

THE BANNER

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SG Meets Loop-Bus Services To 'Rattle Trees,' Fix 'Problems'

"It all comes down to money"

Anne Demarzo

November 3 — SG members met with representatives from COGNISA, CSI's bus-loop service provider and campus Operational Services to discuss improvements concerning on-campus transportation.

Scott Conroy, Regional Manager for COGNISA, Mike Garber, another company representative and Danny DeSantis from CSI Operational Services, along with SG members, discussed coordinating the loop-bus timetable with the city bus schedule, possibly getting the X93 bus stop moved into parking lot #4 and other loop-bus issues.

DeSantis expressed doubt that the MTA would move the bus stop into the campus, but Professor Jonathan Peters of the Business Department, who had been the guest speaker earlier in the meeting, informed the senators that the front gate of CSI is the third busiest bus-stop on Staten Island.

"Go to Community Board 3 and speak as one," he added. "If you come

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AN HISTORIC FIELD TRIP



CSI's new Mandarin Studies class poses with the Chinese Consul General to New York and other Chinese diplomats on November 10.

Matthew Beck

November 10—CSI's first class in Mandarin Studies trekked to Manhattan's West Side for a monumental field trip: a tour of the Consulate of the People's Republic of China. The Consulate's Education Department—with special blessing from the Ambassador—extended this offer exclusively to CSI. It was the first time in history that anybody other than high-ranking international dignitaries—let alone students from a public college—was bestowed such an honor.

"This is the biggest event in US-China relations in 100 years," said CSI International Studies Coordinator Jane Marcus Delgado. The visit's practical goal was to give a close inspection of

the Consulate's internal organs, meet Chinese diplomats, and practice conversing with native speakers. But the overarching objective, according to Delgado, was to fortify alliances with the government through healthy connections with academic institutions.

Arishna Ramphal, a class member, Student Government senator, and son of a diplomat, hoped the event would be more than a public relations stunt, but a chance for other CSI students to see that learning Chinese will help their futures in an accelerated world order. "It was a grand opportunity that will definitely have an impact on the CSI community," Ramphal said. "People will want to get involved."

Many Americans in business, poli-

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CSI INTRODUCES WINTER SESSION

For-Credit Courses to be Offered Dec thru Jan

Annmarie Costella

For the first time, CSI is offering a session of for-credit classes during Winter intersession that will run from December 27th through January 18th.

The new program will offer primarily general education courses (BUS 150, EDP 660, ENH 210, ENH 222, HST 244, PSY 100, Soc 100, WMS 222, and two sections of PED 190). The courses will meet five days a week (Mon – Fri), four hours a day, for fifteen days.

There will be space for approximately 30 students per class, but if demand is high for a particular course, the Registrar will consider adding more sections. However, students can not take more than one class during the winter semester.

Registrar Annmarie Bianco hopes that enrollment will be high. "It will help students accelerate the progress towards their degree," she said. "A lot of effort and work from many different divisions within the college went into having this program up and running in such a short period of time."

Bianco also indicates that the winter session will be a rigorous program and advised students who are interested to plan accordingly. "It is an intensive three week module and students should consider that in their decision making process," she explained. "I must say that we have a lot of very good students here at the college who take four week modules during the summer and are very successful at it."

Bianco is pleased by the enthusiastic student response so far. "It's amazing, the website link went up and within an hour, we had already received 15 emails."

Classes were chosen based on student need and faculty availability. TAP is not applicable for the winter session, however, if students have enough Pell and student loans they can apply that to the total tuition of the winter and spring sessions. Matriculated students who are taking both winter and spring classes will only be charged fees once.

Students can register for the winter and spring session together. They will receive one bill that will have the total

Special Letter to the Editor: President Springer Responds to Banner Article

To the Editor:

Our student newspaper, The Banner, is an important medium of communication for CSI, and I look forward to each edition. Like all news media, however, its news stories can lapse from factual reportage into opinion. The newspaper's coverage of the October 26th town hall meeting revealed such a lapse. In a paragraph dealing with the possibility of a faculty strike, the reporter wrote: "The President had no kind words for the accused (faculty members who might strike)."

First, I never used the word "accused," which bears a negative connotation. More to the point, however, my account of the penalties imposed by the Taylor Law in the event of a strike was a factual recitation of the law's provisions which I, of course, must enforce. It was certainly not, as stated in the article, unkind "... words for the accused."

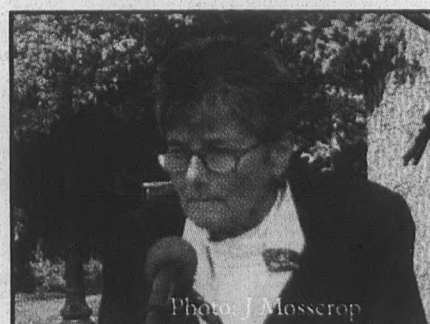
I have the deepest respect and admiration for our faculty. Their commitment to CSI and dedication to students are second to none, and although I am not party to labor negotiations between CUNY and the union, I dearly hope that a strike can be averted.

Dr. Marlene Springer
President, College of Staten Island

The Editors respond:

To clarify the issue, the reporter, Matthew Beck, never said in his article that President Springer used the word "accused." He simply reported that a student had asked the President about a rumor of a faculty strike, and then used the word "accused" in a sentence that led into her quote. Upon close reading of President Springer's quote, (which she does not deny), to our eyes it is evident that our reporter did not misrepresent the

"penalties imposed by the Taylor Law in the event of a strike." At the Town Hall event, the President never mentioned anything about the Taylor Law, therefore that particular aspect of the story was not included. We thank President Springer for her interest in this publication and close reading of it.



"I dearly hope that a strike can be averted," Dr. Marlene Springer wrote to The Banner.

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Outfoxed Director Takes on Wal-Mart In New Film

Seamus Dolan

If after the recent elections, you have grown tired of political smear campaigns, gear up; David and Goliath will do battle once again. Robert Greenwald's "Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price," a low-budget documentary, which condemns the practices of the world's largest retailer, a real let-the-people-do-the-talking flick, will reveal a company who still has yet to read the anti-lassie-faire economics piece "The Tragedy Of The Commons" by Garrett Hardin, a.k.a. Wal-mart.

Similar to his previous films, there will be extremely limited theater screenings, only found by a keen eye in liberal pockets like New York or California. The majority of the film's distribution is being handled through over 6,000 DVD screenings across the country in homes, clubs, colleges and churches. Outfoxed, the definition of an independent film was successful in its intent; it

ignited liberal audiences last year without the support of a Hollywood distributor, adequate studio resources, and even stretched the already minuscule "theater release guide to independent films" with day viewings in 2 states.

Greenwald has already experienced success before the movie has even been released: a shit-scared response by the corporation itself. Wal-Mart has hired the global powerhouse PR firm "Edelman" to conduct a bold counterstrike to the film and hopes to improve its image which has been declining in recent years. Edelman has done PR work for the oh-so-benevolent tobacco and oil companies in the past. Wal-Mart has taken a knee-deep step into the fox-trap by declaring war against this film with all the guns a multi-billion dollar company can muster. This has given this film tremendous coverage and allowed it to gain impetus for the reform it so desperately wants.

Almost all of Wal-Mart's rebuttals are based on the trailer on Greenwald's website and not the movie itself. It gets better. The millions they probably spent hiring Edelman was truly transparent when the inconceivably intricate "WICA" (Wal-Mart International Conspiracy Agency) report was sent out to the press. This 8 page rap sheet portrayed Robert as a total film maledroit, reprinting nearly every negative word ever written about Greenwald's earlier work, going all the way back to 1980. Relying on a 3 minute snippet of the movie posted on Greenwald's website walmartmovie.com, Wal-mart launched its own attack video claiming 3 factual errors in the trailer. This is how the biggest retail company defends itself; they smear shit like a blind man in a porto potty. The video they contrived had a style that seemed similar to the budget of the film they were scrutinizing, but as the founder of Wal-Mart Sam

Walton once said "High expectations are the key to everything."

If you'd like to decide for yourself, you can order the DVD for \$12.95 from www.walmartmovie.com, or catch a showing at City Cinema's Village East at 181 2nd Avenue for a couple bucks less. Considering the company's nearly incessant push for a location in NYC (possibly Staten Island), it might be worth your while to figure out where you stand.



US Using Chemical Weapons in Iraq?

Matt Safford

Amidst a whirlwind of new and improved investigations, spurred on by a slumping administration and a Democratic party which is just now rediscovering its status among the vertebrates, the Iraq war may have come full circle. The refrain "Saddam had weapons of mass destruction" still rings in our ears as the most oft-repeated, if not the most cogent reason for our preemptive war. Yet strong evidence has now surfaced that our own military, the purported saviors, may have used chemical weapons on the civilian populace of Fallujah in last year's uber-offensive on the Iraqi city.

White phosphorous, or Willy Pete as it's known in military jargon, has long been used legally by the military to illuminate battlefields at night. Yet according to a recent documentary on Italian state TV, at least one US military eye-witness, and an article published through the US Army itself, American troops dropped "massive quantities" of the substance on the city in "shake and bake" operations, killing insurgents and civilians alike. Bodies were found still in bed, with the flesh burned off their bones, or turned to a leather-like substance.

According to former US soldier Jeff Englehart, interviewed in the Italian documentary, "white phosphorus kills indiscriminately... When it makes contact with

skin, then it's absolutely irreversible damage, burning flesh to the bone." Several photographs of bodies found in Fallujah have surfaced, flesh burned off, but clothes still intact, which is apparently consistent with the effects of the chemical on humans.

The Department of Defense and State Department have categorically denied the use of white phosphorous as an offensive weapon. Yet, a March 2005 article published by the US Army, documenting "The Fight for Fallujah" and penned by a captain, a general and a sergeant may have inadvertently repudiated that claim. According to the article, WP was "an effective and versatile munition. We used it... as a potent psychological weapon... We fired 'shake and bake' missions at the insurgents, using WP to flush them out and HE (high explosive) to take them out.

The Italian documentary also provides evidence that the US used a new form of napalm called Mark 77, in the same offensive on Fallujah. Napalm, banned by a 1980 UN convention, is dis-

tinguished from Mark 77 in that the latter "has significantly less of an impact on the environment." Marine spokesman Col. Michael Daily also stated in an emailed information sheet that "many folks (out of habit) refer to the Mark 77 as 'napalm' because its effect upon the target is remarkably similar." To bastardize the

bard: that which we call napalm by any other word would burn as deep. But as long as it's legal on a technicality, the US plans to keep using the eco-friendly chemical of death.

Such strong evidence of the misuse of chemical weapons may be shocking to some, but to those

who have been paying attention, it's par for the course with this administration and the military working under it. Torture and prisoner abuse allegations and investigations rage from Abu Gharib to Guantanamo. \$9 billion is "missing" from Iraqi reconstruction funds. Our military is using banned or renamed chemical weapons, and our Vice President is lobbying his own congress to allow the CIA to torture prisoners.

Say what you will about the failings

of public education. We didn't learn every hard truth about the foundations and sordid history of our country in grade school. We learned instead, of revolutionaries who risked everything for freedom, a Washington who couldn't tell a lie, a Lincoln who freed the slaves and a land where all men are created equal. In short, we learned an ideal. That America isn't who we are and probably never was, but it was who we wanted to be, who we hoped to be in the future. But today, we're perhaps further from that ideal than we ever were. We aren't the America that our history teachers told us existed 200 years ago. We aren't even the America we were 20 years ago. And we're still sliding in the wrong direction. We shouldn't be ashamed to call ourselves Americans, but we should be ashamed the nation we are today has to call itself America. Frankly, that name deserves better. It deserves to be the epithet of an ideal we seem to have forgotten. Until we start remembering it again, we should call ourselves something else. The America I learned about doesn't torture prisoners, start illegal wars, use banned weapons, or leave its citizens stranded for days on rooftops. These may be acts perpetrated by the United States, but this nation we've become has no right to call itself America.



A helicopter fires white phosphorous at the ground at last year's Battle of Fallujah

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tics, and academics are seeing the benefits of learning Chinese. "The weather

"The Chinese language is becoming more integrated into American universities."

in China is getting hotter right now. So is the Chinese language," said Wei Lin Kuang, the acting Consulate General. "More and more Americans are becoming increasingly interested in the Chinese culture. I'm very impressed."

Mr. Kuang praised the government for recognizing the Chinese influx. "The U.S. government has allocated a lot of money for Chinese learning programs," he said. "The Bush Administration has actually encouraged people to pay more attention to Chinese learning."

Colleges are the place where people wanting careers in business and politics can use the language as a wild card to get lucrative jobs. "The Chinese language is becoming more integrated into American universities," said Mr. Kuang. "We're so glad, and we're so happy."

He was pleased at the initiative taken by CSI in offering a Mandarin course, something that not even many prestigious universities have managed to do. "The College of Staten Island has a Chinese program, and I think that's great," said Mr. Kuang. "That's why we decided we would welcome them so

they could know something more about China."

Since adopting market reforms in 1978, China has become a global commercial giant and the world's fastest growing economy, primarily by gaining a foothold in American business. In 1986, total trade between the two nations was \$7.9 billion. By 2003, it was \$170 billion, making China the United States' third largest trading partner. U.S. exports to China have grown 66% over the past three years, as compared to a 10% decline for the rest of the world. Senior officials with China's Ministry of Commerce are estimating trade will be worth \$200 billion by the end of this year and will hit a whopping \$300 billion by 2010.

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with a well thought out argument, that will help people change their mind."

Student President Taiwo Olasupo and Senator Arishna (AJ) Ramphal dedicated two hours in early October riding the bus loop, observing its operation and noting problems.

Olasupo then took the list of issues to a special meeting with those in charge of the service hoping to get the process of problem-solving in motion. That and persistent invitations to meet with student representatives resulted the day's serious discourse.

"During the winter, even five students waiting is a problem," said Senator Robert Duru. "Do you make provisions to run buses more frequently?"

"If you come with a well thought out argument, that will help people change their mind."

With out stretched arms and palms up, DeSantis told the students it all comes down to money. "Rattle trees at administration," he suggested. If the money becomes available, "I'm here to get it done."

Senator Keisha Waterton declared it does not make sense for buses to wait by the gate at night, since most students are leaving the campus. She recommended a continuous run. "It will be corrected today," Conroy responded.

Campus maps and a hotline number will be posted on all buses and shelters. Senator Dwight Dunkley's inquiry into what happens with comments received on the hotline was told all issues will be brought to COGNISA for serious consideration. Drivers will also wear name tags.

Senator Duru asked if it was pos-

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amount due for both sessions on it and the payment deadline will be January 5th.

Some students feel that the winter session will not be as successful.

"It has more cons than pros," said 20-year old communications major, Daniel Colonna. "The semester, if you can even call it that, is less than a month long so by the time you get into the swing of things, it's over, plus it's one of your only two breaks during the year, gone." While others expect lacking participation due to the cold weather and holiday celebrations. "I think it's a good idea because it will help students complete their education quicker," said 18-year-old business major, Mirela Cekek. "Unfortunately, I think a lot of them won't register because it is during the holiday season."

The administration, however,

remains optimistic about the new semester. "The Winter Session provides an opportunity for our continuing CSI students to take a course that they might not have been able to take during a regular semester, or accelerate their progress toward graduation. We might also attract students from other colleges who are home for the semester break," said Vice President for Student Affairs, Carol Jackson. "We hope it proves successful this year."

The winter program will be considered a second session of the spring, although credits will not be counted cumulatively.

CSI students can register for the winter session online or in-person from November 17th through December 22nd and visiting students can register from December 8th through December 22nd. Late registration is December 27th.

Winter session details and updates are available by going to: www.csi.cuny.edu/registrar/win.html

sible to install racks for information pamphlets. DeSantis pointed out that handouts result in litter problems, but there are overhead advertising racks that can be used by various organizations to publicize student interests.

After DeSantis explained that the local Victory Boulevard bus runs frequently but is too sporadic to effectively coordinate with the loop-bus. Conroy explained that class dismissal is so close to the city bus schedule that the 20 minute loop around campus makes it impossible to connect students to that bus. Senator Dunkley moved to coordinate the loop-bus schedule with the MTA express bus schedule. "It would be more important to be hooked up with express bus schedules than class dismissal," he suggested. "Missing that bus means a long wait." The motion was approved.

Earlier in the meeting, offering motivation to the group with a talk

about his experience serving SG at the old Sunnyside campus, Professor Peters spoke about the importance of developing good alumni.

"First thing we can not do is have unhappy students," he said. "Get involved in planning the future of the college." He showed a picture of a modern bus shelter built on Staten Island's south shore by the NYS Department of Transportation and offered his philosophy on "OPM," or other people's money. Peters recommended to the members they go out and ask for resources. "A modern bus shelter at the front gate is not an inappropriate use of public funds," he informed them. "Don't forget to think big."

Embarking on New Territory - Traveling While Pregnant

Vanessa Leigh DeBello

Never have I given much thought to eating different foods or traveling alone in an unfamiliar land. To hop on a plane at a moments notice to explore a third world country was becoming a new pass time and that wasn't about to change just because I was pregnant.

At the time I was traveling to Mexico, I was nearly five months pregnant. Having been an avid traveler, I thought nothing of taking another trip, especially to see my sister, who I had not seen since I found out I had a bun in the oven. She was excited about seeing my rounded belly, and I was looking forward to meeting her new boyfriend.

It was apparent after the first 10 minutes in the airport that it was going to be an eventful trip, but in the past, I always enjoyed the occasional travel mishap, as it somehow made the experience more memorable. Maybe it was because it was shortly after the New Year, but the airport was unusually crowded for January in my opinion. Finding the correct line was like a maze that had us wondering in circles through out the tri-level terminal. At least, if nothing else, I was walking off some of those extra pregnancy pounds. When we were finally directed to the right area, we were relieved to find it empty.

After 6 years of traveling alone, I had a travel partner, my mother. This trip happened to be my mother's first time on a plane. It was about time, since her two daughters were seasoned travelers, even living abroad. Prior, I had done everything I thought necessary to prepare my mother for the trip, from how to pack efficiently, to carrying money and ID in a safe place and of course how to stay relaxed on a plane.

I had given my mother all the practical advice she needed to have a smooth and successful trip and in just minutes of speaking to the flight personal, it all seemed meaningless. Somehow, I had over looked the obvious. Although, Mexico is one of the few countries that allow Americans to enter without a passport (and I recently heard that has changed), one still needs to have the proper identification, like a birth certificate, picture ID and marriage license, if names differ, which was the case with my mother. There we stood with no marriage license. To make matters worse, even if we drove home to get it, the name on my mother's marriage license was still different from the name on her birth certificate since my mother had been adopted and changed her birth name. She would need her adoption papers to link the two name changes, which she didn't have.

My legs ached as I wondered if I would have to leave my mother behind. Fortunately, we were advised for only ten dollars my mother could sign an affidavit attesting to her identity.

After two flights and nine hours, we finally arrived in Tampico, Mexico. I was beat and wanted to crawl my tired, pregnant body into whatever bed was provided. All we had to do now was claim our luggage and we'd be on our way. Luggage? What luggage? There was nothing waiting for us at the baggage claim. Three suitcases and not one of them made it to Mexico.

I broke all the rules of travel and didn't pack any clothes in my carry on. Five months pregnant, what was I suppose to wear. I didn't even have a change of underwear.

I hadn't seen my sister in four months and I was already grumpy from a long day

of travel and losing my clothes. After some quick hellos, we stood on a line for another hour to report our missing baggage. We were assured that our luggage was safely sitting in Houston and that it would be put on the next flight, which wouldn't be until the following evening.

When we arrived at my sister's apartment, she gave us the rest of the good news. "We don't have any running water," she said. "The water main pipe broke and we don't know when it will get fixed." This started to sound like my last trip to the Dominican Republic. So the promise of having running water gave me little hope. Fortunately, within a few days we had running water again; but whether it was hot or not was another story.

My sister did most of the cooking for my mother and I, sharing all the new Mexican recipes she had learned. I don't think there is one pregnant woman that doesn't appreciate having someone else cook for her, so I never second questioned my sister about how she was washing the food. She had previously promised before I arrived that all food would be washed with bottle water. I suppose being in love brings on absent-mindedness and my sister was soon rinsing the food in tap water and bleach (a common practice in many under developed countries).

The following day I was sick to my stomach with cramps, calling my husband collect to get in touch with my OB doctor. I was a nervous wreck. I was so afraid that something would happen to the baby. I was experiencing cramps every 20 minutes and they were excruciatingly painful. The doctor reassured us that my stomach cramps would not have any effect on the baby; I simply had a case of dysentery and

needed to drink a lot of fluids. I spent most of my second week in bed and at one point was ready to go home early if my condition didn't improve.

Eventually it did, and I remained for the rest of my scheduled trip. I honestly don't know how they all put up with me. I was a grump nearly the whole time. I never realized what a disgruntle traveler I could be until I was pregnant.

When people asked about my trip to Mexico and how was it to travel pregnant, I simply looked at them. "I'll never do it again," I said. "I learned my lesson."

Even for the spunky, get-up and go traveler, I would think twice about traveling while pregnant. I know I will the next time around.

In the event you will be traveling during your pregnancy, consider the following:

-Always check with your doctor or midwife first before traveling.

Pack a change of clothing and other necessities in your carry on. Be sure to pack comfort foods you enjoy, as they may not be readily available where you are traveling.

-Be prepared with all the necessary documents and identifications you may need while traveling, including copies of medical records and the telephone number of your doctor.

-Only drink bottled water, even when traveling in the United States. Strands of bacteria vary depending on its source. Your body is only immune to the types in your local water, therefore your stomach can easily get upset by the newly introduced enzymes.

-Go at your own pace. Remember to keep a sense of humor and you'll have a great time.

The Banner is happy to offer CSI students the opportunity to become better acquainted with your Student Government representatives.

Name: Arishna Ramphal

Title: Senator

Nickname: AJ

Favorite Sesame Street Character: Big Bird

B • So what exactly do you do at SG?

AJ • I am Publications Board Representative and Deputy Finance Commissioner.

B • Are you involved with any other clubs or organizations here at CSI?

AJ • I am President of International Affairs Association.

B • How long have you been involved with SG?

AJ • Approximately 1 year.

B • If you could pick one way to improve the school, what would it be?

AJ • I would lower tuition, and create more scholarships.

B • Name one thing that SG has done for the student body?

AJ • We helped approve the pass/fail initiative. We're working on better lighting and a better loop bus.

B • Describe your dream job.

AJ • I want to become the President of Guyana

B • Boxers or briefs?

AJ • Both

B • If you could clear up one misconception about members of SG, what would it be?

AJ • I want students to know that we are student representatives who dedicate our time and effort to the student body. Also, we support all other clubs and organizations who want stipends.

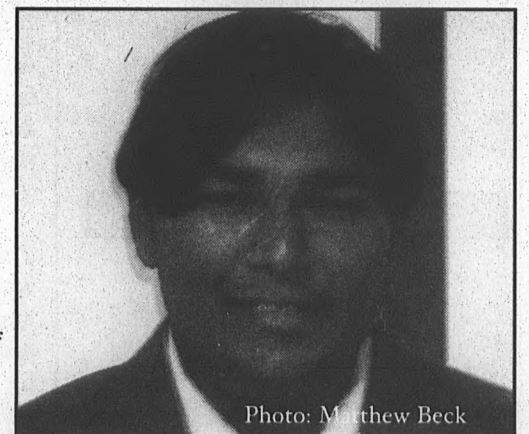


Photo: Matthew Beck

From the Editor

Thanksgiving is here. There are just 2 short weeks after Thanksgiving before finals, crunch time where everyone has to work their asses off to come out on top. After 3 months, the grueling Fall semester is finally coming to an abrupt end.

This issue we have an awesome article by Matt Beck, who went along with a group of CSI students to the Chinese Consulate in Manhattan, the first group of college students to be granted such unprecedented access.

We also have a special letter to the editor from President Springer. The letter was hand delivered to us by a messenger. I promptly decided to put it on the front page to let President Springer know that we always value her input (I put our response to her criticism in as well). However, when we want a comment from the President, we have to go through a long convoluted chain of officials. We only wish that having access to the President was as easy for us, as getting access to The Banner is for her.

In other news, I finally turned 21 yesterday. The hangover has to wear off soon, because there is still much more work that has to be done. There's just one more issue of The Banner left this semester and already we have to start looking at replacements for key positions at The Banner.

Longtime Comics Editor Enrique Inocente has left The Banner for personal reasons. Enrique served The Banner in many capacities during his 3 and a half years here.

In addition to making us and everyone else at CSI laugh from his comics, he lightened up the mood in The Banner office by telling outrageously funny jokes at the times we needed it most. He also was in charge of layout, helping to ease the pressure we all faced in getting The Banner to you on time, and believe me it's a lot harder than many of you think.

He will be dearly missed, however, we need a replacement, or you guys will be stuck without a decent comics section, and we know you guys don't want that. We also need photographers, writers, and people to do layout for the issue (no experience is necessary, you just have to be willing to learn).

And if this is your final semester here at CSI, the next issue is your last chance to have your work published in The Banner. So take advantage of this last opportunity to be in print.

Anybody who wants to help The Banner just needs to stop by our office (1C-228) during club hours on Thursdays (1:30-3:30). Remember, The Banner needs you, the students to be successful.

-David Maltz

Letters To The Editor

Re: Money for SG Stipend Increase Approved

I was disappointed, but not surprised, by the Banner's deceptive coverage of my SG meeting remarks in your November 7th issue. As the senate considered stipends on October 20, I stated clearly that I am a big believer in stipends, despite not qualifying to receive one. Ms. DeMarzo distorted my remark by removing its context.

Also, she misstates the order of events concerning Voting Importance Awareness registration drive. The prize approved pending legality, but as I stated on October 20th, offering such a prize for voter registrants turned out to be illegal, which is why we couldn't hold an event.

Tragically, the Banner subscribes to an antagonistic media culture of cynicism and scandal-mongering. But it is a disservice to students to seek to rake muck where none exists. What is truly scandalous is that even though we students currently face proposed annual and automatic tuition hikes, the Banner didn't say one word about that. Perhaps it would have gotten in the way of your cartoons and sex columns.

- Dwight Dunkley, Senior

DeMarzo's Response:

Reflected in the October 24 issue of The Banner, it was at the October 6 SG meeting that you stated for the record you were not eligible for stipends in 2005, not the October 20th meeting.

As I understood your October 6th proposal for a Voting Importance Awareness registration drive, it was not about giving away an iPod, but about the importance of teaming up with NYPIRG to get students registered to vote. Although the incentive prize was ruled illegal, was that reason to abandon the objective? Perhaps it had more to do with the time constraint of an October 17th deadline to register, Columbus Day, Yom Kippur and two weekends, leaving only 4 days to plan, implement and carryout your proposal. Nevertheless, on October 20th, you offered an alternative and gained approval from your colleagues to organize a NYC Candidate Forum at the CSI campus. That too did not happen. Was it realistic to think the candidates had unscheduled hours to take a trip to Staten Island to participate in a vague program so close to Election Day?

Regarding your third paragraph, you call it cynicism, I will suggest wary. SG decides on how more than \$200,000 of student money is spent and when it comes to

power and money, it is the job of the press to hold people accountable. If we are lucky, some of the controversy will prompt students to get involved. Perhaps you have answered the question as to why SG members get paid stipends. You guys are in the hot seat.

Re: So You Want To Play Golf?

It is obvious to me that golf is definitely a rapid growing sport, although it is not always recognized as a very popular game. This past spring, about 10 of my friends went out and bought golf clubs. Andrew Rafferty shows his passion for the game in this very informative article. He points out the social benefits of playing golf as well how playing the game can help you gain friends and respect in the business world.

- Mike Smith, Junior

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I feel because SG has received their approval for the stipend, they should use the money wisely. They should think about other clubs and organizations. They could help Arishna Ramphal, a student senator. As a student here, I hear from other various groups trying to think of ways to raise money. In my opinion, it's not fair for SG to be granted stipends when every other group must struggle to make money to keep afloat, especially when ideas have been suggested and nothing has been done. Why doesn't SG help out?

- Norina Gueller, Senior

This informative article is an interesting addition to the previous stipend article because it shows the absurdity of the whole issue. At the same time, it shows how the student government works. I look forward to follow up articles on this matter.

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Re: 2000+ Soldiers Die in Iraq. What For?

Thomas Bradley was correct in saying that the war in Iraq is not some Spielberg film that will have a simple ending, whether happy or sad, presented in a nice package with a bow. Victory in Iraq will not be clear or resolute, but that doesn't mean it is completely meaningless. I am a liberal leaning

and was against the war for the beginning and it was clear we were misled into war, but the war can and has written a draft of a constitution. Women have been elected to office. It may not be clear now, but who knows what this could mean for Iraq 40 years from now. It could mean something worse, but I don't think all hope is lost.

- Jennifer Carroll, Senior

This article was a good way of reminding people about our troops in the war in Iraq - and not just the war itself. Thomas Bradley is right: you won't read about those lost troops in your children's textbooks. You'll only read about the leaders who lead and whether we won or not. This war is a waste and I think more and more people are starting to realize that. But guess what? Whatever has been done is too late. It's a shame for the many lives that have been taken and injured. Our only hope now is that we learn from this mistake.

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As a member of the women's soccer team, I appreciate the paper's acknowledgement of our win against Medger Evers for the CUNY title. Players Miller, Kleboe, and myself found amusing the description of our coach, John Guagliardo, especially the quotes he used. In particular, the quote about not being able to put the ball in the ocean! It was a fun and interesting season.

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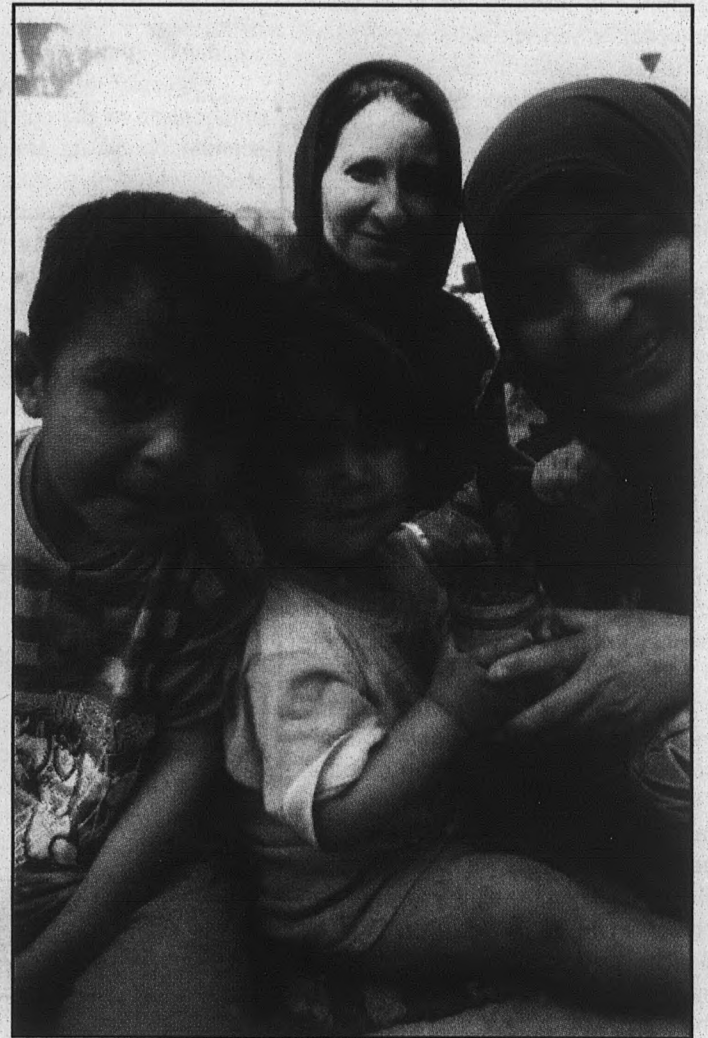
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IRAQ: The War You Won't See on TV



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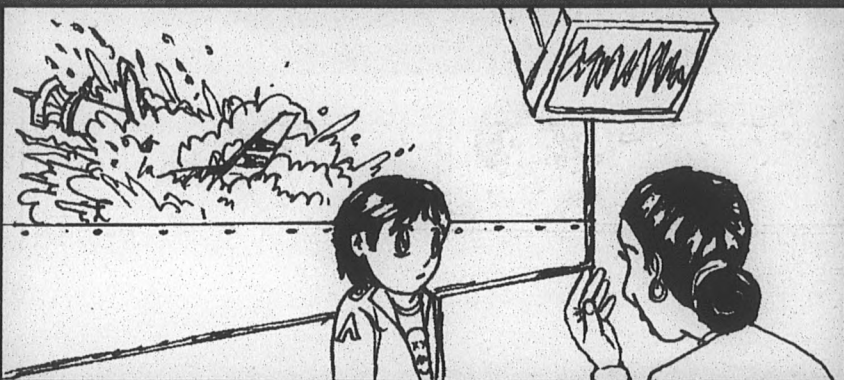
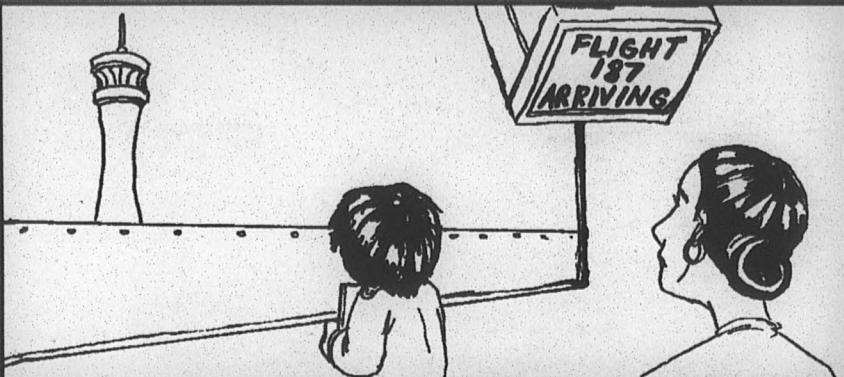




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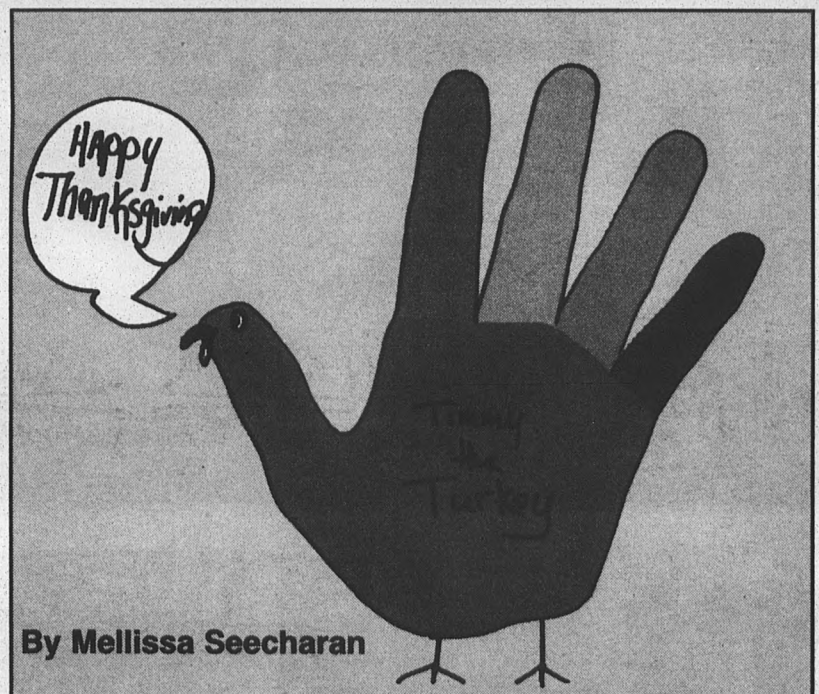
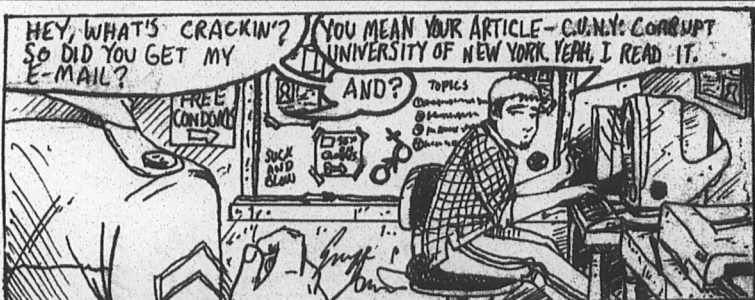
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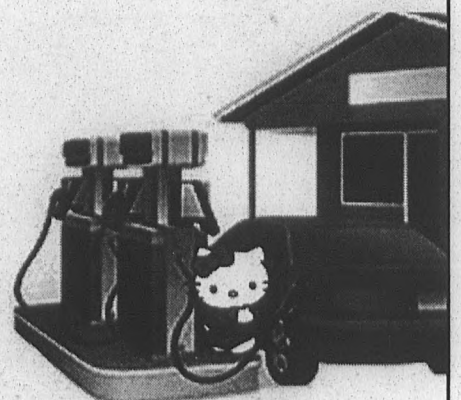
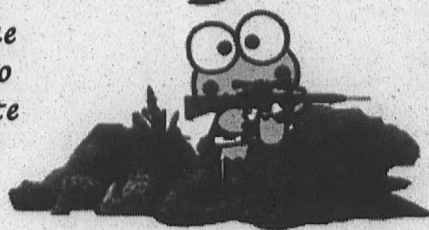
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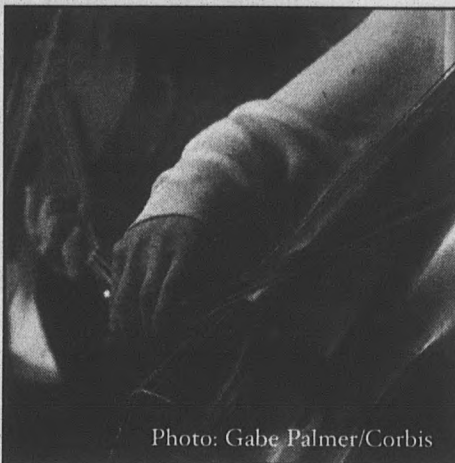


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Four principle members of the NY Philharmonic played an hour long set for a packed IP Concert Hall.

sighed blissfully, and the cellos moaned deeply. The movements were an invigorating blend of silky arpeggios, lively legato tones, and nimble staccato stabs executed without a stray note or lagging tempo. At times, the ethereal melodies breathed hard and heavy like a woman in labor. Other times softly and sweetly like a sleeping baby.

Sadly, few CSI students showed up to witness a once-in-a-lifetime offering by some of the world's most talented and renowned musicians. But who can blame them? Truth is, most enjoy listening to The Black Eyed Peas' "My Humps" or Kanye West's "Gold Digger" on Hot 97 rather than Beethoven's "Symphony No. 4 in B Flat Minor" or Bach's "Bradenburg Concerto No. 5 in B Major" on WQXR. But those who had ears to hear weren't expecting saccharin pop jingles or high-profile pop stars. They were expecting music and celebrities of another kind. And they got them. (No autographs, please).

CSI's Sneaker Pimps on the Internet

Thomas Bradley

We've got some salesmen here. The two hustlers pushing gear and kicks on the internet corner heatforfeet.com happen to be CSI students. Paul Brudoley and Sash Boriskin are the brains behind this new site, just don't forget they peddle product. The site is home to the exclusive Supreme, Bape, and Stussy clothing lines and the limited edition, hard-to-cop kicks at a decent price. The students balance their notebooks with their checkbooks because they are scheming to set up shop in SoHo sometime in the not so distant future. Check the interview with heatforfeet.com's Sash and Paul where they talk with The Banner about the marketplace and what the site offers customers. Those of us, usually students, with less than a few thousand to drop on a hoodie or sneakers should greatly appreciate their work. So hit the site to get your weight up in the gear game without your ATM getting crazy slim.

Who is behind the site?

My partner Paul and I are behind the website.

What was the process like from the original idea to the actual construction of the site?

The idea was that we wanted to have a nice clean site that was easy for everyone to use and brought the costumers what they wanted. Just like anything our ideas were shaped by the website and we were lucky that it

turned out how we wanted it to.

Describe the marketplace you're in right now regarding the sneaker game and internet cool hunting.

The sneaker market is blossoming right now and we all know this. There are so many parts that the sneaker game has branched into that it is getting difficult for many to get the shoes that they want. From celebrities up on shoes to collectors to everyday kids trying to resell some shoes to make a buck it is getting very difficult to get the exclusive shoes that many of us want. The internet has just taken this process and made it a hundred times harder but also helpful as well. With many sites letting people know what is

coming out where can come in handy, at other times it creates a frenzy that many of us in this game know as "hype" and that just makes the item being released a whole extra mission to get. With many websites selling shoes now every one is trying to get their piece of the pie I may say but competition isn't always a bad thing.

How do you intend to make your mark in a crowded field?

This is a hard question to answer because there are a lot of places in my field who have made a big impact on this sneaker revelation and I can't say that it hasn't been a well one. But with exclusive products comes expensive prices and heatforfeet has a main goal

which is to bring the hard to find stuff for the best prices around.

Will you be branding your site as far as creating a clothing line or opening an actual shop location?

Me and my partner Paul had been affiliated with a store which we had left (keeping the name disclosed) and it wasn't the environment we wanted our store to have. We want our store to have a meaning behind it because after all the shoe game has a very big history behind it. So we are looking to open up in New York City, Soho area to be exact, and would like our store to have an atmosphere of history and what the shoe game really is. But this is not a project that will come to soon

but like everything else all in good time, just look out for us. As for a clothing line many people think they can just make a clothing line by getting some t-shirts some colors and writing some logo on it. We think a clothing line is something that should be well planed out and have a strong impact on people as far as that our site is just for shoes and clothing that people have put their time into and if someday we see that we can do that maybe there will be a clothing line but till then that's all there is to say.

Is it intimidating to be in such a competitive area of the footwear game?

I can't say that its not but although

the industry is so large there are only a few competitors to be intimidated by, but that's what pushes us to get the stuff others cant.

What sites inspire or inform the way you present and operate your own site?

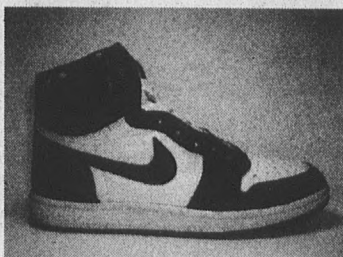
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Where do you see the sneaker game going in the near future concerning prices, artist series, limited editions, retros, etc.?

I see the game going nowhere but to the top. As that increases unfortunately so do the prices. Artists like Futura, Statsh, Espo and other artists are impacting sneaker game hard and doing a lovely job doing it, they are bringing art to the shoe and using it as canvas. This keeps bringing a new face to sneakers and that is good because there is more to choose from.

Where do you see the site headed within the next few months/years and what do you think will be your greatest asset/obstacle?

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Mr. Langevin and Ms. Breslow gracefully gave their seats to Yulia Ziskel on violin and Cynthia Phelps on viola, and cellist Eileen Moon was added to the foursome.

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was clean, pure, and fresh. The hall was bathed in crystal-clear intonations as the violins wept exquisitely, the violas

sighed blissfully, and the cellos moaned deeply. The movements were an invigorating blend of silky arpeggios, lively legato tones, and nimble staccato stabs executed without a stray note or lagging tempo. At times, the ethereal melodies breathed hard and heavy like a woman in labor. Other times softly and sweetly like a sleeping baby.

Sadly, few CSI students showed up to witness a once-in-a-lifetime offering by some of the world's most talented and renowned musicians. But who can blame them? Truth is, most enjoy listening to The Black Eyed Peas' "My Humps" or Kanye West's "Gold Digger" on Hot 97 rather than Beethoven's "Symphony No. 4 in B Flat Minor" or Bach's "Bradenburg Concerto No. 5 in B Major" on WQXR. But those who had ears to hear weren't expecting saccharin pop jingles or high-profile pop stars. They were expecting music and celebrities of another kind. And they got them. (No autographs, please).



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Four principle members of the NY Philharmonic played an hour long set for a packed IP Concert Hall.

CSI's Sneaker Pimps on the Internet

Thomas Bradley

We've got some salesmen here. The two hustlers pushing gear and kicks on the internet corner heatforfeet.com happen to be CSI students. Paul Brudoley and Sash Boriskinare are the brains behind this new site, just don't forget they peddle product. The site is home to the exclusive Supreme, Bape, and Stussy clothing lines and the limited edition, hard-to-cop kicks at a decent price. The students balance their notebooks with their checkbooks because they are scheming to set up shop in SoHo sometime in the not so distant future. Check the interview with heatforfeet.com's Sash and Paul where they talk with The Banner about the marketplace and what the site offers customers. Those of us, usually students, with less than a few thousand to drop on a hoodie or sneakers should greatly appreciate their work. So hit the site to get your weight up in the gear game without your ATM getting crazy slim.

Who is behind the site?

My partner Paul and I are behind the website.

What was the process like from the original idea to the actual construction of the site?

The idea was that we wanted to have a nice clean site that was easy for everyone to use and brought the costumers what they wanted. Just like anything our ideas were shaped by the website and we were lucky that it

turned out how we wanted it to.

Describe the marketplace you're in right now regarding the sneaker game and internet cool hunting.

The sneaker market is blossoming right now and we all know this. There are so many parts that the sneaker game has branched into that it is getting difficult for many to get the shoes that they want. From celebrities up on shoes to collectors to everyday kids trying to resell some shoes to make a buck it is getting very difficult to get the exclusive shoes that many of us want. The internet has just taken this process and made it a hundred times harder but also helpful as well. With many sites letting people know what is

coming out where can come in handy, at other times it creates a frenzy that many of us in this game know as "hype" and that just makes the item being released a whole extra mission to get. With many websites selling shoes now every one is trying to get their piece of the pie I may say but competition isn't always a bad thing.

How do you intend to make your mark in a crowded field?

This is a hard question to answer because there are a lot of places in my field who have made a big impact on this sneaker revelation and I can't say that it hasn't been a well one. But with exclusive products comes expensive prices and heatforfeet has a main goal

which is to bring the hard to find stuff for the best prices around.

Will you be branding your site as far as creating a clothing line or opening an actual shop location?

Me and my partner Paul had been affiliated with a store which we had left (keeping the name disclosed) and it wasn't the environment we wanted our store to have. We want our store to have a meaning behind it because after all the shoe game has a very big history behind it. So we are looking to open up in New York City, Soho area to be exact, and would like our store to have an atmosphere of history and what the shoe game really is. But this is not a project that will come to soon

but like everything else all in good time, just look out for us. As for a clothing line many people think they can just make a clothing line by getting some t-shirts some colors and writing some logo on it. We think a clothing line is something that should be well planed out and have a strong impact on people as far as that our site is just for shoes and clothing that people have put their time into and if someday we see that we can do that maybe there will be a clothing line but till then that's all there is to say.

Is it intimidating to be in such a competitive area of the footwear game?

I can't say that its not but although

the industry is so large there are only a few competitors to be intimidated by, but that's what pushes us to get the stuff others cant.

What sites inspire or inform the way you present and operate your own site?

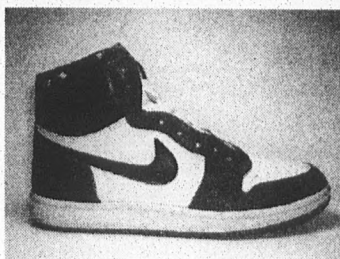
We are individuals and are doing things our own way, so were hoping to be the inspiration to the others.

Where do you see the sneaker game going in the near future concerning prices, artist series, limited editions, retros, etc.?

I see the game going nowhere but to the top. As that increases unfortunately so do the prices. Artists like Futura, Statsh, Espo and other artists are impacting sneaker game hard and doing a lovely job doing it, they are bringing art to the shoe and using it as canvas. This keeps bringing a new face to sneakers and that is good because there is more to choose from.

Where do you see the site headed within the next few months/years and what do you think will be your greatest asset/obstacle?

We are hoping that the site becomes a good resource for someone looking for a hard to find shoe and wanting to get the fairest price at that. We plan on having a much larger variety of shoes and clothing as time goes on. The obstacle will be getting these limited shoes and clothing in full size runs or quantity because no matter who you know there are tons of people ready to kill for these hot items!



SPORTS

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CUNYAC 'CURSE' CONTINUES FOR MEN'S SOCCER

Carinne Fassari

The night before the CSI's men's final soccer game, Joseph Fassari, the team's sweeper struggled to get a few hours of sleep.

Numerous thoughts about the game, and his fear of leaving the field defeated, circled endlessly through his mind. After years of playing soccer with his high school team and other travel teams he never won a championship. Along with the other seven seniors, he felt determined to break the curse of CSI not winning the CUNYAC title in five years, and also put a championship trophy on his dresser.

On November 5, the No. 2 seeded CSI lost in overtime to the undefeated No. 1 seeded CCNY with a score of 3-2. After the first half the score was 0-0, but things started to pick up in the second half when the Beavers scored the first two goals against the Dolphins. However, the Dolphins fought relentlessly to come back and tie which led into sudden death overtime. Only five minutes into overtime, the Beavers capitalized and scored for a dramatic finish against the Dolphins.

One hundred and thirty three people attended the game, which was the biggest turnout all year for themen's soccer team. The winner of the game gained an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. Fans from CCNY brought drums, noise makers, whistles and cheerleaders to help intimidate the CSI players and their fans. The parents from CSI saw the hunger in their boys' hearts to win this game and kept chanting over the beat of the drum to keep up hope for their players.

Some players and CSI fans felt that a controversial call stole their chances of winning the game. In the 57th minute the referee issued Asmir Dzemoski, CSI's senior forward and the CUNY's conference leading scorer, a red card, after the side line ref told him Dzemoski had

elbowed a CCNY player in the head. Dzemoski defiantly walked off the field leaving CSI with only 10 players.

Both teams played aggressively the first half, with CSI driving seven shots at the net to CCNY's six. To no one's surprise the half ended scoreless.

Only a few minutes passed in

the start of the second half when Patricio Cui (So.) crossed the ball to Ermand Pellumbi, (Jr.) who wasted no time and took a shot straight off the pass to put the Beavers ahead one goal. "I was surprised that we allowed a goal because we were defending well the whole game," said Chidi Ugoji. (Sr.) "But I didn't loose hope." In fact CSI's defense cut down and stole the ball away from CCNY players numerous times, and prevented them from scoring ten times by pulling the off side's trap.

With 33 minutes left in the game, chaos erupted when Dzemoski's ejection from the game set off Veneruso's Italian temper and he began screaming in a deep Italian accent at the referee. Upon seeing the ref pull out a red card, Fassari ran over to the ref in astonishment

and tried to plea with him to reverse the call. "You can't make that call, the ref took control of the game," Fassari said after the match. "He should have given him a warning before he just threw him out."

CSI's midfielders and forwards began powering through the CCNY's defense but their ability to finish fell short to CCNY's talent. In the 71st minute Juan Gomez (Jr.) scored another goal with a shot to the right near post.

With twelve minutes remaining, Arganaraz put the Dolphins back in the game after taking a ground shot from a pass by Wilkes that rolled passed the goalie. Completely energized, the Dolphins continued to press and only 8 minutes later, Arganaraz scored another goal by heading the ball off a rebound from the cross bar, making the game 2-2.

In overtime both teams were drained, but CCNY gathered enough energy to dominate. In the 5th minute Gomez took a corner kick that landed on the head of Cui, who butted it right into the net. CCNY players immediately threw their hands in the air and gathered together to celebrate, while the CSI players took to off their shirts and some just fell to the floor with their heads down. "These guys played with their hearts all year long," said Veneruso. "They have nothing to be ashamed of."

Although they lost the championship game, the Dolphin's earned a bid to the ECAC where they will play Stockton College on Wednesday. After this tournament coach Veneruso will decide whether he is going to return to coach the men's team next year.



Before the soccer championship game against CCNY, the CSI men's starters huddle around Coach Vito Veneruso to discuss the game

HEATING PADS, TAPED ANKLES, EXTRA STRETCHES: PRE-SEASON WORKOUTS

Andrea Kleboe

It is 3 o'clock in the Sports and Recreation Center and the men's basketball team is about to begin practice. The captains are leading the team in their pre-practice stretching. Head coach Tony Petosa, who led the team to the CUNY finals last season, walks into the gym and sees only two familiar faces from last year. To say it is a rebuilding year for the Dolphins is an understatement. How will they undergo such a drastic transformation?

It all begins in the pre-season, where workouts are led by captains and sole returnees Michael Jones and Justin Martinuk. Jones saw a lot of playing time last season and is known to be an excellent outside shooter. Martinuk saw limited minutes last year but is expected to have a larger role this season.

One part of the pre-season workouts is playing pickup games in the gym. These games draw about 40-50 people. Everyday there are new people playing. These games are unstructured and resemble pickup games that would be seen in any schoolyard in the city.

The coaches are not allowed to attend pre-sea-

son workouts; they still want other people to notice them and maybe create a buzz about themselves. "Everybody comes out here and plays real hard," said Michael Jones. "The competition is very tough."

There is a thin line between playing hard and having an attitude and some players frequently cross that line. Some will yell at the other players while others show off relentlessly. These attitudes have driven away some hopefuls as they did not have a thick enough skin to deal with it day in and day out.

Besides playing pickup games the players run on the track two times a week. The dedicated players will benefit from this. They will jog a few laps slowly to warm up and then stretch for about ten minutes. "Pre-season conditioning is extremely important," said trainer John Nostro. "It will help to prevent injuries during the season."

On October 15 the season officially begins and Petosa will start to make his cuts. On this day, the training room is very busy. There are numerous players with heating pads on their backs, getting their ankles taped and doing some extra stretching. The players want to make sure they are one hundred percent physically prepared for tryouts.

There will be a few players cut every day from the 15th until Petosa finally has his team. Some of these players will save Petosa the trouble of cutting them as they will be academically ineligible. Student athletes must keep a 2.0 GPA in order to participate in athletics. Other players are medically ineligible. Before a student can play on a team they need to be medically cleared by a physician. Some players had to sit out the first few tryouts because they weren't able to see a doctor before the deadline. "It is frustrating to sit here and watch," said Jeremy Smalls and transfer student from Fulton Montgomery Community College and Curtis graduate. "I can't play because of a piece of paper."

For the remainder of the practice the players will scrimmage against each other. Petosa is obviously looking for talent. He is also looking for team chemistry. "The best five individual players will not necessarily start," said Petosa. "The starting five will be the five that play best together."