home at the soccer and baseball fields of CSI, it looks like they might be here for awhile...# Where are the Greek letter clubs? We have not seen any club having any event on campus yet...# In contrast, the bar "The Cave" in Staten Island, seems to have become one of the favorite places to hang out on weekends, Sigma Delta Tau, sorority, and Alpha Phi Delta, fraternity, have done their latest events over there. And from what we've heard they were great!!!...# The Chinese Club had a karaoke contest at the Center of the Arts building on October 30, approximately 100 students gathered in the recital hall, way to go guys!...# It's been there for awhile but nobody knows what it is. It's located in the woods behind the Center of the arts building (1P). It looks like a shelter but has no walls or ceiling! Maybe it's another great acquisition of art purchased by the college...# With all the money spent in the construction of this new campus could they not obtain new loop buses instead of the relics that we already had, and should not be the schedule posted someplace - like at the loop bus stop?...# Two thumbs up to the Political Science Club! They worked hard to

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## LAZER TAG

By MICHAEL BESIO  
BANNER LAYOUT EDITOR

**T**he door to the dark room opens. The players begin to load into a small cold black light room. On the left are 10 green and red vests that stand alone from everything else. Each are equipped with state-of-the-art laser detection systems and high speed laser weapons ready for battle. The official unplugs the vests one by one, and places them on the players. Once the vests are turned on, numbers pop up on the front of the vests.

The teams are ready to fight. They are ready to enter a world that they have never been to before. The official tells the players to face him. The red team stares down the green team ready for war. The official presses the start button and an air raid siren goes off. The game room doors open and the teams enter their respective doors ready for war.

This is the beginning of the high tech '90's craze called Laser Tag. With over three locations on Staten Island and great store hours, it's a great way to spend a night. One of the best locations on the Island is Laserama on Forest Ave which boasts the best set up on the Island. They have a 50 x 50 ft. room on two levels. Their score card tells you who you hit, who hit you and who on your own team hit you. It also tells who you killed on your own team. It gives an explicit description on where you where hit. The vests are equipped with a safety shield and a cluster bomb on the weapon. They are far more advanced then their Island competitors. They are also cheaper then their Island competitors, at \$7 a game and store hours open until midnight.

Going into the game room is an experience. Smoke comes up from the floor as you manage your way through a maze trying to kill the other team. In the meantime you also have to protect your base from being nailed by enemy fire. After 15 min. of running around and killing people, the air raid goes off again and the teams head for the exit. When they exit they get a computerized print out of their game. People are tired, and anxious to see their scores. This is what drives them to go back inside and play again.

Laser Tag isn't for everyone, just the ones that want to meet up to the challenge. Do you think you have what it takes?

## Pigs from page 7

a student that emptied half of her pocketbook onto the floor. I was so sickened that I just couldn't believe that a college student would be so inconsiderate as to feel that someone else would clean up their mess for them.

Maybe we live on an Island that has the largest landfill in the country, but that doesn't mean that we have to add to the mess that many before us has created. It's the simplest thing in the world; you just hold onto your garbage in your hand and wait until you come across a trash can and dump it. No big deal, but I guess for some it is.

## CSI from page 12

bring president Clinton to CSI, good job guys, keep it up!...# Finally the administration from the college noted that we have over 10,000 students and built larger bus stop shelters, it's better later than never...# Some students are asking themselves why student government is suing students from CSI?...# The popular Spanish Festival is coming up, (November 25 & 26), and it's being co-sponsored by PDC, it looks like the event is going to rock CSI!... #Trivia question of the week: Do you know who the President of CSI is?

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# "LITTLE HILL"

## A HIDDEN ECUADORIAN PARADISE

By LUIS F. CRUZATTE  
BANNER STAFF WRITER

As soon I got off from the bus, I immediately felt the peacefulness of this small town. The smell of its green and fresh gardens, the sounds of the wind striking the leaves from the trees, and the clarity of the sky gave me a heavenly welcome. The stars were shining as bright as the moon in the middle of the night, making the evening as clear as the day in perfect harmony. For some unknown reason, it felt like a spell had been performed on me.

"La Casa del Sol", which means The House of the Sun. It had a wooden construction that reminded me of the country style from those houses in old Kentucky or the Carolinas'. Since the building have captivated my adventurous spirit, it was decided that I lodge over there along my stay at Little Hill. The room was cozy, but very comfortable. It had a balcony on the side with a hammock on it. The view of the coastal scene was romantic as well as enchanting. Along the shore, there were three little cabins lying down, one next to another. I became curious about them. I hardly expected that in those cabins I was going to have the most wonderful moments in Ecuador.

The people at Little Hill are very warm and friendly; they all treat you like they have known you for years, even though you are a total stranger. Along the shore I observed some young kids running around playing soccer, some adults will join them later. I would stay there, spending that afternoon watching them having such a great time. They seemed to be so happy, and it was not the smiles on their faces, nor was the laughter heard miles away, but, the simple careless way of enjoying themselves. There was no evidence of modern day conveniences, like cable TV, computers, stock markets, fashion design stores, law firms, ATM machines, or subway train systems. However they neither have machine guns, crime, pollution, peddlers, lust for power or a time clock that rules their way of life. As incredible it might look, in spite of their "poor" world, and delay in development, they were immensely wealthy in life and happiness.

In the village's main street several restaurants were offering the most sophisticated dishes and delicacies across the country. "Restaurant El Chivo", (meaning the Goat's Restaurant) was one of the most elegant and unique places in town. The food was extremely delicious. Fish and chicken were the specialties of the house, and of course with the best service around. The traditional stone style of the building construction offered the visitor the sensation of medieval times, with its unique moving table and beautiful front yard. Believe me that is the way I saw it, and it was great!

The following morning, the constant wake up call from the rooster next to my room made me realize that it was time for me to get up. It took me several minutes to actually do it, but I was too comfortable to get out from my

bed, besides the danger of being attacked by killers mosquitoes, which whom I fought all night, made me afraid. (which reminds me, a mosquitoes' repellent is a must in this place.) By the time I realized that I have been savagely sucked out almost of all my blood, it was too late; I have gotten a rash on my behind. However I did not let this burning pain get to me.

Walking through the passages to the water I had my first contact with a person at the cabins. I could see a pretty young woman taking care of what it seem to be a coffee shop, but she didn't seem to be from around town. We would greet each other. "Can I get a coffee, please?" I asked, "sí, en un momento" she will answer drawing a smile on her face. I noticed though that she had a particular Spanish accent. I will later learn that her name was Suzanne, a beautiful woman from England. Sadness took over me when I found out she was seeing someone already.

That night, as there was a bonfire by the cabins, I was bored, despite of the beauty of the place, I had not met anybody yet. I saw two women standing by the bar. I tried to be the most polite guy on earth, nevertheless I was unable to understand what went wrong because as soon I approached them, one of them stopped talking and her friend gave me a weird look and left the bar where we were seating at. Katja

was from Germany and her friend Maria was from Denmark, and believe it or not we built a great friendship in spite of our unusual introduction.

The farewell of the afternoon at Little Hill was one of the most beautiful things on the World. The sea whispers at your ears with tenderness. The sky shows you the colors that inspired Picasso to create the paintings only him could do. The feeling of the sand touching your body was like a soft massage given in the air, getting rid of all your stress and thoughts, possessing your body and soul. But nothing could be compared to the view of the living light of the warmth and heat setting itself down the ocean. If heaven exist it must be like this, I thought. In moments like this, I considered in living here forever, but my weak capitalistic mind didn't let me.

If you ever decide to take a studies abroad program and go to Ecuador to study Spanish, this is a place where you must go. Little Hill (Montañita) is definitely a hidden paradise in Ecuador.

Special greetings to Sebastian, "the slaver" ( he makes the best vegetarian sandwich in Montañita as well as the fruit shakes!!! ) Matias, Maria, Katja, you are just the best! Pogst!!! Brand and Mildred from La Casa del Sol. Jamer "The Artisan", Boris, Vito, Efrain and of course for my pal "El Chivo".

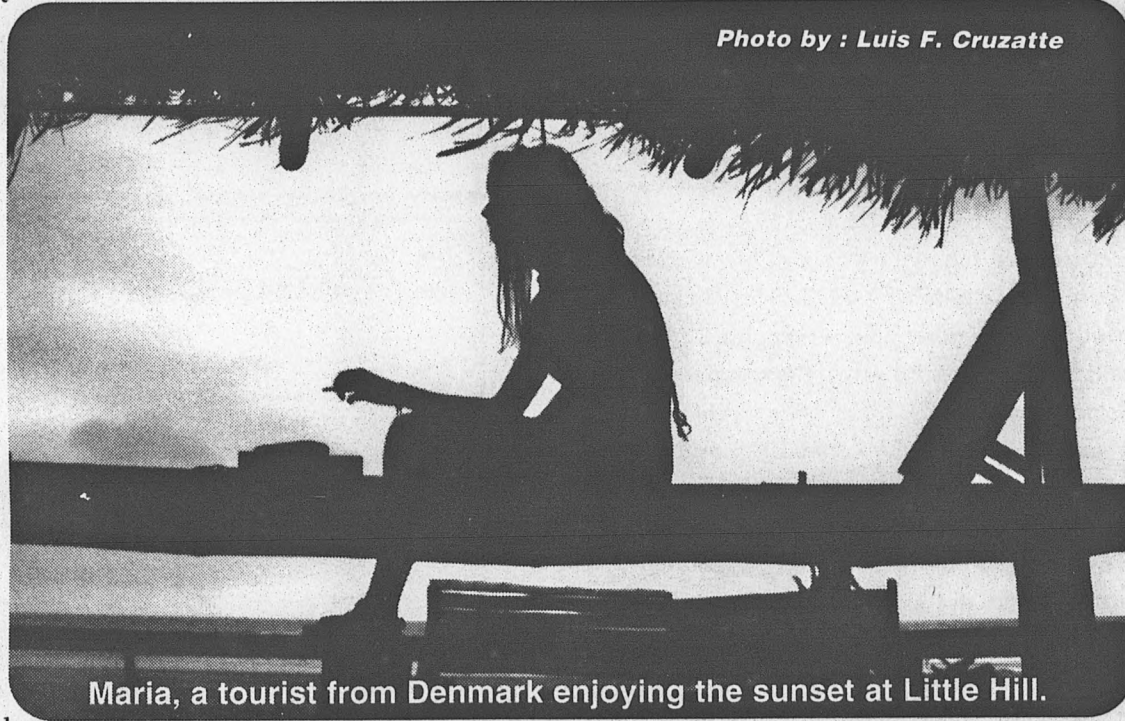


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Maria, a tourist from Denmark enjoying the sunset at Little Hill.

## S o a p O p e r a U p d a t e s

**All My Children:** Jack arranged for Erika to have a special visit with Bianca. Erica later told Jack she loves him. As Brooke drew closer to identifying the pornographer, an anxious Laura blurted out that porn actor Ricky took the pictures. Jim then offered comfort to an angry Brooke, who was unaware that he had Ricky on his payroll. Liza was devastated when she heard the news than Mateo's interview regarding the TGA crash revelations. A distraught Liza Adam about what she had heard. After Janet blasted Tim about the smashed pumpkin, he swore to Trevor that he will back off regarding Janet. Coming: Adam tries to justify his actions.

**Bold and Beautiful:** Unaware that Stephanie was stuck on a boat with engine trouble, Eric believed she had changed her mind about marrying him. Lauren joined a saddened Eric on his private plane home, attempting to distract him, but their plane crashed during a storm and they struggled to survive in a remote area. Brooke accepted Ridge's proposal, and urged Thorn to prevent Taylor from telling Ridge about the baby, for both their sakes. Grant and Macy shared a kiss that turned passionate. James had Connor install a hidden video camera in the nursery, hoping to trap Sheila neglecting the baby. Coming: Taylor is crushed by Brooke's comment.

**General Hospital:** Ned convinced Jack to join him in a business move against the Cassadines. A.J. gained access to Carly's sonogram results, and square off against Carly regarding her deception. Nikolas was shocked to find the condoms in his bag. Alan used Amy's name to order more pills and almost got caught. Mac was insulted that Felicia would try to make a connection between him and Tess' missing spouse, but Felicia later overheard Tess use one of Mac phrases in conversation. Coming: someone learns Alan's secret.

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except for Jordan. At last glance, the NBA world was still in disarray and some still call me insane for picking the Lakers over the Bulls in the Finals but I am standing by it.

In NHL news, the New York Rangers are still in their miserable slump with last night's tie with Edmonton at 2-2. The Rangers record is 3-5-6, who is even scoring goals for this team? The New York Islanders are doing a little better showing more life than the Broadway Blues this season. The New Jersey Devils are a hair better than both New York teams put together. The Devils beat the Vancouver

Canucks convincingly 7-1 with Messier scoring the lone goal. Are Messier and the Rangers happy now that both are doing miserable? The front runners in the early going are the Detroit red Wings at 10-1-2 and the Avalanche at 7-2-4. At this point the Rangers are looking at a season where their coach will be fired unless something major happens which probably won't so just expect the worst Ranger fans because Broadway will surely be having the blues unless they get a miracle.

In NFL news, wow, the New York Jets and Giants are both 6-3 and are holding onto first place. Whose voting for Fassel or Parcells this season for coach of the year? Will these teams go far in the playoffs or will they self destruct?

In C.S.I. sports, yes thats right college sports in

the Banner, in women's volleyball, C.S.I. earned their second win in a row improving to 7-16 overall after last Monday's match. with a 3-0 win over Elizabeth. Nine kills and six digs by sophomore Kerri O'Neill and six service aces by freshmen Clara Rosario and five by junior Regina Victor.

In men's swimming, the Dolphins dropped the match despite sophomore Dan Praelman taking first place in the one meter diving competition and a first place finish in the 200 meter freestyle relay by Roman Piszcz, Sergey Verba, Victor Spivak and Adam Majewski.

In mens soccer, the Dolphins are 2-5, the November first match has been rescheduled for November third against Medgar Evers with a 6p.m. start at Brooklyn College.

# JAY'S DEMENTED FAMILY

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Panel 1: A man and a child walk through a park. A speech bubble says "SON THERE MAKE -IN- A PUPPY!". A dog is shown below with a speech bubble "YO POP, WHATS HAPPENING?". A caption reads "AT A LOCAL PARK YOUNG SONNY BEGINS TO LEARN THE MYSTERIES OF LIFE".

Panel 2: A man enters a room. A speech bubble says "YO POP WHATS HAPPENING NOW?". A woman replies "OH, WE'RE MAKIN' YOU A BABY BRO-THER!".

Panel 3: A close-up of a man with a shocked expression. A speech bubble says "YEAH? WELL FLIP HER OVER I'D RATHER HAVE A PUPPY!!". The word "END" and the signature "J. BROMAN" are at the bottom right.

A man in a car says "HONEY I THINK I'M GOING TO PULL OVER AND GET SOME G-AS!". A woman replies "WHAT?". A sign on the road says "PETROL PISS".

A man in a car says "I SAID I THINK I'M GONNA PULL OVER AND GET SOME GAS!!". A woman replies "OH ALRIGHT".

A man in a car says "Y'KNOW HONEY AS LONG AS WE'RE HERE I GUESS I TAKE A LEAK.". A woman replies "WHAT?".

A man in a car says "I SAID AS LONG AS WE'RE HERE I GUESS I'LL TAKE A PISS!!". A woman replies "OH ALRIGHT".

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PAGE 8****HOOOPS, THERE IT IS!****By STEVE HALL  
BANNER STAFF WRITER**

The first weekend of NBA action had many upsets in the first three games of the season. Chicago dethroned by the Celtics, Shaq daddy backslaps Ostertag, Kemp delivers, the Mailman doesn't, and Garnett is proving his worth.

It was the weekend of the opposite when on Halloween night, the once mighty Chicago Bulls were defeated by the Boston Celtics 93-85. Rick Pitino had his team pumped with the win over a team that lost only 29 games over the past two seasons. Antoine Walker had 31 points and 11 boards while Jordan scored 29 but was held to 7-23 shooting. Was this win a fluke for the Celtics or was it a sign of things to come? Well, it was just an aberration since the Bulls manhandled the Sixers by points. The San Antonio Spurs are proving they are a dominant team as they took the

Jordanaires to two overtimes but lost 87-83. Jordan still seems to be struggling with his shot despite having 31 points and 15 boards while Rodman had 22 boards despite shooting 1-10 as well as Duncan grabbing 22 boards as well, so far he's got my vote as rookie of the year in this young season. Will the Bulls survive the loss of Pippen? I don't think they will be able to manage until January, I see many losses piling up for the Bulls this season, it is time to dismantle the once mighty dynasty.

The New York Knicks who showed a lot of promise and poise in their opener against the Charlotte Hornets winning with team effort went bust in their home opener when they hosted the Detroit Pistons. Grant Hills second half explosion

proved to be too much for the Knicks who were completely defensively against Hills devastating moves that had the garden cheering for him. Malik Sealy and Lindsay Hunter added to the Knicks woes when they were hitting their shots. Ewing had a sub par game, turning the ball over five times

along with a barrage of bad choices players made. The only bright spot was Charlie Ward who rifled in fancy passes and read the floor very well assisting LJ and Oakley. Van Gundy is under the gun and will continue to be until he gets his team under control.

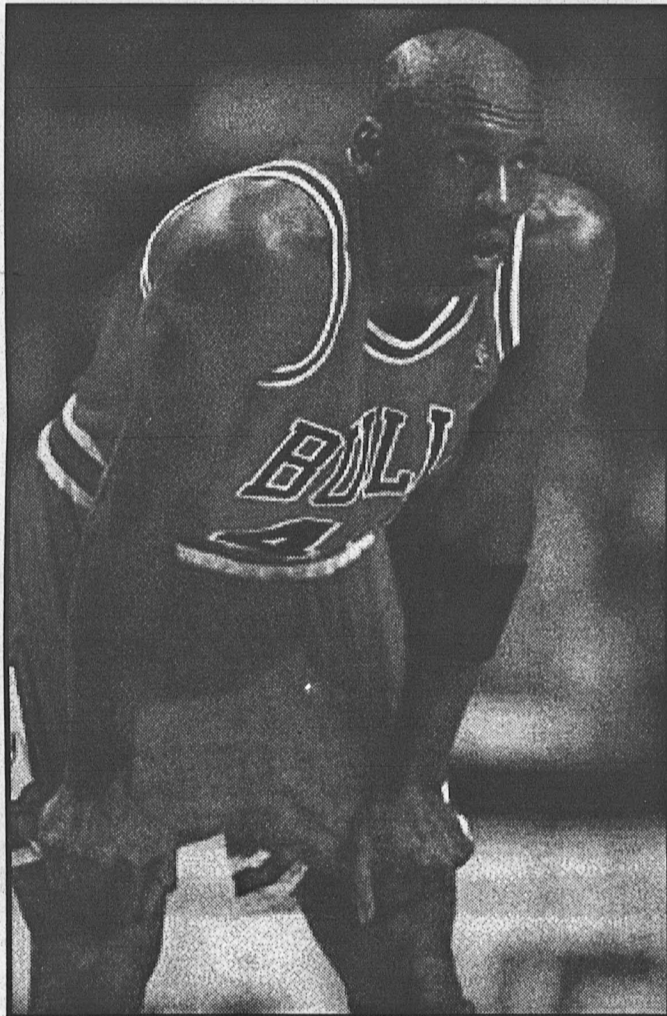
The Utah Jazz are a team that has been ravaged by injuries this season with Stockton out for at least two months and the Mailmans shooting hand has a bandage on it so the duo is temporarily sidelined which will hurt their chances to win the Midwest Division title since the Spurs and Rockets are on their heels. In their first game against the Lakers which was riddled with controversy before the game even started during warmups, Shaq knocked center Greg Ostertag to the ground for making com-

ments about Shaq being on summer vacation thanks to him. The league fined Shaq with a one day suspension along with a \$10,000 fine. The Lakers beat the Jazz 104-87 convincingly with Kobe Bryant and Eddie Jones opening up the fast break game. The Jazz on the other hand have been struggling losing to the Lakers and to the Wizards on their home court where they have not won since February 1987. Chris Webber rejected the mailman a few

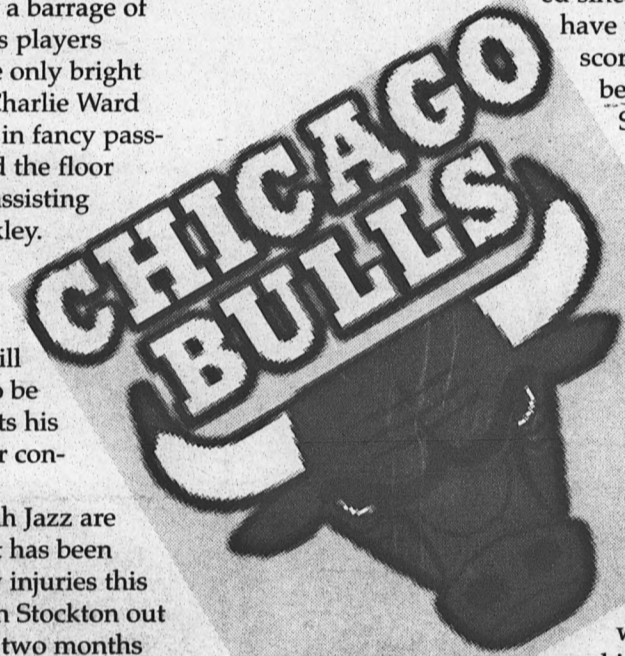
times while the Wizards opened up their transition game which beat the weary Jazz.

The Cleveland Cavaliers with newly acquired Shawn Kemp and Wesley Person have become a little more offense orient-

ed since they now have players who can score a good number of points. The Seattle SuperSonics don't look as crisp as seemed with the



Chicago Bulls star Michael Jordan looked bad in their opening game versus the Boston Celtics



Rainman who was integral in their open court game. Vin Baker is now set to be the man the guys go to besides the "glove". Houston Rockets forward Charles

Barkley was contemplating retirement after his arrest in Florida where he threw someone through the window of the bar. Barkley said that if the NBA didn't stand behind him then he would retire but his threats proved to be false. Barkley opened up the first game of the season scoring 14 points and 15 boards. Larry Birds coaching debut was a bust as the N.J. Nets defeated Indiana, Atlanta defeated Orlando spoiling Chuck Dalys coaching debut. Dalys new system of using Penny Hardaway at the two guard and utilizing Derek Harper and Mark Price at the point opens Penny up to spot up and shoot the ball.

Pat Riley has been accused of starting a rumor concerning the recent trade rumors of the Knicks setting up a trade for Mitch Richmond from the Sacramento Warriors but that rumor is completely bogus. The Lakers are the only true candidate in the Richmond sweepstakes offering Eddie Jones and Corie Blount but the Kings guard has said that after the season he will be demanding 8 million plus per year. He must be crazy going after Jordan bucks like that, no one is worth that much money



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