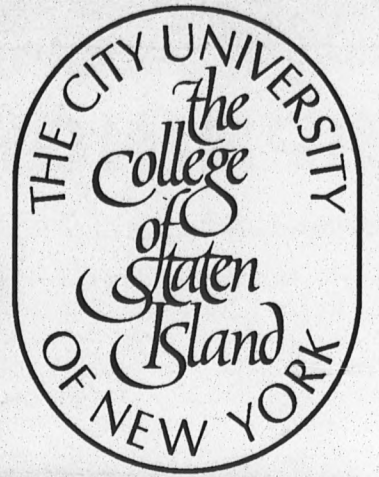


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SPRINGER'S INAUGURATION CEREMONY

By Jennifer Valle

Nearly five hundred students, faculty and friends packed into the Concert Hall of the Performing and Creative Arts Building on Friday, October 27th at 2:00 pm to inaugurate and welcome the second president to come to the college, Dr. Marlene Springer. Over one hundred other students, faculty, staff and alumni stood outside of the auditorium in preparation for the playing of *Pomp and Circumstance*.

Minutes before the procession began, Vice President Carol Jackson commented, "It's a very exciting day. You look around and see all these colorful robes as part of the *Pomp and Circumstance* procession. We are here to celebrate a wonderful occasion and I'm thrilled to be here." One of the marchers, Student Government Senator Thom Watson, said, "I'm tingling with excitement." Another student who was marching in the procession, Maria Vella, said, "It's an honor to be marching today and it's something I'll take back with me for the rest of my college career."

The proceedings began at approximately 4:25 pm, with Vice President Mirella Affron presiding over the day's events. Among the respected guests who came to honor President Springer, Borough President of Staten Island Guy V. Molinari expressed, "She is a super lady and in a very short period of time, all of Staten Island has grown to respect her. This institution has taken some giant strides and we are proud of Dr. Springer and know that she's going to do nothing but the best for all of us." During his speech, Mr. Molinari further congratulated Springer, calling her "a wonderful addition to the college and the community."

Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds was also at the Inauguration and said, "We are here to indicate our strong support and delight in President Springer." She continued, "You need patience and dedication for this job and I see that patience and dedication in Marlene Springer." Ms. Reynolds spoke highly of Springer, comparing the day's events to the Parthenon Frieze in the Atrium of 1P, saying, "the Parthenon frieze shows a procession of citizens making their way to the goddess Athena and her sacred shrine. Athena is the Greek god of wisdom... I was looking at that today and I swear I saw a resemblance to Marlene (Springer)." She continued, "As those citizens in the frieze, all of us here need wisdom and guidance and I feel

we will find that in President Marlene Springer."

Yolanda Moses, President of City College, also spoke about Springer, stating, "Dr. Marlene Springer is a nationally renowned educator and administrator. On a personal note, she has been a colleague and friend of mine whom I have watched grow and develop over the years." She continued, "Her vision and commitment to educational opportunities and excellence is known... she is truly inspirational."

Springer was praised throughout the evening. Springer's mother and one of her daughters were in the audience lending family support, as Springer was praised for her many achievements. Student Government President Meri Kaufman also spoke

day. As the song ended, Mr. James Murphy, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, came to the stand in order to perform the investiture of Springer. Mr. Murphy announced, "Dr. Marlene Springer, confident in your abilities and your dedication to the College of Staten Island City University of New York. By the authority vested in me by law and by the Board of Trustees of the University, I hereby invest you with the office of president with all rights, privileges and duties that go with it. As a symbol of this office, I hereby present to you the President's Medallion, charging you with the duty to fulfill the obligations of your office to the best of your abilities."

A fully invested and charged President Springer took the podium and began her address with her usual

the ridiculous, and Caliban's desire to dream again. It is that kind of balance that I would like to foster for this institution."

Springer graduated from professor to administrator at the University of Missouri where she served as Dean of Graduate School and then Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Old time co-worker Charles Coble commented on Springer during her Chancellor years: "When she was Vice Chancellor... First, did she give me all I requested... no. Second, did she always agree with my points... of course not. Third, did I always agree with her... of course."

The Inauguration ended with the chorus singing and the procession marching out of the auditorium and into the atrium of the building.

Springer's daughter, Rebecca Springer spoke on the days events, "I told her today in the car [on the way over here] that I think one of the most important things that she taught me was that I could be anything I want to be and I don't think that anyone ever knew that this woman from Tennessee would become a college president but here she is... I am very proud of her." Professor of SEEK, Gloria Garcia said, "I am very proud to participate in these events. I am proud as a Latino woman and as an African American, joining forces with the president to make a University that is diverse and presents all of the goodness of all of the groups in this institution." She



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Guy Molinari and Ann Reynolds congratulate Marlene Springer at her inauguration.

about Springer stating, "I first had the pleasure of meeting President Springer when I sat in on the SERC (Student Election Review Committee), and interviewing candidates for the presidency. Into the room strutted this woman... and the first thing she did was roll up her sleeves, lean back, and said, 'You guys hungry? I'm starving.' From that moment on, her answers to our questions showed her compassion, respect and understanding for the students." She continued, "Throughout the budget cuts, tuition hikes and loss of services, President Springer has led this institution through with insight and determination that goes beyond approach and shows her great love. As Student Government President and a graduating Senior, I feel I'm leaving this college and its students in pretty darn good hands."

Professor Allan DiBiase played the piano as the CSI chorus sang "Come Ye Sons of Art," in honor of the

charm and wit, "I'd like to first say that in the course of this ceremony today, I've been called uplifting, I've been compared to a goddess, I like that. I've been warned that when the honeymoon is over, I'll be the last to know. I'd also like to say, just in case you don't like me, that I'm contagious." She then began to speak about the college's history, its present, and her future plans for the college. Springer holds a Bachelor's degree with a double major of English and Business as well as a Ph.D in English Literature. In her speech, she said, "As an administrator, I tell myself that if I can avoid Hamlet's indecision, Macbeth's wars, Othello's jealousy and Lear's madness, I'll be ahead of the game." She continued, "But I also know as President, and as a person, there is more to leading and living than avoiding tragedy. One must also embrace Anthony and Cleopatra's passion, Henry's bravado, Hotspur's honor, Bottom's journey into

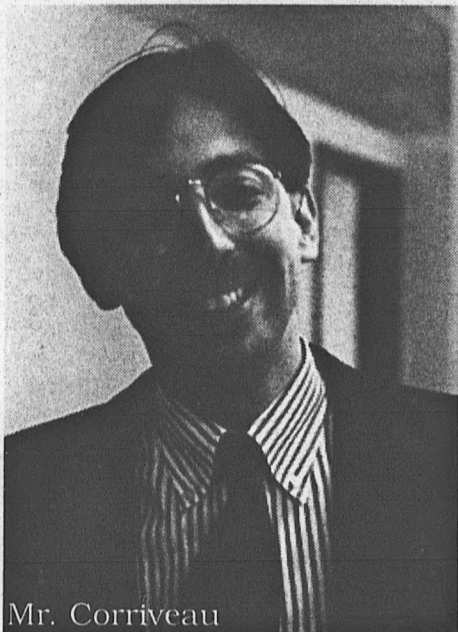
added, "I know the president is a very concerned and conscious individual and I know that her agenda will have diversity on campus as one of the priorities, making sure we all feel welcome and that our views and perspectives are taken into consideration."

Student Government Senator Lori Seggio said, "It is a wonderful occasion that has come a bit late... this should have been done for her last year... she is remarkable, the woman deserves this." Springer's mother also commented on the day saying, "She was always inquisitive, a little tomboy. We had a great life together. I'm really proud of her." President Springer said, "It's a wonderful day and I am deeply grateful. I am very glad to be here." The reception contained a multicultural buffet in honor of the school's goal of a multicultural curriculum.

PEACE CORPS COMING TO CSI

By Jennifer Valle

The Peace Corps is an organization dedicated to mending the community quilt for countries that suffer the bitter cold of poverty. Roger Corriveau, Foreign Student Advisor for the International Services Program of CSI, has decided to bring his experience in the Corps to CSI as well as offer graduating students the opportunity to partake in such a worthy cause. Mr. Corriveau speaks...



Mr. Corriveau

BANN: I understand that you will be recruiting people for the Peace Corps starting November 3rd. Can you elaborate more on this program?

CORR: The Peace Corps recruits from an office on Church St. in Manhattan. As a return Peace Corps volunteer, I try to do a Peace Corps day every semester. They will be sending recruiters to this campus on November 3rd. Back in 1979 and 1980, I had a Peace Corps strategy contract to focus on recruitment in CUNY. I went to all the CUNY campuses. Though there was interest in Peace Corps, there weren't a lot of applications to go to the Peace Corps. It didn't become a viable option for students. Many CUNY students seem to have a lot of commitments in the city, which don't leave them the time to go off and share their expertise in other places. Because I'm a former Peace Corps volunteer, I went to this (Nov. 3 Bijou).

BANN: Why would the average student be interested in Peace Corps? What can it do for the average student?

CORR: Very few programs require an Associate's degree. They mainly require Bachelor's degrees and experience in your field.

BANN: How does this enhance the

experience of a graduate?

CORR: Global competence in any field, relating to people and systems throughout the world, is essential. Peace Corps offers a type of hands-on internship and life experience. It gives you skills in language by providing immersion in the culture you'll be working with as well as personal hands-on experience in dealing with cultural challenges.

BANN: Do volunteers receive payment for their services?

CORR: You get expenses, vacation allowance, health and dental care, a lump sum when you come home, and an experience that will impact the rest of your life. One volunteer described his assignment this way: "The best experience a young man can have. Worth four years of college."

BANN: What kind of work do the Volunteers do?

CORR: Peace Corps Volunteers are designing airports in Tuvalu, conducting forestry research in Chilean universities, managing game parks in Botswana, and running business development centers in Russia. Some get their hands dirty every once in a while - when they are not saving and prolonging lives, meeting with officials and building institutions to better the

lives of the community they are helping.

BANN: When you went out in the field, where did you go and how does that past experience affect you in your day to day life? Was it a fun experience?

This job is often called - the toughest job you'll ever love

CORR: I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Chad, West Africa, teaching English as a Foreign Language. I was teaching at a government secondary school. The Peace Corps was not fun. This job is often called "The toughest job you'll ever love," because it is difficult. You must understand that this is a 2 year, total immersion in culture and language. At times, stress and isolation are very real; however, the rewards in terms of how much you personally learn and gain, what you learn about the people you're visiting and about yourself, are invaluable. The experience that I went through is what made me decide to go into the International Education field.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE FORUM

By Ryan Monroe

On Wednesday, October 25, Chickie Montella, a senior counselor from Daytop, gave a presentation on Daytop Village, which is a rehabilitation center for those who are afflicted with the disease of alcoholism. The event was sponsored by the Department of Student Services' Wellness Coordinator, Carol Brower, who spoke about her experiences with alcoholism and drug addiction. Mrs. Montella was accompanied by three teenage clients of Daytop, who came to discuss the topic "Is Marijuana Safe?" to an audience of thirty-five students.

Information was given out about the dangerous effects on the brain of marijuana intoxication: loss of short-term memory, slowing of the learning process, stunted emotional growth, impaired thinking, poor reading comprehension and poor arithmetic problem solving. Smoking marijuana is also associated with distortion of reality, perception and thinking, mental confusion, lack of concentration, decreased attention span and difficulty in forming ideas and completing thoughts.

Marijuana smoke is dangerous to the lungs because the smoke contains 50 percent more cancer-causing compounds than cigarette smoke. Five joints are the equivalent of 122 cigarettes.

The presentation by the counselor and the students gave the impression that there is hope for those

afflicted with this devastating disease, and that there is a solution to those suffering if they begin a process of recovery. According to Daytop, there needs to be an admission of hopelessness and of how, once the substance enters the body, the victim loses the choice whether or not they will stop. If the alcoholic is willing to go to any lengths, he or she will recover. Literature on alcoholism indicates that this illness is the result of a mental obsession, a physical craving and a sickened spiritual condition. To recover from this disease, the spirit, the mind and the body must be cleansed and nourished on a daily basis.

Daytop can be reached at 981-3136; their contact person is Teresa. The services that they offer are family therapy, group therapy, individual counseling, medical and mental services, parent and sibling support groups, and relapse prevention support.

The Health Services office offers a peer counseling service in building 1C-112 that can assist students who may feel they have a problem. For additional information on school support services, contact Audrey Glen in building 1P-101 (phone 982-2510), Carol Brower in building 1C-112 (phone 982-3123), and Margaret Venditti in building 1P-101 (phone 982-2513).

Help is also available for anyone with a desire to stop drinking. Contact Alcoholics Anonymous at (212)647-1680.

IN CSI NEWS

3S SMOKE OUT

By Jennifer Valle

Faulty machinery in the basement ventilation system of building 3S released a great deal of smoke on Thursday, October 26th at approximately 7:35 am. Officer Lori Staples immediately evacuated everyone in the building. Security backup responded to the fire alarm within seconds.

Upon further investigation, it was found that there was no fire, but the ventilation machinery located in the basement was spinning quickly since the coolant fan was nonfunctional. This caused the machine to overheat and smoke. Following normal fire procedure, bicycle patrol officer John Bertone and Sergeant Paul Landstrom tried to close the fire doors to contain the smoke but found that the doors would not close on any of the floors. If there had actually been a fire, it would have spread throughout the building.

When Buildings and Grounds staffer Mr. Bill Knopp arrived at the scene, it was determined that there was no real threat and the machine was immediately shut down for further investigation. The building was then vented until 8:00 am, when students and faculty were allowed to re-enter the building. Buildings and Grounds was not available to comment on the faulty machinery or the broken fire doors.

FIGHT STOPPED BEFORE STARTED

Team spirit stood in the way of common sense when CSI fans began to heckle a player from the York College Women's Volleyball Team at a meet last Friday night. The husband of the female player walked over to the group of hecklers and asked them several times to stop. The husband went so far as to sit next to the hecklers and ask them to show courtesy to the female players. The overzealous fans answered his request with, "We'll get you outside after the game."

At approximately 8:50 pm, the group of fans were waiting in parking lot 6. A security guard on the scene called 9-13 [a security code meaning "Officer needs immediate assistance"], and additional security arrived on the scene as soon as the heckled player and her husband stepped out of the gym and into the parking lot. Before any fights ensued, security officers were at the scene in order to quell any further problems.

One witness said to the security officers, "He hit him in the back, he hit him in the back." It is unclear who she was referring to or who started the altercation. Security still has this under investigation.

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LETTERS:

POINT -COUNTER POINT

Dear Chris Zeyer and Rich Arroyo,

In reply to your article "Pissed Off," I am pretty pissed off myself about one of your comments. The comment I'm referring to is that of "having self-esteem so low that you would be willing to degrade yourself by being hazed for a CSI-GLO." First off, I would like to ask either of you if you actually belong to a GLO. If not, what gives you the right to pass judgment?

You see, I am joining one of these GLOs and, in fact, they do not have the hazing that you believe exists. In fact, the GLO that I am joining is the best choice I have ever made. Don't take me for someone who has no self-esteem, for before I joined I had been quite content with the way I am! I don't see myself being degraded in any way. I love and cherish everything I do for my GLO and everything they do for me!!!!

All I have to say is this: before you make yourselves look any more ignorant than you already have, get the facts first hand and from every available source, not just one! In return, why don't you have enough self-esteem to actually try to join one of these organizations and find out just exactly what they are all about! Or is it that you don't believe enough in yourselves that one of these organizations will actually take you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sincerely,
Thomas Aimone

To Rich Arroyo and Chris Zeyer:

I want to tell you that I love your "Pissed Off." I mean it's great. It's so funny and true. What I really liked was the statement about CSI-GLOs. Nobody likes them, as far as I know.

I heard that they don't like Chris Zeyer. Well, that's too bad. You're entitled to your own opinion, especially if it's as funny as this one. Chris, if I were you, I would not stand by and do nothing after what they did with a dummy.

You should put as much shit as possible about GLOs until they get the message. It's a free country and you have your opinion. In conclusion, I want to say that "Pissed Off" is cool and says it the way it is.

Sincerely,
Villi Landman

In Response:

Rich and I would like to thank you for your support. We do have to correct you on one point. We don't know who put the dummy with my name on it outside *The Banner's* doorway. We have a policy at *The Banner* not to write things without facts to back them up, and we don't know for certain who put the dummy out.

Chris Zeyer

POINT -COUNTER POINT

Dear Banner,

Friday, October 20, 1995, I went to the debate between candidates Joe Canale and Jennifer Valle. They were running for a seat on the student association. What I witnessed during the debate went far towards my understanding of why the Student Government is in the sorriest of states. Most students feel it is irrelevant to their college careers and woefully out of touch with the student body. As an example, I started school on August 29th and spend lots of time on campus exploring, finding out about the different clubs, visiting the different buildings, and so on. Many clubs have reached out and asked me to join. For instance, I have joined WSIA. More to the point, the debate was the first time I actually saw, in person, anyone from the student government.

The debate was organized by this paper and monitored by one of its members. Maybe fifteen or twenty people attended. One of them was Student Government President Meri Kaufman. She made a noisy entrance with members of her entourage. During Ms. Valle's turn to speak, Ms. Kaufman would make loud comments to her friends. She also was so rude as to interrupt Ms. Valle's interpretation of data, loudly yelling, "you're wrong," and "not true." It got so out of hand that, at one point, the moderator had to ask Ms. Kaufman to please stop, telling her that she would have a chance to speak during the question and answer segment. Not content with having to wait like everyone else, she changed tactics by loudly proclaiming "point of order, point of order!" and then advancing her own version of whatever Ms. Valle was speaking about. I was reminded of the infamous Army-McCarthy hearings, in which the Senator would shout, "point of order!" whenever he wanted to begin a tirade or didn't like an answer the witness gave.

I felt Ms. Kaufman's behavior towards Ms.

Valle was inexcusable. Her personal feelings towards Ms. Valle and Mr. Canale had no place in a public debate. I went to this debate not knowing either candidate. When I left, I couldn't wait to cast my vote for Ms. Valle. I felt this way because: 1) I admired her restraint and her commitment to our, not the administration's needs, and 2) Mr. Canale did very little to stop his fellow Student Government ally. I believe Ms. Kaufman owes Ms. Valle a public apology, and that she should tender her resignation to the student body and let the students decide her fate. The President represents all the students, Ms. Kaufman, not just your friends or those students who agree with you. Student apathy on campus isn't just the students' fault. It's also because no one in the Student Government makes it a number one priority to involve them.

Sincerely,
Robert Lauro

Dear News Editor,

I am writing this letter to you about an article in this week's *Banner*, 10/26/95, on page 10, titled, "Meri Kaufman Shut Up And Behave."

Last Friday I attended the debate between "Canale and Valle", and DO NOT feel the Meri was out of line. Ms. Valle was, if anyone, the person out of line.

Ms. Kaufman raised her hand like any civilized person before making any comments.

I feel that this article is downright low, and nothing but another person trying to bad mouth a person in power. Ms. Kaufman happens to be damn good at her job as Student Government President.

Sincerely,
Bothered

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JOE CANALE - TAKE ONE

Dear Banner,

I am writing in regard to the article, "Note To Meri Kaufman: Shut Up And Behave", which appeared in Volume III, Issue IX. I would just like to say that this article is the most one-sided and misleading attack I have ever seen against an individual who did nothing but attempt to make students aware of certain truths at the debate between Jennifer Valle and myself.

First of all, I'd like to deal with the headline of the article itself ("Shut Up And Behave"). This is disgusting choice of words and the most pathetically crude way of entitling an article, if you can even call it that. In being so rude and disrespectful, *The Banner* has exposed itself in an cheap manner. You [*The Banner*] are so quick to tell people to be more polite; why don't you take some of your own advice and try exhibiting some tact, delicacy, or even class?

Now let us look at the very content of this heinous article. I would like to call attention to the line, "Meri Kaufman showed her true colors during the debate when she constantly harassed Ms. Valle." I think you confuse harassment with points of information - or shall I say points of misinformation? Jennifer Valle did nothing but ramble on about things which were blatantly false. President Kaufman, as the standard bearer for students, did one of the many duties she was elected to do. She attempted to inform everyone of truth and facts which Jennifer Valle's arguments severely lacked. If you call correcting lies and misleading information one's true colors, I think those are colors everyone should strive for: colors which President Kaufman exemplifies. Unfortunately, my rival (Jen Valle) is the antithesis of this; perchance that is why President Kaufman interceded. Could it be that setting the record straight warranted such action?

Another thing I found repugnant in this article is the line, "Meri Kaufman and Jennifer Valle have been adversaries ever since Ms. Valle wrote a commentary about Ms. Kaufman's political practices." You speak of political practices, what political practices? Do these practices include the time when then-Senator Kaufman raised questions about social ills like homophobia, sexism, racism, and bigotry, which she believed were eating away at the morality of Student Government? Political practices... you want about talk political practices? How about the way *The Banner* arranged platform statements for elections? Sure, there was no political strategy in putting my platform statements at the very bottom of the page and Jen Valle is on the top with a nice little advertisement that said "Vote For Jen Valle," while every other candidates' statement simply said "Platform Statement." If you want to sling mud about political strategies and adversaries, sling some at yourself.

An additional series of words that I also find ridiculous within this article are, "During the debate President Kaufman was in the audience to show support for her choice, Senator Canale. This was made evident by the way she would interrupt Jennifer Valle when Ms. Valle would answer questions." You seem to equate President Kaufman's stopping Jennifer Valle from misleading people with a political alliance between her and I. I have just this to say: if I was indulging in misinforming students, Meri Kaufman - who does not hold her tongue for anyone (including me) - would have taken my head off in a heartbeat. Additionally, as I recall, there was a gentleman in the audience affiliated with a Greek Letter Organization who also interrupted Ms. Valle while she was touting her warehouse of misinformation, because her arguments were visibly flawed. Was I, too, his choice? Did I have a political alliance with this person? Or could it be that, like President Kaufman, he was after the truth; a truth my opponent was not delivering. Perhaps he, like Meri Kaufman and others, sought the truth. Maybe that is why they interrupted.

Still another statement which perplexes me is, "She (Meri) would also at times laugh loudly at Ms. Valle when Ms. Valle was answering. I don't feel this appropriate behavior in a SG President." To correct you, President Kaufman laughed loudly once and only once at the very end of the debate when the floor was opened up for question and answer (she was also the last person to ask a question) after sitting through an hour of watching someone who was an abyss of misleading information and who fought using arguments of flawed logic and no substance. In her place, I might have laughed too. For the record, I did laugh a couple of times at that debate. Jennifer Valle, to her credit, does a lot of things which, besides making me wonder, also make me laugh. So what? I am not acting as a Student Government Senator every time I laugh at things Jen Valle does. If that is the case, I should be impeached with every other Senator that laughs at Jen Valle and the things she does. Hell, if laughing is a problem, you ought to bring the whole Student Government up on charges of conduct unbecoming of Student Government Senators. I, for one, would have to plead guilty.

Yet another disgraceful set of words in the article, which I don't take as lightly as the previous ones, are the lines, "She acted abusive and in a sense was being a bully to Ms. Valle who was in her first debate." If anyone has acted abusive it was Ms. Valle who concentrated on attacking the Club Commissioner (Meri), Club Commission, and the entire Student Government. As a Commissioner myself, I can tell you that we Commissioners have enormous responsibilities, from making big budgets to establishing constitutions, and in doing this we work arduously in trying to balance funds, provide for students, and keep SG financially solvent at the same time. As the Publications Commissioner, I can personally tell you that if I was in the audience and Ms. Valle, or anyone else, continuously attacked the work of my Commission with false claims and untrue information... let's just say I would have made Meri look like a person who was mute. Not only did Ms. Valle try and discredit other people for her own advancement, but what's worse is that she attempted to do so by making false allegations directed toward those people and the bodies they serve on. I guess one could say Jennifer Valle is some politician, in fact "What

a Politician" if we look at political tactics. By the way, that debate was my first debate also, so I don't take into account that it was Jen Valle's first time debating. That's such a shallow and invalid point; she went into the debate with no more or less experience than me and I had no advantage over her until the debate began to progress.

My final point is in looking at the lines, "President Kaufman's actions were self serving and not needed. I think she should have shut the hell up and listened to what the candidates were saying." Again, I fail to see the connection between President Kaufman's actions and the words "self serving." I cannot grasp the reasoning behind calling the exposure of truth, the discrediting of lies, and the identification of fact "self serving." Yes, I see it as serving: serving to the students of The College of Staten Island who President Kaufman and the rest of Student Government so duly represent.

In closing, I do hope that *The Banner* tones down its personal vendettas against certain people. That's not news; that's trash. As the official student newspaper, you might want to not engage in such petty assaults. Such behavior only damages your integrity, compromises your reputation, and tarnishes if only slightly the best issue you've published in three years and probably the best issue I'll see in my tenure at the College.

As Always,

Student Government Senator Joseph J. Canale


JOE CANALE - TAKE TWO

Dear Banner,

If I did not write this letter, I would be letting my personal feelings get in the way of my job and the role I play in Student Publications. That would not make for a good Publications Commissioner and, believe it or not, would actually require me to quell my personal feelings.

I'm writing to commend you, the entire *Banner* staff. Your latest issue, the Halloween issue, is simply grand. I think that congratulations are in order, and so I CONGRATULATE you, *Banner*. I've said it once and I'll never stop saying it. *The Banner* never ceases to amaze me; you continuously have me looking on in awe. You also never stop making me look good, and for that I am eternally grateful. Though this sounds condescending, I am very proud of you all; your accomplishments will probably go unmatched for a very long time. I can get an idea of the pride that you must feel; I share that with you to some extent. However, the work is yours, the concepts are yours, and most of all, the glory is yours. So enjoy your week, for the honor belongs to you. I don't think your abilities will ever be doubted again... The *Banner* truly will kick any other's paper's ass. Once again, CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE.

As Always,
Joseph Canale



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REGISTRATION & ADVISING OPTIONS

BY SHAWN FISHER

Twice a year, we all encounter one of the greatest obstacles to receiving a college education. Registration: the frying pan problem (and I don't mean the lines). They have actually improved over the past few years. Besides, a long line is something that can be found in all walks of life. We might as well get used to them now. To me, the problem is that you wait on line only to find out the classes you need are taken. I know available classes are posted on a daily basis during registration. Though by the time your two o'clock appointment comes, that posting may well have been yesterday's. So now you have to readjust your schedule, go back to the secretary you tried to register with and hope that this time you get what you need. Quite often you don't, so now you have to hunt down the professor for the class you need and try to get an

overtally card. Finally, you kind of get the classes you need, usually at least one required class short of what you required. So it takes one or more years to graduate than you were expected to. The only thing you're missing out on is that \$40,000 a year job your degree is suppose to get you.

Although many students figure out how to get through registration with greater speed and ease with each semester, an unavailable required class is still a hard obstacle to overcome. Students in a panic to maintain their full time status to keep tuition down and covered under mom and pop's health insurance are the main source of this problem. For example, student A needs Bio 101 but all available classes are full and he can't take any other Bio classes until he takes 101. In order to maintain his full time status, he takes Eco 101, denying student B the class she needed to further her major. Now what happens is that

Student C decides he'd rather play spades than go to school; he drops out of class, leaving a seat open in Bio 101. But no one tells student A and, before any other Bio majors can grab it, it's already been taken. The obvious solution to a problem like this is to add more thought and time to your registration. Unfortunately, CSI registration is set up somewhere along the lines of a cattle herd, and thought and time are not a luxury.

I feel the best solution would be to hand over registration to the advisors. The school is networked; give the student advisors a computer and more time to work with and let them register the students they are assigned to advise. The student would then have a calmer environment to make decisions in, as well as someone more knowledgeable to turn to on the spot rather than running cross campus to ask which would be a good substitute for an unavailable class. No

one knows better what you need for your major than those who teach it. The advisors have to take time to tell you what you should take before registering anyway. Why not then let them put it into the computer? Also, what would be better is if departments had more power over their classes. This way, they could lock out classes until those majoring in that subject have had the opportunity to obtain that class. And rather than checking an outdated posting, it would be a lot easier to ask anyone in that department if seats have become available in that class due to drops or class additions, since now your professor could just check the network for updated class availability. When it comes down to it, if you were a chemical engineering major, who would you want handling your future; a professor with a Ph.D. in your field of study, or a secretary with the ability to type 50 words per minute?

1996 Presidential Politics: A Look At Phil Gramm

By Joseph Canale

Phil Gramm (R-Tx.) is one of the many elephants running in the GOP race for the Republican Presidential nomination. To give you some background, Phil Gramm is the typical Washington insider, he has been part of the political beltway for much of his life. Gramm, is a former Democratic Congressman and is currently the Senior Senator from the Lonestar State (he did switch parties as he was a Democrat in the House, but now a Republican in the Senate.) Among his accomplishments Senator Gramm boasts that he was part of the Reagan Revolution, writing the Reagan budget in 1981. Gramm is also widely recognized from the Gramm, Rudman, Hollings Bill, which was a piece of legislation designed to reduce the deficit, however Congress repealed the bill in 1990 because as Gramm makes it sound it would work to well, cutting the deficit by forty percent. However, the problem for clarification was that if Congress and the President didn't stay within the strict guidelines of Gramm/Rudman, the legislation would shut down the Federal Government, needless to say the country has had a lot of close calls with the bill.

Phil Gramm's platform consists of a variety of things, most of which follow the steady conservative stream which Senator Gramm is so partial to swimming in. He seems to share with almost every candidate in the field the yearning to downsize the Federal Government and increase state autonomy. He says, "I want less Government and more freedom. I think Washington has too much to say about how your income is spent, your business is run, and your children are educated." Gramm believes that the family can make better decisions about these issues than Washington, and that he intends to start a grass roots campaign to initiate this return of power. Senator Gramm's top priority however, consists of balancing the Federal budget. He

has commented that under our current system, "a baby born today, during their working life time will have to pay one hundred eighty seven thousand dollars in taxes just to pay the interest on the public debt." Gramm goes on to call this "economic suicide" and also "immoral". In vowing to solve that nation's budget problem Senator Gramm has put his money where his mouth is, in promising if the budget is not balanced at the end of his term, he will not seek re-election. In my opinion that is very bold, and makes Phil Gramm look very committed but that is a big gamble as first term Presidents are more apt to get hung up. If anything, President Clinton demonstrates how easy that is, especially in his first two years where the Democrats occupied all three houses of government and still very little was done.

As far as Government spending, while many are now doubting the Republican measures on spending reductions on programs like Medicare and Medicaid, Gramm believes this sort of thing to be in order. Not only does he agree with these cuts, but he believes in the need for reform in other areas as well, most noticeably the Welfare system. Senator Gramm has commented, "... the Welfare system started out as a social safety net in 1965 and along the way that safety net has turned in to a hammock." He believes that the current welfare system makes people too dependent and eliminates peoples' self reliance to care for themselves. Gramm, sees this dependency as part of the destruction and deterioration of the "American Dream". While, he has shown discontent, Senator Gramm has not unveiled any specific plan to deal with Welfare or other social spending problems, when he does I for one would like to see it.

On the issue of affirmative action, Senator Gramm stands in opposition to the very concept. Gramm has however stated that he is, "committed to equal opportunity, and to seeing that every American has unlim-

ited opportunity, just not under the current system." Senator Gramm is opposed to quota systems because he believes that they create divisiveness. Additionally, Senator Gramm feels the only method that should be used for promotion and hiring is the merit system. Gramm says, "any other way [in choosing people for jobs] is un-American and discriminatory, and I will not allow it." Along the lines of those views Gramm plans on signing an executive order to overturn quotas and set asides in the executive branch of the Government as soon as he takes his hands off the Bible.

There are certainly a lot of important issues in this race and to go into all of them would take forever. So I will now list some of the stances that Phil Gramm represents so that you can be familiar with this candidate who stands a good chance of making it to our polls next year:

- He is in favor of the Christian Coalitions Contract With the American Family.
- He believes in letting families keep more of what they earn.
- He is in favor of cutting funding for facilities like Family Planning.
- He is opposed to taxpayers funding abortions.
- He is committed to making Government spend less, and more wisely.
- He is for adding a mandatory work program in the Welfare system.
- He is against the Government doling out money to illegitimate mothers and children.

Now that you know a little bit about Phil Gramm I would like to comment briefly on him. One thing is for sure, he is a hard liner when it comes to certain things like welfare and aid to illegitimate mothers. But by in large, though Gramm has identified himself as a Conservative many of the things he wants to do can be beneficial to Americans. Personally, his drive towards balancing the budget and fixing the deficit are issues that Senator Gramm appears very convincing on.

One thing is for sure he does have a Ph.D in economics, so if anyone has the knowledge on how to really balance a budget and stabilize the economy it would be Gramm. As I said with the budget issue, Gramm has really put his money where his mouth is, and I do like that trait within this particular candidate.

What are Phil Gramm's chance of winning the nomination? Well according to the most recent straw polls from New Hampshire Senator Dole (R-Ks) is still ahead of the pack trailblazing with a decent point lead over any other candidate of at least twenty points. He is followed by Pat Buchanan who has secured the secondary spot and Steve Forbes (yes, he is doing better than I thought he would, but he only spent one and half million dollars on television adds alone in New Hampshire). At this point, Gramm is competing with Lamar Alexander former Governor of Tennessee for the fourth spot the polls gauge these two at about the same popularity level. Based on these polls if things stay as they are Gramm will lose New Hampshire, and that is really the primary state you want to win to springboard you into the presidency. I think Gramm's success depends largely on Senator Dole as they are both very similar in characteristics and issues, they both basically appeal to the same voter and hence they faction off the electorate, at this point Senator Dole has been more successful in rallying supporters his way. So in order for Gramm to materialize Dole must either screw up a lot or drop out, or Gramm must really try and convince Dole supporters to come his way. Overall, at this moment Senator Gramm would not win New Hampshire, however he is a powerful candidate and one to keep an eye on. I'd say all things being equal Phil Gramm has a shot at making it to the New York primaries and definitely has a chance at unseating President Clinton if he makes it that far.

Unequal But Reactive To The Light: A Rebuttal To All Religious Bigots

By Lemuel Ayudtud

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child; but I became a man, I put away childish things (1 Cor. 13:11)

I fear that some religious bigots have made themselves known through The College Voice. I feel that their religious bias sprouted from their misconception of who God is. They write and speak as though they have had an experience with the supernatural; God. Why would a judgement be set down on paper, and be printed, if they are based on their logic and in their thinking, and not on experience. As an old adage says, "Experience is the best teacher." I feel that the writers of religious bigotry have no understanding as well as no experience of the God they condemn. Furthermore they, through their ignorance and lack of experience, try to convince the populace that God is hog-wash and that his existence is a fallacy.

You critics of perfection, have you spent time in church where the presence of God was so overwhelming that it sent you crying to your knees? Have you seen the lame walk through the mention of Jesus name? Have you seen and experienced, as I have a demon-possessed kid jerk his head backwards, growl, and say "No, No", when the bible was being placed on his head? Then biting pages off from it, just to ask me later, "What happened

to my bible?" -Yes, not all church goers are immune to demonic devices, it can only be done through Jesus name. (Mk 16:16-18)

As a Christian I am not writing this commentary to evaluate the desired want of people to argue; I am writing to make religious bigot, as well as the reader, to explore God beyond the realms of their/your television set. To take a phase from an ex-president, "God is not a crock", nor is He the money begging machine that some of these T.V. evangelists portray. To tell you the truth, I, myself, don't listen to these guys because some yield a propaganda. I even blame some for the deterioration of religious respect of this country, and its declining trust in men of God.

Perfection can never be understood by the imperfect. We can derive ideas, through "logic", that could explain the unexplainable. I do not claim to have all the knowledge of the scriptures, nor do I claim that I understand it all, I just believe. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing the word of God." (Rom. 10:17). These slick, uncaring, egotistical, bigots, who think they are God, need to here the

word. The problem is they have no patience or the gall to admit that they will be proven wrong. Their "Tunnel-vision" thinking have made them slanderers of the world. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools (rom 1:22). For "...fools say in there heart 'There is no God'..." (ps. 14:1) and they feel they are right in their own eyes. (Pr.12:15). Ever learning,

and never able to come to knowledge of the truth. (2 Ti. 3:7). Hey man, only the blind will take the leading from the blind. (Mat. 15:14).

I know I've come out fighting since the beginning, but I don't mean to. I

am just upset that writers without Godly experience, have the intestinal fortitude, the guts, to proclaim their statements as truth. I do not claim myself as a sinless human being because I too am a sinner. To quote the scriptures, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory" (Rom. 3:23), and if the banks of New York don't have money, I have no sin.

I'm pretty sure that regardless of my boldness towards proclaiming the truth, there will be some who will find fault...in something. Understand,

I am part of a "Jesus freak" minority; I speak of things from "sense-experience"; I am a believer. I've experience that "Pentecostal experience" people downgrade and make fun of. Hey, LISTEN TO ME - DON'T KNOCK IT 'TIL YOU'VE TRIED IT!!! You've got to know Him. Experience Him. As a pastor once told a cynical unbeliever, "Sir, you've got to cut your head off and run to God with your heart". A night later the same man came running to the alter, speaking in tongues (Acts 2), in tears, and then be slain in the spirit. After service the pastor asks him what happened, and the man states, "I just did what you told me. I cut my head off and came to Jesus with my heart." Hey mister high and mighty, and to my patient readers, what you need to do is to remove your head from, your shoulders and come to Jesus with your heart. Now don't take me literally, what I'm saying is that you can never fully understand God - so don't try. Don't just know about Him, you've got to know Him.

To make myself clearer, I don't associate with mister Newt, his friends, of their usage of religion to promote their political agenda. I am a Apostolic Pentostica. I lift and magnify Jesus, Him crucified (1 Cor. 2:2), and Him alone. I am not a religious fanatic, I just love the Lord. I HAVE THE EXPERIENCE...DO YOU???

P.S. Read Proverbs 2:1-7

Thank you

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Ramblings about Bennet Maurer and the FCC

By Chris Zeyer

In the October issue of the College Voice you'll find that they have a new commentator. His name is Bennet Maurer and he proves that style over substance is the only thing you need to write commentary. I'm being sarcastic of course, but I don't have to teach Mr. Maurer what sarcasm is.

His entire commentary, "Let's Censor The Bible," is nothing but sarcasms and cheap shots on issues he knows little about. According to him, the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) is attacking Howard Stern on the grounds he is Jewish and they [the FCC] are listening to Christian groups telling them to get him. Are Christians running the FCC and harassing and fining only Jewish broadcasters?

If Mr. Maurer did any research he would find that the FCC has gone after everybody. They have attacked giant broadcasting companies and small A.M. radio stations. Is the FCC looking at the owner's heritage or color beforehand? Hell no... they're looking at infractions against the law.

I guess Bennet Maurer wasn't aware of Howard Stern making comments like, "The closest thing I've come to making love to black woman is masturbating in front of an Aunt Jemima bottle." Also, last year Howard Stern

said all Haitians were "lazy," "stupid," and "eat their children." I think these are the reasons Stern's bosses (Infinity broadcasting) were fined. Why Bennet Maurer wouldn't do the research to find this out is beyond me. If he wants to attack the FCC for racism all he had to was go to the college's library and look up some information.

He would have found the name Ester Renteria. She's the head of the Los Angeles-based National Hispanic Media Coalition. She has been nicknamed the "Quota Queen" because she wants more Hispanics in media positions. Ms. Renteria has stated that under affirmative action law there should be more Hispanics on the job, but the FCC hasn't done anything. This is just one example of racism of the FCC.

Also, if Mr. Maurer did any research, he would have found that the past three chairmen of the FCC (Mark Fowler, James H. Quello, and Alfred L. Sikes) have constantly sided with big business. They attacked companies to allow their friends to prosper. The new head had made some drastic changes.

In April of '94, President Bill Clinton and Al Gore, Vice President and overseer of the FCC, appointed Reed Eric Hundt to the position of the head of the FCC. He has been fighting to ensure no company gets a monopoly in broadcasting. Furthermore, he's made enemies of businesses because

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of the restrictions he has put forth. In fact, the only thing you can attack Mr. Hundt for is how he got the position.

He went to college with Al and Tipper Gore. Mr. Hundt often jokes about the Beatles concert he went with Al Gore to in the late sixties. You think Mr. Hundt got the position because of his long-time friendship with the V.P.? The evidence shows that.

I think Bennet Maurer goes into writing a commentary with the notion, "How can I insult this person or this group?" He doesn't research enough facts. He says at the end of his commentary, "GO RESEARCH THE FACTS FOR YOURSELF ON THIS CASE." Well, I did and found out he's wrong.

(Just as a side note: Bennett, if you look up Supreme Court cases

from the 1950's to the 1980's, you'll find at least two cases that shows America censoring the Bible to some extent. But that is if you want to go research the facts for yourself on this case.)

Point of Information:

State Senator John Marchi will speak to the Political Science/Pre Law Club on Wednesday, November 8 from 2:30 to 3:20. He will discuss "Careers in Law and Political Science" and also give a post-mortem on the 1995 District Attorney Race on Staten Island between Guy Mokinary and Bill Murphy. Senator Marchi has represented Staten Island in the State Legislature for almost 40 years and is largely responsible for securing for CSI its spectacular Willowbrook campus. This is a co-curricular CLUE -- and refreshments will be served.

Just My Opinion : Jade & Get Shorty

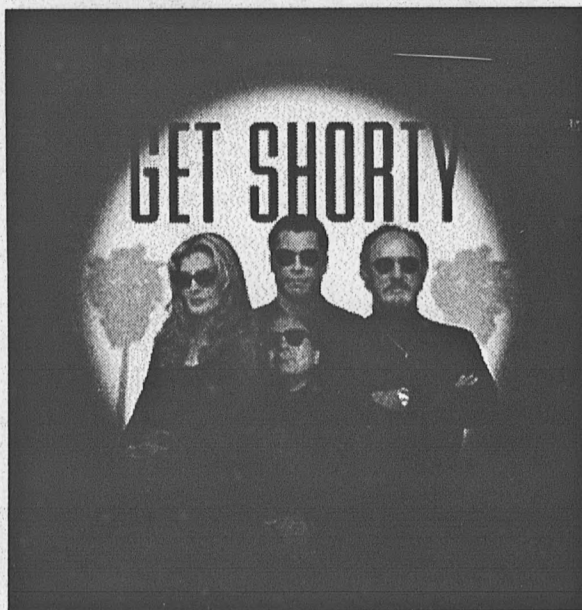
By Matt Bauer

"Jade" opens as a visually plush, nouveau riche-looking movie which quickly decays as a result of its poorly written plot and terrible casting. I'm not even going to write much about it because it was so terrible. David Caruso's role as an assistant DA is easily confused with his (now) unshakable typecasting as cop/tough guy. I couldn't help but feel unmistakable "N.Y.P.D Blue" flashbacks throughout the movie. I've got the notion that he'll not be escaping this slot for quite some time.

I just want to ask: does anyone like Chazz Palminteri? He did nothing for me. Linda Fiorentino isn't bad as the successful, unhappily married psychologist and her steamy, smoky, sex crazed character suits her well enough. Some good cinematics make watching "Jade" tolerable, but I left feeling like I needed a strong cup of

coffee. The music/sound amounts to nothing more than sheer distraction. If you've got to see it, go see a matinee, or better yet - wait until it's out on video (if even that).

If you're a fan of "Pulp Fiction" or gangster movies, or like decently done criminal comedy, "Get Shorty" will definitely satisfy. There are lots and lots of laughs, punctuated by the occasional punch or gunshot.



John Travolta as Chili Palmer is slick and very inspired as the gangster he portrays, though much of the dialogue is very Tarantino-esque, and in this way all too familiar. This likeness is fur-

ther reinforced by the same non-linear type of story development that "Pulp Fiction" used to set up jokes and bring

together the climax, with ongoing parallel stories used as a background. There is one minor problem that occurred to me. Gene Hackman's character and the only black supporting character both had pretty stereotypical roles to fill in this movie: the Jew as the whimpering guy who gets beat up, and the none-too-bright black gangster who wants to write screenplays but obviously can't. Maaaaybe they weren't written to be that way by design, but I thought I'd mention it anyway. I enjoyed this movie a lot: the soundtrack is cool (Morphine on any soundtrack is cool in my book), and if you go it should make you laugh.

A special thanks is extended to management at: Cineplex Odeon's Alpine Theater 5th Ave at 69th Street in Bay Ridge (718) 745-4200 and Brooklyn Heights Twin Cinema Henry St. and Pineapple (718) 596-7070

And So He Leaves

By Eric N. Castillo

The gaze of her dark eyes showed him that she was away in a world that was clearly not ours. He dubbed her *Lady Fascination* for the involved gleam of her affixed eyes even as she looked upon a seemingly vacant spot. Yet he spoke to her, telling her of the day's events and of what transpired in the lives of those she loved or cared for. Eyes unblinking, she never responded.

Slowly the weeks progressed into months and the duration of each of his visits became shorter and shorter. During the eve of her first year in the hospital, he finally broke down. It was then that he told her he could no longer wait. "I must find another" he said. Still, she sat unblinking he vowed to visit, once in a while and wished her well. They say she heard him all along, and will remember all that passed. When she awakens, she will finally react. But for now, she watches and waits.

The Place

By Frank Campione

The sun slithers down past the canopy, just as she exhales strongly allowing the rays to dance upon the fragile heads of the assortment.

Releasing their unique aroma, these flowers fill one's mind with thoughts of grandeur.

The mouth-watering scents blend perfectly into a natural perfume that even Liz Taylor would envy.

Carefree birds fill the air with their hit records as they experience their personal paradise.

Their ballads reflect their moods—heaven!

If listened too closely, one can follow the conversation among God's angels. With a whistle, one can join in on the gab.

Gladly, the path has not been beaten down, as this implies that no one has been to town.

One should rather observe the rightful inhabitants of this land, than the intruders who ruin it with their hand of destruction and pain which is done so mercilessly.

Up And Died-Just Like That!

We had a real going on,
when suddenly— you
up and died—
just like that!
How could you do that to me?
You left me behind—
without a word!
(Didn't even ask me to come along,
I might have...)
You loved me like no other.
Now what am I going to do?

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

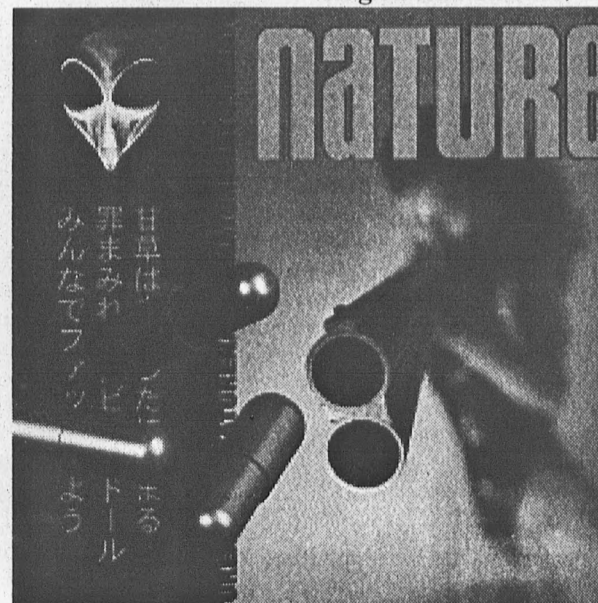
-Larry (L.H.) Jacobs 10/95

MUSIC REVIEW

By Alex Larson

Nature

I recently review a self titled CD by the new upcoming band Nature. This band had a unique style of it's own. Nature is a hard core alternative band. I liked the fact that the songs on the album did not sound completely the same as some bands do. I could tell that this would be an interesting CD by looking at the cover art which



showed an alien, Chinese writing, and a girl holding a double barreled shotgun shooting red capsules. You probably will never hear the type of cre-

ative, hardcore lyrics that you will hear from the Nature CD. This is the type of music that most people will like, if not for the lyrics then for the beat of the music. The band consists of Brian Threath on guitar, vox, and programs, Hugh Bonar on bass, Andrew Parsons

on lead guitar and Brendan etter on drums. If you have heard their music and are interested in getting more information on them you can find them on the internet nature@earthlink.net/ write to 12228 Venice

Boulevard, Suite 529, Los Angeles, CA 90066 and send \$2.00 check or money order to NATURE and a self addressed stamped envelope for newsletter and catalog.

An Afternoon with Clem Caserta

By Sebastian Danese

Clem Caserta is a busy man. You might have seen him in the movies "Goodfellas" and "A Bronx Tale." He is currently starring in the movie "Casino" along with Robert DeNiro. This is the ninth time the pair will appear in a motion picture together. He is also preparing to start shooting another film this December. But even with all the work Mr. Caserta has to deal with, he still has found time to lend a hand to our school in a way no other can. Clem Caserta is trying to raise money for the Accademic Association scholarship Program by having fifty of the best Italian restaurants in the world cater to the friends and families of the students at the College of Staten Island.

For a mere \$25.00 a ticket, you can enjoy cuisines cooked by the best chefs around. The event will be held in the Campus Center on November 18, 1995 between 5:00 and 8:00. Restaurants such as Biscotti, Gennaro's, and Nino's are all donating food and the expertise of these chefs for this fund raiser. Additionally, five

of the tickets will have special numbers on them. If your number is one of them then you are guaranteed an audition for the upcoming movie, "The Grocer," starring Danny Aiello and Clem Caserta. You can get yourself the meal of a lifetime and maybe even get your big break at the same time. Did I mention that the price of admission for students is drastically reduced to \$10.00 a ticket at the door?

This activity can benefit you and help celebrate Italian culture month.

The list goes on to include dinner for two at Tribeca Grill courtesy of none other than Robert DeNiro and Drew Nieparent.

Kay M. Pasile and Joan Miglori both visited restaurants this weekend to try to get more generous organizations involved. The people at Study Abroad have donated tickets for two to Italy. David Jeffer has generously donated an original oil

painting by the esteemed artist Gino Hollander. The list goes on to include dinner for two at Tribeca Grill, courtesy of none other than Robert DeNiro and Drew Nieparent. All are welcome to enjoy this experience. If you don't now, then you'll have to wait until next year at the Second Annual Taste of Italy.

Scarface

By Xiomara Cabrera

It was the Twelfth Century. The era of Castles and Knights; The King of the castle was a very good king. Everybody was happy with the way he ruled. The king had a daughter; a very beautiful young girl who just turned 18 years old, and for that reason the King was throwing a party. The whole town came to the party in honor of the Princess, and everyone was having a great time; everyone except Scarface.

Scarface was a Knight at the castle and he happened to be a very good Knight. He always defended the king and his belongings with his life; due to the fact that the King was like a father to him. Half of his face was burned in a fire that occurred when he was a baby; his parents died in the scene, but he was rescued. Nonetheless, this orphan was very lucky because the King brought him to the castle and had him raised by the servants.

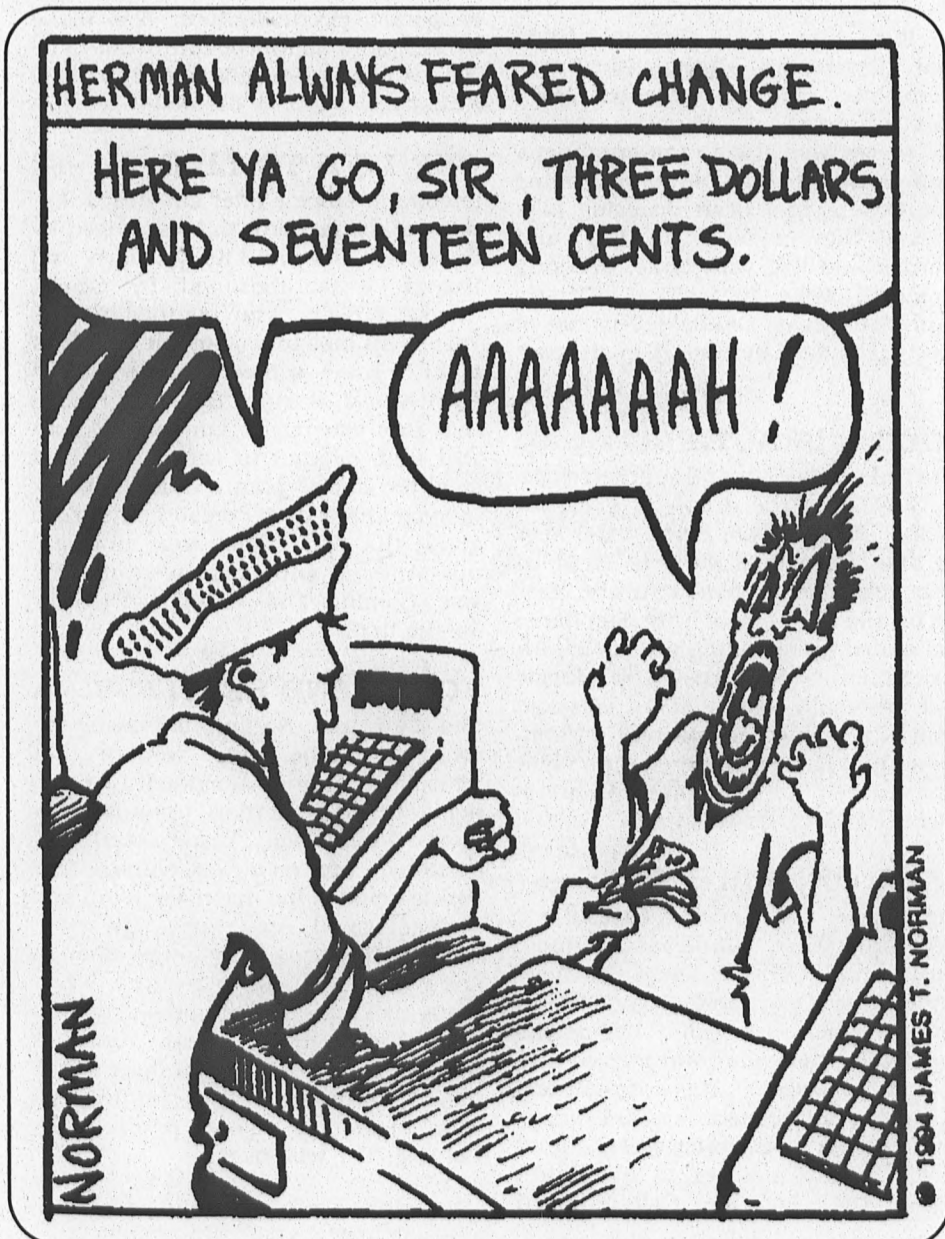
It was a coincidence that he happened to be the same age as the King's daughter. This similarity didn't mean that they grew up together, playing and knowing each other. On the contrary, he was always with the servants and he could only see the Princess from far away. As he grew older, he started to like the Princess, but never in his dreams he could even speak to her.

A few days later, the Princess told her father that she was bored



of being in the castle. The king allowed her to go around town with a few Knights, including Scarface. The princess was tired of being watched like a child, so she ordered the Knights to leave her alone for a while. Now that she was 18 years old, the Kinights had to listen to her command, therefore, they all left her alone; all but Scarface.

Scarface stayed watching the princess from a distance where she couldn't spot him. A few minutes later, two men recognized the princess and tried to kidnap her. They thought she was alone and they didn't realize she was being protected by this Knight who jumped to the scene in order to defend the Princess. Scarface fought with all his guts for the woman he loved and as a result, he won the battle.

The princess was so thankful she kissed Scarface in gratitude, but when he kissed her back she fell in love with him instantly. When they returned to the castle the Princess told her father that she wanted to marry Scarface. At first, the King couldn't believe his ears, but when he learned how Scarface defended his daughter with his life he said yes without thinking it twice. Scarface was very happy because his dream finally came true. This story shows that sometimes dreams can come true; it also shows that no matter what physical appearances of a person's are in order to find LOVE.



PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT CLUB

The first meeting of the newly formed Physicians Assistant club will be held
Thursday November 2, at
1:25pm (club hours) in room 1S-105

At this meeting we will be holding elections for a club officer and discussing the future functions and goals of the club.
Refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions please call Frank Camplone at 984-5633 or Ron Gerardi at 720-9716. All are welcome to attend.

Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Aries (March 21-April 19).

Motivate your team to tackle a huge project on Monday or Tuesday. Get them fired up and anything's possible. Comply with an administration requirement on Wednesday or Thursday. You'll sleep easier once that's done. By about Friday afternoon, you should start feeling restless. Plan to hit the road as soon as your classes are over. This weekend is perfect for travel, romance and sports activities. And you're lucky, too.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Don't get all upset over an impossible assignment on Monday or Tuesday. There's no use arguing with a snobby professor, that's for sure. Get a friend to help you on Wednesday or Thursday, instead. Call upon a gentle genius. An exam on Friday could be kind of tough. If you've read the material, your first response should be correct. If an excursion this weekend is too expensive, you may get more out of studying at home.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You should be downright brilliant on Monday and Tuesday. Put in the extra effort, too, and go for the A+. Wednesday through Friday morning, you need to listen more than talk. If you don't, you could miss an important assignment. You'd also make minus points with a touchy professor. About Friday night, the parties start and continue throughout the weekend. Attend as many of them as possible. To stay safe, be the designated driver.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Make an agreement to share expenses on Monday or Tuesday, so you and a friend can both have something you want. Wednesday and Thursday, your intuition is excellent. Use it to attract and ensnare a sensitive yet passionate person. An assignment on Friday could threaten to ruin your entire weekend. If you'll just settle down and do it, instead of feeling put upon, you can have it all. Schedule your big date for Sunday night, for best results.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Do your planning meticulously on Monday and Tuesday. Then, go over it again to make sure you've thought of everything. Wednesday and Thursday are your best days for finding money. Look in a location where you found some before. Friday, your power increases, and by afternoon you'll be approaching awesomeness. That's when you should take on a competitor who's been particularly annoying. You're also hot over the weekend, so go for the gold!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Memorize the material that's presented on Monday and Tuesday and you'll ace the test. This is not going to be easy. Wednesday and Thursday are more to your liking. Then, you can help a creative but ditzy friend get organized. If you need money, advertise to sell something on Friday. You should get some good offers over the weekend. You may also get somebody

to finance an idea that could make lots more money for both of you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A long conversation on Monday or Tuesday could lead to a commitment. Seal it with the gift of a rare treasure. Work on a creative project on Wednesday and Thursday. You'll get further if you listen and watch more, and talk less. An outrageous friend may not mean to offend you on Friday. Ignore an impolite remark. An adventure this weekend could be thrilling. See that it's not too expensive by taking cost-cutting measures.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Rearrange your living quarters on Monday and Tuesday. You may be able to charm an intellectual roommate out of some extra space. Schedule your main romantic interludes for Wednesday and Thursday. You'll be very persuasive then. Listen carefully on Friday, to make sure you get the assignment right. You may have to work on that one for most of the weekend. That's OK, especially if your sweetie has other things to do.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Spend Monday and Tuesday in the library and you might finally get some serious research done. If you can do it via computer, so much the better. Stay home on Wednesday and Thursday nights and help a roommate with a tough problem. Your advice may not be solicited, but it could make a difference. Friday, your luck in love takes a definite turn for the better. Spend as much time as possible this weekend exercising your options.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Research an impending investment thoroughly on Monday and Tuesday. The money you save will justify the time. Study on Wednesday and Thursday, by watching a person who knows what you want to learn. This could be done through video, by the way. You may clash with a roommate on Friday night. Tempers are short, but the squall will be over as quickly as it came. You may be attracted, and attractive, to another fiery type this weekend.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You could get into a very interesting discussion with an attractive professor on Monday or Tuesday. You'll be impressive, but don't expect to win. Do your best to keep costs down on Wednesday and Thursday. Don't buy anything that's not required. You'll be sharp as a tack Friday night clear through the weekend. Write down what you would have said to that narrow-minded professor, and maybe you can get it published.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Monday and Tuesday could border on the miserable. Plow through the mountain of noxious paperwork, because you'll need to have time to play on Wednesday. Then through Thursday is an excellent time for making a romantic commitment — so make as many of them as you can! You may have to spend more than you thought on an excursion this weekend. Don't throw around money you don't have! Your sweetie loves you for yourself, anyway.

SCOPIN' THE SOAPS

ALL MY CHILDREN: Erica, suffering from a dependency on drugs, was caught by Gloria, while trying to steal pills from Dr. Kinder's office. Later, Erica attempted to buy painkillers on the street. Louie Grecco was released from prison and broke into Noah's old apartment. Anita suggested that Kelsey give her baby to Edmund and Maria. Jamal rejected Alec, who was out on bail. Scott admitted to Laura that he's embarrassed by Stuart. Noah proposed to Julia. Janet feared that she frightened away Pierce by declaring her love. Coming: Hayley considers softening toward Mateo.

ANOTHER WORLD: Joe declared his love for Paulina and they became intimate. Jake was devastated when Paulina accepted Joe's marriage proposal, and vowed to win her back. Maggie tried but failed to have Nick take her back, then concocted a plan to regain Tomas' affections. Rachel was furious when she caught Carl secretly investigating Grant. Laurie agreed to discuss a settlement after John acknowledged responsibility for Ben's death. Coming: Felicia hides her resentment of Sharlene.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: After being fired by Lucinda and seeing Kirk take his place, Scott swore he'd get even with Kirk and Mike. Jeremy wasn't interested when Dani said that she loves him. Dani then told Nikki about Barbara's affair with Evan. Meanwhile, Barbara accepted Hal's marriage proposal. Damian, though still woozy, was able to prevent Orlena from poisoning Lily, and confirming that Orlena had been drugging Lily. Orlena then locked up Lily and Damian and fled with Luke. Rosanna unnerved Mike by asking if Carly wanted to leave Oakdale because of him. Coming: Lily and Damian team up.

BOLD & BEAUTIFUL: Eric was shocked when Samantha entered the party wearing the dress he made for Taylor. Taylor wrote Eric a letter saying she needs time away to decide if their relationship has a future. Eric got on the dance floor with Stephanie and ended up spending the night with her. Although Sly insisted to Maggie that he really cares about Jessica, Maggie remained suspicious of him. James and Lauren went out for a night that hinted of romance. Coming: Michael gets closer to Dylan.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Peter secretly met with Jude St. Clair, the nightclub owner. Jude kissed Hope, who managed to get away, for now. Father Francis suffered an attack, but Tony withheld his pills, hoping he would die. Instead, John arrived and rushed the priest to the hospital, one of Tony's cufflinks clutched in Francis' fist. Vivian was irate when Victor chose Caroline, not her, to take Kate's place in the baby's life. Celeste hoped

to get a job in the Hall of Records as a way to stop Lexie from gaining access to the sealed files. Coming: Sami preys on a vulnerable Austin.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Although Tom and Simone's divorce became final, Justus noticed that she was irritated to see Tom with Felicia. Increasingly unhappy about living with the Quartermaines, Emily enlisted Lucky's help in locating a blood relative. Lucy walked out on Kevin after his and Mac's "exorcism" backfired. Maia warned Lucy about Damian's temper before, stiffed by Damian, she returned to Chicago. A secret admirer sent Monica a gift. Stone tried to smooth things between Sonny and Brenda. Coming: Lucy looks for a sympathetic ear.

GUIDING LIGHT: Matt and Amanda came face to face and agreed to leave their past behind them. Josh reconciled with Annie and was thrilled when Marah reached out to Annie as "Mommy." Meanwhile, Reva returned to Springfield and took Abigail to Cedars when she developed a severe headache. Roger was irate to learn that Dinah called off the search for Hart. Frank and Nell grew suspicious of Marian's presence at the docks. Coming: Reva's return draws intense reactions.

LOVING: Neal made a shocking disclosure about the murders. Angie threw her life into turmoil when she told Charles that she's in love with Jacob. Ally faced the possibility of being prosecuted after she admitted having set up Danny for rape. Danny's ordeal convinced him to reconsider his living situation. Tess found herself in desperate circumstances. Ava made up her mind about the fate of her marriage. Coming: Angie is forced to make a choice.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Viki tried to commit suicide after she heard the voice of Victor Lord, but was saved by Susannah, Joey and Kelly. Marty and Patrick were abducted by Secret Service officers who planned to use Patrick as bait to smoke out the "Men of 21." Later, someone plotted to kill Patrick and Marty. Ben told Rachel that he's leaving for London. Dorian and Blair plotted to trick David and steal the diary. Manzo ordered Javier to keep Linda from revealing the truth about the gun. They were unaware that Antonio and Linda were making love. Coming: Did Antonio go too far for the truth?

YOUNG AND RESTLESS: Neil told Dru that Nathan is having an affair with the same woman that Malcolm is dating. Horrified, Dru demanded that Nathan dump Keesha, or she'll tell Olivia. Blade asked Mari Jo to help him repair the damage that Rick caused to his marriage. Paul and Victor located Amy, who agreed to return to Genoa City, even though she's not in shape to testify. When Matt demanded six million dollars from Victor for a deal, Newman refused, leaving Matt even more determined to destroy Nick. Danny told Silva to file his divorce immediately. Coming: The trial begins.

Students Working To Protect Education, Environment & More Anticipate NYPIRG'S Fall Student Action Conference

**NYPIRG'S Fall Conference
November 3, 4 and 5
at SUNY Binghamton**

The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) today announced that its Fall Student Action Conference will focus on the continuing fight for higher education and defense of student's rights. The conference, featuring over 40 workshops, brings together leading student activists and professional organizers from across New York State to share skills and learn more about important issues.

"NYPIRG'S Student Action Conferences give us the chance to get together, share experiences, and have a good time with hundreds of students from across New York State who work on the same issues we care about," said Natalie Williams, a student at CSI.

Workshops include:

"Students are the Future: Saving Higher Education in New York State"
"Environmental Justice in New York State"
"Raising Our Voices: Effective Public Speaking"
"Spin That Story: Media Strategies That Work"

The \$25 fee for the conference covers all workshops and events, transportation to and from Binghamton, basic housing, three meals and a party on Saturday night.

NYPIRG is New York State's largest student-directed organization working for students' rights, social justice, environmental protection and political reform. NYPIRG's staff of organizers, researchers, attorneys and advocates work with students, developing citizenship skills and shaping public policy.

To find out more or to sign up, call 982-3109 or stop by the NYPIRG office in 1C-219.

WELLNESS COLUMN

Alcohol and College Life

By Meri Kaufman

Did You Know?

- 90% of all violence on college campuses is alcohol related.
- 80% of all males who commit date rape on college campuses are drunk or have been drinking.
- 55% of all victims of college date rape/rape are drunk or have been drinking.
- 55% of all successful suicides on college campuses begin with a drink.
- the number one cause of death for all males from the ages of 16 to 25 are all alcohol related incidents.

Alcohol is no stranger on college campuses. Unfortunately, violence and alcohol often go hand in hand and this combination is a leading cause of sexual abuse, injury and death during the college years.

Students who drink give many reasons but basically they fall into three categories.

- Peer Pressure - feeling anxious about making and keeping friends can lead students to drink, even if they don't want to.
- Insecurity - social pressures at school can be intense. Drinking to feel like one of the crowd can easily lead to alcohol becoming a crutch.
- Problems - some students drink to avoid difficult situations or uncomfortable feelings, or to help them get by in class.

Alcohol itself doesn't cause violence, but people who drink are more likely to act out their violent feelings. That's because alcohol:

- is used as an excuse - some people use alcohol as "permission" to do things they know are wrong.
- lowers inhibitions - when drinking, some people may forget (or ignore) their common sense and values.
- creates certain expectations - some people wrongly think that alcohol makes them powerful or aggressive.
- impairs judgement - alcohol often causes people to misread emotions in themselves and others. They might also have a hard time understanding other people's behaviors and/or actions.

Anyone who drinks runs the risk of developing an alcohol problem. A serious problem can develop quickly, especially among young people.

Alcohol use on campus causes some special problems. For students, alcohol use can result in:

- Poor grades. Drinkers can suffer academically as a result of slowed thinking, poor concentration, frequent absences, etc. A cycle of failure and escape into alcoholism can set in.
- Risky behaviors. Alcohol can lead a person to say or do something he or she will regret later. You can make bad decisions about sex, putting you at risk of acquiring sexually transmitted diseases.
- Accidents and injuries. Falls, cuts and bruises are a common result of alcohol use. Automobile accidents are one of the leading causes of death and serious injury for college age people. Victims may also include innocent bystanders as well as the drinkers themselves.
- Poor health. Heavy use of alcohol can weaken the body. This sets the stage for illnesses that can affect class attendance.

There's a problem with alcohol if you or someone you know:

- drinks to try to cope with the pressures of school life or to escape from problems.
- relies on alcohol to relieve pain, tension, etc.
- drives under the influence
- drinks more and more to achieve the same effect
- shows frequent moodiness, irritation and anger without apparent cause
- drinks a lot at one time or drinks often
- drinks before class or before going to work
- is injured as a result of drinking
- experiences blackouts
- denies the possibility of a drinking problem

If you feel that you are experiencing any of these symptoms, the best thing you can do for yourself is to admit that there is a problem and get help right away. The Peer Drop-In Center, located at 1C-112 is staffed by trained peer educators. These students can assist you with referrals to on-campus services, in learning what services are available in the community and for just talking, if that's what you want. Even if you don't have a specific reason, stop by and see what we have to offer. If you need more information, you can call us at 982-3123.



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A Crucial World Series?

By Michael Anderson

The baseball season came and went. This year most people cared less. After the players went on strike towards the end of last season, baseball fans have been upset. The fans showed their anger this year by not attending many ball games. For this reason alone, baseball executives and players tried their hardest to "make up" with the fans they hurt. Judging by attendance this year, not many fans bought the players apologies. That is why some people believe that this was the most crucial World Series ever.

This year attendance was down more than 15% of last years totals. Basically, the only teams that I saw not struggling were teams with playoff chances or teams with new ballparks. Even with some playoff teams, attendance was horrendous. Attendance succeeded in Colorado due to two aspects. The first reason was because of the new ballpark Coors Field. The second reason was because the city of Colorado received this franchise several years ago and the team was now primed for a playoff year.

On the flip side to Colorado there was Cincinnati. The Cincinnati Reds were the second best team in the National League this year. Attendance was down, but once the Reds made the

playoffs this trend would change. This assumption was wrong. A prime example was when the Reds were playing the Braves for the trip to the World Series. The Reds were playing in front of half full crowds. In sports, the home field advantage can play a beneficial role for teams. However, for the Reds it's possible for this home field advantage to play a malevolent.

The reason for the poor attendance is due to a partial rebellion of the fans. The fans felt that when players struck last year they disregarded the fact of who the players were playing for. The players play for the fans. The players seemed to forget this, so fans rebelled by not showing support. By not showing support, the fans sent a message to the players.

The fans and executives tried ways to help boost fan morale. One way that they tried was to make the players sign autographs for fans. In the past, players didn't give out many autographs before games. This year players would give out their almighty signatures in hopes of fans accepting this as an apology. The naive fans bought it, but most people didn't.

This is why the mission of the baseball season was to try to win back the fans. That is why this year's World Series is so crucial. The series should be a great series in which baseball fans

would want to watch baseball again. More importantly, the series should be a great series in which baseball fans would want to attend baseball games. Some baseball people (announcers, writers, etc.) feel that if the World Series is exciting then it would bring fans back to the game.

The way I look at it is that if people are disgruntled towards the baseball players then they wouldn't be watching the World Series. In the process if people aren't watching the World Series then how would they know if the World Series was exciting. They would have to depend on sportswriters. However, if they are disgruntled towards baseball players then they wouldn't even read the sports dealing with baseball. Therefore, to say that the World Series must be great so it could attract fans is absolutely stupid. If people don't care about the sport then they wouldn't follow it.

What baseball has to do is try to attract fans to the younger generation. The reason why football, basketball and even hockey are succeeding now is because the younger generation has opened up to the sports. Maybe it's the fast-paced action that the younger generation has opened up to. Maybe it's the way that the games aren't played into the wee hours of the night. Maybe it's the way that each play

brings some sort of excitement to it unlike a pitch or pick-off in baseball. Nobody really knows the full extent of why baseball is suffering. Also, nobody really knows how baseball can regain the dominance it once had. All that's certain is that baseball needs a commissioner and that commissioner has to find a way to vault baseball to the top again.

If you ask me no one World Series can bring fans back to the game. In some cities baseball reached new heights because of that team making the playoffs or those teams having playoff runs. I feel that the wild card is a step in the right direction. It adds more excitement in who will get to the playoffs. Also, since there are more teams in the playoffs it is possible that more cities will experience better attendance.

If every year there are two or three different teams in the playoffs, then this will help keep attendance up. If the Montreal Expos never make the playoffs, then attendance will plummet in Montreal. If a team makes the playoffs, there is a good chance that fans will gain interest in that team. The wild card can help do that. With that hope of the wild card comes a hope of greater fan interest. Greater fan interest in the game is the first major step in bringing baseball back to the top

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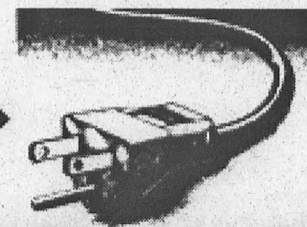


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