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TOXICOLOGY 101:

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL FOUND IN BUILDING TWO NORTH

by Laura Saba-Ojaste

The History Department of CSI suspended classes on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 9, due to the overwhelming chlorine fumes which were filtered through the air distribution system. Initially this incident started as a sewage backup on the evening of March 8. No members of faculty were informed of this backup. Classes began as usual. However, in order to prevent the spread of bacteria throughout the building, a disinfectant was used. This disinfectant contained a chlorine base. Somehow the fumes from the chlorine entered the air exchange unit, a fact which greatly infuriated Dr. Greenburg, head of the History Department. Dr. Greenburg expressed his anger to representatives of TDX, the construction corporation responsible for the ventilation system in 2N. He demanded answers, a solution, and an explanation as to why he was lied to. Apparently he had been told that chemicals could not possibly enter the system.

This is just one of many environmental issues concerning building 2N.

On Wednesday, December 9, a meeting was held which addressed earlier environmental and health issues in building 2N. The meeting was well attended, with many representatives present on behalf of faculty and staff from 2N, TDX, representatives of the builders and designers of



Photo by: Michael Garofalo

Students exit 2N, unaware of the threat posed to their health by toxins within the campus, and the NYS Dormitory Authority. However, the meeting was devoid of representatives from the state environmental agencies, though members from the campus Center for Environmental Science were in attendance. When questioned, the response given by CES was, "We want to address this personally so that we are assured that this is properly handled. We cannot guaranty that outside agencies will be as dedicated as our own staff to find a quick remedy to this situation."

One student, who wishes to remain anonymous, responded, "Sounds to me like they want to cover this up in a big way." The meeting served as a forum for the release of preliminary air quality test results and the results from the occupant evaluation questionnaires.

A full 61% of those questioned reported the 8 symptoms which are commonly associated with "sick building syndrome." Reported symptoms include: headaches, sore throats, metallic tastes in the mouth, dizziness, aggravated allergies, aggravated bronchitis, asthma attacks, skin discomfort and rashes, itchy, watery eyes, lack of energy, chest pains, and an inability to concentrate.

The Air Quality Test results found above normal levels of volatile organics, formaldehyde, dust, alcohol, and a carbon dioxide level which

surpassed 1200 parts per million (ppm). It also showed a below normal level of oxygen.

What do these test results mean? They help to explain why many students have become so severely ill, that they were forced to leave classes to go to the emergency room. One female student was first given 5.0 L of oxygen in our campus Health Center before proceeding to SI University Hospital. The student claims that test results indicated carbon monoxide poisoning. These tests were run shortly after the student had left a 4 hour class in building 2N.

Jeannie Hatton, an employee in the College's Philosophy, Economics, and Political Science (PEP) department was forced to request a transfer due to poor health conditions. She requested this transfer on the advice of her doctor, a physician at the clinic at Rutgers University's Center for Occupational and Environmental Medicine (COEM).

Ms. Hatton suffered from watery, itchy eyes, sore throat, sore nasal passages, an inability to concentrate, dizziness, and headaches.

When questioned about Ms. Hatton's condition, Dr. Sandra Moore, of the Rutgers COEM Clinic, expressed great concern not only for Ms. Hatton, but for the health of all those who spend more than a brief period of time in 2N.

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Hazardous Arts

By Laura Saba-Ojaste

One wing of building 1P (Performing and Creative Arts) was opened this semester. Upwards of 95 class sections per week are taught there. However, many feel that this opening was premature, as the building is still a construction zone.

Joe Shiroky of the Performing and Creative Arts Department spoke of his growing concern for occupants of the building. Four members of the department became severely ill shortly after the building was opened to the public. They experienced lung and sinus congestion, burning sensation in the esophagus, and high temperatures ranging from 102°-104°. Mr. Shiroky said that each of the four individuals felt that their illness was somehow linked to the white film of

dust that covers the building at all times. This dust is comprised of various materials, yet is classified as "construction dust." In other words, no one is quite sure exactly what chemicals it contains.

Mr. Shiroky stated that the dust accumulation is so bad, that if one were to dust off their computer monitor, it would take less than two hours for enough dust to accumulate so that one could write their name in the dust.

Dr. Oppenheimer of CSI's Center for Environmental Sciences stated that while he had not yet been able to explore the environmental issues in the PCA building, he strongly suspects that the symptoms are related to the dust. He explained that people who spend large amounts

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Don't Drink The Water

On March 10, 1994, Dr. Oppenheimer of the College of Staten Island's Center for Environmental Sciences stated, "I feel it is advisable to warn all members of the campus community to **not drink the water.**" This statement was backed by the explanation that the Department of Environmental Protection was testing water samples from the campus. This action was initiated by the City Health Department in response to the discovery of an abnormally high pH level and almost no chlorine in a preliminary sample. The samples were forwarded by the City Health Department to the DEP.

When questioned as to why the pH level was so high, Dr. Oppenheimer explained that

when the high levels of lead were discovered to be leaking into water throughout the city, the government added calcium phosphate to the water in the hopes of preventing additional lead contamination. It is possible that too much calcium phosphate was added, resulting in a highly basic water.

The water's low level of chlorine is especially alarming, as the chlorine is what helps to fight bacteria levels within the water. The combined low level of chlorine and high pH of the water

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WAY TO GO FELIX!

Less than a month into his administration, Acting President Felix Cardegna managed to tie up traffic along Victory Blvd. Richmond Ave, and the S.I. Expressway. Page 3

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CHANCELLOR ASKS STATE FOR MORE MONEY

By Edward L. Campbell

On February 8, CUNY Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds testified before the New York State Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees, giving her formal response to Governor Cuomo's 1994-95 Executive Budget recommendations.

The Chancellor praised Governor Cuomo for treating CUNY much better than in previous years. She noted that for the second year in a row, the recommendation contained no tuition increases and, for the first time since 1987, there were no budget reductions. Overall, senior college funding is recommended to be almost \$921 million, an increase of \$37 million or 4.2 percent. The operating Budget for the College of Staten Island are slated to expand from \$36.9 million last year to \$39.6 million or 6.8% for 1994-95. According to The Chancellor, this "provides a firm foundation for the University upon which we will be able to build our future".

Despite the increases, her 16 page testimony emphasized the fact that much more remained to be done to improve the quality of education within the university. The statement reads: "We will still have too many courses taught by part time faculty...too few counselors to advise students, too few resources to purchase library materials and train students in library skills, and too little financial aid to assist our students." Accordingly, she has requested an additional \$35 million for a variety of programs. Based on data obtained from CUNY's Washington office, the majority of the funds break down as follows:

-Strengthening Academic Programs: \$5 million to hire additional full time faculty members and to reduce adjunct usage which is presently at 50%.

-Libraries: \$1.8 million- \$800,000 to add one librarian to each CUNY college and \$1 million for library acquisitions at the senior colleges.

-Educational Technology: \$3 million for use by senior and community colleges to upgrade technology infrastructure and expand academic and administrative systems.

-Graduate Financial Aid: \$3 million to initiate the first of a three year phase to enhance financial aid to doctoral students. This would be a mix of scholarships, tuition waivers, and teaching and research assistantships.

-Undergraduate Student Financial Aid: \$800,000 to meet the matching requirements for federal financial aid.

-Student Services: \$2 million to provide enhanced counselling services, tutoring, basic skills instruction, English as a second language instruction, and career advisement.

-Workforce Development Initiative: \$1 million to enhance these initiatives at junior and senior colleges. Under this program a resource center was established at CSI for civilian and military personnel who were dislocated as a result of the closing of Stapleton home port.

-Collaborative programs: \$1.4 million for first-time state funding of CUNY-affiliated high schools at Kingsboro and Medgar Evers Colleges.

-Community College Base Aid: \$8.9 million to deal with the dramatic rise in enrollment and increase in aid per student from \$1650 to \$1850 is sought.

-Capital Program: \$1.8 million for construction to modernize and reconfigure facilities.

Although news of the Chancellor's requests generated a positive response in general, some others remain skeptical. Ms. Reynolds has been plagued with ubiquitous criticism in recent weeks regarding what her detractors view as excessive time spent on activities outside of CUNY, including her membership on five corporate boards. She has also been accused of overextending the perks of her office. According to a New York Times front page article, her CUNY related business and travel expense account is over \$140,000, 10 times that of her predecessor's. Given this backdrop, many students have voiced concerns over the possibility that a large fraction of the money would go toward bureaucratic staffing at CUNY Central, thus filtering away the tangible benefits actually received by the Colleges. CUNY Spokesperson Rita Rodin firmly discounted this possibility and pointed out that Central Administration operates on only 2% of the total budget.

The Governor's proposals are sure to undergo changes during a 30 day amendment period beginning in March. The Executive branch, along with the Chancellor and the legislature, will have time to hammer out their differences before crunch time on March 31st.

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PARKING, PAPERWORK, AND OTHER NIGHTMARES

CARDEGNA CRACKS DOWN ON VIOLATORS

By Jusuf Fuduli

A memorandum from Acting President Dr. Felix Cardegnà dated February 22, 1994, and addressed to the CSI community, is a notification to the campus population of new rules and disciplinary actions concerning entering and parking on campus.

These new regulations touch on four points. The first two reiterate codes which have been in effect but are repeatedly violated, such as parking on the loop road and entering the campus without a parking decal. To ensure that cars do not park on the loop and hamper traffic, Director of Security Gene Martinez has posted more guards at the southern part of the campus to deter drivers from parking their cars on the road. It is in this area, where the "S Buildings" are located, that the majority of illegal parkings on the loop road have occurred.

To counter the possibility that an automobile does get past security, such as the night of Thursday, February 17, the feasibility of hiring a private towing company to haul away automobiles is being discussed.

Point three of the security and

parking memo, dealing with unauthorized parking in handicapped spaces and reserved lots, promises immediate disciplinary action by placing a immobilizing device, colloquially known as a boot, on the tire of anyone parking illegally in a handicapped space. This will also hold true for anyone who parks in reserved (faculty and administration) spaces and lots, but only after two warnings have been placed on the violator's windshield. Those who have the boot placed upon their tire are to go to security in building 2A, where they will have to pay \$20 to get the boot removed.

Parking illegally in a handicapped space will be tantamount to playing double jeopardy, in that the Department of Transportation will also be handing out tickets to those who ignore handicap space regulations. The memo ends with the suggestion that students park in parking lot #6, the first parking lot when entering the campus from the Victory Blvd. entrance, where anywhere from 100 up to 300 empty spaces can be found daily. Students may take the College Loop Bus from the lot to the

more remote parts of the campus.

The most direct and controllable initiative that the administration has implemented is the checking for parking decals of cars entering the campus. Decals may be purchased in building 1C-208, selling at variable prices.

TRAFFIC HALTED

As of the 24th of February, no less than four security officers were inspecting every single vehicle for their decals. Vehicles without decals were turned back or allowed to enter with a visitor pass. This sort of strenuous screening does not come without complications: as a result of the security checks, traffic on Richmond Avenue, Victory Boulevard, and the Staten Island Expressway was stagnant.

This attracted the attention of New York's finest, who came to see what was at the root of the problem. After conferring with the NYPD, school security decided to improvise with their screening process. From now on, security at the entrances will selectively screen for parking decals, perhaps checking only one out of every ten cars.

ILLEGAL PARKING

TRIGGERS BUS DELAYS

By Jusuf Fuduli

On the evening of February 17, at approximately 6 pm, the loop bus, which transports students entering through the main gate to their designated classes, could not complete its route. The driver informed a crowd of about fifteen students waiting for the bus that he would not be able to accommodate them due to the fact that two automobiles had parked illegally, blocking both sides of the main road between buildings 1-S and 5-S.

Calls by the driver to security requesting instructions were answered with suggestions that the driver merely park the bus and direct those waiting to walk to their destination. At about this time a second loop bus operating on campus pulled up alongside the first. The second driver reaffirmed that the road was impassable, but that he was willing to take students as far as the cafeteria.

Most of those waiting accepted this proposal, while others contemplated whether or not they should leave. Moments later, the S62 bus to St. George entered the campus and discharged more than twenty students, who headed straight for the blocked loop bus.

This band of students and faculty forced the driver to repeat the story, which he was destined or damned to tell many times that night. Those pressed for time, including Prof. Charles Thomas who had a class scheduled in five minutes at the Performing and Creative Arts building, were compelled to brave the freezing weather and tread the slippery walkways.

Others, in a less civil mood, demanded that the driver find an alternative to a walk through the slush. One student demanded that Security send vans usually used for campus escort services to pick up the stranded passengers and drive them to their destinations. The loop bus driver agreed and minutes later Sgt. Sal Gemma from security arrived to give people a lift.

The Security vans could only hold four passengers at a time, and since the city buses were regularly discharging passengers onto the campus, many students still had to walk. This continued until around 7:30pm, when the problem ended as abruptly as it began as those students parked illegally on the loop road got in their cars and drove away.

Campus Security Director Gene Martinez said that parking on the loop road is a chronic problem, one which he hoped to address by dispatching as many of the "limited security forces" at his disposal to monitor the sections of the campus that are repeatedly affected. Those guards monitoring the site of the incident were diverted from their post due to a slight accident.

CUNY SCRAPS TICKET PROPOSAL

By Doug O'Connell

A proposal by CUNY's director of security to have University Public Safety officers issue "in-house administrative summonses" has been scrapped.

The summonses, known as "Universal Appearance Tickets" (UATs) would have been issued by University Peace Officers for violations of Parking, Conduct, and Health regulations. Campus Security officers would have only been permitted to issue parking summonses.

With over 3000 parking spaces on the Willowbrook campus, these summonses had the potential for becoming a major source of revenue to the College and to the University. Under the proposal, each college's Security Director would develop policy and procedure pertaining to parking infractions, as well as a fine schedule for each offense.

Currently, a first time parking offender receives a warning flyer. Repeat offenders receive an automobile immobilizer, commonly called a "boot."

Many people have criticized the language of the Elique memorandum, which was reportedly described by one Manhattan attorney as "Nixonian."

"The City University of New York recognizes that order is essential to the proper functioning of any society," the memo reads. "In that sense it will not be a sanctuary for crime or misconduct; rather it is committed to The Rule of Law for all members of the academic community..."

Neither CSI nor CUNY Security Offices would comment on the propos-

CUNY PARKING VIOLATIONS

01. No parking permit- No visible permit displayed on/in vehicle to indicate authorized status.

02. Parking in improper field- Individual College Parking Regulations may require vehicles to park in designated parking areas. The University Peace Officer should follow college rules and regulations for specific guidelines as it pertains to offense.

03. Over zone line- Vehicle parked within authorized safety zone; fire hydrant, handicap space marker or reserved space.

04. Not in proper space- Vehicle parked in a marked designated parking space.

05. Blocking roadway or walkway- Vehicle parked in such a manner that it blocks or limits access to roadway or marked pedestrian walkway to include double parking.

06. Parked in prohibited area- Vehicles which are parked in conspicuous marked areas, fire zone, loading zones, fire hydrants.

07. Permit not affixed properly- Individual College Parking Regulations may require parking permit to be placed on the vehicle in a specific manner; refer to your institution's directive.

08. Blocking handicap access ramp- Vehicle parked in such a manner that it blocks or limits access to handicap access ramp.

09. Parked in handicapped space- Any vehicle which displays a permit which reasonably appears to be forged. Individual college policy and procedure may require an Auto-boot immobilizer be placed on the vehicle. Refer to your college's specific policy and procedure for this offense.

al's demise. But Rita Rodin, chief spokesperson for CUNY, downplayed any perceived hostility towards the presented plan. "It was just a proposal, not in any way policy," she said. "It had been circulated to a few people to get their ideas, and you can't make any assumption" that overwhelming opposition killed the proposal.

Although the UAT plan has been rejected, other proposals for re-vamping the current parking-violation procedure have been offered.

In a memorandum to Acting President Felix Cardegnà and Vice President Barry Bressler, Ann Merlino, Dean of External Relations, proposed putting an adhesive backing on the back of the warning flyer, along with a return tear-off sheet acknowledging receipt of such warning.

"I believe there is too great a disparity in the punitive effect between the first and second offense," Merlino wrote. An

individual receiving a boot may too easily claim that he/she never received a first offense warning."

"I suggest that the 1st offense warning flyer include a return tear-off," she continued. "The Security Guard placing the warning flyer would write in the date, time, location, license plate number and sticker number. The car owner must complete other information requested ... within three days. The offender must also sign-off to an explanation of the penalty schedule. If possible, the security guard would have a carbon of the 'summons.' A return 'summons' imposes a degree of seriousness and responsibility."

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation, which controls parking, has been investigating the feasibility of towing cars during snow emergencies. According to Dean Nan Sussman, such towing would be done during any declared snow emergency, at the car owner's

Student Government Survey

We are entering our second semester at the new campus. Though our campus is bigger, and still under construction, there are issues that are not being addressed and not being acted upon. We, as students, no longer have a vital say in decisions made on campus. Student Government would like to know what you feel are important issues. Please take the time to fill out this survey. Thanks.

1. What issues should be dealt with? Please list in order of importance.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

2. If the Campus Center's computer labs and study lounges were open 24 hours a day, would you use them? Yes / No

3. Do you feel the Library (Including computer labs and study areas) is adequate to serve your needs? Yes / No? If no, what is not adequate?

4. a. If there was a shuttle from the ferry directly to Willowbrook, would you ride it? Yes / No

b. Should there be stops along the way? Yes / No If yes, where?

c. Would you be willing to pay a small fare for the use of the shuttle? Yes / No

5. Parking, seems to be major problem on campus, what suggestions do you have?

6. a. Where do you travel from to get to school?

b. Do you travel by, Bus, Train, Boat, Auto, Car Pool?

7. a. Do you know how your Student Activity Fee is spent?

b. Do you vote at campus elections?

c. Did you know that students do not have final say in how their Student Activity is spent?

d. Did you know that \$3 from every student goes to NYPIRG? Did you know that it is refundable? Go to C-219 and ask them.

e. Do you think students should have a more important role in making decisions that concern us here at this campus?

f.. How ???

8. Optional

a. Are you a Part-time, Full-time, Eve, or Weekend Student?

b. What is your age group 18-25, 26-34, 35-45, over 45

c. Are you Male/Female

d. Are you, African American, Caucasian, Asian, Hispanic, Other _____

e. How is most of your tuition paid? Financial Aid, Parents, Loans and Scholarships, Self, Other _____

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YOUR RIGHTS

INJURED ON CAMPUS? CALL A LAWYER!

By George L. Perry

Many students here at the College of Staten Island have expressed outrage over the physical condition of the campus and the quality of services being offered. If you have suffered any physical injury, been involved in any automobile accident, or have suffered any physical assault on campus, you may be entitled to compensation for your pain and suffering. If you believe the College was at fault in any way, seek representation from an attorney to pursue the matter.

There are several things you must know in order to successfully begin a legal proceeding against the College. Papers must be properly served within a time limit determined by law. For example, in order to sue the City of New York, General Municipal Law 50-E requires that a "Notice of Claim" obtained from the Office of the Comptroller (1-212-669-7318) be filed within 90 days from the date of occurrence and properly served, usually by certified mail. Failure to do so will put your claim in substantial jeopardy. If you then wish to pursue your claim further, an action must be started within one year and ninety days.

Your attorney will know the correct procedure for your claim. If you decide to pursue the matter without an attorney you must be familiar with all of the terminologies relevant to your case. One source of error is in proper notification. In the above example, a proper service means the notice of claim must receive receipt of delivery. You should be aware, the services of an attorney will be required at some point in litigation if you hope to receive a favorable settlement.

It is imperative that the College (and the Police Department when appropriate) be properly notified of all occurrences on campus. As students at the college, we expect to obtain our education safely. If the College is made aware (again through a proper notification) of a dangerous condition and fails to take steps to remedy the condition, they may find themselves, and all other involved parties (CUNY, etc.) civilly liable. The College should also make an attempt to prevent repeats of similar occurrences.

Again, the criteria for proper notification comes into question. Each situation may be different. In general, a proper notification is provable. All emergency 911 calls are taped and therefore can be verified; alerting College security of a dangerous on-campus condition without a written, signed, and dated receipt, can make your claim very difficult to prove. If it is warranted, follow a verbal communication with a proper written notification. Keep in mind, however, failure to make proper notification may result in termination of your claim.

It is the purpose of this column to make the student aware of some of their rights in today's legal environment. As always seek proper representation by an attorney. In the next issue I will discuss D.W.I. and related offenses and how recent Supreme Court rulings will affect both the Police Department and the rights of the arrested. And by the way, the purchase of a CSI parking decal DOES NOT give you the right to a parking space (read the receipt.).

Freshman George L. Perry's Column, **YOUR RIGHTS**, will appear regularly in the BANNER.

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CHANCELLOR DRAWS FIRE FOR WORK ON CORPORATE BOARDS

By D R O'Connell

(Continued from Toxicology page 1)
a high level of SBS symptoms, with increasing severity. One of the questions presented by many of the occupants of 2N was, "Why is it that the southern end of the building is producing a greater number of people with symptoms than the rest of the building, and even then, not every person suffers these symptoms."

Dr. Moore answered that question by explaining that SBS is largely due to poor ventilation, and is especially complicated when a building is new, containing particle board and plastics, as well as adhesives, such as those used in our carpeting. All of these chemicals have the potential of causing great problems. However, a good ventilation system, such as the one which should be in place in accordance with ASHRAE guidelines, could greatly combat such issues. It appears that the fan/coil ventilation system which is in place is over-ventilating some rooms, while failing to adequately ventilate rooms further down the hall. This is resulting in the southern end of the building having a larger number of SBS symptoms, due to poorer ventilation. As to the different degree of discomfort felt by the occupants, there are many factors which are attributable. One important factor is the length of time one spends in the building. One should not feel symptoms immediately upon arrival, but more likely after spending several hours in this building. However, one's natural health predisposition affects the impact as well. If one is predisposed to allergies and asthma, one is more likely to suffer. Another important factor is the time of day upon which one enters the building. At night, after courses are over, the building is able to air itself out a bit, so someone attending a class in the early morning hours is likely to experience less symptoms than someone attending an afternoon or evening course when the dense population raises the carbon dioxide level.

Dr. Oppenheimer of the CSI's CES stated that the college is essentially stonewalled until further tests are run. Initially, a second independent testing corporation was supposed to be brought in to run duplicate tests for comparison purposes; however the NYS Dormitory Authority deemed this unnecessary.

In the interim, all adjustment dials for temperature control have been removed, so that the fan/coil system will be consistently operating at its full potential, hopefully reducing some of the ventilation problems. Students are advised to drink plenty of bottled water while in the building to help combat symptoms.

Dr. Moore suggested that students suffering from respiratory ailments such as asthma, bronchitis, and allergies should speak to their doctor concerning the environmental conditions in the building before attending classes there. She stated, "Though the issue is still strongly debated, it is generally accepted that once asthma is triggered by something such as SBS, it doesn't always go away. Someone in good health can expect to feel fine once they stop spending time in the sick building, but asthmatics cannot be guaranteed a permanent

The City University of New York's Chancellor, W. Ann Reynolds, has again come under fire, this time for her work as a member of five corporate boards.

According to the New York Times, the Chancellor spent all or part of 65 days at corporate board or other meetings. CUNY Policy restricts her "outside consultation and professional activities" to two days a month.

Reynolds was paid a total of \$140,000 by Abbott Laboratories, American Electrical Power, Humana Inc., Maytag Corp. and Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corp. during for various and sundry services rendered.

As Chancellor, she earns \$158,000 a year. The University grants her use of a townhouse on E. 79th Street, charging her an approximate annual fee of \$1000. She also receives a car and driver, and a CUNY-related travel expense account totaling \$140,000.

The Chancellor, who has been criticized for her consolidation policy, and for her attempt to fire CSI

President Dr. Edmond L. Volpe, reportedly inspires fear in her subordinates. Five other college presidents would only speak to The Times on condition of anonymity because "they feared retribution." All five complained of inaccessibility to the Chancellor.

CUNY Spokesperson Rita Rodin disputed the Times Report, saying that the Chancellor was "...in constant contact with the situation." In a six-page statement, Reynolds said that her service on corporate boards "brings both tangible and intangible benefits to the University."

The Chancellor claims that she spends most of her corporate income on art, and that she has bequeathed her entire collection to CUNY. Previously, she had bequeathed the collection to the University of California, where she had been Chancellor until dissatisfaction with her services led to her resignation.

CUNY BA PROGRAM

By Laura Saba-Ojaste

The CUNY Baccalaureate Program (CUNY BA/BS) is a hidden gem here at the College of Staten Island.

This program allows students to design their own program by combining majors, and taking courses at any campus within the CUNY system.

A student chooses one or two areas of concentration. Then, with the aid of two student-chosen faculty members, the student designs a program. Independent study and prior experiential learning are applicable.

In order to be eligible for the program, a student must have passed all sections of the CUNY Skills Assessment Tests, possess a 2.5 cumulative grade point average, and completed at least 15 credits.

This program is unique in allowing a student to combine two majors to create a major that is not given within the CUNY system. Students have graduated the CUNY BA program with concentrations which have been combined to create majors including Art Conservation, Systems Ecology, Third World Studies, Basque Language and Culture, Museum and Exhibition Design, Culinary Journalism, Animal Facilities Management, Zoology and Ecology, Management Information Systems Analysis, Aquatic Biology, and International Economic Relations.

Students in the program operate from their home base college, yet are entitled to take courses at any CUNY campus, thus allowing them to increase their educational experience.

An area of concentration is comprised of 24 credits at or above the 200-level. If a student chooses to combine 2 majors, the requirement is changed to a minimum of 18 credits at the 200-level or above, within each concentration.

If you are interested in finding out more about the CUNY BA program, contact Ilene Singh in 2N-222. The telephone number for CUNY BA at CSI is 982-2831.

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of time in a closed building still under construction often-times experience such symptoms.

This is not the only problem the PCA department is facing. Dance classes are still being held in the old bookstore at the Sunnyside campus. The floors there are concrete and are likely to cause shin injuries. As Mr. Shiroky said, "They can choose to dance in dust and not breath or dance on concrete and risk injury."

There is an even greater concern facing a number of instructors of the PCA department. Many of PCA's instructors are dancers and musicians. If the respiratory ailments from which they are suffering are indeed brought on by the dust, there is always the possibility that the dust could debilitate the health of these individuals permanently. While any individual who suffers such a permanent disability is at a great loss, a dancer or musician could lose their entire career as well.

The question asked by most students is "Was this wing opened prematurely?"

A physician of Rutgers University's Center for Occupational and Environmental Medicine Clinic (RUCOEM) answered emphatically, "Yes!" He stated, "Any time a construction zone is going to cause illness in an individual, that structure should be kept closed until as close to completion as possible."

Mr. Shiroky explained that not only were many performing arts classes being held in the building, but many other courses were being offered there as well. Other subjects being taught in the PCA building include Women's History and Accounting.

If any student is experiencing discomfort while attending a class in the PCA building, the appropriate procedure to follow would be to inform your instructor, the head of the department, the College's Health Clinic and the offices of Dean Affron, Dean Jackson, and President Cardegna.

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PLEASE ALLOW US TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES

Chances are, if you're actually reading this editorial, you're one of a delightfully skewed minority, who by now realizes that this newspaper is the last, best hope for saving the sanity of mankind. Unless, of course, you happen to be an administrator looking to see if your name was placed in the vicinity of any unseemly allegations, adjectives, admonitions, or lewd remarks. It's okay. We love you either way.

It's just that those of us who have worked so long and hard to get this project off the ground like to imagine that you, the readers, share something of our own curious notions about how a student newspaper should be run. Like covering news that relates to your daily lives. Stories about parking, traffic, and day care. Tips on obscure scholarships, grants, and ways to get more for your buck. Feature articles on the growing concern over health risks and environmental hazards on our campus. An Arts section that goes beyond the mainstream in search of things too ticklish for the plasticine pols at programming. Sports pages that actually cover CSI sports. Now there's a concept.

Plus, what could be our finest contribution in the war to save the first amendment: Kaptain Kallisti's Kaos Korner, a no holds barred, sacred cow slaughterhouse in which your poems, literature, and artworks are given all the attention, freedom, and recognition they rightfully deserve.

You won't find wishy-washy columnists within the pages of *The Banner*. Nor will you find the kind of timid, fearful language and P.C. newspeak that has destroyed many a great paper, nationwide. We are not afraid to call a gardening implement a gardening implement. We are here to bring you the truth in all of it's unwashed, grotesque, bizarre, feral, naked beauty. We are not here to educate; merely to inform.

In this era of rampant administrative blunders, our coverage of High Officials running amok will be intense. Under the direction of Gene Martinez and John Flaherty, security at the College of Staten Island has been conducted in a professional, alert, and courteous manner. Even when CUNY Central began sending over Peace Officers to augment the staff, the level of professionalism never departed from its' high standards, and such early arrivals as Sgts. Sal Gemma and Donald Girard are to be commended for their fine work in maintaining campus safety. But, since 80th Street has seen fit to phase out our fine security staff and replace it with "Anti-Terrorist Specialists," we can only assume that the Chancellor worries that her job may not last. Just as the maddened King George III sent over an occupying army to tax and harass "his subjects," so has Chancellor Reynolds sent forth a multitude of CUNY-Cops to impose her will. Just as Richard Nixon was "THE President," so is Ann Reynolds "THE Chancellor," and we intend to hound her from the throne. Go ahead, read that sentence again. We've just declared war.

Aye, we've declared war: On Ann Reynolds and her paranoid fearfest; On pseudo-intellectualism and semantic psychobabble; On timid notions of what "can" or "cannot" be said in a free society; On intolerance in its myriad and masked forms; On the notion that there is an "appropriate" or "normal" anything. We reject statistics, surveys, and standards as examples of cultural fascism. And above all, we declare war on any form of tyranny over the minds of free folk, be it religious, secular, civic, cultural, or scholastic in nature. And we'll have fun in doing so.

So if, after perusing our pages, you think you've got the guts to stand up and say "Hell Yes! Lets Kick Butt and Take Names," come on down to our office and join our staff. If you have absolutely no literary talent and know it, then make sure at least one other person reads this copy of *The Banner* before you line the bird's cage with it.

Peace,

Doug O'Connell
Editor-in-Chief

SCIENCE OR SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

By T.S. Killeen

Y'know, every time I look in the news, I see nothing but horrifying examples of how brutal and cold our world truly is. Since I don't really want to bitch about them all, I'm going to give you a break and chat about just two, and a possible solution. That's right. No ranting; I'm feeling mighty focused for a change.

Remember Colin Ferguson? You should be able to remember Colin Ferguson; after all, he's the "gentleman" who was so sick of Whites, Asians, and Black Republicans that he decided the best way to rid himself of his "ills" was to take aim at his "problems." He took aim all right, at all the other passengers on the 5:33 LIRR on Tuesday, December 7, 1993; a day which shall live in infamy, at least for the 18 wounded, and the families of the six people whose lives he decided to snuff to satisfy his twisted views.

I am not attempting to judge whether Mr. Ferguson is mentally ill, or some aberrant malignancy thrust upon the world with the fuel of several 9mm shells serving as boosters. I only have to wonder just what in the hell are we going to do with him? What purpose will be served by putting him in a cage for what we hope would be his natural life?

Colin Ferguson, and others like him are stuck in prisons or mental hospitals, while the rest of us pay for them to live out the rest of their unproductive lives on our tax dollars. I do not believe that the relatives of the six dead commuters want to pay for his room and board for the rest of his, or their lives. I know I really have no desire to pay his way myself.

The death penalty, while being swift and holding some of that old testament "eye for an eye" charm, seems too swift an end for men like Colin Ferguson. Is justice truly served by frying or poisoning this man swiftly? I really don't think so. There is another option.

One of the great problems of this nation is overcrowding in prisons. We have more criminals than space. Another great problem we have is medical testing on animals. Nobody wants to think of Thumper being shot up full of AZT, or some new cancer treatment. We all want Thumper and Bambi to be romping in the woods, right? Besides, we can't honestly know how accurate any of the results on the side effects of new treatments or new food additives on animals can compare to that of human beings. For all we know little Thumper might be having a rabbit reaction to that new food dye, and we humans might react differently, or not at all.

Our only way to know what human beings may or may not react to, and to help justify the cost of keeping the worst of our kind around, is to impose a mandatory Research and Development penal program that uses men like Colin Ferguson as research material in medical experiments.

When a person is incarcerated and sentenced to life or death, they become the property of the state. If the state were to decide to use its property to learn new things, make discoveries as never before, we would have a completely justified and legally sanctioned penal program that benefits society and utilizes those that would otherwise waste away.

I took an unscientific poll of CSI students of on whether or not they agreed with using criminals instead of animals for medical testing. 60% favored using criminals, 30% favored using animals, and 10% were CSI undecided. Some felt that animals "aren't responsible for their actions and people are," while others felt that "human beings are more valuable than animals."

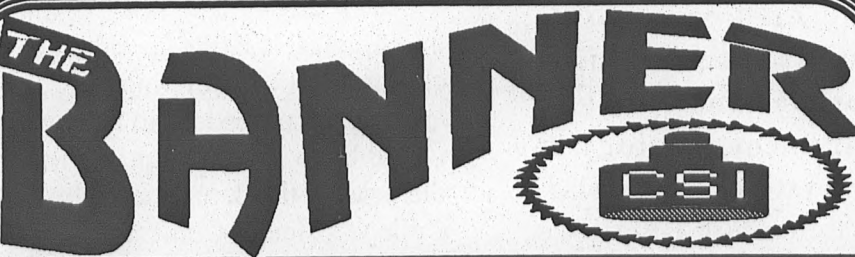
The undecided 10% replied that the question was one they couldn't answer without some thought on the subject. These were probably the most intelligent responses to this question. I left out some important data in my poll, data that the other 90% should have requested, or thought about on their own.

I did not include any suggestions on how we would be absolutely certain that no innocent human beings would be used by accident. It seemed as if bloodlust was the prevalent factor in the 60% of respondents. It is a shame that no one would like to make sure that a person is innocent before strapping them to the lab table. A mistake like using an innocent man who was wrongly convicted with the penal Research and Development program would make solitary confinement for 35 years look good.

The only way to ensure that good men aren't being used is to filter out those who have strong appeals coming up. Use those who have confessed to their crimes, like Charles Manson, or those few who were proven guilty without a doubt.

The 30% who believed that animals should be used for testing should realize that there are many differences between a quadruped lifeform that has simpler responses and relies totally on instinct and reflexes, and a bipedal lifeform that reasons and thinks and has a more sophisticated central nervous system, internal organs, and brain. There is no way that animals can give us the wide array of answers that we would need before implementing any kind of new drug. To quote a diabetic I know, "So saccharin and nutra-sweet can cause cancer according to tests on rats. I bet if you constantly injected incredible amounts of anything, you'll end up with cancer."

One thing I haven't approached yet is how this might serve as a crime deterrent. While it seems a little unrealistic to expect, crime might drop, at least the most violent types. Of course, there will probably always be lunatics out there, who would be perfect for this program, but who knows. We might find a way to cure them through a penal Research and Development program.



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SAILING SOLO IN MY SKULL

By TC Lynch

Bluesy melancholia tinged with a tingle wraps me as I write these words for the latest fish wrapper spawned in the CSI data stream. The notion of a newspaper war, fought amid the muggy miasma of an Island-style higher education, gives me goose bumps elutriated with enlightened apprehension.

There's something unsettling going on here. I should be feeling giddy right about now, but I'm not.

I wanna crush the opposition, for sure. Blast the fuckers into some region never dreamed of by Dante which idiotic ideologues such as they can call their own. A place safely removed from the society they professionally loathe but internally scream to for succor. Into a scarier sector I'd send the asinine administrative apparatchicks whose lack of integrity allowed such a war to be started, because they're the real enemy—they're the miserable bastards whose overriding wish for insulation from the composition of education has them holding the customers they are compensated to cultivate in contempt.

Yet here I sit, possessor of a scurrility quota normally rocketing off the scale, and I haven't got a bloody thing to sashay their way. Two hundred words into this riff and the belly ain't birthing no burning embers.

It's like I've lost three feet off my fastball.

Everyone knows what a cash-generating con job the parking situation here at the resting place of Geraldo Rivera's soul has come to represent. They oversold the parking stickers to generate cash; they're gonna ticket everyone who can't find a legitimate spot to generate cash, and, when its finished, they're going to rent out the football field to generate cash, even though parking is so tight and the college doesn't even have a freaking football team.

I should be foursquare on my soapbox right now, calling for heads to be fitted on pikes placed along the buckling, crumbling Alumni Walk. My cranium should be crooked back so my cry rises heavenward, calling on Whoever-the-fuck's-in-charge to fling down some fitting form of retribution for the bibliographic backwater the spanking new library stylishly enshrouds. But I just can't seem to bring up the bile and blast it out like the Devil's own bellows as I usually do.

As a rancid reverend reigns over an orchard of racist enrollees, I should be bitching at the socially psychotic scumbags who introduced the multicultural concept to academe. They've started a ball rolling that's sure to leave society scattered

like a seven-ten split: one group over there, another over here, and nothing in the middle that can make us a whole.

These folks, these screwed-up fuckheads, should be getting an extra-special, I-dare-you-to-bring-me-up-on-charges dose of Leather Penguin, but he and the Barstool Boy seem to have flown the coop in search of potent potions. I hope they bring me back a bottle...I think I could use a shot of something about now, 'cause I'm obviously out of juice.

I learn nursing students will publish their own yearbook this year, and it doesn't make me apoplectic; it just kinda bums me, and makes me wonder how soon the "profession" sections will start acting like Serbian gunners, aiming their salvos toward the liberal arts layabouts.

What number-crunching numbnut majoring in bean counting would want to be found in an annual shared with people who spent their college time reading and thinking? Or worse, learning how to properly probe a rectum in search of roses. It's an affront, an indignity; they also should have their culture properly encased in a binding of their own design. But give me the contract, please.

I sit here in front of the keyboard, staring out at a harbor shrouded in wet, gray obfuscation. Some weird,

rhythmic, bass-end whump comes pounding through the ether from what I think is Bay Ridge, reminding that a year ago to the day I was ripping in the rapture of a San Francisco Sojourn, and Bay Ridge was just a state of mind....

...Out my window an array of SF Tri-Highs throw me happy-faced high-fives. Crane my head to the left and there's downtown: Market, Montgomery and Sansome, with all their little-traversed lanes where maybe Bukowski lies in an erudite stupor. Swing right and smell the tang of ocean riding on El Niño's cousin. The locals grouse of cold, but I'm walking around in a tee shirt and denim...I'm living in a spot from which two bookstores, one a manuscript Mecca: City Lights, are a mere five minutes away. Christ, this is too cool...

Tiger Lilly comes bounding into my lap, ending the sailing session through my skull. Lilly demands tithe from TC's attention. She's got a great story, this puss. Lilly is bounding pell-mell into adolescence with less than rudimentary instruction; just instinct as guidance. How the rest of her ride will glide!

I'll talk with her a bit. You can't over-alliterate a cat.

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POLITICAL CORRECTNESS:

THE ATTACK OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH

By Ryan Monroe

The right to free speech is being systematically undermined by terms considered to be politically correct. Political correctness is an oxymoron. There is no way one opinion can be correct. No one person or group of people hold the cornerstone on what is good or what is best. They can, however, strongly insist that their point of view is the better one. Only in Nazi Germany or Communist USSR did one group hold the power to enforce an ideology.

There are many words today which are forbidden from local and national papers, because they are assumed to offend a minority of individuals. These words were never meant to offend, but radical groups are waging a war with words and attacking our freedom of speech. Here are just a few of the words that interest groups are trying to axe which have been historical norms: handyman, fireman, policeman, chairman, garbage man, gas man, postman, handicapped, crazy, girl, lady, fat, hick, short, boy, black, retarded, homosexual, and Christian, these are words that today are considered too offensive for specific interest groups.

The words today which have "man" in them are being changed to "person," i.e. mail person, fire person. The word "person" has no distin-

guishing characteristics. This will create confusion in society between people who would like be able to tell the difference between a man and a woman. There are differences which become apparent when people meet face-to-face.

Also, "the handicapped" are now called "physically challenged." "Garbage man" has been changed to "sanitation worker." "Gas attendant" is now being referred to as a "petroleum engineer." "Lady," which has always been a sign of respect to a dignified, respectable woman, is under attack as well. I would not be offended if I were referred to as a "gentleman" or "chivalrous." To this day I open doors for Ladies. PC offends me. I will treat a woman like a Lady if I feel she is deserving that respect.

PC is in all colleges and universities. College is supposed to be a forum for expression of ideas, not suppression of ideas. This is the USA, not the USSR. I will continue to use the words I have grown up using.

Sooner or later, the human race will become the huperson race. Animals will cry foul. Sooner or later Mens' rooms and Ladies' rooms will be combined in order to be politically correct. Next thing you know, people with one eye and one leg will be offended by the word pirate.

WARM, HAPPY PEOPLE

By Cliff Hagen

People! Squatty, flaccid, ugly people invade my life. People attack me in the streets, in my home, in my sleep. People spit at my feet, stab my back, slap my face. People are my life.

Indeed, if not for people, folk with whom I share a sense of community, with whom I relate, struggle with daily, if not for those folk who would I be? And since to be human, to love, hate, worship is essentially grounded in relationships with other humans, I consider it a blessing to be enmeshed with Man. I am surrounded by life; though not always warm, it is always alive.

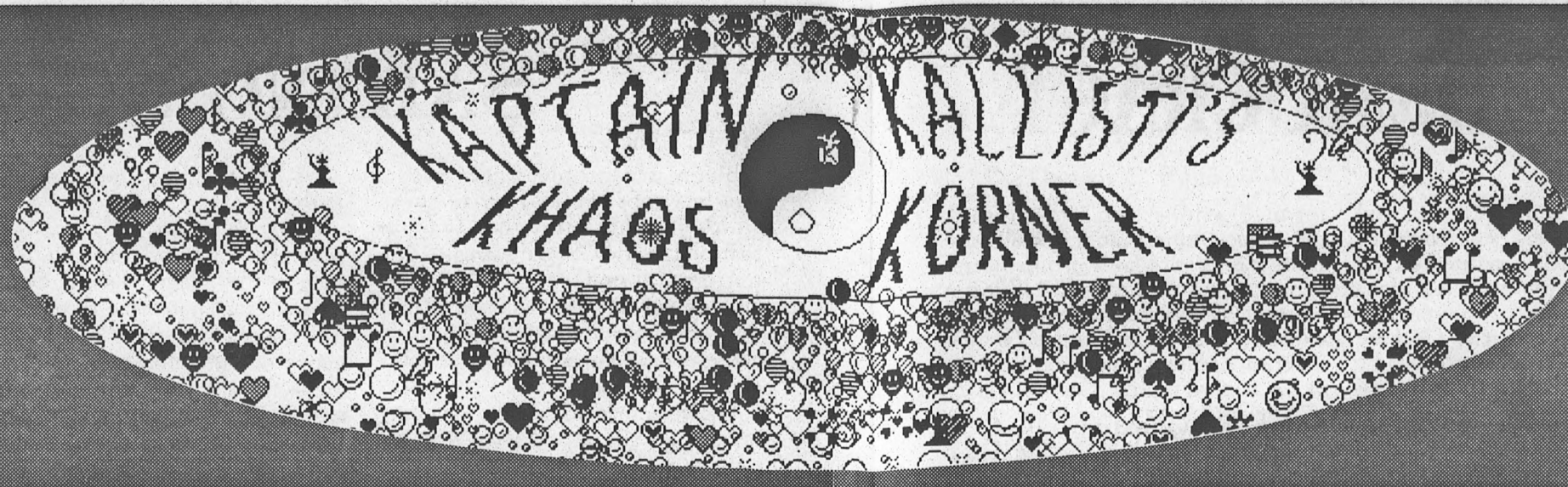
My path in life is cemented in my own muddy altruism. I want others to be happy only because most happiness is warm, comforting; it needs to be shared, and receiving warmth from Man is what greases my wheels. The Happy Human is what makes the world go round.

Imagine yourself in a ship on a lake. The threatening sky, tattered sail and splintered hull signal disaster. You are in charge. Would you prefer a grumbling, negative crew unable to think happy thoughts or to be surrounded by folks who know that there is no place like home

Life is for the living. I like being alive. More still, I want to be surrounded by warm, happy people as I live. There are fundamental Christians who carry a warm, happy facade, but they're so full of pseudo-righteous rot it spills from their mouth when they speak. There are warm, happy folk too drugged or drunk to lift a foot, much less a fist. They may know what steps to take but they are soaked through by addiction, unable to make a move.

I move here in this public chronicle, in this court of public opinion, to have praised and applauded any and all acts of sincerity, all moments of happiness, all warmth radiated from Mankind. As a cog on a gear which spins from one generation to the next I want life to turn, turn, turn. I want every warm, happy moment addressed, given a stamp of approval and delivered to all.

Join with me to applaud the positive and rebuke the wretched negativity pervading the nooks and crannies of our world. Sweep the corners, climb to new heights and scan the heavens. Search with me for warm, happy people thinking warm, happy thoughts and living warm, happy lives. If you find one let me know.



HOLIER THAN THOU

by Pot Rabidsin

As anyone with half a brain may have noticed, a number of incredible events have occurred in the past few months: Floods have deluged the midwest; an earthquake shook California, and the worst winter in memory is still assailing the northeast.

While there is no need to explain the details, (since the media has given ample coverage to these disturbances,) it is essential that people know why these sorts of things are happening. Now before the reader blurts out reasons like weather patterns, Mount Pinatubo, and seismic plates, I'd like to warn you that damnation is the reward for the presumptuous.

These so-called natural disasters are about as natural as my name. We are experiencing the wrath of the Almighty God. Once again I'd like to issue a warning, the first person who smirks will be struck down by lightning. It seems that people need to be reminded that damning people to hell and striking them dead with lightning are powers of the Lord, just to name a few. Amongst the others are turning people into pillars of salt, and what pertains to us most importantly, the ability of God to use the elements to punish mankind. Before any of you sinners question why you deserve punishment, let me warn you that God hates questions.

Many have been the sins of mankind. I'm not talking about not loving your neighbor, valuing money over spiritual needs, or even failing to go to church. God understands that these are the 90s and that Americans don't have time for such cornball notions.

In fact the Lord has anointed a select few men to spread his message through media like television, so that people would not have to worry about leaving their house and interacting with other human beings just to attend church. Of course buying a few cable channels is more expensive than opening a church, that is why we have toll free numbers instead of a donation box.

It is the treatment of one of God's anointed which has incited one of the disasters. The earthquake in California is the direct result of the sinners in that state refusing to believe that my colleague Jimmy Swaggart has repented for twice soliciting a prostitute. Don't even think about laughing!

Have you ever noticed the dead rats on the side of the road? Just lying there, innards all over the curb, flies and maggots all over their corpses, heads smashed like cheap porcelain on the pavement? Yeah, I've never noticed them myself.

All men stumble at one time or another, not all stumble as often or as stupidly as Jimmy but that doesn't mean that God hasn't forgiven him; and until you heathens in California do, things are gonna keep rockin'. This brings us to our next example of divine retribution: The floods. Why would God flood the bible belt? I'll tell you why, because they scooped buying bibles from authorized bible dealers.

I can't tell you how many times those wretches have slammed their doors in my face. In response for unjustifiably denying me of my livelihood, the Lord gave them the wet willie. I know some of you are having a hard time accepting this and you're questioning the validity of my statements (trust me you'll be sorry). In response I will point out to you non-bible literates that God has flooded the earth before.

In this flood which is described in the old testament, God killed the sinners and left Noah to build an ark and collect a male and female pair of each species so that after the flood waters receded they could breed and inbreed as they pleased. Are you satisfied you blasphemers?

Now how does that Bobbie woman fit into things? Well like the rest of us loudly humans God too is confused by this woman's actions. In contemplating whether or not this woman is a religious innovator who takes Abraham's sacrifice to the next level or if she just an abomination, the Lord has thrown some confusing whether toward our northeasterly way.

The spring like days we have experienced are the days the lord decided that Lorena Bobbitt was a new fangled prophet. The beastly days of snow and ice were the times that God judged the Bobbitt woman to be the most grievous of sinners. In the spirit of democracy, and in the hopes of ending his confusion, the Almighty God will allow the people to decide what Lorena is. Ballots can be bought for an extravagant fee, trivial when compared to what this weather has cost us already, at the Banner office. Ask to speak with Pot.

Headgames.
I am sick of headgames!
Another day, another headgame,
another lie.
Another excuse to play this charade,
to pretend we have a future.
If you really want me,
then be honest with me.
Don't test me.
Don't toy with me!
If you think all I want from you is sex,
then ask.
I'll tell you.
Yes.
T.S. Killen

Fields Of Gold

That day I found you in a field of gold
loving the sun that couldn't help but stare.
He wildly touched you, kissed you bold
until you felt my body needing and bare.
We lay side by side, we loved face to face
as day fell asleep in the arms of night.
I watched you inhale life and exhale grace-
ful love after feeding me breathless delights
that teased my restless dreams. They, too, always
think of you. Many years have passed since the day
we walked in the fields of gold. Weak and amazed
I felt your body rise and walk away.
Vera Saverino

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to find what love is
but if we won't than let
there be lots of naked bodies
entwined
in a joyous celebration of eternal
human misery
for there is exceedingly little we can
do right.
Stan Wynne

"G G ALLEN IS THE REASON
GREG ADAMO EXISTS"---
TC LUNCH

A WEST BRIGHTON TALE

By Doug O'Connell

MacDonagh stepped out of the pub and lit a cigarette. The acrid, unfiltered smoke left brown stains on his fingers, which no amount of scrubbing would completely remove.

His friends all thought he was crazy, smoking those "Roll-Yer-Owns". They all smoked things like Marlboro. Chock full of chemo-stuff, those Marlboros.

They all said odd things like that. They call him an alcoholic, usually about an hour before they passed out on their barstools. They told him he should get his drivers license, as another crushed beer can was tossed to the back seat.

Some, with little understanding, would call Seamus MacDonagh's friends "hypocrites". MacDonagh knew better. He knew that they were merely fucked in the head.

He knew that he, above all, was also fucked in the head. It needed no textbook definition to be obvious, and he needed no overpaid shaman to tell him so. His steady diet of tequila and LSD had rendered him so far beyond the realm of ordinary reality grids as to provide him with a neurologically imprinted map of "Just How Skewed He Was".

A renegade grain of sulfur fleeing from the match landed high upon his hand and stung him

No Place To Go

We dressed up in our thoughts the morning
the aged sun slept in. Together, we sailed far
away without having to build a boat
to carry our heavy dreams. We swam
in waveless moods that cooled my kissed skin.
I remember you inside. Even the raindrops
never understood why the sun missed
that sleepless morning. We were naked, poor
and proud of owning nothing except flowers.
Their petals were the only decorations
we loved, their voices all we needed to breathe.

Vera Saverino

back into this peculiar grid. Grappling-hooks of nicotine pulled his brain cells back towards their appointed paths. Got to get me down to Parnell's, he thought, before the house is packed.

It was the 6th of March, and all of Staten Island lined up along Forest Avenue, filtering in and out of its myriad bars and taverns, awaiting the annual St. Patrick's Day parade. Always held at least a week before the traditional, the Islanders harkened back to a time when the Dems were supreme, and North Shore Dicks ran the show. The times had changed over the years - it was the Republicans and Italians who were in control of the political scene - and the handful of old families propagating and remaining on the North Shore remembered their once prosperous past were few indeed.

The parade had not yet begun, and the side-walks had a good half hour before the congestion reached its peak. Already though, some of the truly festive were swaying in unison, attempting a chorus of McNamara's Band. These were the posers of the Day, and would be passed out by four. Their kind always galled Seamus: Putting on the pretense of being Irish just for the license to be a drunken lout for a day.

The crowd inside Parnell's was quite lubricated, crying "Cockles and Mussels, Alive, Alive Oh!" Seamus made his way to the bar and ordered two stouts, waiting for Gumby to show. It was a tradition with them. They would start the day there, have two stouts apiece, and then proceed to cover the bar circuit. Each would take a different side of the street, meeting back at Parnell's by seven; stumbling, staggering, stupendously bloated.

With a roar and a crash, Gumby stormed in. "Goddamn it six ways to a nun's inner treat-- these blithering idiots are all dead meat."

"Been starting early today McRatboy?" asked Seamus. "Here, drink this."

"Had to," said Gumby. "I've just been called something new."

"What's that?"

"Mysogenist. I think that is to sexist what Hitler was to Anti Semite."

"Something like that. Been called that a few times myself. Pretty pathetic, no?"

"It's a trend," said Gumby. "Like that Lorena woman."

"The poster child," Seamus quipped. "Why do they use it with such hatred and venom against us?"

"It's a cultural thing. The Irish are supposed to be this rabble rousing, dreg drinking, booze belting, carousing, womanizing, literary culture sent here straight from Beelzebub's bellows."

"That's what we get for starting revolution in a

Goddamn Post Office," Seamus shot back. "Repeatedly taking on the biggest empire since Rome with naught but a bunch of pitchforks and a few borrowed guns from whoever's against them at the time. Although..."

McRatboy didn't hear him. The crowd was through with Molly Malone, and tried to out shout themselves with Toura-Loura-Loura.

"What?"

"Nothing," Seamus said. "It's just that, don't you think we fuel our own myths sometimes."

"The myths are their own. They got started when somebody realized we write better in English than the English. Fuck 'em. Tara was one of the greatest centers of Literature, Learning, and Music in all Christendom."

"U'know Gumby, they'd call you Anti-Pluralistic for that."

"I don't give a Fuck what they say about it. They're always inventing new, faux-erudite terms to slap onto people. All it means is that someone thinks they ain't getting their share, and instead of doing something real about it, they whine and bitch some more. Go ahead ... Call me a sexist. Call me a mysogenist. Call me anything you want. Anyone who knows anything about the Irish knows how our relationship with women really is."

"Yeah, I know," said Seamus. "We stand on the soapbox for a year and a day sounding like the bastard brood of Spartacus and Jefferson, but when we go home, we must obey."

"Exactly. Whoever thought all that 'Love, honor, etc.' was meant as a form of subjugation must've been a really warped, loveless twit."

"God knows there's enough of THEM in America."

"Yeah," said Gumby. "Carry Nation done us wrong. Another?"

"Sure," said Seamus.

They finished their stouts in relative calm, and went out into the morass of moronia. When they met up again, they had one round apiece and then split. It was eight, and their women were waiting.

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ARCHITECT OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

By Ralph G. Giordano, AIA

April 13, 1993 marked the beginning of a year long celebration of the 250th anniversary of Thomas Jefferson. Celebrations began as early as January 17, 1993 when President William Jefferson Clinton began his inauguration from the steps of Jefferson's Virginia home, Monticello.

The importance of Thomas Jefferson extends far beyond the fact that he was governor of Virginia, our nation's first Secretary of State, second Vice President, and third President of the United States. He was an architect, an inventor, a farmer, a scientist, an environmentalist, a horticulturist and the founder of the American educational system. In the words of President Clinton, "Our nation probably derives its shape more from (Jefferson's) influence than from that of any other human being who ever lived."

Jefferson's political attitudes led him in a search for an architectural style which, according to historian William Howard Adams, would link "...the cause of political independence with an appropriate architecture, one that reflected the larger ideals of the new Republic." Jefferson's Visionary search through his writings and architecture almost singlehandedly provided the framework for our nation's heritage. His designs of the University of Virginia not only revealed his visionary ideas in architectural form, he also laid the

model for the educational curriculum currently followed by every major University in the United States. He was the first to propose that a University not be centered on the teachings of a church. Instead, he proposed that the center of the university should be the library, which he called its "heart and soul."

Throughout his life, Thomas Jefferson stressed the importance of education. He saw education as the basic requirement for citizenship and voiced his belief that the future of our nation required an educated populace. He has been quoted as saying "Knowledge is power, knowledge is safety, and that knowledge is happiness." As Jefferson's notable biographer Dumas Malone stated, to Jefferson the idea of freedom was inseparable from knowledge.

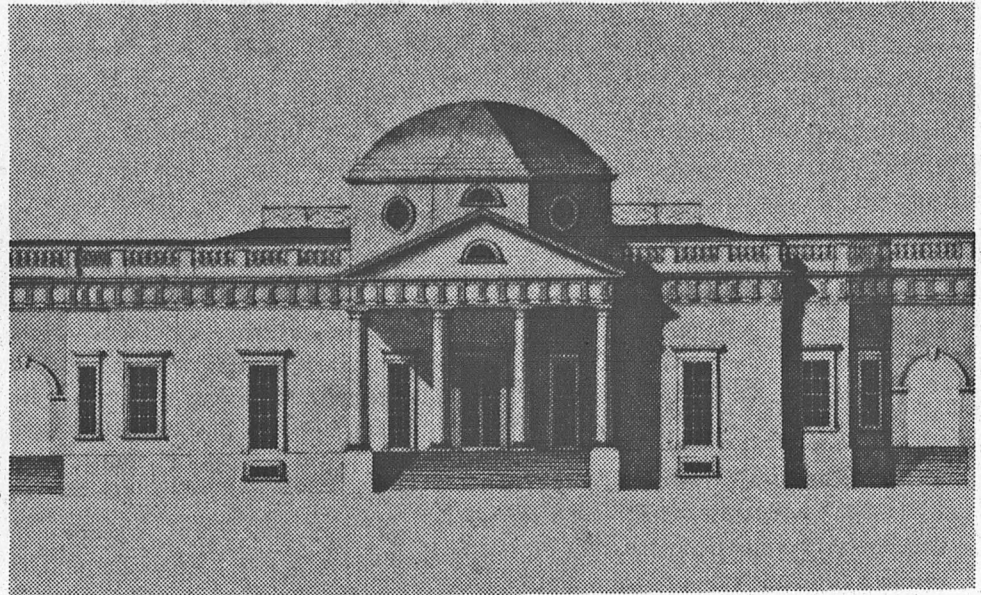
In honor of Jefferson's 250th birthday, and to coincide with the inauguration of our new campus, the departments of History; Political Science, Economics and Philosophy; and the Program Development Committee of Student Government commissioned an exhibition entitled "Thomas Jefferson Still Lives." Currently housed in the History/PEP building, 2N—Rm 109, the exhibition displays the American public image of Jefferson. The display items reflect Jefferson's desire to be remembered as "Author of the Declaration of Independence, of the Statute of

Virginia for religious freedom, and Father of the University of Virginia," concentrating on his architecture, as well as his inventions, and ideas relating to education.

The importance of the College exhibition has been acknowledged by both The White House and The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation at Monticello. At the entrance to the exhibit area is a podium displaying a letter from President Clinton. "It is important

for us, the inheritors of Jefferson's rich legacy, to recommit ourselves to his noble ideas of faith in a democracy of enlightened people," Clinton writes. "As you study this wonderful exhibit, you can reflect on Thomas Jefferson's extraordinary contribution to our nation."

Ralph G. Giordano, AIA, is Curator of the Jefferson Exhibit, which will run through July.



| MARCH 1994 | | | | | WEEKLY EVENTS |
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| CSI & EVENTS | | | | | |
| BY: MICHAEL GAROFALO, PHOTO EDITOR | | | | | |
| 15 TUESDAY | TRIP: OPERA "THE BARBER OF SEVILLE" BUS DEPARTS PARKING LOT 4 AT 6:00 | | | | SUNDAY SWIMMING 8-10 AM, 4-5 PM JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER |
| 16 WEDNESDAY | 'TEST ANXIETY REDUCTION' 10-12 AM 1A-110 | "BIRTH CONTROL IN THE AGE OF HIV/AIDS HELEN ARONSTEIN 2:30-3:30PM (GDL,PG) | SEXUAL HARASSMENT LECTURE 7PM (GDL,CC) | KENT STATE VETERAN ALAN CANFORA LECTURES ON HISTORY OF STUDENT ACTIVISM 2:30 & 7:00 PM, 1C-109 | MONDAY WEIGHT ROOM 11AM-3PM SWIMMING 8:15-9:30 PM JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER |
| 17 THURSDAY | FRISBEE GOLF OUTSIDE STUDENT CENTER 1:30 PM | 1/R: WHEEL OF FORTUNE 2PM, STUDENT CENTER | "LES MISERABLES" TRIP TO PLAY (\$20) BUS DEPARTS PARKING LOT 4 AT 6PM | | TUESDAY SWIMMING 10:30 AM-1PM 7:30-9PM JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER |
| 19 SATURDAY | MUSIC 11:30 AM WEEKEND JAZZ BLUES BRUNCH (GDL,CC) | | | | WEDNESDAY SWIMMING 8AM-10PM WEIGHT ROOM 11AM-3PM STEP AEROBICS CLASS 12:20-1:10PM, 1C-212 |
| 22 TUESDAY | 88.9 F.M. WSIA TOXIC RADIO A DAY OF WOMEN'S MUSIC-IN HONOR OF WOMANS HISTORY MONTH. | | | | THURSDAY SWIMMING 10AM-1:30 7:30-9PM J.C.C. STEP AEROBICS CLASS 12:20-1:10 PM, 1C-212 |
| 24 THURSDAY | In the Spirit of Ms. Truth Performance by Carole Parker Green Dolphin Lounge, Campus Center 1:30 PM | | WORKSHOP: 1:00PM Window Into writing CC Room 109 (Today & Tomorrow) | | FRIDAY SWIMMING 8:30AM-1:30PM JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER WEIGHT ROOM 11AM-3PM 6:30-9:30PM |

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE WIDE WORLD OF BEER

By Thomas C. Kolakowski
Homebrewer

When most Americans think of beer they think of Budweiser, Coors or Miller Lite as being "BEER". They think that beer should be yellow... mildly flavored carbonated alcoholic beverage which is inexpensive and gives you a quick cheap buzz (and if too much is consumed... one hell of a hangover!). Unfortunately, of the 20,000 varieties of beer available throughout the world most Americans drink a form of beer that was created during World War II to cater to the palate of "Rosie the Riveter". The numbers and varieties of Beers are quite extensive. The rest of this article will deal with the major classifications of Beers and some of the major brands that fall in these categories.

The First Category of Beers are called **ALES**. Ales fall into several classic styles:

1> **Bitters** are brown to red in color and tend to be extremely bitter. These are mainly found in English pubs. Fullers ESB is a good example of a Extremely bitter ale..

2> **Mild Ales** are brown ales which are very low in alcohol. They are flavorful and brewed for social drinking, where the idea is to drink and chat rather than get drunk.

3> **Pale Ales** are what most Americans think of as Ales. Bass is a perfect example! Pale Ales are slightly bitter and have a higher alcohol content than either Mild Ales or Bitters.

4> **Brown Ales** are similar to Mild Ales in color and texture, but are much sweeter and nuttier in flavor than their cousin. It also is higher in alcohol than Mild Ales and some Pale ales. New Castle and Old Peculier are two major brands of Brown Ale.

5> **Porter** is a dark ale, often so black that your lighter won't shine through it! It's rich... creamy

and quite high in alcohol content. Taddy Porter of Tadcaster England is a classic Porter. Hold it up to the light... and guess what? No light shines through!

6> **Stouts**. A stout is a dark, rich and heavy. They can be very sweet and heady. The most famous version is Guinness Extra Stout.

7> **Scottish Ales**. These are dark colored ales with distinctive "smoky" flavors, kind of reminiscent of Scotch Whiskey. They vary in strength, flavor and alcohol content. Few are available here in the US outside of specialty distributors.

8> **Belgian Trappist Ales**. These are the most expensive and flavorful of the Ales. They vary in flavor and strength. These ales have been brewed by the Trappist Monks since the Eleventh Century. Some Ales even have fruit like Cherries or Raspberries. A bottle of Liefmans Frambozenbier is a unique experience, more like a berry wine than a true ale. Belgian Ales come in Champagne-like bottles that are corked rather than capped. The most popular brands are Corsendunk and Chimay.

The second major classification of beers are the **LAGERS**. The major varieties are as follows:

1> **Pilsners** are what most of us call beer. They are pale and golden in color. They are much more carbonated than the Ales or Lagers. True Pilsners are sweet and heady.

2> **Oktoberfest and Marzen** are rich amber-orange or copper colored lagers. They are very strong and are brewed in March (Marzen) and the kegs are opened as part of the Oktoberfest celebration. They are highly aromatic and malty. This is a seasonal beer and is usually only available from September to February. Some tap Oktoberfests are available in the U.S.

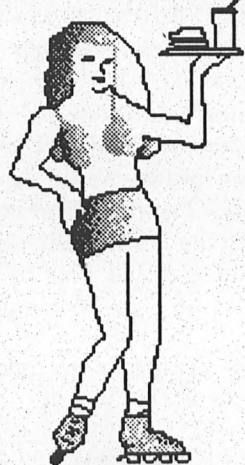
3> **Bock and Doppelbocks**. These are dark lagers, very sweet and malty with low bitterness. The Doppelbocks can either be light or dark, but both are incredibly strong. This is the beer of choice for the "real drinker"! Those that are available here in the U.S. are classified a Malt Liquors because of the high alcohol contents. A Doppelbock can be up to 14% alcohol (compared to the 5.5%-6.5% content of a strong British Ale)... now that's packing a wallop!!!

The last variety is know as the **Wheat Beers**. Most Wheat Beers are made in Germany and Belgium. The **Weissbier**, or **Weizen**, have at least 50% Wheat malt. They vary in strength and flavor. They are very popular in Germany and often are served with a slice of lemon. Paulaner is a popular Hefe-Weizen.

Sampling and savoring the various styles and varieties of beer can be as rewarding and pleasurable as tasting a fine wine. As I stated in the opening paragraph, there are over 20,000 varieties of beer out there. Each town and village throughout Europe has their own distinctive beers. Whether it is a Belgian Frambozenbier, a Hefe-Weizen or India Pale Ale, each brand will have it's own character and taste.

So next time someone says "let's go have a beer" try something different, don't order that old Pitcher of Bud. Try an ale... a lager... or even a Weissbier. Here on Staten Island there are a number of bars, restaurants and beer distributors that have excellent varieties of foreign beers to please the palate. Broaden your beer tasting horizon... and have a cold one on me

The author holds a B.A. in Medieval Studies from Fordham University



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HISSES AND KISSES

By Lisa-Anne Stephenson

HISSES to the Campus Loop Bus service. Evening and weekend students are accustomed to being treated like second class citizens and if you thought the switch to the new campus would change their status, think again, the loop bus was nowhere to be seen. Students waited over half an hour for the bus and finally, out of frustration, were forced to walk the dark and dangerous path to their classes. Not only was it very cold but they also had to walk against an overwhelming amount of traffic.

KISSES to Campus Security who later figured out that they could actually shuttle students back and forth in replacement of the Loop Bus; and also to the friendly security guard at the front gate who requested the service.

HISSES to the students who illegally parked on the loop road, access lanes to the parking lot, and in the loading areas of the library and the Campus Center. This made it practically impossible and time consuming for the handicapped vans, loop buses and other cars to get to their destinations and forcing hundreds of students to suffer in the process.

HISSES to the loop bus personnel as they lacked the courtesy, decency or even the common sense to notify students waiting at the loop bus stops that the buses were out of service.

KISSES to the New York City Transit Authority for adding 5 buses on the S62 route during the hours of 4:00pm to 9:30pm.

HISSES to the weekend cashier (I won't mention any names,) who told a student that she'd rather throw out food already prepared because it was against

policy to accept any bills over \$20.00. She then proceeded to rudely turn away students before 2.00pm complaining that the cafeteria was closed and she wanted to go home.

Suggestion: A) It wouldn't have exactly killed her to allow the students to buy the bottle of water they were practically begging to buy especially since all she was doing was just standing there waiting for other students whose meal was being prepared.

B) Maybe the manager of the cafeteria could teach the cashiers the difference between real money and counterfeit. Believe me, it's not that hard.

KISSES to the Pluralism and Diversity and the Program Development Committees for making more of an attempt than they've done in the past in celebrating Black History Month. Inviting Marcia-Ann Gillispie editor of Ms. Magazine to speak was definitely an encouragement for students for students of all color and sex. The Committees also did a great job in promoting her lecture on racism and sexism in our society.

HISSES to whoever hired the so-called security guards of last semester. These men (or so they called themselves) whose job it is to make the students, faculty and staff feel safe instead hit on anything that passed by in a skirt. Excuse me but did they hire anyone who applied for the job?

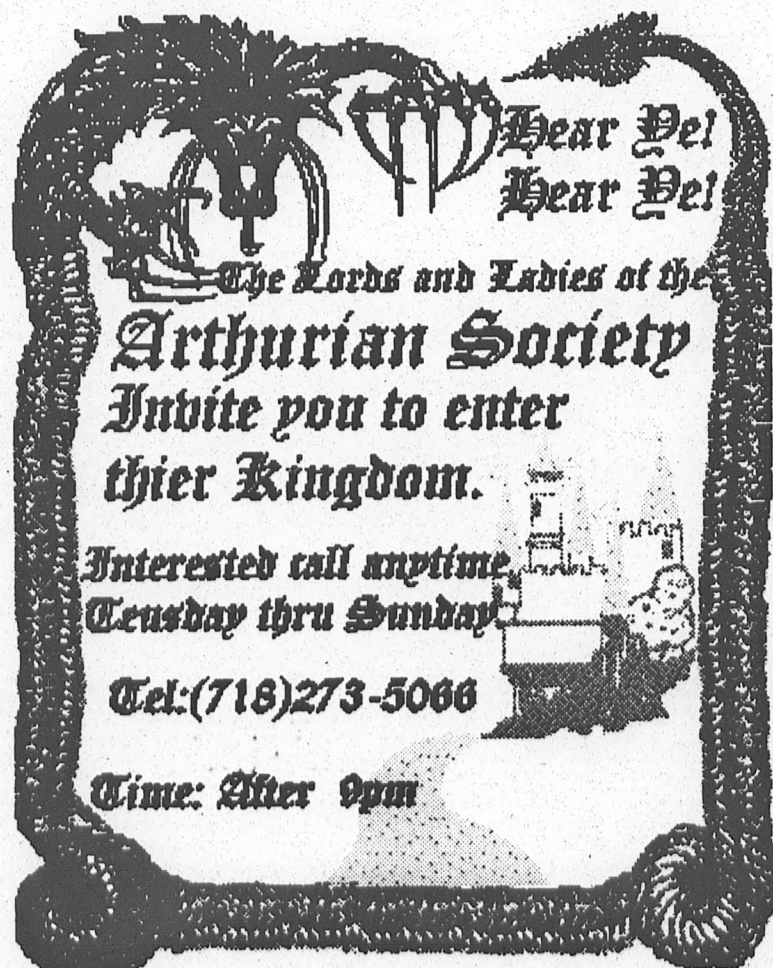
KISSES to the head of security, Gene Martinez, for getting rid of them for the 1994 Spring semester.

If you have anything to kiss or hiss at, write to Lisa, C/O The BANNER, building 1-C, Room 230

In other news...
Student Government has purchased a \$249 stereo, this is a decline from the \$600 stereo that Senator Ryan Monroe bought and subsequently was forced to return.

In other news...
Two campus security guards were called to the scene of a

stalled engine, upon further inspection of what was under the hood, the guards found what was left of a cat, ground into many indistinguishable pieces stuck in the motor. Emergency Services had to be called in because security did not possess the necessary tools to remove the remains of the dismembered feline.



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In other news...
The words "Repent you bastards," were scribbled on the door of the New York Public Interest Group's office in building 1C. At this point it is not known who is responsible for the defacing, or if the Campus's graffiti busters are looking into the matter.

In other new...
While in the rotunda section of the cafeteria, students belonging to the Arthurian Society were surrounded by campus security, who were overly concerned with the prop sword, used in ceremonies held by the Arthurian Society, that the students were handling. Both groups glared dumbfoundedly at each for several minutes until it was ascertained that the sword was not lethal. The students were asked to keep the sword out of sight when in public.

In other new...
The expensive television bought for student viewing in the Bijou room, building 1C will not be shown indefinitely due to the lack of an antenna, cable, and satellite dish. It is quite possible that students will just have to study in their free time.

could create a serious health condition.

Dr. Nair who specializes in the treatment of infectious disease commented that the next step

(Continued from Water) to be taken after discovering a high pH level and low chlorine count, would be to take cultures to test for the level of colli in the water. If the colli count were high, then the water would need to be declared undrinkable until that status changes.

Dr. Oppenheimer stated that the tests run by the Department of Health included such cultures.

Many students, faculty, and staff have commented since arrival at the campus about the discoloration of the water. Dr. Oppenheimer explained that this is most likely due to particles within the water pipes which have been shaken up during construction. These loosened particles could also be the reason for the low chlorine level, as they are high absorbers of chlorine.

When NYPIRG, Inc. Project Coordinator Michelle Gibbons was asked about the condition of water on campus she commented, "the water is discolored and tasted kind of weird. Maybe we should think about looking into it."

Looking into it is what Dr. Oppenheimer, CES, the Department of Health and the Department of Environmental Protection are already doing. In the interim, to be on the safe side don't drink the water.

compiled by Jusuf Fuduli

MORTAL KOMBAT

unleashed

By Michael Garofalo

BANNER Photo Editor

Prepare yourself for the new bloodbath. Midway's Mortal Kombat II hits local arcades, raising major controversy in its wake. Seven new fighters, 12 in all, begin their unholy journey into the Outworld to destroy Shao Khan and anyone else who gets in their way.

Twice the memory, twice the moves, and twice the blood of the original. At first glance, it is easy to see that MKII improved dramatically in the graphics and sound departments. Each of the levels in this gore-fest has a demonic look to it, as do some of the characters. In keeping with the theme of the original, Midway made this version violent. It practically rains blood, and the fatalities are downright disgusting (and a bit funny.) The screen cries, "Finish Him," sometimes "Finish Her," leaving you with the choice of several different fatalities: the ability to turn your foe into a baby, hurl them into a pit, a spiked ceiling, or just become friends.

"Oh my God!" a shocked parent cries as she sees her nine year old son witness the decapitation of a dazed foe. Many parents are outraged with what

| CHARACTER | SPECIAL MOVES | FATALITY | BABALITY | FRIENDSHIP | PIT & SPIKES |
|-------------|---|--|-------------|------------|--------------|
| LIU KANG | FIRE: F,F,HP OR LP BIKE KICK: *LK FLY KICK: F,F,HP | ¹ D,F,B,B,HK ² REV. CIR. | D,F,B,LK | F,B,B,B,LK | D,B,F,F,LK |
| JONNY CAGE | KICK: B,F,LK F.BALL: B,D,F,LP OR F,D,B,HP NUTS: LP & BLK UPPERCUT: B,D,B,HP | ¹ F,F,D,U ² D,D,F,F,LP | B,B,B,HK | D,D,D,HK | D,D,D,HK |
| RAIDEN | FLY: B,B,F LIGHT: B,D,F,LP TELEPORT: U SHOCK: *HP | ¹ HOLD LK F,F,D,D,D | D,D,U,HK | D,B,F,HK | BLK,U,U,HP |
| SCORPION | SPEAR: B,B,LP T.PUNCH: F,D,B,HP LEGS: F,D,B,LP | ¹ BLK,U,U,HP ² HOLD HP F,D,F,F,F | D,B,B,HK | B,B,D,HK | D,F,F,BLK |
| SUB-ZERO | FREEZE: B,D,F,LP ICE: F,D,B,LK SLIDE: B,LP,LK & BLK | ¹ F,F,D,HK- F,D,F,F,HP ² HOLD LP,B,B,D,F | D,B,B,HK | B,B,D,HK | D,F,F,BLK |
| REPTILE | ACID: F,F,HP IND: BLK,U,U,D,HP ORB: B,B,HP & LP | ¹ B,B,D,LP ² IND,F,F,D,HK | D,B,B,HK | B,B,D,HK | D,F,F,BLK |
| KITANA | FAN: F,F,HP & LP AIR SWEEP: F,D,B,HP LEVITATION: B,B,HP | ¹ TAP BLK,HK ² HOLD LK, F,F,D,F | D,D,D,LK | D,D,D,U,LK | F,D,F,HK |
| MILEENA | ROLL: B,B,D,HK BLADES: *HP KICK: F,F,LK | ¹ F,B,F,LP ² HOLD HK | D,D,D,HK | D,D,D,U,HK | F,D,F,LK |
| BARAKA | BLADES: B,B,B,LP STUFF: F,D,B,HK | ¹ B,B,B,HP ² B,F,D,F,LP | F,F,F,HK | U,U,F,F,HK | ?????? |
| JAH | BEAM: F,D,B,HK PUNCH: *LK | ¹ HOLD LP,F,F,F ² TAP BLK,LP | ?????? | D,D,U,U,LK | BLK,U,U,D,LK |
| KUNG LAO | HAT: B,F,LP TELEPORT: D,U F.FIELD: BLK,U,U,LK AIR KICK: U,D & HK | ¹ BLK,F,F,F,LK ² HOLD LP,B,B,F | B,B,F,F, HK | ?????? | F,F,F,HP |
| SHANG TSUNG | 1 BALL: B,B, HP 2 BALLS: B,B, F, HP 3 BALLS: B,B,F,F, HP | ¹ HOLD BLK & HK (5 SEC) ² BLK,U,U,D,LK | D,B,F,D,HK | B,B,D,B,HK | ?????? |

TRANSFORMATIONS: LIU KANG-B,B,F,BLK CAGE-B,B,D,LP RAIDEN-D,B,F,LK SCORPION-BLK,U,U SUB-ZERO-F,D,F,HP
REPTILE-BLK,U,U,HP KITANA-TAP BLK MILEENA-HP BARAKA-D,LK JAH-D,F,B,HK KUNG LAO-B,B,HP

HIDDEN CHARACTERS- TO GET TO JADE DON'T USE BLOCK AFTER 18 WINS AGAINST THE COMPUTER
TO GET TO SMOKE PRESS THE START BUTTON WHEN YOU GET A "TOASTY" ON
THE RED PORTAL STAGE.

FOR BABALITIES- DO NOT USE THE PUNCH BUTTONS IN THE FINISHING ROUND TO MAKE THE TRICK WORK.

MKII has to offer and they want it removed from the arcades. "Young kids are impressionable and some of

them may try to imitate what they see," states concerned parent Dianne Wong.

But wait, it gets worse. You

can beat up babies in this version. Here's how it's done: Use the evil leader from the original MK, Shang Tsung. When the battle cry "Finish him/her" appears on the screen, turn your opponent into a baby (babality.) Now quickly turn into another character. This will give you a "Free Shot" on a helpless baby. Wait until the "concerned" parents hear that. Apparently, Midway didn't realize this tragic glitch in the machine, and has been removed it from all updated editions.

Not everyone is against MK; in fact, it has many fans in the age group 18-25. "I like the game. The nosy, concerned parents should mind their own business. They're just jealous [because] they didn't have cool games like we have," states avid fan Matthew Ercolino. MK was last year's biggest quarter muncher, and best home system seller, beating out the great Street Fighter II. MKII already has a strong following, and it seems that MK III is inevitable.

founder of the CLUE Challenge program. Jessica comments, "I try to get students to attend CLUE programs, because there's more to life than just class memorization. I want them to experience what I've experienced. There's an interaction that doesn't happen in a classroom setting. There are social, and cultural benefits. And it's free!"

Jessica tries to address many issues that face this campus, one of which is campus maintenance. Jessica states, "I feel that the Buildings and Grounds crew should do a better job of removing wet leaves in the fall, snow in the winter, controlling the mud, and have better lighting for the campus at night." Even though Jessica has a lot of power for a student, it will take more than just her to solve the problem. Jessica adds, "There's not much I can do to solve the problem with Buildings and Grounds maintenance, other than take a shovel and do it myself, and I shouldn't have to do that. I'm a student."

Jessica is living proof that one does not need to be successful in high school to be successful in college. After one lousy junior year, Jessica obtained her diploma by attending night school. Today she has a 3.66 GPA and recieved the Presidential Scholarship and the Friends of CSI, Norma D'Arrigo Scholarship. Jim Curry, Acting Director of Program Services comments, "She's effervescent, up-beat, and on-the-ball. She takes care of things when it needs to be done."

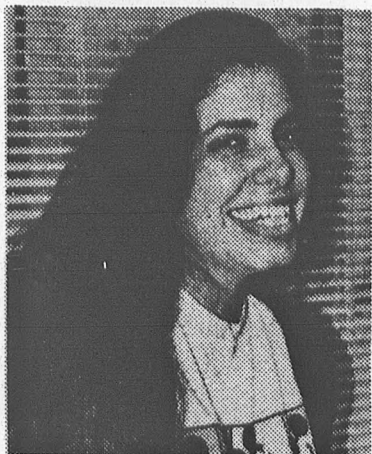
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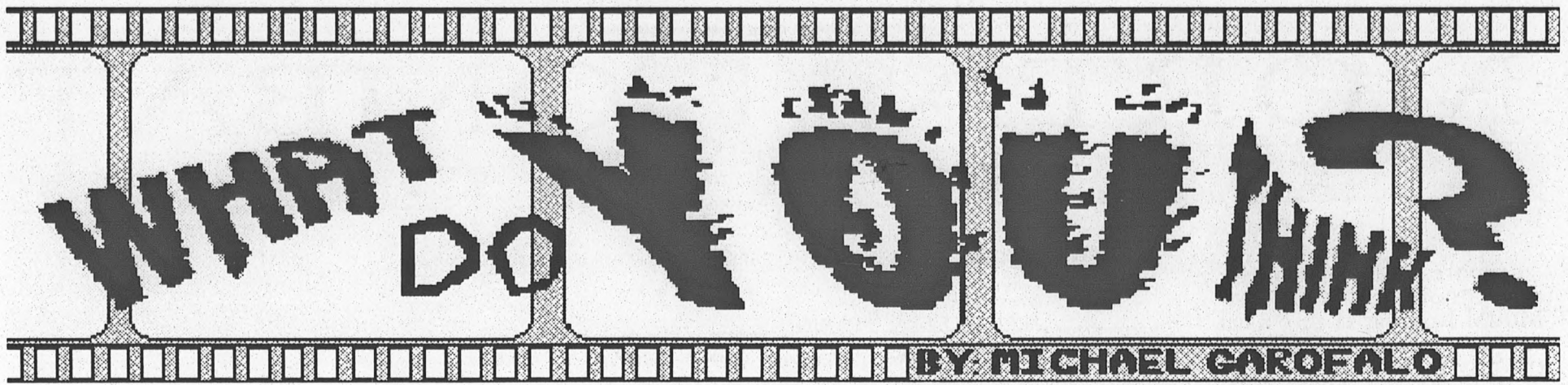
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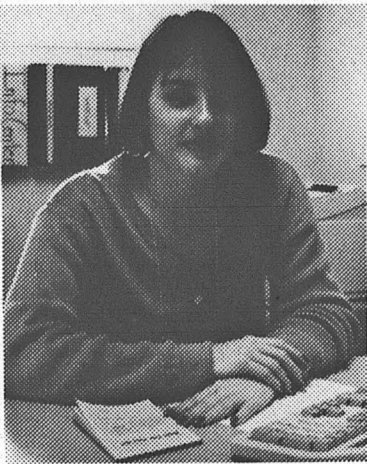
Workaholic Jessica Reback is this issue's Student Profile. Jessica is a tremendous contributor to various committees and student activities here at CSI. "I love school. I love to learn, that's what I'm paying for," comments Jessica.

9:30am to 6:30pm is a typical day for Jessica. "I go home very tired,"

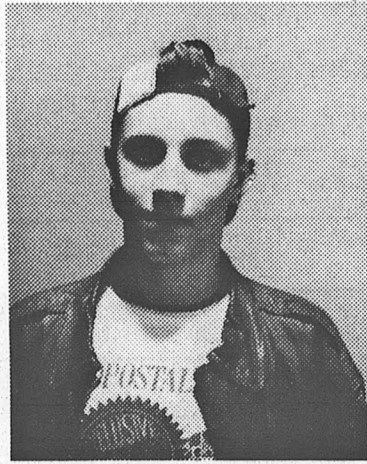
states Jessica. Why shouldn't she: along with working towards an accounting degree, Jessica serves on many school organizations: Student Government, Finance Commissioner Student Center Commission; Auxiliary services; Staffing Committee; Chairperson of the Program Development Committee; and one of her favorites, the CLUE Challenge Program. Jessica is a co-



WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN A STUDENT NEWSPAPER?



Vera Saverino, College Asst.: I would like to see the poetry section be developed and continued as a necessary and interesting opportunity for the students to publish their work.

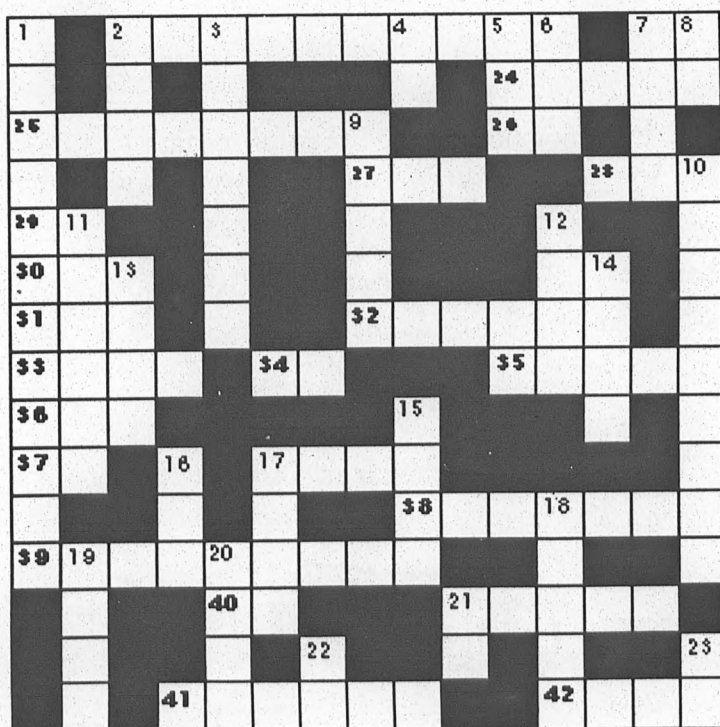


Daniel J. Hall: Articles on Greek life because the Greek Organizations on campus are frowned upon. This would keep the students informed on the beneficial things Greek clubs do.



Anthony Verello: More student profiles. We should know more about the student body, and it would make the campus a friendlier place.

Mikey's Crossword Puzzle

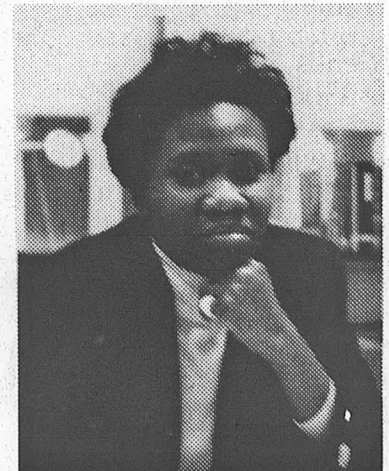


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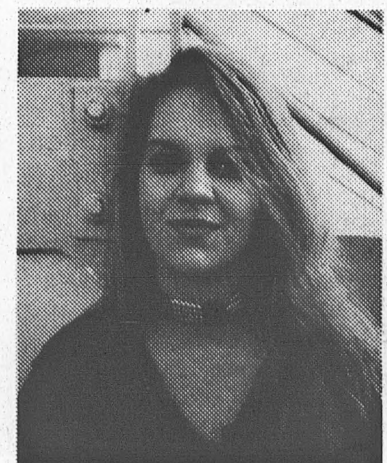
- 2) Curved path of something
Hurling through space
7) All right
24) Happy battle cry
25) Salad
26) Not down
27) cold as
28) Golf
29) Fourth tone of the diatonic scale
30) Former President
31) Adam &
32) Cause and
33) Metallica's the Lightning
34) Not she but
35) Perfect society
36) Economy class Abv.
37) Opposite of SouthWest Abv.
38) Similar to dizziness
39) Medical
40) Peace building

Down

- 1) Opposite of love
2) A _____ Grows in Brooklyn
3) Violent attack
4) Can't live without it
5) Street Fighter character
6) A sharp, shrill bark
7) To flow or leak out slowly
8) The boxer got a
9) A toy army
10) People go to school for an
11) _____ Column
12) Not fiction
13) To do again
14) _____ sign
15) Green with
16) Long time ago in a galaxy
_____ away
17) Smells like _____ spirit
18) Sonic's buddy
19) Over 100 loses
20) _____ N' Roses
21) _____ what!
22) Gold on the periodic table
23) New Pearl Jam CD



Wilma Jones, Librarian: Crossword puzzles and comic strips for one, and I'd like to see reports of the security of this campus. Police information on what happens and what doesn't happen here on this campus.



Windy Webb: I'd like to see articles about the arts, you don't hear anything about the music department and art in general.

THE BOXING REPORT

By John Flaherty

Chavez done? Chavez's dream of going 100-0 has died. Chavez, after going 87-0, fought to a draw with Pernell Whitaker. Since fighting Whitaker, Chavez has not been the same type of fighter. Whitaker decisively beat Chavez but the judges saw a different fight and called the bout a majority draw. Chavez had been on a tear prior to this. He had beat Greg Haugen in a one sided affair. Prior to this he had methodically destroyed Hector "Macho" Camacho. Most people would look back to the fight between Chavez and Meldrick Taylor to see Chavez's first lost. In the fight referee Richard Steele stopped the fight with six seconds remaining. Taylor, who was winning on all three score cards when the fight was ended, had been unfairly robbed of a win because he was momentarily stunned. From the looks of things Julio Cesar Chavez is done.

George Foreman vs. Larry Holmes? Larry Holmes, who is on the comeback trail, said that he would be willing to sign a contract with Foreman. Foreman, who is busy with a T.V. show and T.V. promotions, said that he would be willing to down the boxing trunks and step in the ring late in the year. This would be a big crowd draw and a possible Pay-Per-View Event. This was a battle made in the late 70's. This one is certainly going to be a ring rocker.

Tommy Morrison is making a comeback. Morrison, who has been out of the heavyweight boxing picture for almost a year, has begun to fight mediocre boxers. He wishes to climb back up onto his pedestal of 1992. In 1992 Morrison was one of the top contenders for the Heavyweight title. Although the top contenders are not all tough these days the rise to the top will not be easy.

Finally, **Evander Holyfield** rolls along as heavyweight champion. Holyfield has been doing commercials, sponsoring video games and many other money making propositions. While all of this goes on people are asking When will he fight **Lennox Lewis**? Will there ever be an **Undisputed Heavyweight World Champion**. Many promoters have tried and failed to get this one off the ground. **Don King** is currently working with Lewis and Holyfield to get a date, a place and a time. The problem is that both fighters want immense amounts of money and want to be secure about the judging of the fight. Don King is known for promoting fights that are not fairly judged. The perfect example of this was the Chavez, Whitaker fight where Whitaker had clearly beaten Chavez but it was called a draw. Both fighters are weary about the judging and the price that he fight will pay. Whatever the case sooner or later these two men will cross paths and meet in the squared circle. For now the heavyweight division is in turmoil over the "Two Champion" system but all of the boxing fans will just have to deal with it. Now the boxing world will have to wait for the next

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By Vince Bogataj

It's often assumed that there simply are no sports on the campus of the College of Staten Island. Nobody sees or hears about anything. I used to think that the only way I'd ever see sports on this campus was to bring in the old T.V. and hang out in the lounge.

I just found out we have a bunch of teams, and that none of them get very much recognition. Of course, I've also heard that they don't do very much. But who cares. Be true to your school, I always say, and that goes for their teams.

I couldn't believe it when the editors of this rag told me we had a baseball team. I mean, every once in a while, I'd see someone in a maroon jacket. but I just figured they were in the beer leagues or something.

They said there was some kind of intra-mural tennis thing going on, but wouldn't or couldn't give me any specifics about it.

They seemed to be sure that we had a volleyball team. At least, they thought we had a volleyball team. Or that half of Student Government played volleyball. At least they thought something.

What they were thinking remains to be seen, however. Actually, If they were thinking remains to be seen, because they sent me out to "cover" our CSI Sports teams.

I think they sent me because the majority of my time is spent hanging out in the dank, dark corners of sports bars. The atmosphere gives meaning to my dreary, misanthropic existence. Also, theres one close by the campus.

Actually, I think the editors sent me out on this mission because they all had their own little agendas, vanities, pretensions, quirks, and delusions of grandure to go out and cover the story themselves. That's fine by me, I have no objections to being anyone's hired gun. As long as the money's good. I won't tell you what they're paying me, but you can be sure it's worth it.

The problem is, I couldn't get anything even remotely like an official quote from anybody. But I hear things. Like how much money is going to be made around this little town by a whole lot of

people once all these sports facilities are completed. Like how these individuals think that the baseball team lacks the fire in the belly to go out and start winning it all. Like how much they think the team resembles the Yankees: Good, yes, but they're lacking something. Like how much these shady, mystery men are looking forward to building from scratch a first class football team, once the field is completed. Like how

much money they figure it'll take to shut my mouth and just stick to the statistics. Hey, I can do Marv Albert just as easily as Robert Reich.

Vince Bogataj, a truly sick individual, is an imaginary character created by the editors. **The Editors**, truly sick individuals themselves, are imaginary characters created by **God**, who is a sick individual Himself.

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