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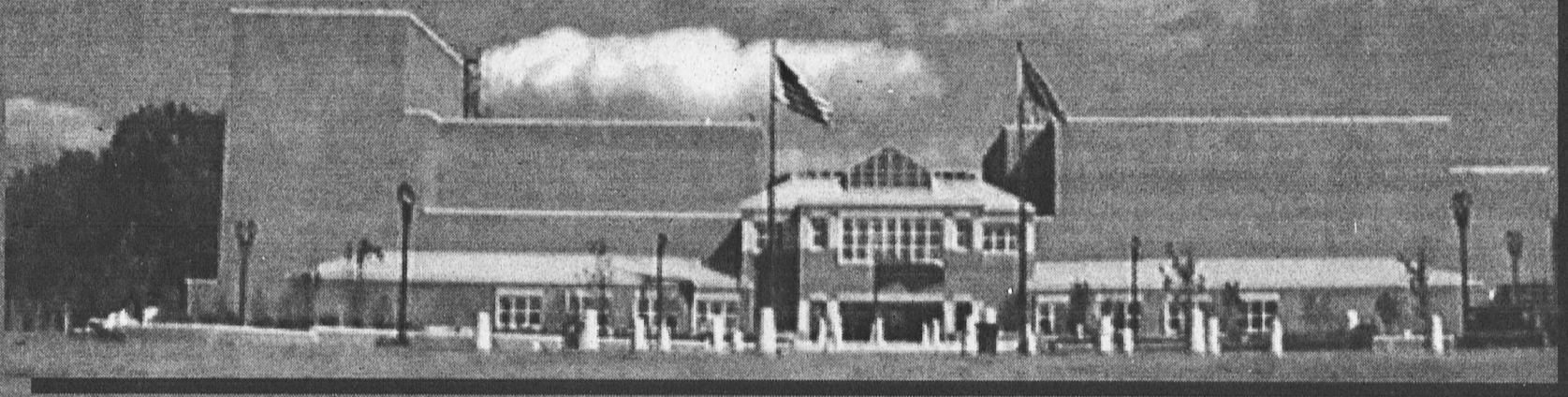


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EXCLUSIVE**

## \$39.7 Million Tragedy Avoided



**WILLIAMSON THEATER FILLED WITH SMOKE WHEN A BACKDROP CAUGHT FIRE**



**LOOP BUS AND STUDENT COLLIDE**

# Williamson Theater Smoke Out

By Michael Garofalo

The Williamson Theater filled with smoke when a backdrop caught fire Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 PM. It is still a mystery as to how this hap-

pened.

EMT instructor Willie Wright alerted security of the fire. He stated, "I smelled the fire." His class was in the building at the time of the fire.

Security quickly arrived on the

scene and put out the fire. The backdrop, which was the source of the smoke, was lowered and quickly extinguished. Every level one security guard on the campus was at the scene.

"It's a good thing these backdrops are fireproof or it would have been much worse," stated Sergeant Pete Licata.

Licata added, "Looks like one of the lights started the fire."

Theater worker Ken Bach stated, "[The lights] were absolutely off."

Facility Manager Felicia Ruff replied, "We don't know how it happened."

The most disturbing fact is that the smoke alarm did not go off.

Dean of Administration Raymond Pavia stated, "The construction people are still working in there."

Pavia continued, "I am grateful they didn't go on because they would

have destroyed the place."

Pavia also does not know how the fire started. He stated, "I didn't get a clear answer."

Pavia, however, had this to say: "Everybody did what they were supposed to do and they did it in a timely fashion."

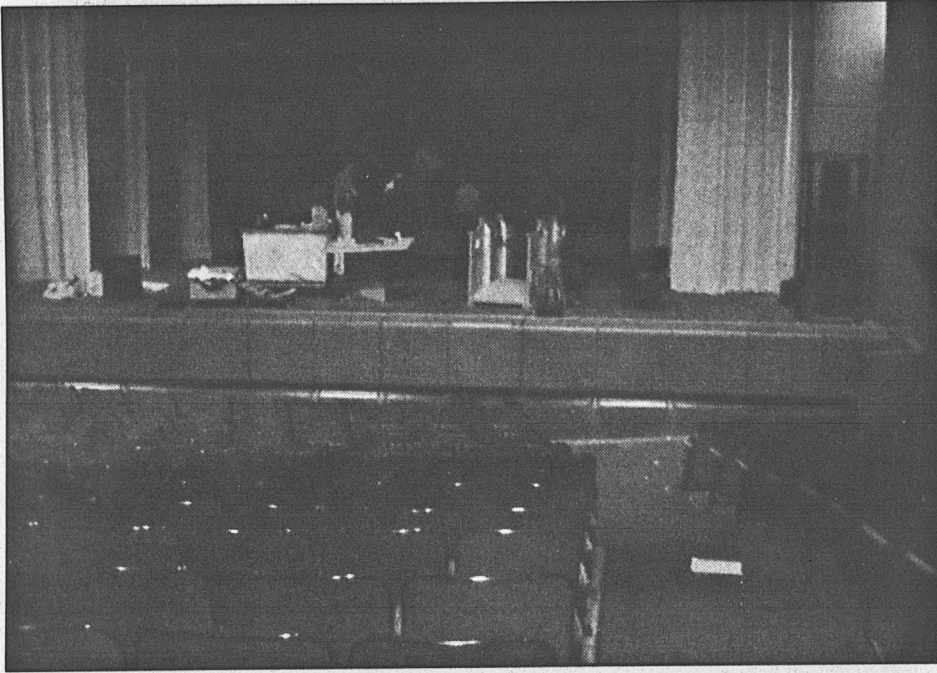
The confusion could be attributed to the fact that the Performing and Creative Arts Center just opened completely this semester.

Ruff stated, "We only started occupying the building since July."

The PCA building has a \$39.7 million price tag attached to it, and it is the most expensive building at the college.

While the investigation as to the cause of the fire continues, classes are expected to continue as usual in the building.

**It's a good thing these backdrops are fire proof or it would have been much worse**



**The Williamson Theater (shown here) is in an otherwise normal state after last Wednesday's fire.**

# Loop bus Accident on Loop Road

By Michael Garofalo

CSI's loop bus and student Anna Simonowsky collided on Loop Road last Friday at 2:10 PM. Anna was checked by paramedics for injuries and her car was towed.

The loop bus showed no sign of damage, with the exception of yellow marks on the rear left tire. The Mustang GT was not as fortunate. The front bumper was ripped off and had to be towed away.

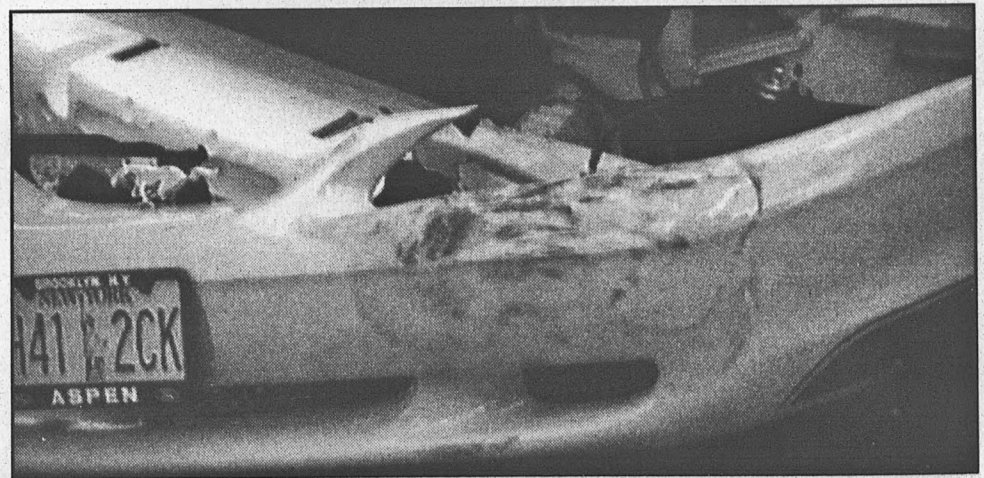
Loop bus driver "Mike" claims that he is not responsible for the accident. "She shot out, she hit

the rear tire and hit the bus. She caused the accident," stated Mike.

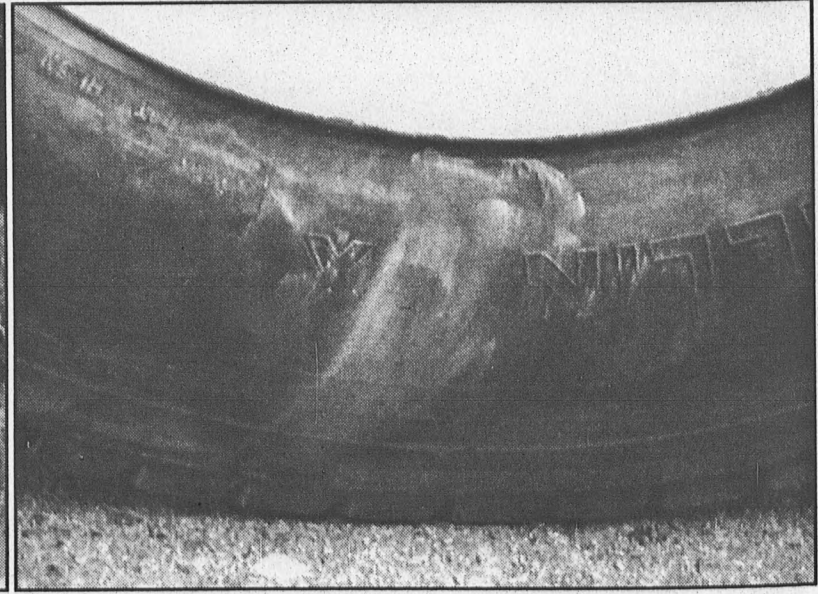
Mike added, "She pulled out from the gravel parking area and crossed over the double yellow line."

Anna, still shaken up from the accident, was not able to respond to these accusations. Her brother had this to say: "There's no injury, she was just very shaken up."

Anna was driven to Staten Island North for precautionary measures.



**Styrofoam and rubber bumper wasn't a match for the Loop bus**



**This is the only sign of damage to the bus**

## College Recognizes the Disabled

By Alice Marino

The College of Staten Island will be recognizing Disability Awareness Day for the first time on the Willowbrook Campus.

On September 27, participants and observers will meet at 10 AM at the atrium of building 1A. Margaret Venditti from the Office of Disability Services would like to "increase sensitivity and awareness" of students and especially faculty towards the needs of the handicapped.

Faculty and Administration have been asked to participate in simulation experiments. Invitees will experience what it is like to maneuver on campus in a wheel chair, with a cane, on crutches or with a walker. Some will be asked to find their way on the grounds with glasses which will obstruct their vision. Dr. Jed Luchow will also be holding a workshop in the same vein for the learning disabled.

The college had participated in Disability Awareness Day previously at the Sunnyside Campus. *The Banner* feels that the faculty will find these experiments a little more difficult this year as they trudge along on the cracked pavement and sloped paths. In an interview with Ms. Venditti she stated, "The College has always been cooperative in following the codes of

the Rehabilitation Act - Section 504, which stresses equal access." Still, she wants it to be noted that some of the ramps are difficult for students to handle alone. Also, faculty who require visually impaired students to take open book tests are actually testing the knowledge of assistants. It is unrealistic to expect a student who has studied with an audio tape to take an open book test.

It has occurred to *The Banner* that some students have difficulty relating to disabled people. Although the events are intended to sensitize faculty, we would like to encourage all students to meet at 10 AM Wednesday, September 27 to receive assignments.

**Invitees:**

President Springer	Dean Pavia
Vice President Affron	Dean Hartman
VP Carol Jackson	Dean Fazzolari
Dean Zeldin	Arthur Hafner
Dean Sussman	Gene Martinez
Ron Sheppard	
Michael Bloomberg	
All Chairs..	

**Simulations:**

Wheelchair user
Visually impaired
Hearing impaired
Mobility impaired...

Meet in the Atrium of 1A to receive assignments.

## Mysteries of CSI

This summer we went a long time without rain. This caused most of the grass on campus to dry up and turn brown. Except for one place... 2N.

The question on the minds of many people is, "Why is the grass green in just than one spot." Not only is it green, but it's one of the healthiest lawns I've ever seen.

This lawn is so beautiful that I actually feel bad if I walk across it. The other brown grass goes "crunch" while 2N grass goes "scush". (A new made-up word to simulate the sound of boots stepping on thick and healthy green grass.)

To dispel the rumors that the lawn is watered to prevent 2N from becoming toxic again, let me set the record straight.

Over the summer, landscapers watered the freshly planted sod around 2N. Due to the nature of sod, it must be watered or it will die. It needs to grow a "Strong root." - Karate Kid III.

I know what you're thinking.

"Doesn't all grass need to be watered?" Yes, it does, but if you take a look at the sports field, you will see that the grass is healthy again.

The field went from resembling a stadium, to hay, then back to green.

Do the landscapers have the magical spell *raise dead grass*? Not really; they just concentrated on watering that one spot over the last few weeks.

However, because of the pending drought, all unnecessary use of water is prohibited. The fountains were turned off last Friday in response to Mayor Rudolph Guiliani's request.

Is the lawn doomed now that we cannot water it? Probably not; the grass should be OK now that the temperature is dropping, and we did get some rain over this last weekend. Just in time for the Fall and Winter.

Hope that clears things up. If you need to know the answers to another "Mystery of CSI," let us know. We'll go without sleep till we find out. Send requests to 1C-228 c/o *The Banner*. -ED

Why is the  
grass around  
2N the  
greenest grass  
around?

# CLUB COUNCIL MEETING

September 28, 1995

1:30 pm

Green Dolphin Lounge

• Clubs should send a minimum of one representative to this meeting.

**For further info come to 1C-207**

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# More on the Sports Facility

By Sebastian Danese

The Sports Recreation Area has been under construction for over a year now and there is still no answer concerning the date of its completion. The Banner was given a tour of the new building and some insight into its future. Asst. Athletic Director Terry Small informs us that CSI's Sports Recreation Area is the best Division III building around. He also tells us that this new campus wonder will be open to all students upon its completion. But the question remains... when?

First, let's get more information about what to expect from the Sports Recreation Area. Students will be admitted for free every day, including Saturdays and Sundays. There is a 25 meter pool, with 2 meter diving boards and enough seating for 150 spectators. The four paddle ball courts will require appointments and they too have enough

seats to fit close to 100 spectators. A fitness center occupies 2000 square feet where you can find any kind of fitness machines ranging from rowing machines to stairmasters. An issue room is being built so that those students without the proper equipment can rent that equipment for a small fee.

No permanent lockers are to be given out, however, so any patron must use that space given for only for the duration which they are there.

Most of the facility is either complete or in the final stages of construction.

It has to be; there is a volleyball match against Hunter College on September 27. This game will be played on the basketball/volleyball court in the center of the complex. The Sports Department has decided that it will not charge students admission for games. With bleachers with enough room to accommodate 1400 being delivered on September 15, The Banner is sure that many students will come out and cheer our team to victory.

## Students will be admitted for free every day

## NOMINATE YOURSELF AS A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

### Seats available on:

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

CSI ASSOCIATION

COLLEGE COUNCIL

FACULTY STUDENT DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

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**5 Student Seats available**

**as follows:**

**(minimum 2.0 GPA required)**

**3 Lower At Large  
(12-60.5 credits)**

**1 Freshman  
(12-27.5 credits)**

**1 Graduate**

#### COLLEGE COUNCIL

**3 Student Seats available**

**as follows:**

**3 At Large  
(no credit requirement)**

#### CSI ASSOCIATION

**1 Student Seat available**

**as follows:**

**1 Lower Division  
(up to 60.5 credits)**

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**4 Student Seats available**

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(no credit requirement)**

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ELECTIONS: 10/21, 10/23, 10/24, 10/25**

To: THE BANNER

Let's introduce ourselves shall we? I'm the Joker and my accomplice the Riddler are students at this College of Supposed Intellectuals. (C.S.I.).

"Riddle me this, riddle me that,  
Who respects student-government, Jack?"

How can a group that can't even tie their own sneakers handle so much business? And how can they tell us how to run our clubs and force us to have a president, vice-president, secretary, when they can't even elect their own president?

DOWN WITH THE PARODY OF POWER!!

These idiots should either follow their own rules or get out of Gotham City. I'm sick of seeing these faces on the newspapers saying, "Student-Government screwed up again. . . Do something right for a change, Student-Government!"

You shouldn't have to praise yourselves we students should see it. (Action, not talk, Madam KAUFMAN).

"Riddle me another story. . .  
Who cares more than Senator Lori?"

She's been around! As for you other pathetic fools that care nothing for us and can't live without food. Choose wisely (Lori), or choose poorly (KAUFMAN), but choose!!

In closing, I'd like to laugh—  
HA! HA! HA! STUDENT GOVERNMENT,  
WHAT A JOKE!!

-You know, these anonymous letters about Student Government must stop. That whole Joe Canale incident really didn't amuse me. Another thing, is this a plug for Lori Seggio? Who ever you want to win is your privilege. We, The Banner staff, make it a policy not to endorse ANY political candidate. As for Student Government, they seem more organized than previous bodies, but that doesn't say much. Then again, that's my opinion, and who really cares about that? The only thing that matters is what YOU, the students, think. Send your letters. And please, next time write your name. -ED

About Yearbook '94

We would like to clarify some misleading facts about the '94 Yearbook article. The pictures were taken by Ed VanDRIGHT and Ed is the editor of the '94. We wish to give credit where credit is due.

Point of Information:

Mary C. Murphy, M.Sc., is the new student counselor for the Office of Disability Services (ODS) this academic year. She will be working with CSI students who have academic or personal problems that may stem from learning difficulties.

If you have been either formally evaluated as having a learning problem, or suspect that you may have one as a result of struggling in particular subject areas, you are invited to stop by the ODS office at 1P 101 during the following hours:

Wednesdays 10 AM - 3 PM  
Thursdays 1 PM - 6 PM

Alternatively, you may make an appointment by calling 982-2514.

During the semester, look out for the seminars and talks now being organized by the Department on how to work around learning and attention problems.

Yearbook '95

There is still time to place a dedication in the '95 Yearbook for only \$15 per word.

"Buy a Booster"

"We wish to be redundant...it's our right," -Manjula Wijerama  
Managing Editor of the College Voice

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# THE NET UNLEASHED

By Ralph Mastrangelo

**Warning** to all those who read this article: This subject matter is very interesting and addictive. You will love it whether or not you're a computer buff. With this out of the way, let me tell all the beginners out there about this wonderful place called "The Internet," or, more simply, the "Net."

For those who don't know what the Net is, here's a brief primer. It started 20 years ago when the U.S. Defense department tried to connect their computer network (the ARPAnet) to various radio and satellite networks. It was soon deemed unreliable because if one section went out the whole network went dead. So it was redesigned, and academic and research facilities were added to it. This was the predecessor of the current Net. As the Net's popularity grew, more and more people became addicted to it. Its growth was also fueled by the desktop computer explosion and an increase use of Local Areas Networks (LANs). So here we are with the Net we have now. This may seem like it happened overnight, but it really took between 10 to 15 years. One note I'd like to add: the Net has become so huge that even if one whole section were to go down, the Net would still function. This is because all the major sites are mirrored (copied) in dif-

ferent parts of the world. I will not get into how the Net works because that's a whole article in itself.

There are many different functions available to you once you are connected. Telenet, FTP, Email, Usenet, and the World Wide Web (WWW) are the main functions that I use, but there are many others to fit everyone's needs and interests. Allow me to explain the one's I know:

•**Telenet:** A text based system which lets you log into other computers on the Net. It's used to access lots of public services, including library card catalogs, public chat rooms, text based Net games, and other kinds of data bases.

•**FTP:** Also known as "File Transfer Protocol." This is a way to move files back and forth between systems. The programs that do this are primarily used to get information, programs, and shareware games from public sites that are scattered along the Net.

•**Email:** Electronic mail allows you to send messages anywhere. The beauty of this is that the recipient gets it almost instantaneously. You can also send attachments such as pictures, game programs, or whatever else you'd like.

•**Usenet:** Also known as "Bulletin Boards" or "Public News Groups," where you can read and/or post responses on particular topics. Usenet is also the largest bulletin board service.

•**World Wide Web:** Has become most popular and sought-after method of Net travel. It's full of graphics as well as text. With the creation of new processes the WWW is becoming more interactive.

The browser of choice for the WWW is Netscape, which is now implementing the newest methods as they come about.

Well, this ends the primer. Now it's time to get you to use the school network to get on line - and, yes, it's free.

The school network is really easy to use. First I will talk about using the I.B.M.'s, then I will turn to the Macintosh.

First go to any I.B.M. lab. At the startup, when it asks you to login, type "guest". (Without the quotes, of course.) Then hit the escape key (the one which says "esc") to exit the Novell Menu. At the prompt, type "win", and open the Internet group. Choose Netscape and there you are. If Netscape is not there, use File

Manager to open it from the Netscape directory. Netscape is fairly simple to use. (I'll explain in a future article.) Now on to the Macintosh.

The Macs are just as simple. Open the Apple menu items, click on the chooser, open up the Information Technologies and, when asked for your name, type "guest" with no password. Go to the Netscape and there you go.

Netscape, as I said, is fairly easy to use. It will most likely open to the Netscape home page, where you can get a lot of information because it is broken up into many sections. All you have to do is click on any words that are highlighted to follow that link to something more. You can spend hours looking around this way, or you can use the net search tools to look up key words to find what you are looking for. If you have a location address, then you can open the location from "open location" under the "file" menu on the tool bar.

As you can see - or soon will see - the "Net" is a fun and addictive place to be. Once you start finding your clique of interests, you will develop a huge "Hot List" of address and spend many an hour living in cyberspace. So, have fun and remember: "humans are roadkill on the information superhigh way." -unknown het author.

## TLAs and Other Mysteries of the Net

By: Ralph Mastrangelo

Now that you are all ready to get on the Net, I figured that there are a couple of terms that you all should know so that there will be less confusion for all you beginners. This is the list that I have compiled. Enjoy.

•**ARPAnet** (ARPA Computer Network)  
Experimental network designed to see how well distributed, non-centralized networks work; the basis for the later evolution of the Internet.

•**ATM** (Asynchronous Transfer Mode)  
A high-speed networking scheme and communication protocol designed with the transfer of multimedia data in mind. You can't get \$20 bills from here.

•**Baud**  
Number of analog transitions per second; not to be confused with bps (although it often is). For example, 9,600 bps modems communicate at around 2,400 baud.

•**BITNET**  
Network created by Ira Fuchs in 1981 to connect IBM computer centers around the world.

•**bps** (bits per second)  
The amount of data that can be transmitted over a communications medium.

•**BRB**  
Stands for "be right back."

•**BTW**  
By the way.

•**DPI** (dots per inch)  
A matrix used to measure print and screen resolution.

•**Ethernet**  
A widespread networking scheme rated at 10 Mbps (megabits per sec-

ond).

•**Finger**  
A piece of software that lets you find out more information about an Internet user, usually if that user is on a UNIX system.

•**Flame**  
To send nasty or insulting messages, usually in response to someone's having broken the rules of netiquette.

•**GIF** (Graphic Interchange Format)  
Yet another graphic file format. Most images that appear on the Web are in GIF format. It was developed by CompuServe using compression technology from Unisys.

•**HTML** (HyperText Markup Language)  
The coding method used to format documents for the World Wide Web.

•**IETF** (Internet Engineering Task Force)  
An open community of networkers who manage and shape the Internet.

•**World Wide Web browsers**  
Display text, graphics, and links on a Web page by translating the HTML tags inserted into a plain-text file.

•**IRC** (Internet Relay Chat)  
The Internet's version of CB radio, IRC lets you join a channel and converse with other folks on the same channel in real time. Most channels are focused on specific topics of discussion.

•**ISDN** (Integrated Services Digital Network) Digital telephony scheme that allows two simultaneous connections over the same wire; can include audio or data.

•**ISP** (Internet Service Provider)  
A company that provides access to

the Internet.

•**JPEG** (Joint Photographic Experts Group) An algorithm for compressing still images. Motion-JPEG, a variation of JPEG, is used to compress moving images.

•**MorF** (Male or Female)  
When someone asks if you're male or female, you've been "MorFed!"

•**MPEG** (Motion Picture Experts Group)  
An algorithm for compressing audio and video; not to be confused with Motion-JPEG.

•**Netiquette**  
Etiquette for the Internet.

•**NNTP** (Network News Transfer Protocol)  
A tool for transferring files through e-mail.

•**PCMCIA** (Personal Computer Memory Card International Association)  
Notebook computers that have PCMCIA slots can use credit card-sized modems, sometimes referred to as PC Cards.

•**PDA** (Personal Digital Assistant)  
An expensive, hand-held electronic device designed to replace a date/address book. Also, public display of affection, which is generally not allowed in high school.

•**PROLLY**  
Short for probably.

•**RGB** (Red, Green, Blue)  
The three colors that create all other colors on a computer screen.

•**SMTP** (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol)  
The standard Internet protocol for transferring electronic mail messages.

•**SorG** (Straight or gay)  
See "MorF."

•**spam**

To send identical postings to many different, and often inappropriate, newsgroups (a naughty thing to do); also, a trademark of Hormel.

•**TCP/IP** (Transport Control Protocol/Internet Protocol)

The protocol suite that makes Telnet, FTP, e-mail, and other services possible among computers that don't belong to the same network. Throughput

This describes the maximum amount of data that could be transmitted under ideal circumstances.

•**TIFF** (Tag Image File Format)  
A standard file format used for scanning, storing, and interchanging gray-scale graphic images.

•**TLAs** (Three-Letter Acronyms)  
The mysterious terms used to refer to things net-related. See <http://info.rutgers.edu/Computing/Network/Internet/General/Net-FAQ/11.html> for a longer list of TLAs.

•**TTYL**  
Talk to you later.

•**UNIX**  
An operating system invented in 1969 at AT&T Bell Laboratories that was made available to researchers and students in 1973. It was used to develop the Internet's communication software protocols.

•**URL** (Uniform Resource Locator)  
Describes the location and access method of a resource on the Internet. All Web sites have URLs.

•**Usenet**  
A network for distributing news items; originally set up in 1979, with Duke University as the central hub. This makes up what we now refer to simply as newsgroups.

# Web Pages & Browsers: A Closer look

By: Ralph Mastrangelo

As you can see, to the left of this is a "World Wide Web Page". The browser is not complicated, and a new user can learn the basics quickly. What you see here is a typical homepage with text to identify its purpose and where it comes from. There can also be comments from the creator and lots of other fun stuff. Most pages have links to other pages from the same person or to places where they have been and like. There are also graphical logos, icons and an Email link to the creator. These are all the items that make the Web interactive. The browser is what you use to view these pages, and Netscape 1.1 (the browser of

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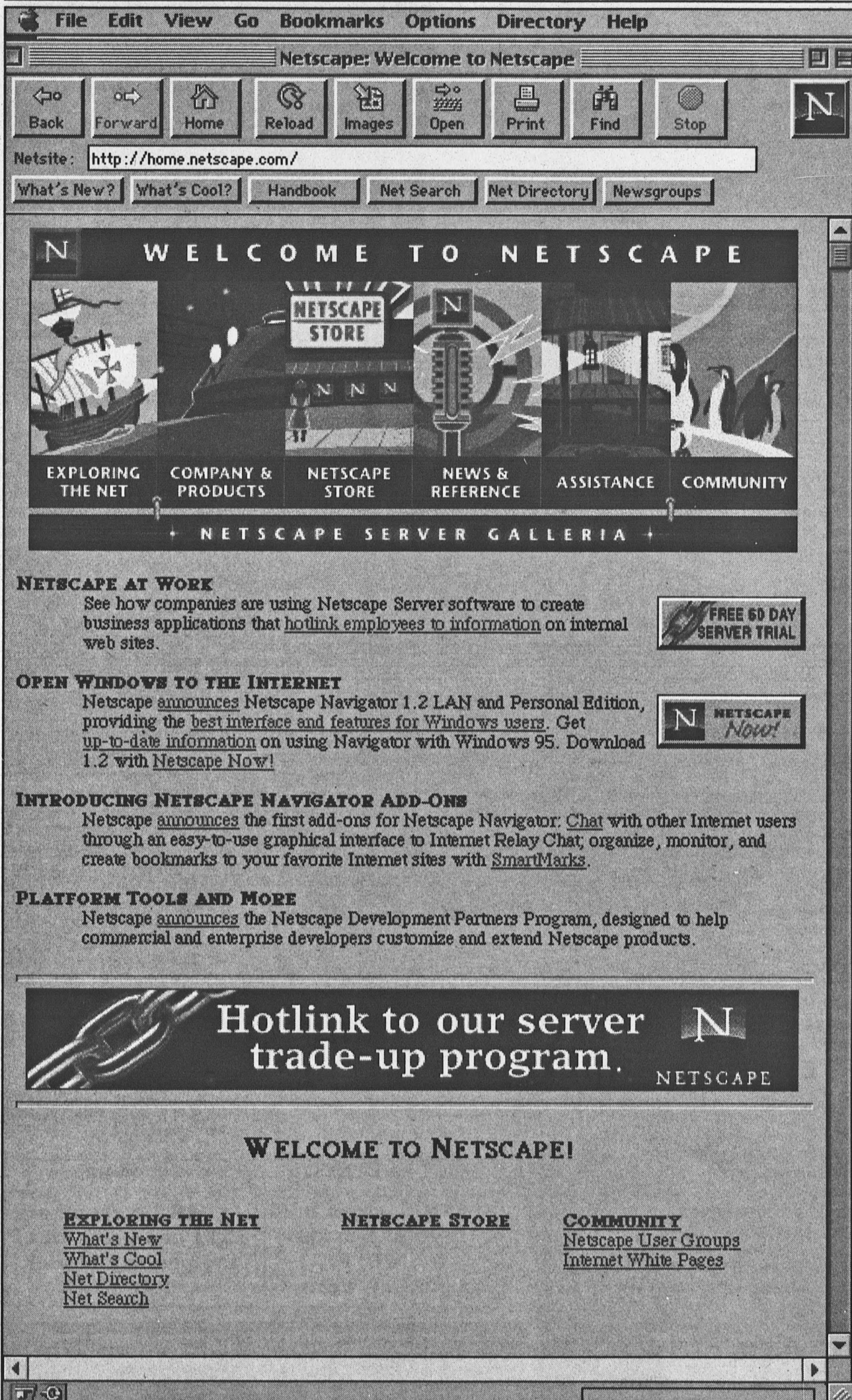
choice) gives you enhanced viewing capabilities, such as background colors.

You access a page through the HTTP address on its location line. The Banner's HTTP address is: [http://www.csi.cuny.edu/unauthorized/the\\_banner/default.html](http://www.csi.cuny.edu/unauthorized/the_banner/default.html). (The default will soon be changed to banner.html). This page has a long address, but that's normal. You'll encounter smaller ones, also, like <http://yahoo.com> (the Net's most popular search engine). The good thing is that you have a bookmark's title on the tool bar and you can save your links there (on a "Hot List"), so you don't have to keep typing them.

The browser also has instant jump buttons like "What's New?", "What's Cool", "Net Search" (here you can search for a topic by name), "Net Directory" (search for a topic by group), and "Newsgroups" (here you can go directly to Usenet or whatever you set it for).

If you change the default page from the Netscape homepage to your own, you can click on the Netscape symbol (upper right) to get back to the Netscape homepage (more on Netscape next issue.)

As you can see the browser is not complicated, and a new user can learn the basics quickly. Next issue: more on Netscape and the other browsers. Till next time, Surf's Up.



From the unauthorized sections of the  
CSI homepage, it will rise...

## The Banner Homepage

It's 'official' debut coming soon

# INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT

## KILLER INSTINCT

# IT'S HERE

BY: Michael Garofalo

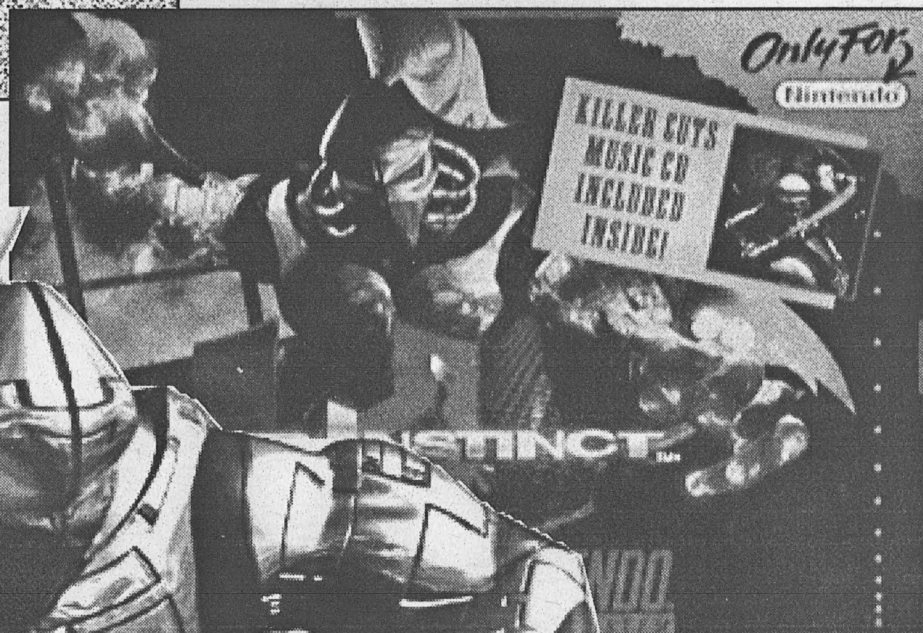
Now that Nintendo pushed back the Ultra 64, they need a hit game for the Christmas season. Enter Killer Instinct for the Super Nintendo. With the lies that Nintendo spewed about the Ultra 64 being available this year at an Ultra-low price, it was hard for me to accept the fact that this 16-Bit cartridge would have all of the thrills of the arcade smash.

I was surprised. Just about everything is there, and unlike most of the previous Nintendo games, this one has violence. All of the finishing moves are there. The ridiculous combo system is there. It should have been expected since it is the largest Nintendo 16 Bit game at a whopping 32 Megs.

What's missing? All of the Ultra-cool 64-Bit effects, full motion video, 3D scaling and rotation, the 64-Bit color palette, and just about every other frame. To compensate for the lack of space and the inadequacies of the SNES, the graphics needs to be altered. This means that the characters movements are choppy at times, especially during fatalities. It's nothing drastic when you compare KI to other SNES games like Mortal Kombat II and Street Fighter II. But if you think you're getting a carbon copy, forget it.

While the graphics are not up to par with the arcade, the music kicks. This is the first game on the SNES where the music is better than the graphics. If you don't think so, listen to the free CD that comes with the game and compare. (Better hurry - it's only available with the first 2 million copies.) I felt I got my money's worth when I heard "Killer Instinct" rip through my speakers.

As for play control, it's all there (once you get used to the control pad). The combo movements are all the same, except for the ultra-cheap 80 hit combos, which were taken out. (Too bad, I miss the scores of 1.2 million and up.) If you were



the Killer King at the arcades you should have no problem wiping the floor with the computer at home. Even though the difficulty is variable, it doesn't seem to be much harder at higher levels.

The endings, as you may have known, are not anything to speak of. Without the full motion video, how could it compare to the arcade? Even with that in mind, the ending are still pretty lame. SFII Turbo is probably the only SNES fighting game with above average endings.

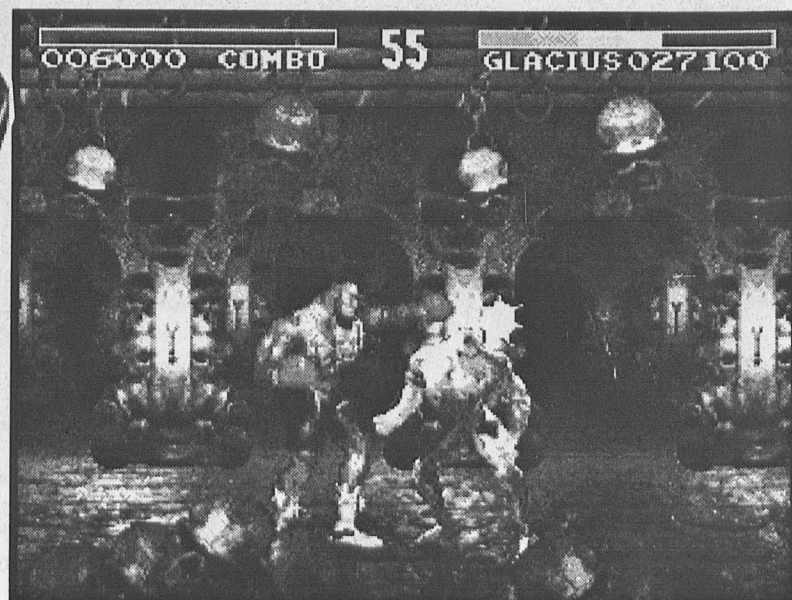
Basically, we have another fighting game. If you love the arcade game you won't be too disappointed with this version, unless an \$60-\$80 price tag scares you away.

### PLAY as EYEDOL

At "VS." screen hold right and press WP, WK, FP, MK, MP, FK.

### Speed-up:

At "VS." screen hold right and press all of the punch and kick buttons.

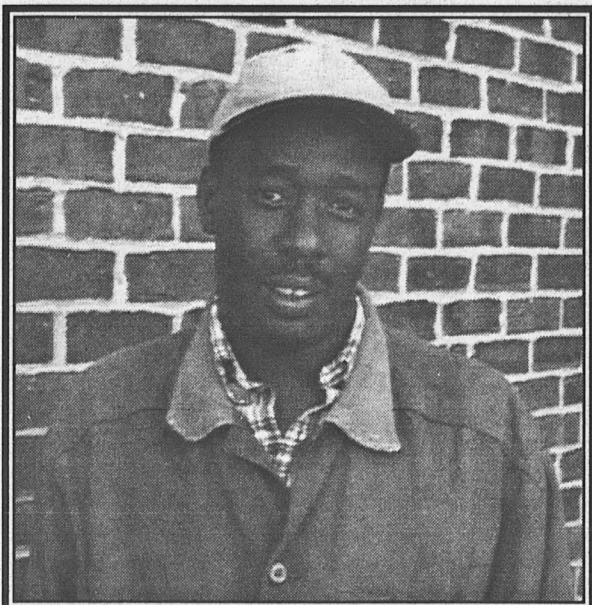




# What Do You Think?

By: Michael Garofalo

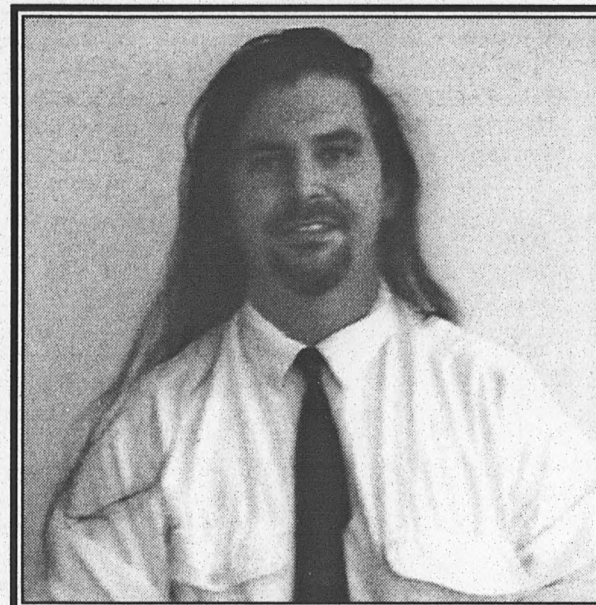
## Should CSI have a Senior Prom?



**Michael Johnson,** It's a good idea, but it all depends on who's going to show. It also depends on time, location and place.



**Natalie Williams,** No, we should not have a prom. We're all adults now. We should leave childish things behind us, besides it's expensive.



**George L. Perry,** If it's here at the Campus Center, it would make a great atmosphere for a social interaction.



Holy high school, Batman! A prom at CSI? Before you go rolling your eyeballs into oblivion, I want you to know that this is not my idea. An administrator asked if we could have a prom. (No, it's not Carol Jackson. Let's just say it's not one of the 'higher-ups'.)

This is what I propose to the student body: I will help organize this event if the demand warrants it. You will also have the support of this newspaper, if the idea itself has support.

Where's the money coming from, blah, blah, blah. Don't worry about that yet. Whether it involves Student Government or not, it won't matter if there isn't a large turnout. If all 2,000 graduates want a prom, SG will crack like an egg shell and give into your demands. If twenty students show up, SG will tell you to take a hike. (Let me just say, SG is not the only game in town. Senators, don't start yelling at me just yet.)

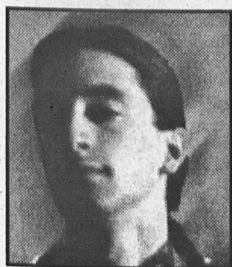
What we need now is feedback. From the "What Do You Think" section of this page, you can see that the opinion is split.

But as my Statistics professor will tell you, "You cannot accurately represent the student body with this low percentage poll." Obviously, I need more responses. Contact us at *The Banner* in one of the following ways...

• **Fax** - (718) 982-3115

• **E-mail** X08SI@CUNYM.CUNY.EDU (I don't have one of those cool personalized CSI Postbox E-mails. Then again, AOL is personalized and that doesn't help their popularity.)

• **Snail Mail** - THE BANNER 1C-228 c/o Mikey. (Yeah, put Mikey! This way I'll know if it's not the usual mail bombs I get.)  
• For those of you who don't like to write, call (718) 982-3115. I'll keep a tally of votes by my desk. (\$20.00 the first



minute, \$15.00 each additional minute. Actually, try and find one of those cool black phones located in the front of the building. Dial 3115 and it will cost you nothing.)

• Finally, for those of you who hate any form of technology, just take a walk to 1C-228. You can see our state of the art facility. We'll play Marathon on the school's million dollar net. Tons of fun! (Then we'll use our mind altering devices, which will make you want to write news. *The Banner* has been referred to as the *black hole*. People who used to hang out in the Campus Center would join *The Banner* and never return. Hey, how else are you going to get practical journalistic experience on this campus? Radio stations exempt from that last statement.)

I hate to sound like NYPIRG, but every vote counts. If I get a total 499 people who say, "Mike have you gone mad," but 500 say, "go for it," I will continue with this idea. Even if I get a vote from Marlene Springer saying, "it would not be wise for the campus to host such an event," but 500 people are willing to pay money for this, we're going on! (Not that I think she would, but for the sake of this argument let's pretend she did.)

Send me your suggestions, ideas, and comments. Tell me where you would like it to be, how much do you want to spend, when it should be, etc. (Current suggestions: Don't call it a prom, use a 'buzz name' like a ball or a formal.) This is your school and you should decide what goes on here. If you think is a lame idea, but you would like another event, tell us.

**Final note:** For those of you wondering why I am willing to tack on more work for myself, it's because I needed to know. When the administrator asked me the question, I wondered, "Is it possible?" I also wondered, "Is CSI apathy central because of its student and faculty leaders, or because no one gives a damn?" I'm doing this because I know I can get it done... but only if YOU want it.



**Michelle Mannino,** I don't think it would be a good idea. I know I wouldn't be interested. I went to my high school prom; that was enough.



**Lisa Lanzo,** Yes, because a lot of people didn't have one. It also gives people an opportunity to be with others.

# Hello From Japan: Through My Eyes

By Yvonne Thurman

I remember one clear morning last fall when I was walking to work. The air was crisp, the sky was blue, and the clouds a rich, puffy white. I closed my eyes and let my nose take in generous amount of air... and, for a moment, I was in Florence. I opened my eyes as quickly as I had closed them, and instantly realized my senses had deceived me. I was in Japan.



There was something familiar in the air that morning. It's amazing how a scent, no matter how insignificant it may be, can trigger a memory. What was it in the air that morning? Strangely enough, it was car exhaust fumes. Funny, isn't it? That common, everyday presence smelled jumes; my heart remembered *Fiats*.

It seems as though my heart will always belong to Italy. Some of my fondest memories are of that unforgettable semester in Florence. It's incredible to think that was over three years ago. And now, I keep those treasured memories close to my heart, and carry them wherever I go, and continue to explore the rest of this wonderfully crazy world.

At times I wonder where I'd be now if I had chosen different paths in my life (in all likelihood, I wouldn't be in Japan!). If I hadn't attended The College of Staten Island for four years, what would my life be like now? Not nearly as interesting. At the age of eighteen, I had no idea that an education in little ol' Staten Island would gift-wrap the world for me.

Whether or not I was always aware of it, my education at The College of Staten Island has shaped my life since that first long, tiresome wait on the registration line at the Sunnyside campus. Back in my freshman year, I was sitting in class when I was told about the opportunity to study overseas. Who knew that such a dream was actually possible to fulfill? Well, it was mine for the taking... and after a brief hesitation, I took it, and happily lost my heart to the sweet country of Italy.

And now, I'm here, twenty-three years old and in the middle of rice fields.

Why?

Well, why not?

How?

Admittedly, there have been times when I'm confused, myself, as to how I got here. I registered at The

College of Staten Island. I studied in Italy. I worked at the Center for International Service. I graduated from The College of Staten Island. I continued working for the Center...and then, in November of 1994, this thing called the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (more commonly known as JET) was introduced to me. I would be employed to teach English to Japanese students in junior and senior high schools. The ironic thing was that I had no prior teaching experience, and didn't need any in order to be accepted into the program.

At first, I doubted it was really something for me. But somehow - I can't remember how it happened - I began to seriously think about doing this strange thing: to live and work in Japan for a year.

If I hadn't been working at the Center for International Service, I don't think I ever would have considered the JET program for a minute. Japan! What an extremely foreign country it seemed to be!

But I did it. I hopped on a plane, waved good-bye to all that was familiar to me, and headed for the Land of the Rising Sun, to discover the other side of the world and meet new and intriguing people. . . while being paid a very handsome salary. Not a bad deal!

At times it wasn't so simple.

assumed I'd be in the classroom with students during most of my day. The truth is that the actual teaching time was minimal, and there were days on end when I'd sit at my desk at the board of education, an ornament to the office.

Frustration managed to set in quite often. My days in the office were mundane and unproductive. Soon I was faced with the reality that I wasn't hired by the Japanese government to only teach English. Underneath it all, it's so much more than that. It wants me, a young person from the West, to come to Japan, fall in love with it, then return home and spread the good word of how wonderful Japan is. It wants me to be an ambassador for my home country, and bring Western thoughts and ideas to Japan at the community level. Then, maybe, if the situation calls for it, I might be in the classroom once in a while. All of this done in the name of internationalization. It can all be a bit overwhelming at times, and difficult to understand. And it was at times like these when I truly comprehended how people from different cultures can have such different ideas about how one thing should be.

So, as I said, Japan challenged me and my way of thinking. It won; but I won too. Japan taught me invaluable lessons; things that can't be learned second-hand. By living here as a foreigner, I've learned tolerance from those times when the "Japanese

old woman on the street. Suddenly, everything would seem fine again; the sky was blue, and the mountains were a vibrant green. Japan was a friendly place.

Over the course of the year here I've noticed that Japan is a land of contradiction in the eyes of a westerner... its people can be immensely kind or downright rude, they'll want to hold on to traditional ways but borrow as much western culture as possible at the same time. But aren't we all like



that, to some extent?

So, do I regret spending my twenty-third year in the land of sushi and slippers? Not at all. The Asian world has become real to me. Before this venture, Japan was a completely different country in my eyes. It was the big bad wolf who was supposedly ruthlessly buying out my country. I was conscious of countries like Korea, Thailand, or Indonesia only when I'd look at the bottom of a camera or calculator, and where the names were preceded by those familiar words "Made In..." That's all changed now.

An extra, unexpected reward of my year in Japan was that I not only learned about Asian culture, but I also learned heaps about other western cultures. I've befriended other ALTs from New Zealand, England, Ireland and Wales. And it's always wonderful to discover how different and how similar we all are.

What does all this mean? I'm not entirely sure. Take it for what it's worth. One thing I am sure of is that the world is a pretty interesting place.. Every day, I'm reminded that education doesn't ever stop unless we allow it to. It continues in every minute of every day. To live is to learn, and as long as I'm living, I intend to keep learning.

Yvonne Thurman returned home from Japan in the end of July. She still keeps her ties with the Center for International Service. I spoke with her about my interest in studying in Italy (see last issue) but was concerned because I do not speak Italian. She said, "Once you are immersed into the culture, you'd be surprised how quickly you can catch on." She also said that studying abroad is an experience of a lifetime. . . something that everyone should experience.

If you are interested in studying abroad, contact The Center for International Service in Bldg. 2A Rm. 206, or call 982-2108.

## I had no idea that an education in little ol' Staten Island would gift-wrap the world for me

After studying overseas and working with study abroad students for two years, I thought I had a basic understanding of how to adapt to living in a foreign country. I thought I knew what culture shock was. Well, Japan set out to challenge me, and to prove me wrong. It did.

As for the job, I had expectations. For example, I expected to teach. With the title of "Assistant Language Teacher", naturally I

way" of doing things seemed too cryptic to understand. I've learned to be calm and strong from being faced with racism and prejudice, and from when I was stared at because I was different, a minority, not like "them".

Through all this learning, there have been times when I wanted to rip my hair out in frustration. And then there were times when, at the end of a tough day, I'd get a friendly smile and a warm "konnichiwa" from a little



# Scopin' The Soaps

**ALL MY CHILDREN:** Taylor talked about Julia's sordid past to a tabloid reporter. Pierce found Laurel at Trevor's house, and learned from her about Janet's daughter. Later, Pierce discovered that Brooke is paying Laura's hospital bills. Dimitri returned from Europe to learn of Erica's latest injury. Alec and Arlene hustled to fix the books at Enchantment when the auditors arrived a day early. Gloria grew suspicious and confronted Alec about his "goings on" with Arlene. Meanwhile, Adam asked Mateo to spy on Arlene. Coming: Gloria finds out medical secrets.

**ANOTHER WORLD:** Gary and Josie gave in to their passion after he rescued her from Buck, who had taken Josie hostage. Cass rushed Frankie to the emergency room with abdominal pains. Vicky, unable to free herself from the dungeon, weakened as her dehydration became acute. While Grant's suite was unguarded, a disguised Justine kidnapped Kirkland. Ben collapsed as he left the emergency room. Coming: Joe stays close to Paulina.

**AS THE WORLD TURNS:** Scott admitted to Samantha that he owes a bundle to loan sharks. Kirk headed home to see Sam. Orlena claimed that Lily pushed her off the cliff, which Mark helped Lily to deny. Mike had a difficult encounter with Mark when he found him in the Milltown house. Margo was on the outs with Lisa for pitting Tom and Scott against each other. Emily evaded Jef's request that she take a pregnancy test. When Carly went looking for Scott, the thugs pursuing him grabbed her. Coming: Mark and Damian have it out.

**BOLD & BEAUTIFUL:** Jessica was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes, and the doctor warned that she not be put under severe stress. Dylan, told by Stephanie to stay away from Maggie and Jessica, was taken aback when Michael said she can make him happy, and kissed him. Ridge overheard Jr. tell Eric that he wants to live with both his parents. Sally wasn't pleased to learn that all her former spies at the other design houses aren't working there anymore. Coming: Brooke feels she's at a disadvantage.

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES:** Sarah, a young girl living in Aremid, was captivated by Jack. As Bo and Billie waited for the divorce papers to be finalized, Hope decided to get back to her own life, and walked right into danger. Despite Lucas and Sami's attempts to further their own romantic ends, Victor arranged for Carrie and Austin to be paired together in competitive events at the Titan picnic. Hearing of Peter's dreams concerning Aremid, Celeste convinced him not to go through with the hypnosis Laura wanted to perform. Coming: Jack gets closer to Aremid's secret.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL:** Kevin was upset by Lucy's intention to follow

Katherine's footsteps and get into Damian's DayMart business. Sonny and Lily gave in to their mutual attraction and made love for the first time, a fact that wasn't lost on Brenda. Monica nearly walked in on Alan and Bobbie in an embrace. Mac was convinced that Maia is brainwashing the seminar participants. Luke and Laura tried to set things straight between them, giving Lucky hope that they may reconcile. Coming: Brenda hides her true feelings.

**GUIDING LIGHT:** Hawk gave Josh an earful, so that when Annie finally told him the whole truth, Josh walked out on her. Marian barely controlled "her" rage at a rape counseling session "she" attended with Lucy. Alan tried to draw Reva into a kiss. When Buzz turned up, he voiced his feelings concerning Alan to Reva. Later, Reva saw Josh's face in a vision. When the diner was held up, Frank and Nell worked together to handle the situation. Matt warned Dinah that she won't come between him and Vanessa. Coming: Reva gets closer to her true self.

**LOVING:** Alex and Buck rescued Ally and Gwyn from a carbon monoxide-filled car. Alex was not pleased when he found out that Ava had submitted his application to the Tampa police department. Tony plucked up the courage to ask Steffi on a date. Ally was about to tell Buck her situation with Danny when Buck realized that Tyler was missing. Frankie, frustrated with Charles' place in Bree's life, refused to live with him anymore. Coming: Lorraine wants to resurrect the past.

**ONE LIFE TO LIVE:** Following another argument, Blair vowed never to tell Todd about her pregnancy. Later, Todd cut Blair out of his will. Dorian's unexpected arrival oiled David's plan to seduce Kelly. Manzo caught Andy photographing the exchange of guns and money between him and Antonio. Manzo agreed to turn himself in at Andy's request, but then asked for R.J.'s help to discredit Andy. Marty tried to get through to Rachel by discussing her past abuse problem. Coming: Andy makes a risky move.

**YOUNG AND RESTLESS:** Matt, who remembered that Amy shot him, got to Drake first and ordered him to tell Paul that Amy was not around on the night in question. Danny was upset by Chris's news that she and Paul are lovers and intend to marry. Nikki continued to blame Sharon for Nick's trouble and forbade her from attending his homecoming celebration. Victor then convinced Nikki to let Nick live with him for a while. Brad proposed to Nikki, but she said this isn't the right time. Covering her own insecurity, Victoria arranged for Jeri to return as Cole's editor. Coming: Nick risks a confrontation with Matt.

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# TV HIGHLIGHTS

## Thursday, 21-Sept.-95

8:00 P.M. ABC *Charlie Grace: Pilot*. Charlie's ex-wife (Harley Jane Kozak), accused of murder, asks for his help; Leslie (Cindy Katz) hires Charlie (Mark Harmon) to find her vanished witness.

8:00 P.M. CBS *Murder, She Wrote: Nailed*. (Season premiere) After convincing the star stylist at Jessica's beauty salon to jump ship, a sneaky entrepreneur turns up dead in the hair dresser's chair.

8:00 P.M. FOX *Living Single: Grumpy Old Man*. Maxine throws Kyle a surprise birthday party.

8:00 P.M. NBC *Friends: The One With Ross' New Girlfriend*. (Season premiere) Ross returns from China with a new girlfriend (Lauren Tom); Rachel calls Paolo (Cosimo Fusco).

8:30 P.M. FOX *The Crew: P Is for Paul*. Paul (David Burke) takes a drug test for Randy (Charles Esten).

8:30 P.M. NBC *The Single Guy: Pilot*. (Premiere) A single writer's married friends serve as matchmakers; with Jonathan Silverman.

9:00 P.M. ABC *The Monroes: Triple Cross*. Kathryn (Susan Sullivan) is subpoenaed to testify; Billy and Anne (David Andrews, Lynn Clark) seek counseling; Gabriel (Tristan Tait) leaves the hospital.

9:00 P.M. CBS *Too Hot to Skate* Oksana Baiul, Nancy Kerrigan, Michelle Kwan, Viktor Petrenko, Elvis Stojko and Phillipe Candeloro perform at an exhibition in Santa Cruz, Calif.

9:00 P.M. FOX *New York Undercover: The Brotherhood*. After a pledge's murder, J.C. goes undercover in an African-American fraternity to investigate a group of campus white supremacists.

9:00 P.M. NBC *Seinfeld: The Engagement*. (Season premiere) In an effort to grow up, George proposes to former girlfriend Susan.

9:30 P.M. NBC *Caroline in the City* (Premiere) The life of a New York cartoonist (Lea Thompson) winds up in her comic strip; with Eric Lutes; Malcolm Gets; Amy Pietz; Andy Lauer.

10:00 P.M. ABC *Day One* (Series finale) The mysteries of voodoo.

10:00 P.M. NBC *ER: Welcome Back Carter*. (Season premiere) Staff members adjust to new jobs; cash-starved Ross works overtime; Hathaway confronts an alcoholic father; gunshot victim goes into premature labor.

## Friday, 22-Sept.-95

8:00 P.M. ABC *Family Matters: Little Big Guy*. (Season premiere) Urkel accidentally shrinks himself and Carl when an experiment goes awry.

8:00 P.M. CBS *Dweebs: Pilot*. (Premiere) A manager (Farrah Focke) mentors awkward computer geniuses; with Corey Feldman; Peter Scolari.

8:00 P.M. FOX *Strange Luck: Over Exposure*. Recovering his stolen camera, Chance (D.B. Sweeney) discovers photographs indicating a struggle; he becomes embroiled in a kidnapping plot.

8:00 P.M. NBC *Baseball: California Angels at Texas Rangers or Cleveland Indians at Kansas City Royals or Chicago White Sox at Minnesota Twins or Baltimore Orioles at Milwaukee Brewers or Detroit Tigers at New York Yankees or Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox or Oakland A's at Seattle Mariners*.

8:30 P.M. ABC *Boy Meets World: My Best Friend's Girl*. (Season premiere) Ignoring Cory's feelings, Shawn asks Topanga on a date.

8:30 P.M. CBS *The Bonnie Hunt Show: First Day*. (Premiere) Kind-hearted woman (Bonnie Hunt) starts a high-profile job as a Chicago television reporter.

9:00 P.M. ABC *Step by Step: Little Sister Don'tcha*. (Season premiere) Over-protective JT learns Al is going on a date to the drive-in movies.

9:00 P.M. CBS *Picket Fences: A Change of Seasons*. (Season premiere) Following Carter Pike's narrow escape from a house fire, Jill fears he tried to commit suicide; Kimberly makes a career decision.

9:00 P.M. FOX *The X-Files: The Blessing Way*. (Season premiere) Assuming Mulder is dead, the FBI strips Scully of her credentials for withholding information about the missing computer disk. (Part 2 of 3)

9:30 P.M. ABC *Hangin' With Mr. Cooper: Together Again*. (Season premiere) After losing a college coaching position, Mark tries to get his old job back.

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# WHAT IS WELLNESS?

## WHAT IS WELLNESS?

Every two weeks I submit an article for the Wellness Column. But not all of us really know what wellness is. This will be the topic of today's column.

### Wellness is...

- A decision you make to move toward optimal health.
- A way of life you design to achieve your highest potential for well-being
- A developing awareness that there is no end point, but that health and happiness are possible in each moment, here and now.
- The integration of body, mind, and soul. The appreciation that everything you do, and think, and feel, and believe has an impact on your state of health.
- The loving acceptance of yourself.

There are many benefits from a wellness lifestyle. You can increase awareness of the inter-relationship between body, mind, spirit, and environment. You will lower your risk of illness, injury, and psychological problems. You can improve your physical fitness and increase your capacity for stress management. There will be a feeling of greater satisfaction with your personal life, social life, and academic achievement. Interpersonal relationships with friends, family, and others can improve. Your self-esteem will

increase. You will experience greater personal growth and reach a higher potential.

Wellness means taking responsibility for your own health by learning how to stay healthy; by practicing good health habits and giving up harmful ones; and by responding to your body's warning signs before something serious happens. The following are some specific things you can do to start you on your way.

## There are many benefits from a wellness lifestyle

- Have a lot of friends - They are your greatest social support.
- Learn and practice skills to improve your wellness - such as stress management, time management, assertiveness, humor, nutrition and exercise.
- Participate in activities that promote wellness - Play sports, go for a walk, attend wellness programs, have fun.
- Be honest with your feelings - When you have a problem, face the problem and your feelings hon-

estly. Work on solutions.

- Seek help when needed - If you can't work through your problem alone, get help from a friend, family member, or professional, if necessary.

The Department of Student Services' Wellness Program can help you start living a life of wellness. The program is located in the Campus Center, room 112 (Health Services). This semester we have an exciting calendar of events that cover a wide variety of wellness topics.

During the next few weeks we will have programs on "Yoga and Stress Management" (Wed., 9/27; Campus Center, Green Dolphin; 2:30); "Meditation Workshop" (Thurs., 10/5; 1C-211; 10:00am); and "Stress Management and the Creative" (Wed., 10/11; Campus Center, Green Dolphin; 2:30). All programs are Personal Growth CLUES. The Health Center is having a free MMR Clinic on Thurs., 9/21, from 11am - 7pm, in 1C-111.

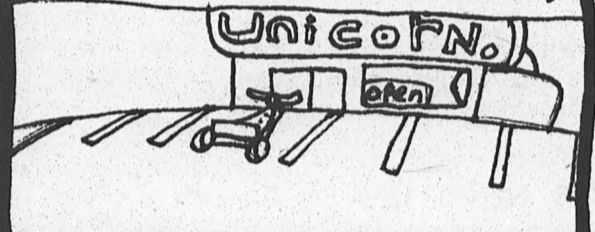
The complete calendar is available at the Campus Center Information Booth, the Wellness Program or the Peer Drop-In Center. This is another place to help you get on track with wellness, also located in 1C-112. The Center is staffed by trained Peer Educators who can give you information about wellness issues, help you on campus referrals, or just listen to what's on your mind. To find out more information on any of the above call 982-3123, or stop by 1C-112.

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Parking tips  
for everyone.  
by Ron Magnusson

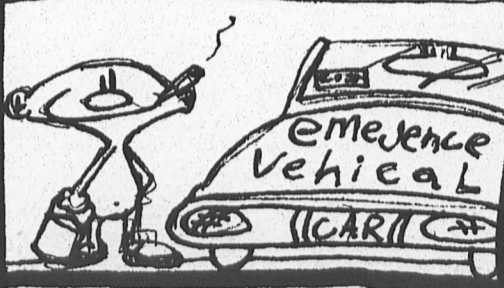
Start off by purchasing a small durable vehical. Don't get caught up in add-ons. This power Ranger Big-wheel comes standard with all you need.



Don't think you're getting a spot on campus. Park at that Diner. Their Lot is always empty. Maybe if they advertised in the Banner they wouldn't have that problem.



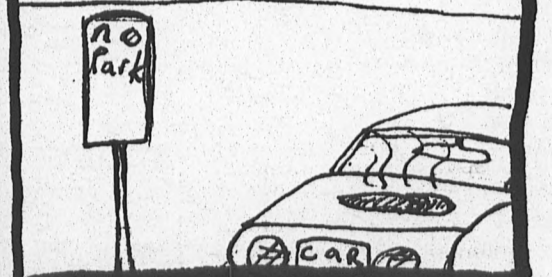
Paint this on your car. Park where you Damn Please.



The car next to you already got fined. Take their ticket. Don't feel Bad you stole their ticket. Auxilliary will come around again and replace it. You never get fined. They get fined twice.



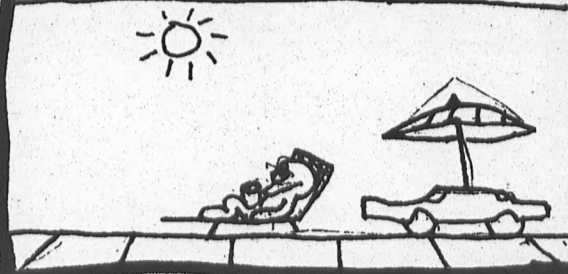
Sometimes Rodger takes a big crap on his hood on those days auxilliary doesn't go near his car.



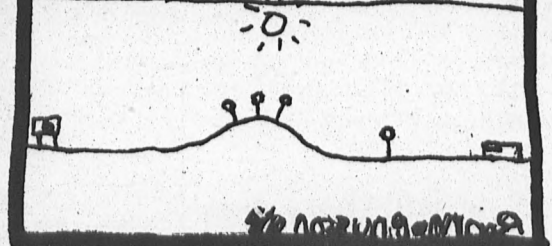
Have your Best friend saw off your Left Leg. Now you qualify for a handicapped sticker.



Beat the rush; get to school early. For the fall semester Rodger suggests arriving sometime in July



O.k. for the truly desperate we suggest, Lot 6 situated conveniently 6 miles away from class.



# Usual Suspects - Violence With a Plot

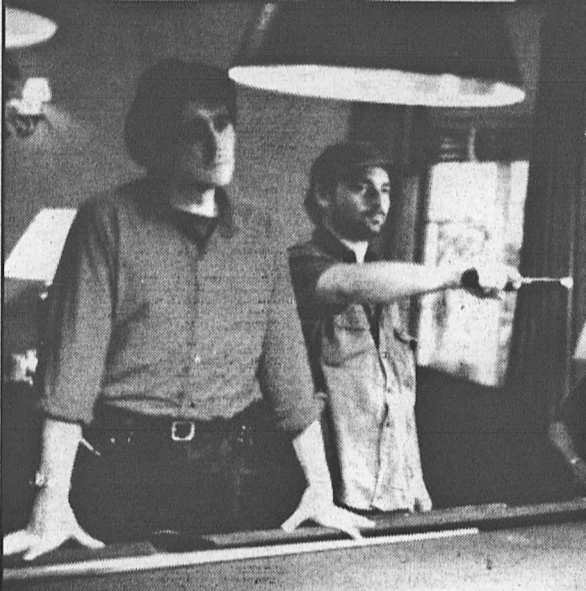
By James Scotto-Lavino

Sick, unpredictable, exciting, disturbing, violent, and beautiful are just some of the words to describe the movie, *Usual Suspects*. There are thousands of ways to describe the movie, but none can give it the praise it deserves. My only criticism of *Usual Suspects* was that it had an ending so wonderful, so climactic, and so unexpected that after the first time viewing it, the suspense is lost.

*Usual Suspects* (as you may have guessed) was a mystery/gangster movie. Five known felons are blamed for stealing a truckload of gun parts and taken into police custody. The police begin grilling each one of them to find out the culprit, but to no avail. Eventually, they are released. After meeting in prison, one of the suspects decides to bring them together for some crimes. After a few jobs, they are propositioned by Kaiser Soze (a very reputable and feared crime lord) to

find a certain boat that carried some 'undesirable' cargo and destroy it. Soze states that not all of them would live, but those that did would be able to split \$91 million among the survivors.

Filled with visually stunning ultraviolence, *Usual Suspects* creates an adrenaline rush I've only experienced watching *Natural Born Killers* and *Kiss of Death*. Beside superb acting and expert direction, the plot itself was compelling. If it hasn't become apparent yet, I definitely recommend this movie—even for the amount of money you're going to have to pay for a ticket nowadays.



**Filled with visually stunning ultraviolence**

## When the Time Is Right

As a gentle breeze blows over me, I can taste the morning dew and it is sweeter than I ever remembered. It quenches my morning thirst. I look out upon the earth, and all is still yet vibrant. All is beautiful, yet primal. All is in perfect readiness just waiting for the right moment. I look out and over the valley beneath me just waiting for the right moment. I take in all that majestic beauty just waiting for the right moment. My eyes drip and mix with the morning dew just waiting for the right moment. I see sparrows that await my arrival just waiting for the right moment. I see a rainbow just waiting for the right moment. My legs start to tremble just waiting for the right moment. My mouth moves just waiting for the right moment, and no words can be heard. My stomach turns, churns, and burns, yet I still await the right moment. The wait causes thought, and still I await the appointed time. My body aches. I await the appointed time. My mouth starts to water. I await the appointed time. I get impatient. I await the appropriate time. The sun rises, and I know that now is the appropriate time.

-Andre Woods

## The muse that is woman

By Eric N. Castillo

Her name doesn't matter  
neither do the color of her  
eyes or her hair

what she does with her  
time isn't important

I care not for who her  
father is or what her  
mother does

she is woman  
she is substance  
she is life

She laughs as  
her hair flows  
freely in the wind

and sighs  
as water slakes  
at her feet  
dipped in a stream

In anger  
her eyes are cold and hard  
reflecting what she sees

In loving moments  
her eyes are bright  
sparkling, soft and warm

With supple body  
and smooth skin  
she seduces

With beguiling expressions  
and secretive smiles  
she fascinates

Ever fleeting,  
from heart to heart  
she alights hurt  
a little more each time  
and never truly free

Ever searching,  
ever in a dream  
just out of reach of one  
who would love her

She is substance  
she is life

I know not  
the color of her hair  
nor the pigment  
of her eyes  
her name matters not ;

She is woman.

## A Boy Is Sitting Alone

by Debie Asfour

...and everywhere I turn I  
see him...I haven't spoken  
yet a word to him, but  
I feel his incompleteness.

I can see his weaknesses  
and strength by that one  
glance he gave me. There  
he goes past me once more.  
His is unsure whether or  
not to smile at me.

His eyes are the Hazel-  
Green 'Lizard' eyes I have  
been searching for. His  
hair is black and straight  
reaching wherever the wind  
takes it. His self is every-  
thing I have been longing to  
hold and care for. Whether

I am what he needs is  
unknown to me. When it  
comes to what I am to him,  
he confuses me. A mere  
fantasy brought to life?

I'll never know until my  
eagerness drives me mad-  
and then it's too late. The  
longer you wait, the harder  
the fall might be. To build

a Something that isn't there  
and start to love Someone  
you hardly know is creating  
a time bomb inside of you  
waiting to go off.

Now all I do is think about  
him. What he sounds like,  
how he loves. My curiosity  
goes on forever with  
thoughts inside my head  
of what he's like in this  
reality. I might be  
let down. I think or feel  
himself greater  
than any dream can  
promise. To love  
Someone here is harder  
than any love that is pro-  
tected in my mind. That  
can be my fear alone.

The only love I've learned to  
deal with is the one that no  
one knows about. No one  
to lead it, hurt it, or let it  
down. My dreams will fill  
the reality leaving me the  
few who will remember it,  
reminisce it, and cherish  
that boy who is standing  
alone.

# Students Brace Themselves For Rising College Costs

By Marco Buscaglia  
@ SOURCE College Press Service

(CPS) Ana Henderson, a Dartmouth College senior, was recently accepted into Harvard Law School but doesn't know if she'll be able to attend.

"I just don't see how I can afford it," says Henderson, who has already taken out \$23,000 in loans to finance her undergraduate education. "I'd have to borrow so much more money and put myself in debt for the rest of my life."

As Congress continues to debate cuts to the education budget, many of today's college students are finding themselves in situations similar to Henderson's, searching for options and answers as their educational dollars continue to shrink.

In order to achieve their goal of cutting \$10 billion from the Federal Family Education Loan Program, Republican lawmakers have proposed:

- Eliminating the in-school interest exemption, which is paid to banks for accrued loan interest while students are in school, for graduate and professional students, saving \$3.1 billion over seven years.

- Cutting out the six-month grace period after graduation for all borrowers (\$4.1 billion).

- Eliminating the loan interest rate cut scheduled to take place July 1998 (\$1.5 billion).

- Increasing the loan origination fee for students (\$1 billion).

- Reducing funding for the Pell Grant program to \$5.6 billion (\$600 million).

- Eliminating funding for Perkins Loans Capital Contributions (\$1.1 billion).

- Cutting out the State Student Incentive Grant program (SSIG), which provides matching funds for state-based financial aid (\$441 million, but the total loss to student aid could rise to \$882 million if states decline to offer funds).

- Killing numerous scholarships and fellowships, including Early Intervention, National Science and Douglas Teacher scholarships; Harris, Javits and Faculty Development fellowships and various other smaller, specialized programs.

- Eliminating the \$10-per-loan payment to each school for processing of direct student loans (\$960 million).

Although President Clinton has vowed to veto measures that would hurt education, many students aren't encouraged by the action they see on Capitol Hill.

"Any cuts to federal financial aid is a cut to the future of the American economy," says Jeannette Galanis, president of the United States Student

Association. "You can't expect to improve the living situations for U.S. citizens in the long run when you cut higher education. It doesn't make any sense."

Galanis says that if the Republican plan passes, the 6.7 million students who receive educational loans--nearly half of all current undergraduate and graduate students--will wind up paying thousands of dollars more for their education.

Already, students are feeling the pinch as federal and state grant dollars have failed to keep pace with the rising cost of tuition--which has risen 48 percent in the last five years, according to the American Council on Education (ACE). As a result, students are juggling classes and work, taking out more loans, and putting off graduate school in order to pay the bills.

A recent report by ACE reveals that 41 percent of students at community colleges are studying part-time, as are 10 percent of the students at four-year public schools and 9 percent of those at private schools. Those numbers are up from 1991, when 19 percent of community college students took classes part-time, compared with 5 percent at both public and private four-year schools.

To cope with rising educational costs, the majority of students are turning to loans as the primary source for their educational funding.

And although the student loan interest subsidy has been spared for current undergraduates, approximately 1.8 million graduate students will find themselves paying more for their education if the subsidy is scrapped.

"The financial impact of any cuts to the interest exemption could be disastrous for graduate students," says Kevin Boyer, director of the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students. "If funding for higher education continues to decrease, graduate schools will end up with only the students who have the most money."

The impacts already are obvious. Fewer seniors are opting for graduate school immediately after graduation, opting for work instead, according to the ACE report. The study states that 84 percent of all grad students are 25

years old or more. In addition, 65 percent attend school on a part-time basis.

Despite criticism by some who claim the student loan interest exemption gives students an unfair advantage over regular borrowers, Boyer says the original intent of the legislation is to provide student aid.

"The interest exemption is a lot like a grant," he says. "It's the way the government has chosen to support graduate education because the country stands to benefit from the graduates."

And while the impact of the six-month grace period from loan repayment after graduation may seem minimal, a hiatus from immediate bills can help buy new graduates some extra time while job hunting.

"It wouldn't have been a disaster but if I had to start repaying my loan right away, it definitely would have meant that I wouldn't have been able to concentrate on finding the career I went to school for," says Robert Snarski, who graduated from the University of Illinois with over \$10,000 in outstanding loans in 1991. "I would have had to worry about taking that first source of income so I could pay my bills."

If loan subsidies and the grace period are phased out, the Department of Education estimates that students entering college in the fall of 1996 with plans to earn a bachelor's degree would face a sharp increase in their educational debt. Students borrowing the maximum of \$23,000 will pay roughly 23 percent more than today's students, or \$339 a month for 10 years, compared with the current monthly payment of \$275.

Those continuing on to earn a master's degree will be hit even harder. According to the proposal, those who borrow the \$88,000 maximum while in school will owe \$167,723 upon graduation, based on a standard 10-year repayment plan of \$1,452 per month. In comparison, that same \$88,000 debt currently adds up to \$128,400, or \$1,070 per month.

Only a completed dissertation stands between Anthony Rosati and a Ph.D. in chemistry. But once the Georgetown University student completes his coursework, he faces a colossal debt of \$86,000. And while the Philadelphia native had always planned to teach at a small liberal arts college after earn-

ing his degree, he realizes that he may never see that dream come to fruition.

"I have to reconsider everything because on a professor's salary, I'd be paying back my loans on my deathbed," Rosati says. "I will probably have to take a job that I really don't want that pays more money just to survive."

Although most students borrow far less than Rosati during the course of their academic lives, his situation is hardly unique. Department of Education officials estimate that the amount loaned to students is skyrocketing. In fact, of the \$183 billion borrowed in the student loan program since its inception in 1966, more than 22 percent of that debt was borrowed in the last two years alone.

While most student borrowers view their loans as an investment in the future, there is the possibility that a student's college career won't end with a degree, considering 42 percent of entering students never graduate. And while student loans can be difficult enough to pay back for graduates, those who leave school early face even tougher odds.

"Students who fail to graduate have a much more difficult time paying off their loans," says Jamie Merisotis, who headed a recent study on the role of universities in student loan repayment for the Institute for Higher Education. "Schools need to make a direct effort to offer students more options than just loans in terms of financial assistance."

The Next Step, the Institute's report, indicates a higher college drop-out rate for those students who receive the bulk of their aid in loans, as opposed to those who receive the majority of their financial assistance in grants. The report shows that a \$1,000 increase in financial aid in the form of grants to low-income students translates to a 14 percent decrease in dropout rates. Conversely, a \$1,000 increase in loan aid means a 3 percent increase in dropout rates.

Merisotis suggests increasing federal and state grants to lower-income and minority students who have shown a vested interest in education throughout their schooling.

"Children who begin pre-school in Head Start programs are typical of the type of student you want to look out for," says Merisotis. "They should be counseled and tutored along the way to make sure that they're getting the same opportunities as the other students."

And opportunities are what education is all about, says Dartmouth's Henderson.

"Being born into a family with money shouldn't mean you get a better chance at an education than everyone else," says Henderson. "If that becomes the case, I don't think this is the kind of country I want to live in."

Already, students are feeling the pinch as federal and state grant dollars have failed to keep pace with the rising cost of tuition--which has risen 48% in the last five years

# Deion Sanders - Worth the price?

By Mike Anderson

Did you ever wonder what \$12 million up front and \$25 million for seven years can get you in the NFL today? Well, if you are Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones then you can stop wondering. He found out that you can get baseball/football player Deion Sanders. Not only Deion the football player, but also Deion the 1994 NFL Defensive Player of the Year.

All preseason long there were rumors upon rumors about where Deion was heading. Most of them were about Deion returning to the San Francisco 49ers for the following reasons:

- All along, Deion said that he wanted to play baseball and football for the same city. He currently plays for the San Francisco Giants. The closest baseball team to Dallas is the Texas Rangers, whose home stadium is in Arlington - not Dallas. Not only do the Rangers have minimal interest in Deion, but Deion has minimal interest in the Rangers, because they play in the American League and Deion wants to play in the National League.

- \* Deion had evolved some strong friendships in San Francisco. The most notable was probably his friendship with Jerry Rice. When Deion first

Position	Team w\advantage	Reason
Quarterback	San Francisco	Steve Young has better mobility.
Running Backs	Dallas	Emmitt Smith is all that. and more!
Tight Ends	EVEN	Brent Jones and Jay Novacek
Wide Receivers	San Francisco	Jerry Rice. Need I say more?
Offensive Line	Dallas	Erik Williams is back from his severe injury.
Defensive Line	Dallas	A healthy Charles Haley will wreck havoc.
Line Backers	San Francisco	More experience.
Secondary	Dallas	Deion, of course.
Special Teams	Dallas	For kickoff and punt returns just remember Deion.
Coaching	San Francisco	George Seifert's been around. Switzer hasn't.

Final Advantage: Dallas 5-4-1.

Season Result: Dallas beats San Francisco 30-20 in NFC Championship. Then Dallas whips any team from the AFC.

signed his contract for the 49ers last year, he and Jerry Rice appeared on Monday Night Football the next night. They looked and acted like the best of friends. There were many other friendships that Deion made which were dear to him.

- Deion loves the city by the bay. He enjoys the city, its people and its overall environment. If you had a choice, where else would you want to play other than the city that you are infatuated with?

So, when you have these key advantages, how do you lose Deion to playoff rival Dallas Cowboys? It isn't a tough

question. As always, Deion has the answer. Deion says, "I've never gotten paid what I feel I'm worth. Last year I went to the 49ers for a ring. I got it. That's over. Now pay me." Jerry Jones has decided that what Deion Sanders asks for is what Deion Sanders shall receive.

I guess it now looks as though the Dallas Cowboys are going to win the next seven Super Bowls. Well, not exactly. In football, if you have the best player in his respective position, it doesn't translate to an automatic Super Bowl win. The best running back, Barry Sanders, hasn't come

close; nor has the best defensive tackle, Reggie White. Football is a team sport. Unlike basketball, you just can't hand the ball to the star and expect championship victories, as the Chicago Bulls did with Michael Jordan. You can give the ball to Deion every down, and if his supporting cast is poor then championships will not be in the future.

Although both the Cowboys and 49ers are almost equal in comparison, Dallas does have the slight edge in better supporting cast. Don't think so? Look at the above chart.

## NFL Week Four

By Scott Mackie

With week four of the NFL season approaching, we are only three and a half months away from the only football game that counts this year: Dallas vs. San Francisco in the NFC Championships (the real Championships). Let's take a look at what we have on tap for Week 4. (Disclaimer: Predictions were made on the Friday before Week 3, so I disavow any matchups that could be affected by major injuries.)

**Steelers vs. Vikings:** the Vikes are a team in decline. They have an ancient quarterback, an inexperienced secondary, and a small front seven. This works out nicely for the Steelers' blitzing defense and tough rushing game. Steelers.

**Phoenix vs. Dallas:** Yes, yes, I know it's the Arizona Cardinals, but the way this team is playing, let's just try to minimize their embarrassment by localizing it to Phoenix. Without their top pass rusher (Eric Swan) and their top linebacker (Eric Hill), Dallas should be able to move the ball at will. Phoenix's offense features the has-been Kreig at QB and the never-was Mike Buck running the offense. Need I say it? - Dallas.

**49ers vs. Lions:** In their last few meetings, Detroit has been destroyed. Be ready for bed early Monday night. 49ers.

**Jets vs. Atlanta:** Games like this make me want to watch real football games. The Jets may be the worst team in the league and Atlanta has one of the worst defenses in football. Expect Atlanta in a shootout.

**Saints vs. Giants:** the Giants are in for a rough season in '95. They are the only team that

has to play both Dallas and the Niners in the same season. The Saints are rebuilding, but they're improving game by game. Saints, in a close one.

**Bears vs. Rams:** It's an amazing thing, but when the Rams moved to St. Louis they became a football team! Eric Kramer is looking better at QB and Rashaan Salaam should be effective if he doesn't fumble. Bears.

**Tampa Bay vs. Washington:** the Skins will be competitive as long as Shuler stays on the bench and Gus Ferotte stays at the helm. Shuler may start this week so look for Tampa Bay (Playoff bound?) to win by about a touchdown.

**Bengals vs. Oilers:** A classic struggle. A no offense team (Houston) versus a very weak defense. Look for an easy Bengal win.

**Jacksonville vs. Green Bay:** Jacksonville backup Mark Brunell will play against his former teammates. Look for Reggie White and Sean Jones to have a party. The Pack wins big.

**Eagles vs. Raiders:** The Eagles play in Oakland (sounds good, doesn't it?). Which Eagle QB (Randall Cunningham or Rodney Peete) will embarrass himself after the game? Can Ricky Watters shut up and play ball? Raiders. Big.

**Kansas City vs. Browns:** As long as Vinny Testaverde remembers which team he's on, the Browns should win.

**San Diego vs. Denver:** Intriguing matchup. San Diego likes lining up with its big boys and running down your throat. Denver goes aerial on Elway's arm. Very close call, very evenly matched. Look for Denver to pull out a squeaker.

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**THE DOLPHIN TANK INSIDE CSI ATHLETICS**

By Terry Small

**New Sports and Recreation  
Building  
Causing Excitement**

WILLOWBROOK—After almost two years of delay, CSI athletics, intramurals and recreation have officially moved to the Willowbrook campus and taken up residence in CSI's new state-of-the-art Sports and Recreation building. While the majority of the students, faculty and staff have not seen the inside of the building due to lingering construction delays, here are a few answers to the most commonly asked questions regarding the building:

**Q: What is exactly in the new building?**

A: The Sports and Recreation building includes: a main basketball and volleyball arena with seating for 1,400, a 25-meter, 8-lane swimming pool with diving area, an auxiliary gymnasium which can be used for numerous indoor activities, five racquetball courts, a 2000 square foot fitness center with state-of-the-art weight training and conditioning equipment, an intercollegiate training room, an issue room for storage and maintenance of equipment, two classrooms, men's and women's locker rooms, and ample office space for CSI's athletic administrators and coaching staff.

**Q: What will be the cost for CSI students?**

A: Nothing. Payment of your student activity fee will guarantee you access to the facility plus free admission to all intercollegiate sporting events.

**Q: When will the building be ready for use?**

A: This seems to be the million dollar question. While steady progress continues to be made day-by-day, nobody knows for sure when the construction will be over and the games can begin. An educated guess would be somewhere around October 23.

**FALL SPORTS UPDATE**

**Women's Volleyball**—Head coach Russ Robinson's squad opened its season at the Skyline Tournament at Kings Point, defeating NJIT, 2-1, but falling to conference rivals Manhattanville and Mount Saint Mary, both by the score of 0-2. CSI rallied three nights later and split a tri-match at Kings Point, defeating Saint Elizabeth 2-0, but falling to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, 0-2. Early standouts for CSI include Vicki Radolinski (four blocks against Kings Point), and Nadege Dasne (four aces against Kings Point). CSI announced the hiring of Denyse Simmonds as assistant to Russ Robinson for CSI volleyball. Simmonds is an alumna of CSI and a former standout player for the

Dolphins.

**Men's Soccer**—Head coach Jim Donlan's team opened up with a solid 2-0 victory at NJIT in Newark. The game originally scheduled to be played at CSI, had to be moved because of problems with the Willowbrook field and the work being done to the men's locker room in the Sports and Recreation Center. Freshman goalie Paul Rogers stopped 21 NJIT shots to record a shutout in his first collegiate game. Freshmen forwards Rich Brooks and Matt Meagher recorded their victory for only the second time in Jim Donlan's eight year coaching career at CSI. John McLean was named assistant coach for CSI soccer. McLean is a former professional player in Scotland for the prestigious Dundee United Club.

**Women's Tennis**—Although they have not taken the court for a match yet, head coach Bruce Knittle expects good things from this year's CSI women's tennis team. The Dolphins return three of their top players from last year's second-place CUNY team in Marina Kolesnick, Barbara Taut and Irene Larsen.

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September 27, 6:00 PM — First  
Home Women's Volleyball Match  
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