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Student Government Elects President

by J.P. Patafio

On September 30, during an open student government meeting, Cliff Peterson was elected President by an 8-3 margin. Peterson beat out Tom Taaffe, who went on to become Deputy, or Vice-President.

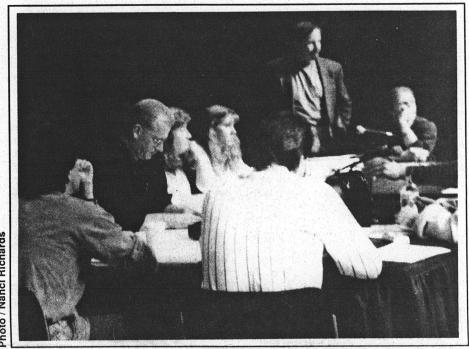
This was the first in a series of student government meetings which will be made available to the general student body. The meeting was held in the Williamson theatre which has the capacity to seat over five hundred people but the largest amount of students who came at any one point was 9, even those looking to satisfy a CLUE requirement. One student, Jessica Reback, who attended the meeting was discouraged by what she had stayed for. "They [student government] didn't cover anything. They voted eight times. I stayed to find out who would be president. I have no idea." When she was asked if student government can serve the student body she replied by saying that some changes needed to be

made, but also believed that Mr. Peterson was one member who could. Later into this elongated meeting when she returned, she became ecstatic when she heard that the body had finally did something; elected a president.

One of the acknowledged problems of this election was that it took too long. Student government has been meeting since the summer and elections for positions have been taking place since the beginning of the semester. One of the reasons for this is the political jockeying that has been taking place.

Originally there were three people running for the presidency, Mike Strasner, Cliff Peterson and Tom Taaffe. Mr. Strasner was the president last year but lost much of his influence during that time. He was responsible for the unpopular decision to implement stipends for the student government members during a time when the student body was being hit with tuition

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At the Student Government meeting held on September 30th at Williamson Theatre, Cliff Peterson, second from left, was elected president.

Wanted: Support For Cuomo's

Jobs Bond Act

by Thomas Deignan

Pardon me, can you spare \$800 million dollars?

Essentially, that is what New York State voters will be asked when they step into the voting booth this year and decide whether to give a "yea" or a "ney" to Governor Mario M. Cuomo's highly touted Jobs Bond Act (JBA).

The Democratic Governor, in his second term, has high hopes for the JBA, which was approved by the state Legislature over the summer and will be placed on the ballot November 3rd. Cuomo hopes the proposal will create jobs, attract businesses and jump start a sluggish state economy that has watched the unemployment rate soar to over nine percent. all this sounds well and good of course, but needless to say, critics, mostly Republican/Conservatives say it will be counterproductive, forge higher taxes and force more businesses to flee New York.

How it will work

The idea behind the proposal is to put people to work. As Cuomo has said many

a time, "What's better than putting people to work?"

Under the plan, money, borrowed by the state through bonds, will be allocated to New York Counties, proportionate to population, and it will employ people to work on rebuilding State infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, sewers and water lines. This, the Governor hopes, will attract businesses to upgraded communities and also put unemployed people to work, thus rebuilding the State's tax-base. New York City, if the bill is passed, will get about \$240 million dollars to work with.

Other uses for the money include state and city park renovation, and loans and grants that will allow closed factories and businesses to reopen.

The opposition

Needless to say, all do not share Cuomo's rosy vision of the future. CHANGE-NY, a conservative, anti-tax research group, opposes the bill saying that it will fuel higher taxes in the near future and only add to the misery that is the fragile, recession-ridden New York economy. They have argued that Cuomo is willing to go along with spending of any kind. Also, recent business surveys strike a

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NYPIRG Rocks The Vote

College Voice Newsdesk

The New York Public Interest Research Group, Inc. (NYPIRG) succeeded in reaching its goal of registering close to 50,000 people throughout New York City. Since the beginning of the semester, roughly 17,000 students have been registered at CUNY and SUNY campuses where NYPIRG has chapters. During the five-day intensive voter registration drive which ran from October 1st through 5th, an additional 40,000 people from communities throughout the city were registered for the upcoming elections.

African-American, Latino, and working poor communities were targeted since they typically are disenfranchised and underrepresented. Much like college students who don't have a strong voice on a local, state, and national level, these communities are also known ≥ to have poor voter participation which o results in inadequate representation.
"Many people believe that by not voting, they are voicing their opposition against the system -- what they really are doing is falling right into a trap and doing just what many politicians want -- not voting. This gives the wealthy political clout because their money and votes can greatly overpower poor and working class people who don't trust the system enough to vote. If we want to fight back, we must register. Money talks when potential voters walk!" said Claude Rolo the project coordinator for NYPIRG at CSI.

The goal of the five-day drive was to register thousands of New Yorkers. In the 1988 presidential elections, statis-



Kat Cummings of NYPIRG registers a shopper at King Kullen.

tics show that only 60% of eligible New York State voters were registered. Nationwide 87% of those registered vote. On Staten Island, NYPIRG volunteers registered 1,200 people where there were staffed sites at the Stapleton housing projects, the Jersey Street housing projects, the King Kullen shopping plaza on Bay Street, the Pathmark at Forrest Avenue, and the St. George ferry terminal. These sites were open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. throughout the blitz. Volunteers "swept" communities, wherever

there were people out, they went.

Among the stops were Project Hospitality Outreach Center, the ferry itself where volunteers rode the morning and evening rush hour ferrys, the Staten Island Columbus Day Parade, and a Baptist church where a NYPIRG student spoke to a large gathering.

Kat Cummings, the project leader for NYPIRG's "It's Up to You in '92" and "Movement to Reinvest in Education in '93" campaigns here at CSI summed up the drive by saying, "I was able to see

the success of the drive first hand and was impressed by the dedication of many CSI volunteers. Working with community members and high school students from Staten Island was a blast. All of us here at CSI who have been doing voter registration on campus had the opportunity to train other volunteers in the 'art' of registering voters. Being able to explain why voting is important to people from all walks of life was challenging, and it was very rewarding to help many change their minds and register to vote."

"The voter registration drive was an invaluable experience for the volunteers and a tremendous service to the community," said Richard Prinzi, a CSI student volunteer. "Some of the people I registered didn't even know they were eligible to vote, others had never been

given the opportunity."

Most of the volunteers felt just as strongly about what they were doing, even those not eligible to vote in the upcoming elections. Shaniqua Barnabas, a senior at John Dewey High School and a Staten Island resident said, "it is not a government of the people, by the people, for the people, if our politicians are elected by an elite minority. I'm here to make it convenient for Staten Islanders to register to vote because if you don't vote, you have no power -- you don't count.

NYPIRG wishes to thank all those who volunteered for the long and committed hours of service; and a special thanks for McDonalds and Gino's Pizza for the food they donated to the volunteers.

National Phone Referendum On Abortion Planned

For A Buck, Vote Early And Often

College Voice Newsdesk

National Referendum, a newly formed, independent public policy organization, announced the first national telephone referendum on abortion to be taken from October 17th through October 21st. The intent is to measure the breadth and intensity of opinion on this single issue before the current national elections. Two telephone numbers will be available to callers in all 50 states allowing voters to make either a Pro-Choice or Pro-life vote.

The referendum, according to the group, is not intended to be a standard survey or opinion sampling poll. Instead of modeling the general population on a small scale, it is an effort to seek a vote from the larger population itself. It will be an opportunity, the group says, for mass participation in an open-ended, full scale, election-like format. The group has targeted telephone voting because of its easy accessibility and because it provides a logical and underexploited option for increased participation, especially for those unaccustomed to voting and, perhaps those not registered. The five days is provided so that all are given more than an ample opportunity to cast a vote.

The procedure is quite simple. One phone number will be provided for those who oppose legalized abortion, (1-900-400-PROL) and another number is provided for those who advocate a women; s right to choose, (1-900-400-PROC). The group says this system has proven successful in limited media-sponsored surveys. When either of the numbers is called, the vote will be recorded automatically and the caller will be billed \$1.00 on their next phone bill. No further questions will be asked and there is no human operator, just a voice saying, "your vote has been recorded."

National referendum takes no stand, it says, on the issue of abortion. They point out that the opposing sides of this issue have been labeled with the positive, politically correct terms that each faction employs (Pro-Life and Pro-Choice). The results do not constitute a public decision, however the group hopes the results, combined with the upcoming election can have a real effect on the future of abortion in America.

National referendum includes experts on a range of policy issues and on research methodology. It is funded through private investment and does not seek contributions. It also claims absolute neutrality in all political and ideological issues and referendums. It's main goal, according to director Dr. Alexander B. Galvin is to keep publicity and voting costs as low as possible and cover any cost through the proceeds of the vote.

"We think the electronic (telephone) vote is a harbinger of things to come." said

Dr. Galvin. "Political leaders can tally constituents opinions on many topics using this existing technology. It is less costly, and easier than going to the polls." The group made no mention of the fact that voters can cast as many votes as they please.

CSI Professor Elected To Fellowship Status

CSI Psychology Professor Irene Deitch, President of the New York State Psychological Association, division of Adult Development and Aging and the 1992 outstanding service award honoree, was elected to fellowship status at the American Psychological Association's Centennial convention in Washington D.C. Dr. Deitch, of Todt Hill, is now Fellow in the Divisions of Psychology of Women,

Dr. Deitch, of Todt Hill, is now Fellow in the Divisions of Psychology of Women, Adult Development and Aging, and Psychotherapy. She is also the chairperson of "Options: College study program for the older adult." Currently, Dr. Deitch chairs the Media committee of the New York State Psychological Association, produces and hosts both a monthly cable television program and a weekly radio talk show called "Making connections" on WSIA 88.9 FM.

Help a Phone Call Away

The office of the Dean of Students and Special Student Services introduced a unique telephone system, Lifelines, on Wednesday, September 30, 1992. The system accesses information on a multitude of topics such as Stress manmgement, alcoholism, drug abuse, and other important subjects. To access the system using a touch tone phone, dial (718) 448-8728. The system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All calls are anonymous and confidential. For additional information call (718) 390-7626.

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The New Student Government President...

Interview by Thomas Deignan

Student Government's got itself a President. Cliff Peterson, a 41-yr-old Engineering Technology Major, is out to breath a new form of leadership into room C-109, one based on communication and compromise, as opposed to

confrontational adversity. The following are excerpts from an interview with Peterson, who has been at CSI for two years.

The College Voice: Can you, as president, do anything significant to alter Student government?

Cliff Peterson:
Yes, because of my age and experience, I think I can identify with the students. I

do tutoring on the side, I work with incoming freshmen, so I didn't need the position of student leader to be a student leader. We can get a lot done, I think I bring a sense of Diplomacy, I don't confront people, I sit down and reason with them. I think my experience will give me insight and also I'm dedicated to the job and I'm willing to do a little extra work, even if I don't have to.

CV: What is Student Government capable of doing?

CP: This is a unique time for Student Government. Implementing programs within the structure we have existing is always difficult, because it is existing. Because we are moving to a new campus, people will be letting go of something they might have held onto if we weren't moving. And it's always easier to implement programs from scratch. So if we stay on top of the people planning the move than I think we have a good chance of changing policy. With my seat on Auxiliary services and the Association, I think we can stay on top.

CV: Can Student Government have an effect on the real issues that face students everyday; i.e. the bookstore and cafeteria prices and parking problems.

CP: Yes, because of the makeup of the organization. We are a little older now and people have been around a little longer. They know the ins and outs of what it takes to get things done. Auxiliary services is going to be difficult but we have five Student Government members on the (11 member) board. It's a good opportunity to have input and get things done.

CV: What things can get done?
CP: Well we are talking to an outsi

CP: Well we are talking to an outside contractor for books and we're also looking into second-hand books and we are meeting with Dean (Phil) Alsworth

Section 5. President of the Senate

b) Duties and Responsibilities

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rectly or through a designee.

Preside over meetings of the Senate;

Preside over meetings of the student body;

to find out what else we can do. Tom Taaffe (newly elected Deputy President) is working on this. Also we've been working with NYPIRG so I think we are attacking a lot of problems from a lot of different angles. Through Auxiliary

Through Auxiliary Services or certain deans or through our own committee we have a better sense of how to go about things. According to plan, this year is the year when Auxiliary Services pours all the excess money it has back into the college. It sounds good but we just have to wait and see.

CV: What are some of Student Governments re-

cent shortcomings?

Cliff Peterson, SG President

CP: We need to get students more interested and overcome the apathy. We want some constitutional revisions, such as one that would create an executive committee rather than to have all the powers of the presidency land on one person's shoulders. Also, this year, unfortunately, we were hamstrung by the Association and we couldn't get our budget approved.

CV: What are some recent Student Governments positives?

CP: We've gotten more money into the students hands at a crucial time. We had a book raffle and got over \$2300 into the students pockets, that's actual cash into the student's hands. We also had an emergency book loan program for students with an excess of PEL getting them book money for during the first week of classes.

CV: How do you feel about the role of president as defined in Student Government's constitution?

CP: It's come to my attention that there is a lot of pressure on the President to be in a lot of places at the same time and there have been some scheduling problems with Student Government and the College Council. (SG President represents the students on the College Council. See Presidential duties below) The consensus of the board is that we would like to diffuse the power of the president somewhat.

cv: You had withdrawn your nomination for president at several meetings, is this because you had reservations about becoming president?

CP: I felt that in the first couple of elections, to continue past a certain point would weaken us as a body, it would seem as though we didn't have the ability to get work done. It was a legitimate thing and it was a politically

...In His Own Words.

correct thing. It's not that I had any reservations, I could have worked well with Mike Strasner I could have worked well with Tom Taaffe, or whoever became presidency.

CV: People openly expressed their opinions about who they wanted to be president. Do you think this election process might have created any harmful divisions?

CP: No Tom (Taaffe) and I even discussed the possibility of splitting it, half-a-year me and half-a-year him. I don't feel any sense of division. Like I said the body is a little bit older and more representative of the actual stu-

dent body at CSI.

CV: Does the average CSI student know about Student Government and

what it does?

CP: No, I'm constantly asked what does Student Government do, what does the presidency entails, and I have to sit there and explain to them what we do. I would like to see more students walking into the Student Government office and asking question.

CV: How can you get students more

interested?

CP: I'd like to see an article in the paper to keep students up on what Student Government is doing, or even doing a column to get the students the message. We had the one public meeting and that was good. You can't sit up in the board room and make decisions and not be out with the students and find out what they want.

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increases and budget cuts. Cliff Peterson became a member of student government last year when there was a vacancy in the lower division and ran with a slate this past year to get on again. Tom Taaffe ran for the lower division and won basically uncontested due a lack of candidates.

During the early stages of the race it seemed as if the battle for presidency was between Taasse and Strasner. It has been said by an anonymous senator that Mr. Strasner has repeatedly stated in colorful language, his lack of trust for Mr. Taaffe. It was said that at the meeting, Mr.Strasner openly criticized Mr. Taaffe by saying that he was inadequate for the job. However, the scene changed when Mr.Strasner dropped out of the race, which he was losing, and endorsed the Peterson ticket. At one point in the meeting it seemed as if Mr. Peterson would also drop out but he was encouraged to stay in it by senator Belinda Diamond, a member of the Strasner camp. With this new blood

Mr. Peterson was voted in. After the vote Mr. Strasner commented. "I think it is exactly what I wanted."

When senator Ed Van Dright was asked about his impressions of the turn out he expressed contentment. "[I'm] very happy with the result. I think it took a little to long. Cliff is the best man for the job." Mr. Van Dright believed that Peterson was the best suited for the position because of his level-headedness and calm demeanor, as well as his older age. Peterson is 41. He felt that these qualities will be needed, especially this year when the college is changing campuses and the student government needs to deal with administration more closely. When senator Van Dright was asked about the divisions that may arise in student government he replied that most anything causes divisions, including student government picking lunch for their meetings.

Senator Taaffe expressed goodwill to the new president and wished him the "best of luck."



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Elections for remaining vacancies on student government will be held from October 14th- October 19th

Excerpted from CSI Student Government Constitution:

Serve as chairperson of the Commission on Academic and

Implement measures enacted by the Senate and submit peri-

Represent the student body at official functions; Represent the student body in the College Council either di-

for meetings of the Senate;

Secession Movement Stumbles Along

by Thomas Deignan

The passionate, Pro-Secession zeitgeist seems to have come to an end.

Once a rebellious loud and proud movement among disgruntled Staten Islanders, Secession has faced a num-

ber of reality checks since it rose to grass roots promi-nence. Perhaps the most damning and daunt-

A once quixotic movement has been slowed by reality.

ing blow was dealt by New York City when it released it's own report on Secession entitled, "Staten Island Se-cession, The Price of Independence.". It maintained that, while Staten Islanders have a relatively large and stable tax base, it fell way short of raking in the type of funds needed to maintain many of its present accomadations. According to the City's report, Staten

Islanders would huge tax hikes if Secession became a reality. Upon the re-

study, many prominent local officials became wary of the realities Secession entailed. Perhaps the most telling quote came from Borough President Guy V. Molinari, who claimed, "I would not

Draft Of Charter Expected Oct. 23rd

want to be the mayor of Staten Island sending out those bills for higher taxes.

On the strength of this negativity, it would be easy to all but count Secession out if it weren't for one small technicality. When the Staten Island Charter Commission on Secession (headed by S.I.'s state Senator John J. Marchi) looked at an independent report released recently, it came up, basically with the same numbers the City did, but it highlighted the borough's impressive tax base. The independent report found that Staten Island, among 26 cities of comparable size and population, had the third most reliable taxbase, creating a strong foundation for Secession. What about the disparity between money produced and money needed? Basically, the S.I. Charter Commission stated that with selective belt-tightening and streamlining, an independent Staten Island could easily become a reality

Two reports find the same figures yet reach different conclusions. This essentially highlights the confusion many residents feel about Secession, and the stake many public officials have in it.

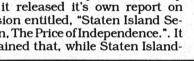
Both reports said that Staten Island's tax-base is about \$955 million, which falls between \$170 and \$200 million short of the funds Staten Island presently requires. Those are the facts. After that, it's all perception, personal spin and bias. One noteworthy fact, however, is that the independent study, prepared by an NYU professor, has been criticized by several agencies for not taking many aspects of the recession into account when preparing the financial end of the report

The bottom line with the Secession movement, is that it is presently being investigated in a colder, and less spirited manner and more may be known on November 23rd when the first draft of a true working charter for the island will be released.

Among groups presently skeptical about an independent Staten Island are the NAACP, advocates for the poor, many minorities, and needless to say, Mayor David N. Dinkins and most of New York City. When Dinkins paid Staten Island a visit over the summer, clearly one theme of his visit was unity for all of New York and the flaws of Secession. He attributed much of the borough's disenfranchisement to the feelings most people all over feel during a recession.

And many question's remain: What will happen to the landfill, will property taxes take a hike, what is the fate of CSI and it's gleaming, new Willowbrook campus (page 10 and the effect of secession on tolls. Many say Staten Island will still be heavily tolled.

The public will vote on Secession in 1993 and even if the voters say "yes Governor Mario Cuomo and the State Legislature have the final say on an issue important to the future landscape of New York City.



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Professors Discuss Election Issues

College Voice Newsdesk

Seven CSI professors played political pundits and voiced their opinion to anyone within earshot at a symposium on October 1 at the Sunnyside student lounge. The gathering, attended by about 100 students and faculty, was billed as a discussion of the issues of the 1992 Presidential Election.

"I think it went well.", said Michael O'Donnel, who coordinated the symposium. "I think we achieved our objective, instead of getting one or two people to talk about one thing for 45 minutes, we got a whole lot of viewpoints out.'

O'Donnel concluded, "Our intention wasn't to persuade any one, we just wanted to arouse people's interest.'

Professor Robin Carey (Economics) led off the speaking presentations with and blasted the Reagan/Bush economic legacy and offered Gov. Bill Clinton as a clear and able candidate and alterna-

"I guess I'm just hopelessly liberal." began History Professor Sandi Cooper, scathingly playing off the D'Amato campaign attacks of Senatorial opponent Robert Abrams. She offered herself to

foreboding tone. Moody's and Stan-

dard and Poor's, two major credit agen-

cies, place New York 49th and 50th

respectively among states' credit rat-

ings. Add to that the fact that the

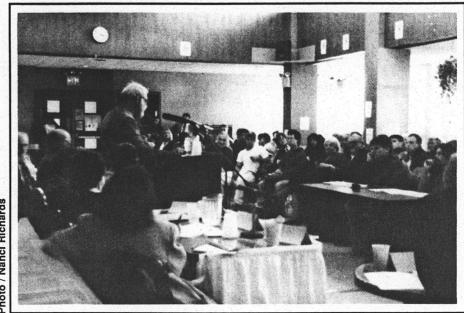
Empire State has a debt of \$21 billion

the conservative guillotine, criticizing Republican ideology with irony and caustic wit. Also bashing a current campaign theme, as an indirect endorsement of Clinton, she highlighted some of the actions that an active government is capable of, noting the growth boom that occurred in the years following the Second World War.

Professor Calvin Holder (History) offered, probably to the delight of moderator Richard Powers, the symposiums briefest and least arguable speech, noting Gov. Clinton's calculated distancing of himself from black interest and traditional Democratic/Liberal Special Interests in general.

Following Professor Daniel Kramer's (Political Science) discussion on the ramifications the presidency can have on Supreme Court nominations, History Professor Larry Nachman spoke, perhaps the symposiums least popular words.

"I see no other choice for Conservatives other than to vote for George Bush.' He called upon Bush's foreign policy achievements and his plan to allow all



Professor Leonard Quart addresses students and faculty during the Presidential symposium sponsored by the library

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lawsuit. Cuomo's office has offered no response to the lawsuit.

Cuomo's response

that the JBA is unconstitutional in a

What Cuomo's office has done, is research the details of the JBA and it has concluded that the proposal will clearly pay for itself and then some, over time. According to the Governor's Economic Department, despite the nearly \$70 million that will accrue in interest on the loan, new businesses and new taxpayers will initially throw \$500 million dollars into the New York State economy, before falling off and producing, still, almost twice the cost of interest, about \$125 million.

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children to attend private schools through vouchers. Upon his presentations onset, Nachman also noted the number of Non-Bush supporters on the panel, pointing out either intended bias or popular opinion.

Nachman's fellow Bush supporter, Economic Professor Michael Petrides expounded the effects and methods of polling on the race, with and without Ross Perot, and reiterated Bush's foreign policy as well as several, perhaps ominous parallels between the 1992 race and the 1976 race, the one that

Professor Lenny Quart (PCA) wound up the symposium with an essay condemning conventional conservative ideology, and the rhetoric of the Republican Convention.

Following the presentation, a panel comprised of College Voice News Editor John Paul Patafio, CLUE Representative Winsome Alston, and WSIA News Director/College Voice Managing Editor Thomas Deignan posed questions to the panel. The floor was then opened to students, who questioned of the panel and made comments and observations about present-day politics. Following the question/answer/statement period, refreshments and sandwiches were served, provided through the PDC committee of Student Government.

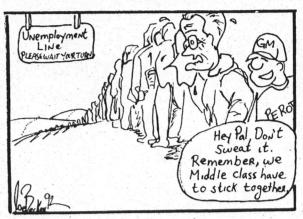
president named George who thought he had it all. He believed that no one can defeat him. But the people of this Great Nation felt gerently













(up from \$12 billion in 1986). Critics say that the interest the JBA loan will

require will simply bloat an already fattened tax monster Recent History may also be an enemy of Cuomo and the JBA. In 1990, a \$2 billion dollar bond initiative intended to allocate money for environmental purposes was rejected by a voter referendum. However, New Yorkers did approve a transportation bond act in 1988, and earlier in 1983, as well as a

\$1.45 billion environmental bond act Others who have joined the chorus of opposition against the JBA are the New York Farm Bureau and State Comptroller Ed Regan. In fact, the staunchest opponents of the proposal, the Conservative Party and a group called the All-County Tax Payers Association,

according to AP reports have charged

gave us Jimmy Carter. Once uponatine there was a Cuomo's goals and ideals for the "Jobs

similar to those set forth by fellow Governor, and Democratic Presidential nominee Bill Clinton's economic plan. His also intends to use infrastructure improvement to provide jobs and attract businesses. Clinton's plan, however, would use taxes, existing ones and possibly new one's on the wealthy, while Cuomo's looks to borrow the money.

Election '92

The following public officials are vying for your votes in November:

U.S. Senator: (R) Al D'Amato vs. (D) Bob Abrams

13th Congressional Dist. Rep (R) Sue Molinari vs. (D) Sal Albanese

S.I's 60th Assembly District (R) Robert Straniere vs. (D)

S.I.'s 59th Assembly District (D) Liz Connelly vs. (R) Lou

S.I.'s 58th Assembly District (D) Eric Vitaliano vs. (R) **Betty Martinucci**

State Senator John Marchi is cross endorsed by Republicans and Democrats

Incumbents appear in bold.

UFT Rally Takes On City Hall

NY City Teachers in the same boat as CUNY

By J.P.Patafio

On Thursday, October 1st the UFT (United Federation Of Teachers) rank and file came out in force to protest the lackadaisical approach by the city of New York and the public school administration towards negotiations over their contract. The teachers have been working without a contract for the past year. Other demands included the underfunding of the public school system which, like CUNY, leads to overcrowded classrooms and deteriorating learning conditions.

The union which has over 100,000 members saw over 15,000 of them come out in action to rally in front of City Hall. The union has been working without a contract since September 1st of 1991. The decision to organize a rally was in order to pressure the Mayor into negotiating a contract. One rank and filer felt that in demonstrating, the city would receive the message more clearly. "We've been working without a contract. This is the second year. It's very important that we have a contract and it's very important we show the city our strength in numbers so that we know that we mean our business."

The union pointed out that in the outlying suburban areas teachers earn up to 25% more than city teachers which equals between \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year. Gary Sprung from local 2 commented that "The union is asking that they sitdown and take the money

that we feel and know is there and put that money into education, into salaries and to start to come a little closer to that which the outlaying areas have been and are getting." When asked if the city is losing teachers to the outlying areas he agreed. This increase in salary in the outlying areas in addition to the continuing budget cuts to the school system make it difficult to attract qualified teachers to the system. The lower level educational systems are experiencing a similar type paradox as that of CUNY; an increase in the student body while a decreasing in the budget. "There definitely have been cuts. There is an influx of students. In many of the districts the class size is at a point where the kids are being taught in the hall way. When he was asked if it sounded similar to what is happening in CUNY he agreed. "Almost the same."

He stressed the importance of maintaining an appropriate budget for the school system and this was in the interest of both the faculty, students and the general community. "We are fighting for the kids! We are fighting for ourselves!" The essence of the rally was that the system needs appropriate funding to maintain the quality of the educational system. The union representative said that the union will do what it has to in order to get their demands met even if it means a "final action."

Tours Of New Campus Offered

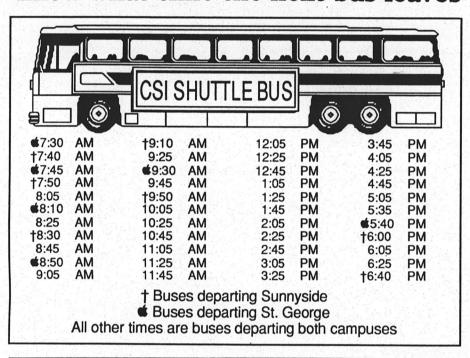
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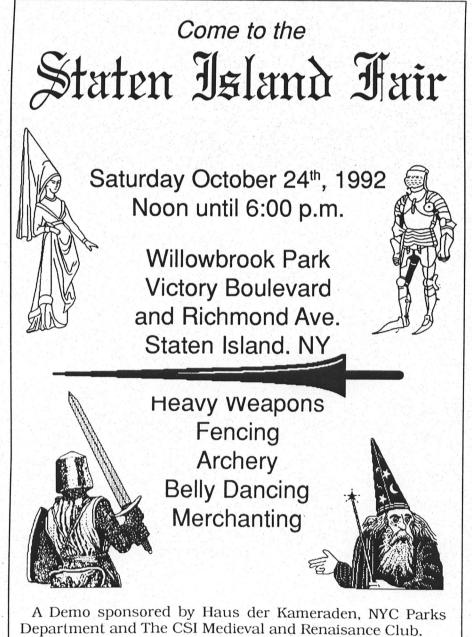
Tours of the new campus are being offered throughout the month of October. The tours meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 A.M. by the flagpole. These are site tours only and you will not be permitted to leave the bus. A final tour is scheduled on Wednesday October 28, during club hours 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. Tours are booking quickly so for more information on reservations call 390-7669.

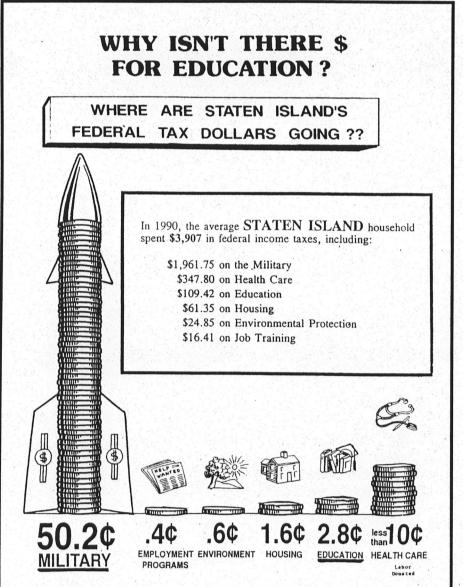
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There has also been a change in the shuttle bus company. D.V.M. Coach Inc. has been sold to Guardian Tours Inc. effective 10/5/92. Guardian Tours will operate on the same routes and on the same schedules as its predecessor. Due to newer equipment they should offer the students a more comfortable and dependable service. The times, points of entries and exits, remain the same as before. If you have any questions you may contact Ted Selby at 390-7813.

Clip me out and paste me inside your notebook and you'll always know what time the next bus leaves







Ralph Kramden Security

by Ralph Grueiro

What's behind door number one? Campus security along with Don Mattingly and the Honeymooners.

While budget cuts and tuition hikes are unavoidably on the rise, the question of how the fiscal crisis is effecting college security might have just crossed your mind. While the cuts continue to cut away at the heart of the college, it's students, why is it that campus security seems unaffected? Why is it that outside contractors (Bell Security) seem to be losing more and more, when in fact they are doing all the work? Why is it that you need three sergeants in a cozy office to watch over five men? If this is not a waste of college funds and the stu-dents money, then I don't know what

Campus security is a farce indeed. What kind of political wool are they trying to pull over the students' eyes. Three CA's (Campus Assistant) and one contracted sergeant on the day shift; and for the night shift two CA's and one contracted sergeant. Is this necessary to watch over a five man crew, when in fact they spend 98% of there time in the office watching T.V. Are we hiring kids to do a mans job that they need so much supervision? Could it be that someone's eye's are not open, and are allowing this con-

tinuous waste of student funds?
CA's, not the outside contractors are what needs to be looked at seriously. What is their function, and do we really need them, when they are continuously cutting down on the people who do the real work. They are jeopardizing the students safety to

secure their own jobs. According to the Annual Campus Security & Public Safety Report, the staff is supposed to consist of the following: A Director of Campus Security, a Deputy Director, three Assistant Directors, seven members of the Security Task Force, one Campus Security Officer, two part time secretaries and approximately sixty uniformed supervisors and guards employed by a contract guard service. Now the seven members of the Security Task force I have yet to see, and as for 60 uniformed supervisors and guards employed by an outside contractor, at least 50 % of the 60 have been cut due to so called budget cuts. College tuition gets raised and we lose staffing. Obviously our money is not being spent on security. So what is are money being used for? A question we may never get an honest answer too.

Also stated in the report was a chart listing of "Reported" crimes at the College. What about the real statistics like the actual number of rapes, aggravated assaults, and motor vehicle thefts in the vicinity of the college as well. One does effect the other. Don't in any way let this report side track you into believing that the college CA's are doing their jobs because they are not.

Answers to most of these questions will be appearing when the college officially moves to the new campus, whereupon they will be eliminating a substantial amount of dead weight. How, by filling the position of campus security with fifteen real peace officers by at least March 1993. This will prove to be the wisest of moves with regards to security by the administration. The

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 The College of Staten Island:

CRIME	1991	1990
MURDER	0	0
RAPE	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	1
BURGLARY	2	3
LIQUOR VIOLATION*	0	0
DRUG ABUSE*	0	0
WEAPONS POSSESSION*	0	0

students should in turn see quite a change in security, and their personal safety. Hopefully, all for the better.

But until then, next time you see the CA's mindlessly wondering about or hanging out in the bookstore such as one particular CA does. Ask them what's the score on the Mets game or what Angela Bower is doing on Who's

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Shooting The Philosophic Breeze

hv Peter Simpson

Which of these three is stronger: wine, women or the king? This question, I hasten to add, is not my own. It is taken from debates that medieval philosophers and theologians used to have. But suppose we give it a more modern twist: which is stronger, drink, sex or the government?

By stronger I mean more powerful in exercising control over what we do. Drink I would say is stronger in making us incapable, sex in drawing us by desire, and government in compelling us by fear. The first deprives us of the power to act, the second seduces that power and the third coerces it.

But if they are each stronger in different ways, is one of them simply stronger, or is one way of being stronger superior to the others? Being moved by desire is presumably better in general than being moved by fear, and being moved to act is presumably better in general than being deprived of the power

But is it better to be moved by this desire than to be moved by that fear? Desires, for instance, can be better and worse, and so can fears. The desire to commit crime is worse than the desire to do good. The fear of punishment is worse than the fear of doing what deserves punishment (the second fear altogether saves you from crime, the first only when there is a good chance of your being caught).

Some desires and fears go together and complement each other, as the desire to do good with the fear of doing evil. In this case it might be hard to say which is stronger, the desire or the fear, but it does seem possible to say which is prior. For if you did not already love the good you would have no fear of doing evil. Or if you had fear of doing evil without loving the good your fear would really be fear of being punished.

Yet even in this case of fearing punishment some desire would be prior, namely the desire for pleasure and the absence of pain. Generally, in fact, desire precedes fear. Fear is fear of some anticipated but avoidable evil (real or apparent) and so presupposes love of the good that the anticipated evil threatens to remove. Good is the positive pole and evil the negative pole and the negative presupposes the positive.

Take the example of potholes in the road (things with which we are only too familiar). There must be some road first in order for there to be a pothole in it, but there can be roads that have no potholes (even if you haven't seen any for a while). Evil is like a pothole. It is a negation of a positive or a nothing in a something.

So good is prior to evil and by the same token love of good is prior to fear of evil. Hencedesire precedes fear. Perhaps, there-fore, desire is stronger than fear because fear gets its strength from the desire of the

good whose absence is feared.

Of course a particular fear might be stronger than a particular desire (as fear of failing an exam might be stronger than the desire to watch a game show on TV). But it will not be stronger than the desire on which it depends (the fear of failingan exam is not stronger than the desire to pass the course).

What drives us then first and most in life is desire or love and not fear or hate. So if by women in my opening question be understood the object of desire in general, and if by the king the object of fear in general, then women are stronger than the king.

What about wine, though, or drink? Is not this also an object of desire and not fear? Certainly, but it raises the question not of whether desire is stronger than fear but which desire is stronger than which other desire. And here it seems obvious that goods which make us more active are stronger than goods that deprive us of the power to act. Wine is of the latter sort and therefore

So simply speaking women are stronger. Or, let us say, the beloved is stronger, that object on which all our love is focused and around which all our ac-

But consider wine, women and the king, no longer as that which incapacitates, or attracts or coerces, but as all representing that which attracts. Which of these is now stronger? Let us suppose that wine represents pleasure, women beauty and the king glory (for it is glorious to be a great and noble king, like Charlemagne or Alexander).

These three could all coincide in one: the glory of a noble king is beautiful and gives pleasure both to the king and to those who admire him. But is there an order in these? Is the king beautiful because glorious and does he give pleasure because beautiful?

Pleasure would seem to be the least of the three, though many might take it to be first. Pleasure is properly the enjoyment one feels when some desired good is possessed (as the pleasure felt in downing a pint, eating a juicy steak, embracing one's lover). It is an effect of a present good. So it is secondary to that good (he would be a poor lover, for instance, who did not prefer his beloved to his pleasure).

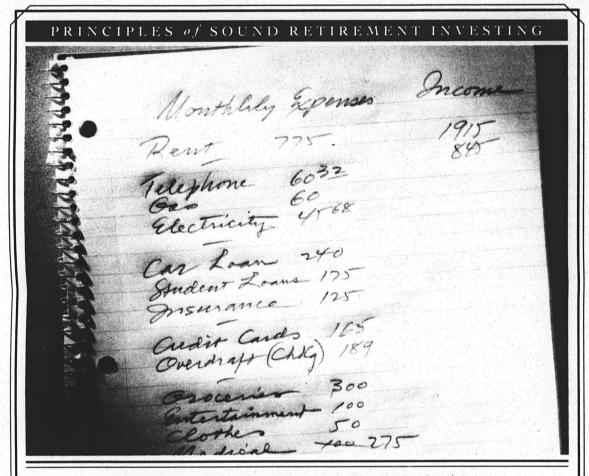
But what about the goods loved, or the beloved? Is beauty more attracting than glory? Glory, we may say, is the fame of a good reputation when that reputation was made in achieving something grand and extraordinary. But if glory is fame or reputation it too is derivative, namely derivative on the deeds that merited the fame. The fame follows the deeds, not the deeds the fame.

Consider those of great promise and who are famous, as it were, by anticipation. If they never live up to that promise they quickly fade from attention despite all the fame that preceded them.

So what about the deeds of glory, what makes them glorious or deserving of great praise? Well they could be all sorts of things, from saving one's country in war, to winning some great contest, to writing some great book or making some great discovery.

Yet what is common to all these things to make them glorious? They surpass the ordinary, for one thing, and they concern some matter of great importance. Yet what seems to make one deed more glorious than another is not the success, but a special splendor or brightness that makes it shine in the

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Life In College Can Be More Than Just Taking Courses

by Robert Albanese

Three years ago I gave up a lucrative career as the owner of a N.Y.C. transportation company to return to school and pursue my dream of becoming a physician. At that time I had been away from school for nearly ten years and had never taken a science course. During my second year having achieved a degree of confidence I contacted Dr. Jacqueline LeBlanc, Chairperson of Biology Department, to ask her is she might refer me to a professor requiring student assistance in the laboratory. Dr. LeBlanc advised me that the college had just hired a notable neuroscientist. Dr. Andrzej Wieraszko for Boston College, and that he was interviewing undergraduate students to take care of the animal facility that belongs to the Center for Neuroscience at the College of Staten Island. In April 1991, I began working for Dr. Andrzej Wieraszko. Within a short time, Dr. Wieraszko had me participating in the on going central nervous system (CNS) research that was being conducted in his laboratory. His main interest is the apparent relationship between the mechanism of memory and the mechanism of epilepsy. Both phenomena involve modification of interactions between brain cells (neurons). Communication between neurons in the brain is carried out by small chemical molecules called "neurotransmitters". These neurotransmitters released from one neuron bind to receptors on another triggering excitation. The process of neurotransmitter release and binding is precisely regulated. Scientists believe that elucidating the molecular mechanisms of neurotransmission may lead to a better understanding of memory. If certain neurotransmission processes escapes control of the brain the result may lead to a disease such as epilepsy.

For a number of years Dr. Wieraszko has been interested in the drug called "metaphit", which induces epileptic seizures in mice. My research goal was to evaluate if metaphit can influence interaction between neurons in the CNS. As a model for his study Dr. Wieraszko uses brain slices. These slices, if properly maintained, may preserve certain properties of neurons in the intact brain. Once I had mastered the art of slice preparation Dr. Wieraszko offered me to extraordinary challenge of following my own project un-der his supervision. My goal was to evaluate the influence of metaphit on the efficiency of neurotransmission in brain slices in vitro. I have full access go his well equipped laboratory, which is part of Center for Developmental Neuroscience of College of Staten Island, coordinated by Dr. Y. Ehrlich. In my experiments I used electrophysiological techniques to record neuronal activity in the control slices and in slices incubated with metaphit. Neuronal activity is evaluated by using a computer directly connected to the experimental set up. The results of my experiments have demonstrated that metaphit strongly facilities interaction between neurons in the Currently, I am continuing the research with metaphit in Dr. Wieraszko's laboratory.

I first presented the results of my experiments in November '91 for the Undergraduate Conference at the College of Staten Island. In December of that same year I gave a poster presentation at Adelphi University for the Metropolitan Association of College and University Biologists. The most prestigious honor of all was being selected to give an oral presentation for the 6th National Conference on Undergraduate Research. The conference took place in March 1992 in Minnesota. I



Robert Albanese (left) and Prof. Wieraszko (right), in the Laboratory of Center for Developmental Neuroscience at CSI.

Your First 18 Jobs

was sent to this Conference by college funding from the office of Dean of Science and Technology, Dr. R. Resch and I was accompanied by faculty representative Dr. M. Hogan. Along with my results of an oral presentation my paper was accepted for publication by the Proceedings of this Conference. This Conference gave me a unique opportunity of interacting with other undergraduate students, who are involved in research from colleges all over the USA.

My presentation in Minnesota was highly evaluated by a representative from the United States Department of Energy. And as a result, I have been invited to apply for a fellowship to participate in ongoing research at The National Laboratory in Los Alamos.

Since I began working with Dr. Wieraszko, I have made great accomplishments and had exceptional opportunities to further my knowledge in the area of neuroscience in a warm, friendly, and very supportive atmosphere which I found in Center for Developmental Neuroscience. My message to the other students who my be interested is, there are scientists at C.S.I. who are offering opportunities for students to get involved in research. From there, the rest is up to you.

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memory. Even a failure can be glorious if it was a splendid failure. Take Picket's charge at Gettysburg or Robert E. Lee finally surrendering at Appomatox or the last and ill-fated attack by the black regiment in the film 'Glory'.

There is something timelessly enduring about such things, something that goes on attracting and absorbing the mind long afterwards. They fascinate like a beautiful painting or sculpture which simply sits there doing nothing.

Beauty seems indeed to be the ingredient that makes for the glory of the

glorious. If so, then once again women turn out to be stronger than either the king or wine. Love is stronger than fear, the beloved stronger than pleasure, and beauty stronger than fame. The trick then in life is to find true Beauty, and having found it to love it.

By the way, since such a search is not likely to be easy but will take much thought, why not make a beginning at our philosophy discussion group on Wednesday, October 28th., 7:30pm in A-230 Sunnyside. All lovers of beauty are most welcome.

A Hire Opinion

by Ken Wax

Firefighter. Astronaut. Scientist. President. Every six-year-old knows what job they want when they grow up. Fifteen years later, however, few are so certain. Most students and grads know they want to be successful, but are not positive about the

precise path their lives will take. And that's okay.

One of the big lies of the world is that the incredibly successful people always knew precisely what they wanted to do with their lives

You see it in autobiographies. "Even at age seven, I knew I would be a world leader". It seems every achiever had a master plan, a visionary calling, since the time they got out of diapers.

Which makes it depressing for everyone else, who aren't really all that sure what they want to do. If the truly great clearly saw their destiny early on, what's in store for me?

The fact is that no one knows what they want to do when they grow up. And that includes 30 year olds, 40 year olds, 50 year old, etc. That's why so many people change careers. Top executives quit to become teachers. Professors become novelists. Police officers open flower shops. Stock brokers leave high paid pressure to become low paid artists. And love it!

Very often people spend years, decades in the business world discovering what they hate and what they love. Only then do they focus their energies in that area and excel.

A study of people who became millionaires by the age of 40 found that that they had held an average of 18 jobs before launching the idea that made their fortune. They were learning at

Those destiny claims in magazine articles and biographies tend to be the product of poor memories. Few people will admit they stumbled backwards into the field in which they later excelled. When being interviewed decades later, they seem

so much wiser explaining their life as a well choreographed vision.

One candid fellow who doesn't sing that song is James Morton, Chief Executive Officer of John Hancock Insurance. When he was asked how he attained his heights, he didn't shovel any of the "master plan" bull.

"I know how I got here. It was mostly happenstance. When I first came to Boston looking for a job, this was the only company that would hire me."

Morton's story is the norm, although his truthfulness is the exception.

Another such candid person is Alan Rosespan, a creative director in the advertising field. By the time he was in his early thirties, he had won more "Echo" awards for direct marketing results than anyone else in the world. His creative work had him living on three continents. Did he envision this success when he was in college?

"I didn't even know I'd get into advertising back then. If it wasn't for an ad I saw, I wouldn't be in this field."

So in a world where pressures abound, don't feel bad if you're not positive about how you want to spend the rest of your life. Your not alone.

You're in pretty good company.

Ken Wax is a former Fortune 500 hiring manager whose consulting firm advises employers. You can send any questions to the College Voice room C-2 715 Ocean Terrace S.I., N.Y. 10301.

CSI Philosophy Discussion Group

Invites all "lovers of wisdon" to it's WEDNESDAY,OCTOBER 28th meeting in Rm. A-230 @ 7:30pm.

As usual, discussions will be open to anyone interested in what we call philosophical questions [see especially, College Voice, Nov. 6, 1991; "The Philosophy Tree"].

The topics on Oct. 28th will be: PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS ABOUT POLITICS and TEACHING ABOUT ETHICS.

We hope to see you on the evening of the 28th

Secession and a SUNY-CSI

With a Secession referendum just about a year away, now is the time to fully explore the ramifications that a split from the City of New York would create for Staten Islanders. Obviously, the CUNY status of CSI would be one casualty. And while the concept of a SUNY-CSI is being pondered by many at the college, it must be known that such a creation would simply forge an exclusionary, expensive and optionless state of higher education for Staten Island

Supporters argue (though not openly) that Secession, and an ensuing SUNY-CSI, would mean a departure from a recently stained CUNY system, and greater prestige for students and faculty alike, especially those in the really high offices. Perhaps even the Staten Island Advance would jump on the bandwagon and cease those weakly battering's at the expense of CUNY, and CSI. Students from all over the state would scamper to Staten Island's novel and exquisite educational centerpiece and CSI would haul in the cream of the collegiate crop giving Willowbrook palace its rightful fifteen minutes of nation wide recognition. With Secession enacted, (upon Gov. Cuomo's final approval) CSI, if not going SUNY, would at least have to abandon CUNY, leaving many of these possibilities wide open, to the delight of many drooling

All this sounds well and good, but let us, cynics that we are, burrow a bit beyond the glittering gold. Let us for a moment recall the foundations of the Secession movement such as disparity in tolls, isolation, lack of alternatives etc. A SUNY-CSI would not dissolve, or even deal with these sources of disenfranchisement, but simply endorse them? As a resident of an independent Staten Island, without healthy amounts of cash, yet unable to get financial-aid, one of your options, would be to attend a CUNY in one of the four remaining boroughs and pay at least five bucks traveling to and from school every day. Student, as well as employee discrimination already exists due to the gross inequity of toll responsibility heaped on S.I. and neither Secession, nor a SUNY-CSI will solve this problem.

Add to this SUNY's more stringent admission requirements and you have created a quite a collegiate country club on the borough of Richmond. Perhaps you were unable to fully exploit the wonderful New York City Public High School system and ended up an average student. For you, their is always St. John's or Wagner. But are these \$10,000 a-year institutions really viable options for most people during a recession?

At least now, as a S.I. student, you have a CUNY. You have an option; a reasonably priced institution that gives you an academic second chance. A SUNY-CSI would offer no such option. Excluded would be the poor and the working class and those who did not have at least a 90 average in high school and those that may have had trouble at the onset of their college careers and those have to attend a school in their neighborhood in order to maintain a full-time job and...

Is this you? Do you meet these standards?

CSI can offer any justification they want for building dorms at the new campus, but it seems a veritable fact that there are certain people at the college who someday hope to gaze out at the rolling green pastures of Willowbrook and see, not the office building and army barrack past of an urban CUNY-CSI, but the suburban coziness and warm charm of a SUNY campus. Such a creation would leave many Staten Islanders one option...forget college altogether.

CUNY and Secession are both severely flawed in the present state. Forgotten purposes in the former and vast cuts and taxes in the latter. Instead of forcing reform and creating new problems, it would seem wiser to deal with the present shortcomings of both systems, and leave change for the more stabilized future.

Patriotic Problems

The New York State Senate's recent approval of a proposal that would require all state-funded college's to play the National Anthem and recite the Pledge of Allegiance at graduation ceremonies might have been a flag better left unflown.

Most colleges obey these rituals anyway, yet when legislative force is applied, suddenly the notion of creating a nearly Orwellian state is invariably raised. When challenging the righteousness of required adherence, allegiance is doubted, and hostilities bred. The Persian Gulf War showed us the consequences of forced patriotism: ostracism and criticism of opinionated dissenters who clearly were not dangerous or subversive threats.

Higher education should pursue intellectual truth and understanding, even if it offers criticism of the state and its symbols as a reality. It should also lead us to the discovery and tolerance of other cultures, yet forcing one country's view upon the student, (such as a greatly antiquated and religiously narrow Pledge that maintains a reference to one "god") draws lines of national and religious division that could create alienation and, ultimately suppress free expression. Many CUNY and SUNY students do not even hail from the U.S. Is it wrong that their allegiance lies not with this country?

The 44-8 majority with which the proposal was passed makes it unlikely that the Assembly will strike it down. It is up to Gov. Cuomo to see this as a parallel to prayer in public school and a counterproductive bill.

No Longer Gym Dandy

As it's been grumbled by many a student, CSI must seriously reconsider the legitimacy of having students fulfill, not one, but TWO gym requirements. There remains no worthwhile objective, goal or point. Why resurrect fifth-grade fears and paranoia about being athletically inferior? Do two, one credit Gym classes add so much to the college experience that it is an epiphany one will forever remember? Of course not. Mastering a 7-10 split may come in handy once in awhile, but its purpose is so vastly limited in scope that, if only half-jokingly, you really must wonder whether there is some conspiratorial money making scheme between CSI and the manufacturers of the athletic equipment it forces students to use.

Offer the classes, give the students the option but two, even one Gym requirement is absurd. End it, and let's get on to better things.

New Student Gov't President Responds

To the Editor.

Do not mistake this as an attempt to influence the content of the editorials or any part of the paper. Selective reporting to prove one's point is a common enough occurrence to be seen as a tool of journalism. I am also not going to attempt to rectify all inconsistencies and misrepresentations of facts and events of 1992 in the article (pg. 12 Sept. 30, "An Autonomic College Voice"). I wish only to state an opinion, my own voice if you will. Without casting stones or even naming names, several situations surfaced which came to the attention of the administration, all involving inappropriate behavior on campus, all landing on SG for an accounting. We all know who did it, but

who is responsible? Student Government is.

I admire commitment and hard work, but by themselves they are not enough; without responsibility, they always fall short. Asking for autonomy without providing accountability is in itself irresponsible. There are many times in our lives when we imagine that everything will be all right if "they" just leave us alone. I have found that this is often an illusion. SG is accountable and responsible, yet even we are not autonomous. The University is an extension of society and what works here, also works out there...responsibility and cooperation.

Cliff Peterson

Student Government President

Submissions / Deadlines / Staff Meeting

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Is It Really That Hard?

by T.S. Killeen

ometimes I wake up and I look forward to going to school, and I look forward to seeing students voting in the Student Government elections, debating philosophical theories, researching papers in the library, looking forward to their future, and exercising their rights and abilities at leadership and decision making before they hit the real world and start their careers. Then I have my coffee, and realize I go to CSI.

If you think that sounds dismal and pessimistic, well, don't blame me. The question is, what are **you** going to do about it? This school has a serious apathy problem. If you don't know what that word means, look it up. We have libraries, you know; and a study lounge, a typing room, and if you're not sure what else... **THEN ASK**.

This school also has a very lazy student body, lazy enough to need bribery in the form of a free lunch just to vote for representation. At last count, there were a little more than 12,000 students enrolled at this school. The Student Activity Fee is \$53.00 full time, and \$27.00 part time. I would tell you just who gets what out of that money, but I'll leave that up to you. Look it up.

I get really sick inside when I realize that so damned many of you don't have the slightest clue as to who runs the show around here, especially considering the fact that an awful lot of money is controlled by so few, and you don't even know who they are!

I might seem a little antagonistic, somewhat bitter, but when you see your tuition go from \$625 to \$1100 in two years, with hardly any opposition from the student body, you get fed up. Tuition was nearly doubled, and nobody cared. Well, almost nobody. A few of us fought them. We may have lost, but we tried, and that's more than I can say for the rest of you.

Maybe I'm being a little too bitter, after all there are quite a few of you who weren't even in CSI yet. For a lot of you this is just something that got a couple of headlines a little while back. For a lot of you incoming freshmen, this is something mommy and daddy takes care of. I have to disagree.

While you are attending classes, regardless of who pays, it is your responsibility to see that you are getting the most out of your education. That means You have to keep on top of what's being done with the budget. That means asking questions.

Try bothering Student Government and the CSI Association with annoying questions like "What goes on for weekend and evening students?" or "Besides playing cards for Spades, and free hamburgers at election time, what else is done with my Student Activity Fee?" You might even like to find out who they are, and just what right they have to your money. Now, I'm not saying SG is bad, or crooked, I'm just saying You have to make that distinction

Or CSI's Clueless Student Ingrates

This year SG is going to re-vamp their charter. I think it might be best to find out what the new revisions of the charter will entail. Their office is located at C-109, right across from the Student lounge. The CSI Association is right next door at C-111. Once you meet and actually talk to your Student body representatives, decide whether or not you want them representing you.

If you want information on just what your rights are as a student of CSI, and CUNY as a whole, then go to the office of Student Activities, and get yourself copies of the Governance plan, and the Student handbook. You don't have to worry about shelling out any money, they have them just for you. The Governance plan is the setup of how the college is run. It also contains the charter of Student Government. The Student handbook is filled with all sorts of important information such as where to go with questions about classes, your G.P.A., where to find certain people, and the rights and responsibilities of the Student body. You just might find this information useful. It also gives you some of the answers to one or two of the questions I've posed to you.

Remember, this is your school, and your responsibility. It is time for those of you who have come here fresh from High School to grow up and start taking care of business. It is also time for those of you who have been here for a while to start living up to the responsibility that

you have shirked for so long. In other words, get involved. Use the library, get them to get what you need. Put down the playing cards and go to a Student Government forum. Start caring about this school, and CUNY, or that little piece of paper they're going to hand you in 6 to 8 years (barring any future cuts and course section losses) is going to be practically useless.

It may seem at this point that I'm exaggerating, or just nuts. However, if you think about it you'll see I'm right. When they cut the budget, the school couldn't afford certain course sections, so they cancel them for the semester, or the year. A good many of these courses are required by many for their respective degrees. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out just why it takes a long time to graduate from CUNY.

There are other problems ahead of us in the face of these recent cuts and tuition hikes, but I'm tired. I really don't think it's my mission in life to have to spell everything out to all of you. If you want to know just what else is going on here, **ASK QUESTIONS**.

You can also do something to show that you care what's going on here, you can turn down your free hamburger. Greasy foods aren't good for you anyway. Vote for the sake of getting your voice heard.

Don't forget to vote in November either, or you'll lose more than a few courses.

I Just Have One Question

The frustration of

waiting an hour and

forty-five minutes for

by Nanci Richards

he story I am about to tell probably sounds familiar to most of the student body. I had a question for the Financial Aid office. I received a notification of the aid that I

was receiving, and I wasn't sure if I had to hand in certain documents to them, or mail them elsewhere. I went to the Financial Aid office to find out.

When I got there, they were on a lunch break, and when I returned there was a long line of people. I couldn't wait that long since I had to go to work, so I came back the next day.

nothing!

When I returned the next day, the line was just as long as it was when I left, so I walked to the end of the line, and prepared myself for a long wait. At around 2:15 in the afternoon, I took out a book and sat on the floor. Some other people were reading, a few of them went for chairs, and some others picked up

At 2:30 a security guard walked down the line and announced, "The Financial Aid office closes at 4:00 PM. They will not remain open past 4:00". Now, I've been on the line to the Financial Aid office before and the longest it has ever taken me to get in to the office was an hour. Since I was much closer to the office this time, I thought I would get in. That's what everyone else on line though too.

After a while I started talking with people on the line. A woman named Catherine had a crucial deadline to make in submitting forms. She had already been on line three times already, and hasn't gotten in yet. Another woman named Eileen had also been on the line before. She needed to hand in some papers, and since she

gets out of work at 3:00, she has to take her chances with getting into the office at all. I asked her why she didn't come back for evening hours, and she told me there's no more evening hours.

The line was moving slow, real slow. We found out that there was only one person in the office taking students. We asked the security guard if

he could ask them to get more people in the office, since time was running out, and the line was still pretty big. He explained to us that it wouldn't help, since they wouldn't listen to him anyway. Then we asked him if they would issue slips securing who would get in, and he told us the same thing.

At 3:30, the line started getting louder, many students were getting very anxious. One woman said the fear of not getting in was frustrating. She didn't want to be upset because she had a class at 4:00, and it would affect how she did in class. I became very frustrated myself.

At 5 to 4, there were three people ahead of me. Would I get in? 3:59, only one person ahead of me. 4:00, doors are shut and locked. No Luck. Those of us left on line were enraged. The security guard was expecting this, since it happens every day. I was so angry I kicked the door and started yelling that I'd been there since 2:15!

Within minutes, two more security guards rushed to the office. They probably got a call that the students were getting hostile, well we were! Everyone left very angrily, and some went to complain to an administrator. I stayed, and security calmed me down. I was glad that they understood my frustration, and didn't get on my case about

The Perot Factor

by John Flaherty

n this campaign year the battle between George Bush and Bill Clinton has raged on. Mudslinging and name-calling were the norms. One man stood in the wings unscathed by the battle of the two biggest fools on the face of the earth. Clinton and Bush were willing to go so far as to risk personal harm just to get a verbal shot in on the other. But still this one man flirted once with the idea of candidacy but still he stood in the shadows. Wisely he stood on the outside looking in waiting for the opportune moment to jump in and destroy the other two with his brute strength and great size, well not exactly more with that Texan wit and economic prowess. The idea that it was not his looks or his good debating skills that would send the others down in defeat but his ideas and new approach to old problems. It's the idea that you're not voting Democratic or Republican. No, not you, you're voting "INDEPENDENT".

When you have a bunch of misspellers, skirt-chasers, Persian Gulf Meister, pot-smokers, Iran Contra man, military experts and anti-Murphy Browners the choice is a hard one. H.Ross Perot does not fall into any one of these categories because he's kept out of the public spotlight.

Maybe Perot spells Potatoe like this or maybe he doesn't like Murphy Brown and maybe even Ross likes a nice joint every once in a while. But how would you know? He isn't in the public eye every second of the year, this is a smart policy. He doesn't give himself enough

time in the public eye to let them see him make a Quaylian slip. A Quaylian Slip is when during a speech you just say something stupid. If Dan Quayle had done this maybe he would not be seen as such a weight for Bush to carry on his back. He is never in front of the T.V. cameras for more than five minutes and people don't see him as much as the other two candidates. This is what makes Perot such a mystery to most of the people in the country but they would still vote for him over the other two clowns running for the office. This is a frightening idea that people would vote for a basic unknown rather than people they have some ideas and thoughts about. But, unfortunately this is the state of the country at this moment in time. Recession brings around hard times for many people and these people want to see changes made in the country and Bill Clinton and Al Gore isn't enough Change for them. They want real change they want a little Texan billionaire.

Ross Perot can cause something we haven't seen in this country for years, an independent president. He could also make the elections a farce because if he picks up enough electoral votes the decision will be put in the hands of a democratic senate, we all know who would win , SATAN MAYBE, close it would be Clinton and Gore. Perot is the logical choice for someone who's really feeling the recession. He's a multimillionaire so he must know how to handle money pretty well and that could be what this country needs.

kicking the door.

I understand that Financial aid has had staff and hour cuts, but there are many students who really need this office. Something must be done to appease the people on the line who didn't get served. One idea is to hand out slips to the students on line an hour before they close. The people who have slips

will be served and those who don't, well they can take a chance. Students have limited time as well, most need to just hand in forms and ask a question or two. Maybe they could have someone from the office walk through the line and filter out who really needs to wait. After all, I waited 2 hours and I only had a question.

LA, The Election And The Death Of Democracy

by Thomas Deignan

ago I thought I watched the West Coast get torched, but apparently this is not the case, since neither George Bush nor Bill Clinton bother addressing this telling event that shoots straight to the soul of democracy's ability to endure into the 21st century as a viable political, social and economic system. If these guys ain't gonna deal with it, who is? The families of the next 60 victims? And, who the hell are the victims anyway?

I must say, intoxicated with naivete, I once had hope...delusions of political grandeur married with a misunderstanding of government regard for logic. Back in April, amidst the comparisons to Watts and Newarkand Detroit, there were words that said this ever lingering, now fully detonated problem of forgotten cities and people was going to be dealt with. I listened. I discarded the pessimistic whispers reminding me that the same kinds of things were being said by the same kind of people in the wake of Watts and Detroit and Newark. I thought that those in power would abandon the shortsightedness that led to this mess and finally, these issues would be dealt with, not singularly as racial or ethnic or cultural, but as an all consuming vacuum that slaps all classes and transcends all existing government Bandaids intended as real solutions. I mean, people died. I figured that said it all. You can loot and burn all you want but start producing corpses and getting video taped beatings on the nightly news and you've got something people are going to talk about and respond to. Or so I thought. Apparently, the effect of death on elected officials has a the statute of limitations of about 30 days, give or take an election year bias.

Well, they can continue to ignore it; I mean no one is exactly beating it out of them. The public or press is not demanding action. They can keep pretentiously trumpeting the righteousness of "our" system and ignoring its inadequacies. As another L.A. simmers, they will note that democracy stands high and mighty on a purple mountain

And don't think race and Rodney King had much to do with this. Race was a factor, just compare the reaction to the Florida hurricanes and the reaction to L.A. And, yes, the King beating was a racial one, but if upheaval on this scale occurred every time civil rights were infringed, I'd be writing this from a foxhole. This was way more than

In Democracy, with the have's running the show, you either shoot or get shot. And thanks to the NRA, Bush is shootin', in his grip a smokin' AK-47, and in the gutter a gasping, bleeding and coughing L.A.

with Communism groveling at its feet, a "Don't Tread On Me" staked in it's heartless carcass. Judging by Clinton/ Bush rhetoric, the resilience of Democracy is immortal; its armor of infallible superiority impervious.

Well someone had better slap these guys and make them realize that if the present cycle continues, American Capitalism and Democracy will be nothing more than a sneeze in real time. 210 years is a fart on this big blue marble. More frightening is the fact that the U.S. has already hit its high point. Even the candidates will admit they are rethinking the countries international role and attempting to poise the U.S. for a rebound. Taken the events of LA and the absent-minded banter of the election, that rebound is never going to come.

Sure, Democracy and Capitalism have dealt with unrest before; unrest by mass opposition for social reform. But for simple decay and neglect? This is something different...this, people, is L.A. racial. And for those who caught the Persian Gulf mini-series on CNN you know that L.A. went way beyond war. It was basically a proletariat coup that failed because everyone has forgotten it. A coup that failed and claimed 60 lives that could have been claimed as sacrifice toward progression, had any true reform ensued. 60 dead and six months later, what do we have? A house-aid bill packed with so much local pork, that it's it's doubtful the inner cities and the ghettos and the urban blight will get 1/10 of the allocated funds. And Bush is gonna veto it anyway!!! The bill is nothing, pushed by know-nothing analysts and economists, being ignored by timid, pollwatching, public-mirroring candidates.

Enterprise zones and children's assistance are not the issues here. This is a little beyond Jack Kemp. A total ideological shift, radical re-prioritization of government funds and party loyalties are needed. Understanding of life in these area's and capitalism's shortcomings and flaws must

- Men, Women And Abortion

be faced up to. Understanding that every negative social pot to piss in is filled to the rim with neglect. Trickle down must become Niagara Falls. Help Wanted: Radical progress and reform...three of PatricKKK Buchanan's favorite words. I mention him because he is typical of those unable to see the truth and willing to simply lock up, punish and forget. Ironically enough, his mentioning of L.A. is the only one I can remember from either party's Convention.

L.A. was, and apparently still is, that giant social rug that every President kept sweeping the dust under. Then, one day, a big gust of wind came in the form of a 90 second home video and blew everything away.

And in this great system, there will always be dust and there will always be wind, clustered in the forms of Capitalist defects from sea to shining sea. The have's and the have-not's continue to expand; the have's become powerful, the have-not's angry, angry because they continue to here how great our system of Capitalist Democracy is. In L.A.however, Democracy is drugs and death; you either play the game or you don't. In Democracy, with the have's running the show, you either shoot or get shot. And thanks to the NRA, Bush is shootin', in his grip a smokin' AK-47, and in the gutter a gasping, bleeding and coughing L.A. Find a rug George and sweep it under, 'cause the wind ain't gonna blow no more. Communism is dead and, at least until November 3rd, world is safe for Democracy. "Violence never solved anything." the candidates would say if they actually were addressing L.A." Did peace? Will 120 dead solve anything? We'll see,

Sexual Alienation And Deadly Displacement

by Father Anthony Deluca, S.C.M., Ph.D.

he elevation of women to greatness can be a compensation for degrading them, or it can be a way of warding off the temptation to put them down. It may also be an attempt to recognize a side of ourselves that we have ignored. The cult of Mary in the Middle ages, and the Medieval intoxication with Mary and the planting of a garden of cathedrals in her honor were an attempt to restore the dignity of women. This was after a crude and barbaric age which looked upon women as property. The heyday of cathedral building represented men coming in touch with their female side-The Anima, the side we have ignored for so long.

When we refuse to look at one part of ourselves, the "lost" part calls for recognition, and demands to be heard. When our "other side" is not heard, we become unbalanced and unhealthy. We fall totally out of sync with ourselves. The exultation of women comes as a reaction to the degradation, and is an overcompensation. All that is really needed is a return to balance or equality. Physically, women are at a disadvantage when compared with the musculature of men, so whether the power is physical or political, men have

had the upper hand.

Women have been blamed for our problems from the beginning with Eve having tempted Adam into eating the forbidden apple. This is merely a projection, what we do not wish to accept in ourselves we project out as coming from someone else. Although Eve offered Adam the apple, he could simply have refused it. Men do not accept the Anima, or know their female side, so all the evils of the world are collected and tied on to the Anima. Women have been put down throughout history, with few exceptions. History shows us that the Church has not helped to remedy this imbalance.

In fact, ancient pictures of women as priests, deaconesses, and bishops have been concealed, although the existence of mitered abesses, church women who heard confessions has escaped censoring. There is also a recent case of a clandestine group of ordained women priests in Czechoslovakia, where

there was a shortage of male priests under the communist regime.

We may now be able to understand the women's movement through a better perspective, women militants, women's studies, and women who officially hate men. Evidence of this confusion has come out through the Abortion issue. Who wouldn't be prochoice when it's seen as women's attempt at equality with men? Who wouldn't want to join a movement envisioned as an opportunity for strength and a chance to bring back balance? All the bad treatment of women at the hands of men, and women's accompanying rage have become the raw and dynamic force behind pro-choice, the right to have an abortion, and to use her body as she sees fit.

The cause of the women's movement has been diagnosed properly, this has never been contested. The means of remediation are problematic. I feel that what women have done is to take all this rage and frustration they have towards men (most of which is quite justified), and have

displaced it onto the wrong victim.

Women also have a male side- the Animus. When they lose touch with this side of themselves, there is an imbalance. When this happens, they end up deifying men, raising them up beyond all expectation as a compensation for hostile impulses. Therefore, women leave themselves impoverished, and they may also become the receptacle of refuse.

The "refuse" I refer to is all the parts of a woman that she does not want to see in herself. The rage they feel, especially when justified by reality, cannot al-

ra ja a diesie yani ji baba reas sin siy iyo sa saharihan sara

ways be directed by women onto the men who have used them. I believe that the unborn fetus becomes the displaced victim.

we'll certainly see.

Whenever we hear women speak of the fetus as their body, they are making an assumption that does not stand up to medical science, or even naive perceptions of reality. There are two of them, not one. Even small children understand that there is a baby living inside of the mother. In fact, I recall my daughter, age 3, watching a soap opera dealing with an unwanted pregnancy, running to her mother asking, "Mom, are they going to kill the baby?" What she said came straight from her with no prior instruction from us. This truth is innate, you are born with it.

This naive view of reality displayed by children has remained the same yesterday as it has today, and shall remain the same tomorrow from Alaska to Zimbabwe. Supreme courts may sit from now until eternity, and the truth of the matter will not change.

Bar associations, philosophers, and theologians may debate forever, politicians may manipulate endlessly, but the truth remains the same. This seeing only one person when there are two people is proof of the denial of the . They aren't in touch with that side of themselves. The rage and frustration and hurt from not knowing what to do is also displaced.

In essence, the poisonous part in the form of a fetus is expelled from the body by abortion, not being viewed as a person, but as a glob of tissue. How do you enter into dialogue with that which represents the receptacle of refuse? Remember, Eve could say no too.

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A Cinematic View

GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS

by Darrin DeRosa

Make no mistake—if you're looking for spectacular car wrecks, entire city blocks exploding, or a lone warrior taking on a legion of drug running baddies (and winning), then pass <u>Glengarry Glen Ross</u> right by. The action in this film comes from taking an intense look into human nature.

Adapted from the Pulitzer Prize winning play by David Mamet, (who also wrote the screenplay), and directed by native Staten Islander James Foley, the film centers around four real estate salesmen from Premier Properties. Business has been exceptionally slow lately, and the never-seen bosses from downtown, Mitch and Murray, have sent their top salesman, Blake (Alec Baldwin), to tell the men that the company will not accept such low sales figures. In a blistering ten minute scene, Baldwin berates the salesmen and gives them a message from Mitch and Murray — the top salesman of the month will win a new Cadillac, the second highest will win a set of steak knives. The prize for coming in third or forth is getting fired. As if this news wasn't bad enough, he goes on to say that the new Glengarry "leads" names of prospective buyers - will only go to the highest salesman. These leads are gold to the men, and they will do anything to get them. This sets the stage for a trip into the darker regions of humanity, the parts we wish weren't there, the parts we try to control and thereby pretend we don't have. This is the realm from which Glengarry draws its power: presenting us with four men in a very real situation, and showing us the depths they will sink to in times of desperation. Glengarry forces a mirror to our souls, making us question our own integrity—"What would I do in that situation?"

To bring Mamet's characters to life, Foley has assembled a fine cast including Jack Lemmon, Al Pacino, Alan Arkin, Ed Harris, and Kevin Spacey.

Lemmon is Shelley Levene, once the best salesman in the office who, of late, seems to have lost his knack for "closing the deal", a former talent which had earned him the name "The Machine" Levene. Levene, the oldest of the group is clearly under the most pressure. His repeated calls to a hospital suggest that he has a family member under care, yet this is not mentioned until the end of the film. He is so desperate for the new Glengarry leads that he is willing to make a deal with the condescending office manager, Williamson (Spacey), offering him 20% of all closes he makes with the leads, if Williamson gives them to him. Williamson refuses, making Levene all the more desperate. Lemmon gives a first rate performance and is sure to be a contender come Oscar time. During the movie he displays an entire range of emotion; sadness, anger, desperation, rage, joy, and loss.

Following close behind Lemmon for an Oscar nomination is Al Pacino, playing the self-assured Ricky Roma. Roma is the top salesman of the month and needs only one more sale to put him over the top and get the Cadillac. His prey is James Lingk (Jonathan Pryce), who signs the deal, yet changes his mind the next day, and demands his check back. Here Mamet again shows us the evil side of mankind, as Roma and Levene try to con Lingk into thinking he has until Monday of the following week to get his check back when, by law, he only has until Friday of the current week. The power of the film is evident in this scene, for Foley has guided us into rooting for the salesmen,

when suddenly we realize a morality conflict in ourselves as the innocent Lingk is mercilessly mislead into losing his money. We see the morality of man giving way to the need for personal gain at any cost. Pacino's performance provides a comedic relief in the film. Although completely serious, his sarcastic delivery inevitably brings a smile to your face; particularly when he curses Williamson.

The morality factor is verbalized in the film by George Aaronson (Arkin), a salesman tired of the hustle, the scam. His sidekick Moss (Harris) doesn't mind the scamming, yet can't seem to close any deals, making him so angry he comes up with a plot to steal the Glengarry leads from Williamson's office.

The film takes place over a 24 hour period, and is basically confined to two sets; the dreary office and a Chinese restaurant with interior decorating straight out of <u>Dick Tracy</u>. Because of the time constraint and remoteness of sets, Foley needed to hold our attention not through spectacular aerial shots or dazzling special effects, but through the riveting and sometimes explosive emotionalism generated by four men under intense pressures. Watching them turn against their bosses and ultimately against each other reminds the audience of what humanity can sink to.

To put it simply, if your idea of intense drama is <u>Pee Wee's Big Adventure</u>, then <u>Glengarry Glen Ross</u> is not for you. It's custom tailored for those not afraid to take an unwavering look at the downside of being human; no explosions, no steamy sex scenes, just the plain truth — which can sometimes be the most repulsive thing of all.

Running Time: 1 hr. 40 min. Rated R for language

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MC SERCH

"RETURN OF THE PRODUCT"

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The new album by MC Serch is hard core rap with style. He mixes great sampling with clean cut rap and strong backing beat that will keep you dancing and it is enjoyable to hear his use of tunes and jingles that everyone knows. For instance j-e-l-l-o from the old Jello comercials. Another aspect of the Rapper is his use of profanities. As soon as you see the cassette or CD you notice the "PARENTAL ADIVISORY, EXPLICIT LYRICS" But he doesn't use the lyrics like to be tough, like our friends in Guns 'n' Roses, he uses them to make his point more evident to the listener.

All of his songs have great bass lines and hard hitting effects. He also shows a great array of sounds and instruments not normally used in Rap today. He uses a jazzy guitar. He also uses a horn section to emphasize his melody. He also uses backround vocals on "Social Narcotics", "Here it Comes Again", "Back to the Grill" and "Can You Dig It". These things are not common place in Rap and the make MC Serch's album uniqe. All together this is a good effort by MC Serch.

by John Flaherty

NEW ON VIDEO

STRAIGHT TALK

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Dolly Parton, James Woods, Griffin Dunne, Charles Fleischer

Okay, the plot has been retread a hundred times, and you pretty much know what's going to happen next after the first 15 minutes; still <u>Straight Talk</u> makes for an enjoyable little escape.

Parton is Shirlee Kenyon, a southern girl who goes to Chicago in search of a better life. While applying for a job as a receptionist at a radio station, she is mistaken by one of the producers (Fleischer) to be the new talk show psychologist. Once on the air, "Dr. Shirlee becomes an instant success. Being toted around town to all the high-brow parties by her boss (Dunne), and being sought after by an investigative reporter (Woods), Shirlee is forced to hide some of the secrets of her past and face the consequences that go with being an overnight celebrity.

While it's not a laugh-a-minute riot, <u>Straight Talk</u> does offer some good one-liners, and director Barnet Kellman keeps the pace moving along quickly enough to keep your attention. Al in all, the film is perfect if you want to sit down and relax wit a light comedy.

Running time: 1 hr. 31 min. Rated PG

by Darrin DeRosa







Madonna And Censorship

by Ralph Grueiro

Madonna's new video Erotica was considered too explicit to be aired on Friday Night Videos or to be shown on the big screen at Times square. But, MTV took on the heat by airing the video on Friday October 2, at midnight. MTV stated they would not air the video inits entirety before midnight, but would use segments of it for its dance show.

What's all the hype? OK, so the title implies things of a sexual nature and so does the video. Did the material girl go overboard and was it completely tasteless? Not quite, Madonna in scantly clad clothes or no clothes at all is nothing new to the public. And, the sexual innuendoes of bondage, submission, sadomasochism, bisexuality, and alluring oral gestures is nothing new to society. Even in Elton John's video "The One" there is some flesh unveiled. Maybe not in the same context or theme as "Erotica" but nonetheless it is shown. Should we as the viewers accept that "Erotica" be censored and "The One" should not?

In order to understand Madonna's artistic level and to realize the value of her work, you must understand the inner workings of the being; her childhood as well as her adulthood and upbringing. Her "Truth or Dare" video might offer a slight insight or if nothing else at least increase your knowledge of her.

Madonna's "Erotica", "Justify My Love", and Ice-T's "Cop Killer" just to name a few are among the countless number of songs that have been subjected to censorship. Let us not forget, not for one iota of a second that the real

issue hear is censorship. The continuous suppression of artistic material is once again being allowed, and more often then it should be. Artistic representation through music, dance, and media is constantly being protested by the pompous individuals who can not see the true value in theses representations. Whether they be of a suggestive nature or not. Have the minds and will power of individuals within our society become so weak, and has society become so decayed, that because of this questionable material people will act upon what they see? Well the harsh reality is society might be, but censorship is in no way the answer to correcting the problems of the world today. Whether it be of a sordid nature or not it is just another form of artistic representation and art should never be banned from display. No matter the form it may take.

Censorship should only be allowed in one place, and that is in the home. Under the guidance of adults. MTV aired the "Erotica" video at midnight and if a child was permitted to watch the video at this time. Then the problem is not on the artistic or production levels, but it is in the home, where obviously the parents are losing the battle over control. In these chaotic times children should be taught right and wrongs at an early age so they will better understand the environment and society they live in. This is America and let us not forget what our fore fathers struggled so hard to preserve. "The Bill of Rights" and "Freedom of speech".

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Entertainment Hots

by Ralph Grueiro

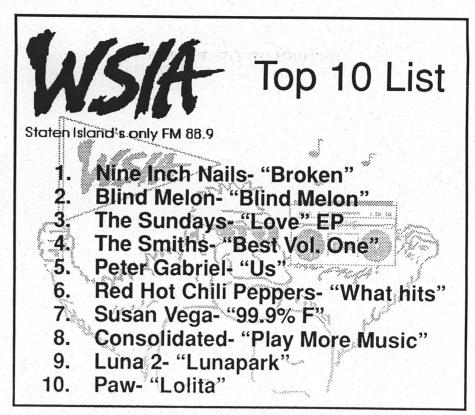
Oct. 10th HBO featured the first Michael Jackson concert ever to be televised. The Dangerous Tour in Bucharest Rumania was scheduled for a one time airing last Saturday at 8 P.M. The concert was a fabulously orchestrated display of singing and dancing, as well as special effects including lights, smoke, simulated lighting, thunder, and explosives. Men as well as women were shedding tears for the "King of Pop". Limp bodies of fans that had fainted and hyper ventilated were being lifted over the tops of peoples heads and in chain gang fashion shifted to the rear. At one point in the concert while Michael Jackson sang "She's Out of My Life" he permitted a fan on stage and serenaded her not just with song, but also with hugs and kisses. The only words that she could mutter was "I love you Michael". But, as the end of the song approached and Michael bade his farewell to the female. She became irate and refused to leave the stage and was carted away by security. The grand finale consisted Michael Jackson being lifted into the air by a jet pack and fireworks lighting up the skies above the stage.

Oct. 14th is the scheduled release date for the motion picture "The Public Eye". Joe Pesci is once again displaying his talents as an accomplished actor. Here he co-stars with Barbara Hershey and plays the roll of a news photographer with an uncanny ability in getting the pictures nobody else can.

Oct.16th. From the creator of "Hellraiser"," Hellraiser II: Hellbound", and "Nightbreed". Comes "The Candyman" starring Virginia Madsen which should prove to be another horror classic by Clive Barker. Stephen King "King of Horror" creator of such flicks as "Carrie", "Cujo", and "Pet Semetery". Once stated "I have seen the future of horror and its name is Clive Barker".

Nov. 3rd. Four years since they released their last album "New Jersey". Bon Jovi will be releasing their new album appropriately titled "Keep the Faith".

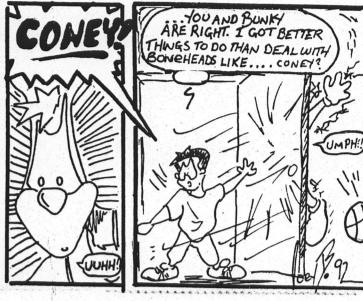
Hot Spot: Once again Sinead O'Connor is the subject of scandal. This time taking on the organization of the catholic church. Approximately a week and a half ago on "Saturday Night Live" at the end of her appearance O'Connor held up a photo of Pope John Paul II, tore it up and tossed the pieces at the camera stating "Fight the real enemy". Close to 1500 callers called the station screaming blasphemy. An organization called NECO with over 5 million members called upon everyone to send in their CD's of Sinead O'Connor. In turn they will donate \$10 dollars to the charity of your choice, then after collection they will have the CD's crushed and shipped to Sinead in Ireland as a sign of protest and disapproval for her actions against the church.





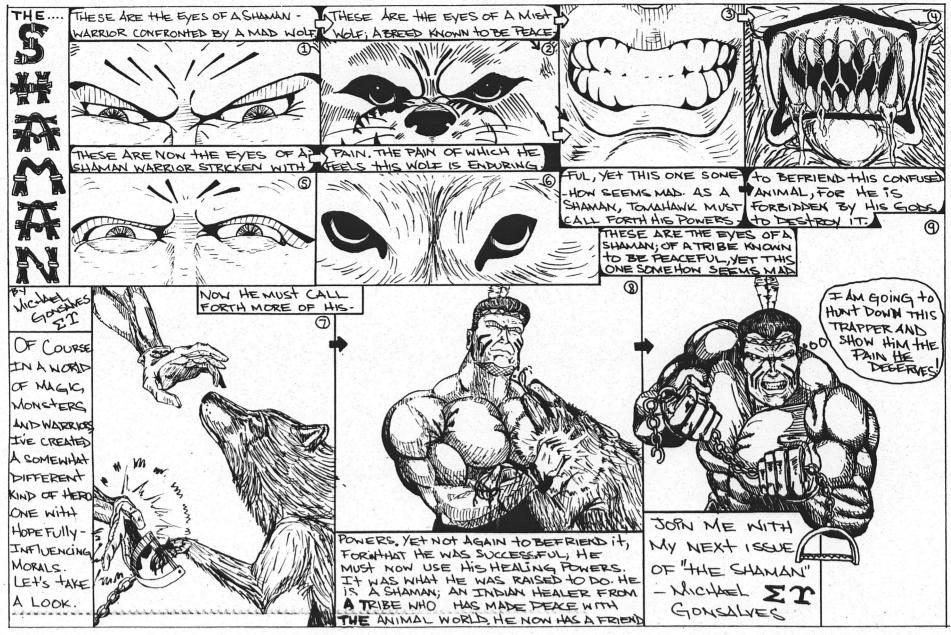






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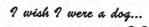
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? lie around and sleeeeep all day These humans I think I'll keep



In the yard I'll play and climb the garden gate The neighbors think ?'m a stray

To play with yarn 9 think is gay 7'd rather get laid in the barn.









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Ralph Grueiro





All Students Are Encouraged To Submit Material. General Poems are always welcome. Deadline for next issue (November 4) is October 26. Deadline for the November 18 issue will be November 5, and the focus should be environmental issues: like pollution, deforestation, animal rights, etc. All ideas you would like to see in print will be considered, so don't hesitate - challenge us. Constructive criticisms should be sent to the editor and will be considered for publication on the Letters To The Editor pages. Bring/send submissions to Poetry/Prose Editor, The College Voice, Rm. C-2 (Basement of C Building). Please include name and telephone number on each entry.









High School Football Returns to WSIA

By Eddie Hicks

Despite recent transmitter problems that has kept WSIA off the air, the WSIA sports team is into its third season of live high school football broadcasts and the action is picking uo right where it left off. On October 10th, Lincoln and Curtis, two of the top five teams in New York City locked horns and Lincoln proved the victor in a shootout, 42-30. Last year was one of the most exciting years in recent memory and WSIA broadcast several outstanding individual and team performances.

1. Susan Wagner 44 Curtis 32 This game was obviously exciting just by looking at the score, but the day belonged to Wagner running back Javonne Darling. Darling rushed for an incredible 415 yards and 5 touchdowns.

2. Farrell 62 Chaminade 47 This

is not a misprint folks. Farrell vs. Chaminade is always a tough game, but usually from a defensive standpoint. But with Farrell using the run and shoot and Chaminade having a high powered offense, the stage was set and they did not disappoint. Lion's quarterback Anthony Abruseze was the star of the day, tossing 5 touchdown

passes to tie a school record.

3. Lehman 36 Port Richmond 35 This playoff game had to be one of the most exciting games in recent years. Lehman had built a 28-14 lead with four minutes to go in the fourth quarter, but the Red Raiders battled back to tie the score at 28-28. The game then shifted to a shootout format where each team would get four downs to score from the ten yard line. Port Richmond

scored first and elected to kick the extra point for a 35-28 lead. Lehman then got their chance and scored to make it 35-34 and they elected to go for the two point conversion. Lehman's Brian Underwood took the handoff and was stood up at the goal line by the Red Raider defense. Much like the infamous Stanford-California game in 1982, Port Richmond's players and fans began running on the field in celebration. There was one problem though. The referee never whistled Underwood down. The Lehman running back then had the presence of mind to flip the ball to quarterback David Niskanen, who threw the winning two point pass to Billy DeVito, creating perhaps the most confusion in high school history.

4. Curtis 22 New Dorp 9 It was a

dreary Thanksgiving morning at the New Dorp field. The game was meaningless in the standings as both teams were eliminated from playoff contention. But the traditional game had a different twist: Staten Island high school football history. Curtis quarter-back Jeff Forde needed 90 yards passing to break 2,000 for the season, a feat never accomplished on the Island. After a rough first half. Forde broke the record on a short pass to Exodus Peters in the second half. Forde also had a chance to break the Island record for touchdown passes in a season, but failed to throw one and settled for a tie with Farrell's Anthony Abruseze at 28.

Listen to WSIA to find out what the game of the week is.

Timex Fitness Week Returns To CSI

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From October 19th to the 25th, CSI will be host to the Timex Fitness week. This program is presented by Ocean Spray, and is fully endorsed by the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association. Part of the program, which is dedicated to helping improve student exercise habits, is "The World's Largest Aerobics Class", which shall be held on Wednesday Oct. 21, at 12 pm. During the week, there will be fitness programs and athletic competitions offered by the Sports department. As an incentive, Timex will be awarding sport watches and t-shirts as prizes. Ocean Spray juice samples will be distributed at certain events. CSI is one of 250 schools participating in Timex Fitness Week. For more information, contact Sonny Grasso in Room C-129.

Women's Tennis Schedule

October 17	vs St Peters	home	1PM
October 21	vs OWS	away	3:30 PM
October 22	vs Lehman	away	3:30 PM
October 24	vs CUNY Tourn.	awav*	3:00 PM

*CUNY Tournament is played at the National Tennis Center in Flushing Queens

Men's Soccer Schedule

	October 17	vs OWS	home	1PM	
	October 21	vs Mhtvll	away	3:30 PM	
	October 24	vs CUNY Tourn.		TBA	
	October 25	vs CUNY Tourn.		TBA	
	October 28	vs Rutgers New.	away	3:00 PM	
	October 31	vs Pratt	away	2:00 PM	
	November 4	vs Jersey City St.	home	2:30 PM	
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Fitness Fair

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Waiting for Lord Stanley

by Eddie Hicks

The NHL has kicked off its 76th campaign and already, there has been plenty of news. The league has adopted new rules that seem (the key word here, folks; seem) to encourage a faster paced game and less fighting (see graphic), which should make for more

exciting hockey. We saw Manon Rheaume, the female goaltender, make her debut with the Tampa Bay Lightning and play pretty damn well and we also saw Tampa Bay and the Ottawa Senators win their inaugural games. And we also saw

Mario Lemieux sign a seven year deal worth \$42 million and on a sad note, we heard Wayne Gretzky announce that he will be on the shelf for some time with a bad back. But the biggest story this year is on 33rd St.

The Rangers want Lord Stanley to come home.

Not since WWII have the Rangers sipped from the Cup. It's about time it comes home.

John Davidson gave it his best shot in 1979 (and as a 9 year old fan, I appreciated it.), but it didn't get done. They tried like hell in 1986 as an underdog, knocking off the mighty Flyers and Capitals, but fell to eventual champion Montreal in the conference finals. (John VanB played excellent hockey, which I also appreciated.)

But every year it is something or someone that ends the Ranger season

and it's time for them to produce.

They have all the names you could possibly want; Messier, Leetch, Gartner, Amonte, Graves, Patrick, Vanbiesbrouck, Richter and GM Neil Smith has sprinkled in some new talent like

Phil Bourque, Peter Andersson, and Alexei Kovalev.

But now the pressure is on. Anything short of the Stanley Cup would be a failure.

The Rangers have to forget about history, which obviously conveys a feeling of losing. This "ghost" that haunts the Blueshirts must be exorcised. Im-

Last year, the ghost redirected Ron Francis' 65 foot blast (?) past Mike Richter and once they felt the power, ghosts like Jaromir Jagr and Francis spooked the Rangers right into the off-season.

The man for the Rangers has to be Mark Messier. When they acquired Mess from Edmonton last year, every Ranger fan strutted as if the Cup was in our pockets. Well a funny thing happened to Messier on the way to the finals. He played poorly. Both wins against Pittsburgh were without the captain and all four losses were with

Let us not forget though that Messier was playing hurt and he wasn't the only reason they lost. But every fan had to be a little disappointed with Messier after all his success in Edmonton, which included a Stanley Cup without Wayne

You have to hand it to the Patrick Division teams though. They don't care who you are and how many Cups you've won, they'll beat you anyway. But it is time for Messier to band this bunch and win.

Neil Smith has done an incredible job. He has brought in major talent without destroying the team, but he will be considered a failure if the Rangers do not win. It's unfortunate for Smith, but a definite reality.

The Rangers have their work cut out for them. No one is going to hand them the Cup. And now with Eric Lindros in the Patrick Division, things just got a little tougher. The Rangers on paper have the depth, scoring and goaltending to compete with anybody, but have to prove it on the ice and not on looseleaf.

How pathetic is this Islanders New Ice Age? Why don't they just come out and admit that most Islander fans are front running band wagon jumpers who probably couldn't name all the players or even their top scorer last year. The rivalry between the Rangers and Islanders on the ice is still fun, but the rivalry between the fans is a joke. When more Ranger fans show up to the Nassau Coliseum than Islander fans, it just goes to show that the Rangers are still the best ticket in town. And what is this lame ploy by Sportschannel, showing early 1980's Islander games? To prove they had fans? Everybody will support a winner and if the Rangers won the Stanley Cup, they, unfortunately, would have pseudo fans. But the Rangers have a hard core following that never dies and if fan support was ever going to die, it would have with the Rangers a long time ago. So go ahead Islander fans, sing "1940" to your hearts content. Sing it in that abandoned building you call the Coliseum and just remember; someday Ranger fans might

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be singing "1984" to you.

Martial Arts:

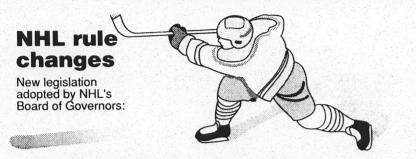
The N.Y. Institute of Martial Arts was established by Master Kim a rare 9th degree black belt. I remember attending the institute back in the 80's when they only had the two schools. The one on Manor Rd. and the other on New Dorp Lane. Since then their reputation as one of the finest schools in Tae Kwon Do has grown Tremendously. As well as the number of schools, from two to presently having five on Staten Island, one in New Jersey and one in

The institute is the only school in the 5 boroughs that is sanctioned by the U.S. Olympic committee and the U.S. Tae Kwon Do Union. Making them eligible to compete in the Olympics. Promotions are held approximately every 3 months and usually are held in the college gym. In speaking with David Kim one of Master Kim's son and an instructor. I remember him explaining to me how the martial arts were beyond sports. How it develops mind with body, "working hand in hand together not as a separate entity". Through my years of learning through participation and reading I have to agree. The martial arts is most definitely an excellent way to relieve stress, and attain harmony within your mind and body. I must say the institutes instructors are among some of the finest sensei's I have seen yet. The N.Y. Institute of Martial Arts is truly a school with future.

More Than Fighting by Ralph Grueiro

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Notes



- Fighting: New penalty to be imposed on player deemed instigator of fight.
- Helmets: Wearing helmets will become optional
- Olympics: NHL will pursue feasibilty of players participating in 1994 Olympics.
- four aside when coincidental minor penalties are called.
- High-sticking: Standard changed to waist-high from shoulder-high.
- Stick-holding: Holding another player's stick will be enforced as minor penalty.

SOURCE: Chicago Tribune, National Hockey League

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Soccer Team Misses the Mark

by Eddie Hicks

CSI soccer coach Nick Kvasic sounded frustrated on the phone. "We can't finish it off." said Kvasic. "We have a terrific defense, but the job is not being done up front."

The Dolphins recently fell to 2-6-1 (2-3-1 in CUNY) with a 2-1 loss to Baruch and you could see Kvasic's point as CSI has scored three goals in their last four games.

"We're playing tough soccer, but our front line is our glaring weakness. But you cannot fault the players totally. They have definitely tried hard."

The Dolphin's scoring problems have been a result of people out of position and inexperience. When the team was put together, Kvasic had no true forwards to work with.

"Out of all the players who came

down, not one was a true forward. We have all converted midfielders and so far, it's not working out for us. You can look at Kevin Kyvelos and Len Ciaccio and see how well they play together, but they are defensive specialists. We have no specialists at forward."

In addition to the lack of scoring, CSI has demonstrated an inability to hold leads. On October 7th against first place Kings Point, the Dolphins were unable to protect a two goal lead and ended up losing in OT to the Merchant Marines. What had to be tougher to swallow was besides the blown lead was that Kings Point played the final 70 minutes one man short and still won by two goals.

"Our guys figured, 'Well, two goals is a long way to come back.' But we didn't

protect our lead and we paid for it." said Kvasic. "The Marines seemed to be more conditioned than us and we didn't work hard enough in the second half."

CSI has shown flashes of brilliance, which included a 3-1 CUNY win over John Jay back on Sept. 28th. Kevin Kyvelos, Doug Martheyn and Kenel Joseph scored for the Dolphins while CSI only allowed a goal to Canette Patrickson on a penalty shot. Martheyn's goal was certainly the oddest as he scored after Joseph had blasted a shot that was stopped dead by a puddle. As the Bloodhound's goalkeeper slid left, Martheyn buried it in an open net.

Kvasic echoed his thoughts on the game. "They know they have to visualize the play now, to see what's the best

way of moving the ball. It's the visual first and then the physical and then you see results."

Despite the recent losses, Kvasic still thinks his team has a shot at making the playoffs. "We are not out of the playoffs yet and I think it won't be decided until all the games are played who makes the playoffs. As it stands right now, there are no clear cut winners."

In order for CSI to make a run at the playoffs, Dolphin forwards like Kenel Joseph, Collins Ralph and Presley Prescott will have to find the net and if they do score, hold the lead. "We're always improving," said Kvasic "and that's what we're going to have to do to win consistently. Keep improving."

Owen named to All-Tournament Volleyball team

by Eddie Hicks

Despite losing all three matches, April Owen was named to the Goucher Tournament all-tournament volleyball team in Towson, Maryland.

Owen, who also stars for the women's basketball team, was cited for her serving, hitting and 10 kills. Coach Russ Robinson echoed the praise. "April has been really improving and this is proof of it. She deserved to make the team."

Unfortunately for Robinson and the team, wins have been real scarce. With the losses at the Goucher Tournament, the team has dropped to 1-17.

"We're learning under fire," said Robinson. "We play so much, we have no time to practice." This is not an understatement as the women do indeed play often. As of October 10th, the women have played 18 matches in 29 days, a figure which would test top notch pros, let alone a college volleyball team.

You might begin to think that all these games and losses would lead to this question. Is this 1-17 record a burden on the team? "Yes and no." said Robinson. Sure, the women get real frustrated about losing and you can see that on their faces. But they are realistic. They know we are a young team and we're going to make mistakes."

"While we were at the tournament, we got to watch other teams that were

more experienced and the women would say that's how they wanted to be. They are setting goals for themselves and we are making small improvements."

In addition to Owen, Robinson noted that other Dolphins have been making good progress. Christina Trunzo has made big improvements in all areas of her play while Noelle Brandon has made some strides, especially with her defense. Roslyn Beswick was noted for her service, which included 10 service points, including a game winner in a recent match.

One noticeable team improvement has been the team being able to win a few games during matches, as opposed to the beginning of the season when they weren't winning any games. "We're starting to score points and win games now." said Robinson. We're taking baby steps and I think it's time for us to start winning some matches. By next season, if everyone sticks with it, we could be a .500 team next year."

Despite the hectic schedule, Coach Robinson encourages his players to do well in the classroom as well as on the court. "I always tell the women that in order to be successful, you have to put work into your academics as well as volleyball. Success is a direct result of your effort and they're getting closer."

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The Dolphin Invitational Women's Volleyball Tournament will be held October 17th at the Sunnyside Gymnasium starting at 10 a.m.

April Owen (right) also the Women's CUNY Basketball MVP, was recently honored for her volleybali skills.