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As a part of our ongoing effort to inflate your consciousness, this paper has been formatted to fit the size of your brain.

Spring Break has come and gone. Now the search for the perfect summer job has begun. Before you start faxing your resume to Enron and K-Mart take a gander at page 10. We've scouted the job market and given you a nice list of employers who are hiring.

Our tennis team is, if you pardon the pun, back in the swing of things. The new season has already started and, in case you didn't know, our squad is as good now as the Bulls were in the 90's.

Greek life, no not Geek life, has been trying to fight the powers that be on campus to allow keg parties and wet tee shirt contests in the Rotunda. That's not true. Find out what they are trying to say on page 8?

Our comics department has grown, much to the dismay of Chris Sorrentino. Like Bob says though, "The times, they are a changin'." Look for more great comics and, if you're not satisfied with Che, Enrique, or Chris, please be our guest to draw up some of your own, or come on down to office 228 in 1C and beat them up for not making you laugh.

- Kris Lo Presto
Managing Editor

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4. We have naked pictures of the tennis team. Don't make us use 'em.
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-Kris Lo Presto

The Banner extends its sympathies to the DeLese family

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One of these stories is true the other is not

Auxiliary Services Scales Found Fraud

Irene Goodman

This afternoon the Auxiliary Services Police raided building 1C, bringing out with them four criminal elements. The culprits? Food scales from the cafeteria. The crime? Adding a additional weight to our meager little salads, charging us for 0.51 ounces of lettuce when we really only got 0.50 ounces. Those little bastards.

The police were notified by an anonymous call at 10:15 this morning. The caller stated that he was 'attacked' by the high price of his radicchio and green bean salad and needed to be resuscitated by a cafeteria employee after

passing out in the checkout line. "I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw the price on the cash register,"

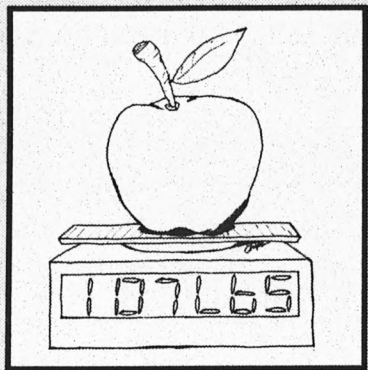
says another victim, a 19-year old sophomore from Travis.

"Everything went black and the next thing I remember was the cashier giving me mouth-to-mouth."

She was taken to a local hospital for a thorough checkup and then released.

Tonight the salad scales are being charged with "assault by improper weighing" and they're being held without bail.

The arraignments are scheduled for tomorrow morning.



Arrest Made in Parking Brawl

Megan McGibney

Parking on campus is enough to give CSI students a headache. Lately, it's enough to give you a concussion.

Two recent incidents on campus involving parking services have made the issue more serious, and even frightening. On Monday, February 25th, in lot #2, two females argued over a space. Then they fought over it. According to an independent witness, one of the women threw the other onto a car and banged her head against it.

"Incidents do happen," says Director of Peace Services, Gene Martinez. "People wait half an hour for a spot rather than parking in Easy Parking, and

taking the shuttle bus."

Another serious parking incident occurred on Monday, March 11th in the gravel lot near 1S. A student car had been booted, and he was, and he was attempting to remove it with a lugnut wrench. Martinez and four other peace officers warned the student not to try to remove the boot. A struggle ensued. Four officers and the student were slightly injured.

The student was arrested and released on bail the next day.

A court date was scheduled for late April.

The student faces disciplinary charges from the college.

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What is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is a form of birth control that is given as an intramuscular injection (a shot) in the buttock or upper arm once every 3 months (13 weeks). To continue your contraceptive protection you must return for your next injection promptly at the end of 3 months (13 weeks). DEPO-PROVERA contains medroxyprogesterone acetate, a chemical similar to (but not the same as) the natural hormone progesterone, which is produced by your ovaries during the second half of your menstrual cycle. DEPO-PROVERA acts by preventing your egg cells from ripening. If an egg is not released from the ovaries during your menstrual cycle, it cannot become fertilized by sperm and result in pregnancy. DEPO-PROVERA also causes changes in the lining of your uterus that make it less likely for pregnancy to occur.

How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended dosage schedule exactly (see "How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?"). To make sure you are not pregnant when you first get DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, your first injection must be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. **ONLY** within the first 5 days after childbirth if not breast-feeding and if exclusively breast-feeding **ONLY** at the sixth week after childbirth. It is a long-term, safe, effective contraceptive when administered at 3-month (13-week) intervals. DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is over 99% effective, making it one of the most reliable methods of birth control available. This means that the average annual pregnancy rate is less than one for every 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in part on how reliably each woman uses the method. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends only on the patient returning every 3 months (13 weeks) for her next injection. Your health care provider will help you compare DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

Percent of Women Experiencing an Accidental Pregnancy in the First Year of Continuous Use

Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.3	0.3
Implant (Norplant)	0.2	0.2
Female sterilization	0.2	0.4
Male sterilization	0.1	0.15
Oral contraceptive (pill)		3
Continued	0.1	
Discontinued	0.5	
IUD		3
Progesterone	2.0	
Copper T 380A	0.8	
Condom (with spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	6	18
Cervical cap	6	18
Vaginal foam	4	18
Periodic abstinence	1.9	20
Spermicide alone	3	21
vaginal sponge		
used before childbirth	6	18
used after childbirth	9	28
No method	82	85

Source: Trussell et al. *Obstet Gynecol* 1990;76:558-567.

Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA. You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you have any of the following conditions:

- if you think you might be pregnant
- if you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason

- if you have had cancer of the breast
- if you have had a stroke
- if you have or have had blood clots (phlebitis) in your legs
- if you have problems with your liver or liver disease
- if you are allergic to DEPO-PROVERA (medroxyprogesterone acetate or any of its other ingredients)

What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

This product is intended to prevent pregnancy. It does not protect against HIV infection (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea, hepatitis B, and syphilis.

- a family history of breast cancer
- an abnormal mammogram (breast x-ray), fibrocystic breast disease, breast nodules or lumps, or bleeding from your nipples
- kidney disease
- irregular or scanty menstrual periods
- high blood pressure
- migraine headaches
- asthma
- epilepsy (convulsions or seizures)
- diabetes or a family history of diabetes
- a history of depression
- if you are taking any prescription or over-the-counter medications

DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection does not protect against transmission of HIV (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea, hepatitis B, and syphilis.

What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method it takes some time after your last injection for its effect to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, for women who stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection; about two thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months; about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 15 months; and about 93% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

- 1. Irregular Menstrual Bleeding**
The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting, an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding, or no bleeding at all. Unusually heavy or continuous bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA and if this happens, you should see your health care provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases, and many women stop having periods completely. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 55% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 1 year of use, and 68% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your ovaries. When your ovaries do not release an egg monthly, the regular monthly growth of the lining of your uterus does not occur and, therefore, the bleeding that normally comes with your normal menstruation does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA, your menstrual period will usually, in time, return to its normal cycle.

2. Bone Mineral Changes
Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

3. Cancer
Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, cervix, or liver. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health care provider.

4. Unexpected Pregnancy
Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly (every 3 months [13 weeks]) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, see your health care provider as soon as possible.

5. Allergic Reactions
Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection have reported severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include the sudden onset of hives or swelling and itching of the skin, breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure.

- sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or fainting problems with your eyesight or speech, weakness, or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke)
- severe pain or swelling in the calf (indicating a possible clot in the leg)
- unusually heavy vaginal bleeding
- severe pain or tenderness in the lower abdominal area
- persistent pain, or bleeding at the injection site

What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Call your health care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:

- sharp chest pain, coughing up of blood, or sudden shortness of breath (indicating a possible clot in the lung)
- sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or fainting problems with your eyesight or speech, weakness, or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke)
- severe pain or swelling in the calf (indicating a possible clot in the leg)
- unusually heavy vaginal bleeding
- severe pain or tenderness in the lower abdominal area
- persistent pain, or bleeding at the injection site

What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Weight Gain
You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 5 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.75 pounds per year.

2. Other Side Effects
In a clinical study of over 3,900 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 7 years, some women reported the following effects that may or may not have been related to their use of DEPO-PROVERA: irregular menstrual bleeding, amenorrhea, headache, nervousness, abdominal cramps, dizziness, weakness or fatigue, decreased sexual desire, leg cramps, nausea, vaginal discharge or irritation, breast swelling and tenderness, bloating, swelling of the hands or feet, backache, depression, insomnia, acne, pelvic pain, no hair growth or excessive hair loss, hot flashes, and joint pain. Other problems were reported by very few of the women in the clinical trial, but some of these could be serious. These include convulsions, jaundice, urinary tract infections, allergic reactions, fainting, paralysis, osteoporosis, lack of return to fertility, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, breast cancer, or cervical cancer. If these or any other problems occur during your use of DEPO-PROVERA, discuss them with your health care provider.

Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Missed Periods
During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a period, or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think that you may be pregnant, see your health care provider.

2. Laboratory Test Interactions
If you are scheduled for any laboratory tests, tell your health care provider that you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception. Certain blood tests are affected by hormones such as DEPO-PROVERA.

3. Drug Interactions
Cytarabine (amoglutethimide) is an anticancer drug that may significantly decrease the effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA if the two drugs are given during the same time.

4. Nursing Mothers
Although DEPO-PROVERA can be passed to the nursing infant in the breast milk, no harmful effects have been found in these children. DEPO-PROVERA does not prevent the breasts from producing milk, so it can be used by nursing mothers. However, to minimize the amount of DEPO-PROVERA that is passed to the infant in the first weeks after birth, you should wait until 6 weeks after childbirth before you start using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception.

How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The recommended dose of DEPO-PROVERA is 150 mg every 3 months (13 weeks) given in a single intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregnant at the time of the first injection, it is essential that the injection be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. If used following the delivery of a child, the first injection of DEPO-PROVERA **MUST** be given within 5 days after childbirth if you are not breast-feeding or 6 weeks after childbirth if you are exclusively breast-feeding. If you wait longer than 3 months (13 weeks) between injections, or longer than 6 weeks after delivery, your health care provider should determine that you are not pregnant before giving you your injection of DEPO-PROVERA.

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Wake Up and Smell the Technology Fee

Irene Goodman

In response to City and State budget cuts that have crippled funding desperately needed to augment the quality of technology throughout the University, CUNY's Board of Trustees has unilaterally implemented a new \$75 Technology fee.

"I want to be very clear that I was in favor of this fee," said CSI President Marlene Springer. At a March 20th meeting of CSI's Presidential Task Force on Technology, Springer insisted, "our students deserve the best in computer technology. I think that even though we are a technologically sophisticated campus, in many ways our computer systems are falling behind."

In the past, the college has been able to expand its technology systems thanks to grants from varied sources, including a recent \$130,000 donation from the City Council.

"There was no guaranteed source of income," said Springer. "In other words, you may get \$1,000 on year and get \$2 million the next."

Fluctuation in income drove CUNY Board members to constitute this new fee. It is expected to bring in anywhere from \$1.2 to \$1.7 million dollars to the college every year, depending on enrollment.

The Chancellor's Office has indicated that its action has been guided by

the principle that, "expenditures of...revenue should be on resources and projects having a perceptible effect and demonstrable impact on students."

Now the question facing the Presidential Task Force is how the money will be distributed throughout academic and administrative departments.

Distribution of the money will be debated over the next few weeks as committee members battle it out for their own departments. A report on how the money will be spent is due at CUNY Headquarters on 80th Street by the end of May.

A draft of the report was released to committee members at the Technology Meeting. The report included a 5-Year Strategic Plan that explained what the College expects to accomplish for its students.

Here are some highlights:

- Extending access to technology for students with disabilities;
- Increasing student and faculty computer literacy through training programs and workshops;
- Hiring staff to support the technology;
- Implementing online registration; and
- Improving network access, wireless technology and telecommunications.



High Tech High Jinx

For starters, how does a fee that is to be paid by the students of the college, get passed without the students even having a say in the matter? That's like the manager of a store telling its employees that it needs \$5 from every check they get from now on.

Paul Cantor

If there's one thing the U.S. government has going for it over CSI's administration, it's that the government will at least tell us about its new tax proposals. Would CSI extend us this courtesy? Fuggedaboutit. CSI holds meetings and creates committees after the fact

Let's see if my timeline is correct. CSI receives operating money from city. CSI, for some unbeknownst reason asks city for more money beginning with the Fall 2002 semester. September 11th tragedy occurs. City is in financial distress. City tells CSI to take their request for money and shove it. CSI still feels the need for this money. CSI invents and passes a technology fee of \$75 that must be paid each semester starting Fall 2002. Hmm.

So, apparently this technology fee is taking the place of the money denied the school by the city. Awkward? You bet.

For starters, how does a fee that is to be paid by the students of the college, get passed without the students even having a say in the matter? That's like the manager of a store telling its employees that it needs \$5 from every check they get from now on. The manager tells them that with the \$5 from every check, new and more advanced cash registers can be bought, leading to more efficient work. That's great, but doesn't it matter that the employees may feel the \$5 is not a sacrifice they are willing to make. That's how I look at this \$75 technology fee. After someone from the tech. fee committee decides what the pool of money will be used for, we'll collectively look at our wallets

with the \$75 deduction and realize it could have been put to better use.

Ok, so you wanna throw the "it's only \$75!" thing at me. Cool. Has anyone noticed that payphones in New York are now asking 50 cents per call? We're now spending double the amount to make a phone call! Think that extra 25 cents won't be missed somewhere down the line? Think again. \$75 is a weeks worth of groceries. \$75 is the amount they charge for fingerprints required by all City jobs. \$75 is a pair of sneakers these days. Don't tell me I won't find a use for my \$75. You wanna charge me \$75 a semester? Tell me what it's for. And don't pawn that technology fee crap on me. As we speak, there is a committee debating what to put it to use for. So please, don't call it a technology fee. It's insulting. Just be honest and tell us that the city has denied the college money, and as a result, tuition fees will be increased by \$75. Because, it doesn't matter if you're a full-time, part-time,

half-time, crunch-time, or lunchtime student- you're being asked to pay \$75.

The fact that the college instituted this fee without the students input is downright insulting as well. With a fee that will be used arbitrarily (read: they can't even tell us what they're going to use it for), the students should have at least been given the right to veto. If the college suddenly decides to start a CSI network, and I don't have the Internet at home, well hey, my \$75 didn't benefit me.

The damage has been done and we're going to end up getting stuck for our \$75. However, it's depressing to know that the students are paying for a service that is as-of-yet undefined. We know the college is in over its head (or maybe it's just being downright greedy), and it doesn't have the money that the city was supposed to supply it with. But if the college were able to identify a specific focus (ex: 5 new Mac labs), then the fee wouldn't appear in such a negative light, and support, rather than protest, would be the consensus among the student body.



The Third Eye

By Madame Toni Ann Fischetti

Aries: The Ram
March 21-April 19

Old, familiar dreams loom large once again, and I'm not talking about the one where you run naked through the fountains of IP. I'm talking about tangible dreams and goals. You allow these visions to kidnap you from reality, but that might hinder achievement. Try looking at it from a new angle and stay grounded!



Taurus: The Bull
April 20 - May 20

With spring comes a new and improved version of Taurus! You're handling changes and challenges better than ever. Towards the end of April, you enter into a 30-day cycle of goodwill and fine living, and it could be your best month this year! Everyone is your pal and it seems as if the bills are paying themselves, yes, even the \$400 cell phone bill (who knew how little time 500 minutes really was?)



Gemini: The Twins
May 21 - June 21

Everything starts to make sense again as spring begins. The old lessons and the new lessons come back again, only this time you understand them. In the last week of April, your interests shift and contentment feels more secure than pure happiness... At least that's what you say now.



Cancer: The Crab
June 22 - July 22

The past two months you've been out and about enjoying life. That's great, but it's expensive, as both you and your wallet know. Not to worry Cancer, favors and loans are paid back. This month the wallet can rest because most of your time is spent comforting the disenchanted prima donnas that cry on your shoulder ("Boo-Hoo, he dumped me again"). They'll calm down ("I met someone cuter!") and you can go back to normal.



Leo: The Lion
July 23-August 22

April is another intense month for you! Others tune into your perceptions but alliances splinter after the discovery of different intentions. It's an intense month, you're an intense sign and compromise just isn't worth the effort.



Virgo: The Virgin
August 23 - September 22

As your doctor I must inform you Virgo, you have a raging case of... Spring Fever! You have all the facts and almost no patience, but guess what you're not the ruler of the universe! People are less likely to cooperate with you and it's not until the end of the month that things start coming together.



Libra: The Scales
September 23 - October 23

Compromise and coexistence become real for you later this month, as transformation becomes less intimidating. It's a good thing too, because boundaries are shifting, circumstances are changing and they're opening the floodgates of new experience. However, this is not the Electric Kool-Aid Acid test I'm talking about, so keep one foot grounded, ok?



Scorpio: The Scorpion
October 24 - November 21

Pluto, your ruling planet is doing something celestially spectacular, because your eyes fully open up in April. You feel exhilarated and dangerous all at the same time. You're aware of the consequences, yet detached from them until they happen. Try to look forward to avoid a potentially sticky altercation.



Sagittarius: The Archer
November 22 - December 21

Did you take my advice last month, Sag? No! If you did, you wouldn't have to try to make up for all your missed opportunities! Now you're trying too hard to keep peoples attention and there will be some kind of a clash mid-month.



Capricorn: The Goat
December 22 - January 19

March was looking good, but the party's over! Just as you're about to sweep into your grand finale, people remember prior commitments (a midterm paper is grossly overdue, the MCAT exam is tomorrow, they have to walk the dog, etc.) and the next thing you know you're singing Donna Summer's Last Dance all by yourself.



Aquarius: The Water Carrier
January 20-February 18

Watch out Aquarius! You've devised these big, elaborate ways of attracting attention this month and you use them to your advantage. Unfortunately, towards the end of the month you're shtick loses its luster and you go the way of the Dodo as others turn their heads and yawn.



Pisces: The Fish
February 19 - March 20

As spring begins, you find your middle ground. You step out of the spotlight, yet you do not withdraw into the shadows. You inspire and encourage those around you and believe me it does not go unnoticed. Everything seems to be going well, but regrettably, this is all too good to last.



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MUTANT LOBSTER BOY GETS METATEXTUAL ON THAT ASS

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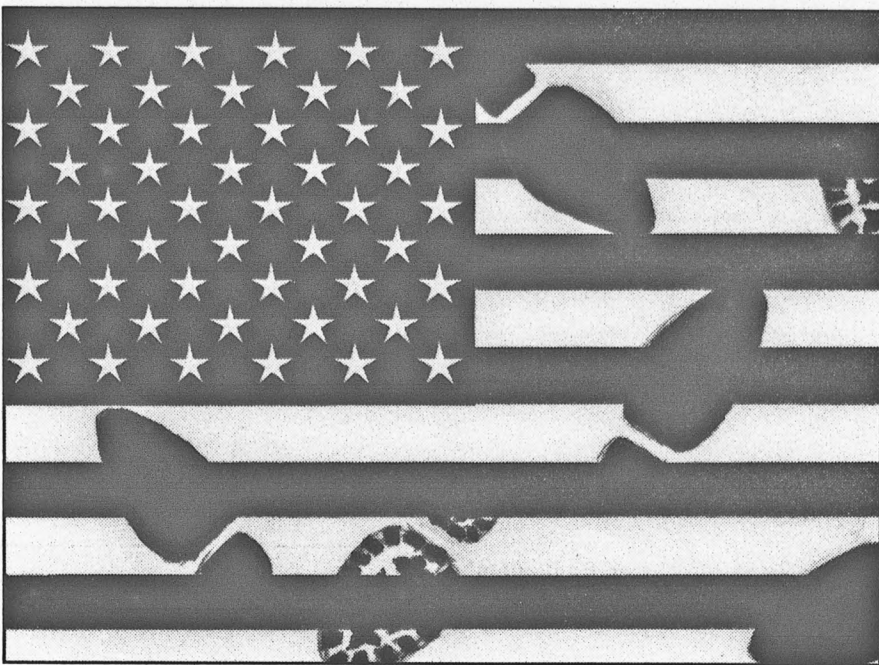


TOTAL UNREQUEST LIVE

BY ENRIQUE INOCENTE



Big Brother n 3. (cap both Bs): the leader of an authoritarian state or movement



Faculty Response

Since the attacks of September 11th The Banner has reported on a wide variety of administrative, faculty, and student responses. As part of this continuing dialogue we present a letter we recently received.

Harry Cason

In the January 28th, 2002 issue of *The Banner* my patriotism and concern for American lives was questioned resulting from things I said at a recent forum held here last fall at CSI. It was said that I "showed more passion condemning the United States government, its foreign policy and its citizens, than in showing remorse about the tragedy that took the lives of people from so many different nations." An observer wanted to know how this tragedy could prompt a critical response "...against the United States' past or current foreign policies."

In response, it was correctly acknowledged that I expressed passion for the principle of equality. For me, this was my foremost point. Personally, I am equally concerned about injustices committed against human beings, no matter their race, religion, national origin, etc. I am very upset about the unjustifiably horrible tragedy that occurred on September 11th and this is actually why I felt the need to speak out.

I am a student of history and politics however, and I am very aware that our government is not innocent in this matter. The United States is not, as is mythically claimed, a democracy. It is a liberal oligarchy, and as such, it is run by those who own it. This group has little to no concern for anyone but themselves. Their values are centered around competition and individual gain, as opposed to cooperation and community gain. Their values promote inequality, and do much harm to the American people. Most Americans are daily worked to the bone and then fed a steady diet of junk info-tainment, which

they watch in an attempt to escape the drudgery of everyday life.

However, what upsets me more is the fact that the powerful in this country have sufficient power to begin to lower the 'fires of history' by promoting national and international equality, but to do so would undermine their own value system, and their privilege. Instead, they participate in the competition of horrors that just generates more horrors. Our government participated in the 'ethnic cleansing' of the native Americans, the institution of slavery (millions of lives were lost in both cases), the murder of two hundred thousand Filipinos, the theft of Hawaii and Puerto Rico, mass murder in Vietnam, Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and East Timor. We can argue over particulars, but not over the general direction that our leaders are taking us.

I wish America would wake up and promote the values they say they stand for, but they have to have faith that equality and justice for all is worth pursuing. Otherwise, we just continue the old game of domination, not love and respect for our fellow humans. One has to choose the values they stand for, and I have chosen mine. Patriotism in my mind means that one works with her/his fellow human beings, not compete with them, for the right to be on this planet. Our leaders have chosen competition as our primary value and the American people have foolishly fallen for this system where 1% of Americans own as much wealth as the bottom 95%. That is not democracy. Equality is the central value of democracy. Without it all the other values (and wisdom) of democracy cannot work. Let us begin to take equality seriously.

Greeks are bad and harm people, that's not true.

Jennifer Curcio

When President Springer took office at CSI, Greek life was banished. Why? For the simple fact that Greek life doesn't tickle her fancy. There is no reason for students to be denied the opportunity to join a Greek letter organization.

"As a member of SDT (Sigma Delta Tau) I feel we are discriminated against," said Jean Marie McInerney. "Other CUNY schools are allowed to have Greek life, and so should we. Just because the president has personal prejudices means we have to suffer? That's wrong. Some people feel sororities and fraternities are bad and harm people, that's not true. Last year, SDT helped raise \$1000 towards PCAA and other charities as well."

Because Greek life is not recognized on CSI campus grounds, we have no rights to use campus facilities for meetings or fundraiser events. We also don't have the rights to post up our letters, advertising our organization like other clubs do.

"We do not have equal rights as any other club does," says a fraternity member. "I'm proud to wear my letters, and I should be able to share my fraternity experience freely on campus, without having to worry who won't approve."

"We cannot even call ourselves a sorority on campus. We have to go under an alias: The Delta Delta Club," says Katherleen Houston, an SDT member. "I wanna be able to wear my letters with pride and share it with the world. In CSI I feel limited to do that and it bothers me."

Another member Heather Ewald felt the same way. "I think that it's wrong because in other school they're recog-

nized. I think that it's unfair that people have no idea what they're really about. They only have what they see on movies and that we are not like that at all." Heather also commented on how Greek life is stereotyped as well.

"Some people look at us like we're all about the parties. They don't know the hard work and dedication involved molds us into stronger people. You can't get that anywhere else."

There is no reason why Greek life should not be recognized on campus when we do so much good for the school and for the community. If Greek life were recognized on campus there would be a whole new world of possibilities to explore. Greek life offers a life-long sisterhood/brotherhood that could be cherished for years to come. Also some sororities offer grants and scholarships to students who are eligible.

"If clubs such as the Latin Club and the Chinese Student Association can post their banners up, then so should we. What makes those clubs different from us? Our good deeds should be recognized," says McInerney. "It's not fair that we are denied a place to have our meetings in school. It's not fair that we can't hang up our letters in school. If it means so much to us, as students, then we should have the freedom to do so."

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We understand your plight.
We thank you for speaking up,
and putting it so eloquently*.
The editors*

Eels Take a Bite Out of the Big Apple

Indie rockers slither back to NYC for some fresh feelings

Kris Lo Presto

Something smelled funny on stage. After an hour and a half of mind bending rock mixed with slow jams — not to mention the opening act, a mime — one would think the Eels had left the building.

Not just yet. "Thank you for playing our little cat and mouse games," joked E, the lead singer, before the first encore. "We really weren't going anywhere, we just wanted to see if you really loved us."

Less than a quarter of the crowd stuck around for "Dog Face Boy" and "Rotten World Blues."

The band was very appreciative. E himself stepped around the stage speakers and stood as close to the audience as he could, unstrapped his ax and let fans strum.

The Eels opened the set with "Elizabeth on the Bathroom Floor," a song that is about E's late sister who committed suicide in 1996. To lighten the mood the Eels broke out a majestic interpretation of Missy Elliot's "Get UR

Freak On." Butch, an audience favorite, beat his drums so hard the floorboards rattled and shivered in fear.

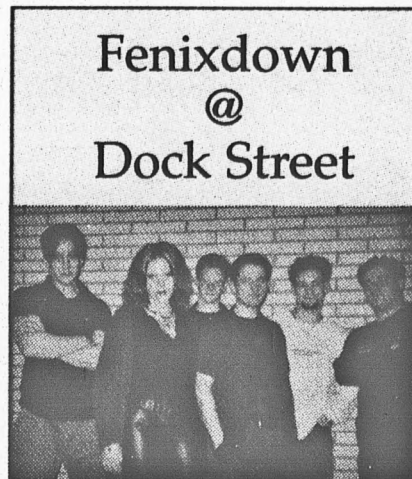
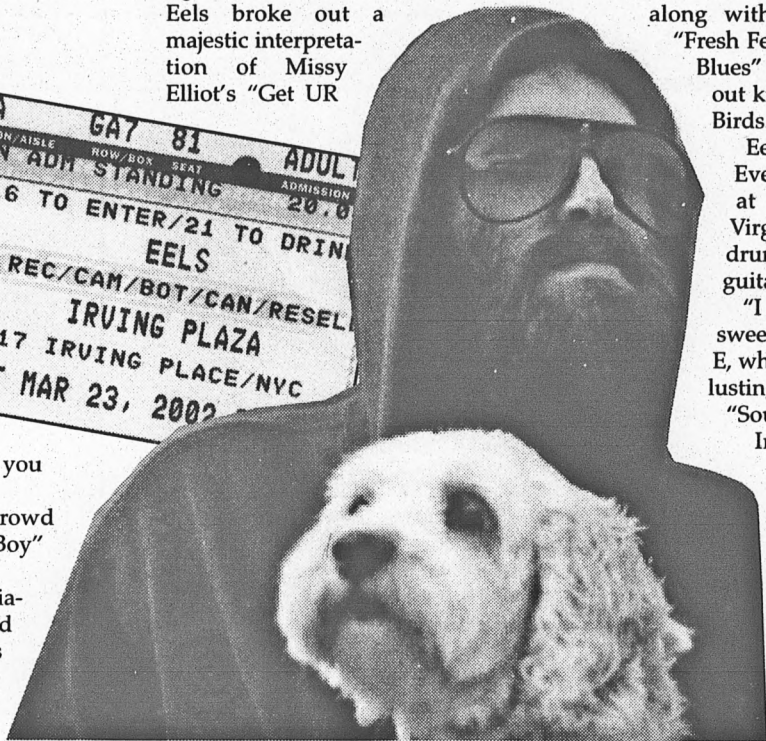
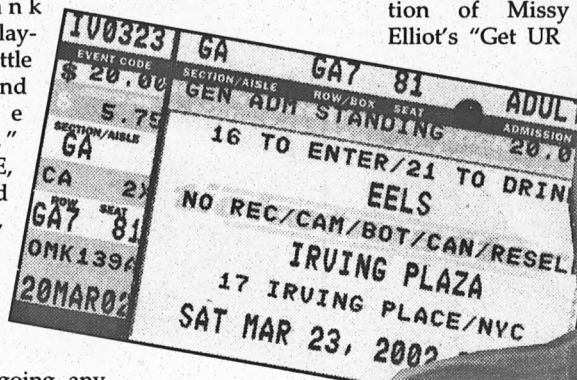
The set included most of the songs from the band's new release, *Souljacker*, along with alternate versions of "Fresh Feelings," "Mr. E's Beautiful Blues" and a knock-down drag-out kick-ass rendition of "I Like Birds."

Eels are led by Mark Oliver Everett, E for short (pictured at left). He grew up in Virginia and has been playing drums since he was six and guitar since he was a teenager.

"I need some of that sweet, sweet rock and roll music," said E, who yearns like a teenage kid lusting after his first love.

"Souljacker Part 2" melted Irving Plaza. An added treat was Butch's performance of "Sad Clown," an instant crowd favorite. Butch has been with E since 1995.

"I am a sad clown," Butch wailed. "My smile is upside down." The song is pure Eels: joy laced with sorrow.



Fenixdown
@
Dock Street

Elina Krishtul

For those who don't know, Fenixdown is a S.I.-based rock band with a refreshing sound.

"If Tool, Final Fantasy, and Live were ever to merge and form a band their sound would resemble ours," said Tony Hanson, who along with Steve Gallo, founded the band in 1998.

At a March 15th Dock Street show, the mix of guitar, bass, drums, sampling, keyboard, violin and great lyrics percolated the crowd like wired chai.

For those of you who stayed home, don't worry! Fenixdown jams L'Amour in Brooklyn (yes over the bridge) on Wednesday, May 10. For those who consider crossing the bridge an impossible journey, Fenixdown will also be appearing right here at the College of Staten Island in early May.

For more information about the band, click to www.Fenixdown.com.

Street + Freak + Jazz Chic = Sizzling Music Mélange

The Corporation, a new band on the scene demonstrates the Ultimate Hybrid Theory

Jessica Mendez

At a time when assembly-line boy bands, cheesy pop icons and Limp Bizkit are being pushed aside only to be replaced with Limp Bizkit wannabees, cheesy hip-hop novelty acts and whiny, assembly-line VH1-friendly rock (i.e. The Calling, Creed, Puddle of Crap—I mean, Mudd), something drastic had to happen to break the tunnel vision of today's music scene.

Luckily, a group of musicians in Bushwick, Brooklyn figured out the formula. CAUTION: Those who do not appreciate fresh, groundbreaking, eclectic music should NOT read this. Still with me? Good, because you are about to discover a band so eclectic it makes Linkin Park's definition of a "Hybrid Theory" seem sophomore. Its name is The Corporation, and its members are as diverse as they are talented.

Sitting in Bensonhurst's L'Amour, one can't help but be wary of The Corporation. The venue has the typical trimmings of a rock showcase: black brick walls, teenagers rebelling against the ills of semi-suburbia, and worn couches that look like they've seen more than their fair share of copulation. It's easy to expect another crappy cover

band.

Two guys in jeans take the stage along with a guy in a mechanic's jumpsuit draped in a plastic light cable. Next, a blonde guy in a black suit and matching shirt and tie a la Regis Philbin comes on stage. Why is the band's manager is sitting behind the drum kit? Then, three guys, two oozing hip-hop in their velour track suits and a petite guy in jeans, take the stage and grab microphones. The roadies seem to be setting up. That is, until the "manager" counts off on his drums and one of the "roadies," Ramo/Omar (it depends on who you ask) roars a highly impressive "GET THE FUCK UP!" And wait—is one of the guys playing a keyboard?

After the initial shock wears off, the music takes over, with surprises at every turn. Guitarist Adam's style is a



An unlikely crew of executive officers.

Photo: Al Silvera

blend of Lenny Kravitz and Jimmy Page while bassist Izzy and drummer Pete lend a solid beat to every song. Izzy also lends special effects with his blinking cable light.

Hip-hop/rock turns into hip-hop/rock/jazz when keyboardist Jesse turns into trumpet player and

Ramo/Omar, along with fellow vocalists Yahrek (the petite one) and Fanon (the skinny one) sample the soul classic "Fire" with both rhythmic and raucous sensibilities. Hip-hop/rock/jazz twists into hip-hop/rock/jazz/reggae as a fresh, booty-shaking beat worthy of Lady Saw and too good for Shaggy takes The Corporation's music to another level.

"We are divine intervention," Izzy says, laughing. Don't laugh Izzy; you're not far off. Hip-hop stylings blend-

ed with hard rock beats, smooth reggae, and chic jazz make a most sinfully delicious musical concoction. The Corporation plays regularly at L'Amour, and it's more than worth your while to check them out. As Yahrek so modestly puts it, "We rock. We're the best."

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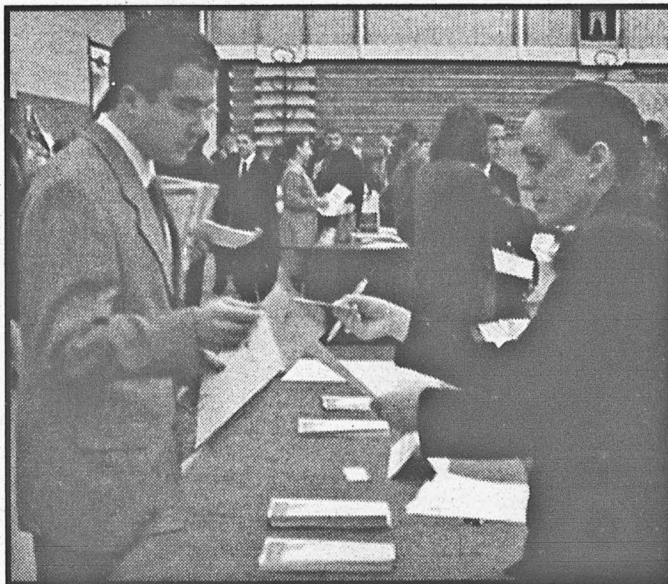
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Tennis: Advantage Dolphins

Ecliff Telford

If confidence determines winners, then the men's tennis team already qualifies as champions. "There will be a lot of competition in CUNY this season," said Coach Bruce Knittle. "But we are definitely contenders."

The men's tennis program has several reasons to be confident. Under the guidance of Coach Knittle, CSI has won the CUNY tennis championship three years out of the past four.

"It is a pleasure working with coach Knittle," said three-year team veteran Paul Ricciardi. "We're enthusiastic about getting the season started."

"I'm very pleased with the team right now," said Knittle. "In terms of quality, this year's team is not much different than last year's."

Three out of the starting six have returned, and Knittle is sure that several team members are capable of stepping up.

The addition of junior Brian Wendtton enhances the quality of the team's starting six. In terms of his physical preparedness, Wendtton said, "on a scale of one to ten, I'm about an eight right now."

Although he is new to the team,

Wendtton has a good understanding of the sport and knows the importance of practicing. "It is very important to be in shape prior to the start of the season," he said. "In a single match you can cover two to three miles." Wendtton practices five days a week. Knittle affirms: "Wendtton is potentially a team star."

CSI is scheduled to play their first matches against Baruch College on Tuesday March 26.

"Baruch is our biggest competition," said coach Knittle. Baruch has all their returning players from last year's team, and like CSI, they also have strong individual talent.

Coach Knittle hopes CSI students will come to the games to encourage their team.

"We could always use student support," said Knittle. "It gives a strong home court advantage."

CSI 2002 Men's Tennis Schedule.

Thur. Apr. 4	Lehman College	Away	3:30pm
Mon. Apr. 8	Brooklyn College	Home	3:30pm
Wed. Apr. 10	Caldwell College	Away	4:00pm
Fri. Apr. 12	Pratt Institute	Away	6:30pm
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Mon. Apr. 22	Hunter College	Home	3:30pm



A FEW GOOD MEN: The Tennis team springs into action

It's True. It's True. SI Has a Pro Wrestling School

Jessica Werner

Follow the sound of bodies crashing on canvas. Take a left. A quick right. There it is: Blue apron, black ropes, cobalt turnbuckles. The squared circle.

This is North East Pro Wrestling, where, Joe "Zieg" DiStefano and Sal "Eric Creed" Depetro teach students the intricacies of pro wrestling. It's the only thing of its kind on Staten Island.

Zieg and Creed started at the North East Fitness Center with ten students. Currently there are thirty aspiring pile-drivers enrolled, 15 of whom have been licensed. "Our ultimate goal," Depetro said, "is to get all of our students licensed."

To join the fray, students must sign off that they are in good physical condition. Registration does not require a doctor's note. The \$99 per month membership fee includes full use of the fitness center.

"Gym is not required," DiStefano said, "but we strongly suggest it."

The school offers beginner, intermediate and advanced classes, all taught by the founders. Each level meets twice a week, one hour each time. The school



READY TO RUMBLE: Staten Island's only wrestling school hits the mats

operates Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays but hopes to add another day in the future.

The NEPW facilities exist as part of the North East Fitness Center, which is currently being renovated. A new canvas will be fitted to the ring before the end of March, a fresh surface for stu-

dents to break in.

On the last Friday of each month NEPW performs. Students can showcase what they have worked so hard on. As the roster grows, students must work harder and harder to earn a spot on the card.

"Wrestling," Depetro said, "requires a

physical maturity and a mental maturity." The instructors do not like to accept students under fifteen years old. Most of the students are between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five.

NEPW teaches more than just wrestling. The students learn about respect, trust and hard work and all that goody-goody horse hay that you won't find in the WWF. "In the ring," Depetro said, "you have to make the other guys trust you. To do that you have to trust yourself. We expect your full effort. Otherwise, one of you will get hurt."

During classes, the students rarely speak, if at all. They give all of their attention to the instructor.

On March 13th, 2002, Big Vito, a former WCW Tag Team Champion, guest taught the advanced class. He plans to return at least one more time to the facility. Independent wrestlers from the East Coast have been guests in the past.

Those interested in joining the NEPW school can call (718) 727-1548 or visit their website at www.northeastprowrestling.com or www.teamnepw.com. The North East Fitness Center is located at 200 Taylor Street off of Castleton Avenue in West Brighton.

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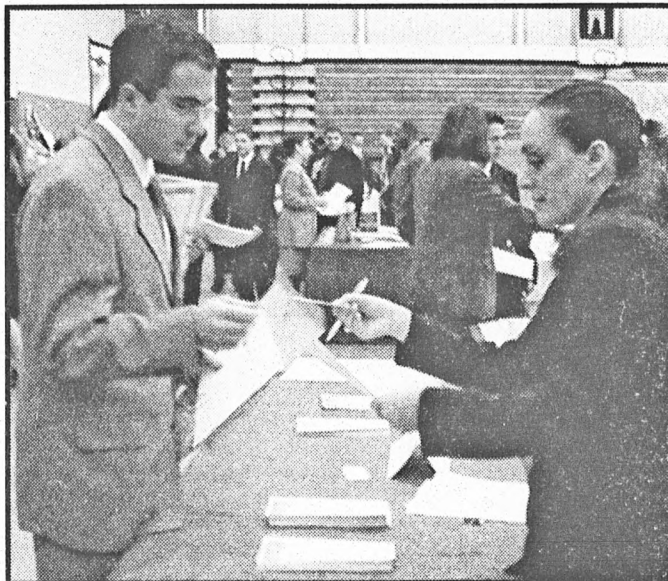
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Tennis: Advantage Dolphins

Ecliff Telford

If confidence determines winners, then the men's tennis team already qualifies as champions. "There will be a lot of competition in CUNY this season," said Coach Bruce Knittle. "But we are definitely contenders."

The men's tennis program has several reasons to be confident. Under the guidance of Coach Knittle, CSI has won the CUNY tennis championship three years out of the past four.

"It is a pleasure working with coach Knittle," said three-year team veteran Paul Ricciardi. "We're enthusiastic about getting the season started."

"I'm very pleased with the team right now," said Knittle. "In terms of quality, this year's team is not much different than last year's."

Three out of the starting six have returned, and Knittle is sure that several team members are capable of stepping up.

The addition of junior Brian Wendtton enhances the quality of the team's starting six. In terms of his physical preparedness, Wendtton said, "on a scale of one to ten, I'm about an eight right now."

Although he is new to the team,

Wendtton has a good understanding of the sport and knows the importance of practicing. "It is very important to be in shape prior to the start of the season," he said. "In a single match you can cover two to three miles." Wendtton practices five days a week. Knittle affirms: "Wendtton is potentially a team star."

CSI is scheduled to play their first matches against Baruch College on Tuesday March 26.

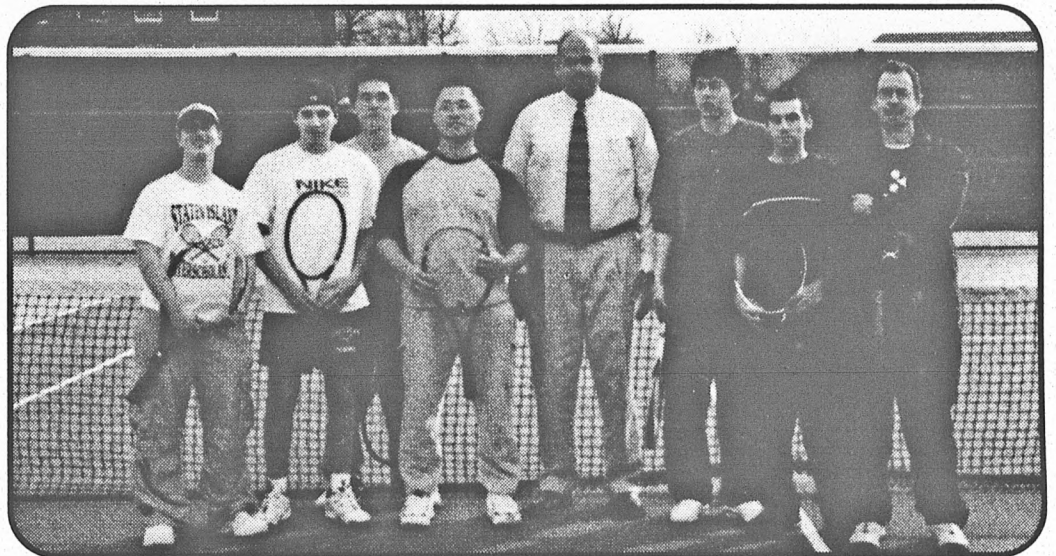
"Baruch is our biggest competition," said coach Knittle. Baruch has all their returning players from last years team, and like CSI, they also have strong individual talent.

Coach Knittle hopes CSI students will come to the games to encourage their team.

"We could always use student support," said Knittle. "It gives a strong home court advantage."

CSI 2002 Men's Tennis Schedule.

Thur.	Apr. 4	Lehman College	Away	3:30pm
Wed.	Apr. 10	Caldwell College	Away	4:00pm
Fri.	Apr. 12	Pratt Institute	Away	6:30pm
Thur.	Apr. 18	York College	Home	1:00pm
Fri.	Apr. 19	John Jay College	Away	6:00pm



A FEW GOOD MEN: The Tennis team springs into action

It's True. It's True. SI Has a Pro Wrestling School

Jessica Werner

Follow the sound of bodies crashing on canvas. Take a left. A quick right. There it is: Blue apron, black ropes, cobalt turnbuckles. The squared circle.

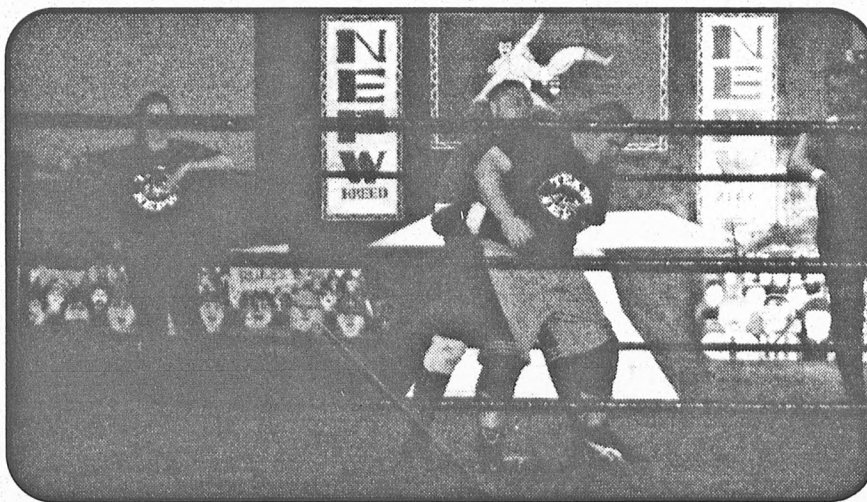
This is North East Pro Wrestling, where, Joe "Zieg" DiStefano and Sal "Eric Kreed" Depetro teach students the intricacies of pro wrestling. It's the only thing of its kind on Staten Island.

Zieg and Kreed started at the North East Fitness Center with ten students. Currently there are thirty aspiring pile-drivers enrolled, 15 of whom have been licensed. "Our ultimate goal," Depetro said, "is to get all of our students licensed."

To join the fray, students must sign off that they are in good physical condition. Registration does not require a doctor's note. The \$99 per month membership fee includes full use of the fitness center.

"Gym is not required," DiStefano said, "but we strongly suggest it."

The school offers beginner, intermediate and advanced classes, all taught by the founders. Each level meets twice a week, one hour each time. The school



READY TO RUMBLE: Staten Island's only wrestling school hits the mats

operates Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays but hopes to add another day in the future.

The NEPW facilities exist as part of the North East Fitness Center, which is currently being renovated. A new canvas will be fitted to the ring before the end of March, a fresh surface for stu-

dents to break in.

On the last Friday of each month NEPW performs. Students can showcase what they have worked so hard on. As the roster grows, students must work harder and harder to earn a spot on the card.

"Wrestling," Depetro said, "requires a

physical maturity and a mental maturity." The instructors do not like to accept students under fifteen years old. Most of the students are between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five.

NEPW teaches more than just wrestling. The students learn about respect, trust and hard work and all that goody-goody horse hay that you won't find in the WWF. "In the ring," Depetro said, "you have to make the other guys trust you. To do that you have to trust yourself. We expect your full effort. Otherwise, one of you will get hurt."

During classes, the students rarely speak, if at all. They give all of their attention to the instructor.

On March 13th, 2002, Big Vito, a former WCW Tag Team Champion, guest taught the advanced class. He plans to return at least one more time to the facility. Independent wrestlers from the East Coast have been guests in the past.

Those interested in joining the NEPW school can call (718) 727-1548 or visit their website at www.northeastprowrestling.com or www.teamnepw.com. The North East Fitness Center is located at 200 Taylor Street off of Castleton Avenue in West Brighton.



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Spring Break 2002