

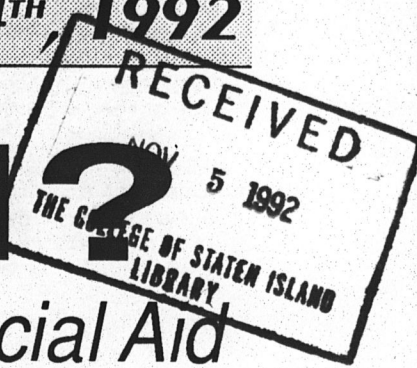
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Financial Aid?

SG Sen. Blasts Fin-Aid CSI's State Of Financial Aid

by Thomas Deignan

Newly elected Student Government Senator John Fitzpatrick hasn't taken long to say his piece.

Elected just over a week ago, Fitzpatrick has leveled charges at the Financial-Aid office, its administrators and the Dean of Administration, Dean Pavia, saying that all involved are forcing students to wait on a never-ending financial-aid line.

"The lines are getting longer in Financial-Aid and it's taking longer for the checks to get processed and the students are being used to send a message," said Fitzpatrick.

He continued "The students are being used by the administrators in Financial-Aid who are trying to get a message to (Dean of Administrations) Dean (Richard) Pavia that more personnel is needed in the Financial-Aid office." He added that since direct request for help failed, only pressure in the form of student complaints would lead Pavia to hire help.

"That is an interesting theory of conspiracy" responded Dean Pavia, also calling the charges "dopey".

Pavia continued "The entire university has a budget problem and if you go into any office they will be able to show you where the budget cuts are affecting them."

Pavia stated that the help will be hired within the month, after all the hiring procedures are followed.

"It's just a case of insufficient resources," concluded Pavia.

In the past year, four workers at the Financial-Aid office have retired and none have been replaced. Fitzpatrick claims that Sherman Whipkey, Director of Financial-Aid, has exhausted all formal request for help, and has resorted to using the students as a way to send a message to Pavia, who oversees Whipkey's operations at Financial-Aid. In the past month, night service was temporarily discontinued, freezing out large portion of CSI evening students, and while that service has been restored, many fear that, to compensate, workers in one position will be moved to others rather than hiring new workers, thus never solving the line problem.

"The Dean has supported our request from the beginning in every way possible." Said Whipkey. "He has gotten us temporary help and increased college assistance." Responding to the charges of using the students, Whipkey said " (Pavia) has not been playing that kind of game."

According to Fitzpatrick, who referred to Student Government reports, "There has been a 50% increase in people using the Financial-Aid office and it is projected that next year there will be an

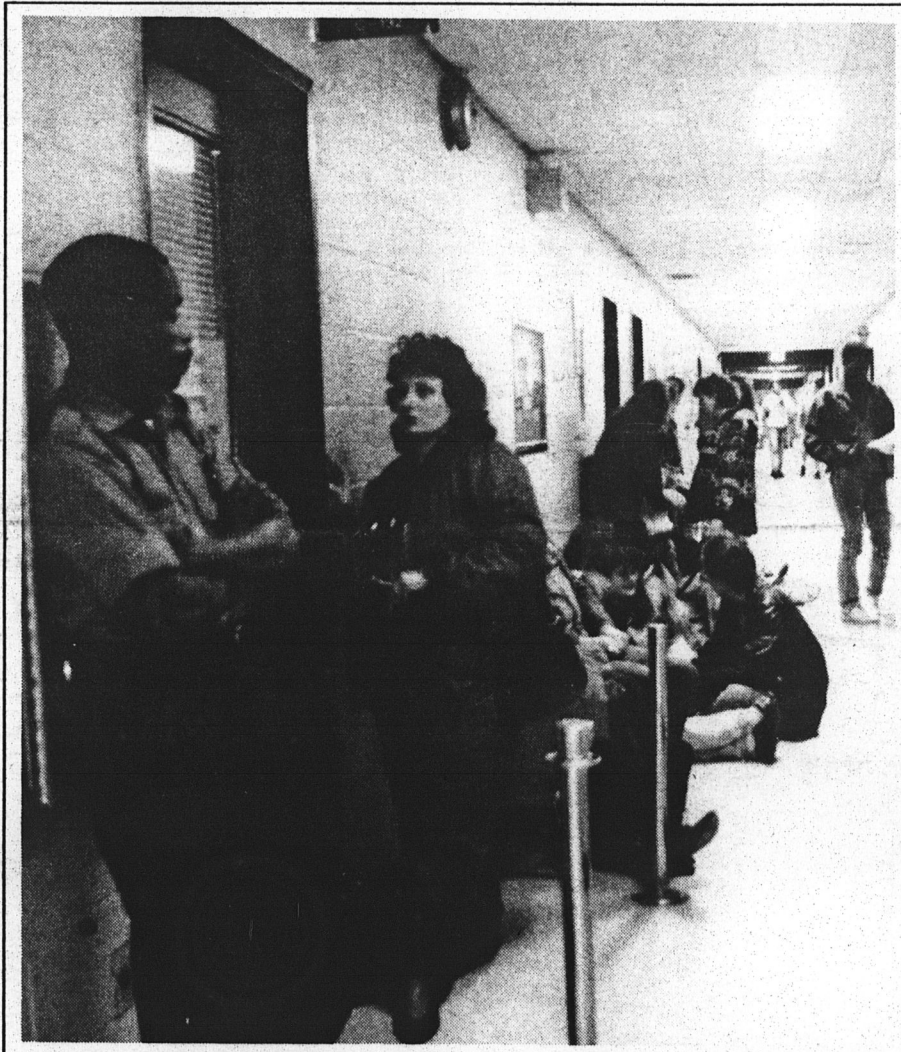


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Students take the best available seats in what is sure to be an eternal wait at the Financial Aid office. Security has become a familiar presence since students have become impatient with exceptionally slow service.

additional 50% increase." He continued saying that he feels the workers at Financial-Aid are not too blame, stating that they are probably "harried and overworked" and that the move by the administrators, in manipulating the students, is in "poor taste".

"I don't see any reason why they can't take a clerical person out from the back and put him or her at one of the computer stations up from to ease the line," said Fitzpatrick offering a solution. He noted that only one computer of four in used in the office.

There have been talks about sit-down strikes and picketing" concluded the 41-year old senator. "but the bottom line is that the line has to be shortened because there is one guarantee. If this school is open, there is a line at Financial-Aid."

Fitzpatrick urged all students to get involved and complain.

by J.P. Patafio

At first sight it seems that the problem with the Financial Aid office is the lack of personnel and scarcity of hours.

To the many students who wait on line each day, the main concern is the lack of staff and limited hours of operation. However, the problem is that the entire CUNY system is in need of additional funds. The dominant feeling of the administration and Student Government (S.G.), after meeting on the situation is: until CUNY's budget receives an increase, we must work with what we have.

The first concern

To the students who need to talk with a FA advisor, the most immediate problem is lack of adequate services. Evening and weekend students have virtually no services since the office closes before 5 pm, and is not open weekends. In order for a working student to go to the office she/he would have to take a day off from work.

Last week one of the S.G.'s senators went to the FA office demanding to talk with one of the supervisors, and senator Ryan Monroe's action's brought about a response. Monroe was criticized by some of his fellow senators and administrators for taking such an action, which led to the calling of security to escort Monroe out of the office, but he believed that it was this action which brought the already simmering problem to a boil. He accounts their worries to vanity. "Their worried about their image." The result was a meeting between SG and Carol Jackson, Dean of Students.

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Paralyzed DWI Offender Shares Lesson Learned

by Cathi Guglielmo

Alcohol, more than any other drug, kills society today. In honor of the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, which ran from Mon, Oct 19th through Fri, Oct 23, 1992, CSI offered a guest speaker who discussed how driving while intoxicated paralyzed him for life. The lecture took place in the Rec Lounge between 12.-2 PM, followed by refreshments.

Bob Newmeyer, a quadriplegic as a result of a DWI accident, spoke about his abuse dealing with drugs, cigarettes, and most importantly, alcohol. At thirty years old, his doctor informed him that he'd never walk again. When asked why he continued to drink eight long years after the accident, he replied, "You can't be helped until you want to be helped."

Bob had many problems, but he never equated any of them to drinking. On Sep-16, 1984, he was drinking while doing cocaine, and ended up in the Bronx Veteran's Hospital. For 28 days he remained clean. After he was released, he resumed his usual life-style.

Bob was arrested many times. He was forced to attend two weeks of classes where they watched horrific movies illustrating how drinking and driving don't mix. Six months later, he got into the worst accident ever which left him paralyzed for life.

When asked whether he ever physically harmed anyone, his response was, "No, thank God, but I have driven while blacking out."

He never believed this could happen to him. When questioned why he felt that way he replied, "Why?! Because I'm Bob Newmeyer. That's why!"

Bob Newmeyer is a healthier person these days. He has participated in eight marathons in the past six years, the ninth approaching on Nov 1st. "In the past, I lifted weights to look good, just to look big and tough on the outside. Now I exercise, and am considered a real athlete."

A book is in the process of being published, and a movie isn't totally out of the question based on Mr. Newmeyer's life. When asked if publicly speaking about his accident has healed him emotionally, he replied, "Yes, it has healed me tremendously. If I can heal just one person in this whole room, I'm happy."

Bob feels now that he lives his life to the fullest. A final question that was posed to him dealt with courage. How does Bob Newmeyer compare having the courage to live in the past with the courage of living in the present? He simply answered, "Yesterday I relied on the bottle, the needle, the pill; today I rely on God and myself."

CSI Group Treks To See AIDS Quilt In DC

by Joseph Torres

Anger, fear disbelief . . . and hope. Those were just some of the feelings intertwined last weekend as a College of Staten Island group made an emotional pilgrimage to see the AIDS Memorial Quilt in Washington D.C. as part of a nationwide commemoration for victims of the disease.

On a day when the sun was glorious, laughter and tears flowed freely among the thousands of people who visited the Quilt.

Laughter could be heard among friends who were reunited once again, while tears were on the faces of loved ones who stood over the panels that bear the names of their friends of family members.

The CSI group was composed of eight students and four Islanders. Each of them had their own personal reasons for going.

Kevin Gulbransen, along with his girlfriend, Pat Lutz of Sunnyside, wanted to view the panel that Kevin made for their friend, Charlotte Penny. They also wanted to take part in the he Memorial for another reason. Diagnosed with AIDS four years ago, Kevin has lost 50 pounds in the past three months. He struggles to maintain his strength while hoping he can stay alive long enough until a cure is found.

Pat was best friends with Charlotte Penny ever since the third grade. She grew up with Charlotte in Brooklyn, and took care of her when she was sick. Charlotte died this past January at age 38. Pat was not sure what she was going to feel upon seeing the panel for the first time. "It feels like I'm going to see her. I don't know if I will be happy or sad when I see the panel. I have suppressed my feelings," she said on the trip to Washington.

Kevin made the pink, six-by-three-foot panel with the help of his friend, Jim Hearon. "I made the panel for Charlotte, Pat and myself. It is a way of saying hello," Kevin said.

For Doug Prinzralli of Silver Lake and John Carrozza of Westerleigh, it was a chance to see the Quilt, as well as to take part in the protest against the Bush administration's AIDS policies. They both feel the current administration has not done enough in finding a cure for AIDS. "The Quilt is an important reminder to Washington by showing how many different people are dying from AIDS," Carrozza said.

The Quilt, which lay on a large field of green grass in front of the Washington Monument, was being displayed as a whole for the last time. The great lawn in front of the monument is no longer large enough to hold over 22,000 panels, which would cover almost 12 football fields.

The purpose for displaying the Quilt was to build a dramatic memorial for those who have died of AIDS, and to make the United States and the world aware of the devastating impact of the AIDS epidemic. It was set up in rows which will allow people to maneuver through the assortment of panels that bear the names of people of all different backgrounds. The panels were colorful and creative: Sunshine, balloons, and Teddy Bears could be found sewn into the panels, as well as letters from friends and families. Meanwhile, over the loudspeakers, people took turns reading off the names of people who have died of AIDS.

On one of the panels, there was a letter written by a boy named Rich from Georgia. He wanted to let his friend, Lee, know that he is missed. Rich wrote that he often thinks about Lee and though he suffered watching his friend die, he has learned what is truly precious in life.

Kevin and Pat were among 92,000 people who visited the Quilt on Saturday. When they finally found the panel

that bore their friend's name, they turned to each other and hugged. Kevin, from time to time, would bend down and straighten out Charlotte's panel while Pat recorded the event by filming it on her Camcorder.

"It was emotional to see Charlotte's panel, but it was also comforting to see Kevin around his friends that he ran into out here," Pat said.

Pat, who is a nurse at Bayley Seton Hospital, says at times her life is in turmoil. She is afraid for Kevin's health. "No one knows how long he has to live. I tell him never to give up hope. We don't know if there will be a cure tomorrow. I tell him to do his part, to make sure he eats even though he does not feel hungry and to take his medicine," she said.

Saturday night a candlelight vigil took place. The vigil began at The Ellipse in front of the Washington Monument and worked its way past the White House, to chants of "Four more weeks!" — a reminder to President Bush that Election Day is nearing.

It ended at the Lincoln Memorial, as a twinkling sea of light lit up both sides of the waterway which leads up to the Memorial.

A rally was held at the Lincoln Memorial. After the vigil there was a rally at the memorial. Politicians, entertainers and AIDS activists denounced the White House for not caring and doing enough to end the epidemic. Melisa Errico got things going by singing a moving rendition of the traditional spiritual, "Amazing Grace." Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton shared how AIDS is raging out of control in the African-American community. Jim Graham, the executive director of the Whitman-Walker clinic, pointed out that the Quilt has been displayed in Washington four times and four times the president did not leave the White House to view it.

"It was the most incredible outpouring of love I have ever seen. It was also therapeutic to a lot of people. It was a way of dealing with friends and family members who died of AIDS," said Prinzralli.

On Sunday, wet grounds prevented some of the panels from being laid out. It was the last day to view the quilt. At 3:30 pm, a sky that had threatened rain for a few hours, finally opened up. As the rain came down, thousands of people helped secure the panels by folding them up and covering them in plastic. In a matter of minutes, not one panel was left unprotected.

Dawn Cocks, a sophomore at CSI, did not know what to expect when she went to Washington. She was moved by what she saw.

"I couldn't stay. It was so sad. It's hard not to feel something when everyone around you is crying. I don't think I could handle something like that if it happened to me," she said.

"It makes you realize that AIDS not only affects the person who has it, but everyone who loves and knows him." John Scully, a freshman at the Island college said.

All 50 states including Puerto Rico were represented, as well as 29 other countries. The Quilt represents only 13 percent of AIDS death in the U.S. and 2 percent worldwide.

"It is good there is a Quilt. It gives an identity to those who died suffering," said Carrozza.

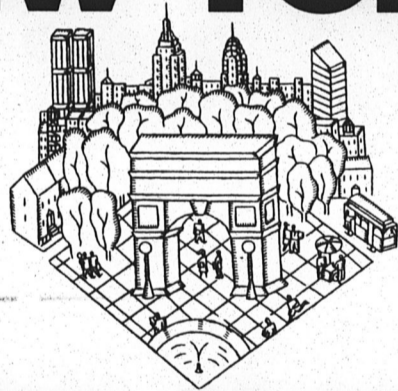
Shawnkevins, another CSI student, has seen the Quilt before, but still (got emotional) this weekend. "I get moved. I can feel the pain and suffering of the families whose loved ones have died, but I also feel a sense of gratitude seeing people united. It is a beautiful tribute."

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The Dean admitted she has no jurisdiction over this area and can not administer the changes that are necessary. "[It is] not fair for me to decide how another director should run their shop." One idea which was agreed upon by both parties was the possibility of establishing some type of a triage in which a worker would go through the line and weed out people whose needs may require limited services. Senator Tom Taffe stated that this idea was brought up with Sherman Whipkey who administers F.A. and that he retorted "rudely" to the student. Another administrator in the office foresaw some problems with this idea. A possible problem with this is that usually students have questions that need to be asked in relation to the forms or that the forms are incorrectly completed and need to be reviewed.

Throughout the meeting the Dean stressed that she is in an unfair position since the department was not under her direct supervision. "These are issues that I really ... it's not fair for me to address this. I don't have the figures behind me." When Student Government president Cliff Peterson was asked what concretely came out of the meeting he responded with "a next meeting." And indeed there was another meeting with Dean Pavia (Dean of Administration) who was recently hired from York College to help the college move from the old campus to the new.

Redistribution

So what took place was a swap; the office would be open throughout the appointed hours but at the expense of losing the open hours on Monday and Friday. (As the Voice was going out to press the FA office was only open three days a week (Tues - Fri.) between traditional working hours, 9:30 am. - 4:30 pm.) In essence the students are gaining nothing. Unfortunately after meeting with Dean Pavia, it seems that the situation is not going to change dramatically any time soon. His philosophy circled around the slicing of the pie. "What is the best redistribution of the resources that we have?" This idea was taken up also at the meeting with Dean Jackson but it was conceded by all that the pie that is divided has been getting increasingly smaller.

The problem of losing "the people that really run this institution" is being felt in every department. From staff, to custodians, to full-time professors. One of the only places where no cuts have taken place is at the top administrative levels. It was taken up that work-study students be transferred to the FA but both the Dean and Allen DiBiase from Student Services stressed that these few student are fought for by each department. Dean Pavia revealed that at times, it is these student workers who keep some offices open, including his own. Some of the areas where there have been cuts are; custodians have been cut from 45 in 1974 to 12 today, in Student Services in '74' there were 8 full time professionals today there are two. The problem is throughout the campus as well as CUNY and in the end, the Dean had to fall back on what he believed to be inevitable. "We must manage the best we can with what we have." At the end of the meeting, many of the SG members agreed. The president of SG felt that a sense of cooperation was achieved but this will hardly rid us of the essential problem which we are

facing; under-funding of higher-education. In order to receive a perspective from the frontline I interviewed Allen Hofner who works in the FA office

Mixed Signals

Allen started off with some seemingly good news. There are two staff workers on the way and that a recent bill was passed by congress would increase the amount of federal aid given to students. However, both initiatives fall short of what is required.

At this point over 4300 students have received aid, Allen expects over 5000 by the end of next year. This figure does not include all those people who applied for FA but did not receive it for one reason or another. Also, this figure includes those people who take out what is known as the "Aid of last resort" a Stafford loan. Allen spoke about the effect the new act would have on CSI. (CUNY) students.

The Higher Education Act will increase the "maximum authorized" Pell Grant from \$3,100 to \$3,700. It will be offered to part-time students as well as being offered to a higher income earning bracket; from \$30,000 - \$42,000. A particular benefit for those CSI. students which come from the "traditional" household is that the worth of the house in which they live will not be taken into account. The effects to him can be termed "middle-income assistance." He qualified his statement by explaining the changing nature of the social class of middle-income family in the increasingly difficult times it is facing with the change of the economy.

One of the problems which Allen shared with SG and the administration was that this legislation was positive, but that this new bill included an increase in the level of "red-tape." Within the Act there was a clause that students should not have to be charged \$10.50 fee for the application but in order for this to be done there had to be two separate forms. One for state grants (TAP) and another for Federal (PELL). Allen fears that the outcome of this will double the burden of an already over-worked staff facing an increase in the number of people being serviced and now an increase in paper work. "Much more work for us." However, his biggest fear was that many students will only fill out the first form they get their hands on. "Consequently they may only receive one form of aid."

Another problem that he foresees is actually an old one; the under funding of these entitlements by congress. "Congress has never funded the FA program to the extent they need." Though the legal ceiling will be \$3,700 the money congress allocated for this year will only cover up to \$2,500. So the increase of \$600 in Pell is really an under funding of \$1,200. Also, with the expansion in the people who can receive FA he reported that there will be a \$200 drop in Pell because of the increase in the number of accepted applicants. The neediest students will ironically find themselves short changed just when congress has finally increased federal aid.

When it comes to the "aid of last resort" it seems that the only people guaranteed to profit are the banks. Most students are eligible for a guaranteed Stafford loan and when they don't receive any other type of grants for the tuition they are left only with this. The only reason why a loan (which is money credited to the client only in order to

Lack of funds, long lines and red tape continue to hamper students seeking financial aid.

bring back accumulated value) is considered FA is because it is subsidized by the federal government while the student is in school. Six months after graduation the student will start to pay back the loan with interest (usually below the standard interest rate). Allen explained that there has been a trend in government which stresses loans over grants. A new policy enacted will allow any student to take out a loan but these loans will not be subsidized. There is a widely held belief that if the government were to emphasize funding grants the end result would be more economically sound than loans. Between the bureaucratic cost of the loan process and the high default rate of these loans (which we pay with our tax money and in turn the banks are paid because they were guaranteed by the federal government) many people feel that it would in the end cost less. "I tend to agree" Allen exclaimed. So though there was some "good" news from Allen the reality of the situation which administration accepts is that the essence of the problem is under funding overall.

Over the past ten years austerity measures have cut federal aid to education by 70%, only cuts to Housing exceeded this with a 77% cut. On April 1, the N.Y. Times reported that congress voted not to reinvest any military funds toward rebuilding domestically. The government is spending over a \$150 billion a year to

"defend" the country. With the "cold war" over there was expected to be a peacetime dividend. At least half of our tax dollars could be spent on solving some of the real threats to this country. Despite these realities there has been little progress made through legislation, even when there is a "victory," i.e. Higher Education Act.

The Board of Trustees of CUNY recently passed a motion to lobby the Senate to pass the Harkin Transfer Amendment that would transfer \$500 million to Pell Grant and \$50 million to developing. Even presidential candidate Clinton with his public spending posturing is falling way short of what is really needed. It seems that the only FA which CUNY is receiving are tuition and the recently passed Higher Education Act. Between the two it seems that the former gain is the more substantial (over the years the money received by tuition has increasingly become an important part of CUNY's funding; today it accounts for close to a third of the budget. As Dean Pavia jested "It is no longer public education but public assisted education."). One of the newly elected senators, and a long time activist on behalf of CUNY, Nanci Richards stressed the importance of students to organize in order to educate themselves on what the real problem is and how to resolve it. "Students need to organize. The university is the proper setting for

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Medgar Evers Caught In Racial Tension

by Thomas Deignan

The surrounding area of CUNY's Medgar Evers college in Brooklyn has become enmeshed in the racial tensions involving the Crown Heights incident, as well as the Patrolmen's Benevolence Association's (PBA) ongoing feud with New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins.

Spurring the college's involvement in the racial strife are accusations of police brutality in the arrest of two students made just one day before the "innocent" verdict was announced in the Crown Heights incident that occurred in the summer of 1991. An eyewitness of the arrest, a 27-year old student who goes to the college named for the slain black rights activist, Arthrine Campbell, claims she saw three police officers forcing one of the students to the ground and, according to Campbell, was bleeding. One of the arresting officers was injured in the arrest, reportedly suffering a sprained arm.

Less than three hours after the incident, which occurred right outside Medgar Evers college at 1:00 PM, a crowd of 200 students reportedly assembled at the local police station to protest the allegations of excessive force.

According to reports, a 28-year old student was allegedly smoking marijuana near the college when 3 policemen approached him on October 29th.

The student allegedly resisted arrest and was then assisted by a fellow student. A struggle ensued and eventually the students were brought in, under arrest on several charges. They were eventually released scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

Fueled by the witnesses accounts, protesters assembled, spurring the appearance of two City Councilwomen at the scene, as well as Fritz Alexander, Mayor Dinkins' Deputy Mayor for Public Safety. PBA chief Phil Caruso has since, harshly criticized both Dinkins, Alexander and the Councilwomen, Mary Pinkett and Una Clarke for interfering in police business and pressuring the precinct into releasing the students.

Caruso and the PBA's disdain for Dinkins is well-documented, thanks to the Mayors stance on police involvement in the civilians police review board, to Dinkins opposing increased firepower for street police officers. This friction culminated when thousands of police officers protested in front of City Hall, blocked the Brooklyn Bridge and allegedly hurled racial slurs at Dinkins.

Pinkett later admitted, according to the New York Times, that she had in fact advocated the release of the students, as a way of calming the gathering protesters. Caruso was immensely concerned with the students, one of

whom was charged with assault, being released to appease the protester and accused the Councilwomen and the mayor on impeding justice. The fate on Lemrick Nelson Jr., accused of knifing Yankel Rosenbaum in the Crown Heights violence, was not known in the midst of this growing protest and Pinkett was concerned, that a possible announcement of the verdict, guilty or innocent, could lead to a mass demonstration and even violence.

In the past week, conditions were finally reached concerning the civilian review board, which calls for minimal police involvement, undoubtedly angering the PBA and Caruso. Nelson's verdict was announced, much to the disliking of the Jewish community and the allegations of misconduct surrounding the incident at Medgar Evers may once again, enrage minorities, which are growing increasingly angry over the excessive use of force.

Bus And Subway Fares Going Up - Again?

Can you believe it? New Yorkers again face the prospect of another New Year's Day fare hike.

A fare hike shouldn't even be on the table for discussion. After all, the fare just went up a dime on January 1, 1992.

But the Transit Authority (TA) again faces a big deficit — of as much as \$300 million in its 1993 operating budget. If Governor Cuomo and the state legislature don't come through with the bucks, the fare could go up to as much as \$1.60.

Defeating a fare hike will be no victory for New Yorkers.

The real way subway and bus riders will be able to measure victory is whether the TA wins financial support in Albany for two crucial programs:

- 1) **An end to two- and three-fare zones — the bane of existence for many Staten Islanders — and discount weekly and monthly transit passes.** The TA still is far behind other cities when it comes to offering incentives to win new riders — such as discount monthly passes and an end to two- and three-fare zones. Based on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Fare Deal proposal, NYPIRG's Straphangers Campaign calls this its "One City, One Fare" proposal. (Staten Islanders have just recently gotten a glimpse of what an end to extra-fare zones would be like with a pilot program now in place. It allows free transfers between buses and SIRTOA or express bus upgrades!)
- 2) **A rebuilding program that would mean rebuilt signal systems, safer stations and up-to-date police radio systems.** The legislature passed a one-year program in early 1992 after the second of two five-year programs ended. But that's no way to run a railroad. The TA needs at least a five-year funding program in place so that it can plan more than a few months in advance.

If we go into 1993 without these two programs in place, we'll have won little. And if we go into 1993 without the two programs and with a fare hike, we'll have lost a lot.

Last year, NYPIRG fought to prevent the fare from going to \$1.50. At that time we also fought for a capital spending program that would last for five years. The fare did go up — though only a dime. Now we're back again to fight once again for the rebuilding program and against another unbelievable fare hike.

Here's why the fare hike is a bad idea — and why the **One City, One Fare** proposal and the rebuilding program make sense for New York:

Both New York's economy and environment are at stake. In today's tough economic times, it is vital to invest in the metropolitan regions's most important

capital asset — our bus, subways, and commuter rail system — which is estimated to be worth as much as \$250 billion in replacement cost. Poor and unattractive public transit translates into more people driving cars, thus traffic congestion. Congestion costs \$\$\$\$. New York currently ranks third in the nation in the "congestion index" trailing only Houston and New Orleans. The cost to truckers of coming in and out of NYC can be 30% above the national average due to traffic congestion. Traffic jams cause an estimated loss of more than 350,000 work hours each day.

A rebuilding program would mean jobs for New Yorkers. Between 1982 and 1991, capital programs generated an average of 14,800 jobs within the state each year. The Port Authority estimates that the MTA's program generated \$19.5 billion in New York State economic activity, \$6.6 billion in wages and salaries and about \$740 million in city and state taxes.

Each commuter who uses mass transit saves about 200 gallons of gasoline a year and keeps 62.5 pounds of carbon monoxide out of the atmosphere. It's also vital to reducing our dependence on foreign oil. The state's 1989 Draft Energy Plan notes that each one percent increase in transit use saves 7.5 million gallons of fuel per year.

Governor Cuomo and state legislators can find funding to continue the program to rebuild our metropolitan transit system. If transit gets its fair share of state and federal aid, New Yorkers could have money for a rebuilding program. A new state transportation fund begins in 1993, financed by the "Petroleum Business Tax." The new federal "Intermodal Surface Transportation Act of 1991" gives the state great flexibility in deciding whether to spend hundreds of millions in yearly federal aid for highways or transit.

NYPIRG and a coalition of civic, environmental, labor and business groups are urging the Governor and legislators to develop a five year capital improvement program which will focus on making service more reliable, safer, and cheaper. New York's elected officials must have the vision to see this critical need and meet the challenge of funding such a program. We must also fight for a **One City, One Fare.**

For many commuting students and for many working students here at CSI, public transportation is part of their cost of living and thus may determine the cost of their education. Also for those students graduating soon, you may soon be faced with this cost. NYPIRG urges all students to help stop the fare hike and get a better transportation system. Stop by our office in C-114 or our table to help with a postcard, a phone call, a letter, a hearing, or a community leaflet.

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Clubs Lobby Student Gov For More Hours

by J.P. Patafio

Students from several campus groups lobbied Student Government in an effort to have them reconsider their motion to have club office hours limited. The motion, which was passed during the beginning of the semester, would have rearranged the longstanding rule that allowed individual clubs to have access to their offices via their own key. This enabled students to use the campus for late night studying and club activity.

The motion, proposed by Senator Belinda Diamond, would take away this autonomy and shorten the hours in which the clubs could use their offices to that of the staff working at the student lounge in St. George. Their hours are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.. Two problems which Janet Mendez from the Accounting Society brought up were the contrasting hours of the club members and the staff workers and the unlocked doors to the offices. She explained that many students use the office space during the off hours of the staff. These offices are widely used during the late hours of the night and the early morning as a place to study. She was also concerned that if the new amendment went into effect and the offices remained unlocked, who would guarantee the safety of the materials in these offices, such as books, when no one was present.

Anthony Crowdell of IEEE was one of the club members at the meeting between S.G. and the clubs in which the previous motion was overturned unani-

mously. He believed that part of the problem arose over the misconduct of some fraternity. However, he felt that the essential reason for this motion was "miscommunication" between S.G. and the clubs. When asked how the problem arose he stated, "I think they were just uninformed." He criticized the move for having no basis by citing the facts that there has not been any problems in the past with security, staff of other students and that these office spaces are used regularly by many students. He believed that since there has been only positive use of these facilities there was no need for change. "There was no reason to change the locks."

When Senator Belinda Diamond was interviewed, she defended her decision to propose the amendment. She was concerned about the independence of these clubs, and also that it is unnecessary for students to stay in school past the official hours of the school (7 a.m. - 10 p.m.). "I don't feel it is necessary to stay there after hours." She had heard a complaint about students sleeping overnight in the offices by some staff member, but she could only verify it by saying that some staff member had told her about it. She explained that, technically club offices should not be used for studying or meetings but only official club activities. She did qualify her statement as "ridiculous." She repeatedly expressed concern about

clubs using the space for their "personal needs." Two examples which she brought up were the use of the kitchen and the painting of a club office. Mr. Crowdell explained to me early that if they would have went through the bureaucratic lines it would have not been done. He also explained that the club members had the skill and the enthusiasm to get the room painted. Diamond, who seemed to have been at the St. George campus rarely, acknowledged that she had heard that it came out "very nice," but seemed upset because it had been initiated by the members themselves. "I wanted to paint the rooms myself." The problem over the kitchen revealed another source of the problem.

It seems that S.G. is worried about the response of the college administration and is reacting to the pressure. It was stated that the kitchen as well as all the club areas are subject to the will of the administration and if something "goes wrong" S.G. will hear how they were responsible for the problem. The possibility of a suit lies behind all of the students actions. Mr. Crowdell jokingly stated that they were going to "stab each other with the paint brushes." In the end, however, Diamond though hesitant, said that she may have made a mistake and that she was only one vote. If the vote was to take place tomorrow? "I'm not sure. I can go either way."

CSI Moves Into The Twenty-First Century

by Robin Garber-Kabalkin
and Meri Kaufman

Club hours at CSI are a flurry of activity on any given day. Those of this past Wednesday, however, were special in a very important way. After more than twenty years, The College of Staten Island once again became the home of an active lesbian, gay, and bisexual student organization. In a gay-sensitive, gay-supportive atmosphere, a large group of students, faculty and staff viewed the film, "Out For The Count," produced by the Lavender Message Project and conducted a discussion on the gay rights positions held by the presidential candidates.

This discussion was led by Arnie Kantrowitz and Judith Stelbom, both English Professors and co-advisors to the CSI Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Association. Also present was Meri Kaufman, Vice President of the Association and an undergraduate student at CSI. She reports:

"Introductions were made to relieve those first meeting jitters. Although we began as strangers, there was an instant feeling of kinship and understanding among the people packed into this small classroom. Refreshments were served and time was spent discussing college life from a different perspective - ours. The feeling was one of acknowledgment of people for themselves and their ideas and not for their images.

After the film "Out for the Count" was shown, the topic of discussion became the idea that people are not powerless or helpless in life if they can stick together. This might be a good idea for everyone, but it seemed especially poignant for our group. Problems and fears were voiced by students and staff whose own fears made them choose the anonymity that so often pervades our life-style. Towards the end of this meeting, Father Deluca of the Mother Earth Club entered the classroom to discuss his views on Homophobia. It was a surprise and a boost for this organization to have "outsiders" realize that this problem to exist."

At the same time, in a basement room far below, the Student Government met to consider Special Proposals. Among the proposals on the table were two initiatives undertaken by the Office of Student Activities. Representing that office was Robin Garber-Kabalkin, a recent CSI graduate and now a graduate student at the CUNY

SG Supports Gay And Lesbian Proposals

Graduate Center. As a Graduate Assistant she has joined the Student Activities Team to work on special projects. Asked about the first proposal, a request for funding to establish The Women's Network, she explained, "As you know, women comprise over 60% of our student body. A number of programs and offices offer services aimed specifically at fulfilling their needs. Unfortunately, there is no comprehensive organizational system which makes information about these services readily available. The Women's Network will do just that. We see it as an umbrella under which information and resources will be gathered. As a meeting place, a place where the issues which women face daily are identified and addressed, a place where the sharing of interests and ideas will flourish." Michael Strassner, a Student Government Senator, then asked, "It's a great proposal, a terrific idea, but why are we funding it?" That question was then put to Carol Jackson, Dean of Students. Her reply was pragmatic and succinct, "Because we don't have the money." (The administration has already given substantial support to this initiative by providing space and personnel. D-136 will be the current site of The Women's Network.) Mike Shadrick, who had motioned to approve the budget, cut right to the bone: "Is this project going to involve students? Will it benefit them? Yes? Then what's the problem? Let's vote." Teasingly, Ryan Monroe asked Garber-Kabalkin if she thought men could benefit from this project. Her reply - Absolutely. In fact, there are men right here in this room who could do with a little bit of enlightenment."

Student Activities' second proposal asked for funding to establish a Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance. As Garber-Kabalkin explained, students and members of the faculty and staff had approached the Student Activities Office requesting assistance in forming a campus group that would address the sensitive and timely issues of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual identity. A Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Association has been formed. The Alliance establishes an essential bridge between students and the faculty and staff who pledge to support and encourage a protected, positive environment for them. As it has done for The Women's Net-

work, the administration has provided space for the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance - in room 1-505 at the St. George campus. The proposed Student Government funds would pay for the establishment of a library, conference registration fees, and operational costs. Questions arose as to what the Alliance could provide that the club could not. Tom Taffe spoke eloquently on the subject: "This is a very sensitive issue," he said. "It may be very hard for someone to sign their name to a signature sheet, to be out. But that person needs the support of the group nonetheless. The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance offers

that support. It's time for us to deal with these issues." Nancy Richards agreed: "No Gay or Lesbian organization has existed on this campus since 1973. It's time there was one. We need to support this project."

It should be noted that Student Government unanimously supported both proposals, suggesting that Staten Island may not be the frozen wasteland of Neanderthal sensibility we sometimes believe it to be. The Senators acted in an enlightened, sensitive, courageous fashion. Dean Jackson commended them for their decision. They have brought CSI into the 21st century!

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Small Crowd Hears Candidates

by Thomas Deignan

Under a hundred students and faculty members came to the Williamson Theater on Monday, October 26th, to hear candidates for the 13th Congressional district discuss the economy, the environment and higher education at a debate co-sponsored by the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPiRG), CSI's Student Government and The College Voice. The candidates answered questions from a panel, and then from the audience.

In his opening statements, the Democratic challenger Sal Albanese, a City Councilman from Bay Ridge, Brooklyn highlighted his position as a CUNY alumnus and stated where he stands on the nation's depressed economy and the Fresh Kills Landfill on Staten Island. He also continued to employ a tactic that he has used throughout the campaign, one that his Republican opponent Susan Molinari has objected to, and that is using Molinari's record as a congresswoman against her. Molinari has accused Albanese of "dirty campaigning" and "scare tactics."

At this particular debate, however, Molinari could not accuse Albanese of anything. Because of a "previous engagement" Molinari was unable to appear at the debate, and was, instead, represented by her chief of staff in Washington, Dan Leonard. In his opening statements, Leonard noted Molinari's general effectiveness and impact while serving in Congress, such as saving the Homeport on Staten Island, thus saving jobs, as well as her actions on crime and education. Albanese had specific retorts to all these statements. Right To Life

candidate Kathleen Murphy did not arrive until about 30 minutes into the discussion.

Responding to a question about the acceptance of Political Action Committee (PAC) funds, Albanese noted that he has "paid the price" for not accepting money from such organizations. He noted that he is favor of public financing of campaigns and stated that Molinari is "in the pockets" of many PAC's. He stated that these contributions often effect her stance on such crucial issues as the environment and health care.

Leonard downplayed such accusations and said "Susan" is against public financing of campaigns because of the heavy burden already placed on the taxpayer. He also called Albanese's numbers "fraudulent" and that they were "inflated five times". Albanese went ahead and clarified his statements and Leonard merely shook his head.

Albanese also expressed his support for term limits, while Leonard stated Molinari's opposition, both candidates deviating from normal party opinion. Leonard wondered why Albanese did not support term-limits in the city council, a body which he has been a member of for over a decade.

Responding to a question concerning ways and means of stimulating the New York State Economy, Albanese noted his support for Governor Bill Clinton's economic platform and that he has "never once met anyone that works at the homeport" chiding Molinari's consistent self-appraisal on the Homeport. Leonard said the way to spur the economy was to cut the Capital Gains Tax.

Murphy appeared as the candidate and representa-

tive were discussing The North American Free Trade pact (NAFTA) and the abandonment of cities by the current presidential administration. Albanese said CUNY is a part of this forgotten sector while Leonard said the student rallies in the face of budget cuts and tuition hikes was justified. He offered Molinari's adjustment of home value pertaining to financial aid as an easing of the fiscal burden students now carry.

Albanese went on criticize Molinari on the environment and when Leonard accused him of, once again, mudslinging, things got interesting.

Leonard criticized Albanese and his supporters for not allowing his candidate to speak at a raucous debate the previous night at P.S. 52 in Staten Island. A rowdy, clearly partisan-Albanese crowd yelled loudly and critically at Molinari, but Molinari's supporters were far from genteel.

Then, Leonard accused Albanese supporters of bullying Brooklyn Molinari supporters and forcing Bay Ridge and Bensonhurst storeowner's to take down "Molinari for Congress" signs. Albanese said he knew nothing of the accusations but Leonard added that his campaign manager certainly did.

Albanese returned these mysterious facts: 29 Albanese lawn signs and a huge Albanese banner have been stolen during the campaign, while adding charges of xenophobia, noting that people were yelling "Go back to Brooklyn" the previous night at P.S. 52. He added that the Molinari's, both Staten Island Borough President Guy, and Sue, his daughter, have a "notorious goon squad" at their disposal.

A New Political Party?

by Michael M. Mezzacappa

It was Party time on Saturday for members of the Staten Island Chapter of the National Organization of Women and the Women's Club of the College of Staten Island.

The Committee for the NYS Choice Party spoke to about a dozen members to the two groups urging them that if you want to count, you have to be counted.

The Committee's President, Lucille DiVona, addressed attendees stating, "If we want to count politically - to decide which candidates are nominated and elected - then we must create a ballot line to count our pro-choice numbers."

Noting that New York is the only state in the nation with an official Right to Life Party, DiVona stressed the need for a Choice Party now more than ever.

Committee Treasurer Donna Lent stated, "The RTL Party gets more votes in every election. The RTL Party's statewide vote totals have grown from 52,356 votes in 1982 to 137,804 in 1990, the year of the last statewide election."

"Even politicians without strong anti-choice beliefs have taken Right To Life Party endorsement to get the votes that line provides. I was told that the bottom line was who could get the votes," DiVona said.

"When the Choice Party becomes New York's 6th official party, we will nominate and cross-endorse pro-choice candidates, and provide our ballot line to

help elect our candidates," DiVona said.

Stating that the Choice Party would nominate and/or cross endorse only those candidates who are 100% committed to their platform, DiVona quoted the platform as the belief "that every female regardless of age or ability to pay, shall be guaranteed the right to safe, legal, and easily accessible abortion, sex education, and contraception, without interference from any individual, group, or government agency."

Although the Party hasn't met with any opposition yet, they shy away from media exposure. "We don't want the attention until our membership grows," Lent said.

But the other major parties in New York are well aware of the Choice committee's actions.

Carl Grillo, Executive Director of the Liberal Party of New York Stated, "More parties are not very good as far as we're concerned. I don't know if they will be able to focus more [on the pro-choice issue] then we already are. Ninety-nine percent of our candidates are pro-choice. I would suggest we all sit down and talk."

The Right To Life Committee of New York State, however, expressed very little concern about the NYS Choice Party's formation. "They will have no impact on our organization," Committee Director Jean Head stated. "More people vote for

Students React To Island

KKK Activity

by J.P. Patafio

On October 25th, the *Staten Island Advance* reported that the Klu Klux Klan has set up a chapter of fifty members here on the Island. Though this number may be exaggerated many, people were alarmed at the news. In response to this news some students gathered on Wednesday, October 28th to see what they could do about it.

The meeting which was called by the Village Club drew a dozen students to the meeting which was called for in order to organize an anti-klan rally. Though nothing was concretely planned for a rally, it was agreed upon to have another meeting the following week. At this past meeting people vented their disgust with the Klan and all similar-type hate groups. One alarming point was when one of the students told the rest how a friend's sons had Klan propaganda inside of his jacket. He is sixteen years old. A consensus was established to have another meeting the following Wednesday, Nov. 4th during club hours in room B-300. One of the organizers of the meeting was happy with the turn out despite the fact that the group had only one day to put up flyers. He stressed that these types of groups must be dealt with and that an anti-racist/hate rally was called for. "These types of groups which hurt people and instigate people to hurt others with their words must be dealt with in a way that will send a clear message that such behavior will not be tolerated."

Even the *Advance*, a conservative paper, came out with an editorial practically calling for some type of public event. "The emergence of the Klu Klux Klan here is the first sign of an infestation of diseased vermin that we can't ignore. Unless we attack it now, before it spreads, the cost and the pain of cleaning it out later could be high indeed." When one Village member was asked what he would like to see. "More young people come to the next meeting."

a candidate who is pro-life than for those who are pro-abortion," she said.

"If they can't get the 50,000 voted [needed to be officially recognized] in the gubernatorial race, it will show their true strength," Head concluded.

New York State election law has three criteria for a party to become an official party. First, they must collect 15,000 valid signatures of registered voters on their nominating petitions. Second, a minimum of 100 of those valid signa-

tures must be collected from each of 16 of New York's 31 congressional districts. Finally, a minimum of 50,000 votes must be cast for the party's candidate for governor on the party's ballot line.

The Choice Party committee is preparing for this task by enlisting coordinators around the state. "We have a really good network started already. We want to bring in students, young people, and use them to coordinate our efforts," DiVona said.

GOLD PIZZA



ANNUAL CAMPUS SECURITY & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

The College of Staten Island (CSI) is a comprehensive four year senior college comprised of two very distinct campuses, the Sunnyside campus and the St. George campus.

The Sunnyside campus is located at 715 Ocean Terrace and consists of nine buildings, parking facilities and athletic fields spread over forty acres of suburban real estate. The St. George campus is located in the Staten Island business district and is housed primarily in two buildings at 130 and 120 Stuyvesant Place. Additional facilities are located within walking distance at three other locations.

Classes are conducted seven days a week with evening classes Monday thru Friday. The College has a total student population of 12,500 (60% female and 40% male). There are 600 full time faculty and staff positions.

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- The legal age for drinking alcohol in New York State is 21, and state laws deal harshly with underage drinking. It is also against the law in New York State to sell or give away alcohol to anyone under the age of 21.
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- All members of the college community are encouraged to report actual or suspected criminal behavior or other emergencies that occur on campus. The primary avenues for receiving reports are the security offices at both campuses. If a person is unable or unwilling to make a report to the security office they may make a report to any official of the college. The security department will accept, for investigation, a report of a crime from any responsible member of the college community. In all cases of criminal activity the complainant is encouraged and assisted by the security department to report the incident to the proper law enforcement authorities. CSI has always advocated prompt and accurate reporting of all crimes that occur on campus. Every report of a criminal incident received at the college is recorded on a college criminal complaint report and assigned a sequential number for that reporting period. All criminal complaint reports are entered on a computerized reporting system. This system is capable of originating reports of criminal activity on campus by location, type of complaint, date and time.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY SERVICES

- The office of campus security are:
- Sunnyside Campus - 715 Ocean Terrace, Building "A" room A-109
- Telephone # 390-7503
- St. George Campus - 130 Stuyvesant Place, Building #1 room 1-B22
- Telephone # 390-7800
- The security staff consists of a Director of Campus Security, a Deputy Director, three Assistant Directors, seven members of the Security Task Force, one Campus Security Officer Level 1, two part time secretaries and approximately sixty uniformed supervisors and guards employed by a contract guard service. All security personnel have civilian powers of arrest and are trained to handle security matters that occur on campus. There is an excellent working relationship with the local law enforcement authorities on Staten Island, including the New York City Police Department, the Richmond County District Attorney's Office and the Port Authority Police Department.

CAMPUS SECURITY AWARENESS/CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

- The Office of Campus Security conducts various seminars and crime prevention programs throughout the school year. In conjunction with the New York City Police Department's Crime Prevention Division the Security Department presents a film and discussion workshop entitled, "Personal Safety, On and Off Campus". This workshop is offered as a College Life Unit Experience (C.L.U.E.). All incoming freshman students are addressed by the director of Campus Security at their mandatory freshman orientation session. At each orientation session every student is issued materials on safety and security including a copy of CSI's Safety and Security Manual. During his address to freshman the Director of Campus Security covers various aspects of safety on campus including sexual assault information, the Safety Escort Program, drug and alcohol policies and

personal safety. In addition, the Director of Campus Security has authored several articles published in the college newspaper which highlight personal safety measures, encourage the reporting of all criminal behavior and give advice about safeguarding personal property.

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- The Department of Campus Security is charged with the maintenance of security and personal safety of all members of the college community and visitors while on campus. All students and members of the faculty and staff are required to have a valid, updated college identification card on their person while on campus. Upon request of a security officer or other college official this identification card must be presented. During normal school hours all academic, administrative and athletic facilities are accessible to students, faculty, staff and authorized visitors. Any authorized person may obtain access to a locked facility during non-school hours by presenting themselves at the security office.
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CRIME AWARENESS AND CAMPUS SECURITY ACT

- The Federal Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 mandates that every college in the nation publicize the incidents of crime reported on their campus. Following is the incidents of crime reported at CSI:

CRIME	1991	1990
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RAPE	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	1
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Shooting The Philosophic Breeze

by Peter Simpson

What is color? Oh that's easy, you say. Color is what the eyes see. Of course, but that's too easy. What I want to know is what it is the eyes see when they see color. For instance do the eyes see something real when they see color? What an absurd question, you might say. Of course color is real. After all don't we see things being red or white or blue, or all three, like the flag?

But color is an object of investigation for modern science and modern scientists tell us that color is not real. You may not think they do because scientists seem to regard color as something very real. They define it, for instance, as light waves of varying frequencies, and light waves and their frequencies seem to be very real (at all events scientists spend a lot of time measuring them).

Yet in speaking of color as light waves scientists are not speaking of color as you and I experience it (or even as they themselves experience it when not in the

laboratory). For instance, I said earlier that color is what the eyes see. So what do the eyes see? Do they see light waves?

Consider it this way. Yellow and red are different colors, as is evident. But according to scientists the difference between yellow and red is that they are light waves of different frequencies. Scientists will even tell you what the frequencies are in each case and what they will tell you will be a set of numbers.

Now then, do your eyes see numbers when they see red or yellow? Of course not. But they ought to, oughtn't they, if what the eyes see is the same as what the scientists are talking about? For if the eyes see color and color is light waves of different frequencies, then the eyes ought to see light waves and also the different frequencies of the different colors.

But the eyes see nothing of the kind. In fact, if you relied on your eyes alone you would *never ever* conceive the idea that color was light waves, and *never ever*

conceive the idea that yellow differed from red because its light waves had a different frequency.

What is more scientists themselves did not rely on their eyes when they came up with the theory that color is light waves. In fact they dispensed with their eyes altogether and relied on instruments, instruments that, strange to say, had no eyes and that were constructed precisely so as to have no eyes. They were constructed rather to measure numbers. What the scientists used their eyes for instead was to read the measurements or numbers given by the instruments. They did not use their eyes to tell them what color was.

Now there is a real oddity. Color, we say, is what the eyes see and yet in order to find out what color is scientists gave up altogether on their eyes and turned to something that had no eyes. Could anything be more ridiculous? How could scientists ever come to be so crazy as to

think they could find what color was by closing their eyes?

Well, actually what scientists believed was that the essence of color was not the sensations we receive through the eyes but the material reality out there that was causing the sensations. The sensations themselves only existed in the mind or the consciousness of the perceiver. That is why I said earlier that according to scientists color is not real, because according to them the color you perceive is not real. It is merely an effect in consciousness caused by what is real. But what is real is quantified or measurable matter.

To use the technical jargon, color as you perceive it is a secondary quality and color as scientists measure it is a primary quality. Primary qualities are, in fact, not really qualities at all, but rather quantities. They are all properties whose measure can be expressed in numbers. They are also what is really out there. Secondary qualities are caused by the primary ones but they are not really out there. There is nothing out there that resembles or is like the color you see. All that is out there is quantities and quantities do not resemble colors at all.

Not many people talk about this puzzle, and certainly not many scientists. But it is the most puzzling of all puzzles about science. Science after all purports to be telling us about the world in which we live. Yet it ends up talking about a world in which no one lives at all, not even the scientists themselves. For we all live in a world of color, but science talks of a world where there is no color.

Which world is the real world? The world we live in or the world science talks about? Suppose it is the world science talks about. Why then should we be bothered with it? For if it is not the world we live in, it is not the world that is real for us and how could we care about something whose reality, whatever it is, is not ours?

So let us say that the world we live in is the real world. What then are we to say of the world of science? Is it a mere illusion or a dream, or a myth invented by scientists that they just cleverly pass off as reality? If so then science is not a kind of knowledge but a kind of very clever rhetoric.

Science as rhetoric? But surely science is the very opposite of rhetoric. It is objective, true and provable whereas rhetoric is not (it is mere persuasion, and what it persuades is often false).

Science must, I suppose, in some sense be true because otherwise nothing of what it says could have technological pay-offs. How could a mere myth or illusion enable us to send men to the moon, for instance? But if science is in some sense true it cannot be simply true. For otherwise it would not abandon the world in which we live for some other world in which we don't and couldn't live. Nor would it go about saying that this other world was the true or real world.

The scientific world is, as it were, a mixture of truth and falsehood, of knowledge and rhetoric. It passes itself off, of course, as simply true and simply knowledge. But its success in this regard is really due to its very clever rhetoric. For science is very clever at saying that where it diverges from the world we experience, it is our experience that is to blame and not science.

But really it is science that is to blame. For if science cannot tell us what color is but has to give up and say it is an illusion, then so much the worse for science. Seeing is believing, they say, so if science and our eyes conflict we had better believe our eyes. Otherwise we will have to stop complimenting people on their blonde hair or raving about the red of yesterday's sunset.

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Springbreak Abroad

by Paul Maddaloni

Spring in Southern Spain has all the beauty and innocence of a new born baby. As you walk the narrow, cobblestone streets of Seville, the smell of fresh orange blossom and jasmine fill the air and the clop-clop sound of horses and carriages echo off the century old buildings. Semana Santa (Spain's holy week) is a week long religious celebration of colorful parades and pageantry. Schools and businesses simply close as Sevillanos take to the streets as the revelry continues long into the night. This is spring break abroad.

Sitting around the apartment, we pondered our travel options. A road trip to Daytona Beach was clearly out of the question. Possibilities included Spain's easily accessible beaches, the Costa del Sol, the beautiful beaches of southern Portugal or, of course, the Canary or Balearic islands. These were our most obvious choices—but I wanted something different, after all, I didn't come to Spain to lie in the sun. To my surprise, Brian felt the same way. Looking at a large wall map of Europe, Brian and I agreed to venture off into Africa. Armed with backpacks, a few hundred pesetas and a strong appetite for adventure, we headed for Africa. Our journey began with a four hour bus ride south from Seville to Algeciras. From here it would be a three hour ferry ride across the Strait of Gibraltar to the port of Tangier.

Arrival was exciting. The port was beautiful. From the ferry I could see icy blue waves gently crashing on the golden sand of a large horseshoe shaped beach. White stone buildings wedged into the surrounding mountains like marshmallows stuck into the side of a huge chocolate cake provided the perfect backdrop for this postcard picture. Natives, acting as professional guides, dressed in ankle length robes greeted tourists similar to prepaid package tours promising great on foot tours. Leaving the port, gazing at this busy but breathtaking city, we found ourselves walking with Akmed, an English speaking native who boasted an American sense of humor. With no plans for arrival, we politely told Akmed we wouldn't be needing his services. Akmed continued telling tales of paranoid American tourists as he cleverly walked us to a bank, where we were assured the best available exchange rate. Akmed was quickly gaining our trust. With no trains leaving within the hour, we were easily convinced to spend the evening touring Tangier with Akmed.

Tangier, like most Moroccan cities, consisted of an old city and a new city. Climbing the hilly, streets of Tangier leading to the market place in the old city, Akmed explained that we had arrived on market day. One day a month was designated in Tangier. This was the day natives came from the hills to sell and trade products free of government tariffs. Items of wood, marble, brass, tin, glass and ceramics are all on the menu. One can browse the exotic spice shops or tour the endless rows of leather booths. Pictures were to be taken only asking Akmed's permission as some natives were forbidden by their religion to be photographed.

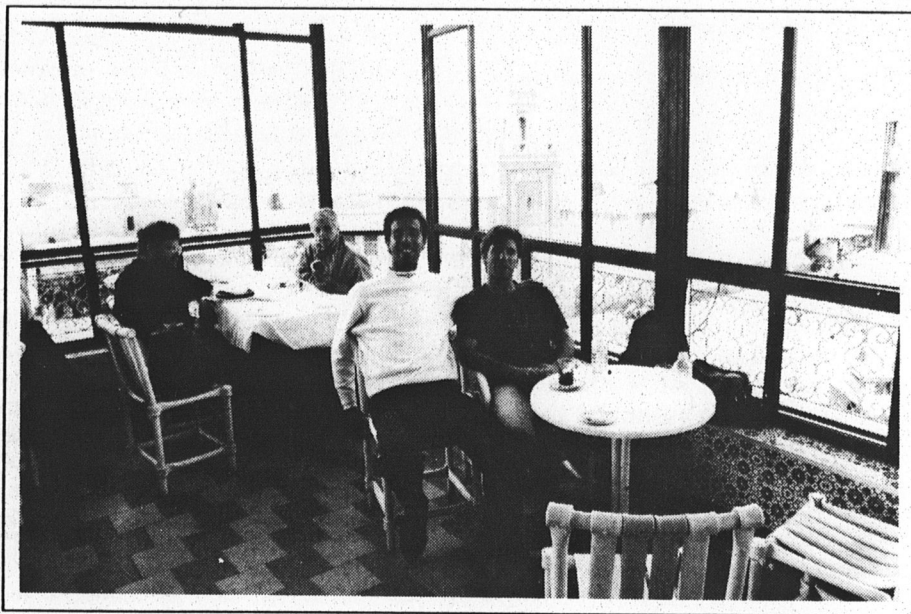
The market place was a dusty maze of small dirty, homemade booths and stands with the merchant usually demonstrating his craft with the hopes of onlookers making a purchase or trade. More aggressive vendors will grab you by the hand, promising the cheapest prices while pouring you a cup of Moroccan whiskey.

Moroccan whiskey simply consists of tea, mint leaves and sugar if you prefer. Despite its name, the tasty beverage contains no alcohol. As we strolled

through the old city, we conveniently stumbled upon a large rug factory. As Akmed held the door for us, he added it was time for him to pray; leaving us to fight off three hungry salesmen. Following a short tour of the wholesale outlet, we were seated and two cups of Moroccan whiskey were quickly poured by a servant. This set the stage for a lecture on handmade Moroccan rugs and a lengthy, but informative sales pitch. As we sat there sipping our whiskey, they rolled out rug after rug and I whispered to Brian, "I don't know anything about fancy carpeting... I don't even want a rug". One hour and three cups of tea later we found ourselves leaving with two beautiful, handmade area rugs. As we left, I took a deep breath and raised my eyebrows in disbelief. "Maybe there was alcohol in that Moroccan whiskey", Brian joked. Returning from his "prayer session", Akmed explained that his brother would now take over and get us safely back to the train station. Little did we know, our new rugs would double as pillows for the seemingly endless journey ahead.

A ten-hour night train south to Marrakesh would be our best bet to escape the hidden tourist traps of Tangier. Sure to have less tourists and more natives, Marrakesh should provide us a more realistic glimpse of Morocco. The trip went as smooth as a reed eye could. Brian somehow still slept while I awoke to a new world. Still in my coquette, outside the dirty train windows, I could see camels running free through a patchy, tropical, yet desert-like jungle. Curious, colorful birds playfully fly along with the train. Locals wave as they herd their cattle into endless desert. I was looking into a fish-bowl. Still tired and blurry eyed, I wondered if I was really back home and has fallen asleep with the Discovery Channel on. Outside the small, fairly modern train station in Marrakesh lie a couple of newly built hotels. Possessing no maps or knowledge of our new locale, we asked a stranger for directions to the tourist office; little did we know we had just acquired our new guide to Marrakesh. We reluctantly followed him for ten minutes. He did look honest and friendly; and was well mannered as well. The tourist office provided maps and information, but how could we refuse Abdul; besides, at 450 Dirham, (about \$4.00 U.S.) it would be worth it just to keep other annoying, would-be guides away.

"Vamos a la Djamon el Fna", Abdul announces in Spanish. Everything in Marrakesh centers around the Djamon el Fna and the surrounding medina. Djamon el Fna means "assembly of the dead", and this desert-like place was once the spot where sultans had criminals decapitated. Their dried heads displayed on spikes for public viewing. But now it's simply a dry, dusty market place, crawling with eager merchants, snake charmers and fortune tellers. When I made the decision to study in Spain, I never thought I would be sharing a picture with two snakes, one being a flat headed cobra, but for 3 dh, how could I refuse. Actually, before I had time to say no, I was eye to eye with cobra Mohammad. Shortly after that I was chosen by one native to endure the intense grasping of his pet monkey on my shoulder. Interesting, but no gracias. 2 dh was the price to have him removed. The Medina is filled with shouting merchants, busy craftsmen and laughing children. Old women, with partially hidden faces avoided my camera range effectively. With tangled streets, large for a Moroccan Median, this was a meeting place centuries old for desert no-



Author, Paul Maddaloni (right), enjoys a lunch break with his guide to Marrakesh, Gandolini

mads, tribes people and wealthy Arabs. Within the Medina, one can find a family weaving a blanket with hand and foot powered dowels, a spice shop with a lecture and sniff of assorted perfumes and once again, rows of leather items; all promising precios de fabrica, (prices of the factory). Perhaps the strangest was the sweak, bark used by Moroccans for brushing teeth. This is truly another

culture.

Marrakesh is located about 375 miles south of Tangier, the most northern tip of Africa, close to the massive Atlas Mountains extend well into Algeria. With museums of art and history, palaces and gardens, Morocco is definitely a place worth seeing. Brian and I had gotten what we wanted, "something different".

Using Literature To Explore Cultural [Mis] Understanding

by: The Students In English 004/1735

Questions regarding the need to respect and understand other cultures surround the recent anniversary of Columbus' transatlantic voyage and issues in the upcoming presidential election. Recognizing the value of cultural diversity, our class explored its dynamics in the context of short fiction. We decided to share some of our responses with *College Voice* readers to demonstrate how literature may be used to open dialogue and raise social awareness.

In our class we read the Guatemalan writer Augusto Monterroso's "The Eclipse." This story focuses on the experiences of a sixteenth century Spanish clergyman, Brother Arrazola, who is trapped by his own arrogance and the natives in the Guatemalan jungle. Arrazola is proud of his knowledge of Aristotelian astronomy and unaware of the natives' learning and traditions. The Mayans are about to make a sacrifice during a solar eclipse, and they select Arrazola who they view as an unwelcome and puzzling stranger. In an effort to save his life, he tells the Mayans: "I can darken the sun in its heights." When his efforts fail, Arrazola is sacrificed, while the Mayans recite the dates of future eclipses "without Aristotle's valuable help."

Our class got a glimpse of how natives and foreigners behaved in accord with their own customs, without regard for the existence of the "other." What follows is a sample of our responses that were prompted by this fascinating story.

- "I think as humans we can all learn from this story. Instead of being so quick to judge other people's cultural beliefs, we might try learning more about them."
- "People are more alike than we realize."
- "It is amazing how much there is to learn about another culture. What you might call ignorance in the beginning, is probably something close to what you believe in yourself. We just express things in different ways."
- "Never underestimate someone else's culture. Although people are different looking or sounding, they may be just as smart, or even smarter, than you."
- "The Mayans were just as attached to their religion as Brother Arrazola was to his. The trouble they experienced between them is similar to the hostility that exists between different religious groups today. Protestant and Catholics, Moslems and Jews, there's still intolerance and lack of understanding."
- "Although certain practices may seem strange, they must be understood within the norm of a specific culture."
- "Today, the way of life in this story, in particular the way the Mayans sacrificed Brother Arrazola, seems strange. It made me ask to what extent that way of life is still practiced in underdeveloped countries. I also wondered what judgments the Mayans would pass on our society. What about the way women are treated or the authorities' use of violence during the arrest of Rodney King?"
- "There is more to this story than just a man in the jungle being sacrificed."
- "This story taught me a lot about the arrogance and misunderstanding that causes racism."
- "This story reminded me how the failure to respect and accept cultural differences is still causing misery today. I thought about all the conflicts in Europe and realized that old prejudices still exist."
- "It is wrong to judge someone by their looks. Take the Mayans for example. They killed Brother Arrazola because he was Spanish and not one of their own."
- "This story reminded me about how much easier it is to sacrifice the "alien," or foreigner, the one who is unique or different."

The Demon: Apathy

Once again, CSI students have proven to everyone that they are they are lifeless carcasses with all the fight of a squirrel on the side of the road with roadtracks crisscrossing its spine.

The number of votes cast in the recent Student Government election, and the number of students who showed up at a Congressional debate on October 26th proves that apathy is still a favorite pastime of most people at Sunnyside and St. George.

But as they say, it takes three strikes before your out.

As it's been expounded in this space before (and it will continue to be), Student Government has its hands on hundreds of thousands of student dollars and the student, who gladly hands over \$53 dollars every semester in the form of a student activity fee, has NO SAY in the allocation of that money if he or she does not vote in the Student Government elections. Yes, Student Government, the candidates, and even this paper can take some heat for not hyping up the importance of these elections, but there certainly was no mass outcry of students screaming to be informed and educated about the candidates and the issues. Once again, Student Government elections passed and CSI students failed to recall the meaning of Democracy.

That is strike one.

On October 26th, Sal Albanese, Kathleen Murphy, and even a representative for Susan Molinari were ready to answer any question students might have, such as...gee...I don't know... "WHY THE HELL HAS MY TUITION DOUBLED IN THE PAST YEAR." Once again, this was not promoted flawlessly. It was set up only a week before it happened and the All-Star Molinari didn't show, but signs were all over and students should have been freeing up time and breaking down the door ready to ask the people who supposedly represent them in Washington about the future of higher education in America.

A paltry smattering of students showed up and doubtlessly it was the most of the same people who voted in the Student Government elections. To be generous, 100 people showed up. That is sickening in a school of 13,000.

That is strike two.

Now, instead of resting the bat on your shoulder, watching strike three fly by, and moping, head hung, back to the dugout, it's time to wake up. Financial Aid is abusing the students. They always have. The administrators claim they are doing all they can and that may be true. That may just be the saddest part of the whole thing. They are merely following procedure, and it's time for students to let everyone know how pissed off they are. Tell them you are pissed at the eternal line...at the scant hours...at the money it is allocated by CUNY and its administrators to begin with. It is time to change the accepted procedure. If everybody that disagrees with the accepted procedure, made it known, it would get changed. Administrators hate nothing more than riled-up students and that's what these drastic times call for.

There are problems all over campus...the Bursar, the Registrar, the Cafeteria...they can all be taken care of, one at a time. Now is the time to face the Financial Aid problem. Have your say and do something about it.

On the mound the pitcher comes to the belt...winds-up and delivers...

Clubs Hours Improvement

While it is shocking and rare, several students at CSI actually belong to some organization or club. Every now and again, you might even find some student that belongs to two or three clubs. Most campus organizations have their meetings Wednesday's at 1:00 PM since no classes are scheduled at this time. These "club hours" as they are called, are set aside to accommodate clubs and their members so as not to conflict with classes.

This is a noble concept, and it works fairly well, but for those occasional "activist" students that participate in several clubs, every Wednesday seems to give rise to conflicts. Students are then forced to choose one club over another and eventually, may be discouraged into prioritizing one club over another.

It seems logical, instead of having the present two-hour block of time set aside once a week, to try two, one-hour blocks, to accommodate all those who need more allocated free time than the present system allows.

The college must do all it can to encourage further participation by the students. This proposed system, if not fulfilling that goal, will allow the interested students a chance to do all the things they'd like to do. They should not be denied that opportunity. One hour of free time, two days a week is fair and does not conflict with class time.

Shuttle Trouble

Time was you could set your watch by the shuttle bus arrivals and departures. However, since September, the buses have been woefully erratic and inconsistent. Many students have been quietly griping and moaning, even if not filing any formal complaint. This problem began in the final days of the old companies operation and, unfortunately, has continued while under the tutelage of a new bus line.

Many students rely on the shuttle bus to get them to work, class or other appointments on time. It is hoped that the new company will eventually grow accustomed to their new environment and return to the reliable old days of the past. It is imperative that the college monitor the companies activity to insure its timeliness and effectiveness.

The New SG President

Student Government, if not for its swiftness, is to commended for its selection of Cliff Peterson as the new Student Government President. Anyone who has ever delved into CSI's student activities and affairs, knows some very mean, strange and nasty things can be said and done. Peterson has been around long enough to know that the old, confrontational and adversarial ways of dealing with problems, not only doesn't work, but creates an unacceptable working atmosphere.

The presidents' role and duty is defined in Student Government's charter, but it is really up to the individual to mold the character of the position. Peterson is respected by many throughout the CSI community and just might be able to increase the significance of the office, while consolidating the body itself, creating consensus and rising above personal feuds. Cliff Peterson is one of few that can successfully preside over Student Government's future charter revisions as well as the move to Willowbrook. He is accessible and open to criticism and equally willing to offer helpful advice. The College voice applauds Student Government's selection.

Senator Irate At Lack Of Financial Aid Services

To the editor:

The financial aid office, without notifying the members of the student body, closed its doors on Monday and Friday and canceled the only hours it had for night students which was Thursday nights. This leaves about 6,000 students who attend this college without any service.

During the past two years, we have suffered through an 96% increase in tuition, an increase in class sizes, and a dramatic cut in services. We are paying more for less and less is all we are getting.

The financial aid office is effectively closed to any student who works a nine to five job. The hours must be restored to normal so students will get the service they deserve. I found out about the dirty deed and went to the financial aid office to have my grievance heard. The students on line allowed me to go to the front of the line. Then I asked the lady at the desk if I could see the person in charge? She rudely told me "no". I insisted on seeing someone who could answer my questions. She told me I could not see the person in charge and asked me to leave. I insisted on seeing the person in charge. She just blew me off and did not care that I was your representative. I told her I would not leave until the questions are answered. Instead of getting the person in charge of the office, which would have taken two minutes, she called security to have me tossed out. This abuse of power must not continue. This school is here for the students so serve us well. This one you elected is pissed off! The office worker treated me disrespectfully by calling security. She did not care about the 6,000 students I told her would not be able to get any services. It is about time a system is developed that holds the administration accountable to the students.

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Security Head Responds To "Inaccuracies"

To The Editor:

I am the Director of Campus Security at CSI. This letter is in response to an article that appeared on page seven of the *College Voice* issue dated October 14, 1992. First off let me say that the Campus Security Department welcomes any valid criticism or suggestions that could help improve the security function at our college. The article referred to is neither a valid criticism nor helpful suggestion. It is instead an irresponsible piece of journalism that is full of misleading facts, inaccurate information and conjured-up statistics.

The author of the article, Mr. Ralph Grueiro, failed to note one very important and revealing fact in his article. Before he was a writer for the *College Voice* Mr. Grueiro was employed by Bell Security Company as a uniformed security guard at our college. Because of his superior's evaluation of his performance, Mr. Grueiro's tenure as a guard was short-lived.

I cannot begin to answer all the inaccuracies that appear in the article so I will respond to only those that I consider the most misleading.

1. The author states that he has never seen the seven members of the Security Task Force. He also suggests that the "Campus Assistants" (actually their correct title is College Assistant) are using up the security guard budget and he questions their function and necessity.

Mr. Grueiro should be aware of the fact that our seven college assistants ARE the Security Task Force. Each one is an ex-New York City police professional. Their numbers include three Police Officers, two Detectives and two Lieutenants. It should be evident that the men and women who comprise our Security Task Force have the background, training and expertise to handle any security problem that may arise on our campus.

The members of the Security Task Force are part-time college employees. They work at both campuses only when classes are in session. They are separate and distinct from the contract guard service. In no way does the expenditure for the Security Task Force impact directly upon the budget of our contract guard service, they are two totally different budget items.

2. Mr. Grueiro says that there has been a 50% cut in the number of contract guards on our campuses due to budget cuts.

As we all know the City University is undergoing some difficult financial times. While it is true that our security department has had some reduction in its overall budget, we have actually **INCREASED** the number of contract security guards on campus during the hours that our student population is present. As the Director of Campus Security I made the decision that any security cuts to be made, would be made during the hours when classes are not in session. My philosophy is that it is more acceptable to risk an increase in property theft than to put the members of our college community at risk. However, in no way have any security cuts come anywhere near the figure Mr. Grueiro claims in his article.

3. The author comments on the chart listing the reported crimes at our college. He says that the chart does not include the "real statistics like the actual number of rapes, aggravated assaults and motor vehicle thefts in the vicinity of the college".

First let me explain that the crime statistics chart was the last page of a five page pamphlet entitled "Annual Campus Security & Public Safety Report". This report was formulated by your security department in direct response to the newly enacted Federal Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act. This federal law requires every college in the nation to notify students, faculty and staff of certain security procedures on campus.

In response to Mr. Grueiro's comments about crime in the vicinity of our campus. There have been no, I repeat **NO** rapes or aggravated assaults reported in the vicinity of our campuses for the reporting periods of 1990 and 1991. As for the crime of motor vehicle theft, the following should be understood. Like all areas where cars are parked for extended periods (i.e.: shopping malls, entertainment complexes, commuter areas) the public streets surrounding the Sunnyside campus is a vehicle theft prone location. While the college is not legally responsible for conditions on the public streets, the administration at CSI believes it has a moral obligation to provide security coverage in the area bordering its campus. The security department provides an off-campus security vehicle patrol. In addition to the patrol of the public streets surrounding the Sunnyside campus this vehicle also provides students with security transportation to their vehicles and to nearby public bus stops. The administration has also successfully worked to get the city to increase the lighting on the streets around the Sunnyside campus. In addition the security department works closely with the New York City Police Department's Auto Larceny Unit to combat auto larcenies in the area.

For the sake of brevity I will not address Mr. Grueiro's other allegations in this letter. I just want every member of the college community to know that as Director of Campus Security my policy has always been to be open and honest to all inquiries about security matters on campus. I also request that if anyone has a complaint about any security personnel or procedure that they please bring the complaint to my attention. All complaints will be kept confidential.

Gene Martinez
Director of Campus Security

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Students And The Fed: Where We Really Stand

by Victoria Seretis

About nine months ago, I was gripped with an urgency to write Mr. Bush, our education president, about... education. As everyone can clearly remember CUNY tuition was going through the roof, and there were damaging cuts in all types of financial aid.

So I picked up my pen and wrote to Mr. Bush. I was quite graphic in my description of his administration, naming it a "murderer of minds". I reminded him of his initial commitment to the students and future leaders of this nation. Then I folded it, sealed it in a business envelope, mailed it, and waited.

I finally received a reply this past August. It was a large oak tag envelope which read "official business". It looked pretty official. I ripped it open to find the same financial aid booklet they give out in CSI's financial aid office, you know, the one with the spaceship, and a typed letter. The letter wasn't from the President though, it was from Mr. William J. Ryan of the U.S. Dept. of Education. He said I should complain to my schools' accrediting agency about education costs and to my states' governor about the decline of aid available to prospective students. He also added that education is primarily the states responsibility, and the federal government can only administer and interpret federal laws that apply to education.

Doesn't this negate everything Mr. Bush has told students for the past four years? The government refuses to regulate the amount of tuition and fees charged by a post secondary institution, while also refusing to regulate

financial aid. It seems to me that the federal government would like to have the people of the U.S. think that it is genuinely concerned about the plight of students. Students know better. We know how our tuition has increased 100%, and how budget cuts usually mean cutting classes out of the curriculum. Mr. Bush would like to have us believe that it's the accrediting agency that's doing this, but we know better.

It's Mr. Bush's idea that an accessible quality education isn't your right, it's an item that can be cut to make a budget. It was Mr. Bush's right years ago, but since our economy's a wreck and our deficit is increasing at the cost of 17 million dollars per half hour, the future of this country has been sacrificed for the wealthy few. The ruling class gets tax breaks for investing in foreign countries while we end up with fewer textbooks, teachers and classes. Our rights as citizens and non-citizens are being denied.

The fact that we're behind in education and literacy is not a primary concern of the Bush administration. My proof lies in his unwillingness to address the problems in our education system. The only noteworthy program he's chosen is America 2000, which gives parents a choice between public and private schools. I hate to burst their bubble, but we already have that choice. Mr. Bush is still trying to be evasive about what he's willing to do for the students of this country.

Ignoring the country's public education infrastructure will only make things worse for students who can't afford

ASK QUESTIONS

by Kathy Leckow

Last week I was in my chemistry class, trying to understand the significance of Bohr's model of the atom and Quantum mechanics. This is sort of like trying to read "War and Peace" with an attention span of about twenty seconds.

As hard and boring as it may be, I do try to grasp what I can. On this day, in particular, I was very confused and so I thought that if I asked a few questions maybe I would be better off. I must have been either too tired or just plain crazy. I never noticed before how upset some students get when a question is asked.

One of the students in the class damn near bit my head off! This older gentleman, upon hearing my question swung around in his chair, and with a grimace on his face, growled at me, "Why don't you pay attention? All this stuff is in your text book!"

Well, excuuuuuuse me!!! I am so sorry for upsetting this man! I just thought that if I pay the same thing to learn in this school as the older gentleman does, that I have a right to ask a

question. I don't think I deserved to be yelled at.

There are many students in this school who honestly believe that only they have a right to speak up and ask questions! Who do they think they are? If a student wants a private tutor, then they should hire one. They shouldn't yell at the students who need a little thing like an answer to a question. To make a long story short; I received a grade of 93 on the 1st exam. I asked my questions. This older gentleman who growled at me received a grade a littler lower than a 65. Maybe he should have asked more questions!

The moral of this story is; if you are in a class and you don't understand, don't let other students scare away from asking question. Questioning is part of learning and you should ask as many as possible. If another student growls at you like this older gentleman growled at me, ignore him or her. Simply ask question. After all, what else is school for? Don't be bullied into silence! Ask questions!

private schools. As for the minor role that Mr. Ryan feels that the federal government is playing in financial aid, what does he think the Pell grant is? I believe it's a substantial federal grant given to students in need. Why all the evasiveness of what the federal government should or shouldn't do when it comes to education? They think they're doing us a favor.

The truth is that they're not. The people we've elected to public office are our servants and not vice versa. It's their responsibility to make sure we get

what we're entitled to. Several countries send their most talented students here for a free education. It's a sorry day when our own government will not do the same for its own citizens. Free quality education is our right, and ample financial aid should be given to all deserving students, whether they're short of funds or simply brilliant. We shouldn't have to skirt around the issue of education any longer. Any further delay in addressing it will result in irreparable damage and decay in all aspects of the educational system.

Lost Among Us: The Last Remnants Of Intelligent Life

by T.S. Killeen

Commentary Prophet

The twilight of our innocence has arrived, and it is time for the truth to be known. This planet is being taken over by an extraterrestrial invasion force (EIF). Right now they are running the machines, they control the radio waves, the television signals, the phone lines. At this very moment, they are programming us to be obedient slaves to their empire. I know

weren't being tampered with by some unknown forces with technologies far more advanced than ours!

The more I look at how effectively they've negated our common sense, the more I see my fear of being denounced as a lunatic as nothing compared to the consequences of my silence. The only true proof I can offer is the quality of printed news, television talk shows, modern cinema, potatoe jokes, and so on.

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this sounds crazy, but think about it. Pop culture could not possibly be the product of a race of beings who have learned to split the atom, walked in outer space, or built computers like the one I am using to type this article into. Pop culture is part of their attempt to take over this planet by turning the human race into mindless turnips who need crap like gossip and Dan Quayle to get their attention.

Wishing to maintain their cover, the EIF periodically visit the most loony and unreliable people out in the boondocks, and sit back as they lull the masses into a false sense of security. The EIF, after disproving their own existence, disguise themselves and take key positions in every world power and corporation. The last true member of the EIF to hold the office of President was Richard Nixon, however his tactics came close to exposing their presence to the populace of this world. Recognizing the dangers in being under the public eye, they now use human puppets, controlled by brain implants and drugs.

This practice does have its drawbacks of course, loss of coordination and motor functions (Ford), long and short term memory loss (Reagan), and fits of violent and aberrant social behavior (Bush). Many mishaps have slowed their progress, and opened the door for investigators like myself. I first started suspecting their existence when a fever vision caused me to see just how far fetched the belief that the human race could possibly like things like war, thermonuclear warheads, pollution and AIDS. I realized we could have prosperity and long life if we

Take for example the stipend issue. According to all the figures I have seen the most a stipend equaled out to was approximately 90 cents a day. This money was also earmarked in the budget, and has been for years. All CUNY schools have that option, and I believe a few of the SGs in other schools are receiving stipends for the hard work they put into for looking out for the students. All it took was one falsified and inaccurate article in the Staten Island Advance, and SG was attacked by the student body for "ripping them off" and "playing real politics". All this was going on at the same time we were hit with a 100% increase in tuition, and mega budget cuts. The students, after years of brainwashing, ignored the tuition increase and went after a few people who couldn't even get a buck a day! Further proof is the fact that the Advance has been steadily telling students of CUNY that they are just a bunch of stupid idiots who couldn't make it anywhere else. For the student body to trust the Advance as a source of truth proves that the EIF have gone too far!

I hope someone out there is listening to me, after all there are only a few of us left. Perhaps I'm wasting my time, after all the EIF has been doing this for a very long time. I know there is still hope for us, and I hope the rest of you will see the truth before it's too late. Even I don't see the full web of deception the EIF has weaved. They have popped up as right wing extremists, left wing extremists, religious zealots, agnostic scientists, lawyers, doctors, and other assorted shady characters throughout the world.

After I discovered the alien plot, I felt it was my holy duty as an agnostic student to find out who they were, what they wanted, and why they were here. I captured one of them and extracted some vital information from it before I killed it. The aliens call themselves the Apathatons, and it is their religious duty to subjugate any and all intelligent species in the galaxy with their religion, which they call donboth'rm'imsleepin'. Their religion is based on the primary belief that thought, especially original thought, is dangerous since it causes change. The Apathatons, being fearful of change in any way, shape or form have sworn to prevent change from happening anywhere in the galaxy. It seems to me that they've been successful so far.

They arrived here sometime after World War II and started out by becoming Television executives. After Rock and Roll started to become popular, they turned their attention on music, and politics followed soon after. With the popularity of groups like New Kids on the Block, television shows like the Love Boat, and politicians like Dan Quayle, they are dangerously close to total power over the United States!

Who is safe? Japan and the former iron curtain countries, but it's only a matter of time before they fall under the ever rolling Apathaton forces. I guess all we can do is start stockpiling books, canned goods, and lots of guns. I know the only way we can truly stop them is to start using our brains and begin taking over our lives and our world. If we break the grip of mediocrity they've built into our culture, then we have a fighting chance, if we don't, then we are doomed to an eternity of "Three's Company". Remember our minds are terrible things to waste.

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Aahh...Staten Island Politics

by Thomas Deignan

Staten Island remains a world unto itself. On October 26th, over 450 concerned citizens of the 13th congressional district, which encompasses all of our lovely borough, as well as Bay Ridge and Bensonhurst Brooklyn, packed themselves into P.S. 52 in Dongan Hills and yelled at, abused and basically ragged on Susan Molinari while Sal Albanese, the Bay Ridge Councilman and her Democratic challenger silently reveled in the incumbents suffering. Right To Life Challenger Kathleen Murphy was like Larry from the Three Stooges, just kind of there.

And speaking of stooges, what a crowd assembled here. Beyond the reasonable concerns about the economy and Fresh Kills, assorted zealots banded against Chancellor Fernandez's Rainbow coalition chanted about polluting their precious children's ears with dirty talk about...pssst...homosexuals.

But when all the screaming was done, none of these NIMBY-minded Staten Islanders realized that Kathleen Murphy is the candidate that shares most of their views. But she a'nt gonna get 2,000 votes. Sal, for all his Jerry Brown/Ross Perot outsider talk, is gonna fight for 30% of the vote. Sue is gonna roll. (This was written before election day so you can hold me to this) And Sue knows it to. That's why she didn't even bother to show up at a debate the following day here at The Williamson Theater.

Now look, say what you will about that debate, but the facts are, when you get two legitimate candidates for congress ready to answer students questions...ANY QUESTIONS...and a representative, albeit a stiff, patronizing and condescending representative for the incumbent, I'm thinking 500 students are ready to knock down the door and ask "why the hell I should vote for you if my tuition has doubled in the last damned year." 500 out of 13,000 students seems like a mild gauge of reality considering signs have been up for over a week all over campus. What shows up? Websters picture definition of the word "smattering." I'm not gonna rant and rave about how utterly revolting, pathetic, frightening and vomit-inducing student apathy at Sunnyside and St. George mortuary is though, I'm going to tell you some of the cute little topics that were discussed that day.

Sue's rep was flaunting her record, Albanese was bashing it and Murphy was painting herself as the

nice candidate. In fact, that is how several students addressed her...THE NICE CANDIDATE! They didn't know her name. Anyway, what was fun were the provincial little topics that turned these would-be Washingtoners into grappling little vote-beggars. Sue accused Albanese supporters of bullying Brooklyn Molinari supporters (both of them apparently) and threatening businesses that supported Sue while Albanese mused about 29 stolen lawn signs, a stolen banner and the "notorious goon squad" that the Molinari's, both Borough Prez Guy and Sue, have assembled over the years. Hey, teenage pranks, local politics it's all the same mental level. And where are Guy and Al? I figured if Italians already have cornered the market on Fascism, they'll take this "goon squad" stuff as well. I can see it now: Gullani, the Molinari's and D'Amato calling for Albanese to extract every ounce of Italian blood in his body and calling for the head of David Dinkins. (Well, by now it's tradition) Anyway, playing the consummate conservative that she is, when Mrs. Murphy was talking about such mud-slinging (which I played right into her hands, by loving every minute of) blamed the media. Her attack was clear and pointed. The Staten Island Advance was dead in her crosshairs before she pulled the reins and realized she could ill-afford pissing off the editors of the Advance, hence losing the coverage she doesn't get anyway.

And isn't that the issue here.

Why is Sue gonna romp? Why is Kathleen Murphy the unknown "nice candidate"? Why were there 450 people at a debate on Sunday night and 1/10 of that at one the following day at CSI? It all comes down to that 35 cent lever you pull when you buy the Advance every day. They are the primary political power here. Kathleen Murphy and Sal Albanese are as important to voters as Susan Molinari, Bill Clinton and George Bush yet the Advance doesn't think so. They co-sponsored the P.S. 52 debate, splashed announcements of it on their front page prior to, and covered it on the front page the day after. But the next day, when the same people, minus Molinari debated at CSI to a group, who dare have another interest save the landfill or some other gripe about some social ill that is infesting clean, old Staten Island, NOT A WORD!! Perhaps they sent a reporter and a photographer to Wagner's homecoming or a Wagner donation presen-

tation, both events they have had text and pictures on in the past. And they don't want to publish what S.I.'s candidates are saying? I mean, this was a golden opportunity to rag on CUNY and CSI, for the paltry attendance, and they didn't bother. And to top it all off, what did they do the day after the CSI debate...endorse Susan Molinari for Congress. I don't have anything against Sue personally, in fact I may vote for her, but I thoroughly enjoyed the beating she took at 52 just because it was nice, for once, to see things on an even keel. Yet, The Advance doesn't see the danger on one-sided "reporting". Perhaps promoting outer-borough xenophobia is stretching it here, but you tell me why people were yelling "Go back to Brooklyn" at P.S. 52. And you tell me why Molinari ads said things like "scare tactics don't work on Staten Island".

Sure, The Advance offers daily "analysis" of the issues but what they really do is give the candidates some buried page to say whatever they want. There is no pointed questions, no requests to respond to criticism. It's all bullshit. It's no more analysis than that stuff you get in the mail that says Ralph Molinari, Guy's brother, endorsed Sal and stabbed Sue and Guy in the back. It's all crap, like the questions The Advance reporters asked of the candidates at P.S. 52. They were out to impress the News One Cable audience with questions about the Persian Gulf War and Bush's "Read my lips" pledge. What the hell does that have to do with Staten Island?

A couple of days after the debates, Mayor Dinkins was on Staten Island and endorsed Albanese. This, to me, is front page news but, instead, the Advance buried it in the mid-section and, if they wanted to, they didn't have to print it at all. Facts, are controlled by The Advance. Did you know that all three assembly incumbents and all three congressional candidates appeared on WSIA Newsbeat? Of course not, The Advance never said anything about it. (Yes, all you conflict-of-interest-huffers I host that show Wednesday's at 5:00 pm)

I truly feel sorry for the people of Brooklyn. They have no say in Staten Island. Nobody but the Advance and the conservative zealots from Borough Hall to the Rainbow protestors have a say. Get Brooklyn out of the 13th congressional district, for their own sake. Unless...unless they wanna join us here in lovely old Staten Island. And personally, I wouldn't wish that on anyone.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE UNITED NATIONS:

We Must Act Now To Set A Cap On The World's Population

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The population of the world is exploding at an ever-increasing rate. It has become the primary threat to the very future of mankind.

About 1830, the world reached the one billion mark in human population. By 1930, we'd added our second billion; we will reach the six billion mark by about 1997. Demographers predict that the world's population will double inevitably — even assuming the most conservative growth estimates. According to most scientists, the globe cannot sustain our present quality of life if its population exceeds 10 billion people.

Our water and air are no longer pure, and we have begun to run out of places to put our solid wastes. We are losing arable land and rain forests at staggering speed, and thousands of animal species disappear each year. The mass of humanity crowding into our urban centers has made them unfit places to live.

At some point the world will choke on its own population, unless we act immediately to bring unbridled population growth under control.

Current efforts to control population growth are much too limited and faltering. It is time to confront the problem directly and decisively. The world must act to set a cap on its population.

As the world's leading power, the United States should take the lead. This country, with a current population of 250 million, should set an absolute cap

on its future population of 300 million. The world, through the United Nations, should cap its population at 10 billion. Each country of the world, led by the industrialized countries, should set caps on their own populations.

Several arguments have been raised against a population cap. One, which I will call the fatalist approach, maintains that the world will self-destruct from one force or another before population reaches the danger point, so why bother to control it. This doomsday argument, sometimes espoused by religious fanatics, has been around for a long time. Had we followed such advice in the past, we probably would no be here today. What a different world it would be, for example, if we had allowed smallpox, polio, and other killer diseases to go unchecked.

Another theory, held by some economists, maintains that economic growth automatically brings down population growth. This as occurred in some industrial nations, the problem is that there is no certainty that large areas of the world will realize this kind of economic growth. Even if they do, it will take many decades, even centuries for the population growth rate to level off. We simply do not have that kind of time.

A third argument against setting population limits, advanced by reasonable people such as those in my own field, is that to set limits will give dictators license to destroy elements of society for ulterior reasons. While history shows a propensity for such brutal and inhumane treatment of minor-

ity groups, I think there are three reasons why this argument is not sufficient to dismiss the idea of setting a cap on populations. First, I believe the United Nations is beginning to show the muscle necessary to prohibit coercive birth control programs, and should be given the task of enforcing a voluntary family planning policy in every country. Second, the risk of exceeding the earth's carrying capacity far exceeds the risk posed by adopting reasonable limits, — that is, we face the choice of partial extinction or total extinction. Third, there is evidence that unrestricted population growth is, in itself, one of the factors that allow dictators to assume power. Poor, illiterate masses are easy prey for those seeking power.

The United States should act first to cap its own growth. Throughout history, societal changes have occurred first in the developed countries, followed by the lesser developed countries. Unless the United States, and other developed nations, take the lead, the less developed countries will not move soon enough to control their own rapid growth.

It is time to cap the population of the United States, for our own reasons. Our overall population density is not large, compared to many nations, but our people are not moving to rural areas, and for good reason. Much of our rural area is not habitable because of harsh weather conditions, unsuitable soil, topography, lack of jobs, inadequate health care facilities, etc. The trend, in fact, continues to be toward our greater urban areas. Yet our cities are decaying, unable to meet the needs of their

ever increasing populations. Urban blight is reaching the suburbs.

We must stabilize our own population if we are to maintain our present quality of life.

As always, the future is uncertain. But one thing is certain. If the world does not act, its population will continue to grow, at an increasing rate. It is possible we can find ways to live with such growth, but all indications are that the scientific advances necessary to keep up with it are unlikely. In all probability we would face more war and increasing famine as people try to cope with diminishing resources.

If, on the other hand, the nations of the world do set a cap on total population and it develops that the earth could have sustained a higher level, we will only have lost some resources expended in the effort. If we are correct, the effort will do nothing less than save our planet.

Setting these population caps will take tremendous political courage on the part of the leaders of the world. It can happen only if there is a groundswell of support from people around the world who see the dangers of inaction. We know there are programs that work to bring down population growth. Witness the substantial cuts in the fertility rates of several developing countries over the last 25 years. We must fund the courage to apply these programs worldwide, to set a population stabilization goal and marshal the resources to achieve it.

It will be a huge undertaking, comparable to our successful effort to reach the moon. It is imperative that we begin now.

The Seattle Metal Review *Luna-cy* Abound

At The Marquee

by John Flaherty

This past year one local scene across the nation has come to be known as the Metal capital of the U.S. - that is Seattle. Seattle has produced three great bands Nirvana, Pearl Jam and SOUNDGARDEN and also the calibration of Temple of The Dog which contains members of Pearl Jam and SOUNDGARDEN. So I am going to review and compare these albums and tell you what's to be Expected of these bands in the future.

All reviews done on a scale of 1- 10 ten being best.

NIRVANA "Nevermind"

(7)

Probably the biggest of the Seattle bands this year has been Nirvana. Their album "Nevermind" went to number 1 instantly off the first single "Smells Like Teen Spirit" This song shot straight up the charts. This was followed by "Come as You are" and then another big hit "lithium" then they also had another semi hit with the song "Territorial Pissing" because the people at MTV got them to do a version in the studio and the ran the tape as if it were a regular video.

The Album as a whole is very good with a few surprises and many different types of music on the actual album. Also you will find that Nirvana's music is very diverse in a good way. As for lyrics you will find that they are sometimes demented and other times make almost no sense. This is basically because of the warped thoughts of frontman Kurt Cobain But as long as that doesn't bother you too much you should like the album.

SOUNDGARDEN "Badmotorfinger"

(8)

This album is slightly harder than Nirvana's effort but the quality has not been diminished because of this. The first single "Outshined" shows their heavier tones instantly but still the song is well written both musically and lyrically. They differ from Nirvana in the fact that there lyrics make sense. This is because of the more level headed, realistic thinking of Chris Cornell who is the lead singer and Rhythm guitarist and Kim Thayil who plays lead guitar and does most of the music writing. All together this is a very good effort. We will be seeing more of SOUNDGARDEN on the near future. They also started to put out an E.P. of covers with some copies of "Badmotorfinger" I would advise you to look for it.

PEARL JAM "Ten"

(8)

This is the best group, lyrically, out of the three. Their lyrics are hard hitting and meaningful this is because of Eddie Vedder who is one deep person and that's why his lyrics come out the way they do. He gets his ideas from personal experience. Their not bad musically either, thanks to Stone Gossard who is Pearl Jam's guitar extrodinairé. With a host of songs like "Evenflow" and "Jeremy" this band is first rate. This is a very good effort from the band.

Hear Eddie Vedder and Stone Gossard along with Chris Cornell ,on the new Temple of the Dog album. This album is something that needs to be heard. It is very musically diverse and all together a great album!

by: Frank Devine

From the opening words of Dean Wareham-"Go", to the closing notes of their second encore, Luna 2 held the somewhat sparse, but ever hip crowd, in the palm of their hands. (An excellent feat for a new band plahing where they weren't supposed to be for several more years, New York City's Marquee Club, on Thursday, October 15.

Originally scheduled as the opening act for The Screaming Trees, Luna 2 (which consists of Former Galaxie 500 front man Dean Wareham, ex-Chills bassist Justin Harwood and Stanley Demesky, former drummer fo the Feelies and Sean Eden on second guitar), decided to go ahead and do the show despite the Screaming Tree's pulling out, a bold move for a band with one 40 minute album out. The larger than I expected crowd seemed enthralled from song one. "Slide", who's melody and wry lyrics hit new proportions in the live venue. "You can never give the finger to the blind" began the song which swirled in texture and simplicity like most of Warehams' work, which recalls Lou Reed and Velvet Underground at their best.

The latest single "Slash Your Tires", a surprisingly aggressive idea for the very unaggressive Wareham, proved the band can rock out with the best of them, a knock often used against the generally atmospheric Wareham. Much of this can be credited to the extremely efficient rhythm section of Harwood and Demesky, who give a sense of confidence that Wareham lacks. This gave a great yin-yang effect to the band.

The rest of the set featured most of the new album "Lunapark". Highlights included "Smile" and "Anesthesia" amongst others. Surprisingly Luna 2 offered a pair of Galaxie 500 "covers" as Harwood put it, a strange move for Wareham who's not to happy with his past band mates. "When Will You Come Home" was performed excellently sounding as if it was a Luna 2 song all along. The extended guitar solo soared and crashed just as it did on the album. The ability for the tasty solo has always been Warehams strength. The ability to express every emotion through the guitar was with Wareham all night, promoting Brian Write, a 22 year old college student, to quip "His solo's are amazing, he always knows the right note to play next and he doesn't do that million note, look how fast I can play thing that bogs down so many guitarists."

The first encore featured an excellent cover of Beat Happenings "Indian Summer" that Wareham simply made his own. The show ended with a surprise version of Galaxie 500's "Tugboat", a most obscure track whose lyric "I don't wanna vote for your president , I just wanna be your tugboat captain" provided a little relevance to today as well as being the weirdest song ever written.

All in all everybody went home happy, particularly Galaxie 500 fans, of which I must confess I am a huge one. Stephanie Seymour, a 25 year old record company employee said, "I didn't think I'd ever hear any Galaxie 500 songs again live. I'm glad Dean didn't give up on that part of his career. It's just too cool to be left behind."



A Cinematic View

by Darrin DeRosa

"Slow down? Slow down? I can't slow down! I'm like a shark — if I slow down, I'll die." So says Harry Fabian, Attorney at Law — the latest transformation of Hollywood's most malleable actor, Robert DeNiro.

Directed by Irwin Winkler, *Night and the City* centers around Harry, a low life lawyer who makes his living by convincing his clients to lie about their injuries, and by using a quack doctor to make exaggerated medical reports on his clients' conditions so he can get larger settlements. He even tries to get his quarter back after making a call from a pay phone. Still, Harry has a decent side to him, trying to surface. His dream is to be a boxing promoter, and he is determined to become one. Unfortunately, Harry likes to live on the edge, and goes about obtaining his dream in a reckless way. For example, in order to raise the money for his first fight exhibition, Harry goes to the lengths of borrowing money from a lone shark (Eli Wallach), selling stolen VCR's, and getting a phony liquor license for his mistress, Helen (Jessica Lange), who believes the license to be real. To make matters worse, Harry is starting off his promoting career by going against the godfather-like promoter, "Boom Boom" Grossman (Alan King), a person who's competition has a habit of mysteriously disappearing. Not knowing

enough about boxing himself, Harry enlists the aid of Boom Boom's older brother, Al (Jack Warden), a former boxing champ who is disgusted with what his brother has done to the sport, and therefore willing to help Harry. The latter part of the film finds Harry dealing with the consequences of his reckless approaches to success.

Storywise, *Night and the City* offers little in the way of originality; it's just another story about a little guy trying to make it big. The only subtext that the film carries is an old question of morality: "Does the end justify the means?" Oddly enough, in this film the question applies to both protagonist and antagonist, since neither has a particularly strong moral code. Not helping the film either is the fact that scriptwriter Richard Price has laced the dark elements of the film with bits of humor. This tactic doesn't always work, leaving the audience to wonder if they are watching a light drama, or dark comedy. Turning to direction, Winkler tries to adopt Martin Scorsese's style of direction, employing excessive camera movement and point of view shots; yet for all its similarity, the film fails to produce the power that Scorsese's do.

Truthfully, the only thing that saves *Night and the City* from being ordinary are the performances in the film. DeNiro's portrayal of Harry is simply

NIGHT AND THE CITY

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Cast brightens otherwise ordinary film

manic, and sure to delight his fans. Once again we see the actor become the character he is playing, bringing to it a life and interpretation that only he can. Lange's Helen is understanding of Harry, even after she finds out about the phony license. Her portrayal makes the audience feel for Helen as she gets caught up in the trouble Harry has created. Also delivering a wonderful

performance is Alan King as Boom Boom; every scene the actor is in is permeated by an air of evil.

It's not that *Night and the City* is a poor film, quite the contrary. Yet it cannot be overlooked that without the efforts of the cast, the film would surely be less entertaining than it is.

Running time: 1 hr. 45 mins.
Rated: R

I picked the wrong "election year" to stop sniffing glue!
Captain Overh?

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Top 10 List

Compiled by Brian Roach / Frank "Squid" Devine

Staten Island's only FM 88.9

1. Mudhoney- "Piece Of Cake"
2. Alice Donut- "The Untidy Suicides"
3. The Sundays- "Love" EP
4. C.O.C- "Vote With A Bullet"
5. Alice In Chains- "Dirt"
6. Sister Machine Gun- "Not My God"
7. REM- "Automatic For The People"
8. Darling Buds- "Erotica"
9. Luna 2- "Lunapark"
10. Nine Inch Nails- "Broken"

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UMA THURMAN

On the trail
of a serial killer
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has no clues
no suspects

And no alibi

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THE WICKED BOY

There once lived a woman in a small, poor village in a town named Alakia. Her husband, Ajala, who was a fisherman, died after the woman bore him two sons. The name of the older son is Sereki, while the other is Omotola. This family lived in poverty since the time Ajala, whom they depended on for their living, died.

One morning, the woman called her two sons and said, "My sons, you can see that we've been suffering from hunger since the death of your father. I have no skill or education I can use to support the family. The ruler of our neighboring village is celebrating his fifth year on the throne today. I want you to go there and dance as much as you can to please the king so that he will give you money. This we can use to eat." The two sons hearkened to their mother and went to the place.

When the time for dancing came, people from the village and other villages participated. Among them were the two sons of the woman. The younger son, Omotola, danced so well that he got more money than everybody else who danced. The king gave him 1,000 dowries. Sereki got only 100 dowries. After the event, they went home.

On their way home, Amusa, being jealous of his brother, thought of what to do to him. Later, he decided to kill him. He told Omotola that he was going to the bush to urinate, and that Omotola should wait for him by the road. When Amusa got to the bush, he sought a big stick he would use to carry out his mission. After seeing one, he shouted in the bush as if he had seen something strange. His brother, hearing that, went straight into the bush. As he entered the bush, Amusa hit him with the stick and he fell dead. Amusa took his body and buried it near the entrance of the bush. He then went home.

"Where is your brother", was the first statement his mother made when Amusa reached home. "He stopped in grandma's house to say hello", replied Amusa. He gave his mother 1,100 dowries and said that it was the money the king gave him when he danced so well.

"Thank you good boy", her mother said with joy. About half an hour later, a vunch. As he placed his hand on the mushroom, the mushroom started singing: "Don't uproot me yet, don't uproot me yet. We went to dance. I was given 1,000 dowries. He was given 100 dowries. He killed his brother. The wicked boy killed his brother".

After hearing the song, he marveled that mushroom can sing. He ran quickly to the king's palace to give him the news. When the king heard it, he sent his messenger to tell the villagers what had happened, and that the king wanted them in his palace. The villager rushed to the king's palace as he'd commanded. The king told them the news and ordered that everyone follow him to the bush.

When they got there, the king tried to uproot the mushroom himself. As he placed his hand on the mushroom, it started singing again:

"King don't uproot me yet. King don't uproot me yet. We went to dance. I was given 1,000 dowries. He was given 100 dowries. He killed his brother. The wicked boy killed his brother".

When the song was over, the woman told the people that it was Omotola's voice they were hearing and that Amusa had killed him, but he lied about going to grandma's house. The king ordered that Amusa be killed immediately. The place where the mushroom grew was dug up and the body of Omotola was taken out and buried.

All Students Are Encouraged To Submit Material. Deadline for the November 18th issue is November 9th, since this issue is a week before Thanksgiving, please let it be your focus. Deadline for the December 2nd issue is November 22nd, our focus will be animals, pets, etc. Bring/send submissions to Prose Editor, The College Voice, Rm. C-2 (Basement of C Building). Please include name and telephone number on all entries.

Kehinde Akojenu

In The Mix

Today, I saw a cat bat a piece of cellophane
On the end of a string,
And I was singing glad.
Cats from my childhood did that.

Now, so many things
Like strings and time
aren't what they're storytold to be,
But come knotted or sad,
Quite regularly.

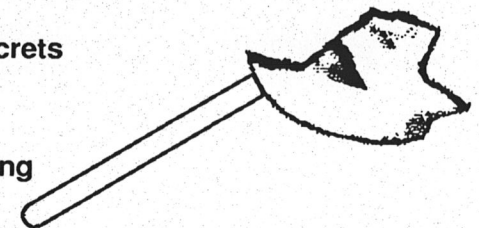
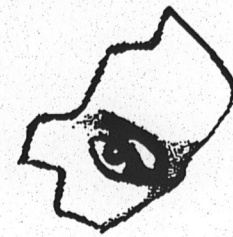
The cat guarded my song
And prayed with the cellophane,
Spread paws, unclawed,
To make it last longer
For me.

Margery Cornwell



She's Coming Out (for Sharon who came with courage)

She's coming out
of wet bread
hot breath
and the stretched out
sticky sound of hate
She's coming out
like a big pink bubble
gummed up from lips
soft as a baby sac
safe as an open egg
She's coming out
on a swing
with the rushing wind
against her raw
sunless wrap
and someone pushes
hard at play
till she skins a knee
washes the world away
She's coming out
from church doors
where seven pound secrets
and crushed wafers
kept her dry
She's coming out
with the hopes of hearing
"I'm glad you came"
She's coming out
because she can't stay in
anymore.



Kerri Dunkerton

Visioneros



In the news tonight

...walking corpses in the library
...snake infested castles in Scotland
...ice chunks falling from outer space
...campers being raped by trees
...buildings collapsing without warning
...obese alcoholic catholic priests falling off the life cycle
...insane farmers marrying off the their daughters to strange rich foreigners
...dentists without anesthesia- where's painless Parker ?
...astronauts smoking crack on the moon
...firemen become secret nocturnal arsonists
...highways melting, liquidating, clogging the forest floor
...all cattle causing cancer
...vegetation dehydrating yours body's liquids
...consumption resulting in artery splicing
...faith empowered by money or real estate
...language replaced by numbers
...emotions replaced by pleasure
...death synthesized with bionics
...adrenaline replacing water
...everything in the oceans dying, diseased.

Film at 11:00

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Remember the November 18 issue's focus is environmental issues; however the deadline is November 6th so act FAST.

'Good Night, Mr. President.'

LITTLE girl pretending
That Mr. Moose Giggles is The
president, and makes sure he sits
up straight, after he brushes his teeth.

She is ready.
Is he? That is, To go stage
and make everything wrong,
right again.

After all, Ellie, her elephant, is
constantly complaining that
There is not enough peanuts
anymore.

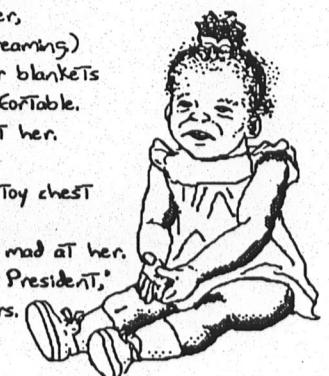
Named after her mother, Lily,
The lion, roars at her mate, Old Smiley,
because he works too much.
She doesn't like raising her cubs alone.

LITTLE girl finds Ally, The angel,
and combs her hair gently just like
Lily used to do.

Tired, This little girl kisses all her friends
good night, except Mr. Giggles.
He Talks Too much.

Leaving The light on
so daddy can come by, later,
and shut it off. (No proof. No dreaming.)
Sweet child struggles with her blankets
Trying to make Ally more comfortable.
She didn't want Ally mad at her.

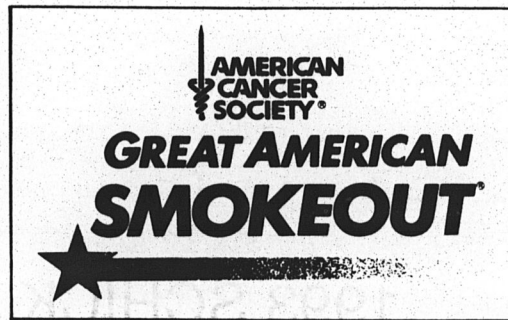
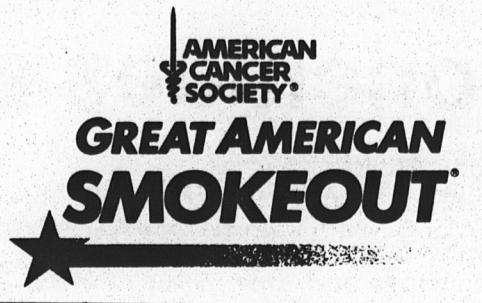
Mr. Giggles spying from The Toy chest
makes her feel scared.
God knows, she didn't want him mad at her.
So, she says, 'Good Night, Mr. President,'
and then says her prayers.



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Fitness Week Concludes at CSI

by **Eddie Hicks**

Here are the results from CSI's Annual Fitness Week sponsored by Timex and Ocean Spray, which was held the week of October 19th—23rd.

Backward Walk

- 1st place: Laura Varriale and Neil Moore
- 2nd place: Kathy Carbone and Jessica Reback
- 3rd place: Terry Collins and Lauren Cirone

Men's Three Mile Run

- 1st place: Ernie Beach 16:25
- 2nd place: Keith Gill 16:58
- 3rd place: Mario Ricca Jr. 18:55

Women's Three Mile Run

- 1st place: Marilyn Ventura 20:59
- 2nd place: Laura Varriale 25:54
- 3rd place: Kathy Carbone 26:24

Endurance Test — consisting of number of sit-ups in one minute, number of push-ups in one minute, a shuttle run and an endurance run.

Men		Women	
Michael Blacksberg	1 st	Nia Shabazz	
Jubrian Bazzi	2 nd	TIE Gina Robinson and Pinky Roberts	
Ernest Rodriguez	3 rd	TIE Rosevilla Montierve and Jill Conlin	
Keith Gill	4 th	Sheri Terrizzi	
Frank Lomassaro	5 th	Sonya Diaker	

The Mighty Penguins

by **Eddie Hicks**

Ranger fans beware: There are Penguins on the loose and they're dangerous. I'll be the first to admit that as a Ranger fan, I'm scared. The Penguins look determined and downright nasty, which is bad news for the Blueshirts.

You have to hand it to this Pittsburgh organization. They did what it took to win two consecutive Stanley Cups. And they look hungry for a third.

Last year Pittsburgh had to be the most schizophrenic team in hockey. One night they would play brilliant hockey and the next night play schoolyard hockey. So when they rallied to defeat Washington after being down 3-1 in the series, most Ranger fans thought this would be better since New York had problems with the Caps during the season.

That was a BIG mistake.

Then the Rangers had the Penguins down 2-1 in the series and 4-2 in the third period of game 4 and even had a five minute power play in the third period.

They played with it and got burned.

Now we all to this day are not exactly sure how Ron Francis scored from somewhere inside the locker room in game 4, but nonetheless, Mike Richter must have been horrified to find out that these Penguins are not the small flightless birds he read about in grade school. These birds were flying; right past New York and mercilessly over Boston and Chicago.

Ever since that time last year, the Penguins have been a team possessed. And as if the news wasn't bad enough,

Mario Lemieux is healthy and playing like 42 million dollars.

Now here is a man you have to give a lot of credit to. Mario absorbed a lot of abuse over the years ranging from being a blueline hanger to a wimpy crybaby. Lemieux endured this as well as being in Wayne Gretzky's shadow, but really came out of it after the 1987 Canada Cup

and has been a terror since. This is a man who can score points at will; a cat playing with its prey and he is healthy.

Now Mario has a supporting cast like Kevin Stevens, Jaromir Jagr, Francis, Larry Murphy, Ulf Samuelsson and others. And here is another tidbit to prove fate is on Pittsburgh's side. Tom Barrasso was originally drafted out of high school by Buffalo by Scotty Bowman. Barrasso was one of the more highly touted goalies to be drafted in recent years and after his first season, played himself right out of town. And now he is playing his best hockey in Pittsburgh....for the man who ran him out of town, Scotty Bowman.

But do not fret Ranger fans. Anyone can win the Cup. But beware of the small, flightless birds from Pittsburgh. They have done it twice with the hat trick in mind. Well hey, no one said being a Ranger fan was easy. Now after Mario, we have Eric Lindros to look forward to.

Great.

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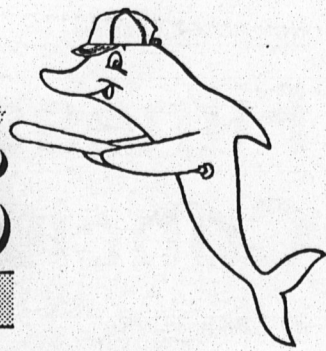
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Dolphins Finish on Strong Note

by Eddie Hicks

Women's volleyball coach Russ Robinson knew he had the cards stacked against him. 14 women with little to no experience and a full slate of games. How would a coach who had so much success in the past deal with this type of team?

"I knew that if the women stuck to what I was saying and played their roles, that we would fare well."

At one point, the Dolphins were 1-17 and people wondered if there was any hope. But the women persevered and managed to finish the season 6-25, including three wins to finish the season.

"It took some time, but the women started to catch on to the system towards the end of the season," said Robinson. "Everybody seems more comfortable on the court and we are executing."

CSI's three wins came in the CUNY Tournament, besting York, CCNY and Medgar Evers. The victory over CCNY was a big plus for the Dolphins since CCNY had beaten them handily during the season.

One big factor for the Dolphins was

the tutoring they got from ex-players right before the CUNY Tournament. "Some of our former players really helped our team out by showing them some technique," said Robinson. "That was a big help."

Robinson cited the improvement of all of his players, especially Noelle Brandon. Brandon had started the season as a middle hitter and was moved to outside hitter. After some transition, Brandon excelled and led the Dolphins in hitting on several occasions.

"Noelle is easily our most improved player, but everyone has done a great job," said Robinson.

So how does the coach view the future of this team?

"If we work all year and improve and continue to improve our physical aspects, we, realistically, could play .500 ball. Honestly, we did better this year than I expected and with the women are getting more comfortable on the court, we can do well."

"And look at the bright side. We have a three game winning streak going into next year."

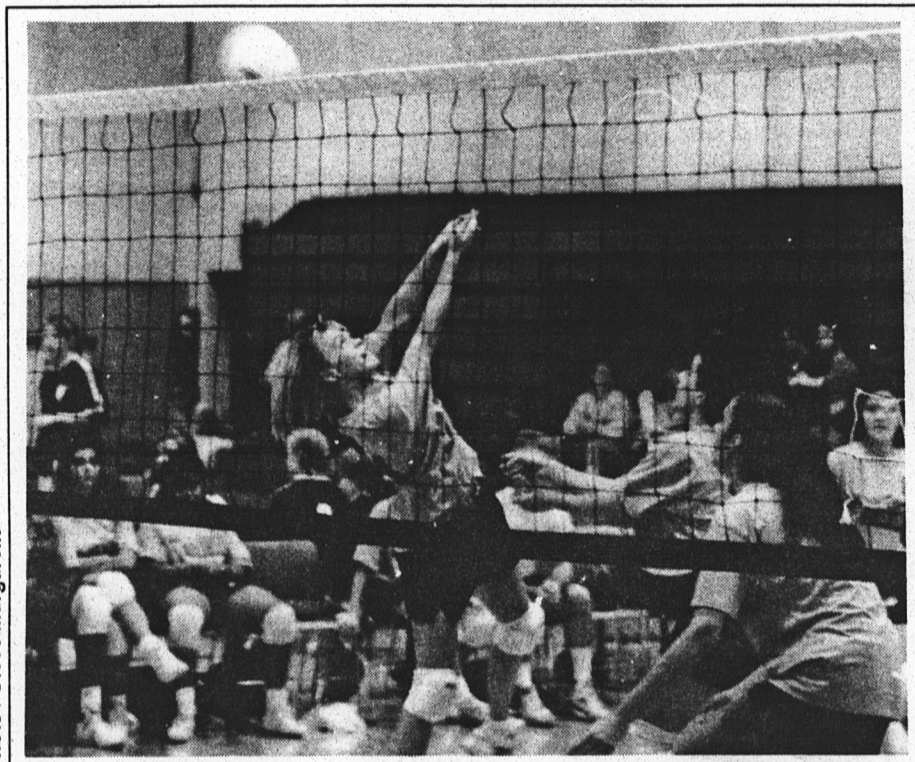


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Despite starting off weak, the CSI Women's Volleyball team has bounced back to finish out the season strongly.

CSI Booters Snap Losing Streak

CV Sportsdesk

The Dolphins ended a nine game losing streak by beating Pratt 1-0 in non league action at Brooklyn College. Doug Martheyn took a pass from Alan Bulanov and beat the Pratt goalkeeper at the 72nd minute for CSI's first shutout of the season.

Collins Ralph and Lenny Ciaccio sparkled for the Dolphins as well as goalkeeper Danny Pulizzano, who recorded 10 saves.

CSI improved its record to 3-11-1.

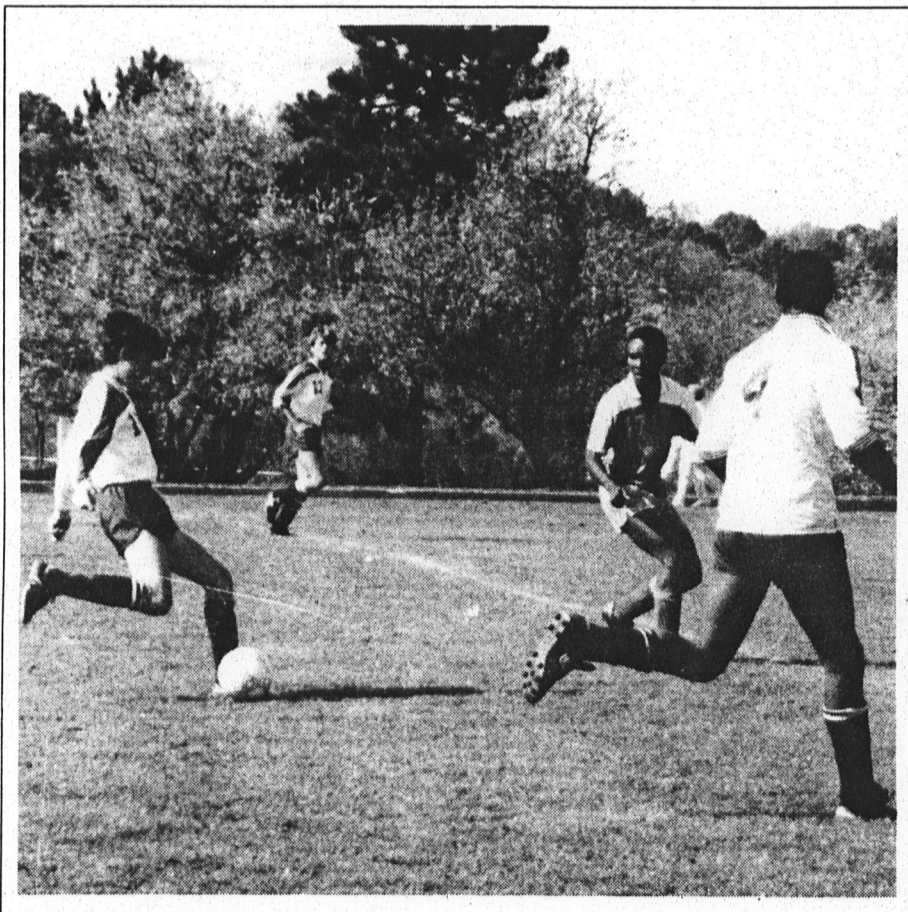


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Women's Tennis Finishes Strong Third

by Eddie Hicks

Throughout the whole season, women's tennis coach Bruce Knittle would go on record to say "We're a young team with hard workers and if we keep progressing, we'll do well."

He was right.

CSI finished with six points to record a strong third place finish in the CUNY Conference Championships behind Hunter and Baruch.

Juliana Nguan finished in second place in the #2 singles bracket while Jackie Chung pulled the surprise of the day by taking second place in the #6 singles bracket.

"First place would have been nice," said Knittle "but Juliana and Jackie played very well, beating superior players to get to the finals." (Nguan beat Hunter's no. 2 seed while Chung defeated a higher Baruch seed.)

In #1 doubles action, Nicki Cliadakis and Erica Larsson lost a three set final match to Baruch while #2 seed Chung and Nguan lost a three set match to Hunter.

The Dolphins finished the year 2-2 in the CUNY and 3-7 overall, but this does not discourage Knittle.

"I'm proud of the way the women played," said Knittle, despite four second place finishes. "They have made significant improvements all year and saved their best for last. Baruch finished 12-1 for the year and we were within a few points of beating them out for second place, so who's victory means more?"

CSI's does.

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