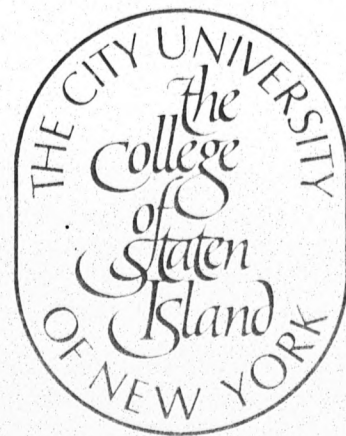


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Hirschy Lashes Out At Athletic Department

By Bill Spurge

Former College of Staten Island baseball manager Fran Hirschy has lashed out at Athletic Director Joe Baressi and Chairperson of Student Services, Dean Carol Jackson, in a plea for the reason of the non-renewal of his contract.

In his verbal assault, the angry coach called Baressi "incompetent" and Jackson "a joke." Former softball manager Rich Gilberto also spoke up against Baressi, calling him "classless and vindictive." Both coaches' contracts have not been renewed, and both claim they were never given reasons for this; nor were they ever evaluated. Coaches are renewed on a year-by-year basis.

Dean Jackson was interviewed, but she declined to comment on any of Hirschy's charges, or on anything regarding the reasons for his non-renewal. Mr. Baressi was offered an interview, but also declined to comment

Hirschy, who had a very successful five-year run as manager, including berths in the NCAA tournament, doesn't understand his non-renewal. "I feel that I have to go through the papers because no one will tell me why I'm not coming back."

Hirschy questions the fate of many who have been dismissed or quit in frustration before him. "The coaches who were let go are respected in the community. We're all respectable people. Are all of us wrong?" He rattled off the names of those past coaches and their current positions, and says "there's a common denominator in all of this: Joe Baressi. He's ruined a lot of people."

Hirschy says the easiest way to lose your job is to go over Baressi's head on any matters. He goes on to say that "Baressi is the least respected person I have ever met in sports or anywhere else. Everybody in the equipment room, everybody in the physical education department, everybody in administration knows he's incompetent. Yet he's still on. That's because he's in tight with (former CSI President) Eddie Volpe. Now everybody's hoping that (current CSI President) Dr. Springer sees he's incompetent. They can't keep this up with the new campus."

Hirschy claims that when he wanted more games for the players, Baressi would always turn him down. "The guy is lazy. The better you do, the worse off you are. He didn't come to one of our games the last two years. They only have eight sports because he can't handle it. It costs The Association money, and he's gotta work more. He has to set up, call hotels, etc."

Dean Jackson, when questioned why CSI has only eight sports, least in the conference, said, "I'm not sure that's correct. I can tell you I believe we're the only school in the conference that has hired a full time SID, and a full time trainer. That's a tradeoff. If you don't have an SID, and if you don't have a trainer, you'll have four more sports. It's a decision made before my time, and it's something that could be reevaluated."

Gilberto says Baressi is "terrible, very unsupportive. He back-stabs his coaches. Going above him is worse. He's always passing the buck. I would like to see the President investigate to see what's going on in that athletic program right now. His (Baressi's) own quote of 'stagnant' is an accurate description."

On his feelings towards Dean Jackson, Hirschy says he called her on numerous occasions, and she would never return his calls. When he finally reached her, she told him she was investigating the matter. "She never investigated," he says. "She said she had an open door policy. She's a joke, this lady." He claims that at

a meeting with Gilberto and another former coach, Jackson herself called Baressi incompetent. Professor Jackson would not comment on this allegation either.

In fairness to Professor Jackson, her job involves much more than inter-collegiate athletics. Hirschy acknowledged that he wasn't commenting on the other aspects of her position, but said "she doesn't know anything about sports."

Hirschy talked about three rumors he had heard as to why he was not renewed. One was academics; some of the players weren't going to school. "That had nothing to do with me. If there was a game or class, I told them to go to class." He claimed another story was circulating involved drinking with the team on a road trip in Ithaca. "I had my pregnant wife up there, and my in-laws. I'm not going to drink with my players. If I'm at a bar and they show up, I tell them to put down their drink and leave." Finally, he says that Baressi went to The Association in May wanting to get rid of him. "I got it from a reliable source in The Association that it was said 'don't get rid of him. If you do, you better document stuff, or you're gonna get in trouble.' He didn't have anything."

Hirschy also questioned the Student Activity Fee. Of the \$53.00 that each full time student pays, \$9.74 of the fee goes to inter-collegiate athletics. For part time students, its \$4.45 out of \$27.00. "If I was a student I wouldn't pay it. I would question the competency of Baressi and Dean Jackson because they don't do anything for the sports. Students shouldn't pay that until they get people who care about the program. They're spending a ton of money on these activities for a Mickey Mouse outfit. If they don't have the money I know a lot of coaches would fund-raise. The ones who are getting screwed in this thing are the student-athletes."

The former professional ballplayer, whose career job is counselor psychologist, hopes the new President will take notice. "This should be addressed to Dr. Springer to do something. Volpe didn't care about sports. He told us it's the least priority on that campus." He said what he will miss most are the kids. "The thing that hurts is that I love coaching. I love the kids. I do a lot for them. I give recommendations for jobs. I have scouts watch them. I talk them back into school for their education."

Hirschy says he won't give up in his battle. "This is far from over. I will find out why my contract wasn't renewed."

Player Reactions

Early player reaction to the dismissal of Fran Hirschy as CSI baseball coach was mixed. Admittedly, few players have come forward so far, so it is a small sampling. One player, Paul Ambrus, wrote a letter to the Staten Island Advance defending Hirschy and was said to have been co-signed by nine returning players. Though these players were supportive, others were not so sorry to see him go. "He always preached about us being on time and making it to the games," said one, "but he didn't always practice what he preached. He came late to games and practices a lot."

Another player said that he put down the team too much when things didn't go well. "He [Hirschy] called us all kinds of names, saying we sucked or we're an abortion, things like that." Some of these same players did acknowledge that Hirschy did fight Baressi for more games, and that his practices, though hard, were well received. None could offer a comment on Baressi, who they saw very little of, or Jackson, who some didn't even know anything about.

Is 6S SUFFERING THE "2N" SYNDROME?

By Jennifer Valle

On a meeting held by the Planet Earth Club on November 10th, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) report explained that building 6S indeed is suffering problems similar to those that 2N suffered last semester, which lead inevitably to the shutdown of the 2N building. Rashes, respiratory problems, constant headaches, and burning sensations to the eyes and skin along with the many disturbing items found by inspectors shroud the 6S building, and continue to bring terror to the occupants of the building regardless of the efforts made by TDX.

In a report dated July 13, 1994, inspectors revealed the problems that 6S suffered including high readings of chemical mists, and the presence of Hydrochloric Acid mists even though there was no Hydrochloric Acid in the building. The presence of Hydrochloric acid was caused by the problem with the acid pits in the basement of the 6S building. The acid pits are in the building basically to neutralize any chemical wastes and mists that may occur due to the varied experiments that chemistry classes conduct in the many labs of the building. The major problem with the acid pits was that they were not sealed properly and the room was not closed off properly thereby contributing to the mists instead of neutralizing them. This problem has been fixed, and the acid pit room has been properly sealed.

Another problem, which acted as a catalyst for the chemical mists, was the numerous amounts of leaks and condensation problems on pipings, insulations, walls, floors, and even furnishings. In an emergency meeting held on October 7th, Buildings and Grounds discussed the problem of condensation and excessive humidity. It was discovered that the problem is not in 6S alone, but in all of the buildings with what seems to be a problem with the piping in general.

One of the strangest things found by the inspectors of the 6S building was the two dead pigeons and nest of dead eggs in the air ventilation duct of room 235. "We thought it was disgusting and we thought we would really get sick because of this. People were getting sick even before it (the dead pigeon) was discovered" stated Pat Grieci, a secretary in 6S-235. These dead birds only contributed to the ventilation and air quality problems in the room when several secretaries

suffered chronic headaches and sudden bursts of mysterious rashes which appeared only on skin that was not covered by clothing (e.g. face, and arms not covered by sleeves). It was further discovered that the dead birds, aided by the humidity problem, was the cause of the high mold problems in that room.

After the OSHA report was prepared, B&G began immediate repairs on these major problems. It was further reported that 'many problems still persisted after adjustments were made by the balancing company.'

During the cleaning period, not only was the building not evacuated, but the cleaners used kerosene to clean up the mold in the basement along with a chemical containing acetone. Because of this carelessness, many faculty members and students suffered illness due to the fumes.

Another problem in the building was the various problems concerning the roof. Wire mesh that is suppose to prevent pigeons from entering the building was broken, and the roof hatch doors were also broken. This problem 'presents a serious safety hazard' according to OSHA. They continued by stating 'One cannot safely close the hatch from the ladder' because the 'hatch does not have a moveable extension or rail for the roof level to allow safe access to the roof.'

Although the ventilation is no longer a problem, occupants of 6S still suffer many "sick building" symptoms. OSHA has made the following statement concerning the building and college; 'It appears that the college does not have Chemical Hygiene or Hazard Communication Plans implemented. Chemicals were stored improperly, and disposed of into the sink immediately after use. No hazardous waste collection cans were observed in any of the laboratories. There are no apparent accommodations made for long term chemical storage as promulgated by NFPA and OSHA regulations.'

OSHA further refuses to conduct any more tests until TDX satisfactorially corrects the problems already discovered by OSHA, and complies to regulation codes set by the state. Students and faculty are continuing to be subjected to the extensive problems of 6S as TDX continues the slow process of repair. The health hazard persists, as the building continues operation, keeping it's occupant's health at risk.

POETS IN PROGRESS: COMING ON STRONG

By Jennifer Valle

Only in the world of poetry can you find "time steps", car alarms and Barbie growling, "Dead men tell no tales." Poets in Progress held a second poetry reading on October 25, 1994 at 7:30 pm.

Lisa Nichole, writer and dancer, began the night with "Some like water," a poem about water which made most smile. She continued the night with her readings of water, family, and the earth. She hop-shuffle-stamp-shuffle-ball-change-and stamped us through a poem called "Timestep" and brought us through the dreams of a child in her poem "A phone call from my sister." She cried during her reading of "Plantlike" to which she later explained to be a meditative poem on women. She ended with "Kathleen," a poem ridiculing men for ridiculing women. According to Nicole, she was deeply inspired by her teachers Bill Stull, China, and Clayton Hudnall. She later explained that she wrote mainly from her dreams, feelings, and experiences.


Steve Fried, author of "Through the Cracks," was the next reader of the night. He began by stating, "Please hold the impulse to clap. I'm an old man, and if I'm on a role, I should be allowed to continue." Most people laughed, and he immediately began on a serious note with "Acts of Constriction" which entailed the lives of "three generations of women" who "made war with the men they knew." For this masterful piece, He also read a poem about Aileen Wuornos, a prostitute who killed seven other prostitutes in the state of Florida. One line that had most people clapping was "America's first major female serial

killer. She may have been the world's first serial 'killer' killer." One of the favorites was "Women in the News," a poem mixing the lives of Tonya Harding, Amy Fisher, and Lorraina Bobbit...you had to be there. The poem continued it's humorous fashion with Barbie growling "Dead men tell no lies," and Joe saying, "Let's go shopping."

Letta Neely took the mike and began by saying, "I'm going to read some poems that will take you on a journey." She did not fail in this promise. Automatically, we were swept away to the past on a plane constructed by her voice and through her soft, feathery singing. She began were the world began...by reading "A Creation Story." She continued with "Car alarms," a poem about people which ended with, "It's cold outside and the war still rages and we are still dying." The saddest poem which brought most to tears was "Which Patten Leather Shoe Belongs to which Found Leg." She began by singing in a deep tenor, almost contralto, voice which lulled us into the mind set of the 60's. The poem, described as "a funeral dirge 30 years later" spoke of the bombing in a 16th Street Baptist Church on September 15, 1963 in Birmingham Alabama. The funeral dirge was for four young girls, (Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley, Carol Robertson, and Denise McNar,) who attended mass that morning in their patten leather shoes for the last time. She also read a poem about homophobia entitled, "Multiple Assaults."

PIP also held a successful reading in the Park Cafe featuring Jimmy Santiago Baca. PIP also warns, "We've go double the funding meaning double the PIP."

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A CALL FOR JEWISH AWAKENING

By Yehiel Tzur

It was around the beginning of the present academic year, when I held this simple mundane conversation with a fellow Jewish student at CSI that left a strong impression on me. As we were preparing to depart from one another, I greeted him with a good and happy Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New-Year), for which he responded in a manner reflecting his ignorance and disdain: "I don't celebrate Rosh Hashanah, I'm not religious."

Being a Jew, and refraining from labeling fellow Jews according to their level of observance, I never understood, nor will I ever understand, this kind of logic. Was Rosh Hashanah meant to be celebrated by religious Jews only? Was I too not to celebrate Rosh Hashanah, one of the most important holidays on the Jewish calendar, or any other Jewish holiday for that matter, because I am not religious?

It seems this question has posed a serious "dilemma" to American Jewry. To me, it is quite rhetorical considering that I was born and raised in the state of Israel, where the vast majority of the population is secular, but nevertheless, celebrates the Jewish holidays with pride and jolly effervescent. Furthermore, it would seem to me safe to say, in spite of the generalization, that this "dilemma" is absent among other people to whom celebration of religious holidays pose no conflict, even though they don't necessarily practice their own religion.

Most Christians, for example, whether they go to church on Sunday or not, celebrate Christmas. I am sure that many of them could care less about the validity of traditional Christian beliefs regarding the birth of Jesus and so forth. They probably go on with the celebration because Christmas is a time when the family gets together to share, appreciate and give. It is also a time when people try to be nice to one another, being more affectionate and caring, while all these holiday values are exactly what the church wants. Christians all over the world, who don't care what their church says, still hold on to these values simply because they make sense. Therefore, following a similar logic, why should not Jews all over the world hold on to the Jewish tradition and heritage regardless of their religious beliefs and their validity.

Being a native from the land of Israel, a place which gave the Jewish people their identity and sense of history for over 4000 years, I know that Judaism evolved to be more than just another dead and boring religion. Being Jewish does not mean being an eternal scapegoat to the wrath of nations, but rather being a prince shading his

light of humanity and civilization onto them.

It is we, the Jewish people who have brought down into this world of egotism and barbarism the concept of the One and Only Invisible, Omnipotent and Omnipresent God who loves and cares for all; who works in ways science cannot prove or disprove, and we cannot comprehend. And it is we, the Jews, whose ancestors could read and write the very beginning of documented history and philosophy, while others were still living in caves and forests in Europe.

It is due to the enormous knowledge and scholarship exposed through countless Jewish volumes and writings for over 3000 years that contributed significantly to the development of science, medicine, navigation, international trade and banking, civil law and so much more, providing among the best pioneers in those fields. The same was part in molding, directly and indirectly, great civilizations like ancient Babylon, Greece, Rome and Spain, and was similarly "borrowed", although with great distortion, by the later rise of Christianity and Islam which never afforded the Jews with the proper appreciation and credit, but rather with persecution and death.

The Jewish people, among the smallest national groups ever to exist, managed to survive the odds, where other much bigger and powerful nations faded away long ago into the annals of history. Never before was there a people, less than one percent of the world population, to become such a disproportionate influence on human history. This triumph of survival was possible only because the Jewish people never abandoned their ancient heritage and convictions.

Unfortunately, in the United States, I have met too many brothers and sisters reflecting an ignorant and careless attitude towards their Jewish identity and heritage. Sometimes, I come to tears thinking of how our ancestors lived through centuries of hardship and persecution in order to uphold and continue the Jewish culture and faith. Nowadays however, massive numbers of American Jews are giving in by subjecting themselves freely and willingly to a silent holocaust of assimilation and intermarriage, despite the fact that they live in a free country which does not subject them to the same hostile conditions their ancestors encountered in almost every other part of the world.

I believe, by common sense as much as by reason, that a large part of the problem is pure unawareness and ignorance. It is a sort of self-deception and sometimes self-hatred which convinces many that in order to remain Jewish in

these modern ages, it necessitates taking upon oneself the "stigma" of being or turning religious. By avoiding this "unpopular" perception, one must disaffiliate himself totally of his Jewishness. Only this perception is absolutely wrong!

All throughout Jewish history, there were times when Jews decided to lead a secular or semi-secular life. This action never meant to them away from Judaism. I know of many Jewish atheists who never lost their sense of Jewish history, yet devotedly celebrated holidays like Chanukah and Passover. They understood, aside from their religious significance, whether fact of fiction, the holidays were the remembrance of national events and universal values. The former perspective has nothing to do with the latter, and therefore, does not render the Jewish holiday unworthy of being celebrated or even remembered.

In order to resolve this "dilemma" or self-afflicted problem, perhaps the Jewish people ought to find an answer, once and for all, to the question of what it means to be Jewish. It is impossible to come up with an answer that could universally satisfy every Jew. Nonetheless, a possible future judgment on the issue is not to consider whether a Jew must be religious or not. Truth of the matter is that Judaism is not a religion but a dynamic way of life filled with ramifications and blue-prints designed to suite each and every human being, the Jew especially, at countless different levels and capacities that are intertwined. When Jews select none of the above, they simply become unaffiliated, and drop out of the puzzle.

Finally, the impression left is quite clear to me. Being Jewish is just a matter of wanting to be an integral part of a continuous chain extending itself from an ancient past into a never ending future. It is an issue of being involved, however little, and being aware as to where the Jew came from, and by what virtue he still remains.

Herewith lies a simple choice Jews of our time must make. On the one hand, the reality we live in today is a proliferation of corruption, vanity and antisemitism attempting to perpetuate our assimilation and accelerate our destruction in a more "silent and humanistic" way than in the past. On the other hand, we have become part of the drifting flow of ignorance and carelessness, part of a lost generation that will pass unnoticed.

To me there is only one choice I wish to make: to walk in the footsteps of my ancestors and pass on their torch to the next generation, proudly and unapologetically. To do so I must continue and learn

about my Jewish history and heritage. I believe that my fellow brothers and sisters should do so too. Choosing otherwise will stand to repeat an historical mistake that will once again inflict us with a mortal blow liable to be fatal and impossible to recover.

ANTISEMITISM ALERT !!!

By TAGAR - The Jewish Student Activist Group

Antisemitism was not the first time to surface above the pages of **The College Voice** when an article entitled "High profile - High Standard - High status - Institution - Paradigm Pill" was written by the anonymous E. S. Traum in the October 5, 1994 issue.

Evidently, the writer used a technique developing an innocent and unsuspecting rhetoric leading to a surprising and irrelevant remark, intended to show his jealousy and antagonism towards Jewish people.

The article stated that "...Vice-Presidents are engaged in an I'm-good-he/she's-bad frenzy to obtain position and promotion. Of course, cliques and groups with confluent interests are the norm. The Rabbi-vice-president, for example, will always look after his people, its his mission in life. The separation of church and state is to be recalled here as a mere ideal."

The College Voice, E. S. Traum and the college community ought to know that the Jewish students at CSI strongly resent any attempt to slander and stereotype the Vice-President of CSI with an utterly unfounded accusation of nepotism or unethical behavior due to his affiliation with the Jewish people. Any suggestion that the Jewishness of an individual is a disruption of his public service or of the separation of church and state is clearly and unmistakably, preposterous and antisemitic.

Several times in the recent past, The College Voice published articles attacking the state of Israel, and calling for the destruction of the Jewish state. Although such antisemitism is typical of anti-western, revolutionary, socio-communist publications, such as The College Voice, the latter argues that it is not anti-Jewish, but rather anti-Zionist. However, the Jewish people do not see the distinction between antisemitism and anti-Zionism, for they are two sides of the same coin.

We believe that anyone declaring himself anti-Zionist is in reality a fainthearted anti-semitite in disguise, whose true identity will inevitably reveal itself over time. And so, The College Voice article of October 5, 1994 by E. S. Traum serves as proof that what starts as anti-Zionism ends up as antisemitism.

TOP TEN PEOPLE EVERYONE LOVES TO HATE

- 10) Anyone at the Z-Morning Zoo
- 9) Lark after Dark
- 8) Gilby Clark for trying to leave Guns 'N Roses
- 7) Wendy, the snapple lady
- 6) The people who came up with "The Great American Smokeout"
- 5) The Coke rep. who didn't deliver a good contract to CSI
- 4) Wes Craven for bringing back a sucky nightmare
- 3) Everyone whose first name is "Mike" at the Campus Center
- 2) The people who came up with voice mail (how many of these people are really in their offices, pretending not to be there.)
- 1) Rush Limbaugh for giving his opinion on TV, and making 6 figures to boot

Honorable mention: P.C. Guagenti, just for being you!

By Jennifer Valle

A REVIEW OF "THE WITLINGS"

By Jennifer Valle

After four and a half weeks of vigorous training and studying, Robert Hulton Baker and his cast of characters held the opening night of "The Witlings" on Wednesday, November 9th. The evening opened with a symposium, given by Professor Betty Rizzo of City College, Professor Cecilia Macheski of LaGuardia Community College, and Professor Geoffrey Sill of Rutgers University. Each professor of English offered explanations of "The Witlings," and information on the author and the time span in which Frances Burney made the poor decision to write this book.

"The Witlings" was written around the time where women were ridiculed for being educated, and people in general enjoyed discussion pertaining to the values of literature, rather than facing the turmoils of their actual life (pretty scary huh.) Frances Burney, author, was wisely advised by her father to 'supress the play' and to 'keep it a profound secret' because the play was so insulting to the people in the 1800's (when it was first written). Instead, the play survived through various rewrites and altering, much to the disappointment and utter horror of anyone with taste.

Because the play was wisely never performed, director Robert Hulton Baker was faced with the difficulty of portraying the accents, the costumes, and the very attitude of the extremely witless "Witlings" in it's first performance. Monika Cholewa, playing 'Ms. Voluble,' explained it best when she said, "Bob Baker took upon himself a great challenge, to organize this play in such a short time." Each character had in itself a special comical side, one subtle side like that of Lady Smatter, as compared to the outright hilarious antics of

the snoopy Ms. Voluble, and her smarter, yet disrespectful son.

Although four and one half weeks is very little time to prepare for such a demanding and dreary roles, the players of this performance gave the actual characters a life and spirit that could be felt through each motion and each word; even though the play itself was a nightmare. Part of the success could be seen with the ease and assurance to which each player entered their role. Jamal H. C. Holmes, playing the comic relief 'Jack,' explained that his 'always on the run' character was at least "50% really like me" he went on to say, "I have the spirit (of Jack), I'm a very giddy person."

Michele Dym, playing a more serious character 'Cecilia,' had this to say, "I think it was a very hard role, Cecilia is a good girl but has a backbone. She has several personalities in one." Might I add that even this serious role was played with a certain ease.

Although there was much trepidation, being that this was opening night, the play went off without a hitch. Over one hundred people came for the 2 and 1/2 hour first showing of this play; however, 75 persons left either during, or after, the first act.

I personally felt that production was an excellent effort to revive something that should really, REALLY, have been left as "a profound secret." Burney should have listened to her father. All those who where lucky enough to miss this performance should pick up a copy of the play "The Witlings" by Frances Burney, and burn it for being so god damned lousy. I would further state that with such an excellent cast, Baker really should have chosen a play worthy of its players. I give the performers a "10" and the play a torch.

MISERY LATE ON A FRIDAY NIGHT

By Michael Hunt-Hertz

Here we are, late on a Friday night, and despite my feeble attempts to attract women, I am alone once again. I won't bother you with another tirade on the subject of loneliness, however, this time we are going to discuss useless things in life. When I mentioned to Administration that this piece was going to be written, they told me that it would be fine with them as long as I didn't mention them. . .

First we have CSI Security. Some of them are nice guys, but what a waste of my tuition moneys. The geniuses who head up security have seen to it that not only are we watchdogged to make sure we don't smoke in any of the fortresses buildings, but they also saw to it that about \$100,000 worth of computers have been stolen right from under their noses. Now that sounds like I'm getting the most out of my tuition. . . anybody wanna buy a Mac really cheap? And they want to arm these guys. . . be afraid, be very afraid.

Then we have parking decals. That would be fine with me if I could actually find a spot when I get here, but if I have to park in mud on the far end of the campus, I refuse to pay. Boot my car if you wish, but one good rain during class and I'm stuck anyway. . .

What about the food at CSI. I'm sorry, but every time I go to school, I feel like I'm transported to a far off land. . . like Russia for example, where bread is \$10.00 a slice. For the prices they charge in our wonderful cafeteria, they should just build a McDonalds. . . at least then we'll get food that's worth the money.

Do I sound a bit bitter? If so, it's because I just had to sit through the CSI student play "The Witlings," or some bullshit like that.

If you ask me, they should have just called it tedious and not performed it. I mean this as no offense to the thespians who performed so valiantly a play that should have been put on a board, and shot until it was illegible. They played their parts well. . . too bad the writing bites. Anyone who gets off on really serious Chinese water torture, root canals or other such happy and short-lived experiences should definitely go see this play. . . thank God it won't be showing any longer when this paper goes to print. If any of the actors or actresses who performed in "The Witless" are reading this, don't take any of this personally, you were great. And Cecelia. . . I think you are beautiful. . . let's go for coffee and conversation sometime.

Call it the foibles of the College of Staten Island, or one really great cluster fuck, or whatever you like, but it's all still the same thing. . . life in my world. I must admit that sometimes I feel like I play a bit part in someone's really demented dream. . . but at least I'm not alone. Misery does love company you know. . .

If it sounds like I'm whining, please don't think so. I was put here to complain about what is wrong with the college, and I'm just doing my job. To leave you, my faithful readers (Lori Seggio, where are you?), on a happy note: we do have the loveliest fountain in the City (when its working), and the Great Lawn, which is perfect for picnics and smoking pot (Jessica where are you?), studying when it's warm out.

Until then, love each other and keep warm. . . preferably with someone of the opposite sex (or same, if you're into that).

LETTERS:

THINK BEFORE YOU ACT

By David Mitchell

I am writing this in response to Ms. Diane Paras' article titled, "Merlino's Informal Reception" (Banner Vol. I, Issue II.) Diane, you probably had good intentions when writing this article, but do you think it is right to do it at someone's expense? You made some very good points (gap between students and administration, walling in of the reception, and Dr. Springer will be a tremendous asset); but on the other hand you made some statements that show a great deal of immaturity and a lack of investigation into the matter.

First, I really don't know how old you are Diane, but how can you say, "My gut instinct about the reception..."? Having a "gut feeling," implies experience in a situation which you are not old enough to have yet. This is not a knock on you. Experience takes MANY years of seeing, hearing, and doing, so how could you make a statement like that?

Second, some of the things you said sounded like a frustrated politician, who couldn't win the debate or get her way. When you resort to "pointing the finger" remember that three point back at you. You made two statements that were quite distressing to me: "Dean Ann Merlino's

attempt to brown nose to save face, or better, to save jobs," and "...along with friends of CSI and the same select students from Student Government (the best bunch of brown nosers in the school, and co-sponsors of the September 8 reception.)" You used the term "brown nose" twice. Should I interpret this as your fascination with kissing ass, or is it that you are just plain jealous? We all know that jealous people like to belittle, make fun, lie, or name-call to express their jealousy. I would like to ask you a couple of questions. Did you actually sit down with Dr. Merlino and ask her the purpose of this ceremony? Did her answer give you the impression that she was saving jobs or herself from embarrassment? I don't believe that you sat down with Dr. Merlino and received this opinion from her answers. I believe it comes from hearsay. Wouldn't it be beneficial to investigate by talking with the person you are making accusations about, so that you could base your written opinions on statements "straight from the horse's mouth?"

Diane, I was one of those so-called brown-nosing students whom you referred to. During the ceremony I made a short speech welcoming Dr. Springer to the CSI family. You stereotyped me the same way people stereotype ethnic groups, religious groups, people that come from "over the bridge," and the gay community. This is a very bad practice to get into. You don't know me, Diane, so how

could you lump me into a category? If you did know me (which many people at the college, including faculty, administrators and students, do) you would find out I am the farthest thing from an ass-kisser; rather, I am one of the biggest ball busters in the school. If I think I am right about something, I don't go on half-cocked. I put all my facts and information in order before I make a point.

Now, about the reception for Dr. Springer, this is where I believe a lot of confusion lies. There was a reception committee formed which included students, faculty, and administrators. The students were mostly scholarship recipients. I can agree with you when you say the average student wasn't represented. But isn't it true that those who achieve higher standards are rewarded? Diane, if you have a system to include other students in this process, I am sure Dr. Merlino would be willing to discuss it with you. Please remember that this group was formulated over the summer, so there were fewer people available. The scholarship students were called upon because they were easily reachable. Many people found it difficult to attend every meeting, but they complained about how the affair was being run. Counting on people to attend every meeting was not easy. In "big business" and politics, the person in charge usually surrounds themselves with those who are trustworthy. They can't take chances because the results could be disas-

trous.

At the meetings, we decided where to hold the reception. I agree it was very cramped, but it was the best area available. If the school was completed, the auditorium would have been available. There were flyers and posters posted in places for everyone to see, but if people don't look they don't see.

CSI had a National Coming Out Day for lesbians, gays, and bisexuals. I am not gay nor will I ever be, but this group of people were entitled to have a celebration. The same is true for any group. There were flyers sent out to different departments and posted throughout the school. I didn't find out about it until the day after it happened. The point is that you can try to make everyone aware of an event by posting advertisements, but it doesn't always work.

Diane, the whole problem comes down to this: 1. You made some serious charges against Dean Merlino and some students that should be retracted with an apology. (2) Instead of fighting battles through the press, ask those who you think are doing wrong to talk things over. (3) Be sure that you gather accurate facts and information before you make accusations. Diane, all of us are in this school together, so let's all try to get along. If you have a valid "beef," go about it the right way and I'll back you.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR STUDENT ACTIVITIES FEES GO?

By Christopher Zeyer

As many of you know, there is a section on your bill entitled "Student Activity Fee". This mandatory payment is \$53.00 for full-time students, and \$27.00 for those who are part-time. What you might not know is where and how the money is allocated. In the last issue of "the Gazetteer", a breakdown was given, and personally in reading it, I was angered. I feel that there is money being wasted and given to groups that do not deserve it. This article is my breakdown on the fees, and the pros and cons that go with it. Also, along the way, I have a few suggestions of where the money might be put to good use and where it is not needed. Let's start with the group that gets the most money.

Student Government receives \$13.79 from full-time students and \$5.07 from part-time students. Taking into account the Fall '94 enrollment, (6,538 full-time and 6,125 part-time confirmed students) Student Government receives \$125,071.52 to work with. Being that Student Government is elected by the students, and works directly for the students, I feel that they are a necessity. However, they do waste money. One of the things your money goes to is food at their meetings. Why? We want them to fight for us, help us get the things we need, and make improvement on the school. They do not need us to pay for a deep pan pizza and refreshments while they are doing so.

Also, as said in the Gazetteer, "Student Government allocates its money to fund campus publications, clubs, and Greek Letter Organizations at C.S.I." Now I could see giving money to things like the newspapers and clubs such as the photography club and the environmental club, but I don't see why we give money to the Greek Letter Organizations. They aren't a necessity at C.S.I. They do have merit, my understanding is they help build friendships that are more like "brotherhoods" and "sisterhoods". They give a student a sense of belonging. I don't see why the students have to pay for it if they do not join these groups, they only work if you want to join them. If you make the choice not to join them, you should have the choice not to give them money. Maybe they should get a starting fee so they can build up their organization, but that's it. After that, they should use their dues if they want to do anything. And just a side note, these organizations are not fraternities or sororities. They are clubs like any other. They are not allowed to advertise as such, and they are not supposed to have pledging. They are required to take you in like any other club. If they don't, or they want a pledge process, they should be brought up to Student Government or to the C.S.I. Association and justify why they won't take you. That's if that is a job of the Association.

The C.S.I. Association receives \$11.33 from full-time students, and \$4.02 from part-time students. Total in Fall '94, they get \$98,698.04 from the students. My question is, "What the hell do they do?" My understanding is that they allocate the money to all the groups

on campus; Groups like day care and W.S.I.A. But those groups those groups get money from the student activity fees directly. Are we paying a group this fall 98 thousand dollars to allocate other groups money. It doesn't make much sense to me, especially since we have student government that, if modified, could do this job. What I feel should be done is merge the two entities. Make Student Government and C.S.I. Association one body that works in the allocation of money as well as there other functions. The only flaw is that it wouldn't then be all students. It would have paid administrators to advise the students on the possibilities of where the money might be put to best use. There is then a large forum of debate. It might take a longer time for things to get done, but I feel at the end it would be beneficial and worthwhile. Why? Because it is then a decision made taking all factors into account in one place. It isn't just Student Government has an idea, they debate it, vote on it, then it has to go to the Association where they mull over it. My way makes it an all out debating block where everyone in the process of decision making is in one room working it out. If they did it this way, maybe then they would see some of the problems we all do.

For example, the Intramural/Recreation and Program Development Committee. I/R receives \$2.42 from full-time students and \$2.50 from part-time students. P.D.C. receives \$5.46 from full-time students and \$2.36 from part-time students. That means the get \$31,134.46 and \$50,152.48 respectively. Now I would put these groups together for a simple reason, they should be together. They work apart for themselves doing basically the same job. I/R sets up a series of games and activities to help the student relax, have fun, be competitive, all and all, to release some tension the school might put on a student. The P.D.C. does the same thing to help relieve tension but in another medium. They set up entertainment in the way of comedians and musicians. I've gone to a few and rather enjoyed them. I like both groups but they should be put together. As I keep saying they do the same job in different ways. Their end results are the same even though the methods are not. This would make the money (if it was done in fall '94) \$81,286.94. That's too much money for a combined group. We should cut the funding down once we merge the two in my opinion. This would save money and not greatly affect the students or the function of this group. All it means is that we would have less comedians and musicians coming and the games I don't think would be affected too badly. We have the materials for all the games. Also, the two groups combine only have about three administrators/faulty working for them, so I don't think this would affect the salaries of anybody.

W.S.I.A is our college radio station and they receive 4.00 from full-time students and 1.75 from part-time students. In total in Fall '94 they get 36,870.75. Now I like the radio station, it's good for the students interested in the field, it's

good for students that want opinions expressed, it's good just for the diverse music content. The problem is... you can't always hear it. This is not the fault of the station. In order for them to up the wattage from 10 watts they would have to file to the F.C.C.. That would cost more money then they are allocated for. Now you might say that they could get the money from Student Government and file, but we are talking a lot of money for filing and lawyers. Also, it would take years to go through the process. And when it is finally done, there only a slim chance that the F.C.C. would allow it. On the other hand, the F.C.C. could turn it down. They might review W.S.I.A. and say, since they are only a 10 watt station, the F.C.C. could get rid of them and give there wattage to another station. W.S.I.A. could change their channel on the radio, but that would cost anywhere from 50,000 to a million dollars to just bid, also there is a good possibility that they won't get the channel change and lose all the money it took to bid. So, yes... the radio station can't really justify the money they get unless they can be heard, but since the station has to answer to the F.C.C. as well as the school they won't be able to. We shouldn't get rid of the station, but we should try to find alternatives to solve the problem.

The only organization I see that can't justify the money they get is the New York Public Interest Research Group or as they're known on campus as, N.Y.P.I.R.G.. This to me is the most worthless thing taking my money. They receive 3.00 from full-time and part-time students. In total in Fall '94, they got 37,989.00. There is no reason to give this group anything. There purpose, according to the Gazetteer, is to "offer experience in politics, environmental issues, public affairs...". We have other groups like Student Government and the environmental club for these things. These other groups are less money and more effective. N.Y.P.I.R.G. did help get better services of buses to the campus and they do have a voter registration drive, but they could have and can do these things with less money. What would the difference if N.Y.P.I.R.G. people ran for office in Student Government, some made it and they presented these reforms. What person on Student Government would say, "Hell no... I don't want better bus service." or "Why should we do voter registration, a student should find his or her own way to vote." I don't see this single group making such an impact that justifies them to be there own organization. The fact is we don't need this pork in our budget. They're so many other ways to get the job they're doing that is more cheaper and more effective.

By more effective I mean strictly for the student. N.Y.P.I.R.G. fights against things like the landfill and dirty beaches. These are very worthy causes and if I saw them on the street, I would gladly give something to help the cause. But, these are not things that DIRECTLY affect the student. Yes, it does affect you, pollution is everyone's problem, but I don't like the fact that we are all expected to pay for a charity

outside the school. That's all it is when it is outside the school or doesn't affect a C.S.I. student directly. I call it a "Forced Charity" because you are forced to pay for group to fight the injustice of the world. There are clubs in the school that fight for the student. For example, the environmental club is fighting to get a recycling program in the school. That directly affects the student and is helping the environment. The only difference is that you don't pay that club 3.00 dollars to do it. N.Y.P.I.R.G. should just disband and get off the campus and our wallets. If the people want to help the school, let them join organizations that to it directly. If they want to help the world I suggest they join Greenpeace, not C.S.I..

They are three groups in C.S.I. that I like. One is the or the University Student Senate. The receive .85 from both full-time and part-time students so in total in Fall '94, they got 10,763.55. They're our representatives to the Board of Trustees. They're students so they do understand our problems and that gives them more reason to fight for student rights. Second is the Intercollegiate Athletics. They receive 9.74 from full-time students and 4.45 from part-time students. In total in Fall '94, they got 90,936.37. That sounds like a lot, but I can see where it is justified. They pay for insurance and medical trainers. That, if you have done any sports at all, cost a lot of money. I would rather pay for that and watch a good game (N.C.A.A. Div. III or otherwise) then not pay and have people get hurt without anyone to care for them. Finally, there is the Day Care Center. They receive 2.41 from full-time students and 2.37 from part-time students. In total in Fall '94 they got 30,272.83. Now this program is great for people with children that want an education and no... this is not a forced charity. This is a service I feel any school should provide without complaint. This is a worthwhile program which only has one temporary problem. It is only offered at the Sunnyside campus. Willowbrook students have to leave their kids at Sunnyside then come to the new campus for classes. The day care center should here. The building that is to house the center is not finished yet. I think Student Government should get a move on and do something about this.

In this article I state my opinions on how our money should be handled, and how all the programs and organizations should operate. I might be wrong or my ideas may not be felt correct. I ask every and any student who cares to respond to this commentary to do so. If I'm wrong, tell me why. If you have a better idea, state it. If by some chance you agree with me, please tell me. (I have a feeling that when some people read this, I may not have too many friends.) I just wanted you to know where your money goes, if you care, and if you see a better way for it to be handled, tell me. Or better yet write a commentary back; Hell... you paid for this publication.

WRITTEN IN THE WIND...

CANT OF THE WARRIOR

All things come to but a struggle who is wrong and who is right
To which is drawn one solution, philosophy: might makes right
War is the is the eventual path of all the conflicts to come
All wayward paths do come to cross emergent will be but one
Silly conflicts do run rampant thought minuscule in their strength
Many tried and failed to agree so conflict will come at length
So wars are waged upon the land minions of death to employ
Towns burnt down and blood stains the ground do all they can to destroy
I make my life of fighting wars no one is correct but me
Manipulate all the discord 'ever; I battle I will see
Some where some one fights to be free to them I will lend my skill
Stead'fast training is always strong purely pride is in my will
Days may come and the days may go different men of power
Soon all will come to fear my name before me they will cower
In all the land, mountains and seas amidst all the disaster
Every fool will call my name for I am their true master

By; Luigi Kapaj

CRUSHED YEARNING

By James Scotto - Lavino

You invade my mind
Get out get out
No more thinking of you
I love you so much
That I hate you
You keep me too close
Leave me alone
I am being held
So near and at a distance
The thought of sex
Will never be more
Than a thought
And so I ask you
To get your stinking mind
Out of my pants.

PUPPETS OF OPPRESSION

By Windy Webb

Necrophilic oppressors loving only
that which they can control
Perpetually taking what does not
belong to them
Isolating themselves from the masses
They hide themselves away
Sustaining their power at our
expense
Supposedly serving our interests
The reality is a plotted illusion
Their Lies at our expense

Its a corrupt organization
It lives at our expense
An antagonistic cancer that grows
ever more persistent
Nurtured at our expense
A rampant plague haunting us
Infecting at our expense
Their dictator Lucifer peels at our
pockets
Working his evil at our expense
They assume they are excluded from

our laws
Injustice at our expense
We are simply ignorant marginals in
their head
Our ignorance assumed at our
expense
Easy pawns at their disposal
Fighting a war against ourselves at
our expense
They protect the dictator
Stabbing ourselves at our own
expense
I'm not buying It

The Darker Side Of You

By Tanya Bor

I stole you a look at the beat of my heart-
you locked the cellar door-
leaving me with the social outcast rats-
It was dark-
so dark in there-
I sat in a corner-
and hovered over and over,
rocking back and forth at the point of exposure.
Vomit roaches infesting the cellar ground-
I imagined you turned kind,
and the darkness became the depths of your mothers
eyes.
But my arms reached out to nothing-
My clothes lay tattered and torn-
My body left sober-
My head bleed drunk on the cellar floor.

The Beach

Slowly my mind begins
to waver,
My hold on reality shall
gradually disperse.
Every whip of the wind
sends me reeling,
and the crash of the waves
sounds a curse.
I forward my climb up
my rock,
my gate to a different
being.
A sensual feeling passes
through me,
as I become the vision I'm
seeing.
A girl standing out on a
rock,
her arms spread and head

hung low,
unexplainable feelings
pass through her,
I am she but from time
ago.
The wind flares our skirt
about,
she and I are one in each,
the dimension in time is
lost,
from the experience we
share on the beach.
Vulnerable to all I stand,
as reality sets back in.
Time again becomes
regular,
but I'm not sure where
I've been.
unicorn.

PISSED OFF...AGAIN!

By Rich Arroyo & Chris Zeyer

Before we begin our ranting we feel the need to make an apology. In the Oct. 31 issue of The Banner, we had a commentary called, "Things That Really Scare Us". It has been brought to our attention that certain comments in that article may have been considered negative to the homosexual community. We are sorry if you felt offended. It was not our intention to insult anybody's way of life.

Also, it was brought to our attention that the comment about foot fetishes was offensive to people. Again, we did not mean to offend. So if you enjoy feet, all we have to say is...suck away.

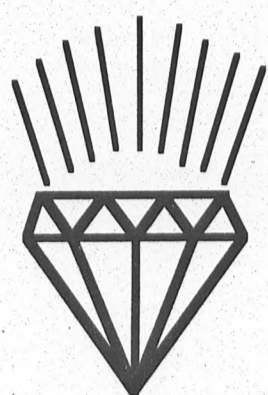
Since the response to our first "Pissed Off" article was so overwhelming, we felt the need to write another. We felt we haven't offended enough people with the first article, so we are going to try again. Here we go...Copy Editors. Student Government (they're no better than our real government). The fact that Sen. Packwood can grope women with impunity, and we can't even look at one in a certain way. Gary Larson retiring. The fact that Patrick Ewing isn't getting any younger. Doug Dennis. The stupid I.D. bar codes; "I'm not a number; I'm a free man." Not being able to get finical aid because our parents make too much money. Spending four bucks to see "New Nightmare": it's not new, it's the same ol' crap.. The miracle bra... why can't they make the miracle jock strap?. Styrofoam in the Campus Center. People who feel the need to have big hickeys on their neck. The little Macintosh screens in the Mac labs. Power Rangers...if we hear that fuckin' song one more time... The Jets and the Giants...they looked so good in the first two weeks. People who take card playing too seriously. Brides that wear white to their wedding when you know they were the biggest sluts going. Rocky Horror in school. When rich people do charity...why don't you give your money if you care? C.E.O.'s that get pensions. The bike patrol...how do you catch someone uphill? Cars with

talking alarms. The fact that you have to pay for an ambulance...do they take your wallet while strapping you in? Sing-a-longs. Women that don't leave the toilet seat up. N.Y.P.I.R.G. (just for the hell of it). Girlfriends that want you to buy their tampons...the true test of love. People that write checks on the 10 items or less checkout. Getting your credit card bill. Having your car radio stolen when it was only an 8-track. Not being able to find the G-Spot. Fat people in spandex... there should be a law. Hat hair. Not being able to buy a pack of cigarettes on campus. Teachers who have four hour classes and give no breaks. Drinking orange juice after brushing your teeth. People who order the most fattening food...and then they order a diet Coke. Soft porn...if you're going to watch it, go all the way. Being one nickel away from bus fare...they can put a man on the moon, but they can't make a machine to take dollar bills on the bus. Chinese food...it gives ya the runs. Having to see or kiss old relatives (Hell, you're in the will already). Poseurs. Not having a Day Care Center here. No knobs on the vents in the classrooms. Radios that chew your tapes up. The fact that George Burns is still breathing...he's sucking up too much air. Republican fund raisers. People with rich parents who are bribed to go to college. People who take this too seriously...relax, this is only a joke. Writer's block. Hopes, Ideals, Dreams, Wishes, Ambitions, and Desires. Students who get financial aid, drop classes, and still get aid the following semester. Clue Challenge Letters. William Shatner's toupee...who do you think you're fooling? Women who like hairy men. Losing at Russian Roulette. People who think "Baywatch" is intellectually stimulating. Power outages. The fact that you have to pay for classes and can't buy a degree. Freud's theories...you know he wasn't gettin' any. Reading Shakespeare without Cliff notes. The fact that they might be making a sequel to the "Rocky Horror Picture Show." Waking up in the morning with an annoying song

in your head that just won't go away. Morning boners (cause you can't piss those off). Defensive Met fans..."Hey, they're only 25 games out of first." Cowboy fans...where were you when they were 1 and 15? Video games that cost 50 cents and you only get one life. Love songs after you break up with your girlfriend. The fact that everyone with a Sears card is in debt. Having to step over homeless people to pick up your paycheck. People who can't tell you if it is "a lot" or "a lot". Little kids at midnight movies...don't you have a f**kin bedtime you little brats. CSI getting a football field, BUT NO TEAM!!! Women that wear tight clothing and wonder why men stare. The fact that the past Undergraduate catalog's cover was the cafeteria and not something intellectual...like the library. Java Jive Cafe. Top ten lists. People that remind you of their birthday over and over again. Fluffy toilet seat covers...Why? Scented toilet paper...Why? Where it's going it isn't going to matter. People that don't appreciate a good sunset. Tourists. People who try to get into deep discussions about Calvin and Hobbes. No decent cartoons anymore...whatever happened to Fat Albert and G-Force? Bowling shoes. Memos...who reads them? People who look like Bill Clinton. Pimple cream that doesn't work. People who don't use deodorant. Jerri curls. Petitions....there are too many on campus. Port-a-potties. Pigeons who think cars are bathrooms. People who think cars are urinals. People who think bunjee-jumping is macho...who you kidding! The P.M.R.C. Fire drills...it's simple, you see the fire, you run like hell. Being ignored by the school when you need help. People who say, "Don't you remember me?".... obviously not if you have to ask that question. Losing the phone number of the woman you were hitting on the night before. Women that have more facial hair than ZZ Top. Not being allowed to yell "fire" in a crowded movie theater. Broken watch bands. The fact that the school paid people to put grass down, then let them dig it back up,

and then paid them again to put grass down. People who would pay 30 dollars for flannel shirts. Women who say, "Yeah I'm a virgin...why do all you guys ask that?" People who need people...they are not the luckiest people in the world...they're co-dependents. Nymphomaniacs... where are they! People who shave designs in the side of their head. Sweat in your eyes. Rock salt on open wounds. The Arthurian Society...and one of us is a member. Women that want to look like Kate Moss...Why? People that slow down to merge with traffic on the highway. Old men who wear hats while they drive. People that follow the fashionable way instead of being themselves. Having to study 5 minutes before an exam. When your pencil breaks in the middle of an exam, and there's not a sharpener in sight. Dallas Cowboy tube socks. Nipples on a cold day. When you're ready and she's not...when she's ready and you're not. The fact that in Central Park you can be fined 35 dollars if you buy pot there, but it's a 500 dollar fine if you don't pick up your dog's doo-doo. Expired coupons. Expired condoms. The fact that the Yankees can only win the computer World Series. The last cover of the College Voice. The high school kids that come to the library and waste space and time. Dr. Judy. Hearing classic rock songs as commercials. People who think Madonna is talented and a virgin. Night classes...weekend classes...f**k it, any classes! Women without a sense of humor. Waiters that put their tip on the bill. And finally, Raul Julia's death...Raul, we hardly knew ya.

If you are pissed off about anything in school, society, or just life in general, tell us. Just give us one or two sentences cause we don't care to read anymore than that. If we feel you have got the grasp of our concept, we will put you in a special pissed off commentary, dedicated to our readers. Bring your rant and rave to the Banner, room 1C-228, in care of us (Rich or Chris). Please be gentle. If we don't get any responses, then that means nothing pisses you off.

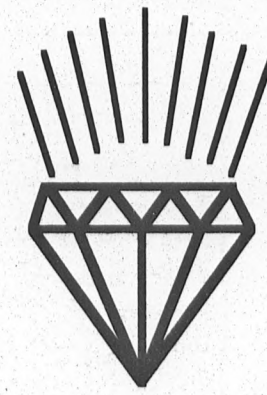


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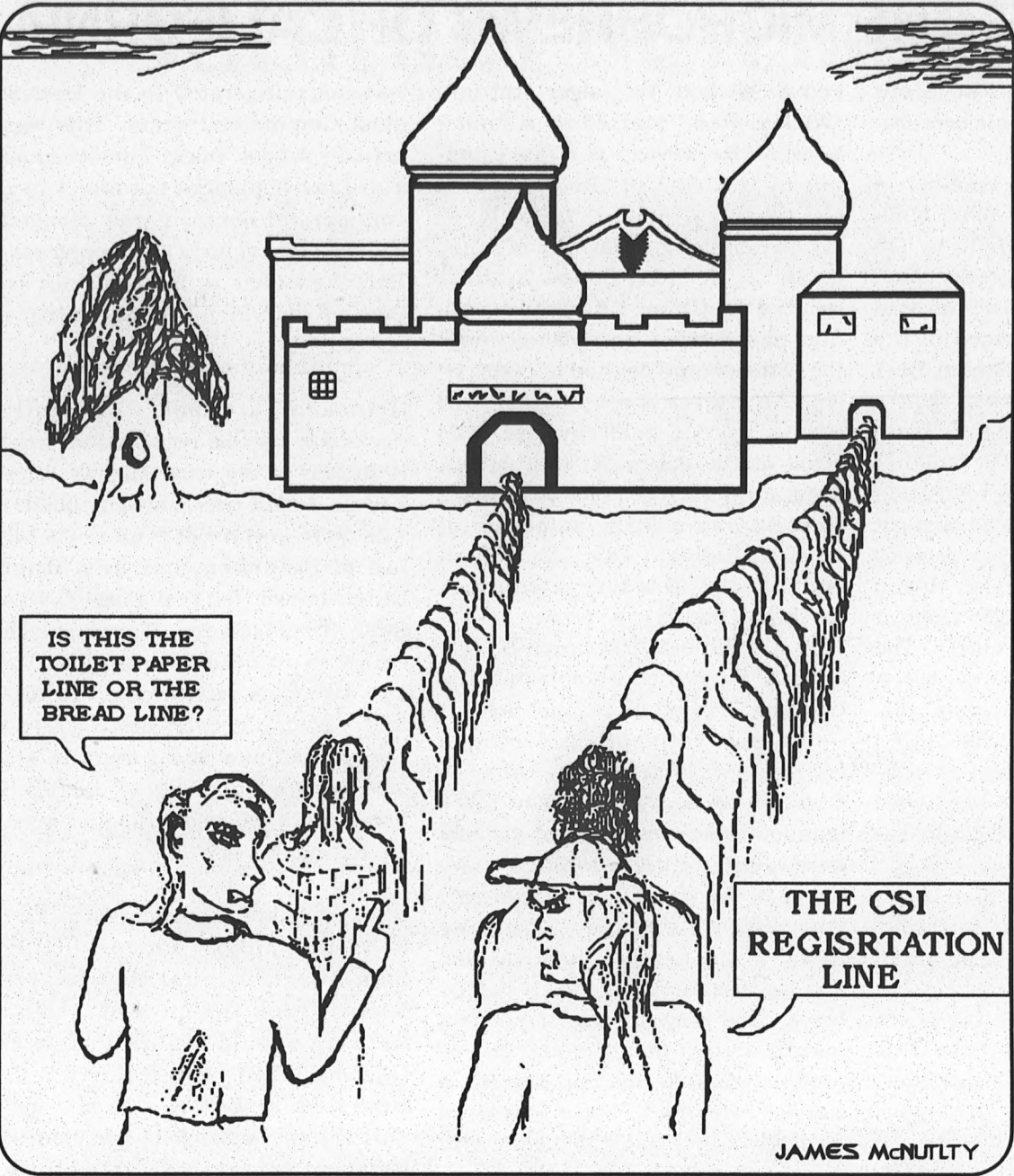
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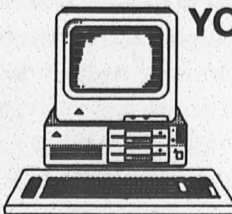


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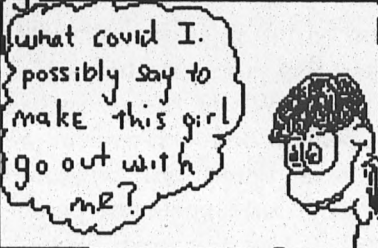
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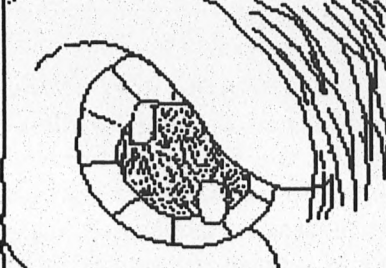
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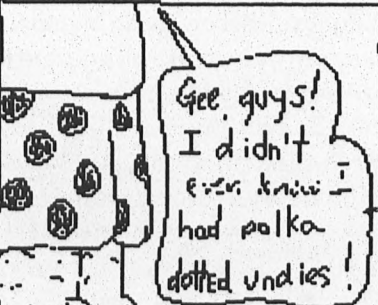
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Crimes your brain commits on the rest of your body

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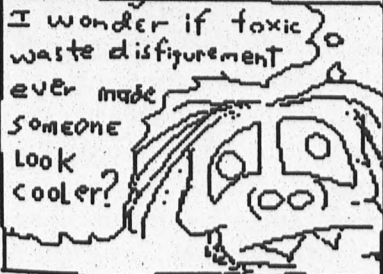
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Remember, the one thing you can never hide from is your own mind.

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TOMKO ON BEER: THE MICROBREWS OF CALIFORNIA

By Thomas C. Kolakowski

Well folks, after a two issue delay, I am finally getting back on track with this article on the MicroBrews of California. This article almost didn't happen. As you might have noticed from the masthead of The Banner, I am no longer the Business Manager of this paper. I resigned on November 9, 1994 due to "non-beer related" reasons. I was going to stop writing this column (because of a big Finance paper due this week, and a probable "crash and burn" on my ACC 251 midterm). Well, I owe it to my readership to give them my all... the hell with grades... If I fail 251 you will be forced to read more beer articles in '95. My editors expressed a hope I will fail, and keep their paper alive for another semester!Now on to Beer!

The MicroBrews of California

Delving back to the early days of the Banner (last year), you might remember how I mentioned MicroBrewed Beer. MicroBrewed beer is basically any beer not brewed by large commercial breweries (and we all know who they are!). California is considered by many to be the birthplace of MicroBrewing and PubBrewing. [I know that many east coasters will disagree with this statement. Many small brewers in Pennsylvania and New England survived prohibition, and continued to operate before the MicroBrew craze began in California.] The 1960's and 1970's were a turbulent time in American history, and also a time that

brought back the thing lost in our past. America regained our beer tradition.

Fritz Maytag, a member of the Maytag Washing Machine family, is considered by many to be the father of American MicroBrewing. Back in the 1960's Fritz, an avid beer drinker, was informed of the closing of the Anchor Steam Beer Company in San Francisco. Selling some of his Maytag stock, Fritz bought the dying brewery. Anchor Steam Beer has a strong reputation in the beer community. The beer got its name from the unique process developed to brew the beer. Steam Beer is brewed using Lager yeast at warm (ale yeast) temperatures. The beer produced by this process has a higher carbonation factor than normal beers. The beer was called "steam beer" because it was so highly carbonated. When the kegs were tapped, a wisp of "CO2" came out that resembled steam.

Many small breweries began to crop up in the Pacific Northwest during the seventies. These small breweries started as BrewPubs. BrewPubs are bar-restaurants which brew their own beer "in-house". The beer is either produced in the basement, or in the upper level of the restaurant. Because the establishment was also a restaurant, they would automatically have an outlet to sell their beer. Some BrewPubs eventually began selling to other establishments. Some Brewpubs even going as far as becoming true MicroBrews.

One of California's most popular MicroBreweries is Pete's Brewery of Palo Alto. Pete, brewer of

Pete's "Wicked Ale" Lager and new "Wicked Red," started as a home-brewer. His brewery is a fine example of the rise of the American MicroBrewery. Another major brewery of California (a favorite of mine) is Sierra Nevada. Sierra Nevada, located in Chico CA, produces a non-pasteurized beer, which uses the Kraeusening method of carbonation. A Sierra Nevada beer will always have a small layer of dead yeast at the bottom of the bottle... drink it up... it's good for you! Sierra Nevada has a large selection of beers including a Pale Ale, a Stout and a Porter. This time of year look for their "Celebration" beers.

It was primarily the MicroBreweries that kept alive the tradition of special seasonal beers. I don't ever remember seeing a Budweiser Christmas Ale or Oktoberfest beer. It is out of these smaller breweries that we see the true variety of beers available elsewhere in the world. This time of year you can find numerous specialty beers, Winter Lagers, Christmas Ale, and Imperial Stouts... each a unique brew. They only appear for about a month or two before going out of production. Take the opportunity to sample as many of these wonderful specialty beers, both domestic and imported!

TomKo Rates The Beers:

Leinie's Red - This beer, produced by J. Leinenkugel Brewery of Chippawa Falls, WI, is currently available at Mulvey's Tavern on Forest Avenue. I never heard of Leinie's, so I tried a pint. The keg

was not refrigerated to the level of most Commercial beers. This was actually a good thing! The beer had a distinct hoppiness not found in a commercial beers. I was pleased with the flavor, body and hoppiness. This Red beer is far superior to Coor's Killian Irish Red. My rating: 4 out of 5

Heineken Tarwebok - I recently decided to try this new product from Heineken at my local Miggy's (they had no decent beer... so why not?). I was quite surprised! I am not a big fan of Heineken, nor any other Dutch brewer for that matter. This beer surprised me. Tarwebok is called "a traditional wheat bock." This beer was very sweet... malty... and you could even taste a little hoppiness [note: most big brewers filter out the hoppiness of the beer]. I was quite pleased with this beer. My Rating: 4.5 of 5

Samuel Adams Oktoberfest - As I write this piece I am consuming Sam Adams annual Oktoberfest beer. I think the guys at Boston Brewing should realize that it is OKTOBERFEST, with a K, not a C. Hey, I am a stickler... so sue me! This is a fair example of Oktoberfest beer, not as good as most Munich Oktoberfest bier, but better than Beck's lame excuse for an Oktoberfest beer. I'd still take a Spaten or Dinkleacker any day over this beer! My rating: 3 of 5

Next time in TomKo on Beer: CSI Alumni Sal Pennacchio of Old World Brewing!

WELNESS CORNER: BINGE EATING

By Toni Watten

During the past 15 years, the incidence of eating disorders has been on the rise, and has gained significant attention in the media. One particular category, "binge eating," is a newly recognized medical condition that affects one to two million Americans, according to the National Institute of Health. Unlike anorexia nervosa, in which people literally starve themselves, and bulimia, where people intake large

amounts of food and then purge the food by vomiting or taking laxatives, binge eaters regularly consume large amounts of food without purging.

Binge eating is defined as the rapid consumption of a large amount of food, in roughly a two hour period, at least three or four times a week. The NIH, for the first time, listed binge eating as a serious disorder, along side anorexia and bulimia, in February 1993. The symptoms of binge eating are:

- Frequent episodes of eating what others would consider an abnormal amount of food.
- Frequent feelings of being unable to control what or how much is eaten.
- Any of the several following behaviors:
 - eating more rapidly than usual
 - eating until uncomfortably full
 - eating large amounts of food, even when not hungry
 - eating alone out of embarrassment at the quantity of food
 - feelings of disgust, depression or guilt about overeating

tend to feel out of control, as they are eating against their will. They also feel angry at themselves after eating. While binge eating may appear to be a self-control problem, it is an emotional, psychological, and/or interpersonal problem as well. It has also been likened to an addiction of sorts, in that food is used to avoid dealing with emotional or psychological problems. Eating, therefore, becomes an avoidance or escape behavior. Since eating is necessary for life, it is an addiction that has to be confronted at least three times per day, unlike alcohol or other addictive substances.

According to the NIH, most of the unsuccessful dieters of our time, even those in medically supervised weight loss programs, have binge eating disorder. Because the emotional components of the problem are not being addressed, diets regularly fail. This failure usually leads to depression and feelings of inadequacy, that results in a diminished quality of family and social life. Depression can be a contributing factor in binge eating, although it is unclear whether it is a cause or effect. A possible cause can be the experience of trauma such as sexual, physical, or mental abuse.

Unhealthy family attitudes about food may also contribute to the problem. Some experts believe that the disorder is biochemical. Although the biochemical theory is widely accepted in explaining alcohol addiction, it has not become widely regarded as the cause of binge eating.

With the controversy over the etiology of the disorder comes speculation about effective treatment. Thus far, treatment strategies that address the underlying emotional conflicts of the individual, while encouraging a healthier attitude toward food, seem to be the most successful. Self-help support groups such as Overeaters Anonymous and Food Addicts Anonymous are also useful. A major life style change appears almost inevitable in treating this very complex disorder.

The Department of Student Service's Wellness Program is available to answer any questions, or help with any concerns you may have about eating disorders or other wellness issues. We are located in the Campus Center, room 112 (Health Services), and the phone number is 982-3123. All contacts are confidential.

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JAY'S PICKS

by J.C. Castro

Welcome to a new feature in Banner sports—picks, picks and more picks!!! And I don't mean noses here. The lines are as of Tuesday the 15th.

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Jets at Vikings. The Viking defense, coming off an embarrassing outing in Foxboro (Drew Bledsoe completed 45 of 70, a new NFL record) is out for blood. Boomer's blood. Even LeStat will cringe watching this. Vegas: Vikings by 7 (37 1/2) Jay: Go with Vegas, under.

Browns at Chiefs: The Brownies, delighted with their 26-7 pounding at Philly, are looking to do the same in KC. I wouldn't count them out, especially if Vinny Testaverde is watching from the sidelines. But four field goals won't cut it vs. Joe Montana. Vegas: Chiefs by 4 (34 1/2) Jay: Browns, cause KC won't cover. Over.

Packers at Bills: Polishing off the Jets at Lambeau last week isn't going to be enough for Green Bay. Reggie White and Sean Jones want an early Thanksgiving, and Jim Kelly is turkey enough. Problem is, Brett Favre will have his hands full with the Bills' menacing defense. Sackfest and a half. Vegas:

Bills by 4 (NL) Jay: Go with Vegas.

Dolphins at Steelers: Is Neil O' Donnell healthy enough? Will Mike (Bleech) Tomczak have to anchor the offense? Will the Dolphins have enough of a running game? Can Marino do it alone? Questions, questions. Vegas: Steelers by 2 1/2 (NL) Jay: Steelers are hot, but Dolphins are better. Miami, by a TD.

Redskins at Cowboys: Sorry, guys. The Lone Star State isn't a place for amateurs. Trent Dilfer may be a bright spot, but right now he may as well be Trent Reznor out there. It's gonna be a long flight back to Washington. Vegas: Cowboys by 14 1/2. (43) Jay: Go with Vegas. Dallas will beat the over/under alone.

Lions at Bears: Barry Sanders is coming off the game of his career against Tampa Bay. So what's gonna happen this week? He'll be lucky if he breaks a hundred. Then again, he's on a pace to gain 2,110. Could go either way, but Detroit has a reputation for ineffective quarterbacks. Vegas: Bears by 3 1/2 (NL) Jay: Go with Vegas.

Chargers at Patriots. The Patriots are hot. The Chargers are hotter. 'Nuff said.

Vegas: Chargers by 3 (34 1/2) Jay: Vegas, under if SD's secondary can

keep Bledsoe

from completing 45 passes.

Colts at Bengals: The Bengals are hot!!! Two in a row, against the Seahawks and Oilers. Wow. Can they make it a third? If they can handle Marshall Faulk, they can. Vegas: Pick 'em (39) Jay: Colts by 1, under.

Falcons at Broncos: No matter who wins, this game will be a high-scoring affair. Whenever Atlanta is involved, it's a high-scoring affair. Quick question—Can John Elway match Jeff George head to head? If not, it's gonna be a tough game for Denver.

Vegas: Broncos 6 (44) Jay: Sorry, but I like the Falcons. Over.

Eagles at Cardinals: What is a cardinal? A small, red bird. What is an eagle? A predator. As usual, the Eagle will feast on the Cardinal's bloody corpse. This is a game to be watched on National Geographic. Vegas: Eagles by 2 1/2 (33 1/2) Jay: Usually, I won't count out the underdog in a division game. In this case, and the case above, (Dallas/Washington) I will make an exception. Eagles big, so take the over.

Saints at Raiders: The Raiders have been disappointing to this point. They still have a chance to contend for the AFC West, but

they'll be lucky to get a wild card berth. Oh, well. At least they'll play the Saints and "Chris Evert" this week. At the Coliseum, no less. Vegas: NL Jay: Raiders by a field goal.

Buccaneers at Seahawks: On the surface, it looks like this week's "Toilet Bowl" game. The Seahawks, however, are in the latter stages of rebuilding. Next year, they're gonna be a force to reckon with. This may be a glimpse of Seattle's bright (and non-musical) future. Vegas: Seahawks by 6 1/2 (36) Jay: Go with Vegas, over. Best Bet!!!

Rams at 49ers: On the surface, this looks like a 49er blowout. However, this is a division game. It's always hard to predict when there is such a deep-seeded rivalry. Vegas: 49ers by 14 (43 1/2) Jay: Rams. 49ers won't cover.

Giants at Oilers (Mon): You know the Giants are in trouble when a 1-9 team is favored over them. Now is the time to break the losing streak. If not, some heads are gonna roll for sure. Vegas: Oilers by 3 (35 1/2) Jay: If Brown is playing, go with Vegas. If Graham, give the Giants three.

BACK TO THE COURT

By Peter Matlak

Finally its here! The sports with fast breaks, slam dunks, hard fouls and men nick named Shaq, Zo and Penny. Yes its basketball and the NBA will bring it to you. With a unanimous decision for no lock out or strike by its players, the NBA began its season on Friday Nov. 4th. The Knicks, who are a favorite to win the title this year, opened up the season against the Celtics in Boston. As for the Nets, they opened up against the world champion Rockets in Houston.

The Knicks, who looked great in their opener, defeated the Celtics. On the down side, the Nets were pummeled by the defending champs. The NBA this season, definitely looks like a year that will be exciting, with new teams on the rise. First, lets start in the Atlantic division. The Knicks, who I feel will take

that division again will have to contend with Orlando to do so. The Magic with Shaq, Hardaway, and the addition of, three time NBA champion, Horace Grant at forward will definitely be a contender, and may even take the division.

It still too early to talk championship, but Orlando is a young team, with very little playoff experience. Making it to the second round will be an accomplishment. In the Central division, we will finally see the bulls lose its dominance in the NBA making room for a new team. First order is to forget about the Atlanta Hawks, last years Fluke of a division winner. There is no way they are wining the division this year. They were definitely a fluke last year. My picks to contend in that division this year are The Indiana Pacers and The Charlotte Hornets. With Reggie Miller, Rik Smits and company, Indiana will

definitely put up a strong fight for that division, and are a definite contender for the championship. The Hornets lead by Mourning, LJ (Larry Johnson), and Mugsy Bouges are another definite contender for that division. However, like Orlando they are a young team, and are still at the least two years away from talking title.

As we head towards the West, I see the Rockets and Supersonics as the two teams battling for that conference. With Hakeem (who I consider the best center in the N.B.A.), and Shawn Kemp (who I consider to be the best forward in the league next to Dominique Wilson) leading the Rockets will definitely give the west a run for their money. As for other teams to watch out for, San Antonio, with David Robinson and Dennis Rodman, and The Phoenix Suns, with (Sir)Charles Barkley, KJ

(Kevin Johnson), and Dan (The Man) Marleje are definitely teams to watch out for, and definite contenders for the title. A team who is on the rise and should be watched is The Golden State Warriors. With Chris Mullin, Tim Hardaway, Anthony Sprewell, and their star forward Chris Weber, this team proves to be tough to beat with an awesome foursome on their starting line. Well, you might be asking who I pick to win it all. I'm not saying because its too early to tell. In a final note, I urge all to keep an eye on the new additions to the NBA, especially The Big Dog (Glenn Robinson), The Kidd (Jason Kidd) and The Hill (Grant Hill). These three players are definitely going to be fun to watch, especially if they played like they did in college. Well there is only one thing left to say; "Happy Dunking."