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The March for Awareness Continues

Problems for the Disabled in the Library

By Alice Marino

Over the past few weeks, the Banner has been covering the Disability Awareness Event which took place on September 27th. There were a lot of problems noted on that day and we have been wondering whether any changes will be made as a result.

The following inadequacies were noted:

- Because the Library is round, it is hard for blind students to orient themselves. There are no walls which one could use as reference points.
- The visually impaired need better lighting in the Library, as well as contrasting colors where the stair cases begin and end.
- Because of the shelves underneath the desks, students in wheelchairs cannot reach the computers to look up references. The study desks are too low, but the counter at the front (where students borrow books) is too high.
- The uneven pavement and sloping ground make maneuvering difficult for those on crutches or in wheelchairs. Often the steep incline and length of the ramps on the campus make usage impossible without assistance. Saddle braces block the entrances of the bathrooms.
- It seems there are only five TTY systems in operation for the deaf. (The count changes depending on whom one speaks to.) This system would enable students to make a phone call without the assistance of a third person or Relay System. Since none of the educational departments have the TTY system, students are forced to use the Relay System which is, to say the least, inconvenient.

Since many of the problems exist in the Library, we spoke to the Chief Librarian, Arthur Hafner. He was very concerned because he was never informed about the results of Disability Awareness Day. In the interview, he asked, "Why weren't we sent notices?" After we discussed these concerns in detail, he said that he would try to remedy some of the problems. The library staff has been making an effort to purchase videos with closed cap-

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tions and/or subtitles. They also bought equipment so that the visually impaired could have texts read audibly.

Later in the interview, Mr. Hafner stressed that new cabinetry and lighting would be expensive, and

that the library would have to wait for extra funding. We at the Banner would like to know if there is an old desk that they could put a reference computer on? As new materials come in, would it hurt to color code and enlarge the numbers on the reference labels? In most cases, students are more concerned with practicality than with pretty cabinetry. Also, better lighting would benefit all students in the library.

When we spoke with Audrey Glen of Disability Services, she promptly reminded us that Disability Awareness Day was designed to heighten awareness and that we must keep the budgetary problems in mind. Ms. Glen will be writing a memorandum which will prioritize some of the needs of the disabled. These will include: a desk for the reference computers, contrasting colors at the stairways, and a sign at the 1P building so that disabled students will know where the Disability Services office is located. The memo will be sent to Vice President Carol Jackson, who will, in turn, discuss the requests with President Marlene Springer.

It is important to note that President Springer has already requested that the saddle braces at the restroom entrances be buffered. Ms. Glen said that many of the cracked sidewalks and ramps have been repaired. In the future, she will make an effort to buy more TTY Systems to donate to the academic departments (since they have been reluctant to draw from their own funds). We at the Banner hope that more of the inadequacies will be solved before they are forgotten by the Administration and by students.

CUNY Students Sue City Hall

By Ryan Monroe

CUNY Students have filed a law suit against Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, the City of New York, and the City University of New York, because under New York Education Law S6304 the state provides 40% of the operating budget, the City must provide no less than 26.7% (four-fifteenths), and the students, provide no more than 33.3% through, tuition. The CUNY students are being represented by Ronald B. McGuire Esq., longtime student advocate.

The case is now before the Supreme Court of the State of New York and scheduled for oral argument on October 30, 1995. This year's budget is \$9.3 million from the \$75.2 million the Mayor and the City provided last year (1994-95). The petitioners are seeking for the budget to be fully restored, because the City violated the provisions of the maintenance of effort legislation and Education Law 6304. This law requires the City to maintain its contribution to the operating costs of the CUNY community colleges at the same level as the previous year.

In 1995, this maintenance-of-effort provision was reenacted in section 353 of Chapter 183 of

the 1995 Laws of New York McKinney's Session Laws of New York.

The graveman of the order brought pursuant to CPLR Article 78, which is a special proceeding against government officials stating that the petitioners ask

for an order requiring that the preliminary Executive Budget submitted by the Mayor for 1996-97 provide for full funding as required by the maintenance of effort legislation and that Respondent CUNY be enjoined from charging tuition in excess of one third of the operating budgets of the community colleges unless and until the city complies with the maintenance of effort mandate.

"Using the excuse of fiscal exigency, the City of New York is continuing to withdraw funding from its community colleges. However, in light of this Court's holding in Camilo, the cuts to CUNY are not only wrong, they are illegal." Affirmation of R. McGuire, in support of the Order to Show Cause, dated August 18, 1995, at p. 3.

In 1994-95, CUNY community college tuition at \$2,100 was already higher than at least 95% of the community colleges in the nation.

The community colleges currently enroll 74,000 students, and this rate continues to grow every year. The diverse student body encompasses 56% from homes with a per capita income of less than \$8,000 per year, 16% from homes receiving public assistance, 30% of the student body support children, and 13% are single heads of households. Additionally, the student body predominantly consists of minorities, including 38% black, 28% Latino, and 9% Asian students.

As a result of budget cuts in the past, there

has already been a retrenchment of faculty, reduction of course offerings, overcrowded classrooms, elimination of majors, reductions in financial aid, substantial increases in tuition (over 100% in four

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years). These cut backs have resulted in students being unable to afford attending colleges which in turn limits their chances for success in the future. In addition, students have had to resort to delaying their graduation dates, which result in

smaller chances in obtaining entry level positions upon graduation, since they are uncertain as to when they will be able to enter the work force, since they are also unskilled. This presents a problem, both financially and emotionally to young people, already worried about their futures.

At press time, an amended version of the initial complaint in the lawsuit was not available. The amended complaint stated that the money that the City was offering to restore the budget came from the CUNY Construction Fund. This fund collects interest which accumulates from the tuition revenues of the 200,000 CUNY students. Therefore, the money being given to us was CUNY's and it does not constitute an increase to the CUNY budget.



RON MCGUIRE

CSI'S BRIGHTEST SHINE ON

By Jennifer Valle

CSI held a ceremony to honor the Dean's list students last Thursday, October 12, at 7:30 PM. Nearly three hundred students, parents and faculty packed into the concert hall of the Performing and Creative Arts building for the event.

"The students we are honoring are our best and brightest students," expressed Dean Martel Zeldin as he went on to congratulate the students. Vice President Mirella Affron explained to the audience, "You've achieved a 3.3 average or higher for the academic year. This evening we celebrate an ability to achieve intellectual fulfillment."

Students were recognized by President Marlene Springer and chairpersons of the various science and technology departments. One of those honored, Christine Crowdell, stated, "It was a beautiful ceremony. It was a great recognition to be recognized by the Administrators in front of our friends and family." She continued, "Making the Dean's List is a great achievement of someone's college education and tonight's events made this achievement even more pleasurable."

Closing remarks for continued success were made by Acting Dean of Humanities Joan Hartman and Associate History Professor Michael Greenburg. Among his departing words to the students, Greenburg said, "Virtue is its own reward." Another honored student, Erika Sorensen, stated, "It's a great honor [being on the Dean's List]. It was a lot of work and sacri-

fyce but it's going to be worth it in the end." After the ceremony, a small reception was held in the atrium of the building. President Springer said, "I think it's wonderful for family and friends of these students to join with the faculty of the school and celebrate their success."

Students and faculty joined in celebration as the evening progressed. Vice President Carol Jackson commented, "I'm thrilled to be here on this very special night. These are the best and brightest that CSI has to offer and I'm proud of them." Professor Irv Robbins stated, "I have found that those who get this prestigious award are those who are most likely to succeed in corporate America. I was honored to be here and I particularly enjoyed shaking the hands of these students." Dean's List student Carmela DiLeo stated, "Just the idea that the school has done this to honor the students who have worked so hard is a great thing."

The evening ended at about 9:00 PM. Vice President Mirella Affron commented, "This is what it's all about... keep up the good work. The most important part of the college is the academic part and these students have taken a hold of what the college offers and they are on their way to fulfilling their potential." Honored student Patricio Mora stated, "It's really a pleasure to be part of this year's Dean's List. This honor that the school gives to the students helps us to work harder and strive for our goals."

Dean's List honoree Yvonne Villa said, "I'm glad that the school took the time to honor the students who have worked hard."

Your Cheatin' Heart: Seniors, Students With High GPAs Top Academic Dishonesty List

By Oscar Cisneros
The Daily Texan
University of Texas

AUSTIN, Texas—University of Texas seniors are three times more likely to commit academic dishonesty than freshman, and students with high grade point averages are caught cheating more often than students with low GPAs, according to a report.

According to the study, entitled "Statistical Report of Disciplinary Cases 1993-1994," seniors accounted for 38 percent of UT students' academic violations while making up 32 percent of the student body. Juniors came in second, accounting for 28 percent of violations, though they made up only 15 percent of the student body.

"According to all national studies [academic dishonesty] is pretty widespread," said Kevin Price, assistant dean for judicial services in the Office of Dean Students. He added that at the nationwide, "70 percent of students admit some form of academic dishonesty."

The report also states that students with GPA from 3.00 to 3.99 account for 43.10 percent of academic violations, followed closely by students with GPAs from 2.00 to 2.99, who account for 38.79 percent. Those with under a 2.00 GPA accounted for only 9/48 percent of violations. Students with a 4.00 GPA totaled 3.45 percent of the violations.

First-semester students accounted for 5.17 percent of all academic violations.

Student Judicial Services, which handles all student disciplinary referrals, released the report last year.

Price said that academic dishonesty accusations made up 20 percent of their 775 cases during the 1994-95 school year. That is compared to 116 cases during the 1993-94 school year.

"I think everybody cheats once in a while," said a biology junior who wished to remain anonymous.

The student said that his technique is to write cheat notes on a pair of pants and wear a long shirt out and over them.

Other students said aside from the occasional glance at a fellow student's test, they rarely cheat.

Brian Gomez, a psychology junior, said while he does not cheat, he has seen others use their feet and their brains to get the deed done.

"One student had [the cheat sheet] taped to the bottom of his shoe," Gomez said.

Academic dishonesty is punishable by a variety of penalties, depending on the severity of the infraction, Price said. Penalties range from the student's having to retake the test or assignment in question to suspension from the university.

Gender, race and nationality also played a role in academic dishonesty, according to the study.

Cases involving male students occurred with more than three times the frequency of female student cases, according to the report.

Caucasian students accounted for 29 percent of the alleged violations, while Asian-Americans were next with 21.55 percent. Hispanics accounted for 10.34 percent of the office's cases and African-Americans committed 6.90 percent of the alleged violations. Foreign students had the largest number of academic violation cases; 32 percent.

Price stressed that the figures are for the 1993-94 school year and that they represent reported cases. Many more instances could have gone unreported, and many students probably were not caught, he added.

"Something may look interesting but not necessarily be reality," Price said of the figures. He added that "I've had some people say, 'Oh, he's not cheating, he's a four-point [grade-point average] student,' and that's not necessarily true."

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SPRINGER GIVES STUDY ABROAD THUMBS UP

By Jennifer Valle

Study Abroad held a seminar on Ethnocentrism and the Global Economy Wednesday, October 11th. President Marlene Springer and Professor David Podell spoke to an audience of nearly forty students about the benefits of the Study Abroad program.

Mr. Podell explained, "Study Abroad gives you the awareness of the value of internationalization." He went on to explain the advantages of exposure to other cultures. "When you're in another country, you look at the world differently." He continued, "It raises your sensitivity in the work place and it gives you a sense of cultural diversity."

President Springer also commented on the program by describing her experiences abroad. She spoke of an internship she did in France. She explained that she was only able to

make deliveries... it was the only thing that I couldn't screw up." She then stated, "If you're worried about going around the world because of the language, I am a living example that you can go anywhere by pointing and smiling."

This seminar is the fourth in a series of "World on Wednesdays" seminars conducted every Wednesday in the Bijou Lounge at 11:15 am. One professor who studied abroad, Deborah DeSimone, said, "When you study abroad, you begin to understand what an American is. There is a sense of distinct changes between cultures that normally are taken for granted." She continued, "To be able to speak to someone about their culture when you've visited that particular country... it just enhances your teaching."

Study Abroad student Joseph Maniscalco commented, "I did a study in Florence in 1991 and I had a great experience. I think it's good to see other cultures." Springer added, "I think International Studies is a wonderful opportunity and any student who can take advantage of this opportunity should go... it's changed my life."



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RECOVERY WORKS CLUB ALREADY GETTING BUSY

THERE'S A NEW CLUB IN TOWN

And we are **alive and kicking!**

We are not just any club and we are not Greek. So just what are we anyway? Well. . . last spring, Mrs. Margaret Venditti, who is the co-ordinator of disability services, approached me. She said, "Hey, Ramona, why don't you start a recovery club?" I said, "Hey, Mrs. Venditti, I think that is a great idea." So we started the process of becoming a club.

I asked myself, "Self, why should you start a recovery club?" And my self said, "Because people in recovery need a club; a group of people who understand where each other is coming from, and can be there to support each other." So why start a club?

I founded this club because I remember what it felt like returning to college after 15 years of absence. It felt mighty good when I saw someone walk into my class that I knew was in recovery. I just knew they understood me. I felt there had to be others who felt like I did.

Recovery from what, you might ask? Well, I can only speak for myself. I am a recovering addict. Christmas I will have 5 years clean.

This club is your club!

It is open to anyone in recovery from anything inclusive of mood or mind altering substances of chemicals to people recovering from yesterdays hangover. You could be recovering from foot surgery or a gall bladder operation. You see it doesn't matter what you are recovering from because **all are welcome.**

Our purpose is two fold: 1. To have fun without alcohol or drugs. 2. To be of community service by making the college community aware that they can have fun without drinks or drugs. We are working on club jackets

with an insignia that we designed ourselves! If you see people with the club jackets on; please don't presume that they are recovering from alcohol or drugs, because as I said, the club is open to everyone. We are still getting our paperwork done for this year's chartering season.

HANDS ACROSS THE ISLAND PROGRAM A SUCCESS

Sunday, October first, the College of Staten Island's own Recovery Works Club joined hands with Staten Island University's Journey Into The Light Alumni Association. The hospital alumni association is a club for people who have gone through any one of a dozen recovery programs for a minimum of one year.

Each year, an annual recognition dinner is given to recognize those individuals who have overcome insurmountable obstacles to start the healing process of recovery.

The Recovery Works Club decided to lend a hand to the Alumni by helping them plant chrysanthemums in front of the hospital at 392 Segune Ave.



From left to right, back row: Joan Picone,



Vocational Counselor for the hospital; Eillein Baydal, volunteer; Martin Concilio, Recovery Works Club Vice President. Left to right, front row: Ellen, Alumni Public Relations and Horticulturist; and Ramona Vasquez, Alumni Chairperson and Recovery Works founder and President.

-Submitted by Ramona Vasquez Club founder and President

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College Costs Outpace Inflation

By Marco Buscaglia
College Press Exchange

WASHINGTON—The cost of college continues to rise twice as fast as the rate of inflation, a new study by the College Board has found.

And today's students are taking on more debt to cover college costs, say educators.

College tuition increased on average by 6 percent, while inflation rose by 2.6 percent last year, according to the Consumer Price Index.

College tuition and fees now average \$12,432 at private four-year colleges, \$2,860 at public four-year colleges, \$6,350 at private two-year colleges and \$1,387 at public two-year colleges, according to the study, which surveyed 2,800 schools.

"The reality of going to school has become less of a possibility for some students and families," said Kathleen Brouder, College Board spokesperson. "But if they are willing to look for financial aid opportunities, there are resources out there that can make school more affordable."

Those financial aid opportunities, however, are quickly shifting from grants to loans, said College Board President Donald Stewart. While there is nearly \$46 million available in financial aid, almost 60 percent of that sum is in the form of student loans. Ten years ago, loans accounted for about 40 percent of all financial aid.

"We need to take a look at the loan imbalance in this country and see how much our students can afford," Stewart said.

This year's 6 percent tuition increase is less than the 9 percent to 10 percent increases that colleges implemented in the late 1980s. But for some, the 6 percent hike is still too high.

"Schools are coming dangerously close to scaring off students," said David Merkowitz, spokesperson for the American Council on Education. "If tuition increases by a larger amount, a lot of people will be taking a close look at their options."

Anita Roswell, a sophomore at the University of Illinois at Chicago, said that the price of her education has a direct impact on her weekly schedule. "I have to weigh every hour I spend in class because I know that that's time I won't be able to work," said Roswell, who saw her tuition and fees increase by nearly 7 percent this fall. "I just want to get out in two years, otherwise I won't be able to afford it."

David Warren, president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, said that cost increases for colleges are similar to other institutions. "There are similar expenses to worry about, like insurance, benefits, pensions and higher costs for materials," said Warren. "We are all working in the same economic climate."

At the same time, Roz Heibert, director of public information for the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, said that today's public institutions are burdened by smaller federal and state contributions to education.

"Schools are restructuring at a time when the government is cutting back funding," Heibert said, mentioning the proposal to cut \$10 billion from the higher education budget passed by both Senate and House committees. "The idea that we should be cutting back on money for education

is ludicrous."

But with shrinking contributions from state and federal sources, Heibert said the colleges are forced to make tough budget decisions.

"Schools try to keep their cuts out of the student sector as much as possible," she said. "But when you cut staff in the financial aid office to save a dollar here and combine departments to save a dollar there, you're ultimately going to affect the students anyway."

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Point of Information:

Professor Daniel Kramer will be the feature speaker at the meeting of the Political Science/Pre-Law Club to be held Thursday, Oct. 26 from 1:30 to 2:30 PM in Room 2N-102. His topic will be "Should a Decent Standard of Living be Constitutionally Guaranteed". He will argue that since the US Constitution guarantees rights of dubious importance such as the right to a decent job and the right to a decent wage. This meeting is open to the entire CSI community, including Newt Gingrich fans. (Newt would loathe what Prof. Kramer will say.) Refreshments will be served - not including venison.

A Co-Curricular Clue Event.

GOP, Dems Battle Over Student Aid Cuts

By Marco Buscaglia
College Press Service

WASHINGTON—With a vote on the federal budget expected later this month, Republicans and Democrats continue to battle over a GOP plan to cut \$10 billion from higher education funding, while students nationwide try to organize against the cuts.

"This is probably the most critical time," says Jeannette Galanis, president of the United States Student Association. "Students are seeing what could happen to their loans and grants if the process continues."

Committees in the Senate and the House each voted last month to cut more than \$10 billion out of the student loan budget. The Senate version eliminates the interest subsidy on student loans after graduation, charges schools a 0.85 percent fee for their total student loan volume, and caps the direct lending program at 20 percent.

Meanwhile, the House plan differs in two important ways. It avoids a student loan surcharge for colleges, but eliminates the direct lending program altogether.

The debate has left many students concerned about their educational futures. "I can't imagine owing any more money than I do right now," "I just wouldn't be able to handle it."

Dovell is not alone. A recent report from the American Council on Education indicates that student borrowing, \$24 billion in 1995, will increase to \$50 billion by the year 2000

Sen. Paul Simon, (D-Ill.), one of the architects of the direct lending bill, said the battle lines are clear.

"This is a classic confrontation between the interests of students and the public on one hand, and a well-funded special interest group on the other," said Simon. "The lenders in the guaranteed student loan program are fighting hard to protect their lucrative federal subsidies and to get as much of a monopoly as this Congress is willing to give them."

Mark Clayton, spokesperson for the Coalition For Student Loan Reform, an organization made up of loan guarantee agencies, said that lenders are suffering as much as students. "We're all going to have to deal with dramatically lower operating costs," Clayton said. "But we'll do it as long as the cuts remain small for students."

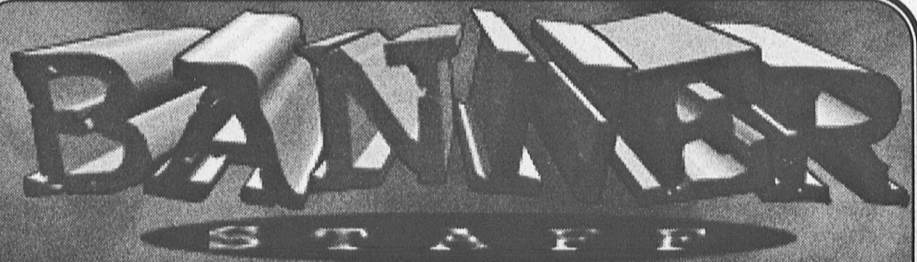
Clayton said that the Senate Republicans can eliminate the 0.85 charge on colleges if they follow the House's lead and discontinue the direct lending program. "What's more important, direct lending or a campus tax?" Clayton said. "This is a time to make tough choices."

The U.S.S.A's Galanis disagrees. "Cutting a program that students and schools declare a success should not be an option," she said.

Simon said that he will try to reduce the \$10.8 billion to \$4.4 billion when the budget comes up for approval on the Senate floor.

"(Republicans) are taking the choice away from colleges and ending the competition that has benefitted students," he said, adding that money could be saved by reducing the \$245 billion tax cut that Republicans have proposed.

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INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Next Generation Systems Get Desperate?

By Rich Arroyo

With the important Christmas selling season coming, the competition in the market for the next generation of systems is beginning to heat up. Companies such as Sega and Atari are already offering discounts on their systems. The marketplace is starting to become crowded and companies are revealing their selling strategy now.

Sega struck first with the 3 free games giveaway. If you purchased a Saturn before September 30, Sega would give you Bug, Clockwork Knight and Virtua Fighter Remix. Sega has also recently lowered the price of the Saturn and now offers two packages. The first is the "Virtua Fighter Remix" package which comes with the system, a controller, and

"Virtua Fighter Remix," which costs \$349. The second package available for \$299 is the "Core" system, which is just a Saturn with one controller and NO game. The Core system puts the Saturn in direct competition with the Playstation which also sells for \$299 without a game. Sega also has their 32X system at a lowered price of \$99 (without game) or with either "Doom" or "Star Wars: Arcade" for \$139. The 32X is an upgrade of the Sega Genesis and is Sega's supposed answer to the cost-conscious gamer looking to upgrade to 32-bit and not leave their 16-bit games

collecting dust in the closet.

Atari is also aiming its 64-bit Jaguar at the cost-conscious buyer. Software stores such as "Electronics Boutique" are offering a trade-in deal. With the trade-in of 10 working games (16-bit or 32-bit) you can pick up a Jaguar for only \$49.99. The only catch is that it comes without a game. The Jaguar - the first next generation system to be released - has failed to gain a foothold in the market because of its lack of games and a general mistrust of anything with the name Atari on it. Atari is hoping that the Jaguar's CD attachment, at a price of \$149, will sell sys-

ing on the strength of its software. With games such as "Destruction Derby" and the arcade smash "Mortal Kombat," Sony is hoping to lure buyers to its system. Sony plans to have over 50 games available by Christmas, hoping that people will purchase on the basis of software availability. With proven game companies such as Namco producing software for the Playstation, Sony has the ability to gain a foothold in the lucrative video game market.

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Nintendo recently had to spew some great PR after announcing that the release date of the long awaited "Ultra 64" has been pushed back until April '96. Instead of the Ultra, Nintendo's first entry in the next generation arena is the "Virtual Boy" which costs about \$179. Not to be misled by the name, the Virtual Boy, is not a virtual reality system but rather a 3-D game platform. The system, jokingly called the "Virtual Bomb" by some critics, has one thing going for it: the popularity of the Game Boy. Nintendo is hoping that name recognition will sell this system, because it seems to be better for causing headaches than for playing games. Rather than buy this 3-D system, many gamers are anxiously awaiting the release of the Ultra 64, Nintendo's answer to the Saturn and Playstation. Nintendo has to be hoping that many gamers are taking the "wait and see"

tems. It seems that if Atari does not have a strong Christmas season, then the future of the Jaguar is in serious doubt.

Sony, on the other hand, is out for blood after Nintendo reneged a few years ago on a deal that would allow Sony to make a CD drive for the Super Nintendo. Ever since then, Sony has wanted to get into the market. Sony, on the other hand, is rely-

attitude before upgrading to a new platform, because it might be very difficult for them to



catch up in the market next year.

All the other systems are learning from the mistakes that 3DO had made in the past. When the 3DO originally was released, it cost \$699,

which was an extremely unattractive price for a video game system. The 3DO company was aiming for the high end of the market. The only problem was that video games are viewed as toys and have no high end. Only now is it priced attractively at \$299 but it is now seriously under-powered to take on the new systems from Sega and Sony. The future of the 3DO rests on the fabled M2 upgrade chip which is a supposed 64-bit chip that will help the 3DO compete in the new market. The problem is nobody knows if the M2 even exists or is just one of the many vaporware rumors of the video game market.

This is an exciting time for video game fanatics. The next generation is arriving in full force and we are seeing the best 16-bit games ever. Some great deals can be gotten but, as the competition increases look for even better deals after Christmas.

that gaming companies are only focusing around violence. There seems to be an endless amounts of first-person perspective shoot-em ups on all platforms, but no games containing sexual situations. Did they forget?

With CD-ROMs, it is quite conceivable to create full-motion images that rival the steamiest sex scenes on the silver screen. All of the next generation home platforms have CD's but the only thing offensive they display more than anything else is violence... no nudity, no sexual situations, not even profanity. I figure if you're going to be immoral, then go all out. If you're going to use mindless violence to sell a game, then why not mindless sex. Movies do it all the time and now video games have this capability as well.

By Ralph Mastrangelo

In the past few weeks you may or may not be aware that Netscape has revealed there is a flaw in it's "Cryptography". Before I continue, let me just touch on the topic of "Cryptography", which is a method in which a mathematical formula is used to scramble word or group of words.

There are many forms of "Cryptography" ranging from Morse Code to Government Encryption Programs. How does this work? First you start off with the Program to do the encryption, which will ask you for a password. This password is your "Key" to the documents you have encrypted. Most programs will not let you proceed with out the Password, but others might give you garbage on the screen, so you can't retrieve the message. This is all fine for when you put in a pass word to a program, even if a person can break the program they still need you code to get in. However, there are ways around that too. Then you get a program like Netscape that does this automatically for you when you send a message, you have to have faith in their "Cryptography". As you know a flaw was found and your messages were not so safe.

What happened is this, Netscape worked on a random number theory, but it was not so quite random. A couple of people (Hackers) found out that the numbers produced was fairly close in sequence and easily deciphered, in simple terms.

What this means to you is that if you send sensitive financial data (i.e.. credit card numbers through E-Mail) that users pass over the global computer network. Netscape has just released it's latest version and supposedly the problem's fixed. We shall see.

What does mean to you? With the growth of the Net, and the greater ability to purchase products from Virtual mall's and store fronts; these places are like any store in a mall. (http://www.shop.com/malls.html a link to the Virtual malls) You can walk in browse, and purchase. All from the comfort of you computer, no annoying 16 year olds to bother you while shopping. Also if you are looking for those rare imports (i.e.. CD's, books, etc...) there out there. This is why a new world of fraud is opening up, and you the new

Sex in video games is nothing new. The 1970's Atari 2600 had many underground sex games and the 1980's Commodore 64 was well known for its strip poker. However these graphics were quite crude and it was met with extreme protest from parent groups. Now in the 90' only personal computers dare to dabble in the forbidden media.

Big names like Nintendo and Sega are going to be cautious in what they produce because it is the concerned parents who buy games for their children. Despite this, they are slowly becoming more graphic. Blood was something totally unseen on the Nintendo for quite some time; but when Sega cut into their profit margins with their bloody series of games, Nintendo gave in to their morals.

THE NET UNLEASHED

Security and you

"Net Consumer" have to beware.

Thought the chances of someone getting you credit card number is low. There are people out there who trying to crack the security programs you are using to make a quick score. Netscape is the current example. Remember, this was done by people for fun, imagine what could have happened if someone did it for other purposes and did not say anything.

As you can see the Net is not, and never claimed to be, the safest place to send

100% safe but if you take precautions it will be safe enough. Here is a list of other ways to increase your piece of mind.

•Pretty Good Privacy(PGP): A freeware program to non commercial users that is used to E-mail encrypt your message so only the intended recipients can read it. Just like a letter through the mail a letter keeps other from seeing the contents, and unlike a post card where all can read. This is done through "keys". A key is like a password that you create to encrypt your message. This program allows you two keys, a "secret key" and a "Public Key". The "Public key" is what you send to friend and the "Secret" is what you keep, the problem if you are paranoid is the sending of you key unencrypted. So as you see nothing is perfect. This program is the de Facto standard for the Net currently, and comes for all systems.

You can get yourself a copy at ftp.csn.net in the /mpj directory

or at http://www.mantis.co.uk/pgp/pgp.html for a listing of pgp sites. You also can get the PGP F.A.Q at ftp.netcom.com in the /pub/gbe directory. Once you download PGP and install it, then read the manual you will be on the way to a little piece of mind.

•Virtual Cash: Is a system of purchasing items over the net without sending credit information. How this works is this:

1) You get in contact with one of the many so called "Virtual Banks" via the Net at http://www.fv.com:80/newacct/ this is the address for "First Virtual". Most of the time you either send then the information over the Phone or Mail. But you can also E-Mail them taking the risk once and only once.

2) You designate the amount of "Digital cash" you want in your "Virtual Account". Your Credit card will be billed and there you have it a secure way to purchase various stuff. When the account goes low all you have to send them is your new dollar amount.

3) Visit the Virtual mall's and store fronts to purchase what ever you want. There are many different "Virtual" cash companies out there so if a store does not accept First Virtual, you can use you first virtual account to by an account from the other one. So as you can see the credit card was sent once and you can use it safely many times.

Net security will always be a problem that may never be solved. Nothing in this world is safe and you have to take your own steps of caution. The big thing to remember is don't take chances, if there are ways to keep yourself secure then use them and look for new ones.



important data. Still thousands of people send financial information over the Net for every day, for various reasons. Most people never think about it, they just take faith in the programs they are using. Other's think about it, but don't know any other way around it. Finally there are those who don't send credit numbers at all and miss out on "CyberShopping". Are there any other ways to send this information over the Net to enhance its safety?

The answer is yes, but remember nothing is

THINK VIOLENCE IN VIDEO GAMES IS TOO MUCH? IT COULD BE MUCH WORSE

By Michael Garofalo

The days of Super Mario, jump on goombas till they blink, are gone. Now it's fire a grenade in your enemy's chest and have their brains fly at you in a pseudo 3D reality. However the interactive industry is about to take a steeper turn... virtual sex.

Parents groups were outraged when Mortal Kombat hit the streets, the first of many ultra-violent video games. The lifelike digitized gore prompted a ratings system to take effect for almost all home gaming systems. This system is quite similar to the movie ratings system except for one, the letter "X".

The two biggest sellers in the media industry are sex and violence. It seems

Platforms

VOTE FOR JENNIFER VALLE

Hi I'm Jen Valle and I'm running for Student Government Lower Division as well as a seat on the Association. Working with the official school newspaper, I am able to see the problems faced by the students and I am one of those rare candidates that will actually do something about it.

I am hoping to get on the Association and Student Government so that I can do something for the students. Unlike other candidates, I don't kiss up to the Administration! I believe in earning your title and if I get on the Association, you can bet there won't be anymore slacking off.

As a reporter, I've attended Student Government meetings for the past year. I have seen these pompous jerks bleed the money from students, enjoying their greasy pizza at the expense of those same students whom they have cut. I have watched silently while they wasted over \$9,000 dollars on a "do nothing" lawyer while the students who have entrusted Student Government with their student activity fees were disregarded.

I truly feel I can be the active voice that the students need in order to represent them simply because I happen to give a damn. Don't waste your vote on another bloated jerk who claims he can do something for you. I've seen the inside and I know what needs to be done.

Platform Statement - Vincent Cobb

My name is Vincent D.P. Cobb. This is my third semester at The College of Staten Island. In my tenure at this college I have observed several deficiencies in our college, the most serious of these deficiencies is the lack of morale, interaction and unity. I believe that this climate can be changed through implementation of several measures.

These measures include:

1. An increase in Intramural Activities.
2. An employment service that is student friendly
3. An increase as well as a restructuring of activities during club hours more pertinent to our students.
4. A conscious effort to sponsor more off campus activities.

These minimal requests, foreign to CSI, are commonly practiced at most four year colleges. The fulfillment of these requests will render the student more ambitious in spending time on campus.

While leisure is not our purpose at CSI, it is by far more enjoyable to have something to do in between classes. An increase in student activities would a duality of purposes. Not only does it satisfy the student's need for affordable entertainment, it gives various groups (sponsoring groups) extra money with which they are enabled of sponsor even more activities.

This increase of which I speak can be spearheaded by committees that will charter these clubs. These clubs, afore-mentioned, will represent an array of interest ranging from cultural clubs to political societies.

In addition to the leisure I have alluded to, I believe there should be an increase in the amount of hours the library is opened. Demand it is incumbent on students to support this increase, as it allows students with various schedule to utilize recourses they have paid to use.

Platform Statement - Joseph Canale

I am running for the lower division seat of the CSI Association. The Association has a very big responsibility in that it approves all Student Activity Fee expenditures. Let me be direct. I feel that I am the most qualified candidate for this important job. What I want to do is briefly explain why I am the best choice for this position. I am currently serving as a Senator in the presiding Student Government, and am also SG's Publications Commissioner and Chairman.

As a Senator I have devoted myself to the needs of my fellow student. In my commitment to this, I am one of the few student leaders that you see out in the quad with a name tag and clip board addressing student problems and concerns. I remind you I do this not for myself, I am out there for you, to do what I was elected to do- that is represent student's needs. Of the current Senators, I by far have more office hours than any other. I do this for availability, that is I make myself accessible for any student who has a problem. Again, I do this for your benefit, because student welfare is my genuine concern.

As Student Government's Publication's Commissioner, I have given up much of my Summer and taken a hard line making campus publications leaner and more responsive to student needs. What's most evident of this is the paper you are now reading, The Banner, which is the only publication in CSI history to distribute on a weekly basis. This is an accomplishment that I am enormously proud to have given to the college community and I hope it is serving you well. In the past there have been many problems with yearbooks, last years Student Government never allocated funding for a '95 yearbook. This year to give graduates what they deserve, I have made provisions for 12,000 dollars to be directed towards a '96 yearbook. I have done this, because I care about what students want and I have done my best to give that to them. To sum things up, I represent a student leader who truly cares about the students of this college. If there is any one thing besides academics that I have committed myself to, it is serving student's interests. I would like to continue to serve these principles within the College Association. I ask you to help me make this happen. VOTE JOSEPH CANALE for CSI Association

Platform - Maurice D. Morales

I am respectfully submitting my platform for College Council and Student Faculty Disciplinary Committee. I am Republican-Conservative and my platform will reflect my political beliefs.

Platform For College Council

- Improve CSI's admission standards to an 85.0% high school GPA, Require at least a 350 on the verbal and mathematics sections of the SAT.
- Improve CSI's transfer GPA for admissions to 2.95.
- Change the college's distribution requirements to a unified core studies program consisting of 10 courses ranging from The Ancient Root of Western Civilization to Philosophy.
- Require students to complete their remedial studies within 30 credits.
- Replace the 100 level English requirements for 200-300 level courses with the 100 level course in that (e.g. Psychology Dept.) Department.
- Introduce in the Philosophy department new 100 level courses that deal with morality. Restructure Philosophy 130 (Ethics) to read Morality and Ethics.
- Make all 100 level introductory science 6 credits.
- Introduce an Education/Special Education major with introductory courses in Educational Psychology, Sociology, and History. Make all 200 level courses Educational Methodology courses.

Platform for Student Faculty-Disciplinary Committee

- Any student caught using illicit drugs or alcohol on campus earns a 2-year suspension
- Any student caught destroying or vandalizing college property earns a two-year suspension from the college.
- Any student caught stealing college or university property will be fined the amount of that property and expelled from the college.
- Any student caught engaging in any violent crime on campus will be subjected to immediate incarceration, a fine of \$2,500 and dismissed from the college of Staten Island.

CSI Alumni Calendar

OCTOBER

3, 10, 17, 24 - Ladies Night! Free Golf Clinic at Veterans Road Driving Range, with rental of discounted pail of golf balls to CSI alumnae member cardholders. Golf Equipment Raffle to be held each evening. Call for member card.

28 - First Annual Autumn Homecoming: Return and Learn - mini - courses offered by prestigious faculty members. This event is being held as part of the overall campus activities in conjunction with the Inauguration of President Springer. Call for brochure, or click here for the course descriptions, or click here for the day's schedule.

NOVEMBER

4 - Campus tour and reception for alumni corporate executives, administrators, and entrepreneurs. We offer you the opportunity to view our magnificent new campus and state of the art facilities. We cordially welcome you to join us. R.S.V.P.

18 - October is Italian Culture Month and November 18th is "A Taste of Italy at CSI". Chefs from popular Italian restaurants will entice you with their special cuisine and demonstrate how to prepare their exotic dishes. Let your palate also savor the taste of many different fine wines. Contribution\$25.

VOTE!!!
Saturday 21
Monday 23
Tuesday 24 &
Wednesday 25

1996 Presidential Politics: A Look At Alan Keyes

By Joseph Canale

Before I start concentrating on Keyes, I would like to make two points for the good of anyone reading this. First, to correct a big misconception, Colin Powell has not declared any presidential candidacy. He has discussed the possibility, but as of now is traveling around the country for the promotion of his new book. Second, because this column is mostly geared toward the '96 race for President, I would like to inform everyone that Governor Pete Wilson (R-Ca) has dropped out of the race. Now back to Keyes.

With the start of the Republican primaries less than four months away, I would like to look at one of the more unpopular hopefuls in the GOP field. Alan Keyes is a political commentator for a Maryland radio station. He served in the State Department during the Reagan administration and had been the two-time Republican candidate for Governor of Maryland. Presently, Keyes is the only African-American to officially enter the '96 Presidential race.

Keyes officially declared his candidacy last March and is hoping to win the Republican Presidential nomination. Keyes's campaign is distinct from other candidates in that, while the others deal with many issues, his platform consists of only one: the preservation of the married two parent family system. While Bob Dole (R-Ks) talks about reining in the Federal Government and Phil Gramm (R-Tx) speaks about balancing budgets, Alan Keyes talks about family values. You should keep in mind that the last presidential hopeful that placed such a heavy emphasis on this subject was practically illiterate and not regarded as being too bright.

When asked why he put the family issue at the top of his agenda Keyes replied, "all of America's problems stem from this one particular problem." He went on to cite examples of problems stemming from the breakdown of the two parent family. Some of those were:

- Young people involved in violence.
- Prison populations.
- Poverty in general.

He believes that, "overwhelmingly," these

problems are a result of the breakdown of the two parent family unit. Keyes powerfully stated, "that because we have defined freedom in a corrupt and licentious way that contradicts the heart of commitment, love, loyalty, and obligation needed to maintain family life, we have destroyed the American family."

I know what you're thinking: how in the world does he plan on tackling something like this? This, in all honesty, stumps me. Even though Keyes has outlined what he proposes to do, I can't fathom

out of the business" of passing taxes that destroy economic foundations of family life and of establishing a welfare system that devours the family. If Keyes is elected, these are the elements in government which he will try and reform in his quest for saving the two parent marriage based family.

What will it mean if Keyes is elected? I can't see any type of changes in federal aid to students; but then again, I really don't know when it comes to this candidate. Every answer that Alan Keyes gives, no matter what the question is, deals with the breakdown of family. I kid you not! I have seen the man at several different interviews, including the recently televised New Hampshire forum, where he dismissed questions as "stupid" because they would force him to deviate from the two parent family issue.

What are the chances of Keyes getting into the White House? I don't believe there is any chance. Why do I feel this way? Recently, a poll on Presidential issues was conducted by Dartmouth College. In that poll, seventy-four percent of Americans said that they had heard enough about social issues. Alan Keyes' entire campaign is based on a social issue. Now, *The Banner* policy on politics won't allow me to endorse, or commit the paper to, any political stance, so I have to be careful when I give you my opinions on Alan Keyes. As I have stated, seventy-four percent of Americans say that they are concerned more with other issues than with the family. When Keyes was asked what he thought of this, he responded, "this campaign was never about what people want, it's about what they need." I am someone who believes that the President of the United States

is supposed to serve the interests of Americans. I also think that what Americans wants is synonymous with the country's needs. If Keyes thinks otherwise, maybe he doesn't realize that Democracy entails people governing themselves. My opinion on this candidate is that his political focus is like a horse with blinders on. He doesn't see any issue outside the family. I don't mean that Keyes is inflexible on the issues - principle is principle - but there are other issues besides that of the family. One thing that puzzles me, and I will leave you with this: if he was selected twice by Republican party to run for the Maryland Governor's seat, why isn't he Governor of Maryland?

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how he is going to make people live a certain way. Personally, I think its ridiculous for someone to dictate how people should arrange their families. Don't get me wrong; I strongly believe that the two parent marriage system is a quality system. However, I think that all the government or President can do is encourage the two parent family setup and let the public know the good points of raising a family under that arrangement. If any politician did more than that, I would view it as a social infringement of my life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.

As for Keyes's outline to correct the decaying family system, I would like to comment about that. At the forefront of his plan is government reform. Specifically, Keyes says that government "should get

The Right To Choose

By Shawn Fisher

Recently while talking to a friend who could be described as a young "Archie Bunker", he brought up a valid point in regards to a woman's right to choose. Why is it that if a woman becomes pregnant and has the child, the father is financially responsible. This is whether or not he wanted to keep it. On the other hand, if a woman becomes pregnant and decides to abort, the father has no say. A woman has the right to choose an abortion without any consideration of what a father's wants. The majority of people may find this to be politically correct or a justification of women's rights. I would have to disagree with this "majority" of people and this part of the system.

I understand we live in a world where individual rights are held above all else and I am thankful for that. Although there are other rights which should be kept in mind, no one person is immortal or omnipotent. We as humans require one another to survive and progress as a society. A child is not conceived by an

have sex they both are consenting to the act. They also must decide, together, if birth control should be used or not. If the two parties decide to not use a condom, or another type of birth control, then they are both responsible for the consequences. If a woman becomes pregnant this should not mean a man should lose his right to decide the course of his life or his child.

Pregnancy should not only be about a woman's right to choose. It should also be about the shared responsibility of the man and the woman. Abortion, adoption, full custody, shared custody, and marriage are options that must be discussed by both parties involved. Despite where a couples relationship may be at the time of conception, they should have equal say in what should be done about the child. Since his and her future will be determined by the outcome of this event. As well as the child's "potential" future. See, its not just one, but three lives that will be forever changed by this outcome. Why then should just one person have the right to choose the course for all three?

Proof Once Again

By Lou Bardel

Once again Borough President Guy Molinari has exposed himself. In the October 13, 1995 issue of the *SI Advance* the front page headline read "Pataki: Keep \$4 express fare." This as opposed to the recent MTA Board's proposal to raise the express bus fares by one dollar. Molinari, "who fights for you," said about the \$1 fare increase, "It becomes in effect, a tax on the residents of the borough. That's the kind of thing that fueled the secession movement." And Molinari is definitely right. A one dollar increase in fare results in an extra two dollars a day. If an express bus rider uses the Xbus to get back and forth to Manhattan every day for a year the MTA proposal represents a \$730 tax increase. This tax will effect approximately 16,000 residents of Staten Island according to the *Advance*.

But what about SI CUNY

tax increase via tuition hikes? What about the 13,000 CUNY students who attend the College of Staten Island and other CUNY schools off of Staten Island? Where was Guy Molinari during all this?

Surely he wasn't fighting for you but rather hurting you, the Staten Island resident. In fact Molinari endorsed wholeheartedly Governor George Pataki and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. Both were the spearheads of the recent assault on public higher education. One must ask why Molinari fights against express bus fare hikes but not against higher education tuition hikes. Is it any coincidence that Molinari makes such a grandstand maneuver in the heat of campaigning? As you all should know Guy is running for District Attorney for SI against the current D.A., Democrat Bill Murphy.

With politics like this Staten Islanders better watch out! Will Molinari be this unfair as a D.A.? We can safely presume so.

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I N H O N O R O F

MARLENE SPRINGER

SECOND PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 26, 1995**

11:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Exhibition of
Photographs by
Alexander Liberman:
Michelangelo's
Campidoglio

Friedland Gallery
Center for the Arts

4:00 P.M.

First Annual
College of Staten Island
Presidential Lecture on
International Education

Julia Chang Bloch,
Group Executive Vice President,
BankAmerica Corporation

Williamson Theatre
Center for the Arts

7:30 P.M.

Dedication of Casts
of the Parthenon Frieze

Atrium
Center for the Arts

8:30 P.M.

Rita Bouboulidi, Pianist

Concert Hall
Center for the Arts

**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 27, 1995**

10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Faculty Symposium

The Classroom: Site of
Neutrality? Site of Value?

Analysis: Emily Dickinson J.67
and J.579

Williamson Theatre
Center for the Arts

2:00 P.M.

**Inaugural
Convocation**

**Concert Hall
Center for the Arts**

3:30 P.M.

Reception

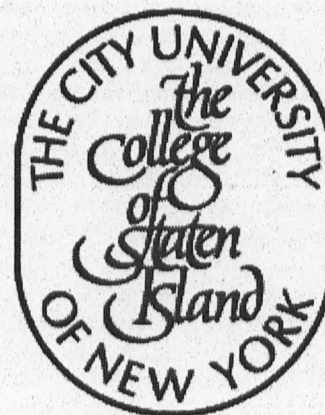
Atrium
Center for the Arts

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 28, 1995**

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Autumn Homecoming:
Return and Learn

Alumni, parents of students,
friends of the College are invited
to return to the campus for a
day of thinking and learning.
Mini-courses on thought-provok-
ing subjects will be led by the
outstanding faculty of the
College of Staten Island. For
more information, call the Office
of Alumni Relations at (718)
982-2290.



Top-Winning College Coach Marks 400th Victory

By Marco Buscaglia
College Press Service

GRAMBLING, La.—Eddie Robinson is a rarity in college football. Having coached at Grambling State University since 1941, Robinson is a lifer in a profession where coaches often change addresses with each new job offer. But despite promises of more money and higher visibility from other schools, the 76-year-old Robinson has remained at Grambling's sidelines for the past 55 years, piling up 400 victories along the way.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, Robinson's Tigers defeated Mississippi Valley State 42-6 to reach the 400-win milestone, making him the only college football coach to achieve that record.

Robinson leads all active and past college coaches with his victories. Alabama coaching legend Bear Bryant is second on the list, with 323 total wins.

Considering that Bryant coached at Maryland, Kentucky and Texas A&M before coming to the Crimson Tide in 1958, Robinson's wins—all at one school—is even more remarkable.

"The record is nice, but it's hardly my motivation, my inspiration," says Robinson. "Coaches are all in the same business. We get inspiration from each other."

Of the many coaches he

admires, Robinson says he draws inspiration from the man who's second on the all-time victory list. "The Bear was one in a million," Robinson says. "He will always be the standard. He will always be the cream of the crop."

But for many college coaches, Robinson himself is the standard.

"Nobody has ever done or ever will do what Eddie Robinson has done for this game," says Penn State coach Joe Paterno. "Our profession will

never, ever be able to repay Eddie Robinson for what he has done for this country and for the profession of football."

Robinson has seen 250 of his players make it to the NFL. Ask the coach about them, and he'll tell you he's proud. But first, he'll mention the players who left their football days behind when they graduated from Grambling.

"We have players that move on

to teach, to practice law, to practice medicine," says Robinson, who earned his master's degree at the University of Iowa after getting his bachelor's at Leland College. "We work to train strong men in all professions."

Robinson, born in Jackson, La., says he decided he wanted to become a football coach while in elementary school, after the high school team paid the younger students a visit. "I loved the talk about the game," he says. "It fascinated me."

After graduating from Leland, Robinson was offered the head coaching job at Louisiana Negro Normal and Industrial Institute, which later would become Grambling. The first year, Robinson's team went 3-5. But the next year the Tigers went 9-0, shutting out every team they played.

Fifty-three years later, the Tigers are still fighting. This year, however, has been more difficult than usual. Grambling lost three of their first four games, but Robinson says his team will bounce back.

"In order to win, you have to pay the price," Robinson says. "It's not typical of Grambling not to pay the price."

College football has gone through vast changes since Robinson began coaching, he says. In 1941, he did it all: lined the field, taped the players, led the marching band at half-time, washed the jerseys and wrote a news story after each game, which he sent to newspapers nationwide.

Yet despite the changes, Robinson recognizes one constant. "The game is about young men who learn to grow in physical, intellectual and spiritual ways," he says.

Doris, Robinson's wife of 54 years, is another mainstay in his life. "She's always been there for me," Robinson says. "She's always been part of my foundation."

Although Robinson rarely talks about retirement—the state of Louisiana absolved him of its mandatory retirement age of 70 in 1989—he will speak of his legacy.

"I don't want to be known as a black winning coach or a black winning coach at a black school," he says. "I just want this to be about an American, someone like everyone else. This is an American story."

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NFL WEEK EIGHT

By Scott Mackie

The NFL has one thing in common with CSI now. They are playing their Sunday Night games on Thursday Night, while the baseball playoffs are going on. There are four teams with the week off (Dallas, the Giants, Philadelphia, and Phoenix). As for the other teams the same rules apply (the last game I saw before writing this was the Rams vs. Falcons) so injuries that have yet to happen can affect the outcomes of these games.

Cincinnati vs. Pittsburgh : What the hell happened to Pittsburgh this year? Without Rod Woodson the "Steel Curtain" has turned to Tin Foil this year. With Jeff Blake throwing long bombs to WR's Carl Pickens and Darnay Scott the Bengals should win this game.

Houston vs. Chicago : After playing the two expansion teams, the Bears will play an almost expansion team in Houston. They should win this game accordingly.

Miami vs. Jets : The two teams have only one thing in common : they both have blown 24-3 leads to the Colts. The only question in this game is : How long until the "Let's go Dolphins!!" chants start in Giants stadium again? Probably not very long, Dolphins win by a lot.

Jacksonville vs. Cleveland : The Browns host the red-hot Jaguars in the "Dog Pound" in an AFC Central clash. The Jaguars have chosen Mark Brunell to be their starter on the heels of their franchise-high two straight wins. That streak will end this week, Browns win.

New Orleans vs. Carolina : The Panthers have been competitive in most of their games this year and have played better with Kerry Collins as the QB. The

Saints don't have this luxury and might give the Panthers their first win (if the Jets didn't do that last Sunday !!).

Detroit vs. Washington : These are two very similar teams. Both have good running games, improving QB's in Frerotte and Mitchell and okay defenses. The only difference is in coaches and that advantage goes to the Redskins who should win this game.

The Bills are back on track to the playoffs... and maybe... the Super Bowl !! The Patriots have not played on Monday Night in years... Bills move on.

Minnesota vs. Green Bay : Vikings head coach Dennis Green has played well against NFC Central opponents (except in the playoffs)/but the Packers have been able to knock them off a few times and should beat them again at home.

Atlanta vs. Tampa Bay : The 4-2 Falcons head down to the "Big Sombrero" in Tampa to play the First Place Bucs. The Falcons have beaten up on some awful teams this year (the Jets, Saints, Pats, and Panthers) but have not fared well against good teams (Rams and 49ers). Since Tampa Bay is a good team they will beat the Falcons.

Kansas City vs. Denver : Just as the Raiders dominate the Broncos for no real reason, the Broncos dominate the Chiefs for that same unknown reason. So until this mystical thing stops happening I will have to believe that it will continue. Denver.

Colts vs. Oakland : The Raiders are looking like a Super Bowl team and should win this game unless they have a 24-3 lead which for some reason energizes the Colts. The Raiders' rushing attack should be too much for the Colts to handle. Oakland wins again.

San Diego vs. Seattle : Unless Ken Griffey Jr and the Martinez boys can play football as well as they played the Yankees the Chargers will have no problem winning this game.

49ers vs. Rams : The 5-1 Rams host the 49ers this week in Busch Stadium for the last home game before their new dome is opened. After this game is over the Rams will never the 49ers beat them all the way back to Los Angeles.

Buffalo vs. New England : The Patriots seem to be heading back down the NFL ladder as quick as they came up it last year. The Bills are back on track to the playoffs... and maybe... the Super Bowl !! The Patriots have not played on Monday Night in years and after this game, you will understand why. Bills move on.

BANNER Sports

Thursday, October 19, 1995

IT'S COMING...HALLOWEEN! PREPARE YOURSELVES!!!

The New York Yankees- Now What?

By Michael Anderson

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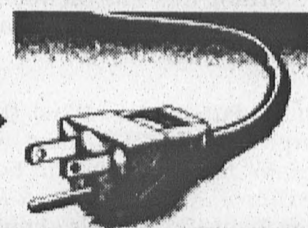
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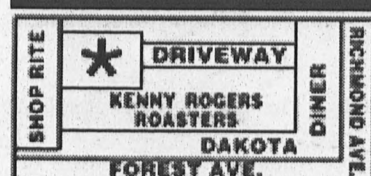
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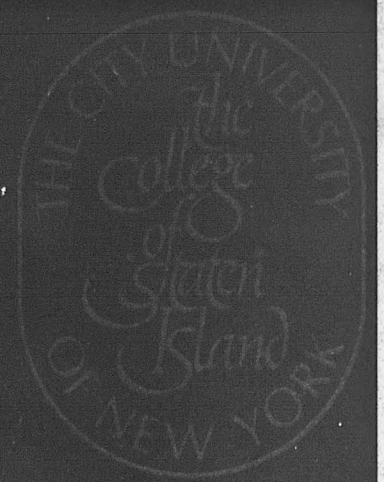
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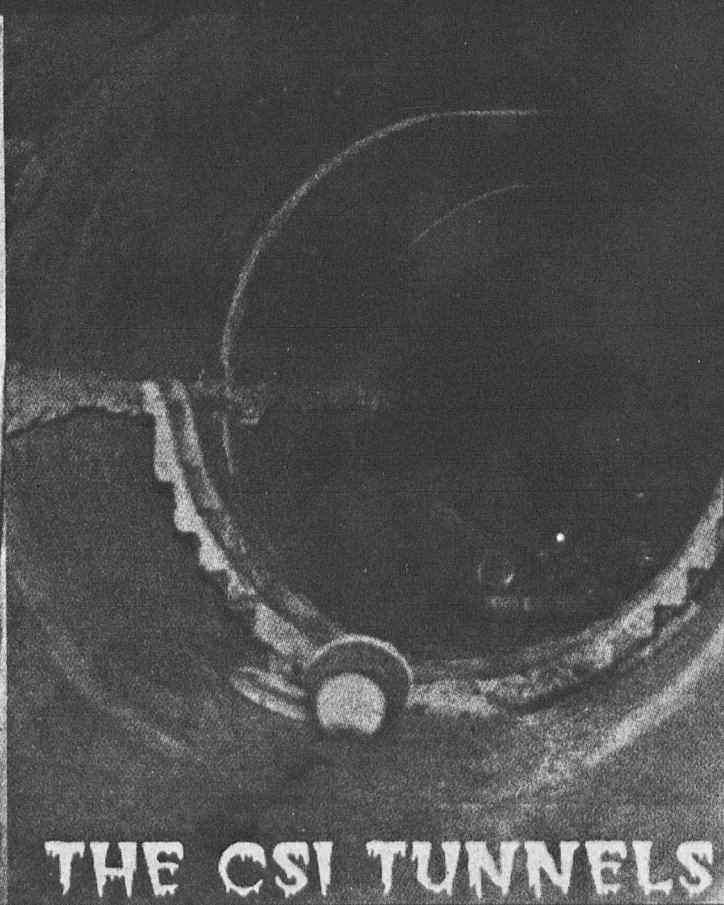
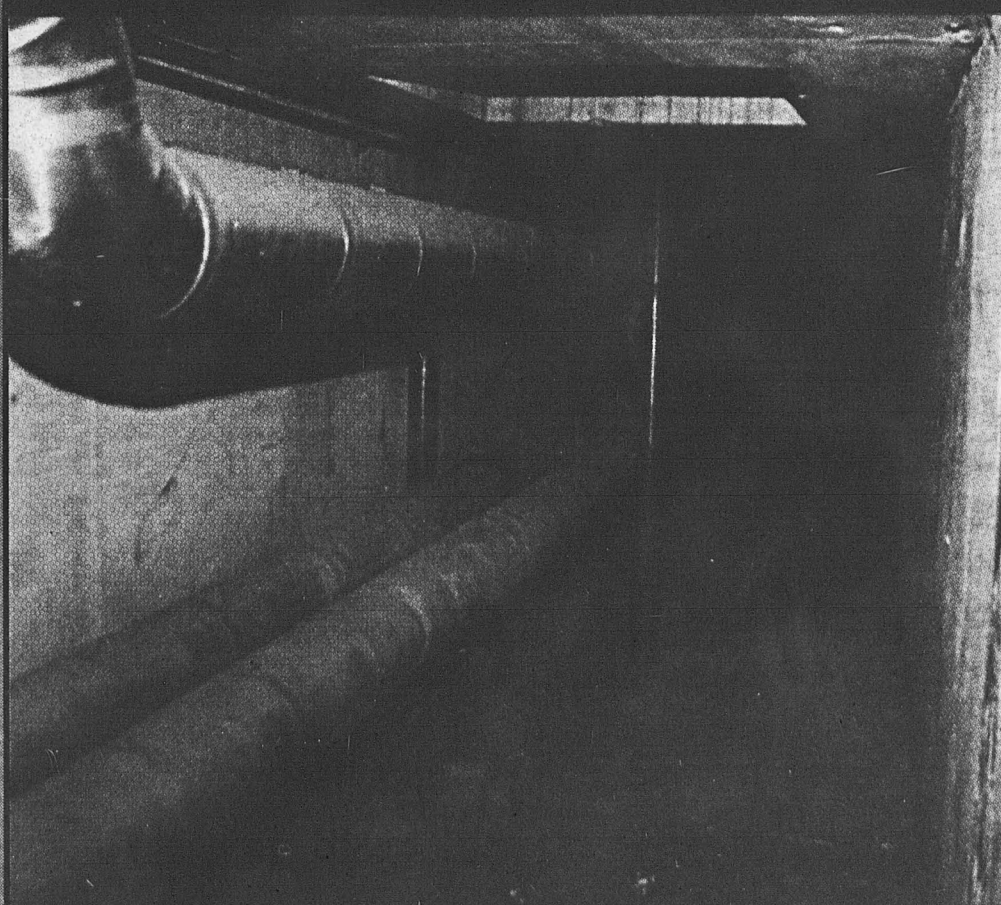


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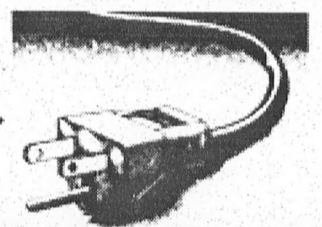
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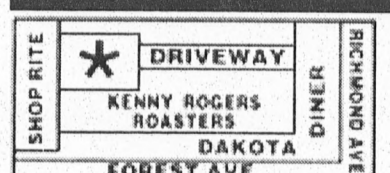
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