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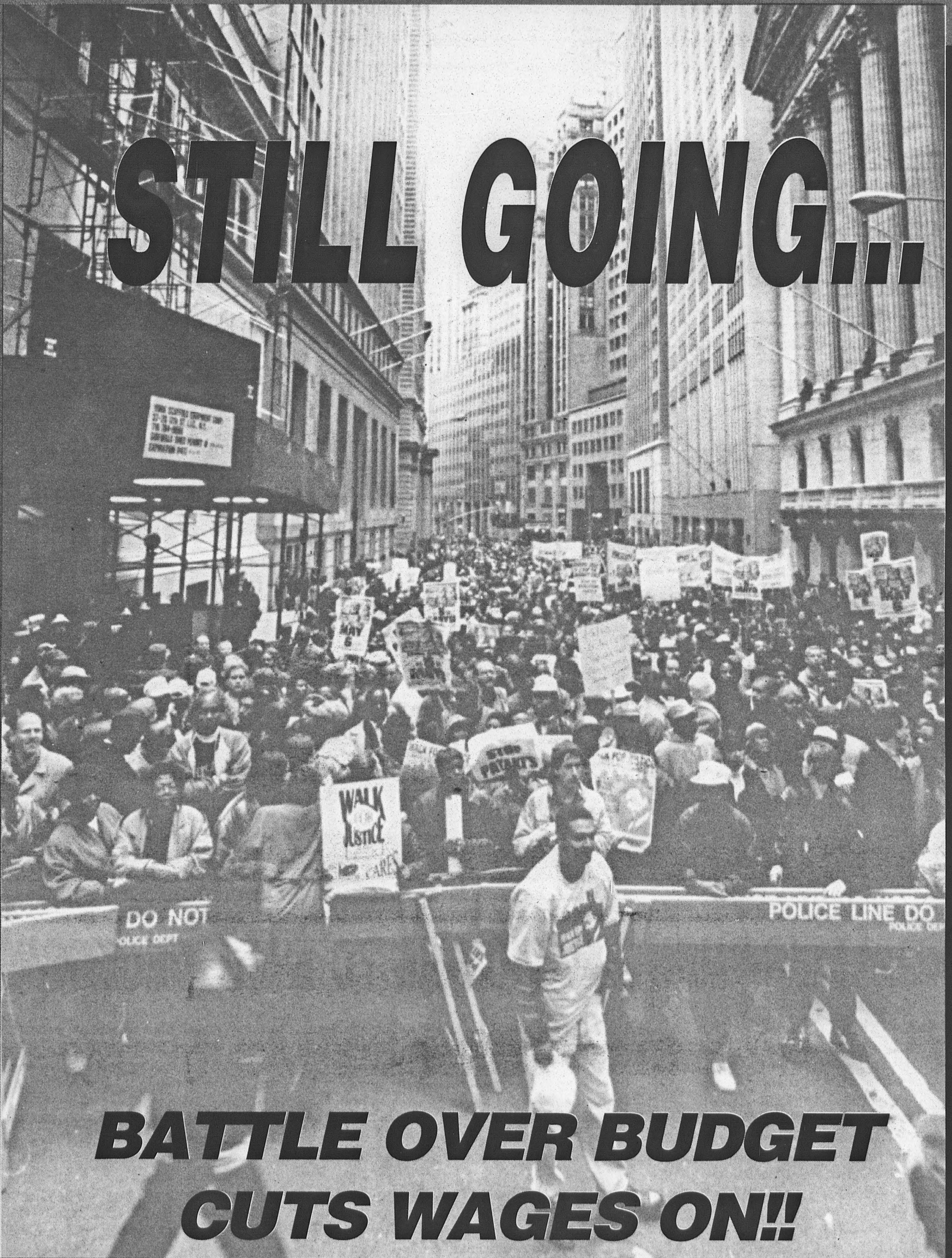
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RALLIES PUSH POLITICIANS TO MAKE DECISION

By Jennifer Valle

Students marched on City Hall in yet another demonstration attempt to seek restoration for CUNY Tuesday, April 4th.

Over four thousand students from various CUNY schools and workers from various unions chanted as they marched in the streets by City Hall. Students and workers were lined with security aids who were called in by the union employees for riot protection purposes. Hundreds of police officers lined the sidewalks in "fence formation" as protesters continued. There were no reports of injuries.

Inside, republicans felt the pressure as they failed to reach a decision on the cuts. With over 100 amendments to make on the budget, speculations state that the budget will probably be released before or during the Easter vacation.

Students continued to protest despite the rain. Ralliers shouted, "Students united will never be defeated," as they raised banners against Pataki's budget cuts. One student at the protest stated, "(I feel) the budget cuts suck. I don't get how Pataki can raise our tuition and cut financial aid. Is he on drugs or something?" President Marlene

Springer offered hope as she commended students for their efforts prior to this rally, stating, "I need you to keep writing your legislatures and keep telling them we can't take these cuts." With so many rallies, Republicans have been forced to see the people behind the signs and angry voices. Ways and Means Chairperson Bill Archer confided to the Staten Island Advance in the April 5, 1995 issue, "(the vote) is going to be close." The next two weeks will be crucial for CUNY as less as politicians voting on this issue.

UNITE TO DESTROY CUTS



Photo P.C. Guagenti

Arrests and Rhetoric at the CUNY / SUNY Protest Rally

~ O P I N I O N ~

By Frank Giallombardo

What promised to be one of the grandest and most glorious rallies ever held in City Hall became instead a pointless confrontation with the law. Thousands of students (both colleges and high school) and faculty from all schools of the Cuny/Suny network converged on the doorstep of Mayor Giuliani's workplace on March 23 to voice their outrage and disdain over Governor Pataki's proposed budget cuts to public higher education funding.

What began as a peaceful, interesting, and insightful display of young citizens and teachers concerned for their futures, eventually transformed into a platform for leftist groups to spout their socialistic doctrines. After two hours of uplifting and motivational speeches the rally organizers, led by Coalition to Stop Budget Cuts and World Workers Party, decided that public speaking in a park did not make enough of a statement, and proceeded to start marching down Broadway to Wall Street where they planned to impede traffic and denounce all capitalists, the alleged cause of this current budgetary crisis.

Chanting slogans like "The Students United Will Never Be Defeated!" and "Education is a Right, not a privilege!" the protesters were stopped in their tracks by a human wall of NYPD mounted on horseback and dressed in riot gear, and just a portion of a formidable presence which surrounded City Hall park completely. In the end the scuffle yielded sixty arrested protesters and eleven injured police officers. Though the students had been forewarned by the rally organizers that they did not in fact possess a permit for marching, they opted to take their chances on the basis of constitutional rights. Consequently, all the progress made in terms of getting their views heard and gaining sympathy from outside citizens crumbled into dust, leaving New Yorkers with only the memories of a riot. A fine lecture in education and finance had metamorphosed into a lesson in disobedience and disorder.

In short, the CUNY/SUNY protest rally was nothing less than a fiasco, and the blame lay with a minority of students and rally organizers who, rather than concentrate on voicing opposition to threats to their futures, in turn became a threat to downtown Manhattan. The greatest blame attributed to the leftist groups who drew listeners and supporters away from the main focus of the rally with their misleading rhetoric and pontification, and encouraged them to risk arrest over an ideology. These groups had an array of supporters: one banner from the Staten Island.

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SECURITY CATCHES CAR THIEF

By Jennifer Valle

Security went into hot pursuit on the highway after a thief in a stolen vehicle Saturday, April 1st. At approximately 11:00 am, alleged car thief Ivan Mendoza, 34, broke into a White Jeep Wrangler belonging to Student Philp Abraham and proceeded to exit the campus in the stolen vehicle. At approximately noontime, Mr. Abraham left his class to find that his car was gone. "I was angry and I went right over to security. They asked me if it was a white Jeep and when I said yes, they told me the story" explained Abraham.

Two anonymous female students observed the crime and immediately trailed the stolen car to the main entrance where they alerted security sergeants Paul Lindstrom and Mike Barron of the situation. Realizing that he was spotted, Mendoza drove past a red light and got onto the highway with Lindstrom and Barron in hot pursuit in a security

car. Frightened, Mendoza deserted the jeep off of the highway on Bradley Avenue and Roosevelt and ran down the street. As security reached the area, they exited their car and was pointed in the direction Mendoza ran. Mendoza was immediately captured and the car was returned to owner Abraham after evidence was recorded by the officers of Police Precinct #122. Mendoza currently awaits trail.

Abraham commented, "Security was incredible, I can't say enough good things about them." He continued, "I don't know who the two ladies were who helped catch the guy and save my car but I appreciate the trouble and danger that they put themselves in." The jeep suffered a broken lock on the passenger side, a broken steering wheel column and the Club that was on the car was found mangled, the U- shaped ends turned L-shaped. Despite the damages to the vehicle, Abraham commented, "I'm glad I got my car back and I guess I'm truly lucky."

AUXILIARY IMPLEMENTS TICKET SYSTEM FOR FALL SEMESTER

By Jennifer Valle

Ira Persky, Director of Auxiliary Services, announced the implementation of a ticketing system which will allow security to hand out tickets to students for specific driving and parking violations on campus. According to Persky, The ticketing program will begin in August and will have both Security Officers and Students deputized to enforce the new rule. Tickets will also have a time limit where, if paid late, will have a late fee of \$5.00 added to the amount of the ticket. As for the amount for tickets, the price varies between each offense:

TICKET OFFENSE \$15

- Missing Decal
- Improperly displayed decal
- Parked in wrong zone (parked in reserved or faculty spots)
- Parked overnight without security notification

\$20

- Driving in unsafe manner (service roads)

- Parked at fire hydrants
 - Hindering campus center operations (parked at loading docks, passing buses that are displaying emergency lights)
 - Parking on campus roadways
 - Parked on grass
- \$40**
- Parking in handicapped zones
 - Exceeding posted speed limit

In addition to these changes, an appeals process will also be implemented. If a student disagrees with the ticket they have received, they can appeal to the officer issuing the summons. If the officer still issues the ticket, the student can then appeal to the Head of the ticketing department. If fines are not paid, the unpaid ticket will result in a mark on the students record which will not let the student register until the fine is satisfied. Faculty will suffer garnishment of salaries. "All fines collected from the tickets will be used to generate better transportation services" explained Persky.

200 Students Protest Aid Cuts

By Justin Bergman
The GW Hatchet
George Washington University

WASHINGTON—About 200 Washington-area college students attended a rally on Capitol Hill in early March to protest Republican-proposed cuts in student financial aid programs.

Four Democratic members of Congress addressed the students, most of whom were from Georgetown University.

The demonstration came at a time when Republicans have outlined deep budget and tax cuts aimed at reducing the deficit. Up for consideration are significant cuts to student aid, including the elimination of interest subsidies for student loans while students are attending college.

Rep. Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.) said students must organize on every campus across the nation to protest financial aid cuts. "Student loans are an investment in the country," Lowey said. "The Republican majority is showing their extremism, and you have to fight them at the ballot box."

Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-Calif.) told the students she wanted to take the energy and the intelligence of the crowd and "pass it out in the House." She said reducing cuts to financial aid is her top priority because more than 1,000 students in her district will lose their loans if the leg-

islation passes.

In response to the speeches, students chanted. "Students vote, too," and "Boot the Newt," referring to House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.)

Woolsey said if students are not able to attend college because they cannot afford it after their loans are taken away, "We won't have people ready to walk the halls of government when we get rid of Newt."

Rep. Patricia Schroeder (D-Colo.) said the Republican majority in Congress is fighting a war against young people by vowing to take their financial aid and funding for school lunches. She said students can fight back by using their power to vote.

"They are about to take away from you the opportunity to run this country," she explained. "They think you're not going to vote... Yes, you can vote."

Sen. Clairhorne Pell (D-R.I.) the founder of the Pell grant, also addressed the crowd. He told the students he believes "deeply" in the need to invest in education because the strength of the nation depends upon the character and education of the American people.

George Washington University freshman Jenny-Brooke Condon said two of her sisters and her mother are all attending college, and "financial assistance has been a lifeline."

She said there is no logic to explain why hard working Americans should be denied an education if financial aid is cut.

Trelwany Thompson, a Georgetown University junior, said she has a dream of being the first person in her family to graduate from college. She said she currently has taken out three federal loans and has a work-study job.

"Some members of the federal government are trying to take my dream away from me," she said. "All of my hard work will be taken away (if financial aid is cut)."

"The government has failed to consult the students about cuts in financial aid," Georgetown student Carlyn McVey said. "Just as (Rep. John) Kasich (R-Ohio) has the ability to decide my future with his vote in Congress, I have the ability to decide his future with my vote."

George Washington freshman Doug Miner, who is the internship coordinator for the GW chapter of the College Democrats, said about 60 percent of GW students are on financial aid, and the cuts are going "to really hit our pocketbooks." He said students can make a difference if their voices are heard.

Miner said a national rally is tentatively being planned for the beginning of April.

In CSI News...

**FOR THIS ISSUE ONLY!!!
IN BUDGET CUT NEWS...**

CURTIS H.S. HOLDS DEMO

Nearly 250 students from Curtis High School gathered in their H.S. football field in the cold to voice the affects of Pataki's proposal April 6th at 2:30pm. "It was freezing" stated President of The Aspira Club and demonstrator Alyssia Pastoriza.

During the morning announcements via the PA system, students announced that a protest would be held as other student organizers spoke to students about the demonstration. One activist, Jason Night stated, "If you don't come to the rally now, don't complain later."

After one hour of successful after-school rallying, students retired only to come to school on the following day to write letters to their legislative members. "Every English class assigned the students to write letters to the legislature" confided Ms. Pastoriza. She continued, "If the cuts go through, we stand losing the Nursing Program, the Law Class Programs, Drama and Arts classes, a lot will be cut."

Curtis High School also stands to lose the Attendance Improvement Drop-out Prevention (AIDP) which works to prevent H.S. drop-outs. "A lot of kids are in the AIDP program but if it gets cut, the drop out rate will sky rocket."

SPRINGER ADDRESSES WEEKEND STUDENTS IN OPEN FORUM

President Marlene Springer addressed weekend students in a special "Weekend town meeting" Saturday, April 1st. "Today is April the 1st and we don't have a budget. They're saying it will be released around Easter, I don't know if it'll be a crucifixion or a resurrection but I'm hoping for the latter" commented Ms. Springer as the forum began. She continued, "This is the worst cut I've seen in my 25 years experience in Higher Education."

Immediately she explained that she had set up a retrenchment committee and stated, "We have already withdrawn 200 sections which we know we will not offer." She continued, "Right now we are going to try to hold on to the fall classes as they are. We have a committee set up to see how we can save money without hurting the students."

Students expressed concerns over the children's center but were relieved to hear "there is funding to keep the center open." Springer also explained, "There's a computer program schedule which will tell us how many students are in which class every hour." This program will allow the committee to make decisions on sections and will allow the college to make cuts that will least affect students.

In addition, some cuts will be made across the board (ie. You need to cut your staff in your department by 10 people) but each program will be viewed by the President and the Retrenchment Committee and they will decide which programs will be released. Furthermore, the cap on each class will be raised but will be discipline specific. Suggestions were made that buildings not in use should

be closed down however, according to the way the campus was built, "it would cost more to turn off utilities and turn them back on in the morning."

Finally, as graduate students expressed that the classes they need to graduate were not being offered, Springer commented, "If the courses have been knocked out of the catalog and you need that class to graduate, speak to the department head, we will have to do something for you, but we won't leave you hanging."

TWO VIEWS ON THE BUDGET CUTS

Student Government Senator Edward Deighan (ED) and College Voice Editor John Paul Pataflo (JP) comment on the impending cuts:

ED: I ain't against the rallies, I'm not against protesting, but I'm against the way they were organized and the way it was presented. I'm against half the posters in this school "Shut the City down." You (JP) said in your newspaper that the cops started with the students but if you were a cop and had 13,000 students coming at you, you would hit them too.

JP: First of all, we know that the protests have been effective to a certain degree, we heard that they want to decrease the budget cut to CUNY by \$100 million in response to the rallies. The point is, 13,000 students didn't attack, they went to march and when they did, confrontation escalated. Furthermore, the goal of "Shutting the city down" stems from the analysis that, in the end, it's the students and the workers. If they go out into the streets and strike, the economy of the city stops and it forces the politician to concede to our demands. It's more rhetorical, we see it as our only way to see our demands met. We can't shut the city down today, but that's what we have to build for to decrease the cuts and reverse the government's attack on working people.

ED: You give tax breaks. If you give more money into the business hands, they create jobs which create more taxpayers.

JP: The question is, What type of job are you creating, flipping burgers at McDonald's?

ED: I feel that there are more students on campus in favor of the cuts and against the type of protest Student Government gets involved in (by supplying buses to the protests and referral to the March 23rd rally)

JP: I'm shocked! What student wants to pay \$1,000 more for a 25% reduction in service?

ED: The Marginal Propensity to Invest (MPI) creates jobs!

JP: Reaganomics revisited. Of course, what bosses and capitalists want to do is invest their money and of course they want to create more jobs in order to increase production which will then have the potential to increase profit, however, what the last 20 years have shown us is that the jobs they're creating are lower wages, longer hours, and less benefits so that their profits are insured through increased exploitation of workers.

THIS IS JUST TWO VIEW POINTS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOICE YOUR OPINION ON BUDGET CUTS, BRING YOUR RESPONSE TO THE BANNER 1C-228.

-By Jennifer Valle

Despite Health Issues: Preservation League of S.I. Awards Campus

By Jennifer Valle

Ms. Marty Pearsall, Chairperson of the awards committee for the Preservation League of S.I. announced recently that the CSI Willowbrook Campus will be receiving an award for the "Adaptive Reuse" of the college campus.

Once known as the Willowbrook Institution, the 204 acre "Shame of Staten Island" was closed down. After the fact, the territory was purchased by the Dormitory Authority and restored, currently being used as the college campus for CSI. The Campus, however, is far from "adapted" according to recent reports which claim that the campus is still unsafe.

In an interview with the channel 9 "I-TEAM," ex-secretary Jamie Hatten confided, "People are getting very sick regardless of the reports made that the campus is safe, people are dropping one by one. It's scary and I would like to see that campus closed." Damaged with a Chemically sensitive Immune System, Ms. Hatten is thoroughly convinced that the mold

found in the campus, Stachybotrus Atra, caused her immune system to become so deficient and sensitive. Stachybotrus is a mold known to break down the immune system of it's victim, experts claim, "1 milligram can kill a horse." In the latest OSHA reports, "many problems still persisted after adjustments were made by the balancing company."

With nearly 200 reports of respiratory problems, the campus remains open and regardless of the questions raised as to the quality of the air, Ms. Pearsall proclaims, "(Despite the problems) The members of the committee voted Monday night (April 3rd) to give the award. They reviewed the site plans and even though some of the structures are new, the buildings have been reused and adapted well." She further announced, "The Willowbrook Campus will be awarded along with nine other structures."

Annual Awards Ceremony scheduled for April 23rd at Snug Harbor Cultural Center (1000 Richmond Terr.) at 2:00pm.

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COLLEGE NEWS FROM ACROSS THE NATION

Comics in Class

By College Press Service

STORRS, Conn.—Entertaining reading assignments may seem like an oxymoron to many college students. But not so for students in a class taught by University of Connecticut Professor Thomas Roberts. Instead of plodding through hundreds of pages of long descriptions, his students pour through comic books, such as "Batman: The Dark Knight Returns."

Roberts' course is on graphic novels, which resemble comic books. However, unlike a comic book, which is in a magazine form and published serially, a graphic novel tells a complete and sophisticated story and is bound, not stapled. As students become familiar with characters such as Batman, Sandman, and the Watchmen, students learn about the major achievements in comics and about comics as an art form, say Roberts.

Guy Lefor of the Paperback Trader, a used book and comic shop near UConn's Storrs Campus, says comics are more prevalent in Europe and Japan than in the U.S.

"In Italy, the graphic novel section in a store would be the size of the average book section here," Lefor said. "In Japan, the comic form is used all over for recreational purposes as well as for self-education. It's a quick way of transferring information."

Average Age of First Marriages Reaches All-time High

By College Press Service

CHICAGO—Couples saying "I do" today are likely to be older than the newlyweds of the past.

A few decades ago, most couples tied the knot shortly after their 20th birthdays.

But according to figures released in February by the U.S. Department of Commerce, the average age for first-time marriages in America is at an all-time high for both men and women.

The statistics, which are based on 1993 census figures, say that the average age for men entering marriage for the first time is 26.5, while women are walking down the aisle at an average age of 24.5.

Forty years ago, before two-income families were the norm, men married at an average age of 22.6 while women first wed at an average age of 20.2.

Experts say that many factors could be prolonging the average age of matrimony, including college, work and financial instability.

"I didn't feel like getting married when I was \$30,000 in debt," says 26-year-old Tom Savino, a graduate of Loyola University in Chicago, who will be getting married in May. "It's kind of hard to start planning for a family when you still owe some bank most of your salary."

Although today's couples aren't getting married until later in life, men and women are moving in with each other at approximately the same age as couples who were married 40 years ago, according to last year's University of Chicago landmark sex survey.

The study found that more than 60 percent of the men surveyed first moved in with a female when they were 22 compared to the same percentage of

women who were 20 at the time.

Sex Doesn't Always Attract TV Viewers, Study Finds

By College Press Service

CARBONDALE, Ill.—Sex doesn't necessarily sell. Or so says a Southern Illinois University professor who recently looked at the relationship between sexual content and ratings success on TV.

Jon A. Schilder, an advertising executive-turned-communications SIU teacher, tallied the sexually suggestive dialogue and behavior in 156 prime-time programs that ran on ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox. "Sexual content by itself does not draw viewers," he says. "If it did, sexually rife shows would always win the ratings race. But they don't. They finish at both ends of the popularity spectrum. Some rise to Top 10 status, and others bomb." Shidler measured popularity as total viewing households as tallied in A.C. Nielsen Ratings. "The study affirms the view that hit shows combine good writing, acting, plots and interesting visuals," he says. "Sex alone won't propel a show to the top."

Student Volunteers Break Away from Traditional Spring Getaways

By Marco Buscaglia
College Press Service

The biggest challenge many students face during spring break is finding a way to get themselves out of bed and to the beach.

But for a growing number of students, the week off from classes is more than a chance to work on their tans. Students volunteering for alternative spring breaks say they're looking for an opportunity to do something different—and maybe make a difference at the same time.

"You always read about the kids going to Florida and South Padre, but you wouldn't hear anything about the students who went home to work at the local shelter for the week," says Michael Magevney, co-director of Break Away, a national organizer of alternative spring break programs for more than 350 schools across the country.

"But when the word starting getting out, more people wanted to get involved. Now it's becoming a legitimate option for a lot of students."

This year alone, students will be building houses, tutoring children, digging irrigation ditches, reuniting families, repairing indoor plumbing and working on a wide variety of other projects. Kim Kortokrax, a senior majoring in business at Indiana University, is headed to Atlanta this spring break to work at a day care center for homeless children.

"I've already done the Florida thing during spring break, and I just feel like I'm at a point in my life where everything isn't about partying," says Kortokrax. "I would rather do something for someone else than spend money that I don't have on me."

Kortokrax will travel with several other members of IU's Business

Students Involved in Community Service, an organization that organizes volunteering opportunities for students throughout the year.

"You don't really know who you're traveling with at first because there are so many of us in the major. By the end of the trip, though, you feel like you've made some friends for life," Kortokrax says. "You end up working on something that's really important with these people, and you can tell that means a lot in terms of your relationship."

Students pay less than \$100 for the week, so lodging is usually pretty basic. "We sleep on gym floors or in church basements," she says. "We know before we leave that we won't exactly be in the lap of luxury." Barbara Holcomb has been organizing alternative spring breaks for students through the Virginia Tech YMCA since 1986. She says that interest in the trips has grown each year.

"We can't even accommodate all the students who wish to go somewhere," Holcomb says. "Students are looking for new ways to spend their vacations and do something productive at the same time. These trips are the perfect outlets."

This year, Holcomb will be sending Virginia Tech. students to four locations, including Ivanhoe, Va., where 15 students will help provide indoor plumbing in residential houses; and Washington, where 10 Tech students will work with the Center for Creative Non-Violence in a homeless shelter.

In Tijuana, Mexico, five Tech students will work with children who crossed the United States border and were sent back. The students will work with the Home for Migrant Workers to reunite these children with their families. Meanwhile, in Sasakwa, Okla., 35 Tech students will build log cabins and shelters for Native American communities.

This March, David Parker will head to Abiquiu, N.M., to help provide services and tutoring for a community of Native Americans. Parker, a sophomore at Wichita State University, will be one of five WSU students headed to a Navajo reservation for spring break.

"Certain people enjoy certain things. I enjoy working with people, so for me, this is a way to relax. It's a way to get away from everything else," says Parker. "It's satisfying, but it's relaxing, too."

Parker says he's not sure what his duties will be yet, but figures they'll range from digging irrigation ditches to raking leaves. "We'll do some tutoring on the reservation, too," he says. "There's a lot to do, but they are things that need to be done."

Rev. Richard Lewis, WSU's campus minister, organized the trip. While he admits that participating students gain a sense of service and accomplishment from their work, he says that's only half the story.

"It's a great way to learn about other cultures. There's so much tradition and history that really can't be learned from any textbook," Lewis says. "These students are walking by history, and they may not even know it."

Lori Garrett, coordinator of community services at Hood College in

Frederick, Md., agrees. "Students get to see issues that affect other cultures firsthand, and that makes a lot of difference," says Garrett, who organizes community service trips for Hood students during academic breaks. "Even if students see something in their own town, it's much more real than reading about it in a newspaper. Social situations become much more urgent because all of a sudden they have a human face."

This March, Garrett will accompany 11 Hood students to Baldwin, Mich., where they will participate in a Habitat for Humanity project. Hood students will be building panels that will be used to construct houses during the summer.

Garrett says that alternative spring breaks may be growing in popularity because of the national attention that service programs like AmeriCorps are receiving.

"A lot of students want to do some sort of community service but they just can't squeeze it into their schedule," she says. "Taking the time to do something different during their time off is really remarkable. It's a sacrifice for the students, but it seems like no one really seems to mind."

For those students who want to transfer the source of their knowledge from textbook to terrain, Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., offers an 11-day trip to Texas and New Mexico to study various geological sites.

"We try to get a good look at as much as we can," says Prof. Richard Anderson, organizer of the trip. "We are talking about places where the continent is pulling apart, so there are a lot of exciting things to see."

Anderson, who has spent his spring break with students every year since 1973, says the trip is available to geology and non-geology majors alike. "We'll be camping in state parks and seeing things that are incredibly different from anything we see around here, so it's a rewarding trip for almost anyone," he says. "It's not exactly a day at the beach, but we think it's a lot of fun."

Other alternative spring breaks include:

- Students from Northland College in Ashland, Wis., will be traveling to Breckenridge, Colo., to teach skiing to disabled people from around the world.

- Many college campuses are involved with Habitat for Humanity. This spring, Sweet Briar College students will be working on a home near campus in a joint-effort with the organization; 30 Babson College students will travel to Greenville, S.C., where they will build two houses in one week; students from DePauw and St. Joseph's universities will help build houses in Appalachia; and students from Maryville University will head to Mobile, Ala., to help build homes for elderly residents.

- Students from the University of Evansville in Indiana will travel to McCray County, Ky., to join other Work force '95 volunteers in repairing houses in a rural community.

- More than 60 students from St. Louis University will be spending their spring break working at homeless shelters across seven states.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND THE STUDENT WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

By Jessica D. Feinbloom, M.S.

In my previous article, I referred to the question I am asked most frequently: (Q) What is the relationship between learning disabilities and I.Q.?

(A) By definition, specific learning disabilities exist only along with the finding of AVERAGE TO ABOVE AVERAGE INTELLECTUAL ABILITY.

The second most frequently asked question refers to the issue of CONFIDENTIALITY. Discussion with the ethics committee of the New York State Psychological Association and the American Psychological Association indicate that records of psychoeducational testing are just as confidential as that of a person's medical records. Only you have the right to release your records to particular professionals, agencies or institutions. You also have the right not to release your records.

However, having explained this, I believe the heart of the matter regarding releasing records pertaining to learning disabilities is the totally unnecessary fear that many students feel. Concern about one's privacy is a legitimate consideration. But let's take a look at the facts.

If you allow your records to be on file with The Office of Disability Services you will be helping your own education. Records which certify your learning difficulties form the basis of YOUR RIGHTS TO AN EQUAL AND FAIR EDUCATION. Without this proof the college cannot help you. With it, specific adjustments are made to meet your learning needs.. Do you need a longer period of time to take tests or a quiet, private room to take them? Will tutoring in certain subjects benefit you? Will access to extra computers (and assistance using them) make a

difference? Most students can benefit from the ongoing group counseling sessions. Do you know all of your rights and how to advocate for them?

These, and many other benefits are available to accommodate your needs. These are the benefits, what are the risks? What is the downside that keeps so many students from identifying themselves as learning disabled?

Knowing the degree to which your confidentiality is protected may decrease the fear some students experience. According to Dr. Audrey Glynn, Director of Health, Wellness and Disability Services, "Your records are not sent to any other division of the college nor are they available to other offices of the college." Very few professionals have any access to the files. Margaret Venditti, the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services stated, "We are bound by law to maintain confidentiality. Files are kept in a locked office."

Records regarding learning disabilities do not follow you to other schools; they do not show on your transcript or your diploma. These files do not become part of a future record or part of material sent to any job.

Your records can help you get the appropriate education you need. They are confidential. Weigh the pluses and minuses for yourself.

For more information, please attend the counseling group help on Thursdays, at 1:30 PM in the Conference Room of Building 1P (early evening group beginning now.) You can leave a Message for me on 982-2514 or stop into room 101, building 1P.

Ms Feinbloom is a Learning Disabilities Counselor/School Sociologist
Office Hours 11-8, 1P, Room 101

Wellness Column Self-Esteem

By Joan Engelhardt

Self-esteem is an important part of how we view ourselves. We all have thoughts and feelings of how we should look and what other people see when they are looking at us. During the adolescent years, we can be extremely hard on ourselves. Are we too fat? too thin? not good looking enough? We think we have to be perfect, or what friends and society think is perfect. Self-esteem affects the way we handle our lives and how we relate to others.

There are many factors that influence our level of self-esteem. Relationships between family and friends play an important role. Childhood experiences also affect our self-esteem. If you had a relatively good childhood with few problems, you probably have a high self-esteem. But, if you have been a victim of any type of child abuse, are a child of an alcoholic parent, or even a child whose parents have been divorced, you could be suffering from low self-esteem. The symptoms of low self-esteem can make you feel worthless, unloved, incompetent and make your life just plain miserable.

Can we learn to have high self-esteem? Can we learn that we are capable, productive, effective and lovable people? The answer is YES! But first we have to take a good look at ourselves. We must learn to talk to others about how we feel, and to consider our good

qualities, which we all have. We must try to take pride in ourselves, and realize we have something to give to others. We must also learn to give ourselves credit when it is due.

It is also important to look at the relationships we are in, and to work on improving the ones that are important to us. If you are in a relationship that is destructive or abusive, talk to someone about it. It might not be a relationship worth keeping. Meet new people from different backgrounds, cultures, and races from your own. Accept new challenges that you've always wanted to try, but for some reason didn't. Go back to school, start a new hobby. These are all ways to help get a new outlook on life. It doesn't matter how old you are. If you want changes in your life, while they might not be easy, they can happen.

It is possible to improve your self-esteem. It may take time, but if you set realistic goals, take pride in your achievements, and don't let failures discourage you, a higher self-esteem will be in your reach.

The Wellness Program is coordinated by Carol Brower, and the phone number is 982-3123. The Wellness Program and Drop-In Center are open weekdays from 9-5, with later hours on Wednesday. We hope you come by to see what we have to offer.

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Don't Go Up In Smoke

By: Alisa A. Hemmer

I would like to address those of you who are smokers and have the gall to think you deserve special "rights." Get real! As far as I'm concerned, anyone who decides to poison my air with his or her disgusting habit, has no rights. How can anyone glorify such a filthy, unhealthy addiction? I've heard some people say smoking relaxes them. How can inhaling poisonous, harmful chemicals give anyone peace of mind? I can not believe that people knowingly do this to their lungs. Smokers are not only killing themselves, they are also killing those of us around them, slowly but surely. For those of you who say, "It's my body and my life, mind your own business!"

I say, "Bull shit!" It is my business when someone is blowing smoke in my face, or anywhere near me. Why should I have to suffer? It's not my filthy habit. There is enough pollution in the air, why add to it? You are not only affecting your life. You are affecting the lives of your loved ones or anyone who cares about you. Second hand smoke is more harmful for us non-smokers than when you smoke a filtered cigarette. Not to mention that smoking makes your breath stink and your teeth yellow, making people want

to cringe when you go near them. Even worse, over a period of time smoking can cause serious life-threatening illnesses, such as lung cancer, heart disease, and emphysema. Why would anyone to their self? It is preventable. You can quit now. Take this into consideration: Emphysema is a destructive process in which the air sacs of the lungs are permanently damaged. In other words, once you've got it, you're stuck with it. The major symptom of a person suffering from emphysema is shortness of breath. The oxygen level in the arterial blood decreases, which leaves most people with the disease hooked up to oxygen tanks for the rest of their lives. Would you want to put yourself, let alone your family in that kind of pain? Is it worth it? Think about it. Parents who smoke, what kind of example are you setting for your children? Better yet, how do you think your children are going to feel after mom or dad dies at an early age of lung cancer. People who smoke don't deserve special rights, they need help. Wake up people! There are enough things in this world to make us sick. You don't have to contribute to the polluted air that we inhale every single day. Lose the lousy habit, and let the rest of us breathe!

LETTERS

Dear Banner,

In response to your question in regard to the rally on March 23 being beneficial or not I offer my feedback. I attended the rally along with Student Government President Lori Seggio and senator Joseph Nicolosi and my feelings about the end result are some what mixed. On one hand I am pleased that there was a large turnout and lots of support. This made for an effective chance of getting attention and conveying the message out to the politicians and the public at large. I feel this part of the demonstration went quite well and I applaud as a success.

However I am disheartened and a bit upset about what the demonstration ended up becoming, that is a mass of unorganized and unfocused students who lost sight of the issue that they were there to show their disapproval to. As you are probably aware the media unfortunately did not lend their support as they painted a negative picture of the students of CUNY. Our image as a college and the image of the university as a whole was tarnished and smeared as a result of some of the events which followed suite in the latter part of the demonstration. Allow me to mention a few:

- The desecration of the flags in the park across from City Hall
- The emergence of racial overtones during the rally

• The unwillingness to comply to the police order to abstain from marching (I understand our purpose was to march on Wall Street, I was in favor of that I thought it would get attention and further our cause) this put the students in harms' way and I regret that the violence and civil disobedience which occurred as a result of that violation ever happened

• the name-calling and ridiculing of the police, this just only prompted the police when given the chance to take out

Now once more I want to be clear, I don't undermine the effort to stop cuts in the budget to education. I think there is no more important cause than that. Also I am pleased that the message got out and that there was a reconsidering of the cuts at City Hall and Albany, I think that is clearly beneficial and helpful. Although with the good comes the bad and CUNY received bad press as a result of some of the various points which I mentioned and still others that I did not. I am fearful that from that bad press we lost public support in our struggle for the best education possible and that was never intended and certainly not needed.

Sincerely,
Student Government Senator
Joseph Canal

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Coming Out

By Otto Roman

In November of 1992 I came out of the closet about my sexuality, about being a homosexual. I had been planing to come out for the past two years, but did not know how to approach the world with such news. When I realized hiding my true identity was causing me to hate myself, I knew it was time to be open and truthful to those I loved. I also realized if I did not face this situation head on, I would not only hurt those I loved, but myself as well.

At an early age, I realized I was gay (or a "fag-got" like my family called me through out my life). I tried to destroy my homosexual feelings by going to church to see if they could convert me into a "heterosexual." When church did not work and "God" did not change me into a "hetero", I knew I was definitely a "homo." This is when I told myself: "This is who I am and no one is going to change me." At this point, being ashamed of who I am was not on my mind, but coming *was*.

I came out to my family first (mother, two older brothers and stepfather). My mother went into a state of denial and blame. My oldest brother William, who is twenty-two years old, did not accept me and blamed my stepfather. My other brother Jose, who is twenty years old, thought it was cool to have a younger gay brother. My stepfather apologized for calling me a faggot all the time, and did not question me, since his sister is a lesbian. I somewhat expected them to react this way. My wish was that they would have accepted me for who I am, not for what I do on my personal time.

After telling my family that I am gay, I felt a great deal of relief. I was not ashamed to say out loud to anyone that I am gay and proud of it. All the stress that I once carried was now off my back. As of today my mother is still homophobic but is opening up to me and the gay community. My brothers and stepfather still feel the same way and I thank the gods because it could be worse. The way I see it is not everyone is going to accept me, but I don't expect them to. However, I do expect to get the same respect that I present to them. I am now the President of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Association at The College of Staten Island and plan to help gay teenagers as much as I can to fight and survive in a world of non-acceptance.

The Stupidity Of A Protester

By Chris Zeyer

The budget cuts suck. I don't believe any student, unless they're ultra-conservative, would disagree with that statement. We all hate the fact that we're going to have to pay more and get less assistance, but I don't think the protesters are going about it the right way.

There has been, to my knowledge, at least five rallies against the budget cuts. I myself have gone to two of them. I would have gone to the other three, but I had classes. I told this to my friends who are militant when it comes to protesting, and they said I should cut out of class to attend the rallies. So let me get this straight, you want a student to cut out of class, lower the attendance record, and help Pataki justify cutting money. Does this make sense? Wouldn't it make more sense to attend every class so Pataki and everybody else that makes the budget cut discussion could see that people are going to class and to cut funding would be screwing them and us? Maybe it's just me, but I think students should attend the classes they have already paid for just in case they can't go to class the next semester.

Also, why do we need thousands of students marching down Manhattan streets to protest. So Pataki will see that we don't want the budget cuts to hit us? Well... I got one word for that... DUH! I'll give Pataki enough credit to realize if he takes a few million dollars away from people, they're going to be miffed. We don't need people at rallies getting arrested and beating on cops to prove a point. This brings me to my next point.

I don't know who started the fighting in the March 23rd Manhattan rally. It doesn't really make a difference anyway. The fact is a brawl broke out. Does this help the help the C.U.N.Y. student? Is beating the daylights out of Officer Johnson help us keep our money? Oh... O don't think so. Also, to my understanding, the cops gave as good as they got. This might help the C.U.N.Y. student in two ways: One - If the student gets his or her head beat in hard enough, he or

she would not be able to school and that would leave more money for others.


Second - If the student is still able to think after getting a billy club head shower, then they can sue the N.Y.P.D. for money and pay there tuition. That's of course if they didn't get arrested.

Why get yourself arrested? Don't tell me you were just standing there, minding your own business and they just arrested you. If you're just standing there and Oh... let's say... 12 cops with night sticks come walking over to you. Shouldn't you move out of there way? If you don't, then you are "obstructing justice". Bang! You're arrested! And if can score enough money for bail, I think you can score enough money for the extra tuition. And I want to discuss extra money for a moment.

Where are groups getting the extra money for petition papers and the form letters people ask the students to sign? Let alone the money to mail the hundreds of letters to our political heads. Is it from our student activity fee money that these groups are getting funds for these letters? You're spending school money to write letters to keep school money? There is some sort of logic to that, but I don't like it.

Let's all take a dose of common sense for a minute. If students are really interested in the budget cuts then just give them the addresses of people to write to, and let them. If the students doesn't, then they don't really care do they? By making it "easier" for students you're spending school money. Also, instead of large rallies how about this. You get 20 people together, work out a schedule, and have small protests at the offices of these political heads. Each student waits to speak with the political head in shifts. This way, if a student has classes they can go, and when they are not in class, they can join there friends in the offices to speak with people. You can do this 24 hours a day without it being considered harassment. I feel if you do this instead of big showy events, you will get the same results with spending less money and less arrests.

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Saturday Night Cheese

by Rich Arroyo and Chris Zeyer

As most Staten Islanders know, there's not a lot to do in this borough. A lot of people have started lately to have movie parties in their homes. These parties do not consist of quality movies like *The Piano*, they consist of the cheesiest movies ever made. We decided to help these movie people along with the top cheese movies to watch, and the top to avoid. We will start with our top 15 cheesiest movies to view:

15. The *Killer Tomato* movies - Being a veg-head ain't that great.
14. *Faces of Death* movies - For when you are in a morbid mood.
13. *Ice Pirates* - It's really Star Wars on cheese.
12. *Manic Cop* - For some reason, we like him better than the real ones.
11. *Dead Ringers* - Jeremy Irons at his worst.
10. *The Dark Backward* - If you love bad cheese movies, this is a must.
9. *Night of the Creeps* - So what if it sounds like a date you had.
8. *They Call Me Bruce* - Martial arts on crack and humor on downers.
7. *Frankenhooker* - Just for the name alone.
6. *Toxic Avenger* - Main character is from Jersey... he's a local boy.
5. *Reform School Girls* - Guys do not watch with a date.
4. *Re-Animator* - This is a B-movie cult classic.
3. *Killer Klowns from Outer Space* - You'll never go to the circus again.
2. *Scanners* - You gotta love exploding heads.
1. *Army of Darkness* - Chainsaws, Zombies, and bad one-liners... THIS IS A MUST SEE!

This next part are for all the novices at making one of these cheese movie parties. Here is a list of movies to avoid even though they are considered cheese:

15. Any *Nightmare on Elm Street* movie - Freddy sucks.
14. Any *Friday The 13th* movie - Jason blows.
13. Any *Halloween* movie past two - Mike you shoulda stayed dead.
12. *Alien from L.A.* - Not even Kathy Ireland's acting could save this.
11. *Cherry 2000* - No, it's not a porno.
10. *Cabin Boy* - Chris Elliot... just get a fucking life.
9. *Who's That Girl* - Madonna makes Kathy Ireland's acting look good.
8. *Rocky Horror* and its sequel - No comment necessary.
7. *Never Ending Story Two* - It's not like it would take a lot of money to get the original characters.
6. *Legend* - We would say it had nice special effects... but it didn't.
5. *Lambada* - This movie should have been forbidden.
4. Any Mid-80's breakdance movie - See *Lambada*.
3. *The Adventure of Milo and Otis* - Not P.E.T.A.'s favorite movie.
2. *The Fish That Saved Pittsburgh* - Why save Pittsburgh?
1. *Flintstones* - We can't even watch the cartoon anymore.

We hope you take our advice to heart, but if you don't... we don't care. You'll be wasting your money and time.

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ADVENTURE ABOARD

By Erik Norberg

I knew from the first day I entered The College of Staten Island when I saw the "Discover China" poster that CSI was the right college for me. I returned to school after having served four years in the military and six years as a licensed stock broker. My two biggest goals in life were to receive a college education and to journey to China. I tore the poster from the wall and ran to the Center for International Service office in building 2A, room 206.

Russell Davis, the program coordinator for CUNY China programs, took the time to discuss in detail all the benefits of studying in China. I knew this was a tremendous opportunity to enhance my life, education, and future business career. I decided right then to apply. As promised, my adventure to China has provided me with a world class education that contains countless benefits and a plethora of experiences.

One of the motivating factors for me to explore China is that I have been a student of Asian Martial Arts and Philosophy. I have always dreamed of going to the Shaolin Temple in Louyang, Henan Province, China. Shaolin was founded in the fifth century A.D. by an Indian monk, Bodhidharma, who taught Zen Buddhism and Kung Fu.

My classmate in China and fellow CSI student, Kim Hansen, came to my room at Nanjing University on Wednesday morning October 25, 1994. She explained that her boyfriend, Peter, was going to meet her at Louyang on Friday. She asked if I would like to travel with her. Nanjing to Louyang is a 14-hour train ride. Throwing caution to the wind, not to mention three days of classes, I simply responded, "When do we leave?" Trying to get train tickets in China is like trying to find the golden ticket to Willie Wonka's Chocolate Factory—almost impossible. Kim's prowess at negotiating with the black market ticket seller reminded me of a one-legged ballerina skillfully dancing in a mine field. Needless to say we got two standing room, hard seat tickets.

Hard seat trains in China resemble a crowded elevator with people, farm animals, and the Staten Island Landfill. Of course that lasted for about one minute before we stepped over people, animals, and garbage to fight our way to the dining car. After three months of living in China and learning Chinese, we felt confident we could survive. When we got to the dining car, phrase books in hand, it turned out three months of Chinese and a phrase book proved inadequate in the next phase of negotiations.

I don't know what the man was yelling in the dining car, but 20 yuan later Kim and I found ourselves eating a bowl of cold rice and some foul smelling green mushy stuff. It was fine with us because it was somewhat more civilized than the cataclysm behind us. We ate as slowly as we could, but our effort was in vain. After two hours of this gastronomic nightmare, we were expelled. Kim and I are both CSI students; we should have been able to out-smart these guys. We crept up the train till we reached the hard sleeping area. The bunks were

steel racks bolted to the wall, three high with about two feet between them. The passage way was about three feet in width. The primary difference between hard sleepers and hard seats, aside from the racks, was the absence of farm animals. We couldn't find any empty beds, so we just tried to blend into the crowd. Of course, being the only foreigners, our attempt at stealth was some what foiled. We came to learn Chinese, and this was our opportunity to learn first hand in the field. I don't think I was doing too well. It seems the only phrase I could remember was either "I would like a cigarette" or "The train is on fire." I don't know how, but the conductor surfaced quickly enough. Well, round two of negotiations commenced. At this point the conductor was going to throw us off the train (or sell us to the peasants as farm laborers—we still haven't been able to figure out what was said). Drastic situations require drastic measures so Kim leaped into action, and in a flash of genius pulled out all the stops. Straight faced with a look of despair in her eyes, she simply

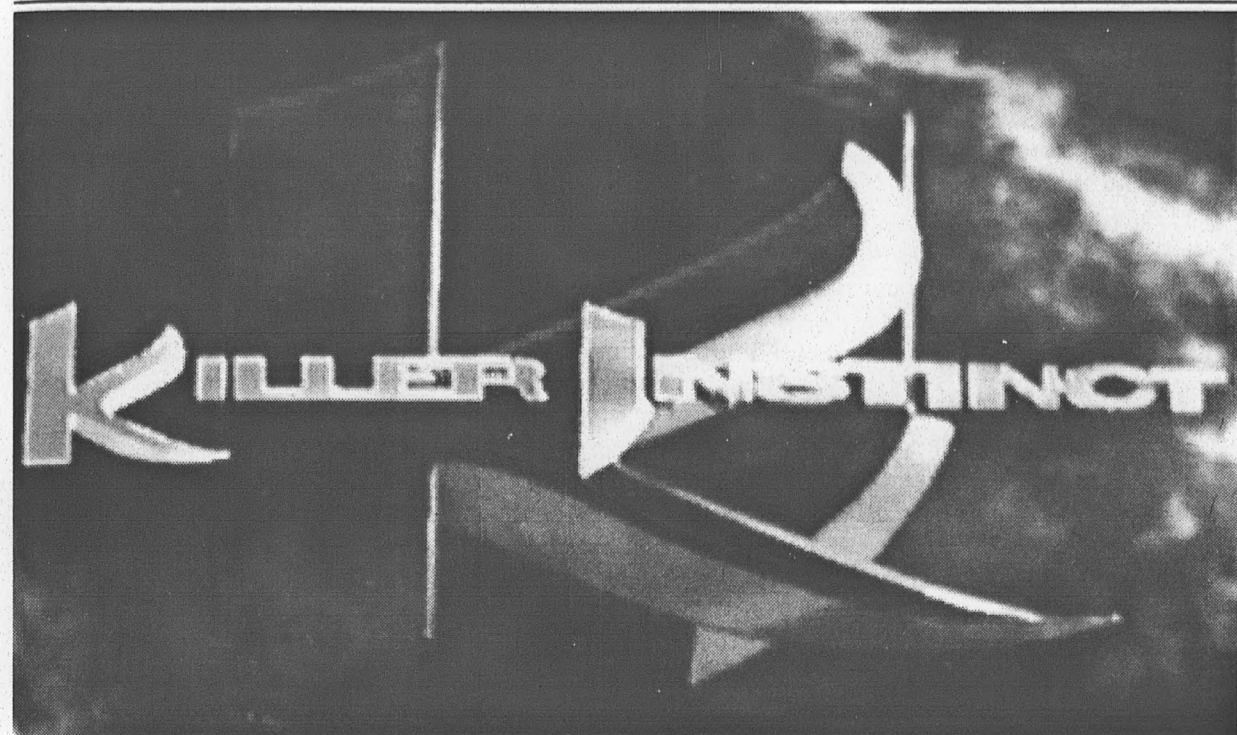
After 12 years of dreaming about China and visiting the Shaolin Temple, I made it!

proclaimed in near perfect Chinese that she was pregnant and not feeling well. This gave new hope to our 14-hour train ride. What gentleman could refuse the call of help from a pregnant woman? Before long, he was barking orders and leading us back to the dining car.

A glimmer of hope was shining on the horizon. I, being a brave adventurer, was fully prepared to do my part, even forcing more smelly, green mush down my throat if needed. Fortunately, we were spared that torture and sat (peacefully) in the dining car for two hours. Two hard sleepers opened up and Kim and I were able to up-grade our tickets. I learned how to negotiate, read a phrase book, eat green smelly mush, and survive (so I thought) all in one trip. I lay back in bed and felt like I was riding the rails back in the 1930s. There was even some bad blues music with a lot of static playing over a lousy speaker. The view of China from the window was simply breath taking. China is the most beautiful country I have ever seen. Lush green fields, majestic mountains, and quaint little villages made for a great ride.

We arrived at Louyang at 2:30 in the morning. After 12 years of dreaming about China and visiting the Shaolin Temple, I made it! The rest of the story is ever better—this was just the train ride to get there. I have written an article for a martial arts magazine and I look forward to writing a book on my "Study Abroad" experience. The College of Staten Island gave me the academic tools I needed to survive in the world, and most of all, this magnificent opportunity to accomplish my goals. A CSI student's academic career is not complete without a visit to the Center for International Service to discuss the possibility of studying abroad.

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Moves:
 Spinning Chop: CB,F + Punch
 Flying Mohawk: F,D,B + Punch
 Flaming Phoenix: B,D,F + Kick
 Diving Hatchet (in air): F,D,B + Fierce Punch
 Breaker:
 F,D,B + Medium Punch
 No Mercy
 War Dance: B,D,F + Fierce Punch
 Super Punch: F,D,B + Fierce Kick
 Humiliation:
 D,D,D + Quick Punch
 Ultra:
 B,F + Quick Punch

TJ Combo

Moves:
 Lunge Punch: CB,F + Fierce Punch
 Flying Knee: CB, F + Quick or Fierce Kick
 Rolling Punch: CB,F + Medium Punch
 Spinning Backfist: CB,F + Quick Punch
 Upward Knee: CB,F + Medium Kick
 Breaker:
 B,F + Medium Kick
 No Mercy:
 Neck Breaker: B,B,F,F + Medium Punch
 Splat Fatality: B,D,F + Fierce Kick
 Humiliation:
 D,D,D + Quick Punch
 Ultra:
 CF,B + Fierce Punch

Glacius

Moves:
 Bouncing Ice Ball: B,D,F + Punch
 Shoulder Dash: CB,F + Punch
 Ice Pick: F,D,DB + Quick Punch
 Melt & Uppercut: B,D,F + Medium or Fierce Punch
 Breaker:
 B,F + Fierce Punch
 No Mercy:
 Freezer Fatality: B,D,F + Medium Puch
 Absorber: D,D,B + Medium Kick
 Pool of Death: B,B,B + Fierce Kick
 Humiliation:
 B,B,B + Medium Kick
 Ultra:
 CB,F + Fierce Punch

Orchid

Moves:
 Boomerang: B,D,F + Punch
 Leopard Morph: CB,F + Punch
 Upside-down Kick: CB,F + Kick
 Spinning Blade: F,D,DB + Quick or Medium

Punch
 Breaker:
 B,F + Fierce Kick
 No Mercy:
 Kill That Frog: B,D,F,D,DB + Quick Kick
 Flasher: B,B,F,F + Quick Punch
 Humiliation:
 B,D,F + Fierce Punch
 Ultra:
 CB,F + Medium Punch

Cinder

Moves:
 Flame Dive: F,F + Punch
 Fire Hand: B,B + Quick Punch
 Invisibility: F,D,B + Fierce Punch
 Anti-Projectile: F,D,B + Quick Punch
 Flip and Kick: F,D,F + Kick
 Breaker:
 F,D,F + Medium Kick
 No Mercy:
 Burning Pool: B,B,B + Medium Punch
 Meltdown: B,D,F + Quick Kick
 Humiliation:
 B,B,B + Fierce Kick
 Ultra:
 CB,F + Fierce Punch

Sabrewulf

Moves:
 Leaping Uppercut: CB,F + Fierce Kick
 Flaming Bat: F,D,B + Punch
 Rolling Slash: CB,F + Quick Kick
 Howl: F,D,DB + Fierce Kick
 Spinning Slash: CB,F + Punch
 Breaker:
 B,F + Medium Kick
 No Mercy
 Claw Killer: B,B,B + Medium Kick
 Screen Slap: B,B,F + Medium Punch
 Humiliation:
 F,F + Quick Punch
 Ultra:
 CB,F + Quick Kick

Riptor
 Moves:
 Fireball: F,D,B + Punch
 Shoulder Check: CB,F + Punch
 Fire Breath: F,D,DB + Fierce Punch
 Leaping Claws: CB,F + Kick
 Tail Swipe: F,D,DB + Kick
 Breaker:
 B,F + Fierce Kick
 No Mercy:
 Eat Them Whole: B,D,F + Medium Punch
 Acid Spilt B,B,B + Medium Kick
 Humiliation:
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 Ultra: CB,F Quick Kick

Jago

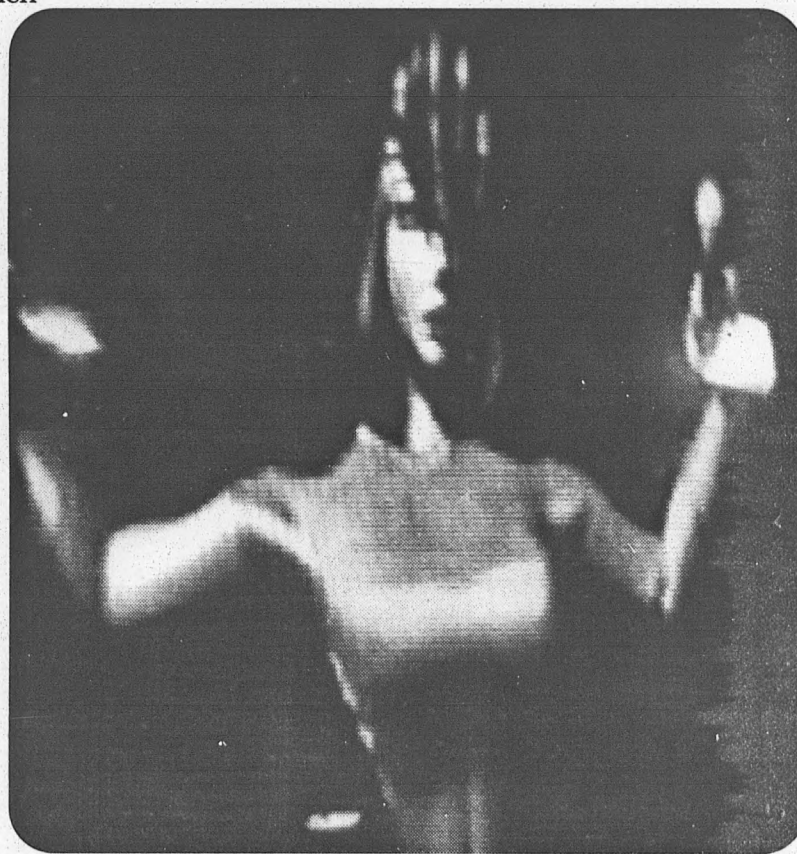
Moves:
 Fireball: B,D,F + Punch
 Flying Heel: F,D,DB + Kick
 Blade Whip: F,D,DB + Fierce Punch
 Uppercut: F,D,F + Punch

Breaker:
 F,D,F + Medium Punch
 No Mercy:
 Neuter Slice: B,F,F + Quick Punch
 Car Drop: B,B,F,F + Medium Punch
 Humiliation:
 F,D,B + Medium Kick
 Ultra:
 F,D,DB + Quick Kick

Spinal
 Moves:
 Shield Charge: F,F + Punch
 Super Slash: CB,F + Medium Punch
 Flaming Skull: B,D,F + Punch
 Teleport: D,D,D + Punch(same side) or Kick(opposite side)
 Breaker:
 D,D,D + Medium Punch
 No Mercy:
 Grave Puller: B,B,B + Medium Kick
 Shield Stab: B,B,F + Fierce Kick
 Humiliation:
 B,D,F + Fierce Kick
 Ultra:
 B,F + Medium Punch

Fulgore

Electric Charge: CB,F + Kick
 Uppercut: F,D,F + Punch
 Projectile Reflection: F,D,B + Punch
 Eye Bolts: F,D,DB + Fierce Kick
 Electric Bolt: B,D,F + Punch
 Breaker:
 F,D,F + Fierce Punch
 No Mercy:
 Head Turret: B,D,F + Fierce Kick
 Death Beam: F,D,DB + Fierce Punch
 Humiliation:
 B,D,F + Medium Kick
 Ultra:
 F,D,F + Quick Punch



Orchid finishes her opponents by flashing them. It is a game that has more of a sexist stigma to it than we do.

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 I am not alone
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 Constantly moving but
 going nowhere.

Fear
 My shirt is soaked with
 sweat that is cold against
 my skin
 Who is it?
 What do you want
 I never get an answer
 I never see a face
 Just a shadow that is
 looming, chasing after me

Will I ever know the meaning
 of this nightmare?
 Will I ever see a face?
 Will I ever get an answer?
 All I know is that this
 nightmare constantly haunts
 my sleep.

-Kim DeMorato

Disparity; gloom.
 Stuck & mesmerized in total awe.
 Scars of long ago. Penetrate my soul.
 Haunted with the memory.
 The image pounds over & over in my head.
 Deeper & deeper until my inner self is suffocated.
 By a noose named the past.
 Try God they say.
 Would he understand?
 Would he share the pain?
 Would he lift it off my shoulders?
 I tried the bright and holy path.
 The pain swelled into unbearable properties.
 Alas, I found my salvation.
 Tanqueray absorbed the pain.
 Absolute soaked my dismay.
 My inner soul is free.
 However, all I can utter is.
 Hello my name is...

-THE MAXX

Depth Perception

This world is surreal
 So much to notice
 So much I haven't seen
 Don't stand so close
 Don't focus in
 Don't experience things
 in a camera eye
 Look beyond
 There are no perimeters
 Instead of standing
 on a street
 stand on a planet.
 -James Scotto-Lavino

The Clown
 The sun rises
 And a new day begins
 The fresh order of daisies
 Fill the air
 As I open the door
 My thoughts are of you
 But why
 You look at me
 As if I am playing
 the role of a clown
 And I play along
 Playing the game
 by your rules
 Regrets
 I have none
 Except for one
 I want to play
 the role of your prince
 But you cast me
 as the clown
 If I am
 supposed to be happy
 How come inside it hurts?
 -THE STRANGER

As the day goes by
 I can feel time fly
 As the sun goes down
 There'll be no one found

The empty night
 the day's last light
 is slowly fading away
 There's no one around
 but him.

The guy who's there for
 me. He the man of
 my dreams. For he only
 appears at night.

He comes to me
 In the sexiest of dreams
 And plainest
 of inner thoughts

For one day,
 in the light of day,
 this man will appear.

-A.J.Linton

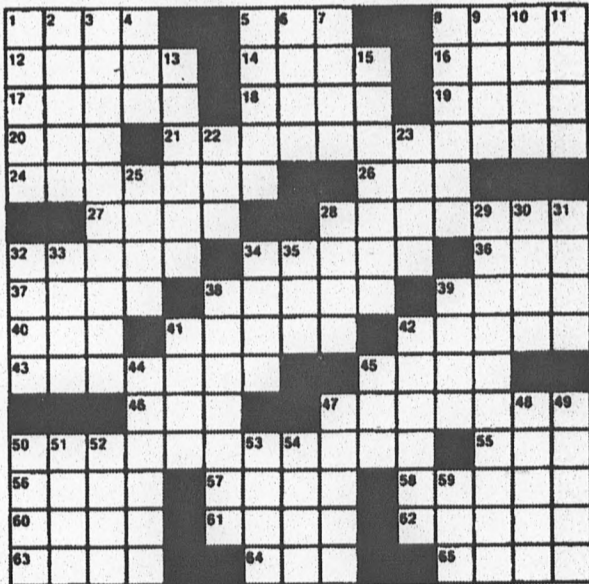
**There is no east or west on this journey
 If only I could find an excuse so I could turn back...
 But when I turn to look at you, your eyes reflect the desire
 within your heart
 And I feel a change in mine that carries me onward**

**My life until now was just pretense
 I close my eyes and I see with my mind's eye...
 That there are no vague dreams of what could be
 No false promises that do not sound real to both of us
 So much could be said that can be lead us astray...
 When the time is right...
 the only thing left to say is love**

Steven Joseph Starita

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 42 Paris' river
 43 Early pioneer
 45 Verve
 46 Pale
 47 Promised
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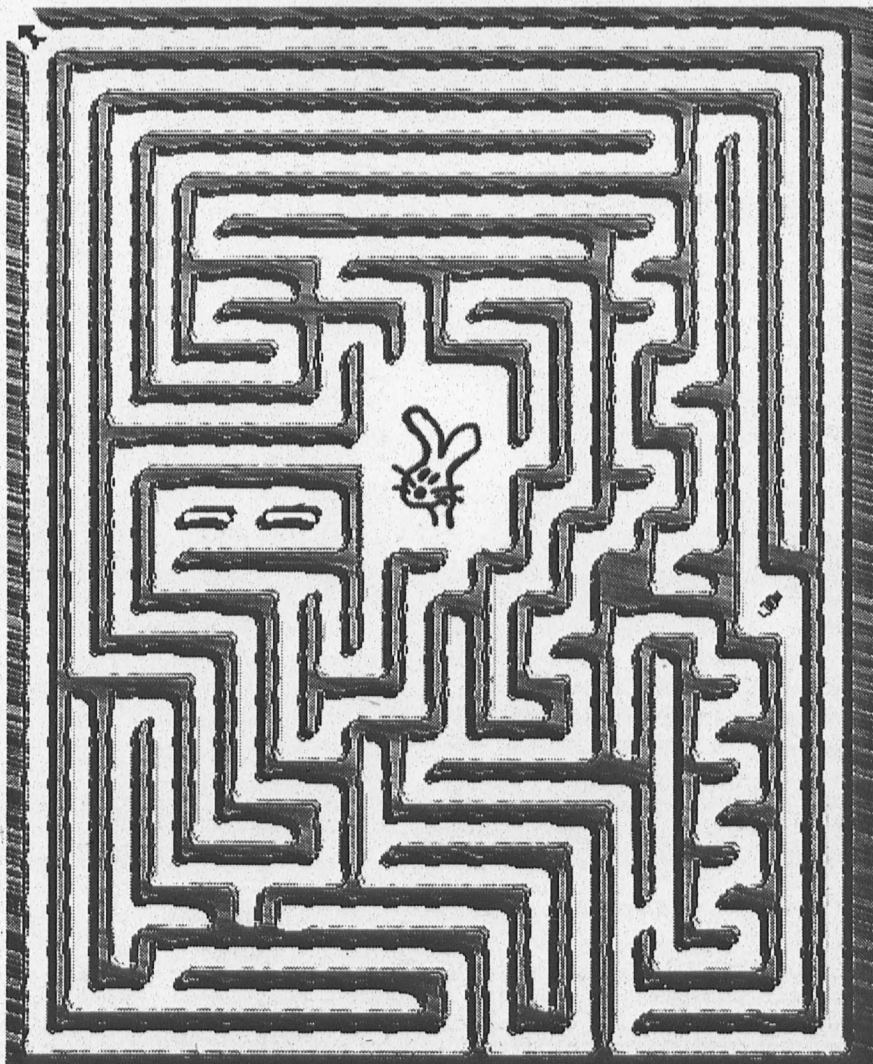
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MYSTERIES OF CSI

Recently at the Banner office we have pondered the question... "What exactly does "Pell" stand for? For hours we thought...and we came up with nothing. No one here knew. So what basically occurred what always happens. We mock what we do not understand.

We came up with our own definitions of the "Pell" grant. It would seem like we have it in for the bursar. It's not true...It's just that they are closer to the Banner office. Feel free to ask the Campus Center staff how much we badger them.

By the way if you know

the answer tell us. It would be easier to just go to the bursar and find out, but why would we want to make our lives easier? Keep in mind we volunteered to join the Banner. Anyway, enough Chit-Chat...

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Island Comedian Stars New Tour

By Michael Garofalo
Guy Richards, actor/Comedian has begun a new comedy tour. Friday April 28 will mark the start of the National tour that will begin at Staten Island's United Artist Theater.

"It's bringing back an old idea with a 90's flare," stated Richards. The tour contains live performances at various theaters.

"Richards was inspired when he watched the "Brady Bunch" movie. "It put a smile on my face, but it also made me feel old," commented Richards, who just turned 30. "This is when I came up with the Idea of a comedy tour."

Richards believes that the comedy event will be beneficial to Staten Island youngster. "It gives kids the opportunity to see comics from the professional end that have been on TV.

Even though Richards feel that this is beneficial for young adults, it is also beneficial for others as well. "I'm prepared for an audience of all ages. It could range from 16 to 60.

Richards father is also an actor/comedian. Sal Richards appeared in the movies "Cat's Eye", "Fighting Back", "Godfather I", and Played the part of "Frankie" with Stephen Segal in "Out for Justice".

Guy Richards would have appeared in the film as a cop with his father, "but I was left on the cutting room floor because I looked too much like my father on screen."

Guy has been busy promoting his event for the last few weeks and he has high expectations. Guy replied, "It's going to be a zany night of laughter."



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Signs you might be an "Islander"

By Rich Arroyo, Chris Zeyer, and introducing Mike Garofalo

Okay, we lied to you. We said we were going to write another "Pissed Off" for this issue. Well, once again the MAN told us not, but promise we to come back next issue. So we racked our brains for another concept. Then the MAN (as in the MAN holding us down) said, "Hey, you did Signs you might have a problem?... Why don't you do Signs you might be an Islander?" We said sure, but only if you help. He said "yes", and here you have Signs you might be an Islander...

When you consider Bay Street as "The Strip". When you refer to going to the mall as the Mecca. When you consider sidewalks a luxury. When going to Manhattan for you is world travel. When you can't even smell the dump anymore. When you love the smell of the pine they put over the dump in the summer. When you're proud that you live in an area with the largest man-made structure in the world.

When you feel special cause you pay four bucks for the Verrazano. When you refer to Guy Molinari as the "great white guy". When you have been to Historical Richmondtown, and we don't mean on a class trip. When you're smart enough not to swim in South Beach. When you cali Saturday night, Karaoke night. When the ferry the only boat you've been on. When every Christmas, you make that pilgrimage to the Woodbridge mall. When the S.I. expressway is more to than just a way between New Jersey and Brooklyn. When you don't who your neighbors... and you really don't care. When your happy when a White Castle opens up in your Neighborhood. When you have fond memories of the "Time Out" arcade in the mall. When you consider Gateway a beach. When you refer to New Dorp high school as "New Dork"... we're

not going to tell you what we call you Tottenville. When the only recognition you remember is the WuTang Clan and Macho man Randy Savage. When you're actually proud that Steven Segal lived on Staten Island...

name one good movie. If you were an extra in "Easy Money". When you think "Working Girl" is based on a true story. When you think a stop sign is a suggestion. When you know about the Tibetan Museum. When you're aware that Staten Island has a zoo. When you're train doesn't have a number or letter. When you get the Staten Island Register. When you throw away the New York Times for the Staten Island Advance. When

Newsday is contraband. When you have a C.S.I. parking sticker on your car. When you own of those shirts that say, "Staten Island - The first city of the 21st century. When

you're aware of the Atrium movie theater. When you can't get in W.S.I.A.... "But, we're heard in Texas." When you remember "Skate Odyssey". When

you leave next to a cemetery, a mall, or a landfill. When you worry about floods everytime it rains. When you know what Miller field once was.

So here are some signs you might be an Islander. If you can relate to anyone of the statements made... guess what, YOU'RE AN ISLANDER. Don't write us any nasty letters, just accept who you are and remember... the people who wrote this are from Staten Island. Rich Arroyo has served 20 years on the island (veteran). Chris Zeyer has served 16 (inmate), and Mike Garofalo has done 2 and half (rookie).

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Student Athletes Compete at Columbia University

by David Pizzuto

On December 1st, Schick presented its annual 3 on 3 basketball competition at CSI. During the tournament a championship team was crowned and stood poised to represent CSI against a host of over fifty schools at Columbia University in Manhattan. During the CSI tourney the winning team featured the undefeated tandem of Raleake Carr, Willie Dominguez, Gerard Lafontant and Roddy Richardson.

Unfortunately due to outside circumstances, several of the players could not take part in the Columbia tournament. Of the CSI representatives, only Willie Dominguez was there to compete. However two other players, Marc Phillip, and Haldon Clarke, came in as substitutes having finished as runner-ups in the tournament.

Once the CSI team was formed it was time to make the trip to Columbia and take part in one of the biggest intramural tournaments in the country. Each team was separated into a division of 4. Every team winning at least two games within their divisions would earn the right to take part in the single elimination tournament which would continue until a champion was determined.

CSI's first match was against Siena College, a team which would become one of the powerhouses in the tourney. After a tough start, CSI found themselves at the backside of a 10-2 opening. Haldon Clarke led CSI back to respectability in the first half, scoring all but two of their nine first half points. In the second half, Siena's outside shooting proved to be back-breaking. Siena outscored CSI 21-8 in the second half, and cruised to a 43-17 win.

Having lost their first game, CSI seemed pressured into winning their remaining contests. Their next obstacle came against Oneonta, who lost in their first game against Wagner 49-33. CSI opened up the match similar to their previous outing against Siena. Oneonta was up 12-4 before CSI mounted a 6-0 run to close within 12-10. CSI rounded out the first half with Willie Dominguez' jumper which kept the game within two, 18-16.

Things went sour however in the second half. After tying the game at 20 with seven minutes remaining, Oneonta kept scoring on their outside

jumpers. Clarke once again stole the show for CSI, scoring a team high 16 points and collecting 12 rebounds. Phillip was also productive with 6 points and 4 boards, but was only allowed one rebound and basket in the second as Oneonta took the game 36-30.

By losing their first two games, CSI was eliminated from further tourney play, but they did have one more opening round game with which to salvage their respectability. CSI's third and final match would come against Staten Island rival, Wagner College. Wagner looked good in their opening 16 point win against Oneonta, but their success was short-lived after falling to Siena 40-26.

CSI once again got off to a slow start and it took the CSI champs nearly two and a half minutes until Dominguez nailed the first basket. Clarke was once again attacking the boards, picking up 4 rebounds, but he was limited to just one first half basket. Wagner's quick passing, both outside and in, was the key factor in Wagner pulling ahead 18-10 at the half time break.

Fatigue and desperation took the stage in the second half for CSI. Wagner dominated the latter half, taking a 10-2 run to start and then extending it at one point 17-6. Dominguez was the key to success in game three. He accounted for 9 of CSI's 13 second half points, and he pulled down 6 of CSI's 12 rebounds. "It's tough," Dominguez says, heading over to the bench after a 43-21 loss.

Dominguez didn't have much to say after the tournament. Indeed, the realization had set in that this team was not among the nation's elite in 3 on 3 competition. For these young athletes, the best was to put the past behind them and prepare and mature for next year when these same men may find themselves at Columbia again.

Despite the finish, there were positive feelings after the contest. Marc Phillip was first to comment, "The tournament is very good, we just got stuck with some hard teams...I'd like to be back next year." Despite being dejected by the team's performance, Haldon Clarke also saw a brighter side, "The tournament is good. I had a lot of fun. It was just good playing against different competition."

Program Development Committee Events

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| April 13th | Club Hour Music Green Dolphin Lounge | EASTER SUNDAY | 1:30 pm |
| April 13th | Spring Recess Dance Beach Party | | 8:00 pm |
| April 24th | Monday Movie 1C-211 Bijou, Campus Center | THE RIVER WILD | 11 am, 2, 5, & 8 pm |
| April 26th | Club Hour Comedy Green Dolphin Lounge | KEITH ROBINSON | 2:30 pm |
| April 27th | Club Hour Music Green Dolphin Lounge | ROBERT ROSS BAND | 1:30 pm |
| April 28th | Friday Night Movie 1C-211 Bijou, Campus Center | WOLF | 7:00 pm |
| April 29th | Family Program Bus leaves parking lot #4 at 12 Noon | RINGLING BROS CIRCUS | |
| May 5th | Friday Night Movie 1C-211 Bijou, Campus Center | CLEAR & PRESENT DANGER | 7:00 pm |

Ranger Woes...

By: Bill Spurge

So, you're wondering: What's wrong with the Rangers? How can a team win the Stanley Cup and then only a few months later, look like a desperate team who may not make the playoffs?

It would be easy to say that the Rangers have won their Cup and are scheduled to win it again in 2048. It would be easier to claim that the strike hurt them by ruining the building of momentum going into the season had it started in October.

But there are more legitimate reasons for the Rangers' struggles, of which some are underlying and some are obvious.

Clearly, the head coaching change has affected the club. This is not to totally blame Colin Campbell for the woes of the team, but any time there is a coaching switch, there is a period of instability. I also suspect the players have gotten soft after the rigorous disciplinary ways of Mike Keenan no loner had to be dealt with. Campbell will have to learn to crack the whip, as he tends to go easy on his players.

The most glaring problem on the ice is the offense, particularly the power play. At even strength, this was not a great club last year. If you look at the post-season, the Rangers relied on four players to do the bulk of the scoring, particularly in the last two series. Those players were Brian Leetch (one of the players who has gotten "soft"), Sergei Zubov (injured), Alexei Kovalev (not the scorer everyone thinks he is) and Mark Messier (holding his own). Outside of Stephane Matteau's two huge goals against the Devils, that was the extent of the offense. So, this was a weakness overlooked coming into the season.

The power play, which was so proficient a year ago, has stagnated. Leetch has not been aggressive, and Zubov has been missed. Also, Adam Graves is non-existent around the net. Was last year a career season for him? He has gotten soft as well.

Neil Smith can't be blamed for making the Peter Nedved-for-Esa Tikkanen exchange, but Nedved is proving to be a "Western Conference" player, who can't handle the grinding game of the East. Another softie. Also, picking up non-entities like Mark Osborne doesn't help.

Defensively, the Rangers have played well positionally, but have been guilty of countless giveaways in their

own zone, which has often led to goals by the opposition. This is a lack of discipline, and back we go to Mike Keenan. Faceoffs have also been a weakness, and this is where the Rangers miss Craig MacTavish.

Thankfully, the goaltending has been solid. If a bad goal has been let in by either Mike Richter or Glen Healy, it is hard to blame them. With the lack of offensive support, each shot requires a pressure save.

An underlying reason for the team's troubles lies in the schedule. Because of the strike, the Rangers are playing only Eastern Conference teams. I was well aware of how this may cause problems, because the Rangers have usually built their record by beating the Western Conference teams. They struggle against many teams in their own conference, especially on the road.

For example, in their last 19 visits to Montreal, the Rangers have gone an incredible 1-16-2 against the Canadiens. It's not much better on Long Island, where the Rangers have gone 2-13-3 since 1989 despite having many of the fans there. They have traditionally struggled against the Sabres, Bruins, Capitals, Flyers, and even the Whalers. The Penguins have become a problem in the last ten years.

However, against the West, the Rangers have their patsies. Against Vancouver they are 66-18-8, lifetime. They are 68-27-13 against St. Louis. The Stars are no problem either as the Rangers have spanked them to the tune of 62-27-18. Los Angeles, no problem. Against them, the Rangers are 54-35-14. Even against the young San Jose Sharks, the Blueshirts are 6-0-1. The champs do not have these traditional whipping boys to kick around this year.

Meanwhile, they continue to struggle against bump and grind, hard-working Eastern teams. And it has been the inability to pay the price to get a goal, the lack of firepower, and a very long hangover from drinking from the Cup that has put the Rangers in the hole they are in. It will take much more than acquiring Pat Verbeek to change that. Stanley Cup champions usually keep winning. We should know better in New York than to think dynasty and be content with the happy memories of 1994. We may have to hold onto them for awhile. Heave-ho, one in row!

More Ranger Woes...

By Peter Matlak

The Rangers who started off slow and played under five hundred hockey for the first month of the season found themselves on top of the Atlantic division from mid February to early March. We should credit coach Colin Campbell for working hard with the team to get them into form. We should also credit the big play of Alexei Kovalev, Adam Graves, Team Capt. Mark Messier, star defense man Brian Leetch and the outstanding goaltending by Mike Richter. We should also look at players such as Stephane Matteau, Brian Noonan, Alexander Karpovtsev, and Petr Nedved who have pick up their game in the last several games. Also several young players and team rookies such as Joby Messier, Mark Osborne and Glenn Featherstone have contributed in helping the team get where they were.

But as soon as the Rangers took the lead in the Atlantic the sooner they fell and are now in trouble of not making the playoffs. The Rangers are suffering in two key areas. First special teams, although being great

shorthanded the Rangers have not been performing well on the power play. At times the rangers have gone 0 for 5 and 1 for 8 on the power play. The Rangers must improve this soon or face certain trouble ahead. This task at this time has proven to be a difficult one. Zubov has been their key point man on the power play but at this time he also playing poorly. In another key area the Rangers are not producing on offense. Most of the Rangers loses this year have been to a deficit of one goal or less per game. They are averaging below two goals per game and something must be done. Some line switching has taken place and the acquiring of Pat Verbeek from Hartford would seem to help the Rangers but to this day it has proven to be a failure. You can not score two goals and expect to win every game. By the time this article is published there should be some major shaking up with some big trades. Hopefully these trades will help the team which I still feel will be tough to beat in the playoffs. Only time will what will happen and I hope it will bring positive results.

From the Sports Editor's Desk

Off Campus Activities:

Racquetball at Gold's Gym, Mon-Fri 1:30-5 PM, Sat 7-12 AM, Thurs 1:30-3PM. \$2 on Thursday, CSI subsidizes \$2.50 other days.
Swimming at JCC Sun 8-10 AM, Mon 8:15-9:30 PM, Tues 10:30 AM-1:30 PM, Wed 8 AM-10 PM, Thurs 10 AM-1:30 PM & 7:30-9 PM, Fri 8:30 AM-1:30 PM.

Guidelines for Off Campus Recreation:

1. You need a valid student ID card
2. You need a notarized participant waiver form
3. You must obtain a blue intramural card

#2 & 3 are available at the Intramurals Offices, C-132 at Sunnyside and 1C-214 at Willowbrook.

On Campus Recreation

Open gym hours at Sunnyside: Tue, Wed, Fri 1-3 PM,
Thurs 1-3:30 PM, Fri evening 7-10 PM.
Weight Room hours at Sunnyside (D-101): Wed, Thurs, Fri 1-4 PM,
Tues 2-4PM, Fri evening 7-10 PM
Western Line Dancing at Sunnyside Lounge: Thurs 7-8:30 PM
Table Tennis in the Green Dolphin Lounge: Mon-Fri 1-5 PM
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Fri 12:20-1:10 PM.

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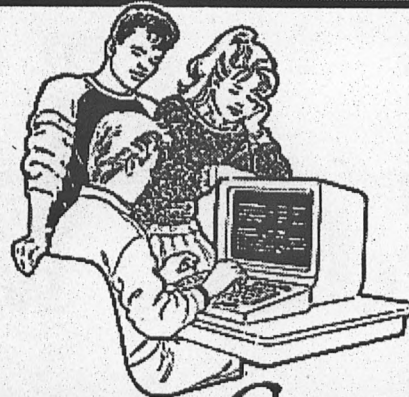
- To use open gym, you must:
1. Have valid CSI ID card.
 2. Sneakers only, NO SHOES!!!
 3. All CSI teams have access to the gym at any time. Days and times are subject to change without notice.
 4. For weight room users, proper attire is required. (No shoes or jeans)
 5. Table tennis players must also have sneakers. Hours are also subject to change due to availability of Green Dolphin.

Ooops...

Congrats, Rumors, and other things in Sports (Mar. 30 issue) was not written by Jason Castro. It was written by Peter Matlak. Sorry, dude.

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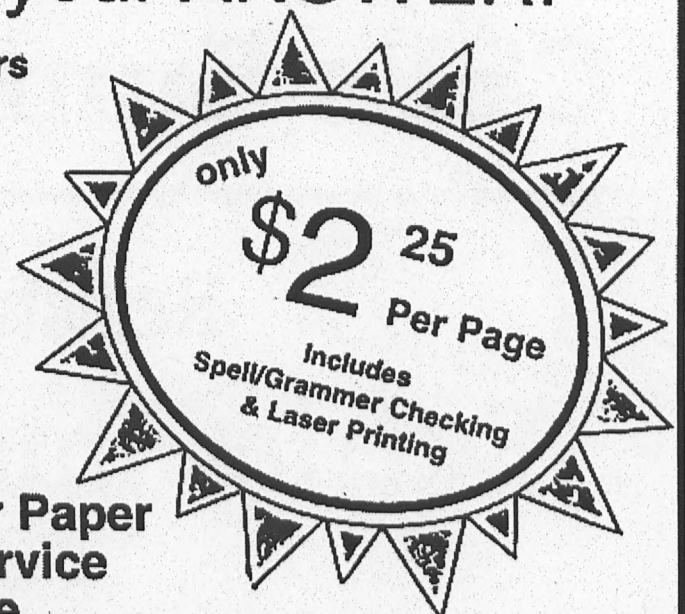
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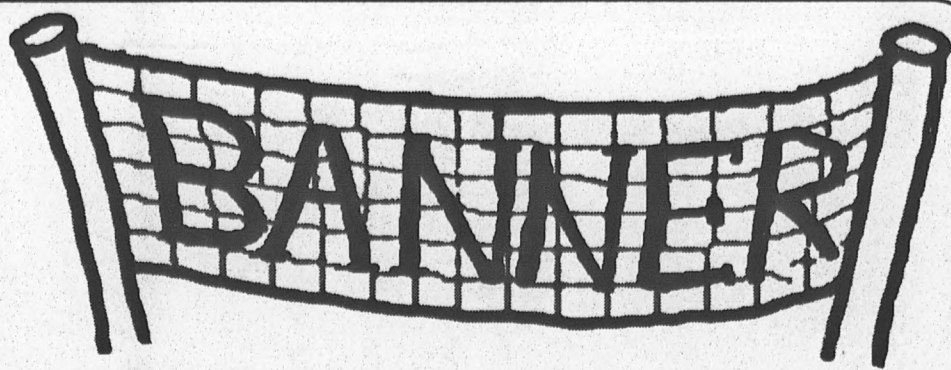
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