

# THE BANNER

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## Bomb Squad Visits 4S

Marcel Sandougout

CSI looked like a scene from the blockbuster movie Ladder 49, on Monday 27th. The fire department and the NYPD bomb squad stormed onto the campus, joining CSI's public safety officers, in response to a bomb threat. After a building-by-building search, an unidentified black plastic garbage bag was located in building 4S. The NYPD bomb squad entered the building, took some X-rays, and concluded that the package was harmless.

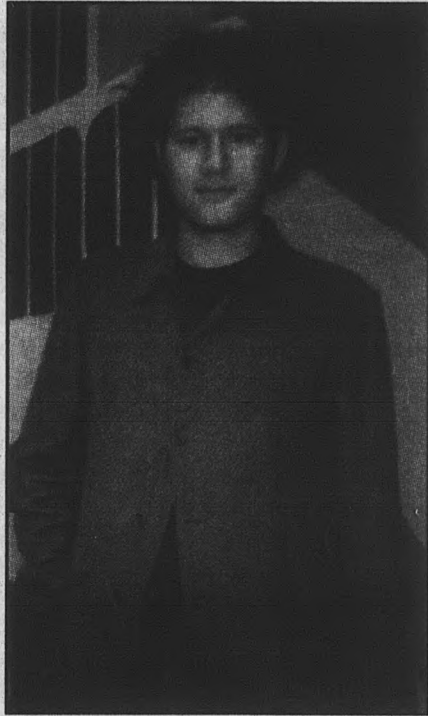
"We have to take every precaution," said Angelo Aponte, CSI's Vice President of Finance and Administration. "And it was successful in the sense that the college did everything it had to do."

The chain of events began on Monday around 4.30 pm, when the campus received an anonymous phone call indicating that four bomb had been placed in CSI. "It gave us reasons to investigate," Aponte said. "We can't take for granted it's a prank call."

CSI's public safety officers responded immediately by conducting a search in every campus building. In 4S, the officers noticed an unattended black bag that looked suspect. They followed then evacuated the building and closed the area.

"Public safety officers quietly and

## PROFESSOR FOR SALE



Jessica Mendez

At the Verb Café in Brooklyn's achingly hip Williamsburg, Michael Mandiberg sips a soy hot chocolate, contemplating art and identity. He leans back, his long, lean 6'1 frame relaxed, his attitude much like the mellow, slightly sweet, complex drink he is so fond of. "One of my goals has been to always provide levels of access [to art]," says

*CSI Professor  
Michael Mandiberg  
sold himself on the  
Internet...his books,  
his letters,  
his wallet, his socks,  
his shoes, his used tube of  
A+D Ointment . . .  
and even his time.  
So what does all this have  
to do with art?*

Mandiberg, who himself was heavily influence by DuChamp (who is "absolutely essential"), Keith Bunting, Felix Gonzales Torres and performance artists of the late 60s and early 70s. Mandiberg should know all about art. Hell, he put his identity up for sale in the name of it.

During the year of 2001, well before joining the Communications Department of the College Staten Island, Michael Mandiberg sold himself on the Internet. For a price, you could have had a piece of the then Graduate school-bound artist. You could have dictated his time in any way you wished for a mere \$20/hour and literally taken the clothes off his back. And from his closet. He even would have fed you the last of the strawberry jam from his fridge.

Calm down, it's not as tawdry as it sounds. In fact, it's not tawdry at all. Michael Mandiberg is a freelance conceptual artist and creator of "Shop Mandiberg," (located at [www.mandiberg.com](http://www.mandiberg.com)), a site that calls into question the notions of commodity as identity. Mandiberg's goal? To "welcome a new era where the artist not only claims advertising as a medium, but business itself." He put all his worldly goods on sale, down to his underwear, almond milk, pictures of his family and a box of his infamous wavy auburn hair. He even had a Christmas sale, giving 20% off to people who may want to give their loved

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## Student Government At Standstill

### SENATORS DEADLOCKED

Mellissa Seecharan

For the past four months, CSI's Student Government has not been able to elect a president. After numerous meetings over the summer, the problem has now stumbled over into the fall semester.

"The student body is really losing out," commented Dwight Dunkley one of the presidential nominees.

Both presidential candidates, Stephanie Donoso and Dunkley, were nominated on June 11. But when voting took place on June 18, neither of the candidates were elected to the position due to a split decision among the 14 senators in attendance. Three subsequent rounds of voting ensued, but in none of the rounds was a candidate able to receive the minimum number of votes needed to become president.

"No one has achieved the needed two-thirds vote," said Dunkley

According to the Student Government's minutes from July 7, Carol Brower, CSI's Director of Student Life, was noted as having spoken to a lawyer for CSI concerning a previous memo from Shmuel Gerber, an advisor of student meetings. This lawyer reportedly suggested that "the Student Government could vote to waive the two-thirds vote required for the election of president and vice president."

Gerber's proposal for waiving the two-third vote requirement was explored, but after even more legal advice had been obtained, Brower was told, "that since the Student Government already has a provision in their constitution for handling the problem of not being able to elect a president . . . this recommendation was not valid."

"We needed to make sure they didn't go outside of their constitution," said Brower, when asked why a lawyer was consulted. "Procedures like this are conducted all of the time with the CSI legal staff."

Though it might seem like a difficult and risky proposition to run the most important student representa-

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## WSIA SEARCH TO START FROM SCRATCH

David Maltz

The search for general manager at WSIA has hit yet another obstacle.

None of the previous three finalists has been selected for the position. Now, the search committee has received an extension for the search, with the hope they will find a new GM.

"We got an extension, which gives us more time," explained Carol Brower, CSI Director of Student Life, "so it actually helps us."

Brower explains that while there is no definite time frame for the search to conclude, she hopes it will not be much longer. "It's usually a 6 week process to review the resumés," Brower said. "If everything goes well, it [the search] will take three months."

In order to help relieve the stress of the staff at WSIA, Brower said that some temporary help is on the way. "To help downstairs [WSIA], we're

going to give them a college assistant," Brower said.

Brower said the requirements for the position of General Manager are a Bachelor's degree and 4 years of related experience, and the position is open to anybody, even those who applied before. "Obviously anyone can apply, but they might not be called for an interview," Brower said. "We anticipate some people will reapply . . . The committee reviews any resumé that comes in."

At this point the search has taken more than two years and has no end in sight. While acknowledging the search has taken a long time, Brower is optimistic it will wrap up soon.

"I wouldn't have thought it would be this long," Brower said. "I'd be surprised if it's this hard again... There are a lot of people looking for work right now."

That remains to be seen.



# The American Democracy Project

## The New York Times THE BANNER



### Wrong Candidate, Wrong Place, Wrong Time

By Kola Kozak

Although John F. Kerry seemed to be the victor of the first presidential debate, his policies on foreign affairs are still misunderstood and too weak.

John Kerry said that if he were a president he would get more countries involved to help us win the war. But by having Kerry calling the war a "colossal error" has led to the fact that no country will send their men to assist us. More than thirty nations have their soldiers established in Iraq to support the U.S. against the insurgents. Mr. Kerry did not mention this.

The liberal senator proposed to have a "global test" before going to a war like the one in Iraq. Dick Cheney answered weeks ago that the Bush administration "would never seek a permission slip to defend America. Do you want England, Russia, France and

China to tell our president when it is time to protect the U.S.?"

Throughout, Kerry played the plaintiff, constantly attacking the war against terrorism. And Jim Lehrer of PBS failed to ask questions that would have placed the Democrat on the defensive. Nor did he question Kerry's record as a Senator for twenty years.

Another significant issue were the errors that the Massachusetts Senator made. Kerry said, "Osama bin Laden escaped during the battle at Tora Bora," when it is unclear if bin Laden was at Tora Bora. Kerry's "\$200 million dollars spent on Iraq" is actually \$120 million to date. Kerry mentioned that the death toll of American soldiers went up from July to August. The fact that it dropped from April to June must have slipped his mind. Kerry lied about the president wasting "hun-

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### Kerry Bounces Back; Edwards Flops

By Joe Tacopino

What happened last week in Coral Gables, Florida, was hardly a debate. Jim Lehrer tossed up the softballs and each candidate delivered their carefully scripted, campaign slogans. No follow-up questions were allowed and the candidates could not even talk to each other.

The contest, however, was a sobering diversion after months of unseemly attacks from flimsy film makers and the swift boat veterans.

John Kerry emerged as the clear victor. The Senator from Massachusetts was well prepared, his answers were articulate and concise. He appeared relaxed and dignified while the president seemed irritated and cranky.

The democratic challenger effec-

tively defined his position on Iraq, drew stark contrasts between himself and his opponent and repeatedly criticized the president. Dubya was bewildered; he stammered, repeated himself and was, at times, painful to watch.

The debate, which focused on foreign policy, was predominantly about Iraq; how we got there, what are we doing there and how the heck do we get out? We didn't get answers to any of these questions, but we were presented with two completely different approaches to the quagmire.

John Kerry placed emphasis on his internationalist approach to foreign policy, stressing the importance of working with our allies. George Bush stuck to his go-it-alone policy making it clear, "you're either with us or against us," and that he doesn't

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## DISSENT IN AMERICAN SOCIETY: *Then And Now*

By Matt Safford

I've taken a lot of flack—particularly after 9/11—for wearing and displaying leftist political shirts, stickers and the like, and for stating my views to anyone willing to listen to, or read them. For the latest instance of this, look to the letters section of the last issue of The Banner. Dig deep enough in that pile of papers you pulled this one from, and I'm sure you'll find that old issue. On the off chance that you can't, or that you're lazy like I am, I'll summarize.

One of our fellow students, in attacking myself and my politics, called liberals "pussies," stated that all protesters—"rich, white yuppies" that they are—should be physically beaten into submission, and that among other things, "war is great."

Now, to be fair, I did ask for this, in my editorial a couple issues back. I was looking for a right wing challenger however, and as you can see, what I got were the rantings of a neo-fascist bottom-feeder, with no insight into the history and nature of Democracy in America.

This is going to be incredibly easy, but allow me try my hat at education. Forget that the American Revolution itself was one of the ballsiest acts of dissent this side of the sacking of Rome. Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, besides being obviously an architect of our nation, was also one of its greatest early critics

and dissenters. George Washington appointed him Secretary of State in 1789, but Jefferson resigned on the last day of 1793 because, essentially, he favored French ideals for our nation, over British ones. He later became president himself, and fought through nonviolent means, to get France and Britain to recognize America's right to sovereignty.

So as you can see, dissent, and resistance to power and oppression are not only essential to a healthy Democracy, they are woven into its fabric, by the founding fathers of our country. But don't take my word for it. Here are a few from Americans far more important than I will ever be.

*"Dissent is the highest form of patriotism."*

— Thomas Jefferson

*"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither."*

— Ben Franklin

*"This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or exercise their revolutionary right to overthrow it."*

— Abraham Lincoln

*"Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the President."*

— Theodore Roosevelt

*"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."*

— Martin Luther King Jr.

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I could go on cutting and pasting, but I think you get the idea. Joseph Fago—author of the aforementioned letter—might not, but that's alright. I give him credit for evolving to the point that he can write, and crawling out from under a rock long enough to submit his letter The Banner. His words, far from ringing true as patriotic or American, remind me more of this:

"...the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same way in any country."

The man responsible for this stinky little nugget, is none other than Hermann Goering,

Goering was, of course, Commander-in-Chief of the Luftwaffe, President of the Reichstag, and Hitler's selected successor. So the next time you feel like speaking out against our government, no matter what party may be in office at the time, do not hesitate, or fear that you are being unpatriotic.

Indeed, as I have attempted to explain, there are few ways by which one could be a greater patriot than by dissent. Conversely, if you feel—as our letter-writer does—like falling in line behind your president, and supporting him unabashedly, despite obvious mistakes and misjudgments, then peel that flag off your bumper, you might as well be lighting it on fire.

And if ever someone tells you to "become a man of tolerance—and live in France," get right up in their face and remind them that if not for France's assistance in those early years of our revolution, we would have fallen flat on our face, and ended up back under the yoke of our British oppressors.



# EDWARDS

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dreds of millions of dollars to research bunker-busting nuclear weapons," when not much more than \$30 million was spent. It's hard to trust someone who stretches the truth.

When Jim Lehrer asked "are Americans dying in Iraq for a mistake?" Kerry answered "no, and they don't have to."

"I know that... many of you sitting home... want to know... who could get your kids home...?" Kerry asked. Seconds after, he said "I'm not talking about leaving. I'm talking about winning." You figure that one out.

President Bush kept repeating that his rival would not be taken seriously as a president. He couldn't have been more right. Iran recently proved that John Kerry is not a good candidate for a presidency when it called his offer "not worthy of comment," according to the Turkish Press.

Those who disapprove a future draft should know that Peter Brownfield of FoxNews wrote "that for months, Kerry said that he would permanently expand the active-duty Army by 40,000 troops." The president argued, "a permanent expansion of the Army is unnecessary."

Mr. Bush must have been stunned to hear Kerry approve of George Sr.'s Persian Gulf War decision back in the early nineties. This debate would have been over if President Bush knew that John Kerry voted against the Persian Gulf War decision when the elder Bush proposed it. Again, Kerry is grabbing every chance to get to the voters, even if it means being a hypocrite.

The biggest disagreement between nominees was over North Korea. President Bush argued that two-party talks would be unintelligent if we want to have China as our partner to pressure Kim Jong Il to cancel his nuclear weapons development.

Unfortunately, Kerry has his own plan; to be as much opposed to President Bush as possible.

It is impossible to say that John Kerry is too soft to support our troops in the battle against terrorism when his "core convictions keep changing because of politics," as the president stated. Whether you agree or disagree that this is the "wrong war, at the wrong place, at the wrong time," it is obvious that John Kerry is the wrong candidate, in the wrong place, at the wrong time.

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care what the French or Germans think. This isolationist, arrogant approach has been the centerpiece of Bush's foreign policy and has directly contributed to the mess we're in.

Kerry ripped the president for his "colossal misjudgments" on Iraq: not building a true alliance, diverting attention from Osama bin Laden, not putting enough troops on the ground, and not giving them the proper equipment to fight the insurgency.

President Bush kept repeating his meaningless slogans: You can't send mixed messages. We're working hard in Iraq. We're fighting the terrorists over there so we don't have to fight them here.

Bush's rhetoric plays well in 30 second sound bites but they ring hollow when confronted with reality. On September 30, John Kerry provided that reality—and the president was left in an uncomfortable position.

Meanwhile, on the vice presidential side of the ticket... Dick Cheney joined the Nixon Administration in 1969 when Senator John Edwards was 15 years old. In their vice-presidential debate, Cheney displayed his experience and left John Edwards looking like an unpolished rookie.

Cheney scowled and berated Edwards as you would a misbehaved child.

The debate kept revolving around Iraq, and Cheney charged that the Kerry/Edwards ticket is weak on defense. John Edwards hammered away at the fact that the administration misled us into war, leaving Cheney to admit that there was no connection between September 11th and Saddam Hussein. This admission contradicted previous statements by the veep about one of the leading rationales for going to war in Iraq.

John Edwards played the advocate, trying to bolster John Kerry's case. The problem is Edwards' lack of substance. The one term senator was not prepared and could not hang with a seasoned policy maker. The Vice President embarrassed Edwards by claiming he did not have the record to back up his "tough talk" on defense. Cheney charged that Edwards' vote against funding the war was due to political pressures.

Now if they couldn't stand up to the pressures that Howard Dean represented," Cheney said, "how can we expect them to stand up to Al Qaida?"

The assertions by Cheney revealed the inconsistencies of an increasingly schizophrenic Democratic Party. The image of consistency and strength exhibited by John Kerry just a few nights before was shattered by an inexperienced politician trying to ride on a smile and good looks.

Edwards attempted to score some points by harping on Cheney's Halliburton connection and his dismal voting record in Congress. But the attacks drew no response from Cheney, who shrewdly avoided the topic.

If only Vice President Cheney could sit in for the George W. in his next debate, we might actually have a contest.

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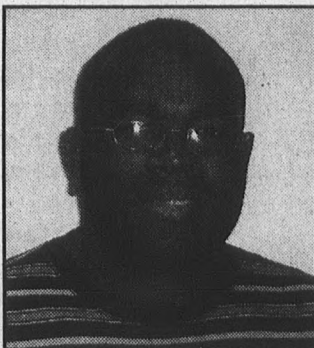
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tive body without leadership, there is still a continuous flow of accomplished tasks and transactions. Moreover, there seems to be only a minor reluctance to change how things are done, given the seriousness of the situation.

However, Brower believes the absence of an acting president means that other CSI campus groups will have to go unrepresented, seeing as how they don't have a spokesman or woman.

"The loss of a voice on the CSI Association is huge," noted Brower.

Elections resumed on September 2, when voting was limited to one round, yet a president still could not



Dwight Dunkley



Stephanie Donoso

be chosen.

Recently, the Senators used a majority of their meeting time in an attempt to resolve this ongoing issue.

Altering how the election process is conducted would be the easy solution, but the Student Government needs to stick to certain rules. Changing the rules means

invoking a referendum, an idea Brower doesn't see happening.

The candidates themselves have proposed resolutions to end the debacle. "Resolutions were offered," said Donoso, "but Dwight rejected them."

During President Springer's annual meeting with the Student Government on October 7th, she briefly addressed the Senators on the election situation.

"It's something I don't get involved with on an intricate level," said President Springer. She also commented on the importance of electing a president.

"You need to be at the table when your fate is decided on a CUNY-wide level," she asserted.



# CSI's Plans For On-Campus Housing — Can it Be Done?

by Kevin SP Mamakas

On 22 September 2004, CSI students, staff, and faculty were sent an online survey from the group Brailsford & Dunlavy. This survey began an investigation to see if the largest City College campus could be host to on-campus housing.

A large number of students come to campus either by overcrowded buses or through heavy traffic to find an overcrowded parking lot by their class.

There are two things that might help the students' transportation woes. CSI could either start providing helicopters to start transporting students from home to work to college, or CSI could provide some students with housing on-campus.

"On-Campus housing is student driven," says Vice President for Finance and Administration Angelo Aponte. "The idea for it has been here all along."

CSI is a like no other CUNY college; it is built horizontally across 204 acres of land. There are close to 13,000 students attending this college. About one-third come from four different boroughs and parts of New Jersey.

According to V.P. Aponte, as a part of CSI's effort to become a school for international studies, CSI will soon be the host for two students from China. The administration will be forced to use local real estate agencies to house the students.

V.P. Aponte also fears that if we don't get some kind of housing in or near our campus, we will lose a lot of qualified students. "We have nowhere to house students, professors, or even graduate students who come here from great distances," he says. "This semester we lost students to other close-by colleges because they came here, liked the campus,

and said 'where are the dorms?'"

President Marlene Springer made it clear in a statement that the idea for on-campus housing is, "Very preliminary. There is no date set for opening."

The survey is the first step to see if it is feasible to construct a new building to put housing on-campus. By the end of November the administration will start seeing the results of their preliminary investigation. An informal committee of students, staff, and faculty will be formed to analyze the data by the end of November.

The CSI community already has opinions on this developmental issue because it has been on the minds of so many people for so long. "They definitely should put on-campus housing in CSI," says CSI student Michael Gualtieri. "It would be good for the people who travel for hours to get to school. It could benefit the school socially." Dorms have been known to give campuses a social boost; a.k.a. Party!

Parties are not the only benefit on-campus housing can bring to a college student. "If we had a housing project the library on campus could be open for 24 hours," says the President of the Nigerian Student Association Robert Duru. "This will increase the amount of time students study and it will increase the amount of students who study."

On-campus housing has also been known to bring students academic advantages. More study lounges are developed, extra food for thought, and perhaps even extended hours for the library.

Professors have also expressed mixed feelings about the on-campus housing. Professors like Jim Clark, who is the Chief Financial Officer, believes that, "It expands our university. It will attract more students to

our campus." V.P. Aponte has stated that, "some professors think it would change the good atmosphere at CSI dramatically." He did not provide any names.

It was made clear by the CSI administration that this project, whether it is accomplished or not, will in no way affect the building of the high school that was announced last semester to the CSI community. CSI and the Board of Education are still working out the details for the school.

Unfortunately, housing developments on-campus have also been known to affect a college community financially.

"On-campus housing can do a lot for the name of the school," says CSI alumni Roy Mackey. "But it may increase the tuition. CSI is known for great education for little money." The idea that CSI's tuition could be raised is a scary one. Students already pay too much for CUNY and it is only getting worse with all of the vetoes that Governor Pataki issued.

V.P. Aponte has stated that the construction will be paid for by public and private bonds. He also put to rest the rumor that CSI was going to become a SUNY school. "CSI is never going to be a SUNY college," he said. "We are a CUNY school and always will be."

The only other financial issue that can be seen right now is how much would the rooms cost? In the survey, there are six choices for the design of the room. Therefore, there are six different prices for the rooms. The cheapest room would be two shared bedrooms for four people for \$545 per person/per month. Among the most expensive would be a family apartment for \$1450.

The more you pay, the more you get. Technically, the prices could either be more or less. Since this is

only the beginning of the investigation, there is no way to be sure yet. There is one thing that is for sure about these prices—a student could probably share an apartment for less money.

Yet V.P. Aponte has pointed out a good point about real-estate. "It is all about location. There are students who live close to CSI who pay about \$2000," he says. "It is true that a student could rent an apartment for less money than these dorms. But then they would have to travel for two and a half hours to get here. We will also provide services for the people in the housing. The people living in the small apartments will most likely be put on meal plans."

When Richmond College and Staten Island Community College combined, the administration and city government were skeptical about how feasible it would be to try to make a CUNY school on a SUNY styled campus. Now CSI is faced with a predicament that again will break many rules. How could a CUNY college attempt to build on-campus housing?

The only CUNY college that currently has dorms is Hunter College in Manhattan. These dorms are only available to 612 students who are advanced in their majors. Hunter College currently has about 17,000 students.

V.P. Aponte stated that the wooded area in-front of the Center for the Arts (1P) could be where they would build the housing. No plans on how wide it will be yet, but it would ideally be no taller than any other building on campus—4 stories high.

"We are ready for this," stated V.P. Aponte. "CSI is the best kept secret in higher education." It is time to open our doors to the rest of the world.

## Zhou Awarded Half Million Dollars by Nat. Science Foundation

Olu Cole

Many of us might not be familiar with her, but students that do know Shuiqin Zhou can attest to her ability as a professor and her zeal for research. Loved by all and cherished by the Chemistry department, Associate Professor Zhou is one of CUNY's foremost researchers. A member of the American Chemical Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and also an executive member of the CUNY Institute for Macromolecular Assemblies, Prof. Zhou is a gem to both students and faculty in general.

She currently teaches analytical chemistry, instrumental analysis, general chemistry II, Advanced Physical Chemistry of polymers and Advance polymer lab (just to mention a few). She is also a committee member of the undergraduate REU program, which is organized yearly in the college. Most interesting is the fact



Prof. Shuiqin Zhou's research group focuses on the study of phase behavior, assembled nanostructures, and special amphiphiles in aqueous media.

that she also heads a research lab in Building 6S with two Post-doctorate students; Drs. Hongmei Li and Yongjun Zhang, three graduate students; Mr. Yi Pan, Nan Chen and Ms Ping Ao, and four undergraduate students; Patricia Golas, Olubode Ogunlusi, Emmanuel Mikoku and Nonso Gbemudu. The research activity of the group is focused on the study

of phase behavior, assembled nanostructures, governing interactions and functional properties of biopolymers, synthetic polymers and special amphiphiles in aqueous and complex media. The research provides a broad training of both synthesis and physicochemical characterization of polymers, complexes, and hydrogels from nano- to micro-length scale.

Her investigations in the area of Polymer and Analytic chemistry have led to numerous publications and patents, one of which is a patent filed

that have led to 6 new publications and about 4 more on the way. Because of her relentless efforts in studying Fullerene and its derivatives she was awarded half a million dollars by the National Science Foundation.

She is currently a peer reviewer for top journal articles, which include Langmuir and Journal of Physical Chemistry. She also reviews proposals for the Science center of the U.S dept of state and the PSC-CUNY Research award fund. Prof. Zhou is originally from P.R China and she is married with 2 children.

It feels good to know that CSI has professors who can contend for top

spots when it comes to science research.

She is one of CSI's foremost researchers. One of her discoveries has been patented by Dow Chemical

by the Dow Chemical Company (America's biggest chemical company). We are also proud to reveal that her lab has made new discoveries

It goes to show that 6S is a thriving center of scientific research with established professionals and hard-working students.



## From the Editor

## Perverts in Go-Carts: A Call for Student Action

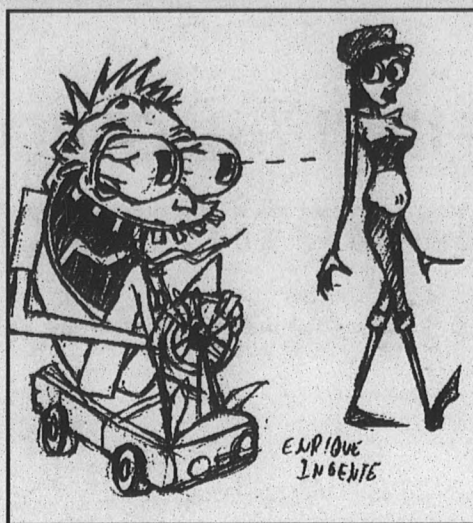
Frank Duffy

**O**f all issues students, faculty, and staff should get behind, none is so compelling as the following – the one to get in front of!

As is often the case with those who cite change as progress, those who squeak praise for the new armada of environment-friendly staff bubble go-carts and applaud their appearance as an upgrade from the older model golf-carts, should take a moment to reflect.

These motor vehicles are dangerous. Those who drive them, drive too fast. "At least when the bike police guys speed by and check out me and my hot friends, they're usually discrete enough to keep an eye on oncoming pedestrian traffic," said one student who asked to remain nameless. "Most of the guys in the go-carts are going like 40 mph and see more T&A than pavement or students walking."

I don't believe that the newer



model GEM cars can go faster than the older ones, but even a casual observer must admit that they seem to. One theory suggests that people, especially men, driving these go-carts feel cooler in the upgrade.

Experts from the physics depart-

ment have hypothesized that the accelerator pedals on the newer models are more sensitive than those on the older ones. Some say the aerodynamic shape, noticeably more bubbly, misleads onlookers into thinking the go-carts are traveling faster than they really are. Conclusive evidence is absent from both theories.

Scientific quarrels aside, we should all agree something must be done. "I've seen them, they go too fast," said Joe Rivera, a freshman Nursing candidate. "Who do these guys think they are?"

Listen, we have to make a stand! I propose we take the fight to them, hit 'em where they live! The next time you and your friends see one of these sex-crazed go-cartists, form a human chain. Lock arms and stand firm. Don't let them pass. This problem will not improve without solidarity. When will we stand up for our rights?

## Letters to the Editor

*Re: Mayhem at the Loading Dock*

Although this article was well-written, I felt alot was left out. There were no quotes from eyewitnesses or students on how this affected the. It also had a skewed viewpoint that came across almost biased to me. Instead of praising public safety for four paragraphs, the writer could have benefited from a little more leg work.

Janine LeChillgrien

I found this article very interesting and informative. This is big news, especially if the peace officers were hurt and the NYPD was involved. I sa this story in the Staten Island Advance but they didn't really give a lot of information and detail, as you did. Those peace officers should have been more aggressive and detained those idiots.

Michael DiSilvestri

I heard people talking about this incident, but not until I read this article did i know what really happened. I think students and non-students who come here have to get a life and let people do their jobs. It's pathetic that these people still act like kids. They should all grow up!

Pamela Lazarus

*Re: Love . . . Love . . . & Cuddle?*

When I started reading this article, I was a little freaked out about the whole "cuddling with strangers" idea. Personally, I don't think I would feel comfortable in a situation like this. No matter how stressed I was about school or work, I don't think I would resort to such measures. But I'm glad that Jessica got to relax in this situation. If you're comfortable and can actually make friends from all this, more power to you.

Eleni Xekardakis

I can't say whether I was more curious or disturbed when reading Jessica Mendez's column. I mean, strangers lying around in their pajamas touching each other just seems a little strange to me. Whatever happened to good, old-fashioned sex? Need to spice it up a bit? Go to the porn store!

Jaqui Adams

Bizarre is what comes to mind when hearing the words, "Cuddle Party." I know a lot about underground party scenes, but I never heard of this one. And I would never participate in one. But thanks for the weird info!

Eleanor Guerrieri

This is ridiculous! If you're sad and lonely, go out and meet someone. Stop parading around and asking for hugs to make you feel better. Come on, "Do you want to spoon with me, darling?" That's terrible.

Chris Bono

*Re: CSI Actress Coming Soon to 1P near You*

Along with this profile, I also read the other two, one on Lanza and the other on Fago. I may be a little biased in saying this, because all three students are in my class, but I really enjoyed reading the articles. It is always interesting to read about what your classmates are doing off campus.

Stacey D'Agostino

*Re: Bush Returns to Ground Zero for Political Gain*

It would be nice to see more variety in the political opinions expressed. I am sure that there are many different viewpoints on campus when it comes to the issue of choosing between Senator John Kerry and President George W. Bush. The Banner appears to be anti-Bush, which of course is all right. However, some duality or conflict would spark more thought and inspire more opinion. It would be nice to see an intellectually stimulating, well written, unbiased article that enlightens the public, and not just favors one candidate over the other. Stating the facts and remaining neutral would make for better reading.

Jorge A. Cotto, Jr.

*Editor's note: We agree with you, Jorge, and we couldn't have said it better ourselves. Check out page 2 . . .*

*Re: New "Field Turf" Soccer Field Ready in October*

Thank you for keeping us up to date on the status of the new soccer field. I had not idea how much this new field cost and who had been funding it. I can't wait for it to be finished.

Alicia Sullivan

*Re: Madden NFL vs. ESPN Football*

How could you compare John Madden Football with ESPN Football? That's like comparing a Benz to a Geo. John Madden is five times better than ESPN. That's why Madden is so much more money. You pay for quality. John Madden Football is a classic and should have no competition in any form.

John Ieracl

You seem to be a bit late with your review. The NFL is already in Week 4 and both of these games came out well over a month ago.

Michael Giovinazzo

*Re: From New York City . . . With Love?*

I was excited to see a photograph of Pro-Falun Gong Practitioners in Mellissa Secharan's photo essay. However, I think somewhere along the line the point of their protest was missed. While they did choose to begin their epic protest around the time of the Republican National Convention, this was more of a way to draw attention to the cause, not to "take shots at the Bush Administration."

AnnMarie Dooling

Boy does time pass quick. October is upon us already. It dropped ten degrees, the leaves are changing and we're up to the third issue of The Banner. Classes are in full swing and midterms are just around the corner. What are you going to be for Halloween? And did you know that I just saw Christmas decorations in Pathmark?

Why do we rush the future when the present is here now? This is a question I ponder, but when I'm swamped with schoolwork and Banner articles and trying to find a job, among other things, it's no wonder why we look to the future. In fact, I'm praying for this week to end and get my groove on at two Beastie Boys shows this weekend.

But the fun must end on Tuesday when I have to go back to school. I'm telling you, being an editor is hard work! I haven't had the time to do anything for myself. My nails are broken, I'm getting split-ends, my headache gets worse everyday, and I haven't been out on the weekends in two weeks.

But enough of my rantings.

I am very happy with this issue because I believe we inform the students on many interesting topics on campus. I mean, what's up with that bomb scare? And that new cute professor with the hair? And no student body president? Ah, what a college. You never know what will go on here. If it's not a riot in the parking lots, it's Prof. Mandiberg selling his underwear on the internet. I'm serious. Check it out: [www.mandiberg.com](http://www.mandiberg.com).

Believe me now?

Speaking of selling tighty whities on the internet, The Banner was on the verge of not printing due to an exchange of printing companies. But the beautiful people in the Student Life office and CSI Association—we mean you, Dorothy—pulled through and kept the presses up and running. On behalf of the Banner staff, thank you!

And while we're on the subject of staff, I need to tell everyone how hard our faculty advisor, Professor Kaufman, works to get this paper out every two weeks. He comes in the office like a whirlwind but gets our butts working. We need to give this man a raise!

This is totally off the subject but I'm sorry about the full page ad. Yes I gave into the Man. But hey, we need new camera equipment. Also, our sex columnist needed a break so there's no Love, Life . . . Sex section either.

My last thought that I'll force onto you guys is that it's been nice to see new faces in The Banner office and fresh ideas on our pages. We're always looking for news, political pieces, and any sports article whatsoever! Want to be a staff photographer? We need your camera. Beef up that resume and come on over.

Having a million people in the office running around like mad is what a student newspaper is supposed to be like -- Keep 'em coming!

Jen Mosscrop



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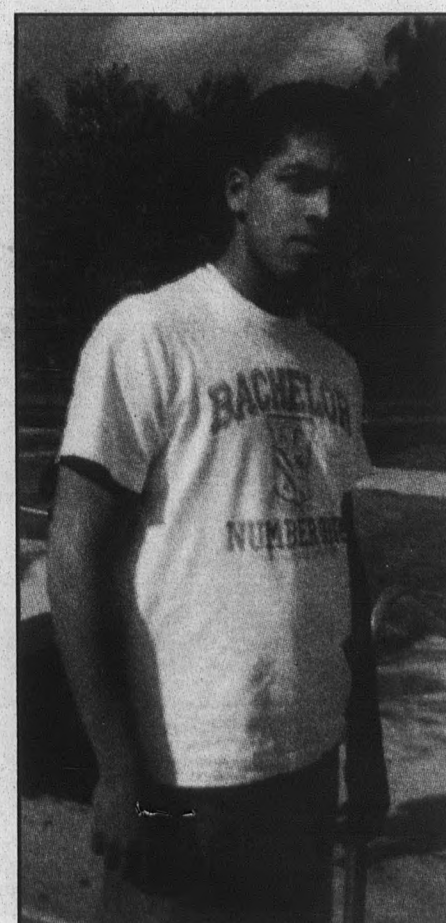
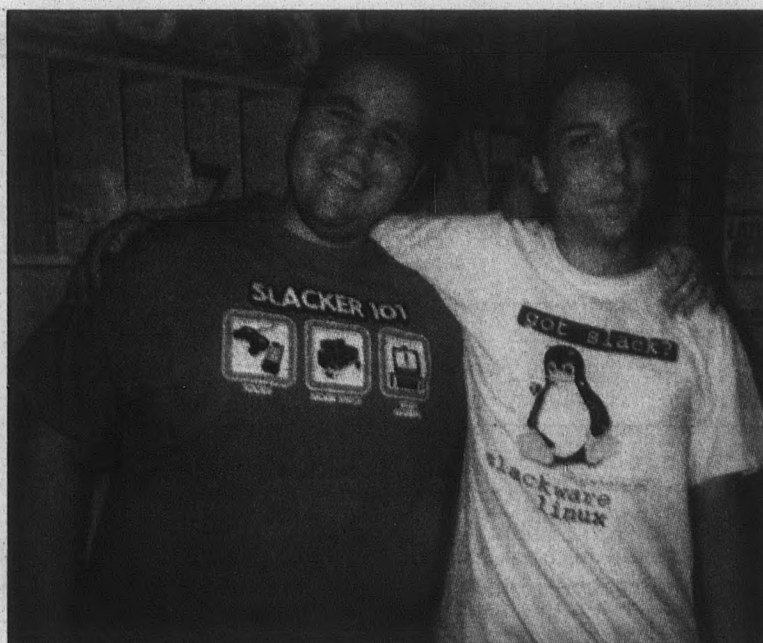
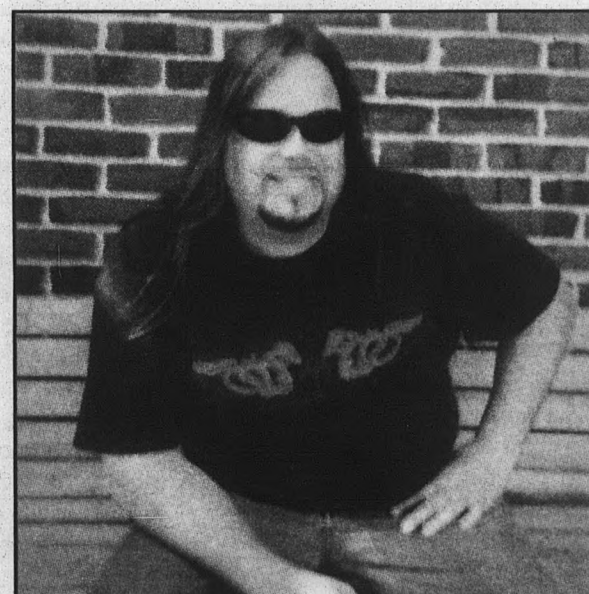
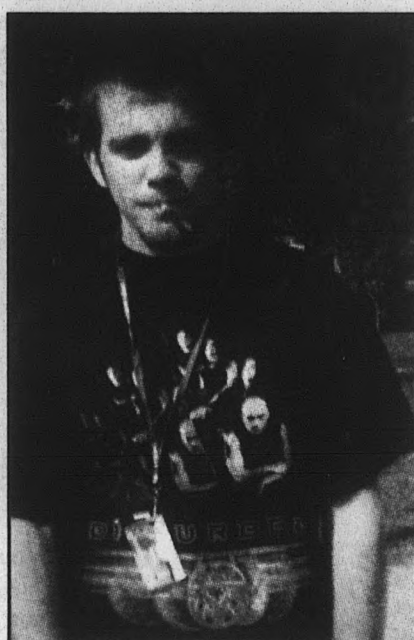




# Invasion of the Human Billboards!

*The new media for CSI students to express themselves seems to be . . . T-shirts. What better way to tell people about yourself without opening your mouth? (We don't have enough time for that.) Then again, what are some of these people trying to express? All boobs are created equal?*

*Photography by Pamela Zambrano*





WOULD YOU LIKE TO PURCHASE THIS PROFESSOR'S IDENTITY?

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ones a bag of cut out eyes from Mandiberg's self portraits or a hemostat.

"If your idea of art is Renoir, Michaelangelo, and Thomas Kinkadee, you will come to [Shop Mandiberg] and still be able to access the things that it's talking about." So, what exactly is this controversial site attempting to convey? "It's talking about culture... and the relationship between commodity and subjectivity." Or, to put it simply: if we have no possessions, do we have an identity?

Mandiberg talks in tangents, deftly spinning a web of thoughts on identity. A transplant from California by way of Portland, Oregon, Mandiberg is particularly knowledgeable about the concept of gentrification. He can casually rattle off rental and purchase figures of property four years ago (when Mandiberg first came to live in New York for a year) as compared to now. "I happen to know these things on the numerical level because I had to do all this research to figure out where I should be living." But Mandiberg is being modest in relation to the multitude of anecdotes he tells. He glances out the window, motioning towards North 5th Street and Bedford Avenue. In terms of gentrification, Mandiberg says this is "dead center." From there, he tells the story of the Jews of Williamsburg shunning the hipsters, resulting in a prayer eventually published in Harper's magazine. He explains that artists are "inherently transient," which would account for the rapid artists' gentrification movement, particularly in Brooklyn. He is quick to point out that in this case, he is using the word "artist" as "the whole expansive idea of being an artist, of liking artists as being an enti-

tlement to being an artist." These are the "lowercase ['a'] artists," while those who create, according to Mandiberg, are "Capital 'A' Artists." He concedes that, identity-wise, gentrification provides a mutual exchange of ideas and culture. "To my knowledge and experience, you could talk as much about the gentrification by hipster kids of a neighborhood as the transformation of hipster kids by the neighborhood, and the transformation by all types of migrations." After all, "neighborhoods are invented for real estate purposes." Ironically, just as Mandiberg points out that landlords have become invested in purposely renting to artists and speeding up the gentrification phenomenon, his phone, or "digital vernacular," as the label on the phone reads, rings. It's his landlord. Mandiberg grins and takes the call to discuss the dangerous exposed wires in his apartment. It seems that even Artists get the landlord blues.

After that little gift from the irony gods, the talk turns back to Shop Mandiberg. What began as a project for his portfolio turned into a word-of-mouth hit, thanks to contactmail.com and colonize.com. His hits skyrocketed; on average, he received 300 emails per week. Mandiberg becomes animated as he talks about the day he had surpassed his modest goal to create a project and a piece of his art that his friends enjoyed.

"[CBS Market Watch called] on a Thursday," he begins, a slow smile creeping onto his features. Even though he couldn't appear on the show due to time constraints, he knew his site had hit a nerve with the media. "And then Monday I woke up to 500 emails in my inbox. And then I woke up!" he continues, laughing.

Shop Mandiberg was featured in several high profile publications, including the New York Times and the Chicago Tribune, and exhibited in various galleries.

Not surprisingly, his family, especially his mother (whose picture was also up for grabs) became possessive of the few things of Mandiberg's that he did leave in Portland. "My mom would send me stuff and interestingly, that was the kind of stuff that sold the fastest," he reveals. "That made her very upset, so she stopped sending me things." When he did start sending him things again, "she would lend them to me." He grins wryly. "If she had to send me pictures of my brother that they had taken when they visited him in Minnesota, she would say, 'I'm sending these to you. I'm not giving them to you, I'm loaning them to you. You have to send them back to me in a week.'"

Some of the 101 items that Mandiberg did sell were dear to him. While he admits, "I constructed [this situation] for myself," he also admits that he was left feeling exposed, with a lingering sense of loss. "[I forced] myself into situations of doubt, but it's also a certain sense of alienation of self and loss." He pauses, contemplating his statement before continuing. "On a certain level, like, a friend moving away and having a favorite, important, essential object, whether that be a tool or a trinket [that is] stolen or sold or lost, [are] all in the same kind of category, a certain category of mileposts or guideposts from which you align yourself. Obviously," he goes on, "a friend is different because there's a different relationship, but there's a certain kind of relationship of subjectivity to guidance."

Students who have come across Shop Mandiberg have had wildly differing opinions. "It's split pretty evenly from 'That's the coolest thing I've

ever seen' to 'Why the hell would you do that?' to 'Huh? I don't get it.'" He is used to such reactions, so much so that he ended up having to create canned responses to accommodate the range of emails he received during the site's height of notoriety, making exception for those who asked detailed, interesting questions. He was also accused of gross self-importance. "I got accused of *everything*," he chuckles. The most common criticism he received? "Who the fuck cares about you? Why are you special?" Of course, that was the point. I'm not special, right? They didn't read the irony in the proclamation."

There was one very morbid response that not even Mandiberg ever expected: some people sent outreach messages, thinking that Mandiberg was selling his possessions in preparation to commit suicide. "I'm just remembering this now," he says, surprised at his own sudden recollection. "A quarter of the people were, 'Are you okay? You don't have any friends? I can be your friend if you don't have any friends...Michael, you seem like a nice guy. Please tell me you're not preparing to kill yourself.' It was weird...I had to come up with responses for 'You're a genius,' 'You're an asshole,' 'I don't get it,' and 'Don't kill yourself,'" he laughs incredulously.

It is obvious that Mandiberg is an Artist, in the philosophical, physical, literal, and emotional sense. In fact, it is his knowledge and appreciation for art that he wants his students to gain as well. "It has to do with the interrelationship of types of cultural production and the ability to read them all against the grain with a certain set of tools, to read any kind of cultural production and...to understand their interpretation and apply that to whatever they do in their lives."

## Sex On The Coffee Table: *Self-Help Book for the Delusional*

Diana Illuzzi

I know I am in the small minority, but I wanted Carrie to end up with Burgher. Why, you may ask? Because he was honest, blunt, and direct. For example, telling Miranda that her date was "just not that into" her. Sure, he may have dumped Carrie on a Post-It and all, but at least he just didn't disappear.

Sex in the City consultant Greg Behrendt and writer Liz Tuccillo have now joined forces to bring this simple wisdom to the single and searching women of the world in *He's Just Not That Into You: The No-Excuses Guide to Understanding Guys*.

I know most of you ladies out there are probably saying, "what the hell do I need that for?" Not wanting to be the bearer of bad news, but if you are single and not by choice, then you do need it. I have to admit the reason I liked this book so much was the same reason I didn't like it: it

makes perfect sense. It also proves my mother right, which is something I am sure all of you ladies out there love to have happen.

The basic message of the book is as terse and direct as the title. If a guy does not call you back, call you at all, approach you, ask you out, introduce you to his friends, cheats on you,

instructional journey was just as Behrendt stated: "Don't waste the pretty."

At times I did find the work to be a bit too "self-helpy," especially since this is not my genre of choice. Many of the compliments and inspirational messages proved to be too much at some points and took away from the

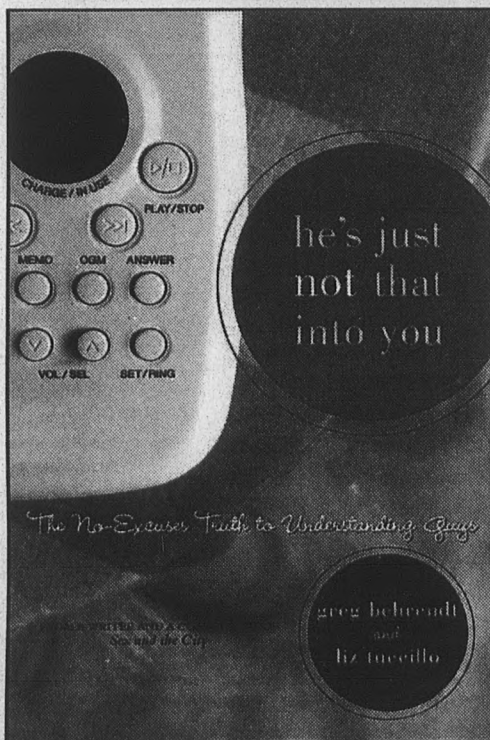
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doesn't touch you, or disappears on you, he's just not that into you. You cannot change him, save him, or figure him out. According to Behrendt and Tuccillo, if you try you are simply wasting your time.

Harsh? Of course it is. Disappointing? Naturally. But it makes sense. My favorite point of this

very significant information.

Overall, I definitely recommend this book to women out there who have had enough of sitting home waiting for the phone to ring, parking outside of his house waiting for him to come home, waiting for him to take you to a decent venue for once, or just plain waiting.



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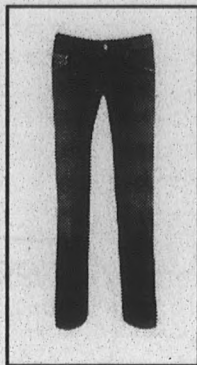
# BEYOND THE MALL

Jessica Mendez & Mellissa Secharan

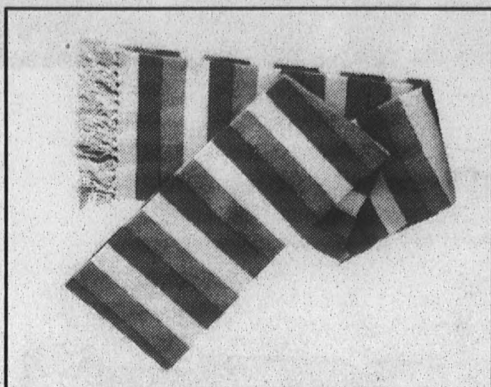
What's a better way to celebrate the arrival of Fall—or any season for that matter—than with shopping?

But you're sick of the mall, and don't feel like going into Manhattan. What's a girl to do? Go to Daszign's, that's what. Located on Forest Ave in West Brighton, Daszign (clever name) is a pricey designer store filled with colorful clothing and an extremely numerous and fairly pleasant staff.

This tiny yet trendy place sells more than 40 designer brands, including Juicy Couture, Seven Jeans, the famed Chip & Pepper, and Citizens of Humanity among others. Don't, however, be blinded by the designer labels because you will regret it. A pair of jeans can cost between \$121 to \$180, while "vintage" band tees ranging from Springsteen to The Doors to Madonna costs on average \$75. Daszign might not be the best place for a college student on a tight budget, but splurging once in a while never hurts.



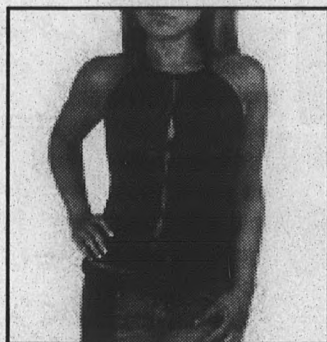
Here are some pants that everybody used to have.



Keep warm in the winter. Gee, what a cliché. Do you really like stripes? You better, because stripes are the new plaid.



A really ugly overpriced skirt. You know you want it.



Enrique wants the model, but they can keep the shirt.

## Conquer Your Own Galaxy With Star Wars: Battlefront

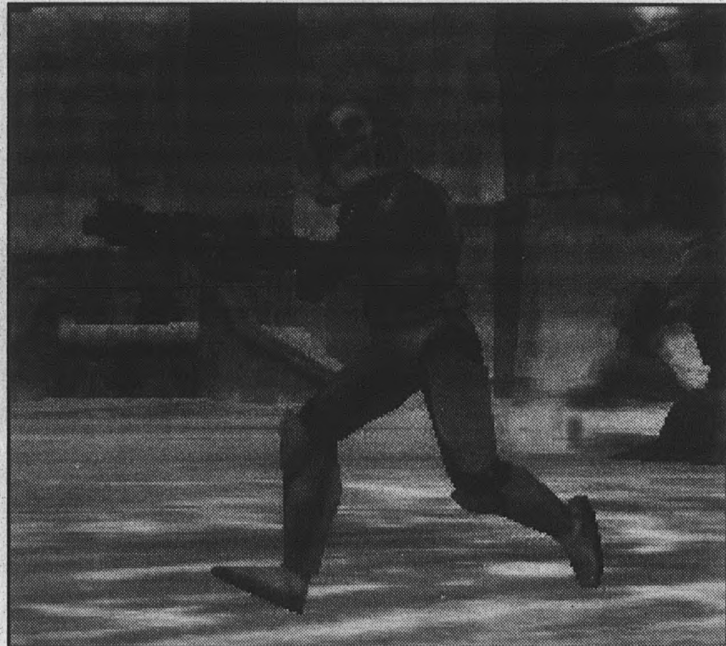
Dominic Fiduccia

It would seem rather too convenient that a new Star Wars video game is out at the same time the original trilogy appears for the first time on DVD—but who cares?

From LucasArts comes Star Wars: Battlefront, a new action/shooter game that gives both fans and gamers the opportunity to re-live and participate in all of the classic Star Wars battles. One of the modes in this game is "galactic conquest," which allows you to choose the order in which you attack any enemy-controlled planets. Each planet you control offers a different special bonus for subsequent battles. These bonuses range from "sabotage," which causes heavy damage to your opponent's vehicles, to "Jedi hero," which allows you to fight alongside a nearly invincible computer-controlled Jedi, the from powerful Sith Lords of Darth Vader and Count Dooku to the mighty and honorable Jedi Knights, like Luke Skywalker or Obi-Wan Kenobi.

Battlefront presents four playable factions. These include the rebels and the empire from the galactic civil war from the classic films; also included is the republic clone warriors and the droid army from the newer film series. The down side is that it is always the good guys versus the bad guys so it'll always be rebels versus empire, or republic versus droids; you're never allowed to have the fun of having the empire fighting against the droid army or rebels versus the clone warriors.

One of the cool features about the

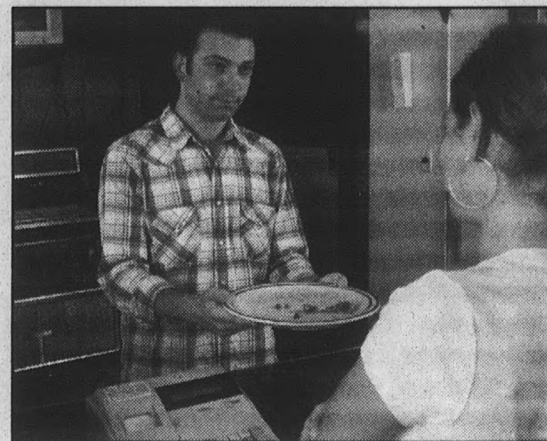


factions is that each army has a fifth specialized class that helps differentiate the four factions (the rebels, the empire, the republic clone warriors, and the droid army). So, the rebels can field wookiee smugglers armed with their traditional cross-bows and other weapons, or you can have the droid army's droideka which was the rolling destroyer robot that wields rapid-fire blasters and a personal shield from Episode I. The Droidekas in Battlefront can roll quickly about the battlefield and they can more than

hold their own in a standoff, even while outnumbered. However, they're also very easy to destroy when their rechargeable shields run out of power.

Battlefront includes 16 different maps, spread out over 10 different planets that range from the dusty landscape of Tatooine to the forests of Endor. The game has a lot of great features and it's fun to play throughout the Star Wars universe. Star Wars: Battlefront is available for the Playstation 2 and Xbox.

## College student tries to return uneaten food for partial refund



Andy Pernsteiner, above, cautiously approaches counter with chicken bone and a few peas.

By POLLY BROWN

Checking his dignity at the cash register, college student Andy Pernsteiner recently presented a local diner cashier with a plate of picked-over food, demanding money for the vittles he didn't ingest. The cashier—who wishes to remain anonymous—was flabbergasted by the whole incident. "It was both sick and sad at the same time," she said. Pernsteiner had a different take: "I didn't eat the bone, so why should I pay for it?" Pete Woychick—a childhood friend of Pernsteiner's—said it was monthly fees tacked on to his friend's checking account that drove him to the shameless act. "Andy has been pounded for months by fees on his checking account. He's pathetic. I never really liked him when we were kids either." Woychick—who says he personally was financially saved by Washington Mutual's Free Checking Deluxe—thought his childhood friend needed to get his act together and visit a Washington Mutual Financial Center or go to wamu.com. Then he, too, could sign up for Free Checking—an account with optional Deluxe services like free online bill pay. "Until Andy decides to get Free Checking," said Woychick, "I'm never eating out with him again. I'm pretty sure I won't return his phone calls either. I might even change my name."

*"I didn't eat the bone, so why should I pay for it?"*

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# COMICS

## The Beacon

Written and Drawn by Enrique Inocente

NO YOU DON'T!

KARATE KICK!

LOOK! SHUPA AND NAILGA ARE HIDING IN THEIR HUMAN SKINS AMONG THE CROWD. GET 'EM!

YOUR KUNG-FU IS GOOD.

HOW'D YOU ESCAPE OUR FORTRESS!?

EVERYBODY LISTEN! THESE TWO ARE ALIEN FIENDS DRESSED IN HUMAN MASKS!

YEAH, THESE AND OTHERS ARE TRYING TO MANIPULATE GOVERNMENT POLICIES TO WAGE AN UNJUST WAR TO FURTHER THEIR OWN ECONOMIC INTERESTS!

AND WE WOULD'VE GOTTEN AWAY WITH IT IF IT WEREN'T FOR THESE MEDDLING KIDS.

THANKS TO THE QUICK ACTION OF THE BEACON, THE ALIEN MENACE WAS ADVERTED.

THE INS WAS LATER CALLED IN TO SWEEP THE CAMPUS FOR ALIENS.

ALL THE OFFICIALS KIDNAPPED BY THE ALIENS WERE SET FREE AND WENT TO WORK TO RIGHT THE WRONGS INFLECTED BY THE ALIENS.

I'M HERE ON A WORKING VISA.

HOLY HELL, LOOK AT THESE GUYS. WHAT BOAT WASHED UP ON OUR SHORE THIS TIME!?

NEXT STOP GUANTANAMO BAY, SAY GOOD BYE TO DUE PROCESS.

WE ARE DETERMINED TO RESTORE DIGNITY TO ALL OUR SCHOOLS AND REVERSE THE TUITION HIKES THE ALIENS PASSED TO DESTROY OUR SOCIETY. EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO AN EDUCATION REGARDLESS OF THEIR FINANCIAL SITUATION. AS SUCH, ADMISSION TO ALL CITY AND STATE UNIVERSITIES ARE NOW FREE THE WAY THEY SHOULD BE. WE ALL WOULD LIKE TO THE BEACON FOR THEIR BRAVE HEROISM, AND SAYING THE PLANET, AND CONGRADULATIONS TO THEIR FACULTY ADVISOR WHO WAS FINALLY GRANTED TENURE.

LIVE TV TODD DINGLEBERRY POLICYMAKER FOR CITY AND STATE UNIVERSITY

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~~CRAZY~~ LITTLE SPACE MONKEYS  
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BY GREG TUMBARELLO

EVERY TIME I SEE YOU TWO YOU'RE ON BREAK! GO KILL SOMETHING!

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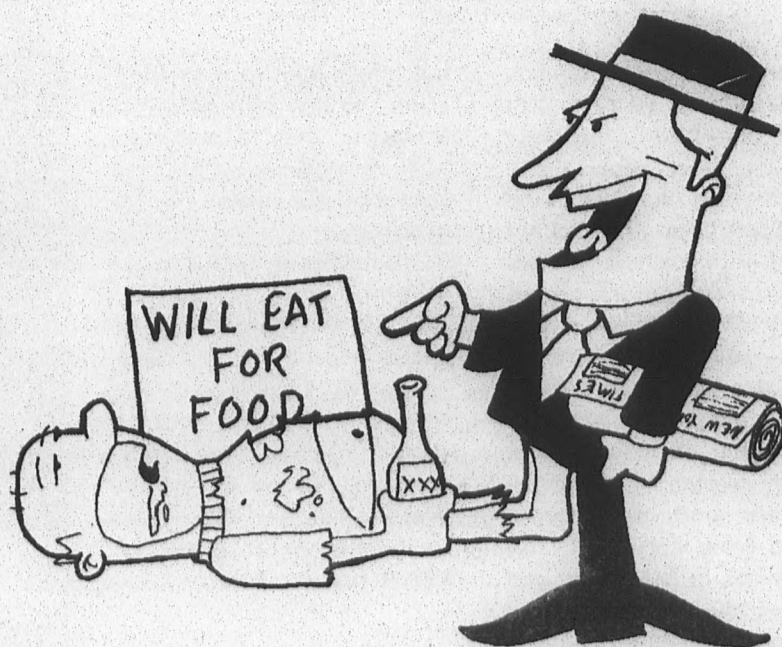
SO... WANNA GO THROW SOME POOP?

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL.

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An  
Enrique Ignacio Inocente  
Joint



"Could you please find a rock to crawl under?! Your PITIFUL existence is offending my eyes."



# Have a Bloody Good Time At the Campus Center

## BLOOD DRIVE OCTOBER 27TH

**Mary-Jean Foote, Peer Educator**  
**Dina Elsibay, Peer Educator**  
**Illissa Schwartz, CUNY-CAP**

You are invited to CSI's Blood Drive on Wednesday, October 27 from 2PM - 7PM and Thursday, October 28, from 10AM - 3 PM in the Campus Center's Green Dolphin Lounge.

During the pre-donor screening, you will be asked to provide basic information such as your name, address, age, and Social Security number. You will need to show any identification that has your signature and /or photo. A medical history is taken, and then a drop of blood is analyzed for hemoglobin content - the protein in your blood that carries oxygen through your body. Your pulse, blood pressure, and temperature will also be checked.

The actual blood donation is done by a skilled, specially trained technician and takes 10 to 12 minutes. You will give one pint of whole blood. Remember that an average adult has 8 to 10 pints (or 4-5 quarts) of blood.

You will rest after the donation and will be served refreshments.

Come to the blood drive and find out what your type is.

Please plan to spend about an hour at the drive. You may make an appointment in advance for a time that's convenient for your class and work schedule by calling 718-982-3113.

### BOMB SCARE TURNS CSI INTO MOVIE SET; PUBLIC SAFETY, NYPD, FDNY IN CONTROL

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calmly talked to the people," said Aponte. "They safely evacuated and came out of the building."

The next step was to call the local precinct and the fire department. "We called the local police department," said Gene Martinez, Director of public safety. "They came, looked at it, and called their supervisor."

After three hours of anxiety, the campus returned to normal

"We are not touching the package," Aponte noted. "That's bomb squad and fire department."

When the NYPD supervisor arrived on the scene, she called the NYPD emergency service, which then made the call to the bomb squad. Once on CSI's campus, the bomb squad took some X-rays of the package, and reached the conclusion that it did not appear to be from explosive device. After three hours of stress and anxiety, the campus went back to normal, and students resumed classes around 7.30 pm.

This event is open to all members of the community so please, bring a friend!

You may donate if you are at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and have not donated blood in the last 56 days (on or before August 31). If you have any questions about medical eligibility, call 1-800-688-0900.

Please be sure to eat at your regular meal times and drink plenty of fluids before and after donating. Avoid lifting or pushing heavy objects for at least 4-5 hours afterwards.

The blood is carefully transported in an ice chest to the Brooklyn/Staten Island Blood Services lab. It is then separated into components, such as red cells, plasma, and platelets that can help several patients. The need for blood arises often and with little warning.

How will you learn what blood you have? The New York Blood Services will send you a Blood Donor Card in the mail within 4 to 6 weeks after your donation, which will tell you what blood type you have. They test and identify the exact type donated so that only the right type is given to a patient. They are like match-makers. These matches can help save the life of an accident victim, patient having major surgery, person with a blood disease, cancer patient, or burn patient. Don't gripe about the needles, come to the blood drive to find out what your type is.

This unfortunate event put our public safety service to the test, and the result was quite positive.

"I'm happy there was no bomb," Aponte said. "It turned into a live drill with cooperation of our public safety officers, the police department, and the fire department."

This is the first time CSI has been a

target of a bomb threat, and Gene Martinez thinks public safety responded pretty well, and that the safety of the campus is in good hands. "Fortunately, we don't receive too many bomb threat," he said. "In my opinion, it's a safe campus."

As for the origin of the anonymous phone call, an investigation conducted by the local police department is underway, and progress has been made. "There is an investigation," Aponte said. "The police department is reviewing our phone record."

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# SPORTS

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## Lady Dolphins Swept By Brooklyn College 9-0

### Marcel Sandoungout

Friday, October 1—Brooklyn College swept the Lady Dolphins 9-0. This loss extends the Dolphins' losing streak to 4, and they have an overall record of 1-4.

"It's very frustrating," coach Mueller said. "We've made too many unforced errors."

Number one seed Geraldine Thomas lost a tough match to Rubin 7-6, 6-1. After a tight first set in which both players exchanged winners, Thomas committed too many unforced errors, and her opponent took advantage of it.

"I beat myself," Thomas said. "That's what happened."

At seed number two, Richiemay Yncino lost against Merino, 6-3, 6-1; while number three seed Lucie Lauria lost 6-1, 6-2 against Cape; and number four seed Maki Keika lost 6-1, 6-0 against Binder.

In the last two singles, Mariya Chesnokova, and Margaret Borzymowski respectively lost to Caputo and Hansen with the same score, 6-0, 6-0. Although the scores look terrible, the players gave their best on the court, but it looked like nothing was going their ways. Balls went out, or stayed in the net.

"I lost," Borzymowski said, "but I did my best."

In doubles, Brooklyn won all three matches.

One word kept coming out of



Left: Assistant Coach Michael Padmora and Head Coach Bill Mueller are the brain trust behind the Lady Dolphins. Right now, they are trying to think their way out of the Dolphins' 6-game losing streak. Right: #3 Seed Lucie Lauria keeps her concentration between points. Lauria, new to the CSI team, has shown discipline and devotion to the game.



everybody's mouth: error. "We are making too much unforced errors," assistant coach Padmora said. Indeed, his statement was precise. During the second set of her match, Thomas lost her serve twice by committing errors. Her opponent did not have one winner, but she won those games on Thomas's errors.

"We must have at least 60 to 70 unforced errors," Mueller noted. "I'm very frustrated."

Players were also disappointed by the way they lost. "We are upset because we know that we can do better," said Freshman Mary Hanna, who did not play but was out there cheering for her teammates.

However, Mueller still believes in his team and he will not let the result affect his confidence. "I'm very patient," he said. "Some of the girls are playing outside their seeds."

On Monday, October 3, Hunter college swept the Dolphins 9-0, keeping the losing streak alive to 6. The matches were ten games pro-set, and the Dolphins, minus Yncino, offered good resistance, but could not come up with the win. "We did our best," said Borzymowski.

Number one Thomas, bothered by her hamstring, fought but lost 10-4 to Hansel. At number two, Lauria lost against Tzakis 10-3, and at

number 3 and 4, Keika, and Chesnokova lost to Swygert, and Crabbs with the same score 10-4.

In the last two matches, Borzymowski lost against Russell 10-4, and Saez lost against Vargas 10-2. "I should've won this match," said Saez.

In doubles, Hunter dominated the Dolphins and easily won number two and three matches 8-0, and number one match 8-2.

The Dolphins are now 1-6, and still have eight matches left in the season in order to get good seeds for the CUNY tournament that starts on October 22nd.

## CSI's Future Basketball Star Sets Sights on Success

### Jorge A. Cotto, Jr.

Members of C.S.I.'s basketball team get some voluntary practice time in 1R. Chris Holder looks on intently, resting, waiting for his chance to play. "Practice, practice, and more practice" he yells to his teammates from the sidelines, "That's what it's all about."

Clean-cut, sharp, handsome and articulate, Chris is very easy to talk to, exhibiting a great sense of humor and gregarious personality. At the ripe age of twenty-one, Chris is entering his sophomore year at the college, where he has lots of big dreams and aspirations. One of which is to be the best student he could possibly be academically.

Another is to train hard, and become the best basketball player he can be, while contributing to the success of the Dolphins.

Chris has always been a great athlete. Ever since he was a child in Guyana, he would race against the other kids in his neighborhood, blowing them away with his natural ability and speed. "I have always been very competitive," he said, "Extremely competitive at whatever I do".

Chris has left a lasting mark on his home community, and is a bit of a legend where he is from. "Around here, they call him Sugar," she proudly stated while gleefully chuckling, "that's 'Shoog' for short." Today, Chris is enjoying his second year as a Dolphin. He made the team

as a freshman because of his blazing speed, hard work ethic and motivational skill.

In regards to the Dolphins losing in the semi-finals of the CUNY Championship, Holder stated, "We weren't hungry enough," he proclaimed, "they wanted it more than we did...period". He vowed never to lose that way again, and the very next day began to train like never before. He spent countless hours on the court practicing and fine-tuning his game, and even underwent a weight-training program that added some noticeable muscle to his 5' 10" frame.

The goal for Chris is not to be a professional basketball player, like his favorite Basketball stars Kobe Bryant or Tracey McGrady. Nor is it

to win the gold medal in the Olympic games like his idols Michael Johnson and Maurice Greene. He accepts his role in the world and is content with his level of ability. For Chris Holder, life is a lot simpler than what may appear at first glance. "School comes first, athletics later," he said with a tone of seriousness in his voice, "you don't have to worry about that other stuff."

In the midst of all the disappointments in his athletic career, "Sugar" remains optimistic, and focused on the goal of simply being the best that he can be. "We are winning the (CUNY Men's Basketball Championship) title this year, and you can quote me," he said emphatically, "If I think anything else, we've already lost."