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# Students Arrested During Protest

**Neil Schuldiner**  
Banner Writer

On Thursday, April 2nd, five CSI students and one alumnus were arrested by police after students demonstrated the CSI Administration's refusal to allow Dr. Leonard Jeffries entrance to the college campus. Leonard Jeffries had been invited to speak at CSI by a student newspaper and several CSI clubs. When Jeffries arrived at the front gate, he was blocked entrance to the campus by CSI Public Safety officers and officers of the New York Police Department. Students became angered when they were informed that a member of the JDO who had been threatening the lives of students, was allowed access to the campus, while Jeffries, a CUNY professor was denied access. Clearly disgruntled, a group of about twenty students, alumni and community members peacefully protested the Administration's decision at the front gate of CSI which eventually resulted in several arrests. With over twenty police cars singing their sirens and over fifty police officers standing in the rear, John Hudacs, a CSI Administrator, informed students that "security concerns" was the reason Jeffries was being barred from campus. The episode left many students scratching their heads as to why a threatening member of the JDO was allowed access to the campus, while a tenured CUNY professor who was invited to campus by students, was barred access.

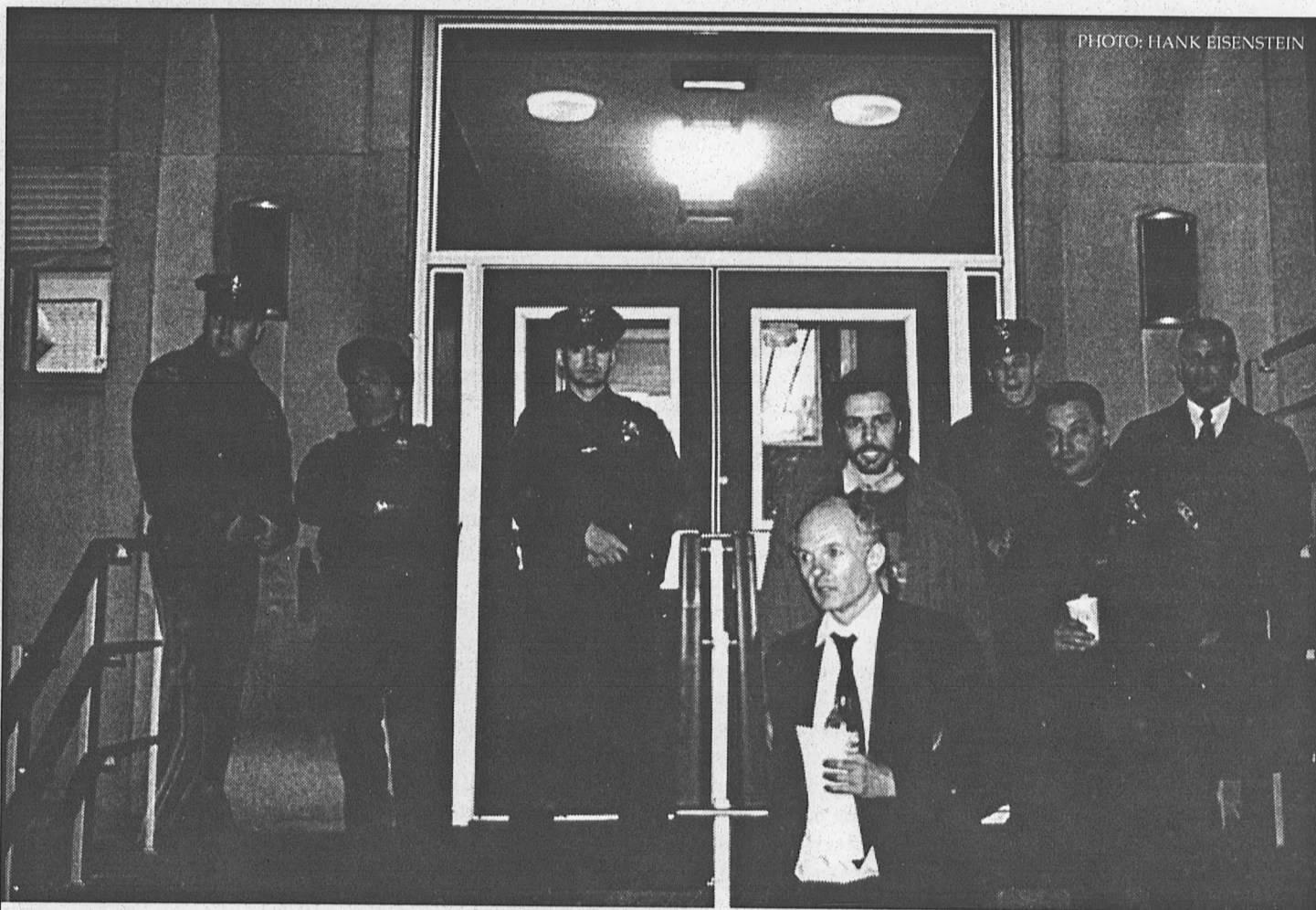


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CSI Alumnus J.P. Patafio leaves the 122<sup>nd</sup> police precinct after being arrested during the protest for Dr. Leonard Jeffries. In front of him is student government lawyer, Ron McGuire. The officers standing on the stairs are blocking the entrance to the students who showed up to support the other arrested students.

Earlier in the day, Student Government had planned a forum on the topic of Open Admissions with speakers Leonard Jeffries and Ron McGuire. However, due to the CSI Association's refusal to remunerate Ron McGuire the amount agreed upon between Student Government and Mr. McGuire, Mr. McGuire canceled his speaking engagement. In solidarity with Ron McGuire's decision not to speak at the Student Government forum, Dr. Jeffries decided not to speak at the forum as well. Immediately following the forum, *The College Voice* student newspaper and the High Society club and Fashion club, all extended invitations to both Mr. McGuire and Dr. Jeffries to speak to students on campus that evening.

Problems arose when Leonard Jeffries arrived at the front gate at approximately 8:25 pm. Rather than providing instructions to Dr. Jeffries as to how to drive to the Campus Center,

where the students were eagerly anticipating his appearance, the officers informed Dr. Jeffries that he would not be allowed onto the campus. Additionally, CSI security failed to inform either the clubs or publication who invited Dr. Jeffries that he had arrived at the front gate. Members of the Fashion and High Society clubs and *College Voice* newspaper only found out about Dr. Jeffries arrival, when a student overheard a security guard's walkie-talkie spurt out the information. Incensed that their invited guest had been barred from entrance, a group of students from the clubs and publication marched over to the front entrance of the college. Also walking to the front gate were members of Student Government, the media (NY1, the New York Times and the

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# Campus News Briefs

## CSI Students Awarded CUNY Washington Internships

Three College of Staten Island students are among the fifteen CUNY students who have been awarded prestigious CUNY Washington internships for Summer 1998. Adam Silberlight, Timothy Jenkins, and Vullnet Kolari will spend most of the summer in Washington working for a member of Congress, executive branch agency, or non-governmental organization.

Adam Silberlight will receive his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in June 1998. He plans to enter law school or John Jay College of Criminal Justice after he completes his undergraduate studies at CSI. His eventual goal is to seek federal employment as he is very interested in the U.S. Attorney's office or a government agency that deals with law enforcement and national security. He hopes to teach at a nearby college and create a criminal justice program in a school that doesn't have one. Mr. Silberlight has been active in various politically-oriented college activities such as CUNY - New York Government Internship, Richmond County District Attorney's Office and a CUNY World Affairs Internship for Parliamentarians for Global Action. His community activities have included Marine JROTC Trainer and Commander of Tottenville Ft. Dix Tour of 1995 and the American Red Cross of Greater New York. In all his endeavors, Mr. Silberlight has demonstrated excellence with regard to organizational, research, and communicative skills and a strong sense of civic obligation.

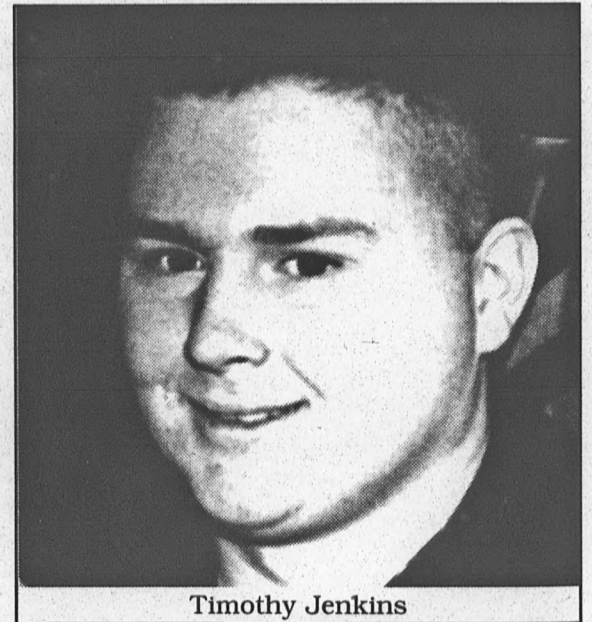
Timothy Jenkins will receive his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in June 1999 from CSI. He hopes to attend Georgetown University where he plans to pursue a joint masters' degree program in foreign service and international law. During an internship with Global Education Associates (GEA), a non-governmental organization, Mr. Jenkins had a first-hand look at the United Nations, one of the premier tools that the U.S. uses in forming and implementing foreign policy. He had the opportunity to learn about issues of concern to the UN and various plans to deal with them. He also researched a UN Conference (HABITAT II). Mr. Jenkins is a former member of the U.S. Navy, where as an air traffic control student, he learned about the military's chain of command and had the opportunity to observe the workings of the diplomatic force. Mr. Jenkins's activities at CSI include the CSI Association, the Program Development Committee and the Political Science Honor Society. Dedicated to the mission of the Program Development

Committee at CSI, Mr. Jenkins currently serves as it's chairperson. He is an outstanding leader, dedicated to providing the best possible programs to the student body.

Vullnet Kolari will receive his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/Philosophy in June 1998 from CSI. His long term goal is to become a lawyer specializing in international law. During his summer internship, Mr. Kolari hopes to learn about the steps currently being taken by the U.S. government in the area of human rights. He is interested in knowing more about permanent institutions such as the ICC (International Criminal Court) which protects the rights of individuals throughout the world. Mr. Kolari was very active in the International Student Association Club where he served as president. He is a member of the National Political Science Honor Society at CSI. Mr. Kolari is currently interning at PGA Parliamentarians for Global Action, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the UN and the DA's office on Staten Island. As someone who was born abroad, he always been concerned with international issues and problems.

Mr. Kolari is optimistic that his summer internship will not only empower him with knowledge but will also give him insight into the kind of contribution he can make, personally, for a better world.

Applicants for the CUNY Washington internships came from every CUNY senior college and were extremely impressive in their qualifications and presentations. CSI is honored to be represented by such a qualified group of students.



Timothy Jenkins

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## Governor Pataki and John F. Kennedy, Jr. Address Annual Reaching Up/Kennedy Fellows Convocation

Governor George E. Pataki and John F. Kennedy, Jr., President of Reaching Up, Inc. were featured speakers at the eighth annual Reaching Up/Kennedy Fellows Convocation on April 15. More than 100 Kennedy Fellows took part in the event held at The City University of New York Graduate School and University Center. CUNY Interim Chancellor Christoph M. Kimmich, Trustee James P. Murphy, and Graduate School President Frances Degan Horowitz provided greetings.

Governor Pataki announced a \$300,000 grant to Reaching Up to cover the specialized undergraduate courses, tuition stipends and career mentoring at SUNY and CUNY schools for the education of child care workers, a new expanded area for the program. "This is a wise investment because it's an investment in our future, our children, and in those who we entrust with their care," he said.

Reaching Up provides a \$1000 scholarship per year, and career mentoring, to direct care workers in the field of human services who are enrolled at a CUNY or SUNY school. So far, 350 men and women have received the scholarships and have committed themselves to several years of work and study to complete degrees in fields such as special education, psychology and social work.

Kennedy Fellows attend college part-time, while holding down a job. Many are also raising a family. Some 75% have graduated with bachelors or masters or have completed credited certificates or associates degrees and are employed at hundreds of public and private agencies and schools throughout New York. They are steadily making their way up the career ladder.

Reaching Up has also collaborated with 11 CUNY and SUNY schools to establish the Consortium of the Study of Disabilities, to develop credited, job-related courses and certificate programs that can lead to undergraduate degrees, providing additional education opportunities for direct care workers. Each year about 1,000 workers employed as teachers aides, child care workers, group residence workers, nurse aides, home health workers, mental health aides and youth counselors enroll in more than 60 new courses that have been created. Over 600 have completed credited certificates in disability studies, home care, and psychiatric rehabilitation.

Founded in 1989 by John F. Kennedy, Jr., Reaching Up's goal is to improve the quality of services to New Yorkers by educating direct care workers and facilitating changes to create career paths for qualified staff. The majority of the several hundred thousand such workers state-wide are women, immigrants, minorities, single parents and former welfare recipients. This sector of the workforce has otherwise been characterized by low wages, minimal training, high turnover and few career opportunities.

The U.S. Congress has authorized funding for five national projects based on the Reaching Up model as part of the Individuals and the Rehabilitation Act.

## CUNY Trustees Appoint Angelo B. Proto Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services

The Board of Trustees of The City University of New York has named Angelo B. Proto, a distinguished university administrator for more than three decades, Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services.

"I was very pleased to recommend his designation to the Board. This is an important position, and he brings to it a long-standing record of dedication to all of the CUNY colleges and a unique blend of administrative talent and energy. Issues pertaining to student affairs and all aspects of enrollment services - particularly retention - are among our top priorities at [CUNY]," said Interim Chancellor Christoph M. Kimmich.

As University Dean for Student Services since 1978, Mr. Proto's responsibilities have included the administration of CUNY's offices of Admissions, Financial Aid, Veterans' Affairs, University Application Processing Center, and Student Services. Added to his portfolio is Student Affairs, with responsibility for athletics, child care, disabled student services, and the University Student Senate.

Among his many accomplishments during that time are: the implementation of a centralized financial aid and admissions system for all students applying to one of the undergraduate colleges; the development of the program of admissions, recruitment, and enrollment; the creation of the On-The-Spot Admission Program and the Adopt-a-School Program and implementation of the College Preparatory Initiative with the New York City Public High Schools.

## CUNY Trustees Name Prominent Educator Delores M. Fernandez Acting President of Hostos Community College

Dr. Delores M. Fernandez, a nationally recognized expert in bilingual education, teacher, and curriculum development was named Acting President of Hostos Community College, effective March 1, 1998 by The City University of New York Board of Trustees at its February 23rd meeting.

Professor of Curriculum and Teaching at Hunter College/CUNY since 1990, Dr. Fernandez is a former Deputy Chancellor for Instruction and Development of the New York City Board of Education, as well as former Deputy Director for Program Services and former Director of Education for the New York State Division for Youth.

Her research in teacher education - a project titled "Pathways to Teaching," a program designed to increase the number of certified teachers in low-achieving schools in New York City - has been supported by a million dollars in grants from the DeWitt-Wallace Foundation and the Reader's Digest Foundation since 1991. She has chaired the New York State Task Force for Low Achieving Schools for the past five years.

Dr. Fernandez earned her Ph.D. in Language and Cognition, and a professional Diploma in Reading from Hofstra University. She graduated cum laude from Nassau Community College, earned a B.S. in Education from SUNY-Old Westbury, and a Master's in Education as well as a professional Diploma in Educational Administration from Long Island University-C.W. Post College. Among her academic honors were Title VII Fellowships for both her Masters and Ph.D study. She previously taught in the Curriculum and Teaching Departments of LIU-C.W.Post and SUNY-Old Westbury.

Hunter College was a partner in the U.S. Department of Education-supported Northeast and Regional Education Laboratory with Brown University. Dr. Fernandez co-directed the Hunter College Consortium Site, which received a grant for over \$450,000 from 1995-97.

Among her recent invited papers and presentations were the "Bilingual Education: Student Achievement and Instruction Practices," and "Bottom-Up Reform With Schools As We Find Them" before annual conference of the American Educational Association; "Urban Teacher Preparation: Redesigning Programs to Meet State Needs," for the New York Association of Colleges of Teacher Education; and "Educational Reform and Bilingual Education: Lessons From the Front Line."

Among other outstanding initiatives that he helped plan and develop were the University's Immunization Program, Wellness Program, the Job Locator and Development Program, the Counseling Assistantship Program, as well as the CUNY Big Apple Job Fair. He supervises the University's Citizenship and Naturalization Project, as well as a New York City Board of Education project with CUNY to computerize pupil personnel services for the public high schools.

Interim Vice Chancellor Proto has represented CUNY in numerous capacities, including as a member of the Governor's Task Force on the Tuition Assistance Program, the Board of Trustees of the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation, the NYSHESC Committee on Fiscal Affairs and Audit Control, the College Board and the New York State Education Department Committee on Educational Opportunities Programs.

Interim Vice Chancellor Proto joined CUNY in 1970 as Director of Admissions at Baruch College. In 1972, he was named Associate Director of University Admission Services, and University Director of Admissions three years later. He had earlier served as an administrator at Cooper Union and Adelphi University. A graduate of Pratt Institute, with a B.S. in Management, he earned an M.B.A. from Adelphi University Graduate School of Business. A resident of West Hempstead, N.Y., he is married to Mary Johansen and is a father of four.



# Civil War In Student Government

**Wayne Peacock**  
Banner Staff Writer

In an altercation that occurred on campus, SG President William Wharton, SG Club Commissioner Morgan Healy, two security guards, Club Council coordinator Joanne Gallo, Wharton's lawyer, Ron McGuire, a night time secretary, and a few other people were crammed into a little room pushing and yelling at each other or trying to stop the pushing and the yelling. No real blows were thrown and the incident was supposedly put behind them.

Both sides gave strikingly different versions of what happened. It would seem, that in the room that day, under the shuffling feet, the screaming and the pushing, the truth of what really happened was getting trampled and kicked aside. When the proverbial dust cleared it was his (Wharton's) word against theirs (Healy's and Gallo's). It's not likely that either side told the complete truth. Gotta love the smell of politics in the morning.

HE SAID: Wharton said "this is a non-issue; I don't have much to say about it."

He was very well spoken, with the slick ability to speak well prepared sounding statements, off the top of his head. Dealing out adjectives and SAT words O'plenty, his 'Official comment' was "When people [Healy and Gallo] loose the ability to deal with philosophy they turn to violence. That's what played itself out. The Right-wing students were unable to articulate how they felt."

Wharton then meandered his way through more specific reasons why two grown men re-lived their Jr. high, school yard, glory days on a college campus.

THE LAWSUIT: An already sensitive issue around the campus, considering that Wharton's lawyer, Ron McGuire, is Leonard Jeffrey's agent and the lawsuit is against CSI Association.

The lawsuit came about when the results of the first election were null and voided because The College Voice, run by Wharton, backed 'certain' candidates in print. Wharton, who won the first election, spearheaded the lawsuit and in the second election, won.

Wharton's lawyer (McGuire) is now using CSI personnel, who are paid with student activity fees, to pursue this lawsuit.

Healy and Gallo feel that this is inappropriate and that Wharton is damaging the clubs of CSI by taking these much-needed workers away from the students who pay them.

Wharton, however, doesn't think this is inappropriate. He says, "I'm involved in a lawsuit against the CSI Association. The lawsuit was approved by

the Student Government (SG) in a public meeting (The vote was 4 for, 3 against and 4 abstained). As a result of that endorsement, the resources of the SG are then used. It was absolutely appropriate."

Wharton then said that "Stealing, however, is not"

Stealing what? "There were documents that were being reproduced in response to a discovery request by the college. If I didn't deliver those documents, I would have gone to jail for being in contempt of court. So, clearly it was an attack, directly against me to put me in jail and keep me away from the campus as much as possible. These documents were returned, but to a defendant in the same case. Again, you see what the interests of these so-called students are. They want to put me in jail and give the defendants, also known as the Administration, access to information in the lawsuit. So when the question comes up of who's defending student rights, I ask that people keep this in mind. There are students who are trying to sabotage efforts to enhance the ability of students to spend their own money. These people should be seen as enemies of the school"

THEY SAID: Joanne Gallo said that "Morgan had gotten upset because I was threatened and physically surrounded by Billy and his communist revolutionary friends. Most of them are not students. He came directly into my face and screamed at me to give the documents back."

When asked if she took the documents she said, "Morgan is the club commissioner and I am the club council coordinator for sixty clubs at CSI. We both work for these clubs and to do that properly we need the staff that's paid for with student activity fees. We've been doing everything, and we're still not getting our work done. We need staff. That night (when the confrontation occurred) we found out that a very important mailer did not go out. When I asked the night time secretary why, he said, 'I have to do Ron's work'. Even if there's some clause that says they could help him, it doesn't mean that they drop all of the responsibilities that they were hired to do. They were working around the clock for Ron. I just got crazy when I heard, again, that they're working for Ron, and I grabbed the stack of papers in front of him and took them and said 'now you're not'. I never looked at them or took them off campus, they sat in another office. It wasn't that I cared what's in them it's that I wanted the club work to get done. When I told Morgan what happened he went up to ask Billy why."

**"I was part of this lawsuit until I learned that we were suing students, then I backed off" - Morgan Healy**

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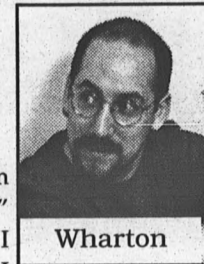
Morgan said that, "I'm not right-wing. I'm a socialist." Healy continued by explaining, "I was part of this lawsuit until I

learned that we were suing students, then I backed off. So did a lot of other people. I think the fact that people took their name off the lawsuit shows the truth. My opinion is that the Student Government is there for the students. Now they're suing and discrediting students and taking away the staff that runs their clubs."

Healy went on to describe and corroborate Gallo's description of the misuse of the club staff. He said that "Billy said to the secretaries that 'you work for me. I sign your checks.' There was so much stuff that me and Joanne had to put up with in order to do our jobs. But when she told me that she was threatened by Billy, I snapped. So I went up stairs with all intentions of giving him a piece of his own medicine. He went into her face, and screamed and he makes that comment that we turn to violence. He's the one who started the violence by having his friends surround and harass Joanne."

Healy's description of the situation was that he and Wharton were yelling in each others' faces and it was broken-up by a friend of his, Tim Jenkins (who backed every detail of Healy's account). Wharton then screamed at Jenkins to 'get his hands off him' and then shoved him. Thereby starting another almost-fight.

Wharton says that he removed Jenkins' hand when he wouldn't do it.



Wharton



Healy

Healy went on to describe Wharton's reaction to

security's inquiry as babyish. "He just kept repeating over and over again 'I want my lawyer, I want my lawyer, I want my lawyer.' He refused to give a statement. When his own lawyer did get there, he became fed up with him and ended up dragging him out like a rag doll."

Healy expressed displeasure at what Wharton was doing with the staff and what he's doing to the school. "I've been in this school for four years and I've never seen this kind of racial tension that he started by bringing Jeffries. Wharton thinks this is good. He thinks the school needs this. He's said this. He's going behind our [Morgan and Gallo's] backs and calling us racists. Which is funny because I've heard some of the most disgusting racial remarks come out of his [Wharton's] and his friend's mouths. Billy says he wants to protect students and yet he's vindictively hurting them. I know students that can't get into law school because he named them as defendants in the lawsuit. Not to mention the fact that the money Billy got the SG to pay Jeffries was given back to Billy to help with his legal fees."

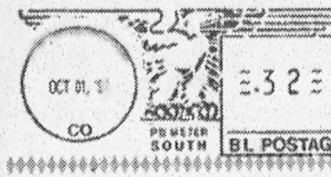
In closing Healy said that he "Doesn't have a personal agenda, but in the best interests of the students, Wharton needs to be taken out of a position of power."

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# BANNER Letters



## In response to The Banner's article, "Sexual Do's and Don'ts" (Volume V, Issue XI),

One problem: The first and most prominent complaint of women is that "men want sex too much!"

Answer: As the women say later in the article, no two people are the same. Just like women, men want to fulfill their partner's needs as well. If a woman feels cheap, because her partner wants to have sex with her more often than she does, then she has low self-esteem. As long as men keep the rest of the relationship together (i.e. taking her out, good laughs, allowing freedoms for friends and family etc., and vice-versa) then wanting to have sex, and being constantly attracted to her, is actually a complement.

As for the women (in the article)—Number Eight, don't flatter yourself. You're the problem, because if your partners can't keep up with you, then you lack the communication skills to keep them with you. Don't be afraid to tell your partner how you want it done, and don't be intimidated by someone telling you how he likes it. "That is the only way it gets better."

The constant wanting of sex shouldn't cheapen the experience, but it should make it more interesting—that is, if the women aren't afraid to experiment. When you experiment during sex, it should keep things fun—just like everything else.

Jason

## Writer's response,

I was tickled pink that someone sat down and wrote such a well-written and well-thought-out letter, because of something that I wrote. It completely justified the two-and-a-half hours it took me to type it with three fingers. (I have all ten, but I just can't use them all to type.) Although, they made me type your entire letter, so maybe it doesn't justify it. Anyway, you brought up a lot of good points, and I hope that a woman does the same thing for the follow-up article dealing with the men. I whole-heartedly encourage anyone with thoughts or comments about either of the articles to write in and voice them. Also, if anybody has ideas for future articles in this series, please send them in, too. (Remember, this series is not about sex specifically, it's about the interrelations of men and women. Although, if you can't think of anything but sex, just send it in.)

Jason, thanks for the letter.

Until next time, stay naked,

-Peacock or via e-mail:  
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Dear Banner,

I am very upset that my article, "Parking What a Nightmare", had curse words in it. I never wrote curse words into my article. I would like a full-written apology from whomever was responsible for this error, and/or my article reprinted the way it was written without the curse words. I used the word "beep" to suggest that I had said a curse but someone changed these beeps to the real curse words and I am very upset over it. This article makes me seem like a foul-mouthed person, which I do not portray in my articles.

Sincerely,  
Marvin Ostrega

Editor's response,

In editing this article, I found the word "beep" in place of an expletive in five or six instances. This struck me as a little odd. Perhaps I assumed the reporter was unaware of The Banner's policies on censorship or obscenity—certainly the attitudes toward conceivably offensive language change with each application. Or perhaps I thought another editor changed the language used, and left to me to make any necessary final corrections. In any event, the words were changed because I saw fit to change them, unaware that one person's "fuck" is another person's "beep."

Only a page before the article in question, there was a report on Internet censorship—replete with every kind of obscenity, highlighted and colored to stand out from the bland, black print. To have left one article as a reference point for curse words and the next beeping here and there would have confused any reader. But this is neither the fault of the beeping reporter nor one harried editor, and I do express my apologies for the miscommunication between reporter and editor.

Censorship is a serious issue. As a writer and author, I personally understand that any small amount of editing can change a point or redirect the entire work altogether. I have no intention to alter any person's views as their article comes to me. I only hope to correct what little change is usually necessary, thus honing it down to a fine, concise piece of written work.

On a lighter note, semantically speaking: who curses in their thoughts, only to hear a "beep"? Or is it that some people simply have sanitized their thoughts altogether and have no knowledge of obscenity whatsoever? I've never said "motherbeeper" in my life. I'm not detracting the reporter's valid complaint of changing his words, but cursing and not cursing at the same time with a strange, even juvenile system of speech is not 'clean' language, but self-censorship in action.

Jeremy Condit  
Features Editor

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## CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER

Staten Island Advance) and Ron McGuire.

Arriving at the front gate of the college and witnessing Dr. Jeffries sitting in his car, students asked the security guards why Dr. Jeffries was being denied access to the college. According to Jeff McGraham, a student representative to the College Council, "Mr. Gene Martinez, the head of CSI security said we [the students] should wait five minutes and then we will decide if we're [Administration] going to let Jeffries in." After waiting fifteen minutes, students became agitated and began chanting, "Let him in. let him in." After Gene Martinez ignored students queries about what the holdup was, students began peacefully walking in a circle and blocked the outgoing traffic at the main gate. Police then began diverting outgoing traffic to the Forest Hills exit of the college.

John Hudacs, CSI Vice President for Finance and Administration, who was at the front gate, then informed students that the Administration had reached the decision that Leonard Jeffries would not be granted campus access and warned students to cease blocking traffic. Refusing to adhere to the Administration's decree, students, alumni and community members continued their peaceful demonstration.

Police Officers from the NYPD then began rushing the crowd of protesters and according to witnesses selectively arrested only Black protesters. "The police officers kindly said 'excuse me' and arrested a Black student standing next to me," said one white student protester. "The police told us that we needed to move and that we can't be doing this and then they [the police] started using a strategy which they often use - picking out certain people, in this case the Black students. Some of us white students were still blocking the cars in the street but they passed right by us and went straight for the Black students," said another white protesting student. One Black female student was assaulted by five police officers while another male Black student was tackled to the ground by five police officers. The Black female was constantly referred to by the police as "the body." Both John Hudacs and Gene Martinez stood like statues doing nothing as students were handcuffed and placed in a police van. The sole white student to be arrested was a CSI alumni who had attempted to prevent a white police officer from using excess force on a Black female student. With several students crying in the streets and several more police cars racing to the campus, three students and one alumni were charged with disorderly conduct while two students were charged with resisting arrest.

According to inside sources, Gene Martinez had recommended to the college Administration that Jeffries be granted access to the campus on the grounds that with fifty police officers, security was adequate. He also allegedly argued that if Jeffries was not granted access, that students would more than likely be arrested. Gene Martinez would not return phone calls to the Banner to confirm. Apparently ignoring Gene Martinez' recommendation, CSI President Marlene Springer gave John Hudacs the authority (via phone) not to let Jeffries onto the campus. President Springer made the decision with the full knowledge that students would be arrested

should Jeffries not be allowed entrance to the campus.

With more and more police vehicles and officers filing onto campus, John Hudacs stated, "We've asked for cooperation from the parties to work with us so that we can have an environment where we can have a discourse and a dialogue and we've made all sorts of arrangements for us to do that and now we can no longer guarantee that type of safety." Ron McGuire, Jeffries' co-speaker responded to Hudacs with, "It is disgraceful that I as a white man can walk onto this campus at the invitation of the College Voice, at the invitation of the Fashion Club, at the invitation of the High Society club and a Black professor who speaks to classes everyday at City College cannot go onto campus. Now we have here officers from the High Society Club, officers from the College Voice student newspaper and officers from the Fashion Club, who have invited

me and Dr. Leonard Jeffries to speak to their clubs at a meeting at the Campus Center. I have been at that meeting for several hours now, I have been there in plain view of campus security. It is disgraceful that at the College of Staten Island, you will not let a Black professor come onto this campus as a free man and it is disgraceful that you say that you cannot provide security when you have just arrested without cause five students who were doing nothing more than demanding their right to invite someone onto a tax-supported campus."

Following the arrests, Ron McGuire immediately volunteered to act as legal council to the arrested students and alumni on a pro-Bonn basis. The remaining protesters as well as several other students who had arrived just as students were being arrested, all traveled down to the 122nd precinct to demand the release of the students. After several hours all the students were released.

Immediately following the arrests, Carol Jackson (Vice President of Student Affairs), Mike Daniels (CSI Administrator) and Marilla Affron (Vice President of Academic Affairs) all had no comment and refused to speak with the Banner. CSI President Marlene Springer put out a statement the following Monday which read, "... I could not, given the [security] circumstances, allow Dr. Jeffries access to the campus."

Later that night, at the police precinct, one of the arrested female students stated, "I didn't feel I was doing anything wrong. I thought they [Administration] were obstructing justice by not letting him [Jeffries] in because he was invited and he was scheduled to speak. Even though he didn't speak as a tenured CUNY professor he still had the right to come on campus. They knew he going to come onto campus. So I saw no sense in them detaining him at the entrance, especially when

they were looking to do so because we noticed they were checking cars, so they knew he was coming. One of the excuses I had heard was that they were looking to find a room [for him to speak]. But they knew he was coming so they could have found a room in the interim."

The CSI alumni who was arrested commented, "I don't feel there was a need for me to be arrested. I think the Administration was suppressing students' rights to have speakers on campus and I was there just to show my support for the students."

Student reaction for the six who were arrested, has been very supportive. A member of the High Society club asserted, "There was no reason why these students had to be arrested. If the JDO can come onto this campus and say bigoted things about Dr.

Understand that the week before, Mordechai Levy from the JDO was given free access to this campus to spread hate literature anytime he wanted. As a matter of fact, he got a security escort around campus to do so. There was enough security to take care of Mordechai Levy but not enough to let Dr. Jeffries onto campus. This is all about Leonard Jeffries coming to campus and being allowed access to the campus and all about whether or not students get to make that decision or whether it is made for them. If anybody in the Administration is hypocritical enough to say that there was not enough security, take a look at the footage of NY1 [cable news channel] as four cops grabbed one student and pulled them away into a van. Why does Mordechai Levy get to come on campus when he feels like it and why does Leonard Jeffries need a 6-9pm time slot to come on campus? I think it's symptomatic of the race problems that exist on campus. I think that the fact that a CUNY professor who was invited by students, who happens to be Black, was detained from coming onto campus, really shows the racist nature of the CSI Administration."

One of the most controversial aspects of the students being arrested is that of the presence of the New York Police Department. According to CUNY guidelines, whenever a college president believes a campus protest situation warrants law enforcement intervention, the president must advise the CUNY Chancellor and inform the

President of the Student Government. When asked if CSI President Springer informed him of the presence of the NYPD, William Wharton, Student Government President stated, "Who called the cops onto campus? It wasn't the students that did that. Was it the students, was it the Student Government that did that? No, it was the Administration that did that. President Springer never informed me that the NYPD would be on campus." When asked who is responsible for the arrests one member of High Society asserted, "Whoever invited the police onto campus are responsible for having the students arrested."

Since the time of the arrests, the six individuals who were arrested have been dubbed by students as the "CSI Six." The group has drawn up a list of demands which have been presented to the CSI Administration. The demands include: amnesty for the CSI Six including a written guarantee by Administration that no campus disciplinary action will be taken against them and that all charges against the CSI Six be dropped; a written apology to the community written by CSI President Marlene Springer apologizing for bringing the NYPD onto campus and for barring Dr. Jeffries from campus; an affirmation by CSI President Springer that she failed to properly follow CUNY protocol for requesting a police presence on campus; and full execution of contracts presented to the CSI Association by student groups for services to be rendered by Dr. Jeffries and Ron McGuire. As of press time, the Administration has failed to respond to any of the demands of the CSI Six. In the meantime, Professor Leonard Jeffries, Ronald McGuire and Brother James Smalls have been invited to speak at the college on April 22nd by a coalition of student groups.



Students stand outside the 122nd waiting for their fellow students to be released

Jeffries and about Ron McGuire and about us as officers [of High Society] and about decisions that we made here, then Dr. Jeffries should be afforded the same right to free speech. These students had no right to be arrested. Even the arresting tactics were unnecessary. The way they wrestled a girl to the ground, she had to have weighed maybe 130 pounds. There was no reason for five officers to pile drive her into the ground. And no one read her her rights while she was being cuffed."

Another student stated, "If the JDO protested Leonard Jeffries being here at the time of the speech. Granted, people are going to protest for whatever reason. Why weren't the protesters at the front gate allowed to peacefully protest the Administration barring Jeffries from entering the campus? If your going to let one group of people protest, then you should let other groups of people protest."

"I think they used excessive force on the females. Even on the males, just to take down one male you don't need five men. And for a female you damn sure don't need four males to take down a female," said another officer from High Society

Kwan Burton, President of the High Society club stated, "They tried to say there wasn't enough protection for Leonard Jeffries when in actuality there was over twenty cop cars there, there was over fifty police officers. I don't know what type of security is needed for one man, but I think they had ample amounts of security there. Students felt they needed to demonstrate to prove a point that the CUNY students will stand up for what they believe in."

CSI Student Government President William Wharton stated, "Students who got arrested should be commended for their bravery and courage for standing up for their rights which were clearly being violated.



# The Wellness Column

## Physical and mental wellness

**Kelly Biesty**  
Peer Educator

During the college years, most students do not take care of themselves the way they should. They don't get enough exercise or sleep, and they don't eat the right foods. They often don't have time to just rest and unwind from a busy schedule. College students today are under an enormous amount of pressure. Between classes, work, family responsibilities and extra-curricular activities, it is understandable how "wellness" is the last thing on many students' minds. Usually everyone considers themselves well, unless they come down with an illness. However, being healthy and having your body in top condition requires more than just keeping yourself from getting sick. Total Wellness should be everyone's concern. When combined, its five areas will not only keep you from getting sick, they will increase your quality of life when you are well. The five areas of Total Wellness are: physical, mental, spiritual, emotional and social. I will begin the article by addressing the first two points. Part Two will explore the remaining areas.

Physical wellness can be achieved by a variety of ways, one not more important than the other. Getting enough rest and exercise, eating a healthy diet and avoiding dangerous habits and situations can add years to your life. Your exercise program should include low-impact aerobic workouts such as walking, swimming or riding a bike. Strength training and flexibility exercises such as lifting weights and stretching are also an important aspect of your exercise routine. Following this routine three to five times a week will help you fight disease and fatigue and will also help keep your weight down.

Most people require between seven to ten hours of sleep a day. The actual amount is up to the individual. Your body will tell you how much it needs... Listen to it! Your diet should include plenty of fruits and vegetables. It should be low in salts, sugars and fats. Remember—you are what you eat. Following the diet and exercise recommendations will help keep your body fat percentage low. This percentage is more of an accurate indicator of how healthy you are than a scale. Females should have body fat between 23 - 30%. Males' percentage should be between 16 - 25%.

Some of the easiest ways to keep yourself healthy are totally up to you. Avoiding alcohol and tobacco greatly improves your chances of leading a healthy life, because these two products alone account for over one million deaths per year. Going for regular check-ups and following your doctor's recommendations can prevent serious illnesses from occurring. Other life threatening situations can easily be prevented by wearing seat belts, avoiding drunk driving situations and practicing safe sex. Mental health is just as important as physical health, because the two go hand in hand. Stress can cause serious physical problems such as ulcers, migraines and high blood pressure. Relaxation techniques such as meditation or yoga can be very beneficial. It is also important to remember that we are all only human and can't be expected to do everything perfectly. It is O.K. to say 'no' once in a while.

Having time alone to relax and daydream is very important for our mental well-being. It helps us to think of who we are as individuals and what roads we can take to achieve our goals. Pain too is a part of life, but sometimes people feel that it shows weakness if they need to talk about what is bothering them. Knowing when life's stressors and problems are too much to deal with and asking for help is a sign of strength, not weakness.

It is important to maintain a healthy balance in our lives. With care of our body and minds, we may find peace and happiness. There is more information on this and other wellness issues in the Peer Drop-In Center, located in 1C-112F. A trained peer educator, who is also a student, is on hand to listen to whatever is on your mind. It's free and confidential, so stop by.

### Financial Aid Difficulties?

**The financial aid student service center is open in 2A-407, so that students can file for financial aid over the internet: It is open M-F 9am-5pm, appointments are recommended- 982-2601**

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**Loan seminars-tue 10am, wed 2pm, thurs 6:30pm**

**Financial Aid seminars: tue 11am, wed 3pm, thurs 5:30pm**

**For your convenience, if you must drop off something at the financial aid office-there is a drop off mailbox to the left of the window**

## Spiritual, Emotional & Social wellness

**Samantha Zuckermann**  
Peer Educator

When most people think of the word wellness, usually only the physical aspects are brought to mind--eating right, exercising, and avoiding destructive habits such as drinking excessively or smoking. Another common view about wellness is the mental aspect, learning how to deal with stress and recognizing and striving to meet one's personal needs. This section of the article deals with the less thought about, but just as important, aspects of total wellness: the spiritual, emotional, and social characteristics.

To achieve spiritual wellness you don't have to run out and buy crystals or attend a seance. All it really means is to think about your purpose in life-- to give your life meaning. It's not as hard as it sounds. Everyone has distinct talents, abilities, interests and values that combine to make his or her individual contribution unique. Anything that holds meaning for you or excites and gratifies you could be your purpose. Participating in activities that go against your true values and beliefs can cause feelings of guilt and inner conflict which are damaging to spiritual well-being. Values that are important to most people are honesty, fairness, respect, kindness, equality, reliability, and self-control. Examine your values and focus on how you want to live your life. Identify and correct the things which are in conflict with your inner beliefs. Focus on your strengths and acknowledge your weaknesses. Remember that no one is perfect. Forgive yourself for the mistakes you have made and have the confidence to change what you don't like.

Emotional wellness has to do with understanding and knowing your feelings, expressing your feelings appropriately while maintaining a sense of well-being even in bad times. Feelings just happen, whether it's anger, happiness, jealousy, loneliness, excitement, or fear, you can't help the way you feel in certain situations. Some feelings may be unwanted or unexpected but it is never wrong to feel them. Though emotions are uncontrollable, the way in which you react to them is not. Acting out emotions, without first examining why you feel that way, can often be hurtful to others, irresponsible and childish. Anger and jealousy can often lead to violence. Love should not infringe upon the person of your desire.

You should always be truthful and direct with your feelings, but in a non-threatening way. Say what you mean, but know when to keep your emotions in check. Remember that life will always have its good and bad days. You can still have a good attitude even when problems arise and things don't work out as you planned. You have to learn to accept what you can't change and change what you can. When bad things happen: if you lose your job, get in a fight with someone you care about, or fail a test, this does not mean that you are a horrible person, even though it may feel like it at the time. Know that things will eventually work out, a positive attitude can make a big difference.

Having a good sense of social wellness means being able to develop close relationships with others, act assertively, and having good interactions with people. Having a few really close friends is more satisfying than having a large group of casual acquaintances whom you can't really depend on or trust. A real friend is someone who will accept you for who you are and not try to change you to suit themselves. Close friendships take a long time to develop. They grow from shared experiences, both good and bad. You have to be willing to give as well as receive to achieve a bond with someone which is held together by trust, commitment, and loyalty. Acting assertively is the best way to gain respect and cooperation from others. It's not being bossy and dominating, which is rude, but clearly and effectively expressing yourself in a courteous and firm way. Assertiveness means doing what you want to do and letting your ideas and feelings be known without forcing them on others.

We all come in contact with dozens of people in our daily lives. Some of these interactions are pleasant, some are not. Regard each experience as an opportunity to grow--even if the person is difficult. Respect and tolerate individual differences, life is full of them. With a tolerant attitude, diversity can broaden our knowledge and understanding of each other.

Total Wellness is our physical, spiritual and mental health. If you would like to learn more about this and other wellness and health issues, come to:

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## APRIL EVENTS

### CENTER FOR THE ARTS

For further information on any of the events, please call (718)-982-ARTS

\*Saturday, April 18, 1998. 8pm. Concert Hall.

R&B legend Roberta Flack performs her favorite classics and songs from her current CD "Roberta." Tickets: \$30.00.

\*Friday, April 24, 1998. 8pm. Williamson Theater.

Jennifer Muller/THE WORKS perform works from their repertory and sneak previews of their Joyce Theater Season. Tickets: \$20.00.

\$15.00 Students/Seniors.

\*Friday, April 24, and Saturday, April 25 at 8pm.

Sunday, April 26, at 3pm. Lab Theater.

Elegies for angels, punks and raging queens. Book and lyrics by Bill Russell (Side Show), music by Janet Hood. Meet the author for a post-play discussion on Sunday. Tickets: \$10.00, \$8.00 Students/Seniors.

### PERFORMING & CREATIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT

\*Wednesday, April 29, 1998. 7pm. Recital Hall.

Cynthia Soriano will be performing songs and arias by such composers as Schuman, Fauvé, Mozart and Gershwin. Ms. Soriano is a music major here at the College of Staten Island. She is also the President of the Musicians' Society (Vol. V Issue X). Ms. Jihyun Kim, fellow music major and member of the Musicians' Society, will be accompanying her on piano. Ms. Kim is said to have been a child prodigy on the piano.

## MAY EVENTS

### PERFORMING & CREATIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT

\*Thursday, May 13, 1998. 7pm. Recital Hall.

Gala Spring Music Recital. CSI's best perform pieces from their vast musical repertories.

### LECTURE SERIES

For further information on any of the lectures in this series, contact Cindy Selmon at (718)-982-2100.

\*Global Realities: What Hope for Our Children?

The world is multi-ethnic, multi-racial, multi-cultural - and the United States is, too. How can we educate our children to deal with those realities? What will happen if we don't?

Maria Ramirez, former Executive Director of the Center for Multinational and Comparative Education of the New York State Department of Education, will tackle Global Realities: What Hope for Our Children? on Tuesday, May 5, from 4:30 - 6:30pm in the Recital Hall of the Center for the Arts (1P). In this Third Annual Presidential Lecture on International Affairs Dr. Ramirez will focus on multi-cultural/bi-lingual/international education from elementary through higher education, looking at the unique role of the educator at all levels in creating a society that values its diversity.

\*Vietnam and International Philanthropy: The Case of the Ford Foundation

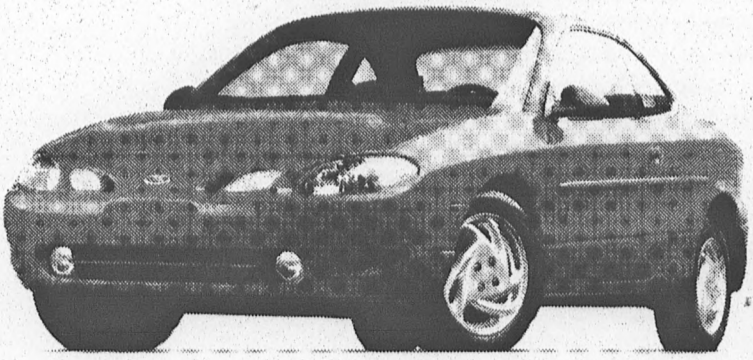
Vietnam is now receiving a great deal of attention community. Governments, such as those of Japan, the U.S., Australia, and many European nations, and philanthropic organizations, particularly the Foundation, have been actively pursuing programs there.

What have these programs accomplished? Are they working? What lessons have been learned regarding Vietnam? Aiding other developing nations? Peter Geithner, who retired from the Ford Foundation after twenty-eight years of service, (mainly in program management positions concerned with Asia), will examine these subjects in his talk "Vietnam and International Philanthropy: The Case of the Ford Foundation."

This program is being held on Tuesday, May 12, from 4:30 to 6:30pm in the Park Cafe of the Campus Center. It is being sponsored by the Southeast Asia Working Group, the Center for International Service and the Program Development Committee of the College of Staten Island.



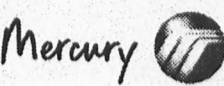
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# Dr. Jeffries Cancels Speaking Engagement In Solidarity With Co-Speaker

**Neil Schuldiner**  
Banner Writer

For the second time in less than a year, Leonard Jeffries' speaking engagement at the college was canceled. Dr. Jeffries pulled out of the event in solidarity with his co-speaker, Ron McGuire, Esq.. Amid much controversy, Leonard Jeffries and Ron McGuire were scheduled to speak on April 2nd at the Center for the Arts as part of Student Government's forum on Open Admissions. Dr. Jeffries and Ron McGuire were to receive speaker fees of \$1000 and \$2500 respectively, and were both planning on donating the speaker fees to the CUNY Student Legal Defense Fund. The CUNY Student Legal Defense Fund provides needy students with funding for litigation either brought by CUNY colleges against students or for students wishing to bring litigation against CUNY colleges.

The forum on Open Admissions ran into trouble, when the CSI Association refused to allow Student Government to pay Ron McGuire his \$2500 speaker fee. Mr. McGuire has, in the past, received fees of \$2500 from both Hostos Community College and Hunter College. In order to reaffirm the rights of Student Government, Ron McGuire, who is also an attorney, filed for a temporary injunction which would have forced the CSI Association to comply with the wishes of Student Government and reaffirm Student Government's authority and autonomy. However, problems arose when on April 2nd, the day of the forum on Open Admissions, the judge informed Student Government that she would not be able to make a determination on the preliminary injunction. Left with no choice, Mr. McGuire opted not to speak at the forum, lest he lose all his and Student Government's rights to bring litigation against the CSI Association. In solidarity with Mr. McGuire's decision, Professor Leonard Jeffries also canceled his speaking engagement, angering many and delighting others who had come out for the event.

The audience, numbering around one hundred was a mix of students and community members. Filing through metal detectors and being observed by members of the New York Police Department, audience members were greeted with the presence of Staten Island Borough president Guy V. Molinari. Mr. Molinari asked the audience for calm. One CSI student questioned the use of metal detectors for the event stating, "The metal detectors, the police and everything is definitely not called for. Every time there is a Black thing going on, there always has to be [precautions] like there is going to be violence or something."

At approximately 6:30pm, Student Government President William Wharton, Publications Commissioner Colleen McGraham and High Society President Kwan Burton made their way onto the stage of the Concert Hall of the Center for the Arts. On-stage, William Wharton stated, "Unfortunately, I come before you today to bring you some bad news. The bad news is we had two speakers coming here today, Dr. Jeffries and Ron McGuire. Ron McGuire is an attorney who has represented thousands of students in litigation. In 1991 he successfully defended several hundred CUNY students [who] got arrested for taking over a building in response to massive budget cuts and tuition increases in the City University of New York. As a result of litigation that Ron McGuire carried out, with a budget of nothing, the several hundred students got off with no charges. When we contracted Mr. McGuire to speak, we entered into a contract with him for \$2500. The money was meant to go to the CUNY Student Legal Defense Fund."

After informing the audience that the judge failed to reach a decision on Student Government's preliminary injunction, Wharton continued, "Mr. McGuire cannot speak here today. If he does, he will be throwing out every legal right that he has along with all the rights that the Student Government has to invite someone to come and

speak. It's a fundamental issue of whether [we] the students have the power to spend our own money, and have the power to make decisions for ourselves. Now, Dr. Jeffries in solidarity with the work that Mr. McGuire has done throughout CUNY has also refused to speak tonight. However, if the Administration signs off on the contract [McGuire's], the event will go on as scheduled."

With some of the audience clapping, a majority of the audience began collecting their things and started exiting the auditorium in disgust. Kwan Burton, President of High Society then stated to the audience, "It is very bad that so many people came here just to see Leonard Jeffries, because that is not the issue at hand. The issue is Open Admissions. I am Kwan Burton of High Society. [Since] the school has already said that they are not going to invite Leonard Jeffries or Ron McGuire to the school, I, as the President of High Society, am inviting Leonard Jeffries to speak here on April 8 (later changed to April 22). He is going to talk about Open Admissions for free so that Student Activity Fees, which everyone is complaining about, does not get used." Unfortunately, much of what Mr. Burton had said fell on deaf ears as most of the audience had already left the auditorium.

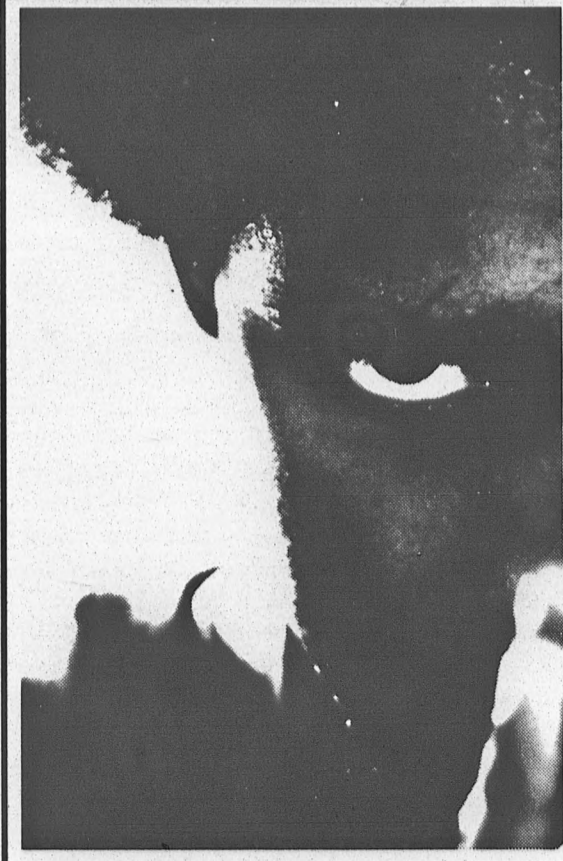
Earlier in the day, the militant Jewish Defense Organization (JDO) held a rally outside the Center for the Arts. The protesters, which numbered about ten, shouted, "Jeffries is a Black Nazi" and "Wharton Must Go," referring to Student Government President William Wharton. Mordechai Levy, head of the JDO, told reporters at the protest, "This whole thing is very strange, because you have a Black person on Student Government who fought day and night to keep Jeffries out and you have a white communist who runs Student Government who fought day and night to egg racial tensions in this campus. Wharton is a revolutionary. He hates the police, he hates the government. Wharton basically wants riots on this campus, he is a ring leader. Wharton wants riots and he's using Jeffries to instigate it. I want to make something absolutely clear. This is not a struggle between all Blacks and all Jews. This is not a struggle between Jews and Jew haters, between racists and anti-racists, between those who love this country and those who hate it. This is a struggle to stop a man who is a Black Nazi and who is no different than a David Duke type White Nazi. Bigots are bigots and racists are racists whether they're White, Black or green. But this campus today is opening up their doors to Jeffries. Would they open it up to David Duke?"

Responding to the JDO's leader was Laura Allen, a CSI student who pointed out that, "Dr. Jeffries was invited here to speak on Open Admissions. Somehow I doubt that David Duke of KKK fame, is in favor of that, therefore he wouldn't be invited. So that would make his point, or non-point, moot."

Many students questioned why the JDO was allowed to protest on campus in the first place. Despite the fact that earlier in the week, the JDO threatened the life of Student Government President William Wharton, and had distributed hate literature throughout the campus, JDO members were given free access to the campus.

Later that evening, several student protesters were arrested when they protested the Administration's decision not to allow Dr. Jeffries onto campus [see front page article]. Many students were left asking why they were arrested for protesting, while the JDO was given free access to protest. Others questioned why Administration allowed JDO members who had threatened students (and others) access to the campus and refused to allow Dr. Jeffries access to the campus when he threatened no one.

Editor's Note: Mr. McGuire along with SG President William Wharton are currently suing several CSI students as well as the Association, which handles the Student Activity fee. The opinions with in this commentary are that of the writer and not necessarily that of *The Banner* or its Editorial Board.



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# NYPIRG SPRING CONFERENCE

**Meredith Fogelman**  
Banner Editor-in-Chief

Syracuse, NY at 11pm. Forty-four CSI students arrived at the Best Western Towers Hotel for the NYPIRG Spring Conference. After receiving their schedules, passes and room assignments, the CSI gang took over the eighth floor. Friday night's socializing in the hotel ended around four in the morning for most.

The day began Saturday morning at 8am with breakfast. Opening session, followed by five sets of workshops, lasted from 9:30am to 5pm. Each set of workshops had four to five different sessions to choose from. A few of the different sessions included: START: Students Taking Action To Reduce Tuition; Poetry for Social Change; Playground Safety Training; Art and politics, Fight to save Open Admissions at CUNY, Working with Greek Letter Organizations, Effective public speaking, and Summer Jobs for the Environment. These workshops were all very informative and well run. CSI's own NYPIRG project coordinator, Greg Mihailovich, taught the workshop on Summer jobs for the environment.

The Plenary Session, which was held right after lunch on Saturday, focused on NYPIRG's achievements since the Fall conference. What they seemed to feel were their two biggest feats were the referendum in Binghamton to keep NYPIRG on campus, that passed by 91%, and the Board of Trustees vote in Cornell. They voted to let the students have a NYPIRG chapter on the Cornell campus, starting next semester. This will be the first Ivy League chapter of NYPIRG. So between Chris Meyer (Executive Director of NYPIRG), Kas Stolzman (Student Assembly President at Cornell) and Rebecca Weber (Art Director of NYPIRG) they spoke proudly, for a while about the struggle that they faced and how long it took to get this chapter.

Saturday night NYPIRG hosted a Luau party for everyone. They had a DJ and free beer for everyone 21 and over. Most people showed up for a while and then either went back up to their floor or to a neighborhood bar.

Everyone seemed to look forward to Sunday's Banner session. This is an hour long session, where all twenty NYPIRG chapter schools present a Banner that the students

made and speak about it and their chapters' accomplishments.

This year CSI's Banner held center stage, in every way possible. The Banner was both imaginative and provocative. So much so that when it was CSI's turn to speak, they were rushed off stage by Michael Livermore, the chairperson of the State Board of Directors. It seemed that he was slightly embarrassed by the Banner and the actions that accompanied it. Karen Kempert and Paul Esposito acted out the picture on the banner while Meredith Fogelman and Luis F. Cruzatte spoke about CSI and the Banner. Many CSI students were very proud of the banner and the amount of people that CSI brought. This was the first conference where CSI had its own bus, and the most people CSI ever brought to any NYPIRG conference.

While CSI's banner was greatly enjoyed by all, there were other colleges whose banners, or the actions that accompanied it, were also thought to be good. One such college was New York City Technical College (or as their banner read, City Tech.), another CUNY school. While their banner simply proclaimed the name of their school along with the acronym NYPIRG, it was the step performance that went with it that had almost as many people cheering for them as for CSI.

When asked how he felt the conference went, NYPIRG project coordinator, Greg Mihailovich said " We brought 44 students, the most ever for CSI and we showed them that CSI isn't as apathetic as everyone thought! "

CSI Student, Laura Allen said "I liked it. It was a lot of fun, and it was very informative. I intend to attend the next one. The only way in which it could have been improved is if we had even more students than the almost fifty that attended."

After the banner session, pizza and soda was served for lunch, then the buses departed for home, at about 2pm.

The Fall conference will be held in November. If you would like to attend or need more information contact the NYPIRG office at (718)982-3109 or stop by the campus center room 1C-219.

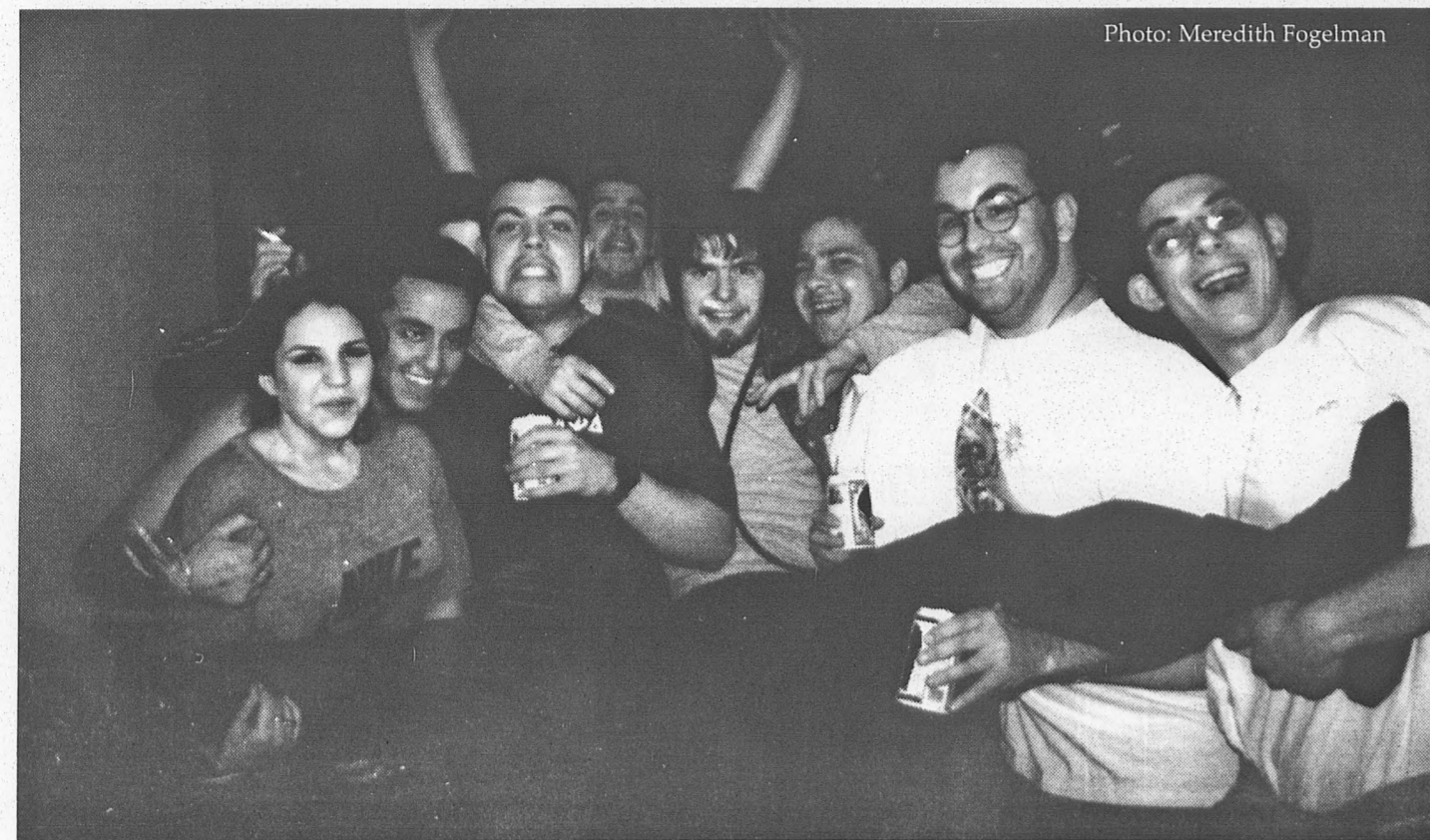
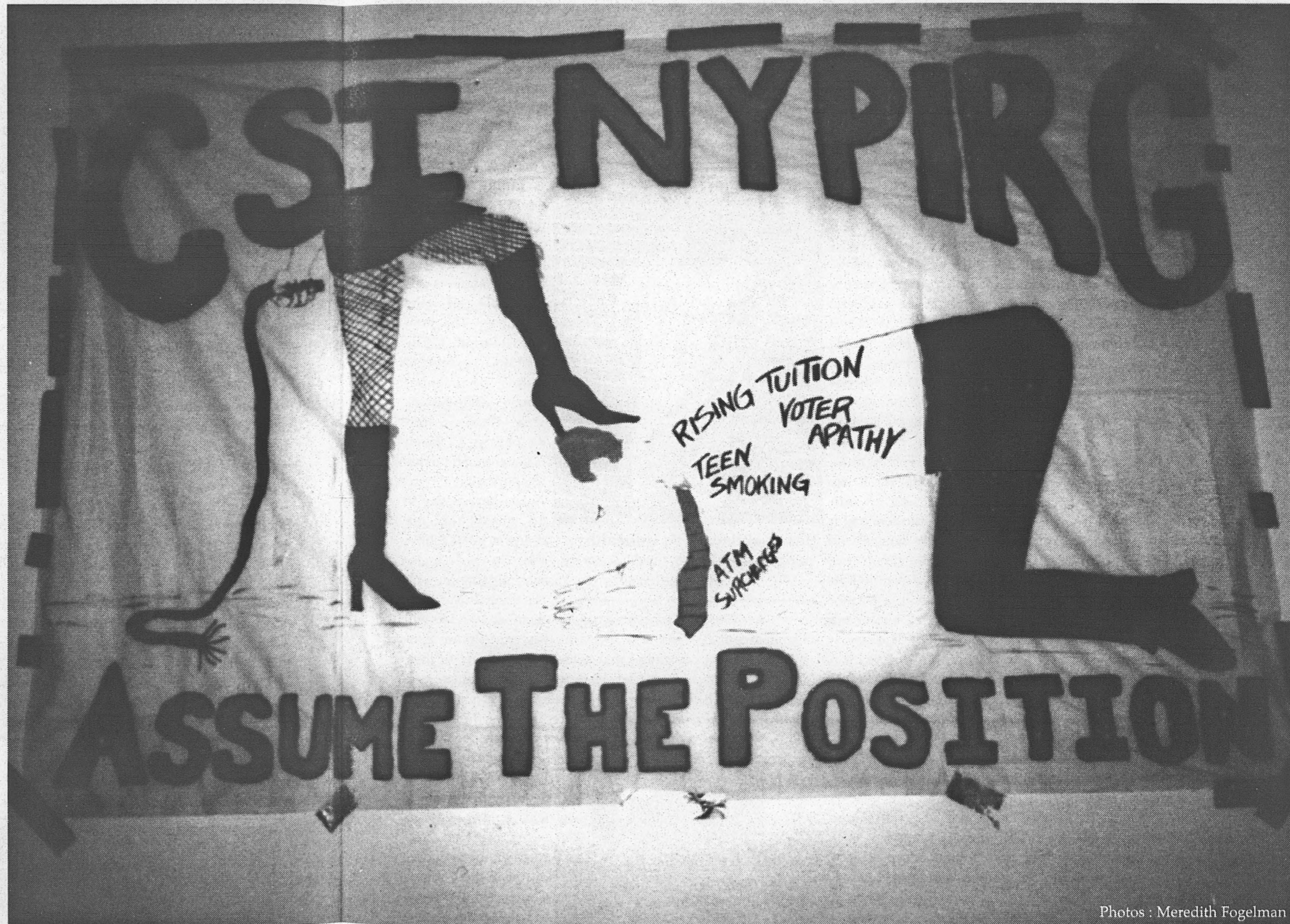


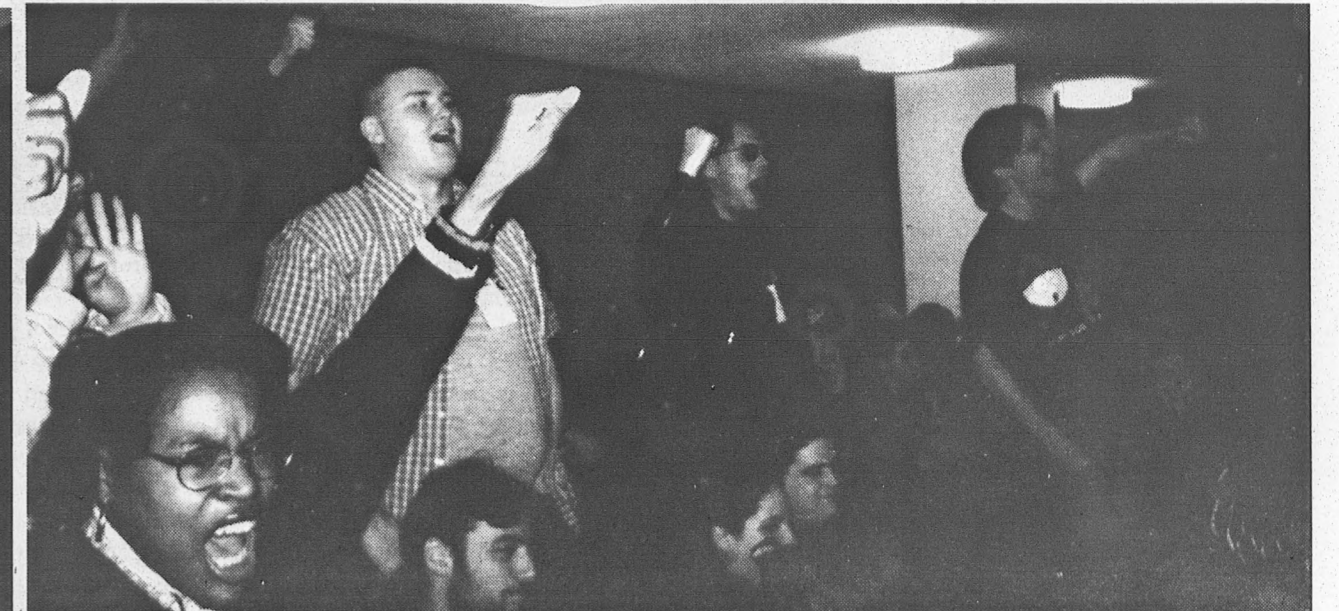
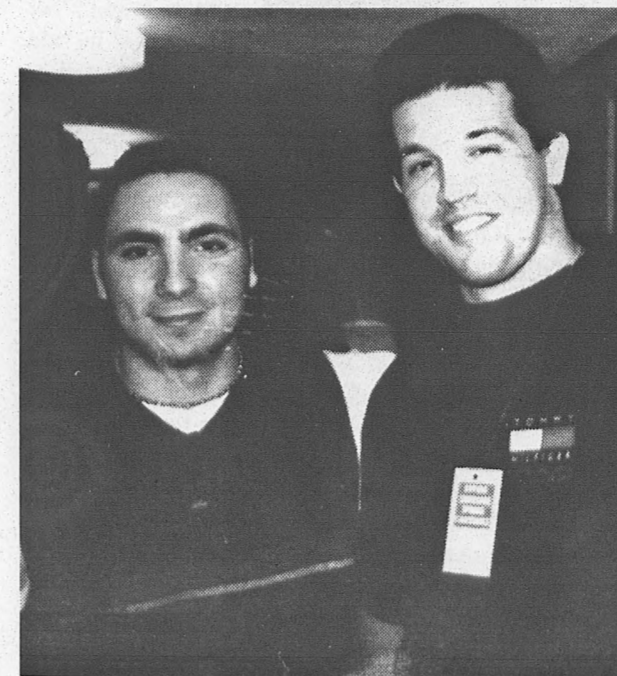
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Above- This is the infamous CSI banner that caused a bit of commotion

Left- Students gather in the hotel hallway for some horse play on friday night

Right- NYPIRG Project Coordinator- Greg Mihailovich(lt) and CSI's NYPIRG Board of Directors representative- Joe Canale, pose for a shot during the conference



CSI Students cheer on their fellow students during the Banner display session, on sunday.

## NYPIRG NEWS BRIEF

### WELFARE REFORM

**Michelle Robillard**  
Banner Writer

On August 4th, 1997, New York passed Welfare Reform legislation. This new law introduces sweeping changes in the requirements of Welfare recipients to receive support.

Federal Welfare reform legislation, enacted on August 22,1996 (The Personal Responsibilities and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996), challenges every state to restructure welfare assistance for impoverished families in ways that quickly prepare and move adult recipients from welfare into retained employment.

Under the new program, states must require all families receiving TANF funds (The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) to participate in work activities as soon as possible.

Included in the definition of work activity for federal participation rates are educational activities - like vocational educational training - not to exceed 12 months for any one person.

New York State defines the vocational education training as "organized educational programs offering a sequence of courses." (This information was obtained through a NYPIRG guide)

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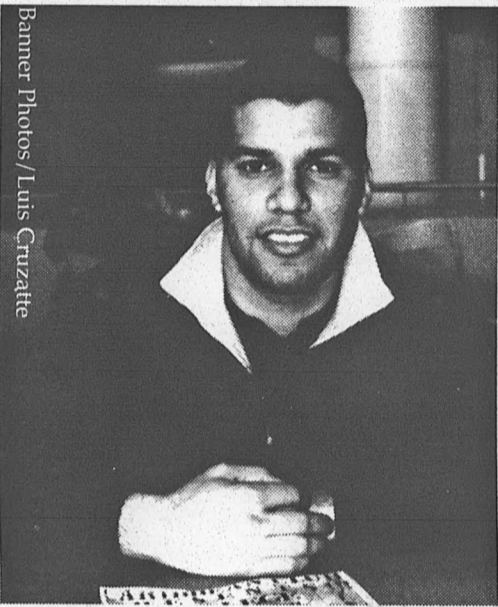


# What's Up, CSI?

**Luis Cruzatte**  
Banner Staff Writer

Do you believe in premarital sex? It was the question asked to CSI students last week. Here are their opinions and responses....

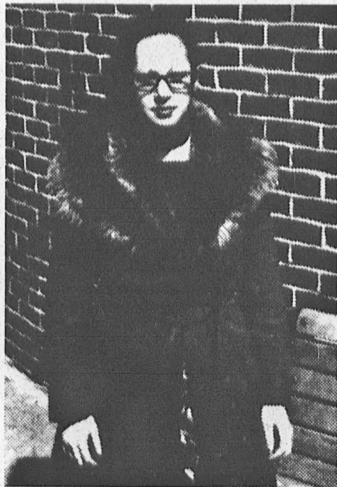
- "I think you will get a better sexual communication with your partner, you know, you live together and all that stuff. That's the way you learn how somebody is, if you wanna be with him for the rest of your life," said sophomore Dorothy Thompson, a Liberal Arts major...
- "No, I do not believe in premarital sex, I think [it] should be held off until you get married. You should wait for that special person to give up your love, your body. You should treat your body as a temple." It was the opinion of sophomore Sean "Shakor" Conner, an accounting major, "Yes I do, because it shows if you care



**Pedro Benitez**- "No... if you wait, it makes the marriage beautiful"

about somebody or not, it's just the way of being as one," said Junior Tatum Guccio, a liberal arts and science major....

- "I am Catholic and in my religion they talk usually that the Catholic woman has to wait until she gets married. It should be the same for men as well," commented freshman Rony E. Baldera a dramatic arts major....
- "If you are going to have sex with somebody without no feelings, I just don't believe in that. But let's say you are in a situation that you've been together [with a person] in a relationship for two or three years, and you love each other then you do love making not premarital sex, is going to bring you a little bit closer," said sophomore Washington Hernandez, a Business Management major...
- "I don't think it is right, I think if you wait and don't have sex until you get married, it makes the marriage beautiful. I believe that God taught us to, not have sex, and in essence it is good because He's wise," said sophomore Pedro Benitez, a Business International major....
- "It not right. But if the relationship is strong enough to be able to have premarital sex, it will happen. I mean if you are in a serious relationship and you really love somebody, it happens,

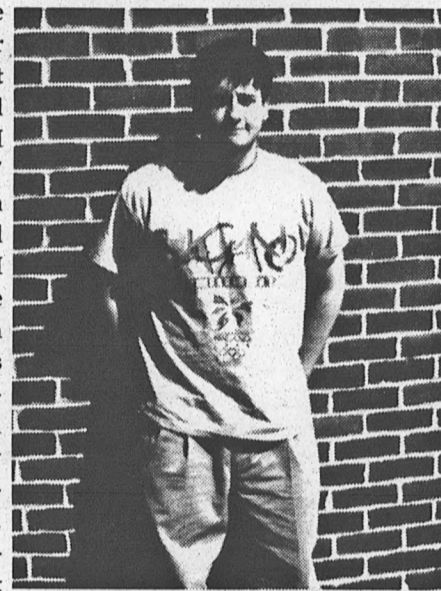


**Tammy Kantor**- "I think it's helpful in carrying less stress in a person.. it makes you feel better"

it just happens. Sex is just the spiritual connection between two people, that is what sex is suppose to be when it is combined with love, in the relationship it is more sharing of the highest physical pleasure." This was the deep comment of freshman Samantha Carnevale, Cinema major....

- "Yeah, I believe in premarital sex because I've done it already, I'll be a hypocrite if I tell you I didn't," sophomore Andre Woods, Political Science major....
- "In today's [world] it is very unrealistic to think that people are not going to have sex before they get marry. "Then again, to say that having premarital sex is good for everyone, it isn't, because it depends on the person" Said junior Dorey Houle, a Science Letters and Society (SLS) major....
- "I don't believe in it, because it might potentially lead to other problems which might complicate people's lives", an unidentified chemistry professor....
- "I have no moral conscience about premarital sex, as a matter of fact I do endorse it, in that way you have some measure of compatibility. I not only think that premarital is okay, but I also think that people should live together prior to marriage" Emil Wildman, a retired chemistry professor ...
- "A lot of people won't get married until they get old. A lot of people go away....
- "I believe any sex is good, premarital or not," said a student under the nickname of DK....
- "I believe in it, they [the couple] should have premarital sex, and learn if they satisfy each other," said sophomore Slawomir Okon a computer science major....
- "I think it is a very good thing, because if you're getting married before having sex and you find that the person is really, really bad in bed, it sucks!" This was the opinion of sophomore Christine Burghardt a Marketing major....
- "I think it is something people tend to take a little too much advantage of, but overall I think it is helpful in carrying less stress in a person. It is good, it makes you feel better," said freshman Tammy Kantor a Liberal Arts major....

- "No, I don't think it's right. According to the Catholic church and most religions you shouldn't have sex before you get married, it's unhealthy. [The] people should try to stick more towards family values and stay away from premarital sex." This was the comment of graduate Sal Rushdam a computer science major....
- "Yeah I do, It is the 90's now, it's not the in thing to do, but if you are with someone long enough and your emotions feel that strongly and your mind is in its right place, I think it will be right," said freshman Laura Carrozzolo a Liberal Arts major....
- "No, I think it's wrong. People confuse passion with the physical needs instead of the spiritual," said junior Edward Brown a philosophy major....
- "No question about it, I do. Marriage, it's an outdated institution, and it is specially dangerous if you don't try it out first," said senior Lori Ann Guevin, a Science Letters and Society major....
- "You must find out if you are sexually compatible with your partner, if not you should not get married," said sophomore Daniel Blois, Electronic Engineering major....
- "I don't. I'm a Catholic, and it's just against my religion. If you are going to marry to somebody you might as well do it with your husband," freshman Gina Catenia, Business major....
- "I think it's part of life and everybody needs sex," freshman Zebulan Frayne, undecided....
- The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) had their Spring Conference at Syracuse University last weekend on April 3 - 5, and for what we have heard CSI rocked in the house! For the first time ever, CSI brought more than 40 students to the conference, making an outstanding representation of our dedicated students pride!!!!....
- And the man responsible for this great success is the always enthusiastic and hard worker, NYPIRG Project Coordinator, Greg Mihailovich. Great job, Greg! Keep it up....
- There have been an awful lot more people coming to the NYPIRG office lately, we wonder why? By



**Sal Rushdam**- "It's unhealthy... people should try to stick more to family values"



**Tatum Guccio**- "It's just the way of being as one"

- the way, what's up Kelly? ....
- The too generous Governor of New York State, George Pataki, has brought up a new proposal to decrease the college tuition by \$250 per year. We wonder why? He should have thought about it when neglected students were forced to dropped out of CUNY, because they could not afford to pay for their education!...
- NYPIRG did not waste a second. They began recruiting CSI students to make a phone call to our governor's office to let him know that CSI students support this proposal all the way....
- The Few, The Proud, The NYPIRG interim team: Kristopher Dennis, Kelly Moses, Tara Khan, Jibri Raspberry, Jason Hajaistron, Stephanie Drakopoulou, and Ayana James. Way to go guys! You are doing a great job!!!
- We do not know what's going on with the loop bus schedules, who's ripping them down? We will find out....
- By the way, students are complaining that sometimes they get to their classes late, because the loop buses take too long to do their rounds...
- Happy birthday to Meredith Fogelman, she reached her twenty-fourth year last Tuesday, April 14...
  - Eugene Martinez, Security Director of CSI, spoke with us, expressing his concerns about the peace officer in the Campus Center, who refused to help a student. "He could've found a better response" he said. "He could've gave you some kind of direction and help" Martinez added. We, the students, hope he takes some action into that matter....
  - However, there's a peace officer who excels in his job by far, his name? You probably heard it before, it is Charlie Carlino, good job! You are the best!...
  - Did you know that we have a radio station in campus? Well, we do, and all they play on it is jazz music, excuse me is this a college radio? Shouldn't they play a more diverse and current music than jazz? If you are wondering the same question, go to the radio station, in the campus center, and ask Greg Adamo in person...

Banner Photos/Luis Cruzatte



# When Asteroids Attack

**Marvin Ostrega**  
Banner Writer

A few weeks ago when, a noted scientist announced that an asteroid had a chance to hit the Earth, everybody was up in arms about it. The astronomical community it seems was very upset. According to Irving Robbins the Associated Professor of Physics and Astronomy and the director of C.S.I.'s astrophysics observatory, "He sent out a release to every astronomer to find out more evidence on this asteroid and somehow the press got a hold of this news and blew it out of proportion like the press does." Professor Robbins is sorry the press blew it out of proportion, because he does not want the people to think that this astronomer was lying about his discovery.

This asteroid can still be a problem to Earth, because this asteroids orbit "gets it close to Venus and Mars and the gravity of Mars or Venus can still effect the orbit of this asteroid." If the orbit is changed, then it could head towards an impact with Earth. Luckily, the astronomers now know about this asteroid and can monitor its orbit well into the future. So, at least the public will know if this asteroid will be heading for a collision with Earth in the future.

One of the reasons asteroids are hard to find is they look like stars when seen through a telescope or in a picture. Imagine looking at hundreds of points of light on a picture and trying to figure out which one is an asteroid. It is kind of similar to trying to identify a plane at night from a helicopter by only looking at its night lights.

The asteroid's name is 1997XF11. This is a short term name given to an asteroid. The name is derived from the year, the month and a few extra things that Professor Robbins said was too complicated to really explain fast. He said, "Afterwards the long term name is named by original discoverer."

The whole problem with asteroid's are there impacts. Professor Robbins said, "Getting hit by asteroid is ultimate catastrophe because it is equivalent to a hundred million to a trillion nuclear bombs going off." To compare this, the atomic bomb that went off at Hiroshima had a force of 15 kilotons of energy. Imagine a trillion of those going off in one spot on earth. That is what the impact of an asteroid would be like. Depending on the kind of asteroid, Professor Robbins said, "It would cause firestorm in forests, and would kill off plant life globally." This is because of the dust clouds that would be kicked up into the atmosphere and that would block out most sun light for a few years. This is what is believed to have happened to the dinosaurs when an asteroid that is presumed to have hit Earth. If the asteroid is very small, it would not do this. It might break up before hitting the surface of Earth, throw up very little dust on impact, or just enough dust to block out the sun for a few months instead of years.

The effects, though, of an asteroid strike are appalling. Professor Robbins said, "The U.S. has only 7 months of food stored. If the U.S. lost one year of food production due to a dust cloud and was not able to produce food most people in the U.S. would die. There are not enough farmers using alternative farming techniques, [like special electrical lights that plants can grow under.] Only the wealthy would be able to buy food." This is because food prices would soar do to lack of food and the high demand for it.

According to Robbins, the Earth gets hit by an asteroid every 26 million years. He says, "We are long over do for one, but if we have enough time, countries would be able to band together and do something about the asteroid." He tells a story about a comet that was discovered in January and flew by in March. There would not have been enough time to stop a comet like that, if it had been on a impact course with Earth. Luckily it was not.

Professor Robbins said, "If an asteroid is detected within a year, we could fly up a manned mission and attach Russian Energia rockets to the asteroid. Then we let these rockets push the asteroid into a better orbit. If it was detected and we only had a few months, then we could evacuate the site, [where the asteroid would hit earth] and keep fingers crossed. It is only a matter of time when we will be hit again. There is no contingency plan for an asteroid strike in the US. It would be chaos. Imagine moving 50 million people away from the east coast. How do you plan that?"

"If the asteroid was going to hit sooner than a year, like in a few short months, then the next option would be to send up a nuclear bomb. The US has never tested a Nuclear bomb in space, so we don't know what will happen once Nuclear blast goes off. The theory is that the neutrons from the explosion will hit the side of an asteroid and vaporize a side of asteroid. This vaporizing gas would push the asteroid away from its course towards Earth." Professor Robbins is confident that this idea would work. Although he emphasized that this this is pure conjecture. He, it seems, is not too sure if it would work.

When asked what he thought the odds where of someone dying from an

asteroid, Professor Robbins said the odds where like this, "1-2,000 die from a plane crash, 1-3,000 people die from being shot and 1-100 die from car crashes. The odds of dying for an asteroid impact are 1-20,000 however if you die from it a lot other people will die also because we all live on the same planet." What effects one person affects us all.

Professor Robbins says right now at the observatory at C.S.I they have just finished one year of looking for asteroids. He and his four students that help him have not found anything yet. He is also going to build a ten foot radio dish to help search for extra terrestrial radio signals from other stars.

The whole observatory telescope cost twenty-five thousand dollars plus the CCD cameras that make the telescope 12 times more powerful then it is. All the money for the telescope equipment came from government grants. Not from student government or from the C.S.I. tuition. He says, "Anyone, interested in astronomy and who wants to work long hours should come over and say hello to him and he will give them something to do. However, he warns, they have to be willing to stay up long nights. The students he works with are Math majors, computer science majors, engineering majors.

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## Lost in Space

We would be so lucky.

Gary Oldman completely rides to death the tired horse of potential and William Hurt proves that a human being can, to some degree, act while dead. Just a few of the stunningly depicted disappointments you might see if you enjoy 98% plot-free movies with your popcorn.

I don't know what the exact dollar value of this movie was, but I'm sure it was enough to keep Sally Struthers and every hungry kid she cries for in sweaters and steaks for a year. Now, I'm not saying that Hollywood should stop making big-budget movies and solve world hunger, but the sheer fact that this money is being spent on movies, not starving children, dictates that it has to be good. If it's not, then it's a smack in the face to every kid who never ate a chicken nugget.

I have to say that it looked incredible. These were some of the best spaceflight scenes yet, but it does little to help this poorly written, badly cast waste of film. The special effects in this movie, however, were absolutely stunning. The detail and ingenuity that was

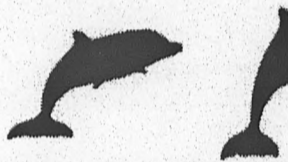
packed into every ship scene was amazing. Although none of it made me enjoy the movie any more, it made me want the new Star Wars more than ever. I can't wait to see this technology, which has redefined the motion picture industry, used on a comprehensive, well-written plot. The special effects lose their power about twenty minutes into the movie. They're still incredible- but at that point you're used to them. They're part of the movie. No film can rely on special effects alone, which, given the anemic plot and lackluster cast, *Lost in Space* tries to do.

Almost every part of this movie disappoints. If you're masochistic and think that you should be punished, take yourself (and maybe a date) to see this. Otherwise, don't go.

This made me a Gary Oldman fan no longer. His performance in this was worse than in *Fifth Element*. (Which, in my opinion, was the only sore spot in an otherwise flawless film) His character was unbelievable and flat. Not as flat, though, as William Hurt's character. It was almost comical how unimpass-

sioned he was. I was never a big Hurt fan, but I'm sure I saw a movie once where he acted all right. Matt Leblanc ("*Friends*") and Lacey Chabert ("*Party of Five*") gave refreshingly good performances as a hot-shot pilot and the youngest Robinson girl. Leblanc excelled at what seemed to be a tailor-made role of a cocky space pilot. Lacey Chabert, much like she does on "*Party of Five*", outshone most of the rest of the cast, with consistently powerful acting skills. She will be a major screen actress in the days to come. But the rest of the Robinson family were equally bland and uninspiring. It got to the point that I was glad these people were lost in space. I would have rooted for the bad guy, but he was terrible too.

Skip over this one in the movies. It's definitely a renter. This movie and countless others like it are an insult to the intelligence of anyone without major head trauma.



## Meet The Deedles

The new movie from Walt Disney studios, was slightly different from Disney's usual fare in the sense that it wasn't easy to sit through. Most Disney films are the cinematic equivalent to bubble gum pop music. Nothing spiritually or intellectually engaging but enough to keep you happily in front of the bright lights of the big screen for the hour and a half duration of the movie. Films like *Flubber* and *101 Dalmations* fall into this category. *Meet the Deedles*, however, does not.

Building off an over used plot (wayward boys sent away by their tycoon father who fears that they won't be able to take over 'the business'), the movie unfolds to be uninspired and not very funny.

Steve Van Wormer and John Anston star as the Deedles, the sun-worshipping twin sons of an ambiguously

rich, scratchy voiced, stern businessman, who get themselves expelled from school for playing hooky. Providing their father with the proverbial last straw.

The punishment their father has for the two, recently- turned-eighteen, Deedles is to send them to 'Camp Break Your Spirit' run by one of his Vietnam buddies.

We soon find out that Camp Break Your Spirit no longer exists, and sergeant Flower (the 'Nam buddy) plans to put the boys through survivalist training instead. Through a semi-interesting adventure the boys are separated from Sgt. Flower, and end up at Yellowstone National Park, where they are mistaken for two female naturalists who are oh-so-conveniently trapped up a tree by a circus lion that the Deedles inadvertently freed.

It's at this point when an already shaky movie falls to pieces. The villain, a poorly used and largely underacting Dennis Hopper, plans to sabotage the one billionth birthday celebration of the geyser, Old Faithful. With the help of Nightmare on Elm Street's Robert Englund they use prairie dogs to dig a tunnel that would

divert the water.

There is the Token love interest, played by A.J. Langer, thrown in. Of course she's the daughter of the captain of the park rangers, who just happens to grow to hate the Deedles. She does provide the funniest scene in the movie though, when she asks Phil Deedle to teach her how to eat like he does (remember he's supposed to be a naturalist who survives off bugs and pine cones). To get himself out of it he hides gummy worms in the dirt and pretends. She takes this as an insulting challenge, Picks up a rock and end of one and starts eating. Not to be outdone He grabs the end of another one and starts eating. It turns out that its one long worm and they meet in the middle for a Lady and the Tramp-esque kiss.— hysterically disgusting.

Over all the movie was a disappointment. Things like the Deedles referring to every animal they saw as its cartoon counterpart or Robert Englund talking to prairie dogs quickly become so annoying that you start to day dream about some other movie you saw that was good. I wouldn't recommend going to see this in the movies, renting it on tape or watching it on cable. I would, however, recommend it if you're sick, there's absolutely nothing else on and its on a basic-cable channel for free of charge.



## Primary Colors

For people out there who like political movies, this is the movie for you. If you like comedy, action adventure, or science fiction, don't see this movie. There is very little action and the same goes for comedy. But as for adventure this could be classified as just that. The movie is about a southern governor named Jack Stanton, played by John Travolta. (Note the last name is close in spelling to President Clinton's last name) Who runs for president and about all the pitfalls that happen on the way to the presidency. Among these pitfalls are Stanton's constant cheating on his wife, and suicide of a friend over a controversial issue.

Now the reasons the film was bad: one, the audience never has a chance to really get close emotionally with the character of Henry Burton played by Adrian Lester. Burton is the campaign advisor (or manager, it depends on what he is doing during the film) As played in the film Burton gets introduced to Mr. Stanton and is immediately drafted to the cause of getting Stanton elected. No one asks if he will take the job, they just assume he will.

Two, it was hard to follow what was going on. There were a lot of names thrown at the audience and if you missed the name you were in a fog as to who a person was.

Three, The movie was way too long. Since when does a movie on politics go over two hours? This is not a *Waterworld* movie or a *Dances With Wolves* movie. A movie an audience wants to sit through for two hours and forty five minutes. However, to my surprise the audience I was sitting in did not leave after the two hour mark.

The reasons the movie was good was: one, it is good for Political Science majors, or regular people who want to get a taste of what political life is like while running for a high office. Two, the story is believable. All the scandals and all the betrayals are common in real life, not just in the movie world. Three, some interesting real-life events are included in the movie. How a person got AIDS and is dealing with it. And a lesbian couple, not much dealt with here, but then again it is not really a major part of story.

The characters in the movie and the actors or actresses who played them are: John Travolta as Jack Stanton, Emma Thompson as Susan Stanton, Adrian Lester as Henry Burton, Billy Bob Thornton as Richard Lemmons, Kathy Bates as Libby Holden, Maura Tierney as Daisy Green.

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# Poet's Nook

## Soul Mate

The voice  
From my inner being  
Said "I love you."  
I heard it  
So clearly,  
So very clearly.  
—And I knew  
this is  
As it was meant to be,

Your spirit  
Lives within me,  
every part of me.  
I do love you  
with all of me.

Larry (L.H.) Jacobs

## Up And Died- Just Like That!

We had a real going on.  
when suddenly... you  
up and died-  
just like that!

How could you do that to me?  
You left me behind...  
without a word!  
(Didn't even ask me to come along.  
I might have...)

You loved me like no other.  
Now what am I going to do?  
You deserted me!

At least, if you had  
some lingering disease...  
Or had a few  
heart attacks...  
I could have been prepared.  
But no! You  
up and died-  
just like that!

L.H.

## Beyond So Very Much

I don't just see you, as such  
I see into you... very much.  
I don't just hear you, as such  
I hear all your voices... very much.  
I don't just know you, as such  
I have a knowing of you... very much.  
I don't just feel you, by touch  
I feel you inside of me... so very much.  
I don't just love you, as such  
I love you much more... than so very much.

L.H.

## Emerge

I shall not want  
I shall not need  
I will shed 1997  
Until I bleed  
All will be new tomorrow  
So I soak myself in pain  
Immerse my mind in all the loss  
and rise up pure,  
restored  
and sane

Jacob Rust



# The Ink Spot

**SHAWN FISHER**  
BANNER BUSINESS MANAGER

At the end of a recession for the comic book industry, as giants such as Marvel struggle to stay alive, a new company is raising the eyebrows of comic book collectors. Oni Press, founded by Bob Schreck and Joe Nozemack, brings together the best of both worlds for comic books, a combined thirty-five years of industry experience, and a life-time of comic fandom. The company's debut titles are Oni Double Feature, Bad Boy and Clerks.

Oni Double Feature is a monthly black and white anthology that will showcase the industry's top talent in addition to rookie creators. The premiere issue will feature Jay & Silent Bob in: "Walt Flanagan's Dog", by famed film director Kevin Smith who pulls his characters Jay and Silent Bob out of his films and places them into the realm of comics. Smith is assisted by Matt Wagner of Mage: The Hero Defined fame. The second story will be the first of a two-part tale called "Secret Broadcast".

It will feature a Gen-X type story revolving around a pirate radio station. In addition, there will be a companion compact disk available to complement the story. The story will be by the comic duo known as The Pander Brothers (Arnold and Jacob) Finally Staten Island's own Evan Dorkin will present a one page short of his industry renowned Milk and Cheese. Dorkin's dairy rejects continue to entertain in their usual obnoxious way. Issue 2 will conclude The Pander Brother's "Secret Broadcast" story line. This issue will also feature "Car Crash on The 405". The auto-biographical story of comic creator Paul Pope (THB). Issue 2 will be rounded out with Too Much Coffee Man the No-Doze adventure by Shannon Miller. As a whole, Oni Double Feature is an excellent book to pick up. The quality of the stories within will always depend on the various writers and artists involved. When asked about Oni Press, Nick, a manager for Jim Hanley's



VIEW ANIMATED PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS  
**Clerks.**  
(The Comic Book)



Universe said "They're selling well. People keep coming back for them." And though the lack of colour in the book is annoying it is not critical to its enjoyment.

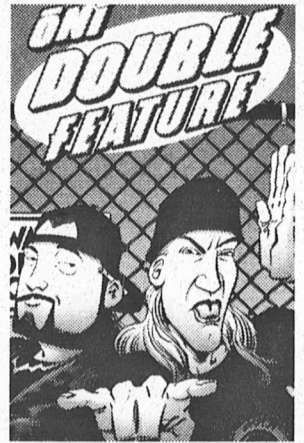
Next on the slate for Oni Press is Bad Boy, created by Frank Miller, Simon Bisley and Angus McKie (Give Me Liberty). Miller, by name alone, should spell out the potential for this book. His work with Daredevil, Batman: The Dark Knight Returns and Sin City are without a doubt some of the finest work produced in comics for the latter half of this century. In addition to Miller, Bisley has also done some fine work with books such as Lobo and Batman Vs Judge Dredd under his belt. Bad Boy follows a young man, named Jason, in the not-so-happy and not-to-distant future, as he struggles to regain his freedom of choice from a ominous, secretive society. According to an employee at

Alternate Realm "Oni Press titles are selling better than other independent comic books." Bad Boy is a magazine size colour comic chronicle, is sure to be a hit with teen and adult comic fans.

Finally, Kevin Smith gets to shine in a full thirty-two page black and white one-shot of Clerks.. For those who don't know, Smith is a comic enthusiast turned movie producer. His film work includes Clerks, Mallrats and Chasing Amy. All three films are influenced by and laced with comic book euphemisms. They deal with real life perspectives through the eyes of teen and twenty-something comic book fans. Two characters have remained consistent through out the films, Jay and Silent Bob (Played by Smith). Now Smith returns to his roots and brings his film noire with him as Clerks: The Comic Book debuts in Oni Press. The issue is hilarious, as the two leads attempt to corner the market on Star Wars action figures. This satirical tale is so true to reality that comic fans will not stop laughing when they read it. As for non-comic fans who pick up the book an open mind about the genre and its fans should be kept, as it is revealed what happens when collectors go too far. When asked

about fans reaction to Clerks so far, Arthur Palomba of Krypton Comics said "I sold out in the first day when I went to order more my distributor was out but said second printing were on the way." While second printing normally deter collector this was not the case with Clerks. "Customers were telling me they don't care if it's a second printing they wanted it anyway," Palomba. Clerks is the jewel in the crown that is Oni Press like Oni Double Feature the lack of colour is disappointing but not required to make this one of the most

enjoyable comic books for nineteen ninety-eight. Marvel and DC should both take notice and notes of this up and coming comic company.



## Special Report "I CON"

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Banner Staff

You look to the left, and you see Captain Kirk talking to an elf; to your right, there's Luke Skywalker laughing with a vampire. Have you lost your mind?



Photo by Lenon Droucane

No, you're at I-CON 17. I-CON is an annual sci-fi convention held at State University of New York (SUNY) Stonybrook. This year's con, turned SUNY Stonybrook into a weekend-long party for Trekkies, and Whovians (fans of Dr. Who), as well as fanatics of Star Wars, Babylon 5, Dungeons & Dragons (D&D), and anime, March 27 thru March 29, and had such highlights as an autograph session held by Claudia Christian (Susan Iovonova, Babylon 5), a Xena/Hercules look-alike contest, and various workshops and film showings. With events such as the Chemistry Magic Show and a showing of The Last Unicorn, Sci-Fi's youngest fans were not excluded.

One event that deserves special mention is Cabaret. The best description for Cabaret would be the bastard child of Sci-Fi and Vaudeville. This year's Cabaret had such things as a dulcimer performance, an Saturday Night Live style skit of Sailor Moon, and a concert by comedic singer/song-writer, Tom Smith. Smith was absolutely hilarious. He performed songs that poked fun at the lives of Sci-Fi enthusiasts (this music now has its own genre called 'filk') that were so true-to-life, that everyone in the crowd either was or knew someone like the people in the songs.

The con also included the standard array of peddler's selling an amazing variety of collectibles, T-shirts, knick-knacks and costumes. Merchandising and Science Fiction have been synonymous with one another.

## Sci-Fi Buzz

Marvel Comics has put an end to its longest running book. *Journey Into Mystery* started in 1952 was the birth place of Thor, Marvel's god of thunder. Who's popularity grew such that in 1966 the book was renamed in his honor. The book remained as *Thor* until the mid 90's when the character Thor along with several other Marvel characters were temporarily removed from the companies normal line. The book then reverted to its original title and ran various stories of suspense. Though declining sales of the book are most likely to blame, the companies neglect of its oldest

title probably didn't help matter's either. Another of Marvel's oldest titles *DareDevil* may also be in jeopardy. Event comics run by Joe Quesada and Jimmy Palmiotti have been given the rights to produce several Marvel Properties which include *Black Panther*, *Inhumans* and *DareDevil*. This may result in the cancellation of *DareDevil* current 375 issue strong book for the purpose of luring in new readers with a number one issue. While this worked with some books in the short run, long term it usually results in the cancellation of a readers favorite book.

Acclaim best known for its video games and comics has decided to cease publication of most of its books. They are intent on the continued publication of four books. There have been mixed reports as to whether or not any of these books would series that are currently running now or if they would be various special's. How if at all this would affect their comic related line of video games such as *Turok: The Dinosaur Hunter* is still unknown. It seems most likely that they will retain at least two of their current titles.



# The Realm

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Being successful at Advanced Dungeons and Dragons (AD&D) is all about character. That is, the character whose role you portray in the game. In AD&D there are Player Characters (PC) and Non-Player Characters (NPC). The NPC's are created and run by the Dungeon Master (DM) who narrates and referees the game. The DM utilizes NPC's to help the progression of the game and make it exciting.

Without the hordes of Orcs or the antagonist to thwart, the campaign (game) would

get boring very fast. The DM can also use NPC's to help you along or understand a situation of the game without stepping out of character. For the DM, trying to maintain the personalities of multiple NPC's can be quite difficult; but the player concentrating only on their PC can produce a lot of potential for the character and fun for it's player. Any plot, be it in a role playing game or a good movie, hinges on the motives and actions of its characters.

At the beginning of a campaign a

player creates his or her PC, whom they retain and build upon throughout the course of future campaigns. The player may keep the PC until they are killed in action, or the player wants to try something new.

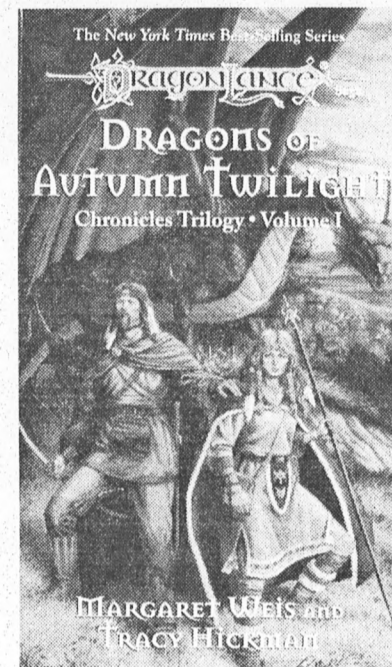
Your PC is actually progressing in his fictional life, experiencing the world the DM has prepared.

A player has a wide variety of choices from as to what their PC does for a living (character class). Some of the most common choices are:

**Cleric** - A human or half-elf who has dedicated their life to a great or worthy cause. The Cleric can utilize their own magic spells as well as use most combat weapons. A Cleric is often best suited as a healer.

**Fighter** - (Knight or Paladin) is a person whose main attribute is his prowess at arms. The Fighter can be of any extreme from the lightly armored Swashbuckler to the heavily armored Knight. The fundamental requirement of all fighters is an extraordinary skill in combat that makes them special.

**Magic-User** - (Mage or Wizard) Initially, they seem like the weakest of AD&D characters, having no real fighting skills and little magic. But if given time to grow, a Magic-User can become one of the most powerful members of the party.



**Thief** - Is a master spy who can use his or her skill of stealth to appropriate anything a party may need, be it gold, a boat or information. The thief is the James Bond of the party.

**Dwarf** - Is a short but strong demihuman who spends a good portion of his/her life in cavernous dwellings. Their size should not be misleading, their fighting ability can be equal to any knight. Dwarves have their own culture and heritage from which a player can develop a personality.

**Elf** - This slender and agile race of demihumans closely resemble humans. They can fight and use magic. The clan mentality of Elves allows a player to really build a history for their characters.

**Halflings** - They resemble small children but are actually quite intelligent and mature. They enjoy any adventure that will bring them treasure and the comforts of home. A friendly race, halflings can be quite fun to play.

The AD&D universe is not limited to just these types of characters. But for those playing for the first time it is best not to start with anything too complex. As you continue to campaign both your character and you will grow in experience.

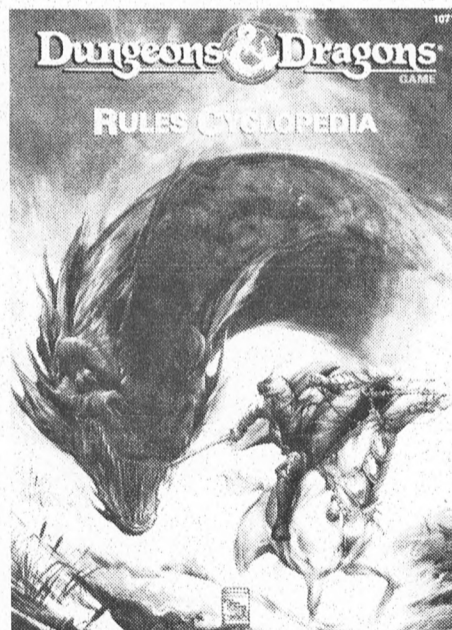
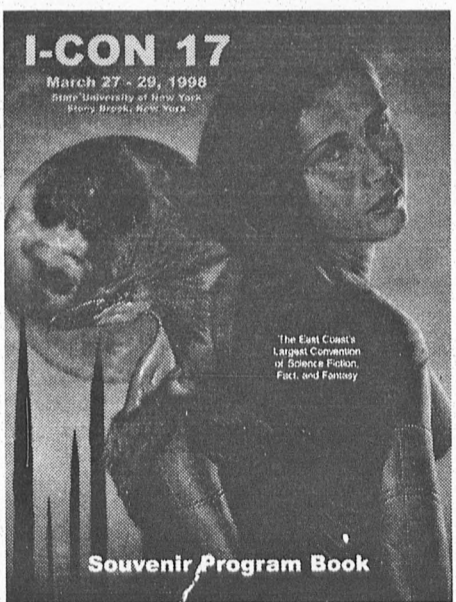
## N 17" Special Report

er throughout the history of Science Fiction. The modern fantasy and Science Fiction fan has a wide array of merchandise available to him or her. In addition to the inexhaustible amount of literature available to them (i.e. Comics and Novels). Genre fans of each era usually find a particular collectable to adopt as their favorite. Currently Sci-Fi and Comic fans are swooning over action figures and statues. While Fantasy fans prefer pewter figurines and medieval weaponry. Unfortunately there is also the seedy element of the dealers' room. That is the bootleg video industry that sells low grade copies of sci-fi and anime films that have been illegally obtained. While many fans are just happy to have a copy of their favorite flick, they are unaware that they are financially hurting the show they love. Forgoing this and price gougers, the dealers' room can provide lots of interesting collectibles for convention goers.

Scheduled activities included Role Playing Games (RPGs) and Live Action Role Playing Games (LARPs). LARPs are the next step from RPGs. In a LARP, one actually dresses and acts out the role of his or her character. The battles are still fought with dice in lieu of swords or phasers, but other than that, what your character does, you do.

LARPs are divided into three genres. These genres are, cyber-punk, medieval/fantasy and alternate reality. Cyber-punk deals with futuristic, post-apocalyptic themes. Medieval/fantasy is pretty much D&D come to life. Alternate reality includes games like Call of Cthulu, that take place in the modern-day world, but have unrealistic aspects.

In short, a great time was had by all, and I-CON 18 promises to be even better! It was suggested that a Sci-Fi con might be brought to our own campus. Those who like the idea can approach staff members of The Banner. It might not be a bad idea!



**Babylon 5** will be on hiatus for season five as TNT cover the NBA playoffs. The show had the option to continue to run new episodes each week, but would have been plagued by preemptions and varying time slots. They instead decided to delay the second half of the final season to either May or this fall. If the show is held back until the fall it may most likely be used as a lead in to the soon to be developed spin off series *Babylon: Crusade*. As for TNT's season to season reruns of *Babylon 5* it will most likely begin with season one again when it reaches the point of the hiatus.

**Lost In Space** opened with a bang as it dethroned *Titanic* from the number one spot it held for four months. The adoption of the classic television show has brought in over fifty million dollars so far. The movie may not have reviewed critical appraisal but the fans are enjoying it. *Lost In Space* revolves around the Robinson family and their quest for their new home after sabotage cause the mission to go ary and they essentially become lost in space. This fun family film will most likely lead to a sequel somewhere down the line.

**Blade**, Marvel comics contribution to vampire films looks to be a potential success. The movie will portray the main character's (Blade) quest to rid the world of the scourge of vampires that infest it. To accomplish this he will use all sorts of high and not so high tech weaponry in addition to his own powers of the night. Being a half vampire gives him an advantage over his ruthless prey. *Blade* may be Marvel's first superhero movie success story, which could then pave the way for the long awaited *Spiderman* movie slated to be produce be *Titanic*'s James Cameron.



# ROAD TO THE

## Joseph Barracato Banner Writer

At last it is now time for hockey's second season, the pursuit for Lord Stanley's Cup.

In the Eastern Conference it is the same as last year the *New Jersey Devils* have had another tremendous regular season. But the playoffs seem to bring out the worst in this major contender for the cup. For the devils they will luckily not have to play the Rangers who eliminate them every year in the post season. Martin Brodeur arguably the best goalie in the league, can take this team single handily to the top. He already has a cup and is a proven money goal tender. Scott Steven's, the teams leader, heads an aggressive defense that limits Brodeur's action in front of the net as well as shuts down opposing teams top lines. The return of Doug Gilmore should definitely boost the teams confidence as well as there chance of getting out of the east. Bobby Holik had a monster year hitting the thirty-goal plateau and sending a message to the league that he is a budding star. Dave Andrewchuck and Scott Neidimyre have turned the Devils once embarrassing power play into one of the leagues best. Whomever the devils play this year they will have home-ice advantage where they are almost impossible to beat. In early June look for the devils to win their second cup in four years.

The question for the *Philadelphia Flyers* is not only can they get past the devils, but will they have a solid goalie to get them back to the finals, where they were swept last year. Ron Hextall has shown flashes of brilliance then was embarrassed on several occasions. Sean Burke acquired late in the season could get this team back into the finals but is still an unproven goalie in the playoffs. John Leclair has strung three consecutive fifty goal seasons, the first American ever to do so. Eric Lindros fresh off a concussion will yet again have to put the burden on his shoulders to get this team back into the finals and this time to actually win it. Rod Brindamour, Alex Daigle, Chris Gratten, and Eric Desardains scream talent and on paper look like the flyers will walk into the finals, but the devils seem to have their number.

The *Pittsburgh Penguins* were

supposed to be a mediocre team this year after Mario Lemieux retired that year. Someone forgot to tell them that. The Penguins won their division. Jaromir Jagr has raised his skill level even more and the ageless Ron Francis have made pens fans believe they have a chance to make some noise in the playoffs. Ken Wregget or Tom Barrasso will share the duties of net minder, the hot goalie will probably see more action.

The *Washington Capitals* have regrouped and have made a return to the playoffs. Coach Ron Wilson has done a great job with the caps this year. He has brought them right back to where they have always been, right in the middle of the pack capable of a first round upset and very competitive. Olaf Kolzig has emerged as the star in net instead of Bill Ranford who has been a major bust. Ranford was brought in under a huge contract has not performed and the caps fate lies in Kolzig's hands. Peter Bondra the teams sniper has stayed healthy and is ready for the post season. Play maker Adam Oates has been setting the table for caps wingers ever since he joined the team last year. Feisty Dale Hunter and tough guy Craig Berube give the caps a good mixture of toughness and offense that could lead to some success.

The *Buffalo Sabres* bring to the table the biggest question. Will Dominick Hasek perform in the playoffs? The past seasons the answer has been no. Last year he beat up a photographer, was suspended and then was supposedly injured and couldn't play in the second round. Coach Lindsey Ruff better slap Hasek in the face and get him ready for the playoffs, because Steve Shields the teams backup will be turn to pieces but someone in the first round. If Hasek plays like he did in the Olympics where he carried the Czech Republic to a gold medal the sabres have a chance to go deep if not Mike Peca, Miraslov Satan, and company will have to wait again for next year.

The *Boston Bruins* led of course by Ray Bourque will most likely be eliminated early in the playoffs. The

Bruins return to the post-season after a horrible '97. Jason Allison had a breakout year and gives B's fans something to look forward to in the future. Dimitre Khristich has also been a bright spot for the Bruins and he has improved there power play consistency. The Bruins can use this tears playoffs as a learning tool for the future.

The *Montreal Canadiens* the team that has one twenty four Stanley cups, will limp into the playoffs with some injuries as well as sporting the roll of underdogs. Star Zaku Koivu is suffering from a wrist injury and scorer Mark Recchi is nursing a groin injury. Any Moog has been a god sent carrying the load in net. Moog has shined in Montreal when it seemed no one wanted him. Jocelyn Thibault is an adequate backup who hasn't had much success in the playoffs so look for Moog to carry the load. The Habs will probably face the Devils or Flyers and will have a tough time dealing with either of them.

The *Ottawa Senators* were able to hold off a huge surge from the *Carolina Hurricanes* at seasons end, winning some huge road games. An overtime goal against the Rangers was the turning point of their playoff run. Damien Rhodes has been unconscious stopping everything and carrying Ottawa into the playoffs. It seems after they traded Alex Daigle, Alexei Yashin became a scoring machine. He has carried the offense and emerged as the leader they always wanted him to be. they will probably get the Devils in the first round but they might be able to pull a couple of games out in the series.

The Western conference has some very talented clubs that are deep in scoring, defense, and heart.

Leading the list are the defending Champions The *Detroit Red Wings*.

What do you do after you let the Conn. Smythe winner of your Stanley cup team leave? Easy,

You Put together another 100+ point season together and look to repeat. Scotty Bowman should never be questioned about anything he does. Mike Vernon was let go and I thought along with millions of spectators that it was a bad move. Chris Osgood has been just as good if not better. No matter how

you look at it the Red Wings are loaded. Steve Yserman, Bendan Shanahan, Darren Mcarty, Nicky Lidstrom, I could go on forever. Once they signed Sergei Federov it was like they made an obligation to win it all again. Then they go out and trade for Jay Mcooun at the deadline, the team set itself out for a great chance to repeat. They are my pick to go back but it won't be easy. A talented Dallas team stands in the way, as long as hated rivals Colorado. Detroit and Colorado hate each others guts. It is going to be a blood bath if they meet up. Bad blood still runs Detroit after Chris Draper was cheap shotted by Claude Lemieux, leaving Drapers face mutilated. Last year Detroit avenged there disappointments in the playoffs and it was sweetened by beating the *Colorado Avalanche* to achieve victory. This years series if it happens will be no different.

The *Dallas Stars* look to avoid another collapse in the post season again this year. Ken Hitchcock now has Ed Belfour in net and he is capable of getting them into the finals. Mike Madano is ready for the playoffs as well as scraper Pat Verbeek. Sergei Zubov is at the top of his game and he quarterback a scary looking power-play. He has a cannon of a shot and underrated Joe Niuewendyke has great play making ability. Mike Keene and Brian Scrudland are exactly what this team needs in the playoffs as a good checking line. Dallas has all the pieces but can they perform in the playoffs.

The *St. Louis Blues* are looking to actually make some noise this year. they have always had talented players but don't go anywhere in the playoffs. As usual Brett Hull has been the leader in goals but this year captain Sean Pronger has matured into a solid defenseman. He has become more physical and has used his size to his advantage. Al Mcinnis has a wicked slapshot, and has emerged as the best quarterback on the power-play in the league. Geoff Courtnall can score some goals in the playoffs and Pierre Turgeon is a proven set up man but I just don't see them getting further than the second round. Okay throw out the regular season, lets talk about money goaltending. If Patrick Roy gets hot look out. I have





# STANLEY CUP

seen him win the Stanley cup by himself more than once. Who could forget in '86 when he robbed the Rangers of a cup. In '93 when he took the cup away from Wayne Gretzky. And of course in '96 when he stood on his head against Florida. The Avalanche won the Presidents trophy last year and the cup the year before that. This team is still extremely talented. With Roy in net and Joe Sakic healthy, the Avalanche are dangerous. Valereie Kamensky, Adam Foote, Claude Lemieux, and superstar Peter Forsberg stood as the foundation of there cup run in '96 and they are all still there. Mark Crawford is a great coach who can put together solid lines in very competitive situations. This team is still deadly and I love them of having the role as the dark horse rather than the favorite.

The Los Angeles Kings have turned around there disastrous '96 season to return back to the playoffs. Luc Robataille returned to the Kings where he spent the first years of his career and brought back the leadership that the kings were lacking. After he was a major bust for the Rangers he returned to a team that was in need of his services. Captain Rob Blake made



the power-play clique once again and the kings were able to find success in goalie Stephan Fiset. Yannick Perrault, a youngster on the team has gives the kings hope towards their future plans. Finishing in the upper plateau of teams in the post-season shocked me as well as several hockey fans.



The Phoenix Coyotes are a steady team that you know will make the playoffs but won't go that far. They have a good coach in Jim Schoenfeld, and

an adequate goalie in Nikaoili Khavibiulan but they just don't scare anyone. Keith Tkachuck and Jeremy Roenick are just not enough to get them far, they need more weapons. Forget Mike Gartner he is a mennis in the playoffs and Cliff Ronning really doesn't have much to work with.



The Edmonton Oilers made some noise last year by knocking off Dallas,

but do really think it is going to happen again? Curtis Joseph is a good goalie but his defense is pretty shabby, he faces way to many shots and can't be expected to carry them. Brian Marchment and Jason Arnott carry the offense along with Roman Hamrlick who possesses the best wrist shot of all the defense men in the league can only do so much. If the Oilers go out in the first round look for Joseph To get out of Edmonton and find a more competitive team.

The San Jose Sharks round out the playoff teams in the west. Mike Vernon got the Sharks into the playoffs as he was brought into do. How far he

gets them is the question. The answer is probably elimination in the first rounds.



Jeff Friesen is a budding star and veterans like John Mclean and Al Iafreate will ease the growing pains for the younger Sharks who are going through a weird transition period. A mix of vets and youngsters has gotten the sharks some credibility as a team that can make the playoffs consistently, it is just a shame that they have to play Dallas in the first round.

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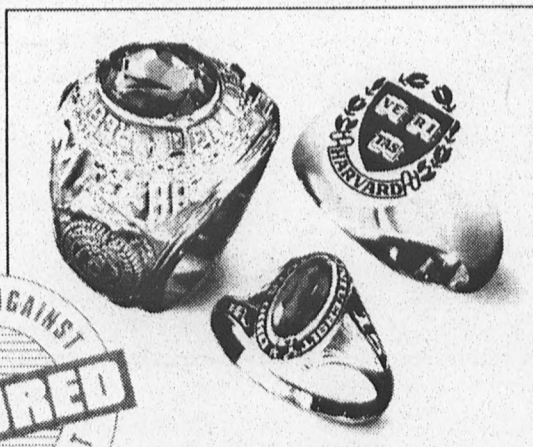
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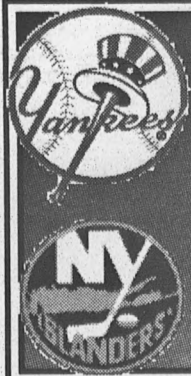


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# BANNER *GIANTS* SPORTS



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## VIPERS INVADE STATEN ISLAND

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I went to the Rio Bravo Restaurant to attend a Staten Island Vipers Press Conference. It gave me the chance to meet everyone associated with the Staten Island Vipers. Players, coaches, sponsors, and members of the soccer community and I also a nice meal. After I had dinner, I got acquainted with everyone.

The Staten Island Vipers are a new A-League team, a division below Major League Soccer (MLS). Soccer is very big in Staten Island. An average 6500 children play soccer on Staten Island. There are many youth leagues for these children to play in. This is where you expect the Vipers to look for a fan base. "Youth soccer movements [are] part of our core fan base. We want those soccer moms and dads to come to [our] games," said Richard Groff, President and General Manager of the Vipers.

Expect the kids to do that. Last year daughters got their parents to take them to New York Liberty (WNBA) games and their attendance was much higher than expected. "Soccer will grow in time, and we expect 2,000 fans for the first season and many more in the seasons to come," said Groff.

The Vipers will be lead by 30 year old head coach Adrian Gaitan. "I'm very excited to kick off the 1998 season", said Gaitan. "We feel privileged to be the newest addition to the Staten Island family, and we look forward to community support and a successful inaugural season." When asked about the expectations of the season, he replied, "If you're a professional athlete, you always have high expectations. I think any player here better have the expectations of making it into the playoffs and winning a championship.

Coach Gaitan was an all-american player at American University and won a championship with division rival the Long Island Rough Riders.

Goalkeeper Tommy Guerrero attended Farrell High School in Oakwood, Staten Island, and is happy with the opportunity to play in front of the local fans. "This is the place I loved to play, and to play in my hometown, there is no better feeling." (The Vipers home field has since been relocated to Tottenville High School) When asked about the impact coach Gaitan would have, he replied that "He has instilled an attitude of winning a championship."

I also ran into Dr. Negrin, founder of the

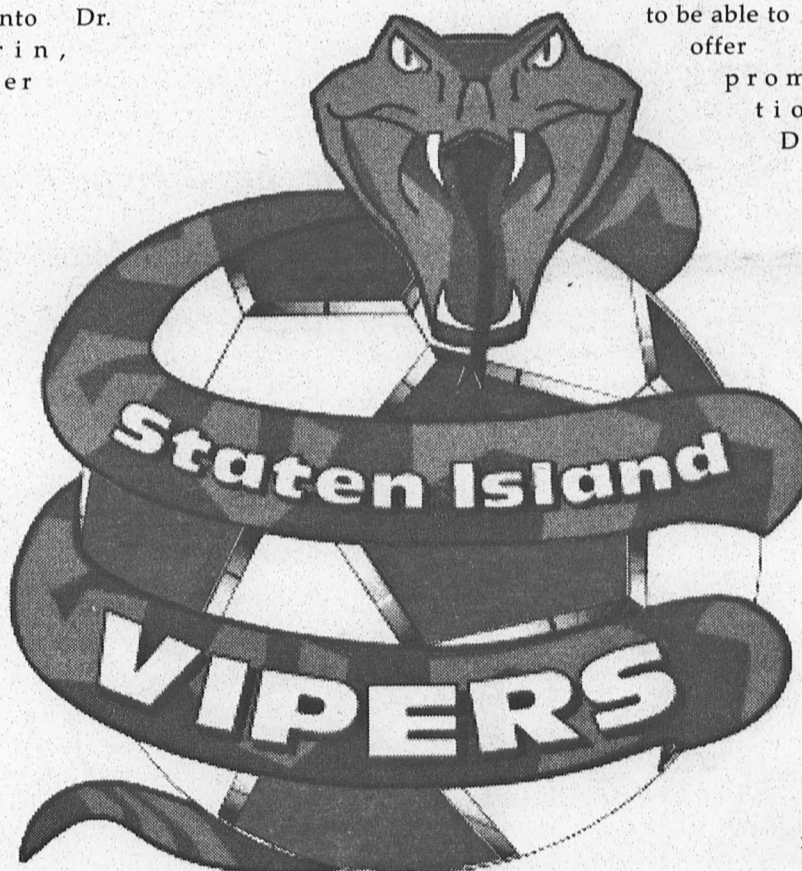
Silver Lake soccer league 27 years ago. He feels the arrival of Vipers will be of tremendous asset to the children.

"We have been working for boys and girls to learn how soccer is played, and now these players can show them how to play the game properly."

The ticket prices for games are not high, with their highest ticket

only cost \$12 for VIP, \$8 for general admission, and group discounts of \$5-\$6 per person, Ideal for a youth soccer team wanting to see the Vipers in action. There is a nice surprise for season ticket buyers. Everyone who purchases a season ticket will be eligible for a drawing for a new Toyota Corolla at the conclusion of the season. Team Owner and Chairman Joe Manfredi is looking forward to the start of the 1998 season. "As the only Toyota automobile dealership on Staten

Island, I feel honored to be able to offer this promotion. Due to



my involvement with Staten Island Youth Soccer programs, I am happy to be able to offer this prize to a supporter of the team".

The Vipers have just announced they will be playing their home games at Tottenville High School, instead of Farrell as originally planned, due to local opposition. Michael Marotta, principal of

Tottenville is happy to have the deal finalized. "This will be beneficial to the students of the school. I look forward to working with the Vipers for the next two seasons". Jerry Cammarata, one of Staten Island's representatives to the Board of Education, is excited about the city-wide implications of the partnership. "The Staten Island Vipers have made serious commitments not only to be a family member of Staten Island, but more importantly have committed their time, resources, and their heart to the children of the community. The private/public partnership will enormously increase the athletic capacity of the NYC Board of Ed. and provide an enrichment of facility resources at Tottenville High School."

They will be playing on astro-turf so expect the action to be much faster than games played on grass.

The Vipers debut May 2, on the road vs. the Atlanta Ruckus. They will also play a game May 6, at 5:30 against the U.S. Pro-40 Select team at Giants Stadium at the Meadowlands, as part of a double-header. The second game will be the New York/New Jersey MetroStars vs. the Dallas Burn. The Vipers first home game will be Sunday May 17, 5PM against division rival Long Island Rough Riders. For ticket information call (718) 447-9000.

(Check out the sports shows on WSIA, 88.9 FM. Sunday nights from 6-7p.m. 'Staten Island Sports Stuff,' which will include the latest up to date information on the S.I Vipers. From 7-9p.m 'Sports Action' keeps you up to date on all the happenings in the world of sports. From 9-10p.m. is 'Wrestle Talk' for scoops, predictions and much more.)

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