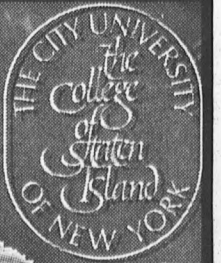


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Parking Is Hell! CSI's Parking Nightmares



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Danielle Depalo
Contributor

EVER MISS CLASS BECAUSE YOU CAN'T GET A SPOT?

Going to school at the College of Staten Island is great unless you are talking about parking. There are often no spots, making students late for class, even causing them to miss class. There is a definite lack of parking in a 200+ acre campus.

Trees and beautiful scenery provides students with a sense of peace and calmness. Beautifully architected buildings are seen all over the campus, and a fountain is found in the center, with soothing water being sprayed into the air. However, there is little peace and calmness found if you are looking in the parking lots. The only thing a person can find is people fighting over the few remaining spots, and aggravated drivers waiting in their cars for periods of time because they can't park. Parking seems to be a major growing problem on the campus of CSI.

A Monday morning is bad enough. Getting out of bed after a long weekend of partying, studying, or working makes the idea of early classes a horror. Arriving at school to find all the spots close to your building filled adds to the frustration. Traveling to the

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CUNY Board of Trustees Approves Five-Year Budget

The Board of Trustees of the City of New York, on October 26, approved a five-year budget request to State and City officials commencing with the 1999-2000 Operating Budget emphasizing greater long-term planning to improve standards, opportunity, service and accountability.

In the 1999-2000 budget, the first year of the proposed five-year funding plan, Interim Chancellor Christopher M. Kimmich recommended a \$1.4 billion operating budget for the nation's largest public urban university system. The budget would represent an 8.4% increase over CUNY's current appropriation, for the senior and community colleges and University professional schools. The proposal calls for the first year increase to be followed by a 5% annual increment above fixed costs (collective bargaining agreements, inflation) over each of the next four years.

Last year, Governor George Pataki and the State Legislature adopted a similar, five-year capital budget plan for CUNY and SUNY to facilitate long term planning.

The five-year operating budget request was recommended by the Board's Committee on Fiscal Affairs following discussions at joint meetings of the Board's Academic and Fiscal Committees.

In a statement of support for the proposal, Dr. Anne Paolucci, Chairwoman of the CUNY Board of Trustees said:

"The 1999-2000 budget request reflects, for the first time, recommendations made by the Board of trustees in a series of special committee meetings set up for that purpose earlier this year. The Board's new role in Budget preparation was encouraged and supported by the Chancellor and his staff, the Presidents, CUNY faculty and students — a cooperative venture that resulted in a five year (rather than one year) budget plan and a new approach to CUNY's investment in New York City and New York State. With this restructured blueprint, we renew even more emphatically the University's commitment to prepare an educated and skilled citizenry that is economically productive..." and bring CUNY into "...the 21st century with the kind of national and international prominence it deserves, as the most diverse, most accessible, most important urban University complex in the world."

Interim Chancellor Christopher M. Kimmich said:

"We place the current annual budget request in the context of a five-year pursuit of our goal of enhancing current—and developing new structures, mechanisms and programs."

Dr. Kimmich added that the University's goals as outlined in the budget fall into four areas:

- Standards
To produce an educated and productive citizenry and job force for New York City and State through the promotion of student learning, understanding and creativity at the highest levels.
- Opportunity
To provide access to excellence, opportunities for advancement, and a broad range of programmatic options, both traditional and innovative, at every level of post-secondary education.
- Service
To stimulate City and State economic activity by generating jobs, helping to create new business, producing research breakthroughs that spur new industries, and assisting

organizations and individuals to respond to their changing environments.

- Accountability

The multi-year planning process will propose appropriate measures to ensure compliance with college and University goals and objectives. The university will continue to develop and implement, as we have for the past two years, the use of such performance measures as: administrative productivity; graduation and retention rates; commitment to full-time faculty; student satisfaction and sponsored research.

"CUNY recognizes its two-fold responsibility to New York—to provide both access and excellence. The University is committed to offering its many services to the broadest possible spectrum of New York residents."

Kimmich added that the proposed long term funding could sustain many long needed improvements including:

- 350 new full time faculty
- 225 instructional staff
- 130 service positions
- Critical upgrades and maintenance of computers and related technology.
- Library materials and expanded hours of operations
- Doctoral student support and additional needs of the Graduate School.

In summing up the University's support for the plan,

Dr. Paolucci concluded:

"New York City is the greatest "corporation" in the world. Our five year budget plan will encourage a more aggressive effort to promote long range economic development and, in so doing, redefine and refine our strategic planning for the future."

The City University of New York, the nation's leading urban university, is comprised of 11 senior colleges, six community colleges, a graduate school, a law school, a medical school and an affiliated school of medicine. Nearly 202,000 degree-credit students and 150,000 adult and continuing education students are enrolled throughout the five boroughs of the City University of New York. More information is available on the CUNY Website (<http://www.cuny.edu>). C:/msw5/5YRBUDGET 10/26/98

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Parking Is Hell!

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next closest parking lot, even though it is a long haul to your building adds to the frustration. Seeing there is no parking there, meanwhile it is just about time for your class to begin, flat out, pisses you off.

This is the routine of many students. A small sticker on the back window of their cars is supposed to promise them a spot. That is what they paid forty-five dollars for, right? Well, many students see something very different. Mike Delgado, a full time junior, says, "I don't understand. You buy this sticker to assure parking. The semester begins, and that idea gets flipped out the window." Another student, Jesse Dickens, a sophomore, says, "The school just sucks. They want to provide an education for us, meanwhile we can't even get to classes sometimes because we got nowhere to park our vehicles. Even across the campus in the easy parking ain't so easy. I think the school's system of parking sucks. They don't care how many stickers they are handing out, as long as they are making forty-five, fifty dollars."

Many students believe the college does not keep count of the amount of stickers they give out. When questioned about the parking stickers handed out compared to the amount of spots there are available, a secretary in the parking department stated, "Well, students come in here all day. They

pay their forty-five dollars and we'll give them a sticker. I park in this campus also. I see there is a problem, but that is just the way it is. I know I don't keep count of what I give out."

Even students who come up to visit the college are saying the same thing. Matt DeLessio came to visit the college because he might be transferring here. He loved the college, the atmosphere and even the curriculum of the classes he sat in. He did notice there was no parking at 10:10 in the morning. "How is there no parking this early in the morning. That is

lem, or starts paying attention to the amount of stickers they are handing out. The parking administration knows they have a problem because a secretary, Mardi Forman, says, "We are receiving various amounts of complaints everyday."

Another student, Chris Armas, states, "It's just another way for the school to avoid the important problems facing them. Even with complaints with from everyone, they are doing nothing in my opinion." He laughed at the question about the school doing everything for money.

"Definitely. Money makes the world go round. If they don't give out stickers they can't make the money. Figure it out."

DeLessio says, "The college should realize there is a problem. Eventually people will get fed up with it. Maybe, they might even lose admissions. It almost made me think twice about wanting to come here." With all the attitudes and the anger towards the parking administration, the real question is what could the college do to change or better the situation.

"Maybe they could cut some of the trees down and build more lots," says Delgado. "They have a lot of property to do something with. They are just not doing it." Armas states, "I think they should keep a better count of the spots and how many stickers are given out. Then take it from there." Professor Kupper-Smith did not have a suggestion, but says, "There has to be something. There is so much room on the campus to make more room. The administration should use the space to build more lots for both the students and the professors."

Tempers are flaring in the college, among both students and professors. It was obvious from just interviewing some of the students. A nighttime student, Maria Rivera, says, "It's absolutely crazy. I come here straight from work, tired, and then can't park. It really pisses me off. I don't want to park miles from my building when I get out of class late at night. I want my car close when I get out late at night. It just is not safe to have your car so far away from where your class is being held."

Many students feel this way, and eventually something has to change. Whether you are a nighttime student, or a daytime student, the parking on this campus is hell—unless, of course, you are willing everyday, to arrive hours before your class, and lose time for your studies and other important things you have to do.



Photo: Shawn Fisher

This BMW is parked by the loading dock behind 1C. The area used to be available for student parking, but is now supposed to be for service vehicles only.

kind of ridiculous," he says. Other students believe you have to be here early in the morning to obtain a spot. "You have to be here at seven thirty to get a damn spot. It just ain't right if you don't have class until the afternoon," says Dickens. "It does not make any sense to have to leave your house hours before your class so you could wait for a spot. That is time I could be studying. It's time wasted if you ask me." The anger in this student's eyes was obvious. "I guess I feel powerless because anything I say goes in one ear and out the other with anyone involved in the parking administration."

Barry Sommers, the director of parking services, says, "The parking is not awful, but it definitely leaves room for improvement. The parking department is constantly trying to improve the situation." When asked why there are more stickers than spots, he says, "I don't think that is a problem. I really have no response to that at the moment."

Even professors are concerned with the parking. Professor Judith Kupper-Smith, a psychology professor, says, "It bothers me when students come in late. The parking conditions are the main excuse I receive. It is real bad and students are missing important information when they miss pieces of the classes, or sometimes, a whole class."

What could be done about the situations at the college? It is a big question and has no real answer unless the school either realizes they have a prob-

There Are No Safe Lots For The Unstickered

Wayne Peacock
Associate Editor

This is dedicated to all the people who have endured the throat culture of paranoia that is living without a parking sticker. This is also dedicated to all the people who diligently put tickets on my car.

I bought a car, nothing too sexy but, when it's clean and the sun has gone down, I think it's okay. For a week and a half I tried to park my new (new to me old to everyone who doesn't own it) car on campus without a parking sticker.

Now, it's not that I'm cheap or broke, I just didn't get around to getting one. They nailed me three times. I got \$45 worth of tickets for trying to avoid a \$45 parking sticker. The irony was even uglier than my car. In hindsight I don't understand why I didn't just buy a sticker, instead of waiting a week and paying twice the price.

I feel quite stupid about the whole ordeal.

I finally went to the ticket place in 1A with ninety dollars that I really didn't want to give CSI. At this point I was really hating everybody involved with tickets and parking. Then I found out that the diligent parking people let you off the first two times they catch you parking illegally. This changed my perception of the parking ticket demons. I really should have gotten five tickets and a boot on my car. Now I was feeling like I got off easy and if you really look at it I should have gotten a ticket everyday I was parked illegally. That's nine tickets and three boots.

I hated the parking people no longer but I was still pissed about the \$90. I paid my fine and I bought my sticker. I left feeling like I had been justly punished.

As I was walking to my car, I was hoping that I didn't get a ticket, while I was paying my tickets. Then something occurred to me, the parking people may not be minions of Satan but they have power and power corrupts. They're not bad now but they might be soon. One day the power will go to their heads and they will grow weary of torturing us with tickets.

Which poses the question What will be next from them? Reminders from the college maybe.

Picture it. A note under your windshield wiper that says 'You still need two more clue credits'; or 'You're failing Italian'; or 'You put three tea bags in your cup and only paid for one'; or 'We saw you kissing two different girls on campus in the same day.'

They see everything. Do you really think that those cameras don't work? That's what THEY want you to think. THEY have your social security number and maybe even your credit card numbers.

No dictatorship ever started huge. They start small, like the parking police and now that I have exposed them I know bad things will happen to me. I'll go to my car and there will be four boots on it and "You are illegally parked" stickers all over the front window.

Speaking of the boots what the hell kind of sense does that make. I'm not supposed to park my car here so they put something on it so I can't move it. That's like putting your kid in the oven to punish him for playing with matches.

I also think that the parking police move my car. I'm not stupid enough to forget where I parked everyday and yet everyday I'm looking for my car.

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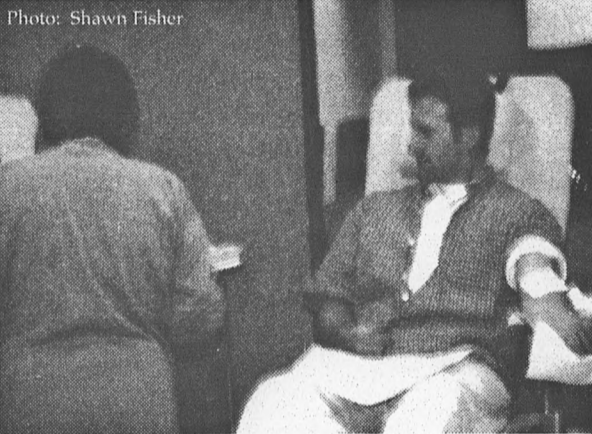
Amy Veneziano
News Editor

There was a blood drive held on Thursday, October 29. The blood drive was sponsored by The Mary

McMillan Physical Therapy Society and Staten Island University Hospital (SIUH) and coordinated by Allisson Kling the president of the Physical Therapy Society and Lisa Cruz, nurse in charge of billing for the SIUH clinic at CSI.

This is the first year that SIUH has co-hosted a blood drive. In the past it was the American Red Cross that conducted all blood drives at CSI. The individual in charge, for SIUH, Marilou Tenefrancia, stated, "This is

Photo: Shawn Fisher



A student gives his information to a nurse, while donating blood.

the first time for us and we have had a very nice turnout. [Students and] a lot of faculty came too." When asked if the blood drives are going to be a regular occurrence at CSI, she stated, "We are working with the nurses in the clinic and we want to do this once a semester."

The blood drive took place from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The blood drive was originally supposed to end at 2 p.m. but due to some last minute blood donors they were delayed in leaving.

There are some factors involved in donating blood that some people may not know about. In order to donate blood an individual must be between the ages of 17 and 76, not have any type of cold or flu, weigh at

least 110 pounds, experiencing no active allergy symptoms and have normal blood pressure. A normal blood pressure reading is between the ranges of 180 to 100 for the systolic number (which is the top number) and 100-50 for the diastolic number (which is the bottom number). Some people, including myself, were turned away because of problems with their blood pressure.

Melissa Pagan, a freshman at CSI, was turned away from donating blood because she had recently had her ears pierced. Today would have been her first time donating blood.

Travis Whitlock, a student who participates in the Mary

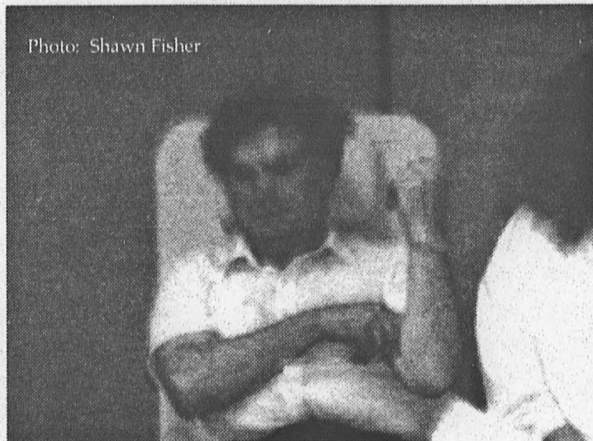
McMillan Physical Therapy Society, stated, "[Giving blood is] good for the community. [It is] good to get involved

with the blood drive because of the shortages in blood over the past year or so."

There were also non-students who participated in the blood drive. Evelyn Powers, an employee for the Interstate Sanitation Commission,

which rents out laboratory space from CSI, said that blood drives are "very important." And that she attends a blood drive at least once a year. She also states that blood drives are important "especially with hurricanes and other natural disasters because you never know when blood supplies are going to be low."

Photo: Shawn Fisher



A professor applies pressure to stop the bleeding, after donating blood.

President Springer Listens To Students, Staff And Faculty

P. Melissa Dreznick
Editor In Chief

On Monday, November 6, College of Staten Island (CSI) President Marlene Springer held

open conferences in her office that were meant only for faculty and staff. Due to misinformation given to *The Banner*, students started to come to the conferences.

President Springer allowed them time for conferences as well.

"I meet with students monthly," President Springer said. "I wanted to devote some time to the staff." The monthly meetings are held in the form of Student

Government meetings that are made open to the student body.

President Springer has opened up a dialogue between Student Government and herself. She would like to see this dialogue extended to the rest of the student

body, who she calls her eyes and ears of how the campus is running.

At these meetings, students are free to ask President Springer any question or make any comment (s)he wishes.

"If I don't know the answers, I will try to get the answers," President Springer said.

A lot of positive feedback has been received from the students about the new loop bus. "It's far more comfortable, and the rack in

front really helps," said Amy Veneziano News Editor of *The Banner*. Other improvements cited were the fact that you can now ring for your stop and the climate control.

Parking was a common issue on the minds of students. Students are still frustrated by the lack of parking spaces. Miss Veneziano suggested turning some of the baseball fields into parking areas during the off season.

President Springer explained that due to such things as sprinkler systems, "It's either got to be baseball fields or parking."

President Springer is working on a solution to the parking problem. \$90,000 have been spent on putting more gravel in those lots with a gravel base.

One of the delays is designing new parking areas is obtaining fire permits. These permits must be in place before anything else is done.

The fire department plays a key role in another common problem

on campus. That problem is the constant false alarms that bring fire trucks on campus almost daily.

"It has diminished," President Springer said of the problem. There is a better fire alarm system in place, but people triggering the alarms continues to be a problem.

The fire department continues to respond to each call with the mind-set that there is indeed a fire.

Because of the size of the school and the possible emergency, this means that the fire department must send several trucks and an ambulance to respond to each call. "They've been very good about being responsive," said President Springer.

President Springer looks forward to meeting with students at the monthly meetings and has asked *The Banner* to keep students posted. The last meeting was held on November 11, *The Banner* will make it known when the next is scheduled.

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"It's either got to be baseball fields or parking."

Matthew Shepard Mourned

Tabitha Elkins
Staff Reporter

In the twilight hour of Tuesday evening, October 26th, a small gathering of students and faculty clustered quietly outside the student center, their numbers gradually swelling until they were dozens strong.

Small white candles were distributed in the chill of the blustery evening, and the normally exuberant students restrained their usual banter as a subdued hush came over the crowd. Soon, more and more students showed up to light a candle and perhaps bring a ray of hope into a world filled with hate.

This humble little ceremony was enacted to honor the memory of Matthew Shepard, the young Manhattan man whose life was cut short by a pair of brutal thugs who murdered him because he was gay.

In this chilly October night, you looked out around you and saw a reflection of CSI's diversity—gay and straight, black and white, Christian, Jewish and Muslim—all came out, by the dozens, to stand united against hate and violence and to stand up for the common decency that makes us all human.

Kwan "Rally" Burton, the president of High Society at CSI, as well as a member of the CSI Association, was one of the students who helped bring the vigil together. The vigil was sponsored by the Office of Affirmative Action, Pluralism and Diversity and the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance. "It's beautiful that so many different people came together for a common cause," Burton stated as he helped distribute the candles.

The procession made its way

slowly down the Alumni Walk, as a few nervously giggled as they cupped their hands around the flickering candles. The crowd then came to the fountain, where they gathered in a semi-circle as Professor McPherson started to speak, first by quoting a poem about the Holocaust. "First they came after the Jews... Then they came for the trade unionist, I didn't speak out, because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for me, and there was no one left to speak out for me," McPherson quot-

ed from the Pastor Martin Niemoller poem.

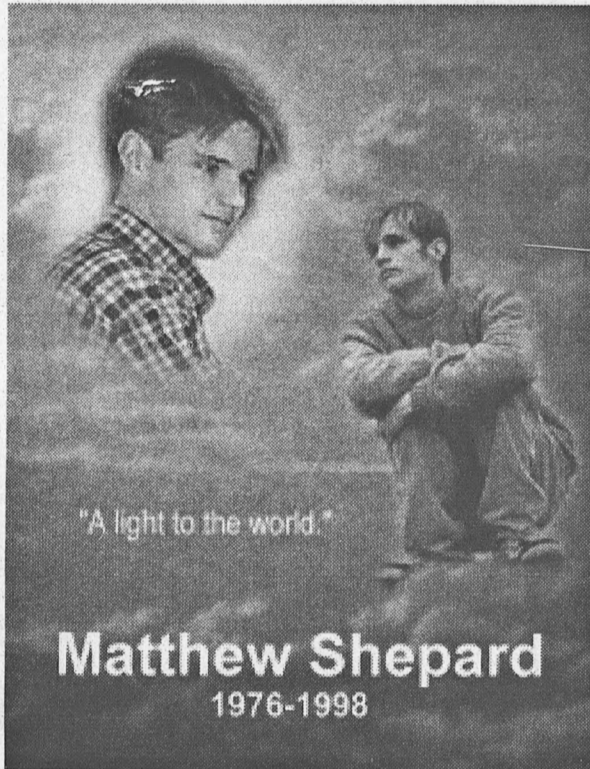
"It is imperative that we speak up," she reminded those assembled, calling for unity against hate crimes. "When anyone is a target, everyone is a target."

Professor McPherson next introduced CSI President Marlene Springer, who angrily called Matthew Shepard's attackers cowards, "This was two against one," she pointed out.

"Hate crimes strike all people," she stated, later quoting from the Broadway musical *Showboat*, "You have to be taught to hate and fear." Springer called for a new era of tolerance, asking that we learn to embrace differences instead of looking in fear and distrust toward others who are different than ourselves.

Last year, she noted, there were eleven hate crimes in Staten Island, five more than in Brooklyn, which considering the difference in population size is shocking. "This is not a statistic we can be proud of," Springer stated.

President Springer hopes that the College of Staten Island can, in addition to teaching academic subjects, teach tolerance as well. "[This] challenge is immense," she said.



Alcohol's Part In Shepard's Murder

Barbara Russo
Contributor

The affects social drinking had on 23-year-old Matthew Shepard was discussed by psychotherapist Joanne Hollan at a College Life Unit Experience (C.L.U.E.) event held October 27 in the Bijou Lounge.

About a month ago, Shepard, an open homosexual, was at a bar with a group of friends when two strangers convinced him to take a ride in their truck. The two men drove Shepard into a wooded area, tackled him to the ground, stripped him naked, tied him to a tree and burned him alive. Witnesses at the bar claimed that Shepard's perpetrators had been drinking.

Ms. Hollan, who has a specialty in substance abuse, claimed to the crowd of 20 that this incident

is an example of how social drinking can affect your life without even one sip being taken. People can drink and have a negative impact on the lives of others around them. In Shepard's case, a life was taken.

"Alcohol is a silent killer," said Ms. Hollan.

Alcohol is not to be blamed when it is involved in crimes and accidents, but it does play an important role.

"When we drink, we feel we can do anything," said Ms. Hollan.

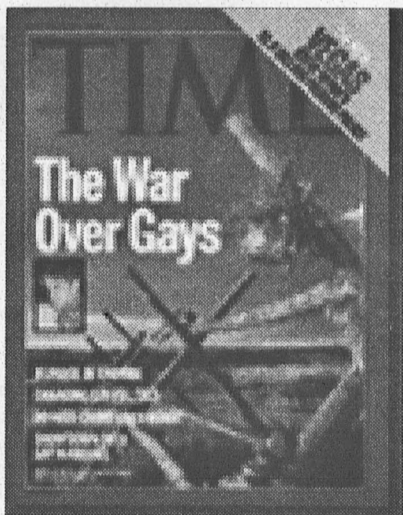
One of the students at the

C.L.U.E. event discussed how social drinking took the life of a Rutgers University student. She explained how the student was at a college party and when he walked into his house drunk after the party, he slipped on his steps and broke his neck.

To be a responsible drinker, you have to be aware of the affects that it can have on your life. You also have to respect alcohol "just as you respect your parents because they have power. It is important to respect the power of alcohol," Ms. Hollan explained. "Respect it because it won't respect you."

The power of social drinking is often underestimated. Ms. Hollan explained that alcohol's affects can be as small as gaining weight from the empty calories in wine, beer and mixed drinks. She said people tend to use social drinking to fit in. When they're drinking to fit in, they're not always aware of what they're doing, which could lead to embarrassment. They may say something that they regret the next day. Alcohol "alters our life and change's our life situation," Ms. Hollan.

Ms. Hollan explained that waiting an hour for each drink before driving can prevent D.W.I. accidents. She stressed that alcohol had the power to take your life or someone else's, so "drink, wait and know your limit," she said.



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The Banner: Our Students, Our College, Our Community

Amy Veneziano
News Editor

It is a refreshing change when one sees an honest, moral act occur. Yet in the world we live in, it is predominantly different. There are more instances of bad moral character than good.

You see more and more unjust acts being committed every day than a good-hearted act being done just for the sake that it is good.

Several situations which illustrate these points are, several semesters ago (approximately two) a student lost her bag on campus.

The following day, a call was received by this student stating where and when it could be recovered. When the student picked up her bag, everything, including money and credit cards, was still in the bag. This act which occurred was inherently good.

However, opposite to this situation is an incident which happened outside of the second floor entrance of Sears in the Staten Island Mall. The incident which occurred was an accident that was witnessed by approximately fifteen to twenty Sears employees.

I should inform you that there are two people who are

employed by Sears that own the same car. Yet one of these people is well-liked while the other is not.

As the accident occurred, nobody decided to take any responsibility and report it because they felt that the car belonged to the person they didn't like. Therefore, neither the license plate number nor the make or model of the car was recorded.

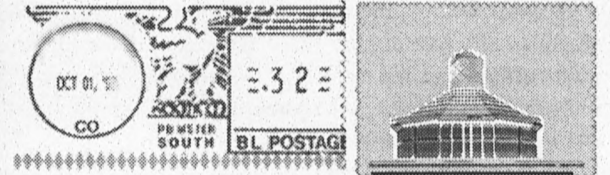
It turns out that the car did not belong to the unliked employee, but the one who was well-liked. Now my question to you is this, "Why does it matter if you like a person or not? If you see an injustice occur shouldn't you automatically report it because

you may find yourself in the same situation some day?"

How can two situations be the same yet so different at the same time? In one situation a complete stranger is willing to be honest and moral yet, in the other, the people who know one another are suffering from a complete lack of morals.

Should this be the way it is in our society? I believe that what this country needs is a kick in the pants that will perhaps knock some sense into those who are lacking morality.

BANNER Letters



This letter will serve as official notification that Peri Visnosky or Melissa Dreznick, whatever name she chooses to go by, will print a public apology for telling people that Andre Woods is disabled in *The Banner* editorial column in either the October 15 or October 29 issue, depending on the page one is looking on. If this apology is not forthcoming in the next issue, *The Banner* will face dire repercussions.

If *The Banner* continuously violates the law, I will personally see to it that they are disbanded.

Have a nice day!
Andre Woods

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Date: October 30, 1998
Re: The Banner editorial - Vol. 42 Issue 11

This letter will serve as official notification that Peri Visnosky or Melissa Dreznick, whatever name she chooses to go by, will print a public apology for telling people that Andre Woods is disabled in *The Banner* editorial column in either the October 15 or October 29 issue, depending on the page one is looking on. If this apology is not forthcoming in the next issue, *The Banner* will face dire repercussions.
If the subject of this letter violates the law, I will personally see to it that they are disbanded.
Have a nice day!

cc: Ms. O'Brien, Publications Coordinator
Mrs. Breen, Director of Student Life
1200 Kings Highway East, Staten Island, NY 10314
Professor John Hall, Faculty Advisor to the Banner
The Banner staff

The College of Staten Island 2800 Victory Blvd. Staten Island, NY 10314
The memo as sent by Student Senator Andre Woods.

paper, is my fault. When putting the paper together, *The Banner* uses a template. Unfortunately, I forgot to change the date on some of the pages. If this inconvenienced anyone, I am sorry.

Andre Woods was never called "disabled" in any issue of *The Banner*. He was called "physically challenged". This has been verified by the fact that Mr.

Woods is a student registered with Disability Services. In order to qualify for this service, (as I do) one must provide documentation of some kind of disability.

Mr. Woods is also on SSI. This is financial support given by Social Security to those who because of some disability cannot support themselves. If Mr. Woods is not disabled, why does he receive SSI?

The Banner has broken no laws in this editorial. If any laws have been broken, Mr. Woods has done so, because if Mr. Woods is not disabled, he is committing fraud.

It should also be noted that Mr.

Woods has not claimed that the truly shameful facts brought to light by my editorial were false in any way!

Have a nice day!
P. Melissa Dreznick
Editor In Chief

In response to an article on Andre Woods, I would like to say that it is unfortunate that the students will not have coffee hours in the library. I resigned from his (Mr. Woods') Part-Time commission, once I found out that he was planning to cut the coffee hours in the library.

I am a coffee drinker myself. From my understanding, many of the students (who take classes) in (or near) the library are science majors. These students deserve the right to have coffee hours in the library.

I am pretty sure that if he talks to Auxiliary Services, he could work out some kind of deal. The last Student Government had coffee hours in the library, so why can't he? I do not really think that he has the students' best interests at heart.

Mr. Woods is on student Government, two-thirds of the commissions on Student Government, staffing commission Program Development Committee, and Auxiliary Services. He ran against me for secretary of Auxiliary Services. Also on Auxiliary Services, Mr. Woods is on the parking committee, the bookstore committee and the dining committee. He holds more positions than the president of this college.

There comes a time in life when you must cut the cord and leave the nest. It does not make any sense for one person to be involved in so many things. What about sharing? Give someone else an opportunity to do something.

I can say one thing in favor of Mr. Woods; he is a true capitalist.
Brenda Lovelace
Student Government

Dear Ms. Lovelace,
I am grateful that our Student Government has some senators that care about our student body. However, by resigning when Mr. Woods made a decision with which you disagreed, he wins. The students need you to fight for their interests!

As for "making a deal with Auxiliary Services," this would cost the students money. Instead of the free coffee they once enjoyed, they would have to buy it. The Student Government has always supplied the students with free coffee, why should they now have to pay for it?

You are right that Mr. Woods holds too many positions of authority in this school, but it is an unfortunate fact that there are more leadership positions in this school than students willing to hold them. Only the student body of CSI can change that. I do believe, however, that certain positions should come with term limits to prevent monopolies on the positions and prevent school performances from suffering.

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to write to us.
P. Melissa Dreznick

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BANNER Letters



Editor-In-Chief

This is a response to the very misinformed Mr. Guzzi.

Sir, I take great and deep offense to the recent article you wrote regarding "Fellowship with God" (Vol. VI Issue V); it appears as if you are presenting not a viewpoint, but a condemnation of those of other faiths I myself am a Witch.... yes, I did say W.I.T.C.H.. and no, I am not a devil worshipper as it is hard to worship what one does not believe in.

And I resent you for insinuating that merely because I am not a Christian, I am on a straight course for hell. You seem to think that if someone doesn't follow your faith they are doomed. NOT TRUE!!!!!!!

No, I am not a woman, and don't even think of calling me a warlock... I am a WITCH!!!!!! You make me sick to my stomach with your anti-people attitude. You are one of the many misinformed individuals out there who take it upon themselves to "save everyone's soul". Well, listen close and listen good; My soul is doing just fine as it is.

Merry Meet and Merry Part to you,
Sir. Silver Lionheart

Dear Mr. Lionheart,

The Banner recognizes the fact that Christianity is not the world's only religion, and does print opposing viewpoints (see "Walking the Dogma Into Traffic Vol. VI Issue V). This newspaper is willing to run any well-written commentary on any faith, or people who have no faith at all.

I am sorry that Mr. Guzzi's article offended you, but he has the right to his beliefs, as do you. I am quite certain that many Christians were equally offended by Mr. Condit's article. But is finding something offensive necessarily bad? It is that which offends us that most often makes us think and act. Had you not found the article offensive, you would not have written to *The Banner*. By writing to *The Banner*, you give people a chance to see your point of view.

If you'd like, submit an article about your religion to *The Banner*, we would be happy to publish your ideas.

P. Melissa Dreznick
Editor-In-Chief

As a member of the Women's Studies Faculty, I would like to make a strong objection to the photograph of naked bodies that appears on the cover, at the bottom, and again, on page 7 of the October 29 issue of *The Banner*. This picture, which accompanies an article entitled "Satan Is A Sex Toy", shows several people piled on top of each other in a distastefully suggestive manner. Faces have been replaced by mask cut-outs. All that can be seen are hair and various body parts in an anonymous heap.

This photograph is yet one more tired example of the sexual exploitation of women and men by presenting nudity and behavior intended only to titillate and provoke. Persons become dehumanized (ie, faces and identities obliterated by crude masks). The body becomes just another object. Nudity portrayed in the depiction of artistic ideals has long enriched us. However, nudity as *The Banner* presents it in this instance is demeaning, tasteless, and bordering on pornographic.

Certainly the first amendment

insures the RIGHT of *The Banner* to publish this. However, what about the RESPONSIBILITY of *The Banner* to provide a publication appropriate for the entire student body of CSI? Why use valuable student funds to publish such garbage? In my view, while the accompanying article has some interesting points, it is mainly a narcissistic vehicle for displaying the author's adolescent exhibitionism.

On the other hand, there were a number of valuable and thoughtful articles in this issue, which illustrate *The Banner's* potential for becoming a fine publication. I was moved by Zianka Fallil's excellent article about Camille Astel's achievements after returning to CSI, while Anna Marie Ayntud's article "Body and Mind" had advice useful to all in the CSI community. I look forward to the day when the editorial judgment exercised by ALL contributors to *The Banner* reaches a similar standard. *The Banner* provides invaluable opportunities for its staff and contributors both to develop journalistic skills and to enrich the CSI community at the same time. I would hope that, rather than writing to demean, provoke, and exploit, future contributors to *The Banner* will write to inform, serve, and inspire. Those contributors who seek to do so will find that their voices will be both respected and valued.

Sincerely,

Fairfid M. ("Lorie") Caudle
Professor of Psychology
and
Member, Women's Studies
Faculty

Dear Fairfid M. Caudle,

To you specifically I do not apologize, however, I am deeply bothered by the fact that something I put into the paper as a gratuitous joke may have hurt, offended and embarrassed students or faculty that are associated with this paper. It was not my intention to imply that people with a weight problem are monsters. Over the last five years, I have lost 65 pounds. This is not something I would hurt someone over intentionally (I know what it feels like). It, also, was not my intention to imply that women(or men for that matter) are faceless sex objects. In hindsight I see the error of a picture that was useless to the article.

In direct response to a line in your letter "faces were replaced by crude masks": Faces were replaced by bunnies. Last time I checked bunnies didn't fall under the criteria of crude masks, but that, like everything else, is a matter of opinion, as is your letter. I do not write to acquiesce overly serious faculty members, or any faculty that matter.

I cater to students. By the way I enjoy titillating and provoking. I enjoy it a lot. It titillates me.

My mistake aside, the nudity that you speak of as artistically portrayed is the same type of art that 1950's conservatives considered pornography, but in our elevated ninety's mindset, we can see the error of their ways. Perhaps I'm ahead of my time.

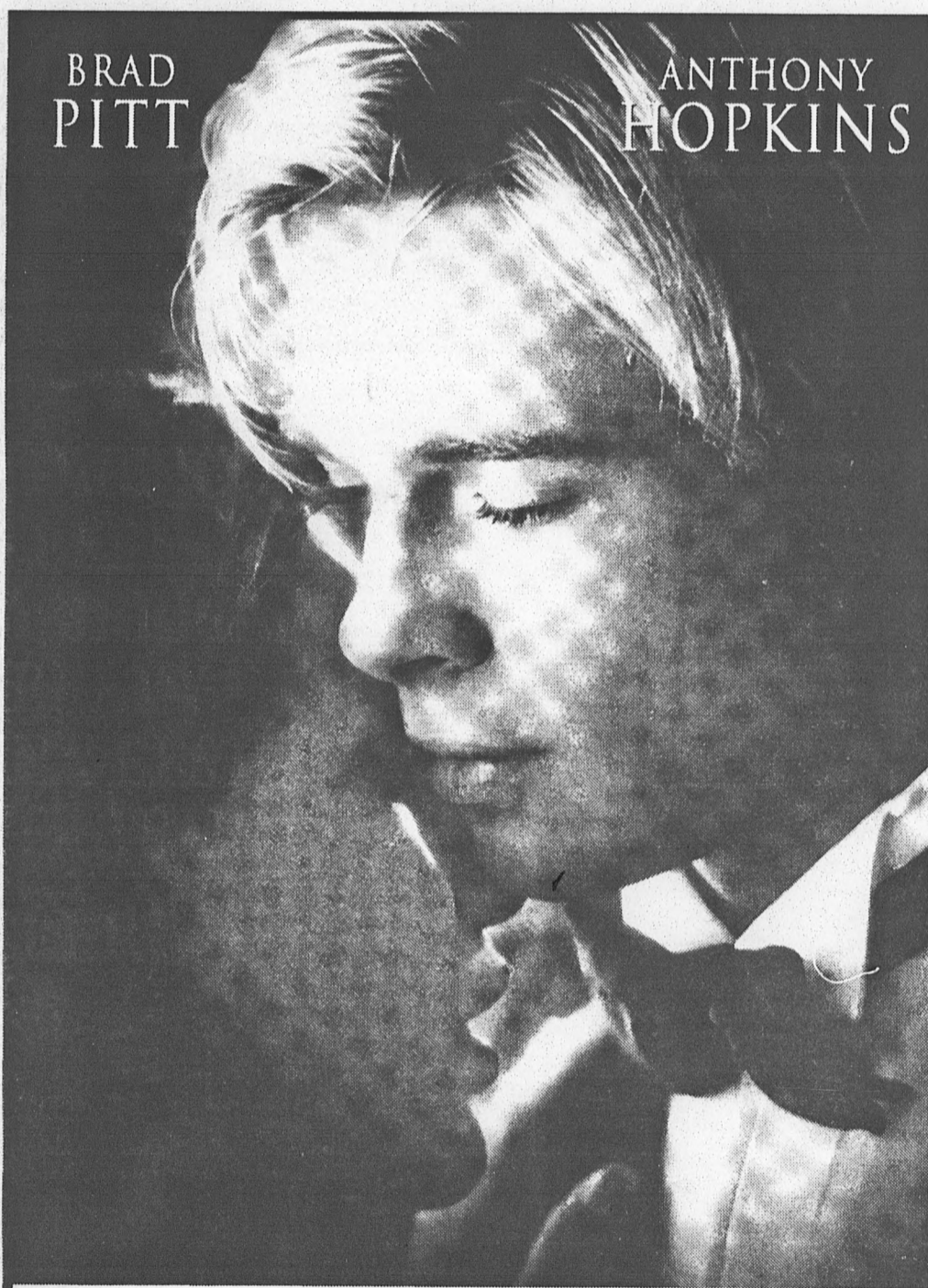
You found it necessary to put the word RESPONSIBILITY in all caps. So let's talk about responsibility. While we're at it let's also talk about

insulting the students intelligence. First off, you said why use student funds to publish such garbage? Because students love it. It's hot, it's moist, it's sexy. Second, you said that we should inform, serve and inspire. It is our RESPONSIBILITY to do these things. What about our responsibility to ENTERTAIN. It is here that you insult the student's intelligence. Maybe they don't need or want every thing they read to inform and inspire and be this deep intellectual thing. Maybe perfectly intelligent students just got out of a stressful class and they want to sit eat and read something funny. Maybe, dare I say it, YOUNG PEOPLE LOVE SEX. They want to do it, read about it, watch it and talk about it. It is to these fun-seeking, horny people that I cater to. Their entertainment is my RESPONSIBILI-

TY.

A final point I want to address before I get back to work that matters is your statement, "It was mainly a narcissistic vehicle for the authors adolescent exhibitionism." This is the coolest thing anybody ever said to or about me. I'm very touched that you noticed. Since you wrote such an eloquent letter, why don't you get copies of the rest of my articles which have run in every issue this term and get one of your women's studies classes to write a group article on why me and my articles are bad. I feel you should put your money where your mouth is, if you're so worried about students being informed, then inform them.

Wayne C. Peacock
Associate editor



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Really Pissed Off

Women's Side

Shawn Fisher Business Manager **A. James Larsen** Associate Features Editor **Holly Lenahan** Contributor

Well, we've decided it would be only fair to write about a lot of things that women are pissed off about. After all, this is an equal opportunity feature. We would like to thank Holly, the primary woman who helped to write this article.

First of all, why do some women piss on public toilet seats? Those of us

who aren't slobs deeply resent this. It's disgusting. Clean up after yourselves.

It's only acceptable if you're drunk but even then you should try to clean up the mess.

We get pissed when men talk about their penis size and how good they claim to be in bed. "Not only do I not believe you, but I don't care!" Holly says. All that women are really interested in is men with really nice butts.

Women hate going out with a guy when all he does is talk about himself and you can't get two words in about yourself, or when he tells lame jokes that everyone has heard since the seventh grade. We hate when people eat potato chips at a play and talk, or people who decide to have full blown conversations in class when you're trying to pay attention to what is going to be on your midterm. Also, for you non-smokers out there, don't you hate it when your in class and everyone goes out on break and they come back smelling like cigarettes? You just want to spew in their faces.

Here's one for you theater majors: Don't you hate it when you tell people

you're a theater major and they say, "What are you going to do with a degree in that?"

Also, we wonder about people who try to give you advice about love- if they knew anything about love they would be making it instead of talking about it.

And we know that when really ugly disgusting men go to hug you, they are get-

ting off on having your breasts pressed up against their chest.

Those of us who take the bus everyday

are sick of hearing everyone complain about parking. Get a real problem. Celine Dion, your stupid, whiney songs make us want to spew. Stop singing. We're sick of all you heterosexuals. The line in the cafeteria sucks ass as well as the food and the prices for the food.

We hate men who find themselves so completely interesting that they expect women to listen to everything they say. Actually these men have absolutely nothing to say because they are boring, stupid, sheltered little babies, who need to be shot!

We're sick of weddings. And Republicans. Why won't they just go away? We're tired of seeing the faces of beautiful women all over magazines and advertisements. The next time we see Rebecca Gayheart's breasts defying gravity in that *Urban Legends* advertisement we're going to shoot someone. We're pissed off about dry skin, Mariah Carey, bad movies, plays with no female roles, people telling us we'll never make it as actresses, and those stupid looking plat-

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WARNING: This article may be offensive and foul to some. The views expressed are not necessarily shared by *The Banner*. Don't say we didn't warn you.

form shoes. They were ugly enough in the 1970's. Must we do it again?

We hate people who talk to you when you need to pee and they go on and on. You just wish these people would be stricken with laryngitis. The next time we catch someone putting up flyers in the campus center over someone else's, we will staple your head to the wall. People who talk to you when your trying to read

a book, and won't let you finish reading, should be hit over the head with an anvil. When your having your period and the pad dispensing machine is empty but the condom machine is

well stocked, we realize how much this school needs to get its priorities straight.

We hate people who assume that

if you get drunk at a party and go with six different people you should automatically regret it because they think you were taken advantage of, hell, you wanted to. We hate people who don't take this article like the tongue-in-cheek article that it is. Most of all, we hate menstrual cramps.

Well anyway this has been another pissed off. If you would like to contact,

maim, mutilate, harm, boink, or just give us input on what really pisses you off we can be reached at *The Banner* 1C-228. We welcome all comments good or bad. If

you write to us a response is guaranteed.

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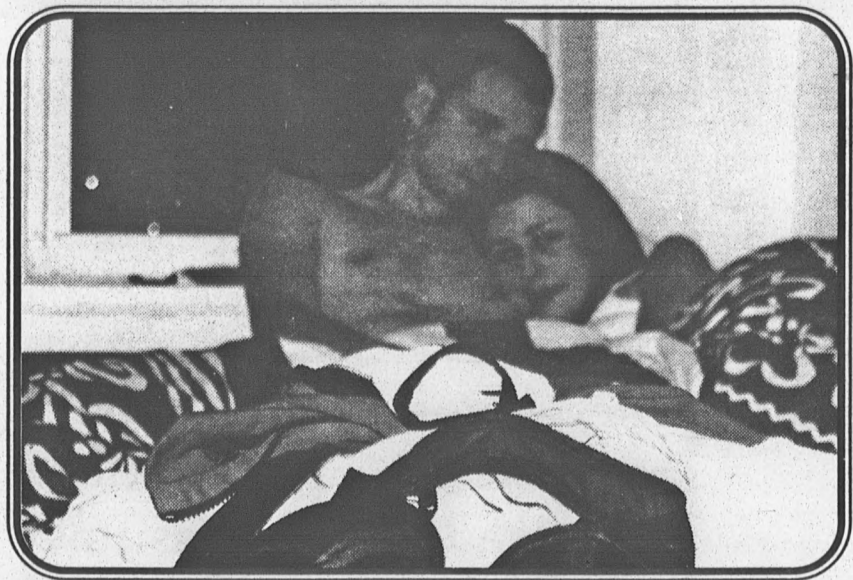
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WHY SEX ROCKS

BREAST-STROKING THROUGH THE MOIST NECTAR OF LOVE

Wayne Peacock
Associate Editor

Welcome to an unabashed celebration of sex boys and girls. **YES SEX!** In its most moist, stank-nastiest, butt clenching, shoulder-biting, back-scratching, private-area-kissing, poetry inspiring, linen staining, stroke inducing way. For anybody who is moaning toward the sheets or the ceiling, here is sex at its best, no complaints.

Complaints were covered in my last two articles - not counting halloween, (I'm sorry about the porno). First the women and then the men stepped up to voice

their criticisms about the sexual performance of the opposite sex. It was quite informative, a little sad, and very, very funny.

This time around I sought to explore the happy thoughts that run through people's heads as they stare wide-eyed through their sweaty hair and watch their partner's body work them closer towards orgasm. I wanted to know how people like it done to them and why.

Although these interviews were a lot more fun to conduct than the other two, they were also a lot harder. I have found that people (more so women than men) find it easier to explain what they don't like than what they do. This was the first of two major revelations I experienced during this article. The second was that many women (A whole lot) like it from behind the most. This truly shocked me. I mean, I didn't think women disliked it, but I didn't think it was so many women's favorite position. With reasons ranging from "It's easier" to "The orgasm is better", more than half the women interviewed gave their resounding approval to doing it like the animals on National Geographic.

People are weird and different, therefore so will be their sexual proclivities. The only way I could see to make interviews, on WhySex Rocks, cohesive was to ask specific questions and then showcase the best answers. After painstakingly crafting question after question for days, I finally came up with what I consider to be the best three. 1) Why sex rocks (of course)? 2) How you like it done to you (Asking women this question in a bar without getting smacked in the face kicked ass)? 3) If sex was God who would be the statue (I don't know, I thought it would be funny)?

WHYSEX ROCKS?: I mean in gen-

eral, not a specific encounter or partner but sex in its entirety - Sex as an action, as a psychology.

Cost was seen to be a motivating factor, "The after effect is like getting stoned for free," said Man #8. Woman #3 said, "It's fun it's free and you get to bond."

Many of the answers were short Either my interviewees didn't want to talk about their sex life with me or they were well in tune with themselves. Or both.

Most people's reactions were visceral and kind of dirty. Man #2 said, "When the sex drips off your

nose and you don't know if it's hers or yours. That's why sex rocks."

"Because I get to come," said Man #5.

Women #7 said, "You're free from the rest of your life and you can just relax and enjoy yourself. It's all about pleasure." Woman #5 said (This was, by far, the hottest

quote I took from any women. I'm very happy that I have it on tape. I listen to it when I'm alone) "I'm turned on by the power of the man and I love the aggressiveness. You just become so aggressive that you're not human. Your brain shuts down and you're this animal, this sweaty pleasure seeking animal"

Spirituality and love came in as close second and third (not from the men though). Woman #7 said "You can achieve complete spirituality. Sex rocks; its God-like. It's Brahman."

Woman #6 said, "You get to watch another person create" (I like this one too). And women #9 said, "When you're really in love with the person and you could communicate and really love the person a lot, it's really good." (ohhhhhhh)

HOW DO YOU LIKE IT DONE TO YOU?: This question gave me some of the funniest nights out I ever had. I still see most of the people I interviewed and it's fun to give the women the 'I know your dirty little secret' look and watch them blush and/or flip out.

All totaled I pitched these questions to 45 people, so when I say a lot of women like it from behind, I'm not basing my statement on just four or five of them. A LOT OF WOMEN LIKE IT FROM BEHIND.

Now that that's out of the way, let's move on to the rest of the people.

"Lotiony. I like lotion. Nothing too thick, maybe a light oil, slightly heated. Or I want to get dragged out of a bar because she absolutely needs sex. That's how I like it," (S&M by bath and body works) said Man #2. Woman #4 said, "I like it rhythmic, not too fast but not too slow." Woman #6 said, "different and exiting." Women #9 said, "Slow caressing and magical"

A large portion of the women asked just gave positions as an answer to this question (which is fine) and, like I've said before, most of those positions had to do with pillow biting.

The responses from the men were more varied, ranging from cruel and disgusting to strangely interesting.

Man #5 said, "Big breasts and a shaved down there. I don't care if she's a prostitute, my wife or the girl next door, I just want to cum." (I bet he cries when he's drunk)

Rough and tumble is a favorite of men. Man #1 said, "I like to dominate or be dominated. I either like to inflict pain or at least a little terror, or have it done to me." (Norman likes his mother

er) Man #4 said, "I like it rough and nasty and a little painful. I like to be told what to do, but in a nasty way" (Take off your pants and show me your dirty little penis you filthy maggot).

#8 had the strangest answer, He said, "I like it tight and quiet, when she's cringing like her mother 's in the next room."

The most common other answer from the men was when the girl gets on top and goes thirty miles an hour.

(Is it just me or do women make the funniest bed faces when they're on top and going fast. It's looks like they're constipated and running up a hill.)

IF SEX WAS GOD WHO WOULD BE THE STATUE?: To be honest I put this question in for comedic impact, but it surprised me how much people revealed in their answers.

My absolute favorite answer to this question was Man #8's: "Marilyn Monroe, because the candle burned out long before the legend ever will. (He's been hanging out with Princess Tie Di)"

Chris Cornell from soundgarden came up a lot from the women as did Leonardo Dicaprio (big surprise there) and the guy from third eye blind (Four different women nominated this guy and none of them knew his name, so I don't think I should have to either). Sean Connery got three. I don't get this. Would some woman with a Sean Connery thing please write in and explain this to me?

Man #6 said that he was his own sex God. Man #3 said the same thing with some elaboration. He said, "I will be the statue and reign over my rule" (Yes he was drunk)

Woman #6 said "It would definitely be androgynous. It would definitely, definitely be both genders (Revolving door libido)." Woman #9 yelled at me and said "You cant say God and sex in the same sentence" (God made me. I make sex. Therefore God made sex. Therefor God issex. Sex God, woman #9, I can say it all I want)

Man #1 said, "I know I've said this about a couple of women. At certain points in my life that specific person has been the God of sex but I would have to say Gwen Stefani. She's got that expression like she be one of those all time great lays" (don't speak).

Man #7 said, "The face of thesex God would change all the time, just like the faces of the sex partners" (gets around faster then a virus, doesn't he). Man #5 quite eloquently said, "Sex already is God, so I would leave everything the way it is" (I should introduce him to woman #9).

Well that about does it this time around. Join me next time when I move away from sex (kind of) and showcase 'I need you to love me no matter how much it hurts you': The greasy world of stalkers and obsession.

In closing almost every person I asked these questions to flipped them back at me. So I'd like to answer them. Why does sex rock? Because it

gives me something to write about. How do I like it done to me? Face down in the sand (wet sand preferably). If sex was God who would be the statue? Large naked people with bunny faces (I'm not sorry). Until next time, if you're driving then you're too old to breast feed, Bye bye now.

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"Your brain shuts down and you're this animal, this sweaty pleasure seeking animal."

"I like it tight and quiet, when she's cringing like her mother is in the next room"

Podell Ponders Place Of Provocative Plays

Jessica Jackson
Contributor

Take Carol and Mike Brady, put them on cocaine, give them white bread to use as their sexual aid, put them through divorce court, and you have the makings of a Christopher Durang play.

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November, 1, The College of Staten Island Dramatic Arts program presented two one-act comedies by Durang in the Lab Theatre, Titanic and Death Comes to us All, Mary Agnes.

If your idea of comedy does not include cranial dildos and vaginal hedgehogs, then you may have found these plays offensive, as did some of the attending students.

"It was disgusting! I can't believe the school let these go on," said Pamela Ramos, a nursing student at CSI.

Ms. Ramos was not the only student who felt the material was inappropriate. The Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dave Podell, received several complaints from students. "I did receive two calls from students upset about the topics and obscenities," said Podell.

The several complaints against the production may lead one to assume that a historically liberal institution such as CSI is ready to endorse censorship. Dean Podell seems to disagree with that statement, "I don't think anyone condemns these plays. I think people were taken aback. Some were shocked."

The student complaints prompted Podell to assess the production personally. "I didn't think the plays were the best written, but that's very different from saying offensive or inappropriate," said Podell.

If your idea of comedy does not include cranial dildos and vaginal hedgehogs, then you may have found these plays offensive.

The advertising for the production gave a caveat to its racy material; hence, prospective audience members had fair warning of what to expect, and could censor themselves in advance if the material was beyond their threshold for bawdiness.

Apparently, Podell understood the adult nature of these plays. "Some of the humor was twisted but I was not personally horrified or offended," said

Podell.

Given the nature of the material, the actors may have had a harder time dealing with the obscenities of the play than the audience. Actor Sean Walsh wore a dildo on his head for several scenes.

"I take acting very seriously," he said. "The audience should appreciate the effort and the humor involved. I think those who were offended should lighten up."

Dean Podell did not have any trouble appreciating the efforts of those involved in the production. "I also think the

director did a great job; he got really great performances from the actors."

Both of these plays deal with dysfunctional parent-child relationships surrealistically. There is a kind of anguish, and even violence underlying the character's kooky behavior. For example, in Titanic, the children eventually shoot their parents because they realize they are victims of their immoral upbringing.

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Podell sums it up quite succinctly when he said, "if nothing else, these plays are provocative, and get everyone thinking."

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Peter Dimitri
Peer Educator

Today's topic is a very serious one: date rape. Let's start with a basic question: what is date rape? It is, quite simply, the act of forcing sex on a date. What separates this from what we normally associate as rape is the people involved: instead of the mysterious lurker, we might have a familiar acquaintance. This is of great concern because rape — any kind of rape — is a serious crime, and a violation of personal rights.

Why do date rapes happen? Lots of reasons. First, many people still adhere to sex roles stereotypes, wherein a man is "supposed" to be aggressive and a woman is supposed to be yielding and passive. It can also happen when poor communication exists, a failure to understand each other's sexual intentions and expectations. Mixed messages are also a contributing factor; the notion that when a woman says "no", she really means "yes."

The effects can be pretty severe. A woman who has been date raped may decide she can no longer trust people or lose her trust in her own ability to judge character. Sometimes a woman might feel guilty, even though she is not responsible for the actions of her attacker. They might even become fearful — of men, dating, or just going out. Depression can set in, as well as sexual problems.

One of the first things you need to think about is how to avoid date rape. How do you tell a good guy from a bad guy? Well, if this guy shows hostility toward women, if he tends to be a little domineering, or if he has wrong ideas about women (such as the concept that they exist to serve men's needs), he might be a candidate. Conversely, if you puts you too high on a pedestal, he might get angry if he thinks you've let him down. Watch for these possible warning signs.

Realistically, only rapists can put an end to rape. But you can use some practical steps to help protect yourself.

Express what you want clearly - make it clear before a sexual situation arises what your limits are.

Avoid secluded places - stay away from isolated locations such as parks or deserted beaches. Suggest meeting in public places.

Be aware of alcohol and drugs — it's much harder to control the situation when they enter the scene. Be aware of how much your date drinks.

Have your own transportation — don't rely on a date from transportation (especially if you don't know him well). Drive your own car or use public transportation. You can even go out with a group or double date.

It's important that both men and women know their sexual rights and responsibilities.

Women should know that you have the right to:

- Dress as you please
- Agree to have sex with someone and then change your mind at any time

Body & mind



Dangerous Misconceptions About Date Rape

P. Melissa Dreznick
Editor-in-Chief

Rape of any kind is completely devastating to the victim's life, but date or marital rape can do even more severe damage. There are several reasons for this. The first is that date and marital rape are far more difficult to prove. How can a woman prove that the sexual encounter was unwanted? If the woman voluntarily went on a date with the man, it might have led to consensual sex. It's purely her word against his. Marital rape is even harder to prove. How can a woman prove she said no to her own husband.

A rape victim often feels dirty and ashamed after her attack. In the case of marital or date rape, add foolish and betrayed. This was a man she trusted, maybe even loved. How could her judgment of character have been so bad? Because of these feelings of shame and self-blame, this crime is far less likely to be reported at all. Add these problems to the fact that a rape trial is far more a trial of the victim's character than the events of the evening in question. It is estimated that only 50 percent of rape cases are reported. This percentage drops dramatically in date rape. Marital rape—which only recently became a crime—is almost never reported.

Another problem with date rape is that often the victim feels she had it coming. After all, her date did spend a lot of money on her. She also didn't have to wear such a provocative outfit. These facts don't excuse him! No matter how expensive the evening was, the man has no right to demand sex, or to take it forcefully! If a

man feels that an amount of money spent should buy him sex, then he should seek out the company of a prostitute.

The clothes a woman chooses to wear also do not give a man the right to have sex with her against her will. Women in strip-bars walk around in nothing but G-strings, but the patrons still have no right to touch the dancers.

Young women often believe that some kissing and flirting also give a man the right to force himself on her. This again is a sad misconception. A woman can say no at any time. Even if intercourse has already begun, either the man or woman can have a change of heart.

College campuses are involved in many of these horrific crimes. That's why the seminar to be held by the Wellness Center is so important. Both men and women should attend to find out how to prevent this life-shattering event from happening to them.

Be treated with respect at all times

But you also have the responsibility to: Talk openly and honestly about your sexual expectations, wishes and intentions

Assert yourself — by standing up for your rights

Take an equal role in your relationships with men

Reject sexual stereotypes that define

women as passive, weak and irrational

Men should know:

You DO NOT have the right to pressure of force a woman to have sex, even if:

You paid for her dinner or a night out.

You've had sex with her before.

She agrees to have sex with you, and then changes her mind.

She dresses provocatively, flirts, or comes on to you

You met her at a bar or picked her up hitchhiking

You think women enjoy being forced to have sex or want to be persuaded

If you are raped, you should seek emotional support from friends or family. The experience can be very traumatic. Don't try to go it alone. If you don't feel there's anyone you can confide in, call a rape crisis hotline. You should also see a doctor immediately for treatment of injuries and tests. This can provide important medical evidence, so don't douche, bathe, shower, or change clothes before you go.

If you are a legal adult, the decision to report the rape is yours. Remember that reporting sexual assault is an important part of ending violence against women — but you should be comfortable with the decision. In any case, you should consult a trained rape-crisis counselor, hospital,

rape-crisis center of mental health center.

If your friend has been raped, be there to support her. Give her emotional backup and let her express her feelings. Don't pry into details or be judgmental — giving understanding is the most important thing. Encourage her to report the rape, see a doctor and contact a counselor.

Rape is an ugly violent crime.

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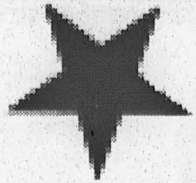
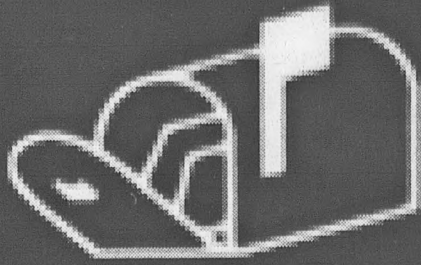
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**Jessica Pepe
Advice Columnist**

Dear AskJessPepe,
I have been speaking to this guy for a few months. We constantly argue because he

does not seem to trust me. If I speak to

another guy, he thinks that there is something between us. I have been trying to prove to him that I am not a liar and that he is the one I want. How do I get him to believe in me?

From
Untrusted

Dear Untrusted,

He could be cheating on you and, because of his guilt, he's accusing you, or maybe he has an inferiority complex. Maybe he feels like you're too good for him. Maybe you are. My advice to you is to try to reassure him that he is the only one for you and watch your flirting when talking to other guys. Trust is a major foundation of a relationship and if you don't have it then it won't work. If my advice didn't work for you, then move on with your life. Sometimes people don't change.
JessPepe

Dear AskJessPepe,
I've had a girlfriend for about three years. She went away to college and things don't seem to be the same. I wish I could break up with her, but I am

her whole life. There is another girl I have been looking at, but I can't speak to her because I feel guilty.

From
Confused

Dear Confused,
If your head is turning to look at other women then obvi-

ously you're not happy in your relationship. You are looking for something more. You're a good guy for not cheating on your girlfriend, but I would say that you should break up with her. Chances are you're not her whole life. She'll get over it. don't deny your happiness. Embrace it.

JessPepe

Chances are, you're not her whole life. She'll get over it.

Dear AskJessPepe,
I have been going out with

this guy for eight months and he is trying to pressure me into sleeping with him, but I want to wait until I am married. He doesn't understand and says if I really loved him I would do it. What should I do?

From
Pressured in Staten Island

Dear Pressured in S.I.

He's a loser. If he really respected and loved you he would understand your wishes. No means no. Drop that zero and get yourself a hero. He just wants to get into your pants. You're too good for that.

JessPepe

Dear AskJessPepe,

I have been friends with this girl for a little while (a few months) and it seems there is a mutual attraction between us. How do I find out or attempt to take it further without messing up the friendship

From
Scared Charley

Dear Scared Charley

Drop that zero and get yourself a hero.

Make her a wonderful candle-light dinner and discuss

how you feel. See if she feels the same way. Tell her that she's one of your greatest friends and that if she doesn't feel the same way it wont affect your friendship. Good luck and Bon Appetite.

JessPepe

Dear AskJessPepe,
I have been stalking you for years and want to love you in a prison way.

From
That guy in your back yard

Dear That Guy In My Back yard
Have some balls and ring the bell.

JessPepe

Dear AskJessPepe,

It seems that every magazine, porno rag and sex advice column I read is riddled with the notion that Size does matter. How can a guy like me, who's tipping the "lacking" edge of the "normal" scale, walk with confidence in this size obsessed world. I always feel like kind words are spoken for the sole purpose of making me feel better.

From

Devilishly

Inadequate

Dear Devilishly Inadequate,
For most women, including myself, size does matter. However there are a lot of women out there who will love you for you and not your penis. Even though sex isn't everything, some women won't tolerate a bad sex life. They might leave you or cheat on you. If it bothers you that much, invest some money in a penis enlargement, take an oath of celibacy or find a petite woman.

JessPepe

For most women, including myself, size does matter.

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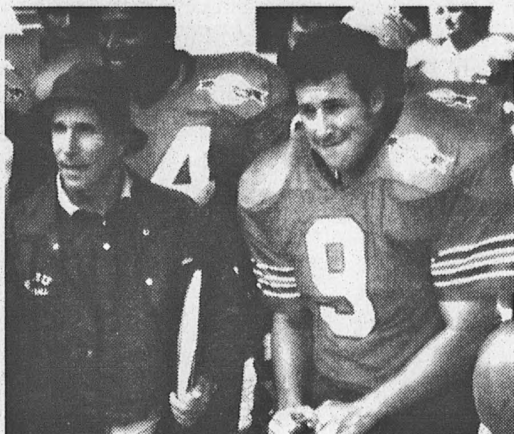
The Reel World

Christopher Bligh
Staff Reporter

Sports have always been an interesting subject for gritty dramas and clever comedies.

In the case of football comedies, a film like "The Longest Yard" represents how it should be done, whereas a film like "Necessary Roughness" is a good example of how it should not be done.

The new football comedy "The Waterboy" has been released to theaters. As for quality, the movie resembled both of the aforementioned examples.



Bobby Boucher (Adam Sandler) is 31 years old. His social skills are not good and he lives with his over-protective mother (Kathy Bates) in the Louisiana swamps. His only connection to the world is as a college football team's waterboy, but the team would rather make fun of him and put him in positions where he can't defend himself.

Things start to look up in Bobby's life when a new coach (Henry Winkler) takes notice of Bobby unleashing his rage at a player and gives him a position of tackler on the team.

The film has its entertaining moments most of the way with some genuine laughs, funny visualizing of Bobby's tackle victims and the hand-me-down clothing Bobby seems to put on when going on a special occasion. When the film comes to its last quarter, some of the comedy becomes puz-

zling, some of the characters aren't developed enough and things that were funny the first time aren't as funny.

Adam Sandler makes the character of Bobby appealing with his voice, reminiscent of Sandler's Canteen Boy character on *Saturday Night Live*, and his way with people which reminded me of another mentally challenged tackler in "The Longest Yard". Henry Winkler's performance was a departure from his most famous character, Arthur "Fonz" Fonzerelli on the TV show *Happy Days*, playing a character with secrets and a lot of vulnerability.

This film is not different from any other Adam Sandler films in that it lands in the genre of not only a football comedy, but a common Sandler genre a K-Tel Comedy, a funny movie with a soundtrack with plenty of songs from the past on one CD that you might see advertised on TV, although I did like the selections for this one.

In conclusion, "The Waterboy" isn't all washed up. It's definitely crowd pleasing. Some jokes work some don't, but overall I was very entertained and in any college student's busy week as well as any Sandler fan, it won't disappoint.

Picture yourself on a holiday weekend. Your favorite TV show has a long marathon, you're eager to watch every episode of it and,

The Waterboy (PG-13)



Aspect Ratio: 185:1

as fate would have it, the remote you have puts you in the place of your favorite character. This all happens in the fictitious town of "Pleasantville", the new comedy-drama from writer-director Gary Ross.

David (Tobey Maguire) and Jennifer (Reese Witherspoon) are twin high school students. Jennifer yearns for popularity while David is filled with Pleasantville trivia that would be useful on any trivia related game show. One night, during a Pleasantville marathon on a old-time rerun channel, a TV repair man gives the two of them a special remote.

By an accidental push of a button, their colorful world soon turns black and white as they're both zapped into the fictitious world of saturated family values and perfection. Everything is happy-go-lucky and there's nothing beyond this little town or any dark parts to it. The two siblings introduce the residents to one thing they never had before-color. Once introduced, everything in Pleasantville turns upside down and things start to happen that had never happened before (perfect basketball shot missed, reading, anger).

I found this to be a very visually striking movie as well as clever, funny and written extremely well, developing the characters quite nicely. This movie does what most special effects movies should take note of, that is balancing the visuals with good writing.

Gary Ross collaborated on the Tom Hanks hit "Big" and wrote one of my favorite

movies of the 90's "Dave". It's interesting how all of the movies he's involved with have a one word title. This is his directorial debut and it's a very good one.

The performances by all are right on target. Witherspoon gets to show two sides to her character while Maguire keeps his boyish innocence throughout the whole movie. It's a shame that this was the last film of character actor J.T. Walsh who recently died. He was always a notable presence in every one of his movies and the end title credits does pay tribute to him.

The film has no Main Title credits and makes wonderful use of its Spherical aspect ratio. In conclusion, with its clever script and a trip back to a more innocent time, "Pleasantville" does what many more movies should do in the future, have a little bit of everything (comedy, drama, suspense, visuals). That element always helps and usually surprises more pleasantly.



Pleasantville (PG-13)- 4 1/2 out of 5 Dolphins
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Pleasantville (PG-13)

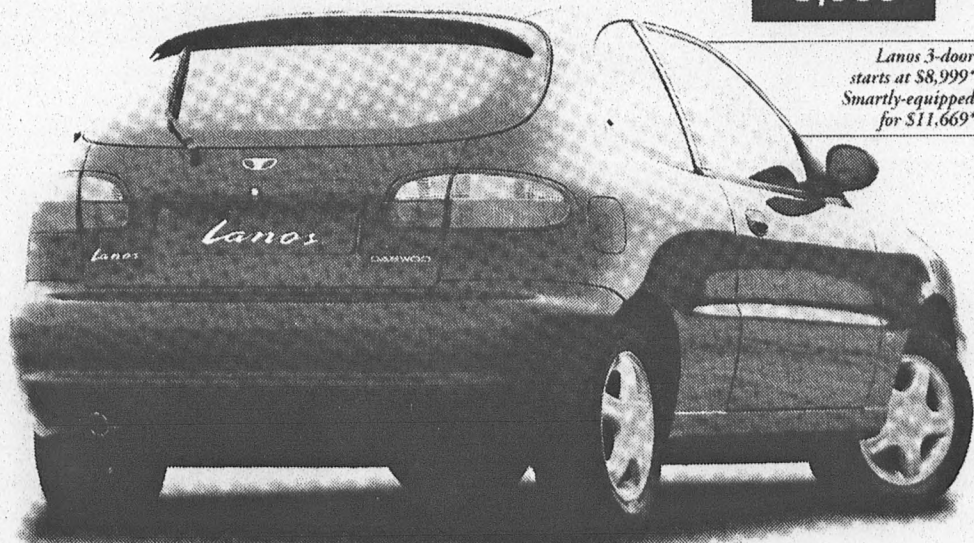


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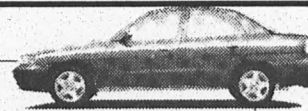
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Separating The Dog From Dogma

Tabitha Elkins
Staff Reporter

I am sure that Jeremy Condit meant his article last week, "Walking the Dogma", to be witty and irreverent. Many people nowadays seem to feel that to be "original", they have to display a cynical approach to everything, including God (Sorry- no TM- although many have tried, nobody has yet been able to copy-right God). This Howard Stern-type "humor" is embraced by the masses as "original" and "daring"- although, honestly speaking, there's nothing daring or original behind it. This sort of thing has been going on for centuries. It's all old hat. Unfortunately, a few readers may have taken this diatribe seriously; therefore, I would like to take it upon myself to clear up a few common "myths and superstitions" regarding God and religion.

MYTH NUMBER ONE: *Since God is in charge of everything, we really don't have any choice regarding whether we follow God or not- it's essentially a non-choice.* Fatalists love this idea- the idea that all of life is predestined; therefore, God is being cruel by creating a world full of suffering and temptation, then "punishing" people for wrongdoing. The reasoning behind this is: if God is in control of everything-how, then, can He hold us accountable for our actions?

Now, if this were the case, we

could, indeed accuse God of great cruelty. Fortunately, we know by reading God (not merely taking verses out of context, as some do) that God, after creating the universe, gave humanity complete free will. That means that we, and only we, are responsible for our action- not our parents, our children, the government... or even God Him/Herself? Does this cause us to feel guilty? Yes- but the solution is simple. Forgive yourself. Forgive others- and lastly- ask God to forgive you. God is infinite mercy, and there is neither guilt nor shame in the arms of God.

MYTH NUMBER TWO: *God is a cruel God, who punishes sinners, even punishing innocent children for the sins of their parents.*

Sometimes simple-minded people get ahold of the Bible, mis-read it, and go out preaching this so-called "truth" much in the same way that a guy will go into a bar and BS about baseball statistics. As they say, "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing in the hands of a fool."

The truth is, God does not punish people. People punish themselves. Whenever a people acts wrongly, their actions invariably come back on them. In Eastern thought, this concept is known as "karma". In the Bible, it's "You shall reap what you sow."

To a shallow-minded person, this conjures up images of a red-horned guy with a tail and a pitchfork presiding over a lake of burning sulfur. These types forget that the Bible is a spiritual book, and often figurative language is used to describe

what cannot be described with words alone. Is there a hell? Yes. Hell is separation from God. It's an experience that many of us have had, myself included- that feeling of terror, pain and searing loneliness that comes from being empty inside. Fortunately, there is also a Heaven- and that heaven starts out right here on Earth, in our hearts and minds. Jesus said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." - meaning, within arms reach-nearby. All you need to do is reach out and accept.

MYTH NUMBER THREE: *The Bible is outdated and unscientific.* In the past, many simple-minded people tried to get God's word to fit into some scientific theory or another. When their theories proved incorrect, others took it as a sign that the Bible itself was flawed in some way. There is a fatal error in this logic. Firstly, because we are not to use God to advance our personal beliefs, be they scientific, philosophical or otherwise; and secondly, because the Bible is not primarily concerned with science. The Bible is a spiritual book, dealing with spiritual truths.

God is more concerned with whether or not you love your neighbor than with whether or not you believe in the big bang or evolutionary theories. Nobody ever goes to hell because of their scientific views- God cares about the state of your heart.

MYTH NUMBER FOUR: *God is responsible for all of the suffering in the world- therefore, God is unjust.* People often point to gruesome events such as the Holocaust, the

Spanish Inquisition, or even the events described in the Bible- cannibalism, human sacrifice, and violent wars- and conclude that God must be a pretty evil guy to allow such things to happen. Even more shocking, some of the worst crimes of this century were committed by people who claimed to be "Christians". But let's look at the facts. If God gave humanity free will, to do as they please, how can it be God's fault if people do evil? Certainly God could have created a race of robots who would blindly obey orders- but He gave us the gift of free will. In addition, He gave the Jewish people the Torah- his laws- laws which prohibit violence, murder, theft, greed and oppression. Through Yeshua the Messiah (AKA Jesus), he gave these laws to the rest of the world, teaching love and nonviolence and providing the ultimate sacrifice and example.

Of course, not everyone who claims to be a Christian is one. Think about it- anyone can claim to be a musician, but if you can't play an instrument, you aren't one! Similarly, if you can't prove by your life that you follow the example of Jesus, you are not his follower, either.

MYTH NUMBER FIVE: *Christians are weak people who need God as a crutch.*

Just think for a moment. Was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. a weak man? How about Abraham Lincoln, Leo Tolstoy, Charles

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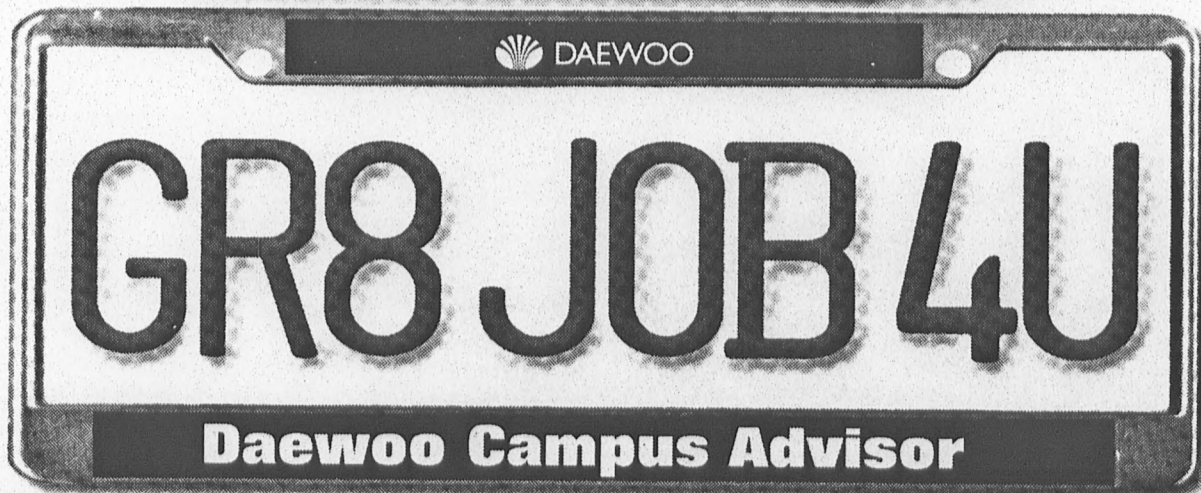
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Jeremy Condit
Features Editor

"Winston thought for a moment, then pulled the speakwrite toward him and began dictating in Big Brother's familiar style: a style at once military and pedantic, and, because of a trick of asking questions and then promptly answering them ('What lessons do we learn from this fact, comrades? The lessons-which is also one of the fundamental principles of Ingsoc-that,' etc., etc.) easy to imitate."
George Orwell, 1984

I don't have a cynical approach to everything. Do you? That would be a destructive lifestyle. I find that people who place their trust and faith on the nonexistent, and believe with all their hearts that they're going to burn for eternity is more cynical than a realistic perception of reality. Reality is that which, when you stop believing in it, doesn't go away.

According to the "free will" argument presented here, God created us, and then we betrayed Him. This is quite the convenient turd of wisdom. There is a simple flaw to the logic here.

He desires His creatures to love Him. However, the mystery of evil conflicts with this desire. It is difficult for rational humans to love God when they do not understand why there is so much evil in the world. If the reasons for evil are beyond human understanding, God could at least make this a little clearer. Why does He not do so? Moreover, why does not an all-powerful God have the power to raise human intelligence so humans can understand why there is so much evil, maybe even surpass it? If there is reason for not doing this, then why is this not made clear? There is mystery on top of mystery here which seems to conflict explicitly with God's desire to be loved.

But God is omniscient, and does not make mistakes- it's all in His plan. What are His responsibilities, then, other than sitting around wringing His hands in grief and waiting for us to fit into his plan? If this is the plan, why don't I believe in Him?

And this idea that not loving your God causes me guilt is absurd. The reporter states: "The solution is simple. Forgive yourself. Forgive others- and lastly- ask God to forgive you. God is infinite mercy, and there is neither guilt nor shame in the arms of God."

I don't think most people are so harangued by their consciences that they need to forgive themselves. If they do, I encourage this action so they can get on with their lives, not submit to some invisible ideals. I'm content to remain satisfied and free without people like this installing an expensive guilt system in my heart. "The truth is, God does not punish people- people punish themselves. Whenever a people act wrongly, their actions invariably come back on them. In Eastern thought, this concept is known as "karma". In the Bible, it's "You shall reap what you sow"

There should be a moment of awe at the stupidity- the sheer, awesome, mind-yanking stupidity in this statement alone. If not, I will gently ask:

What in hell does Jesu Christos have to do with KARMA? Besides stepping all over the Buddha's feet I'm supposed to forget everything my priest has convinced me about hell for unrepentant sinners because the cosmos- now assimilated into Christ, Inc.- will take care of the guilt for me? Because God has been castrated by free will, now fate will step in, random, ironic fate, and will show my conscience what for?

"Hell is separation from God." "...and that heaven starts out right here on Earth, in our hearts and minds."

There is no hell in the physical sense. Am I safe to assume that is the statement being said, here? Likewise, heaven has been down played to some degree as well. This is a wonderful concept: God doesn't punish people, but the eternal reward is likewise void.

So now my soul isn't immortal. Tabitha has just erased several million people's tickets to the afterlife, and since Limbo was cancelled like a bad sitcom in the late 60's, there's nowhere to go. But it's okay, because maybe pulling karma out of my ass will make up for it.

But in a more philosophical sense, think of the inherent weight of the fact that there is no physical hell and God

does not punish sinners: why, then, would I fear God? He has no power over me or this world any more. According to this wonderful statement about hell being separated from God, I thank God that he devised His plan so wonderfully without consequence.

Is this the guilt thing, where I'm supposed to feel sorry for hurting the feelings of a deital mass murderer? If my father is a distant psychopath who abandons my mother (Mary was an unwed, teenage mother) and blames me for the state of the world because he came- I renounce that father. Any sane child would.

And according to "myth number four", ladies and gentlemen- we've now assimilated the Jewish religion as well! That's right, the same wonderful benefactor that gave you the Bible is also responsible for the Torah! I won't even go too deep into the spiritual wrongness of this statement, but only a brief thought of "living through the Torah": I could have the instructions for a 1950's toaster, but that won't help me operate a microwave.

The best line yet is about people who pretend to be Christians. Pretending to be a Christian is like sawing your legs off and pretending to be mute.

"Tolstoy, in his writings and correspondences, encouraged Mahatma Ghandi, who later led India to independence." Gee, then why didn't Ghandi rush right out and join the Christians?

Geoffrey Dahmer became a born-again Christian while in prison, and died as one. David "Son of Sam" Berkowitz, also recently converted and is now calling himself "Son of Hope". These men are assured places in heaven for their belief. Mahatma Ghandi lived his entire life peacefully, positively, and almost entirely without blame. Yet he did not believe in your loving God-therefore, into the fires for eternity with him. He didn't follow the rules.

And by what degree of intellectual constipation does one allow yourself that Christians "saved" the blacks from slavery, or "saved" the Jews from the Holocaust?! This is absurd! Put down the Bible and pick up a newspaper, an encyclopedia! The Christians went so far as to prolong the enslavement system, and the Holocaust was revealed the true face of

modern Christianity.

The Vatican spent a few years issuing forged Red Cross passports to the Nazi contingent in the Croatian Catholic Church, as so to form a buffer of right-wing fascists to shield the world against the spread of Godless communism in Eastern Europe and South America. Pius XII no way condoned or abetted the actions of Hitler's Reich, but what the Vatican did do, as unimaginably contradictory as it sounds, was aid in the flight of wanted Nazi war criminals from international justice. Christians did this. Christians helped Adolf Eichmann, chief architect of the Holocaust, escape justice.

Earlier on, the reporter stated: "Sometimes simple-minded people get ahold of the Bible, mis-read it, and go out preaching this so-called "truth" much in the same way that a guy will go into a bar and BS about baseball statistics. As they say, 'A little knowledge is a dangerous thing in the hands of a fool'"

I suppose this was lazily aimed at me. But I never claimed to misread the Bible- I read it, past and present tense. It's a damning testimony of your master. You want to impress me with quotes? Find me one word in the Gospels that is in support of intelligence. This reporter is a wonderful specimen of using just "a little knowledge."

"Myths and Superstitions" is an inept, mismatched, mix-up blood clot of an article that insults the intelligence of everyone, including Christians. This reporter's faith seems centered on all the "nice things" about religions and God(s) and ignores the histories and morals of each. This is a mistake. If you are a Jew, a Buddhist, a Follower of Islam, or a Shintoist, you have a heritage to follow. I promise you that if you are a Christian, you have the blood of Christ and everyone who ever died in His name on your hands. If you are a Christian, you stick your nose back in that Bible and you maintain your enslavement to invisible greed. Offer your purity to that idiot God you've invented. You worship regret. You worship murder. You worship blindness and fear. Your positive nature is hollowed by doubt and impotent fear at what lies outside of the campfire. This is your heritage.

Dogma

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Dickens, Harriet beecher Stowe, the composers Felix Mendelssohn and Oliver Messaen, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, humanitarians Albert Schweitzer and Mother Theresa? They're sterling men and women of faith who changed society for the better, created great masterpieces and illuminated millions. Tolstoy, in his writings and correspondences, encouraged Mahatma Ghandi, who later led India to independence. And it was the outspoken bravery of true Christians who spoke out against the abomination of

slavery in America.

In our century, the few brave true Christians risked their lives to save Jews from the Holocaust and save Europe from fascists. Many lost their lives in the process.

MYTH NUMBER SIX: Religion is based on what you believe, not on experience..

Actually, the opposite is true. If you have no direct experience with God, if it's all something you believe in theory, then you don't truly know God. God can only be known as a scientifically observable truth. Does this surprise you? It certainly came as a surprise to me! I, like many people, once thought that God, if he

was real, certainly was "out of reach" for everyday. Later on, as I got to know God (not just about God) I came to realize that God is not "vague" as Condit puts it. The reason we can't discern God's presence is because of our innate selfishness, our ego. Yes, the ego- the thing that makes you always say the wrong things, screw up your relationships, lose your job, lose your head and lose your perspective.

Maybe as you read this, you find that's it's all "going over your head." Maybe it all seems nonsense to you. If so, then you must remember that God cannot be found by a hard heart and a closed mind. The Bible says, "You will find me

when you search for me with all of your heart." (Jeremiah 29:13)

Remember, God is infinite Love and infinite Mercy. God loves you as you right now, just as you are, and God does not discriminate. God is neither male nor female, black nor white, old nor young. God is spirit, and those who worship God worship God in Spirit and in Truth. God is available to everyone. Just open your heart.

No-Shows On Dolphin Diamond

Anthony Avena
Contributor

A team that was looking to take the next step in winning the College World Series, might not even have the feet to step with.

The CSI baseball team hopes to overcome a recent set-back. With this year's fall season cut short due to a lack of players, head coach Bill Cali is not sure if he will have enough players to field a team in the upcoming season.

"You can't compete at this level with just twelve players," said Cali. "In reality it just isn't possible."

This was a team headed in the right direction. Winning 25 games two years ago, 20 last season and with the majority of returning players being seniors, CSI was surely making a statement.

This team only lost two seniors (pitchers John Testa and Pete Noto) from last year's squad, but had seniors like John

Scarangelo and Kevin Plunkett who are considered cornerstones to this team not even show. Junior pitcher John Urrico and infielder Chris Milante, transfer students from Raritan College are only two others of a long list of no-shows.

On the bright side, junior third baseman Matt Holt (Wagner College) and junior infielder/ outfielder Craig Zumbo (Fordham University), key transfers this fall did show up, along with freshman pitcher John Aquesta and catcher Ray Johnson (St. Peter's products). Sophomore Glen Van Pelt was also at the fall practices and is looking to bounce back from a season-ending injury suffered in spring training last year.

"You lose a lot when something like this happens," said Van Pelt. "The fall is basically for the new players, so the coaches can see who they have coming in."

But Ben Laskin a senior outfielder who batted .463 last season, but was ineligible for the fall, seems more understanding. "We

have a lot of transfer students coming in this year," said Laskin. "With the fall being canceled, it should give them time to get settled."

But without the fall the coaches aren't really sure what they have to work with and are left one step behind the competition.

Cali hopes junior first baseman Frank Sansonetti who hit .509 last year with eight triples and 11 doubles and sophomore pitcher Jason Calabrese (four wins), can get eligible and return in the spring.

Senior captain Ryan Lotito (.394), who also came out, still had high expectations for the upcoming season. "As long as everyone comes in the spring, we'll be all-right," he said. The captain has faith in his teammates and knows that once they get their acts together they'll be right back where they ended last year at the top of the City University of New York conference.

"You have to realize this is Division III baseball," Lotito admits. "You have to give a little more time and patience than usual."

Patience is something the coaching staff is running thin on. The season is less than five months away and they don't even know if they can field a team.

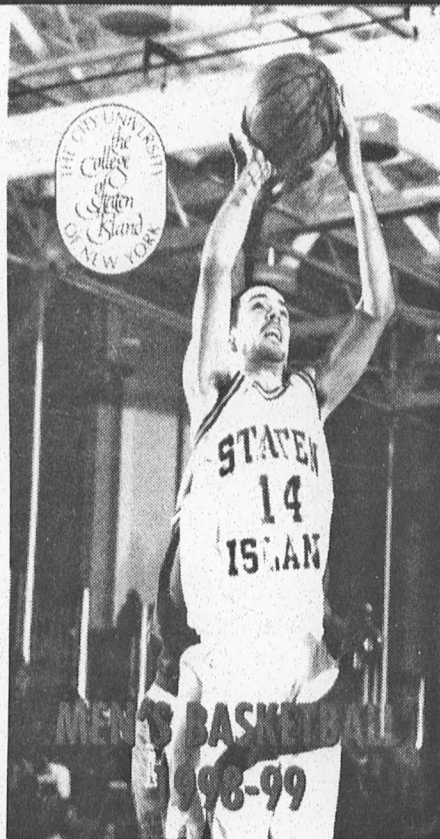
"You need at least 25 players to compete in college, but I'm just hoping for 20 right now," Cali explains.

"I know this team well and I know the players," said Lotito. "The team unity is still there. All we have to do get together and make it happen."

The captain really doesn't see it as a step in the wrong direction, but as a slight stand still. "We still have a great team here," said the excited senior. "I don't like to be optimistic, but if we have everyone come out that is supposed to, we shouldn't lose many games."

The players still have high expectations for the spring, but the coaches want big strides, not baby steps.

CSI Men's Basketball 1998-99



1998-99 COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Fri	Nov 20	at	Susquehanna Tournament	TBA
Sat	Nov 21	at	Susquehanna Tournament	TBA
Sat	Nov 28	vs	EASTERN CONNECTICUT	4:00 PM
Thu	Dec 3	at	Brooklyn	7:00 PM
Mon	Dec 7	at	York	8:30 PM
Thu	Dec 10	at	Medgar Evers	7:30 PM
Sat	Dec 12	vs	FDU-MADISON	7:30 PM
Mon	Dec 28	vs	CSI HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT	TBA
Tue	Dec 29	vs	CSI HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT	TBA
Sun	Jan 3	vs	SAVANNAH ART & DESIGN	4:00 PM
Tue	Jan 5	vs	MEDGAR EVERS	7:30 PM
Thu	Jan 7	vs	MOUNT SAINT MARY	7:30 PM
Sat	Jan 9	at	Montclair State	3:00 PM
Thu	Jan 14	at	Hunter	7:00 PM
Sat	Jan 23	vs	BROOKLYN	7:30 PM
Wed	Jan 27	vs	HUNTER	7:30 PM
Sat	Jan 30	at	Manhattanville	2:00 PM
Mon	Feb 1	at	CCNY	5:00 PM
Wed	Feb 3	vs	LEHMAN	7:30 PM
Fri	Feb 5	at	SUNY Purchase	7:00 PM
Mon	Feb 8	at	John Jay	6:00 PM
Wed	Feb 10	vs	BARUCH	7:30 PM
Mon	Feb 15	vs	YORK	8:00 PM
Wed	Feb 17	at	USMMA-Kings Point	7:00 PM
Sun	Feb 21	at	CUNY Tournament (Lehman)	TBA
Wed	Feb 24	at	CUNY Tournament (Lehman)	TBA
Fri	Feb 26	at	CUNY Tournament (Lehman)	TBA

Dolphins Stay True To Form; Win 2nd Straight Title

Zak Iviovic
CUNY Sports Newsletter

The College of Staten Island (CSI) used an all-around team effort in capturing four of the nine titles contested in pulling away from stiff competition and winning their second straight City University of New York (CUNY) Athletic Conference Men's Tennis title at the Harlem Tennis Center in Manhattan.

The Dolphins (45 points) were bolstered by having finals representation in four of six singles flights and all three doubles flights, with junior Mark Wantowski earning double titles at #2 singles and combining with David Ng to capture the #1 doubles flight. Freshman Travis Wilkerson contributed with a come from behind 3-6, 7-5, 7-6 sixth flight victory over Community College of New York's (CCNY) Omar Syed, while John Fede and Tete Tetteviah sealed it with their #3 doubles title.

"This had to be the most satisfying of all the titles," stated CSI's elated coach, Bruce Knittle. "We didn't dominate as individuals, but we won as a team. That was the story of our season."

Staten Island, the regular season champions after a very impressive 11-1 season record, won their fifth title in the last six years under Knittle's tutelage. Wantowski's win at #2 singles was especially gratifying, since he lost his

regular season match to Brooklyn's Ilya Shiplov, but managed to turn around his first set loss to win 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. In fact, three of the four Dolphin victories went into tie-breakers. For the first time, the event was played indoors in its entirety due to inclement weather that pushed the event from Knittle's home court at CSI.

"CCNY definitely had the (home) court advantage, and what made it tougher for us was the tournament was originally scheduled for our courts and then moved to a very fast surface."

CCNY, who tied for second place with upstart Brooklyn College with 34 points, was paced by the duo of Mike Kessler and Vivek Parwani, winners of the #3 and #4 flights, respectively. Kessler and Parwani then combined in the #2 doubles to edge CSI's Danny Horig and Wilkerson, 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4). Brooklyn's Pavan Khurana, probably the conference's top player in only his freshman campaign, dominated the #1 singles flight with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Hunter's Joe Gibbons while Gibbons' teammate, Gary Sandberg captured the 5th flight title 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 over Hong. Hunter finished fourth on the day with 32 points, followed by York (12 points) and Baruch (6 points).

"Not many people thought we could go this far because we had only two players returning. But the guys we got this year blended well together and the results speak for themselves," added Knittle.

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