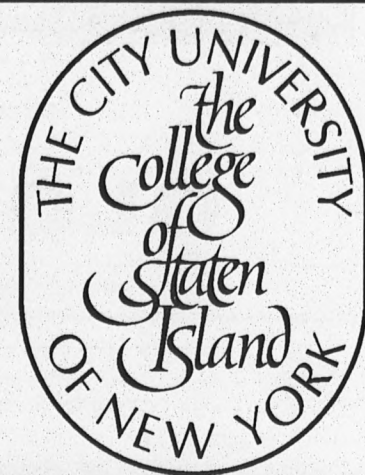


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Follow-Up : GLOs Trying to get Recognition

By John LaMantia

Last issue, I reported on the increasing support Student Government has given to Greek Letter Organizations, or GLOs, towards their goal of being officially recognized on campus as Fraternities and Sororities. Student Government has already made a written statement to the college community and given up its monthly meeting with the President to further the issue of Greek recognition. On Thursday, February 20, the GLOs were given a chance to plead their case to College President Dr. Marlene Springer and Vice-President of Student Affairs Carol Jackson.

Student Government came to the meeting with Springer and Jackson to back the GLOs in their cause. Attending this meeting were Student Government President Joe Canale, Senator Charlo Almeda, Senator/Publication Commissioner Juergen Schnetzer, and Club Commissioner Luis Cruzatte. They didn't know if their presence would mean anything, but felt compelled to come.

The benefits of GLO recognition were presented at the meeting. Dr. Springer started by asking the group, "What are advantages of what you presently have, and what you will receive if you are allowed to be recognized?" Vanessa Valencia, President of Rho Sigma Phi, said that "the benefits for us to be affiliated with nationals would have to be that it would give us many more members across the country for us to network for jobs." Andrew Desants of Sigma Alpha Mu gave an example: "we have a lot of famous brothers, like the president of Warner Brothers. If I wanted to go in this field, I could contact brothers who would contact him for me and try to get me a job".

During the meeting, Christopher Alvarez, Commissioner on Academic and Curricular Affairs for Student Government said that "we have anywhere from 100 to 150 students doing events at other colleges that could be easily done at this campus." He went on to state that "if the Administration wishes students to have pride in the College, the first step is to recognize those students who have dedicated their time and effort to the advancement of student life." After hearing this, Dr. Springer

asked, "Why isn't this happening with these clubs now?"

Joseph Gallo, a member of Sigma Alpha Mu, explained to the President that "if we had a fund raiser for the American Heart Foundation, now we would have to charter under Delta Psi, and not under Sigma Alpha Mu. We will not be able to send the money in as Sigma Alpha Mu, we would have to send the money in as Delta Psi. If we

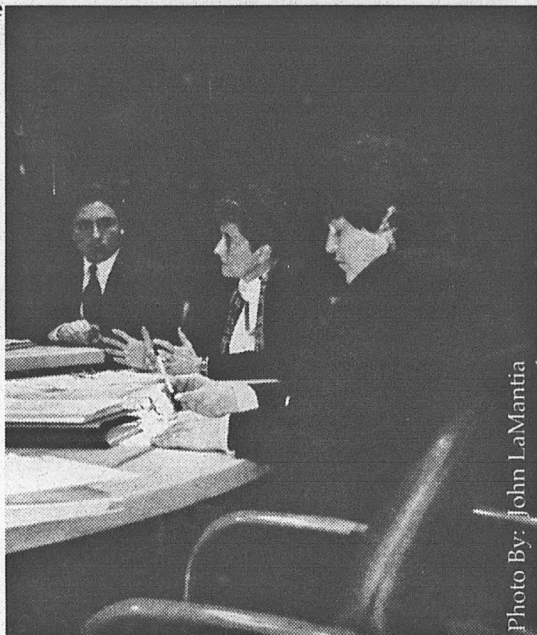


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send as Sigma Alpha Mu, Fraternities at the College of Staten Island we will get our benefits. Eventually the college will get benefits by having Fraternities that do good work on campus."

Another topic talked about at this meeting was how Fraternities and Sororities may discriminate. Joe Canale commented during the meeting, "Out of the three years I have been here, I have not heard any complaints or seen any sign of discrimination being done by these organizations here at CSI. And they do have things in their charters that prevent this." Dr. Springer's response: "Except Sororities are for females, and Fraternities are for males."

The meeting came to an end with Dr. Springer requesting information in the form of a proposal. This proposal is to consist of rules and regulations under which the GLOs will operate, including specifications for preventing ethnic and racial discrimination. Also, Dr. Springer has stated that she is to be kept informed on how the GLOs spend their money. Specifically, she wants to know how much will stay on the Island, and how much will go to the national charters. She ended the meeting with the words, "I believe that this is a major first step."

The Banner took the opportunity to speak with Club Commissioner Luis Cruzatte after the meeting. "If the President Marlene Springer and the Vice President Carol Jackson were truly student advocates," he said, "they would not be pushing them around. I am sorry, but this is how I feel. I believe that the Greeks should have been recognized a long time ago."

Cruzatte went on to say, "I don't understand why the President of the College has not done it yet. The fact that Marlene Springer has asked for more paperwork is very frustrating for any students willing to create a better college life atmosphere in an already apathetic campus." He ended by saying that "clubs are the base of life on this campus, and without them the entire body would die".

The Banner also had the chance to talk to Kellyanne Biesty, a member of Sigma Delta Tau. After the meeting, Biesty said that "Greek life is something that you have to be involved with to really understand. It is something that will be with you for life, not just during your college years. Greeks at this college are a very close-knit community. It's like an extended family." Biesty then went on to talk about Student Government. "This semester, thanks to the Student Government Club Commissioner and various faculty members, we have come further in our fight for recognition than ever before." The interview ended with Biesty saying, "We're not asking for anything from the school except to be recognized for what we are: National or Local Sororities and Fraternities."

Chancellor Ann Reynolds Holds Forum

by Holly Lenahan

On February 27, during club hours, Chancellor Ann Reynolds met with student leaders in the Green Dolphin Lounge. The purpose of the forum was to inform student leaders, who can then inform the student body of some current CUNY issues.

The student leaders in attendance were mainly members of Student Government and Publications. Some of the Student Government members who attended were Student Body President Joe Canale, Senator Charlo Almeda and Student Center Commissioner Washington Hernandez. Also in attendance were Publications Commissioner Juergen Schnetzer and Academic and Curricular Affairs Commissioner, Chris Alvarez. The publication members who were present included Managing Editor Manjula Wijerama of the *College Voice* and Co-News Editor John La Mantia of *The Banner*.

The meeting was opened by Vice President of Student Affairs Carol Jackson. She introduced President Springer, who in turn introduced Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Elsa Nunez. Nunez introduced Canale, who after a brief speech introduced Chancellor Reynolds.

The first issue Reynolds addressed was Governor Pataki's budget proposal. The budget proposal calls for a \$57 million cut in State aid to senior colleges. This cut will result in a \$400 increase in tuition. The proposal also calls for a \$74 million cut in TAP for CUNY students. This means that fewer students will be eligible to receive TAP, and those students who are eligible will receive less of it. Reynolds spoke about how these cuts to CUNY will make

it harder for poorer students to attend college. After speaking extensively on this issue, she added, "I don't think a tuition increase is appropriate or warranted."

Reynolds then opened up the floor for the student leaders to ask questions. One of the first questions asked was about the CSI Child Care Center, which may suffer a severe loss in funding. There is already an admissions waiting list and limited staff for the Child Care Center. Reynolds' response was, "We've tried very hard

My only concern was that there were not enough student leaders represented in this forum.

over the years to protect the Child Care Center, but no part of the university has not been cut."

The next question asked was in regard to the ACE exam. Manjula Wijerama asked Reynolds about her position on the ACE. Reynolds explained that CUNY graduates did poorly on the State Teachers Exam in comparison with graduates from other colleges. "We need a test of critical thinking skills in the University," she said. "I do not want CUNY to be known as the school in which a bachelors' degree means a need for more remediation." The CUNY Director of Federal Relations, Clyde Avelle, then commented, "It is not a punishment. It is diagnostic;

it's an early warning." *The Banner* later spoke to Canale who had previously claimed that CSI will not have an ACE exam. He stated, "I am sorry that the issue of the ACE exam got confused. There is no way that it will be implemented simply because the trustees will not allow it, and that will be the reality."

The next speaker was Jay Hershenson, Vice-Chancellor for University Relations, who discussed strategies for fighting the budget cuts and spoke extensively about the success of lobbying. "Lobbying works," said Hershenson. "We were successful in fighting tuition hikes last year. There is nothing on this campus that took place without lobbying." He then stated, "This is a university that drives the economy of New York State. You've got to get the message out to any legislator that helping CSI is an investment."

The Banner spoke to several student leaders about the success of the meeting. Student Government Senator Charlo Almeda commented, "the Chancellor's Forum was very informative and very responsive of certain issues. My only concern was that there were not enough student leaders represented in this forum. The majority of the student leaders represented were from Student Government and the Student Union." *The Banner* then spoke to Canale, who said, "I think the meeting fulfilled its purpose in making student leaders more aware of the problems of the University. I wish it was open to all students, not just a select few."

MAYORAL FORUM '97

by Melanie Goldstein and John La Mantia

Four candidates who are running in the mayoral election for 1997 were invited to speak at the College of Staten Island on Wednesday, February 19 by the College of Staten Island Office of Pluralism and Diversity and the College Voice.

The members who were invited to speak were the Reverend Al Sharpton, Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger, Brooklyn Councilman, Sal Albanese, and Roy Innis of The Congress of Racial Equality. However, we had the pleasure of listening and speaking with Albanese and Messinger. Roy Innis, and probably the most awaited speaker, the Reverend Al Sharpton, failed to appear. When the Banner had the chance to talk with Bennett Maurer of WSIA, about the two missing speakers, he commented, "The event wasn't the same without Abbot and Costello."

The Mayoral Forum '97 gave CSI students a chance to ask the candidates questions that were of concern to them. Some concerns of the students were questions concerning jobs, welfare, and most importantly and understandably, the tuition hike. A question was also asked to the candidates about how they felt about free tuition. Both candidates said they could not promise free tuition, but were definitely for the cost of tuition to be decreased greatly. Colleen McGraham from "The Third

Rail" asked, "How come every spring students here at CSI have to face tuition increases, where New York State gives big corporations tax breaks?" Messinger answered the question by saying, "Closing tax loopholes for big corporations and put that money towards education." Albanese and Messinger tried to answer students' ques-



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tions as best they could, but they too were pondering the answers to some of the questions just as the students were. Being a graduate from CUNY schools himself, Albanese was able to sympathize with the students problems concerning tuition. Messinger was able to sympathize with

students (especially students who are parents) with questions concerning the public school systems because she had put three children through the NYC public schools. Both candidates were in agreement that transit is a major problem here in Staten Island. Albanese's response to this question was, "Staten Island is the forgotten borough for it's transit problem, but is well known for it's garbage problem. We need to do a study to correct the problem. When the last fare hike occurred, my office fought against it." Messinger replied by saying, "I ride the subway to work every day, and I support cheaper transit fares. I believe that rural communities get the short end of the stick."

For the hour and a half the candidates were here at CSI, they answered students questions as best they could. They expressed empathy and sympathy for the students concerns. After the event was over, the Banner had a chance to talk with Mary Ann Christensen from student government, "I believe that Reverend Sharpton made a mistake at the mayoral forum at the CSI campus. His lack of appearance will not go well with the Staten Island voters. So to Reverend Sharpton and the others that did not appear, this gives more to the belief that Staten Island is the step-child of the five boroughs and therefore is unimportant."

Publications Commissioner Under Attack

by John LaMantia

At a recent Student Government meeting, a complaint was brought against Publications Commissioner Juergen Schnetzer. The complaint was brought to the attention of Student Government by Sara Hussain, former Managing Editor of the *College Voice*, and Student Government Senator Shakor Connor. A three page letter of complaint was presented to the Student Government, describing the problems that they have with Publications Commissioner Schnetzer. The *College Voice* was supported in its complaints by members of the *Third Rail* and *Yearbook '97*.

Some members of Student Government wanted to push this problem off until their next meeting, but after a long debate, Student Government President Joe Canale decide to give each party six minutes to present their side of the issue. Speaking on behalf of the complainants was Sarah Hussain. In her speech, Hussain brought up the Publications Commissioner's allegedly undemocratic behavior and stated that he had to be removed from his position. She also talked about how last year's Commissioner, Joe Canale, took away the right of publication members to vote on the Commission, which she claimed makes the Commission undemocratic. Ms.

Hussain also stated that Commissioner Schnetzer, who recently replaced Joe Canale as Commissioner, made the publication less democratic by changing the quorum from four to two additional Commission members. Another topic of discussion was how Mr. Schnetzer was not around in the month of January to sign needed paperwork for the *College Voice* to get simple supplies like tape recorders, paper and disks for their computers. Sarah Hussain ended her six minutes by saying that "we would like to see Juergen replaced, and we would like to see Senator Shakor replace him as Publications Commissioner."

Publications Commissioner Schnetzer began his six minutes by holding up the letter of complaint and saying "I am glad to see that there are fewer spelling mistakes here than in the last issues of the *Voice*". Later on, *The Banner* took the opportunity to speak with Commissioner Schnetzer about some of the complaints that were made against him. When Mr. Schnetzer was asked what he thought about some of the complaints made against him, he replied that "these guys are being ridiculous with the complaint that I was not around during the winter break to sign their paperwork. My commission is not allowed to meet when school is not in session, and so is any other commission."

The Banner also asked Schnetzer about his feel-

ings about the publications which wrote the letter of complaint against him. Commissioner Schnetzer replied that "the thing with the *Third Rail* and the *College Voice* is that they were never happy with whoever was Publications Commissioner, and I do not know of any Commissioner that they did like." Schnetzer went on to talk about his problems with *Yearbook '97*, saying, "The thing with [Yearbook editor] Jennifer Valle is that she wants to spend a lot of money, but she doesn't support her demands with reasons. She said she needs \$1,700 for computer supplies so she can bring the yearbook to the printer. As far as I know, she hasn't even picked a printer." As the interview came to a end, *The Banner* asked the Publications Commissioner if there was anything he would like to say. His reply was, "As Publications Commissioner, my goal is to have publications be as independent as possible through the use of advertisements."

The Banner tried several times to reach Senator Shakor for an interview, but was unable to meet with him. In a hearing on February 21, Student Government concluded that Publications Commissioner Juergen had committed no wrongdoing, and all charges against him were dropped.

Aerobic Programs

by Leslie Lake

A "High/Low Aerobic" session was given by Rose Cahill on February 7 in the Sports and Recreation Center. This session, which lasted from 12:30 to 1:30 PM, was a Personal Growth CLUE. Mary McLaughlin, the Aerobic Programs Coordinator, was present at the session. In an interview with *The Banner*, Mary McLaughlin discussed the Aerobic Program's history and benefits it provides to the students, faculty, staff, and community members who buy membership.

"Sonny Grasso, the Intramural Recreation Supervisor, was instrumental in starting the aerobics program at the Sunnyside campus in 1988, and has supported it all along," said McLaughlin, who has taught aerobics in the Intra-Mural Recreation department for the past eight years on a volunteer basis. "The program expanded when the sports recreation center opened. The Sports and Recreation Center offers classes during the day and on the weekend. We hope to expand the program because there have been people interested in Yoga, Body Toning, early

morning classes at 7:30, and evening classes at 5:30, 6:30, and 7:30 PM. Gene Marshall, the Director of the Sports and Recreation Center, is very supportive of the program. He is interested in helping us expand the program."

"Any student, faculty member, or community member who wishes to participate in aerobic sessions should get a checkup from his or her personal physician to identify any personal limits and restrictions," said McLaughlin. At this High/Low Aerobic session, there were nine women and one male. It is called High/Low Aerobics because it is a high energy workout involving various exercise routines and/or movement combinations performed continuously on the floor. To remain in a low impact mode, one foot remains on or near the floor at all times. "The High/Low Aerobic workout is a great workout and it helps to build endurance, cardiovascular capacity, and strength, which are three important components of being physically fit. Also, the instructor shows how to vary the moves for beginners, intermediates and more advance exercisers," said McLaughlin.

Students monitor their heart rates at the start of

the workout, check the heart rate again after the aerobic segment, and at the end of the class, make sure their heart rate has come down.

Rose Cahill was the aerobic instructor for this class. Cahill has been an Aerobic instructor for 18 years. She was the Aerobic Director for Courts of Appeals for 11 years. She also worked at YMCA. Cahill welcomes everybody to come to class and take a step in the right direction by improving their own well being. "In general all the instructors are terrific, and we are lucky to have the quality of instructors that we have," said McLaughlin.

At the aerobic session that Cahill instructed, as well as other aerobic programs, information handouts on health and wellness are given out to students, faculty, and community members. Some of the handouts are titled, The Safe Way To Step, Cold Weather Exercising, and 10 Common Mistakes To Avoid At The Gym To Stay Injury Free. "Our objective is threefold: 1. encourage students to stay physically fit 2. educate them about the components of physical fitness 3. to have fun and meet other students" said McLaughlin.

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Grief

by Kathleen Mason

"Into each life a little rain must fall." We may not like this statement, but it is true. We can't prevent this, but there are ways to deal with it. There is hope and help for everyone's grief. Grief is a natural reaction to any major change or loss in our lives. It is a healthy response to situations such as:

- the death of a loved one (person or pet)
- separation or divorce
- injury or disability
- children leaving home
- loss of a job

The greatest loss we can experience is the death of a loved one. Many of us try to hide our feelings of loss and keep it inside. Death isn't the easiest subject to talk about, but if you don't talk about your grief, you are really hurting yourself. Grief is a painful experience, but it is part of the healing process.

In grieving, a person can go through a number of different stages. These stages are:

**shock and denial - anger - guilt - depression
- loneliness - hope**

In the first stage, denial or shock, most people feel emotionally numb. The second stage is anger. In this stage, you may feel that the loss is unfair. You feel that you or others could have prevented the loss. In the third stage, guilt, you may start to blame yourself. Guilt arises in situations where you wish you had or had not something. It is important to understand here that you can't always prevent nature from taking its course. Depression is the fourth stage. In this stage, you may feel like you can't possibly go on with life. You may feel like you can't do the things you normally do. You will be able to again! The fifth stage is loneliness. In this stage, you may feel as if there is no one in the world who understands you. Changes can make us lonely and afraid. Lastly, there is hope. In this final stage, you have gained a sense of peace in which you can focus on your life. This is because you have found hope. In each of these stages, a person goes through

many changes. These changes help us to grow and to learn from our experiences. Your first step is to tell yourself say, "I need help." By saying this, you tell yourself that you need a helping hand from another person. Don't be afraid to let someone help you. Whether you are eight years old or eighty years old, there is always someone to lend a hand and listen to your troubles. You may be reading this article now and thinking there is no one for you to go to. Here are a few people you can turn to: a neighbor, a friend, a relative, your priest or minister or rabbi, a counselor, or anyone willing to lend an ear. You don't ever have to feel alone in your time of need.

Since you are reading this article, you may be reassured by the knowledge that you can talk to someone about what you're feeling. It isn't easy to go through life alone. We all have to walk through scary doorways at one time or another. Accept someone else's helping hand or open ear, and give it a chance.

If you are living with a loss, there are certain things you can do for yourself. It's important for you to take care of your emotional needs: express your feelings, accept help, ask for help, and be kind to yourself. You also need to take care of your physical needs: get plenty of rest, stay healthy, and be alert for problems. Above all, remember that grief and loss are a natural part of life, and that if you give yourself the time to accept your loss, you will live life to its fullest once again.

As I have already said, there are people to talk to. The College of Staten Island has many support options which are available to you. On Thursday, March 13, the Wellness Program will sponsor the "Grief and Bereavement" program, at which you can come hear an expert talk about this important issue. The Peer Drop-In Center is also open to students on an ongoing basis, and is just one of many places you can go to. It is located in the Health Center 1C-112, and has trained college students on staff who would love for you to "Drop In." They are there to help, and will be able to refer you to someone more qualified. The Center has pamphlets and anything you need help with. Even if you just want to ask a question about grief or any other wellness issues, just come on by and ask away. We are here to help.

Smoking: the Addiction

by Michael A. Imbriano

Smoking, or nicotine addiction, causes two million preventable deaths each year, according to the American Cancer Society. If that doesn't catch your eye, maybe the fact that one thousand Americans will die today from smoking-related illnesses will get your attention. According to U.S. public health officials, more Americans will die from smoking this year and the next two years than from AIDS, heroin, crack, cocaine, alcohol, car accidents, fire and murder combined. Smoking is a direct cause of many forms of cancer (from lung cancer to kidney cancer), heart attacks, vascular disease and emphysema. So why do people smoke? Addiction! As the physician, M.A.H. Russel said in 1973, "There is little doubt that if it were not for the nicotine in tobacco smoke, people would be little more inclined to smoke than they are to blow bubbles or to light sparklers."

To watch a victim of a heart attack continue to smoke even as a tube deliver oxygen to his or her failing lungs and heart makes you wonder just what is so great about that \$2.50 pack of cigarettes. The smoking of tobacco does not produce a feeling of euphoria like cocaine or other narcotics. What it does have is a tremendous addictive quality. Nicotine seems to be able to provide both a mild stimulation and a tranquilizing effect; each is subtle but effective.

As a person inhales cigarette smoke, the nicotine it carries reaches the brain via the blood stream in about eight seconds: less than it would take to get there had it been taken intravenously. Once in the blood stream, a cascade effect occurs throughout the circulatory system; heart rate increases by 10-20 beats per minute, blood pressure goes up 5 to 10 points, and body temperature drops in the fingertips as peripher-

al vessels constrict. One milligram of nicotine in each cigarette is all a smoker needs to bring about these physiological changes.

Nicotine affects the body in much the same way as *acetylcholine* (ACH), a neurotransmitter associated with such involuntary body functions as heart rate, digestion and respiration. Nicotine is an *agonist* [imitator] of acetylcholine, and so it works wherever there are ACH receptors in the body. One important effect of nicotine is that it activates the "fight, fright, flight" response normally associated with the activation of the stress axis. Oddly enough, nicotine is also a sedative. For example, nicotine darts were once used as "capture guns" to take down wild animals as big as elephants. This paradoxical relationship is caused by the stronger and more lasting bond nicotine makes with the acetylcholine receptor. In large doses, it begins to impede the activation of the target organ. Moreover, it explains how some people feel a cigarette would relax them and others feel they need it to get started for the day.

Regardless, most smokers consistently seek to smoke due to biological dependence. They seem to use nicotine to moderate their state of attention. Contradictory to what we commonly think of in terms of "drug use," they are not using nicotine to exaggerate their state in one direction or another, but rather to normalize it.

The Wellness Program will be offering ongoing support groups to help those of you who wish to quit smoking. Call 982-3123 for details. For more information on smoking or any other wellness issue, come at any time to the Peer Drop-In Center, building 1C, room 112F. It's confidential, helpful and informative. Stop by and see us!

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**February 28 vs John Jay
for the CUNY Championship**

by Michael Anderson

CSI went into this game with some confidence. And why not? They are now 14-0 in the CUNY rankings and, when CSI played John Jay during the season, CSI beat them 70-27. Also, a couple of comments were made by the John Jay coach which provided some great posterboard material. At the half, the Lady Dolphins were only ahead 33-21. John Jay was putting up a better fight this time around. In the second half, the game was still in CSI's hands, but then John Jay got some momentum. After a time out, the Lady Dolphins started hitting their shots and shutting down John Jay. The John Jay momentum was now with CSI.



Photo By: John LaMantia

During the tournament, CSI made Baruch and CCNY commit 47 and 43 turnovers respectively. This game, they forced John Jay into 27. As time got closer to the end, a CUNY Championship for CSI was in the cards. John Jay did have the higher scorer on their team as one player had 31 points. After her, no other Lady

Bloodhounds player had more than six points. And that is where the game was lost. All season, the Lady Dolphins played together like a team and this night was the same. They didn't rely on one player to score for the whole team. When the final horn sounded, it was the Lady Dolphins who rushed onto the court, as they were victorious, 64-53. The win enabled CSI to stay perfect in the CUNY at 15-0 and gave them an overall record of 22-5. From a team that went through a new head coach during the season, the Lady Dolphins showed what defense and teamwork can do. Congratulations to all the players, coaches Gene Marshall, Steve McGoy, Paul Lizzo, Jim Donlan, Emma Dodd and former coach Gerry Mosley for assembling and putting this team together.

Key Stats

Tara Gagliardo had 16 points, six assists and five steals. Shermaine Smith added 14 rebounds and grabbed 14 rebounds.



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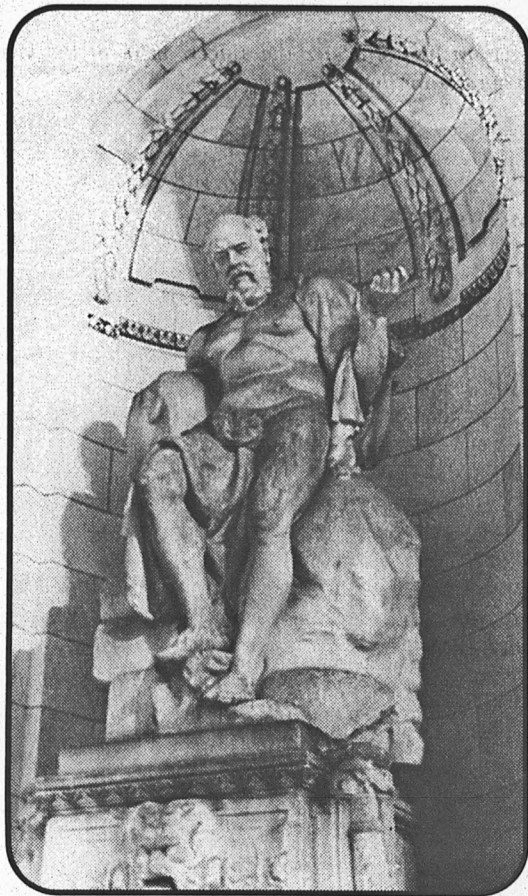
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River Deep

The river is deep, that carries my heart.
All of the moments swimming
in summer,
Diving off piers all thru the
day, laughing the time fast away.
I can still see your face as you
jumped from the boat.

Thinking the water only two feet
deep, disappearing from sight,
like jumping thru space, I'll
never forget the expression on your face.
I only wish one change, and
that would have made it grand,

To have been there for more
years, to get more understanding
of all the special places that
existed in that land,
miles of beaches and mountains
and trees.
Emotional feelings that shake
in my knees.

By: Jerry Bujarski

The Pretentious Poem

I'm a Peacock, at least that's what the other birds are chirpin', chirp, chirp, chirp, and the geese are cackling', woahh, woahh, woahh. And the parrot's repeating peat', peat', peat', and the chickens clucking, brack, bra-brack, brack. And the songbirds singing, and the swans whispering, and the wise old owls asking, who, who, who, who do you think you are?" you, you, you peacock. Does that mean I'm a dick? pea-cock, cock-pee? Sounds kind of funny, Peacock. Almost like a command or order, to do what's natural, to excrete. To let it out, to do what's natural to get rid of it, so I don't carry it around like dreadweight. Yes, But No I'm talking about being a peacock, you know with those beautiful feathers, with the plumes, so many beautiful colors radiant, magnificent colors to fill up the room. That sometimes I want to show, cause the rest of me is so gray. So I want to see those grand feathers of mine, it makes me feel good, and it makes me smile and then after awhile, I don't feel so gray and so tense.

No, I feel blue and green,
and purple and orange
dancing along my back
instead of the heavy feet that stomp me down.
And I'm sorry but I figured everybody would love to see it,
it's nice to look at,
and I don't show them all of the time,
but you know I feel, you've got them too.
And there only on the outside
isn't it what's inside that really counts
and birds of a feather do flock together,
but I guess I could put them away,
but wouldn't it be nice if instead we all pull them out.
So there were thousands of multi-colored feathers,
stuck up in the air,
so the sunbeam catches the tips
and makes them shine
and nobody would really mind.
Cause there would be so many sun colors,
blinding us all,
and everyone from miles would come to see,
that many peacocks are more brilliant than me,
I don't know, I guess we'll see,
am I a peacock,
or am I just me?

By: Gabriel Lopez

Hero of Me

where are the answers that i search for,
and why am i looking,
i do things because it soothes something,
i prepare my food and i eat,
i plan my day and then i live it,
i dream my dreams and they unfold around me,
for whom is holding my strings,
and is this another service that i must pay for,
i can only hope that the struggles that i pursue,
will somehow own a reward,
because then i could sleep eternally,
knowing that i made a difference that i pursue,
will somehow own a reward,
because then i could sleep eternally,
knowing that i made a difference
and the fruit of my labors can project,
all of what i think i am, or what i was.

By: John Lohse

Hypnotized

And here I am again staring you right in the eyes It's all a game up till then I have you hypnotized You're fooled by my pretty face You're a fool who's mesmerized You can't resist after that first taste Of the demon behind my enchancing eyes I'll tear you're sole apart You'll give everything to me I'll control you from the start With a power that you can't see	You'll want me more and more You liked the way I made you feel You'll become my whore Who indulged in my sweet appeal I'll take away your sole I'll take away your life Everything I stole, Your kids and your wife Kiss it all goodbye Your sweet ecstasy I'll laugh as I watch you cry Because you gave it all to me.
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By: Holly Lenahan

The Guzzi Chronicles

The New Birth

by Steven Guzzi

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

You may ask yourself how could a person be born again? You already were born once, so how can you be born again? Nicodemus, whom Jesus was speaking to had the same question. Jesus answered it this way:

"That which is born of flesh is flesh: and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again" (John 3:3-7).

In other words, just as you had a physical-fleshy birth you also need to have a spiritual birth. We all are born physically alive, but ever since man's fall into sin man is born into this life spiritually dead. The Bible says, *"the wages of sin is death"* (Romans 6:23) and God told Adam in the day that he would sin he would die. (Genesis 2:16-17). When Adam sinned he didn't die on that day as God promised he would; at least Adam didn't die physically. Thus, God had something else in view.

According to the Bible man has a body, soul and spirit (1 Thes 5:23). The soul and spirit essence of man can't be seen. It is the invisible spiritual part of man that leaves the body upon death. The spirit is the part of man created for fellowship with God. It is the part where God is supposed to indwell or live within man. It was created for God's habitation. Having God's Spirit living in it means that man is properly related to his Creator in true fellowship with God. Man was created to have a deep

unity and intimacy with his God.

Since God is holy and hated when Adam sinned against God, He had to separate himself from man, leaving man's spirit dead without God. Death in the Bible means separation. We die physically when our bodies become separated from our souls (James 2:26) and we become separated from this world; we die spiritually when we are separated from God; ultimate separation from God takes place in hell; this is called the second death (Revelation 20:14). You may wonder why God left man's spirit after Adam sinned. It is because God can't have anything to do with sin. He certainly can't commune with it. Wherever sin is there needs to be judgement and death, not paradise and life. *"But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear"* (Isaiah 59:2). Sin is the reason man was kicked out of the garden of Eden (Paradise) and condemned to live a life of hardship and die physically and spiritually.

God desires man to commune with him, thus he wants his Spirit to once again inhabit our spirits, but he can't unless our sin is dealt with. And it was, when Jesus Christ died for our sins on the cross. All who trust him as Savior have their sins forgiven. This allows God's Holy Spirit to reenter man, which he does immediately the moment a person receives Christ as Savior. At that moment of salvation man is given the Spirit of God, thus he once again is made alive; that is he has spiritual life, which is eternal. *"And you hath he [God] quickened [made alive], who were dead in trespasses and sins"* (Ephesians 2:1). Everybody who is saved has been born again and is alive spiritually. They once again have that relationship with God, thus they are on speaking terms with God.

Because the Holy Spirit lives in them and they have life they have new spiritual desires to live for God. They desire spiritual and heavenly things. They have an ongoing desire to do the will of God, much the same way a baby desires physical milk to grow physically. A child of God desires spiritual food—the Word of God — to grow spiritually. They also want to speak to their heavenly Father.

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2).

If there is no desire to know God, or read his Word, or pray to him then there is no life. Without fellowship with God a person can't have true happiness, peace and joy, thus man will seek satisfaction by other sinful means without God, but there can't be any. Thus, man without God is his own worst enemy trying to feed fleshly desires that can't be satisfied. His longings go unfulfilled because his need is for God himself, but his spiritually dead nature prohibits him from seeking the one he needs. Of course if man isn't born again it means his sin hasn't been dealt with, thus a man can't have fellowship with God in his natural condition, not in this life or the next one, thus can't see the kingdom of God. The only hope is a new birth where man is put back into God's family. *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God"* (John 1:12-13).

Wastes of Money

By Erik Swanson and Michael Horan III

One morning, a fellow student approached us and asked us to assist him in approaching NYPIRG and asking them to take \$3 of the \$14 per student which is given to Student Government and give it to the Children's Center. This sounded reasonable to us, but we thought that it would be better if they took money from the CSI Sports Department instead. The reasons are simple. First, they are given more money than any other extra-curricular department with the exception of Student Government (A complete breakdown of the distribution of the Student Activity Fee per student is printed on page 20 of the Gazetteer). But more importantly, it is also the least important department in this or any other school.

We are two of the most unathletic, anti-sports people you will ever meet. Besides being lazy chain-smoking alcoholics, we are against everything that dumb jocks use to justify the existence of sports. Sports supposedly teaches one teamwork, honesty, self-discipline and good sportsmanship. Baloney. First of all we should redefine "sportsmanship" because it means "good conduct and not being a sore loser". One can learn that without sports. On that note, one can learn all those other things without beating the crap out of another human being to gain possession of a ball or a puck, or competing for multi-million dollar salaries, or whatever these guys do.

A sport is a game, for fun, not a war. They tell you that it teaches you to get along with other people and have fun while getting valuable exercise. Nonsense. Sports teaches you that if you're not the best, if you're not the "star player" then you're useless. Sports, in the true definition of the activity, goes against everything that an educational institution like a college stands for. College is supposed to make you smarter. Sports, if anything, prevents one from becoming more intelligent. In some cases, it will make you dumber. This is more than personal opinion; this is an observation that we have made by watching sports and sports figures.

You may have noticed that even though there is a stupid Physical Education requirement for all majors, there is no Phys Ed department in CSI. Therefore, why do we need this facility? Is there any one class that the college has spent more tuition money on besides PED 190? PED 190 is a one-credit course. There are many more required classes that deserve to have more money spent on them. There are astronomy, physics, chemistry, and computer labs all over this school that should be upgraded, and these labs are utilized by multiple curriculums. Why does this school need a multi-million dollar facility for one damn class and our basketball team?

But this goes even deeper. Who the hell is the administration of this college to determine for us that we need to be physically fit? Fitness is a personal choice which has been forced upon us for no good reason by the

same administration that also determined that we aren't "culturally diverse" enough. But that's for a later discussion.

The point we are trying to make is that physical fitness is a personal choice which we are forced into by this college. Reason? Perhaps they feel that by making every student use the building, they can justify spending our student activity fees and tuition on it. They built it for the teams... that's all. They know that we as students (if we ever took a stand on ANYTHING) would never tolerate such expenditures if we knew about them. But they took our money and built this useless shrine to stupidity. Then they charge us in our Student Activity Fee (TM) for something we have to do in order to graduate!! Why?

We think that since we already have these damn requirements, and that damn facility, we should at least take a stand and transfer some of the funds they receive to other departments that need it: for example, using it to BUILD MORE PARKING or give more money to the children's center. If we can give that much money to one non-educational program, why not others that have more public interest?

This has been a public service bitch session brought to you by us, the only opinion that matters.

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AWAY, AND STARED AND STARED,
STARING UNTIL I COULD SEE HER
WITH MY EYES CLOSED
I LET HER IN, I LET HER WIN, I LET HER
OWN MY GRIN
AND THEN AGAIN WHO WAS SHE, I
THOUGHT, AND WHO INDEED WAS I
WHO WAS THIS GIRL STUCK ON MY
EYES
A PROWLING PRESENCE A WELL

DRESSED GUEST, THE PERFECT
STRUCTURE TO HELP BUILD MY NEST
I ENSUED FOR A WHILE TO SEE IF SHE
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-John Lohse

Do We Appreciate What We Have?

by Mark Gray

We have been hearing a lot about the budget cuts of late. If Governor Pataki has anything to say about it, we will be hearing lots more in the weeks to come. Currently, a lot of programs have been slashed because the funds they need to keep them going are no longer available. In times like these, most schools try to make the best of whatever resources they still have. One has to wonder, however, what our own school does with the resources currently available to it when it is able to use a \$40,000 piano as an ash-tray.

In our Performing Arts Center sits a partially tarp-covered piano, which is a

repository for cigarette butts and the occasional battered soda can. It is dented, chipped, and roughly painted along the edges with something looking like highway tar. And yet, this is no ordinary piano; it is a Steinway, the pinnacle of piano-making perfection. This instrument was created entirely by hand for discerning music-lovers. Hell, even if you don't respect the piano's origins, you've got to respect its price. These things cost more than a BMW roadster.

What is most startling is that, in this era of budget constraints when pro-



Photo By: John LaMantia

grams like sports and the arts are under the most fire, an asset like this sits not only unused, but actually discarded. It makes one wonder what other flagrant waste is occurring on campus away from the eyes of the students. Is there a Pentium computer sitting in a trash bin somewhere? Could there be large-screen TV gathering dust in some closet? After their wasting on this level anything else seems like small change. Perhaps even with the budget cuts our faculty could better manage the resources available by going through the inventory and seeing what is available and what could be put to better use.

At York College they made use of their piano by putting it in the cafeteria and allowing access by any student who wanted to play. I was told recently that some days the cafeteria would be one big party with the musically inclined playing and the rest of the student body jamming along. This covered several bases for them. The students were entertained and they freed up some of their programming committee's budget by using a resource which was already on campus. Could we take a cue from a fellow CUNY school? At the very least it would be a less ignoble retirement for such a prestigious instrument.

Let's Keep It Clean

by Steve Hall

Entering through the campus gates some may feel that we leave the dirt and the garbage on the outside, but we don't. People shouldn't come into the college with the notion that they can do whatever they please including throwing their trash on the ground. What's the deal people?

We live in one of the dirtiest cities in the world but does this mean that we must continue this way of behavior. The College reflects it's students and when someone litters, it means that the students are filthy. Everyone talks of how dirty the Earth is and how we should clean up the environment, but all I can see is garbage.

I rarely see any people trying to make a difference with trying to help clean up this mess we've created. Am I the only one who wants to do something about the problems concerning the welfare of the Earth? As college students, we should be aware of the problems with our environment and the garbage keeps piling up and the responses I get are "well someone will clean it up." People say they want to help and make the Earth a better place to live but you see students flicking cigarettes and garbage when there are so many garbage cans and ash trays around campus. Does it

The campus should enforce rules on littering

just come down to laziness?

The campus should enforce rules on littering where maybe students will take keeping the campus clean seriously. Staten Island is not a pigsty and we are not pigs but if that's the way students are going to behave then that is how students will be treated. You have to give respect in order to get respect and this means to respect the college grounds which has been provided for us and looks like an Ivy League college. Littering makes it look as though the students don't care. Maybe our tuition gets paid but that means we can attend classes and participate in school functions, that does not give us the right to do whatever we damn well please. I mean, where does it all end? When the whole campus becomes a landfill?

Because we're not too far away from it, we could just add on to it. If there were no custodians cleaning the grounds of the school that is exactly what the school would become, a landfill.

When will we learn? When it's too late? After all, if students don't respect their college then they certainly wouldn't hesitate to dump their garbage wherever they please. The damage has been done and the Earth will never be clean due to these people. People, let's keep it clean!

Life Is Strictly For Entertainment Purposes

by Bennet Maurer

The Kinks said it best in the song "Everybody's in Show Biz," because life is nothing but for laughs only. This little routine will help explain my philosophy of life: "Americans are full of shit. You heard me right average Sam. From the day you are born your family feeds you shit that they have learned. Then your school dumps shit on you too. Your friends and your job dump their shit on you too! Your lover does the same and the end result is the Staten Island dump."

It is with this philosophy that I go through life. Do you know why? Moses came down from the hill to save the Jews from being slaves and promised that he would be right back with laws, do you remember what happened? They went right back to worshipping different Gods and sinning again. They didn't believe him at all despite all the miracles that he performed. The sinful material world was all that they were in love with.

Numerous other hysterical figures came out of history proving how earthlings will never listen to words of wisdom. Look at the Jesus Christ and the crucifixion and you will see that if he became the carpenter that he desired, his body wouldn't have any rust from the nails on it. Without boring you anymore with examples, a realization could be made by studying Socrates and Gandhi. Schmucks like them tried to do something about the human condition. They were all really sincere about saving the human race from its destiny, what was the result? They ended up getting killed and rejected from most of the population. The message of this is if you even think of trying to help change the human condition expect to get death threats. So shut the hell up and flip burgers, you losers. Don't try anything funny. If they weren't able to change the human race, isn't this a hopeless situation we have created for ourselves?

History can teach us a lot about the human condition to answer these types of questions. For instance, the biggest lesson that should hit you in the head like a sledgehammer is that - All governments suck!!!! I defy anyone to come up with a government that doesn't have the same god damned blueprint as ours. That doesn't have a tremendous discrepancy between the poor and the rich. The poor pays for the wealthy people's free ride. The wealthy people make the decisions of all the institutions and control everything in society. They use religion/mythology for enslaving their population. They use their doctrines to help enslave the rest of the world.

Each empire has their own form of democracy despite using the rest of the world as tools for their exploitation. They all give it a different name but each has the

same basic problems that none have been able to solve. All Governments never plan to solve the poverty, downtrodden, the disease and despair from their wars that are caused to support the type of lifestyle of the rich and dicky.

Besides some African and Indian tribes, there exist very few societies that actually never have any of these same hideous characteristics. Go ahead and try to name a couple of tribes, it will take you a while. That is why there exists no better form of government than this U.S. government, because it has all been the same damn government since Egypt. None of us want to face that truth but unless everyone wants to go in the streets and shoot everyone, we are stuck with the follies. If this government were to topple does anyone think that humans have the intelligence to organize a completely different government? Or will the mess start all over again? It will start all over again and again. Humans don't want to think for themselves. We love to be controlled for evil purposes.

Go ahead Marxists, start ranting and raving at me. If anyone actually thinks that General Electric and all the other

Moses came down from the hill to save Jews from being slaves, and promised he would be right back with laws, do you remember what happened?

multi-conglomerates that control the world will give up some of their wealth they are crazy. The workers of the world will unite only when the bread and the circuses cease. As long as there are new forms of entertainment revolutions will be the farthest thing from people's minds. Thanks to the

Internet the Men in the secret rooms who control everything will continue to accomplish this task. So my advice to all the Marxists, in the world is to convert to Groucho Marx and you will get a lot more followers. If not, at least you will get more laughs.

History combined with the fact that life is very short, and we all need to have fun while we can, has given me my philosophy. How else can you take life except that *It's Strictly For Entertainment Purposes Only*? What else can one understand of the history of the human race? Why should I take any of life that seriously? It is a waste of time. If those great men that I mentioned before weren't able to make a dent in poverty and despair, then what makes me think that I can make some type of dent?

Laughs are what we need, ladies and germs, so why not joke about these things? It sure beats joking about the next *Baywatch* episode. Jokes like:

"You know, the latest sponsor for *Baywatch* should be *Dow Chemicals*.. The company that makes silicone, so the show should be called *Silicone Breastwatch*." (rim shot, please).

Laughing is needed desperately. If anyone can be that monkey that makes you laugh, it might as well be me. Since

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What Happens When You Use The 1st Amendment On WSIA?

by Bennet Maurer

After reading this story of how I was suspended from talking on WSIA, I hope your anger is aroused. I hope that the title of this article will ring true for you all. Keep in mind that the radio station runs by your tuition dollars.

It all began one day six months ago on a Saturday when I took to the airwaves for the first time. Since then I have been suspended four different times for obscenity violations. I was doing a routine about why Staten Islanders are very conservative and it went something like this:

"People wonder why Staten Islanders are so conservative, well here is a secret released in the Science Times by Dr. Dick Hurtz. It states that the fumes from the garbage dump kill off people's brain cells and it forces many to blindly vote Republican. The cancerous fume builds and makes the citizens so brainwashed that they must become republican."

I received a major complaint from the Techno-God of WSIA that this type of commentary is editorializing. It was right there that WSIA, like our educational system, went on a seek and destroy mission to eliminate all creative thoughts from your skull. In this spirit I received my first morning talk show at the station.

The show I was attempting to do was a social satirical program. The type of program that wanted to make a mockery of what is going on in the world. Not many Americans take any issue seriously, this is a society that is obsessed on entertainment. This is why I am very excited doing satire. I feel that by lampooning our society I can make people think and laugh at the stupidity at the same time. What better place to do something like this then in a conservative area like Staten Island?

Onward I went, with numerous station members getting quite angry at me when I mocked Jesse Jackson. The lampooning was done in his tone of voice when I discussed his speech at the Democratic convention. I commented, "Jesse has not been paying taxes for so long that it seems to be making his rhyming and jiving a lot slower. In fact he is sounding more and more like a modern Democrat. Which is a oxymoron for Republican." Numerous members of the Politically Correct movement were very upset with my jokes about Jesse. It was okay when my O.J. material occurred, but once they didn't like the subject matter, their spewage hit the fan.

The fight went on and on during my Thanksgiving program. I did a routine of an original dialogue between an Indian and a Pilgrim at the first feast. It went like this:

Pilgrim: Thank you for showing me everything, now here is my gratitude for this day.
 Indian: Me thank you, Chief Drunk wants to thank you too. Here is a peace pipe for you to enjoy.

Pilgrim: Well here is my thanks from the God of Violence, now bend down and receive your hot lead enema. This one is from Jesus. (sounds of gun shots were going off right now.)

In an exaggerated way, isn't this what really happened? The anal retentives of WSIA were quite upset with this type of commentary. They labeled me "the liability" because of the threat that I was supposed to have been. What is so bad with this unusual type of material?

Finally the straw that broke their back was the infamous X-mas show. I did a complete satire of every character relating to Jesus. My Three Wise Men comment in particular got their titties in an uproar. "Based on how our society is and has been for the last two thousand years, I really don't think that the Wise Men were so wise at all. If you follow history most of the Empire's leaders,

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then these so-called Wise Men, were nothing but bigots. In fact they are probably like David Duke or other K.K.K members. So I am here to remove their white sheets to expose this truth to all of you," I said on the air.

Did you blush or feel like sacrificing any of your loved ones after hearing this commentary? This was considered my final offense to get my talk show eliminated. The Board Of Directors did not want me to do interviews because of my unpredictable style of broadcasting. WSIA just wants to play music that is *safe as milk*. The broadcasts like the music must be white and bland also. Any deejay that even attempts to try anything creative will have numerous other station members taping your broadcasts and talk behind your back to get you eliminated.

Techno music seems to be worshiped at WSIA for one simple reason. It is non-threatening in every sense of the word. Techno music has no words to it. The audi-

ence can't label it as communist, radical or racist. How techno music educates or informs anybody about what occurs in the world is beyond me. One listen to the station and you'll hear how absurd your radio station's argument for throwing me off the air really are.

This is a station without a news department. Unless the sexual footsy games between the news director and Techno God count as informing the community. I was one of the only members of the station that actually talked about what was going on in the outside world. If you listened to my show anything that was considered a big story was discussed on my show. No one else even attempted to try this at all. Only complaints, complaints, complaints were offered up by The Directors.

Conservative hypocrisy rules at WSIA!!!! I received constant flack for my broadcasts all the time. A whole myriad of complaints were leveled at me. Very few members of the station came to my defense at all. WSIA violated my first amendment rights by stifling me. I am now relegated to spinning music with occasional commentary sneaked in. I am under constant surveillance by the WSIA directors.

You see all of us own the airwaves, not the college or even Westinghouse does. This is a prime example of what happens when you try something different at WSIA. Who cares that talk shows have the largest amount of listeners and is the most profitable type of radio. Logic is not important at your radio station, just thought control is.

I believe that America is headed toward being a fascist nation. These examples of censorship are the prime reason why. When someone is using the airwaves for anything other than propaganda for Corporate America your chances of becoming heard are being eliminated. Once techno music is thrown into the mainstream, this will hit you even harder. Big Business will not have to worry about content from broadcasters anymore. This type of censorship goes on at WSIA all the time. College was supposed to be a place where where we are supposed to think in a critical way, but that does not exist anymore! This is just one small example of how this occurs.

Attention CSI Students!!!-There is one way to avoid this fate, use your right for FREEDOM OF SPEECH. Invade your radio station and demand to do talk shows and discuss these issues. They are very rarely being talked about anymore. Keep Freedom of Speech alive!!!! Remember in all fascist countries, the outspoken members of society are killed by their government. This is done to stifle the public. Don't let this happen at CSI!!

Thank you very much for your time. Don't let President Springer's administration make us kneel over and take it in the keister. This attitude is what I attempted to satirize on the radio. The fascist-friendly environment at WSIA was more important for them to foster instead.

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laughter is needed in bushels, then why shouldn't life be more than strictly for entertainment purposes only?

These conditions will only be getting worse so buckle up and get ready for some old fashioned FUN. Fascism, execution and much more despair is on the way so don't be disappointed as the fun begins. If the level of illiteracy continues, this type of fun will be getting better because it will all be visual. Expect to see the Execution Channel where the government selects someone at random and executes them every half hour. Or, how about an ultimate fighting channel where the criminals are doing all the fighting inside of prison. I'll tell you this, fun is better than sex. I am a typical American and I believe that having sex is bad, but violence is good. Fellow CSI students this is why I am creaming in my

pants as we speak.

Violence makes for great television and that is why I am ready for the world of the future. Wait till we get to do this shit in high tech, then the children will really like this too. It is this type of good wholesome family entertainment that everyone gets behind. Like all true behinds.

Deny, deny deny all you want but I am going to get my rocks off in this world. Wake up Americans!!! This world is for our amusement, lets enjoy it before our imbecile leaders destroy us. I do not believe that I can change the world, but maybe I can change my little corner of it. This is why The Planet Earth is strictly for entertainment purposes only.

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Dolphin Rewind

by Michael Anderson

Men's Basketball

February 15 vs Brooklyn

CSI celebrated this game in so many ways. They trashed Brooklyn 93-53 and earned their 19th win of the season on Senior Night. Seniors Chris Kelly, Robert Schnurer, Brian Namorato and Joe O'Leary were honored before the game. Another reason was before the announcement of the starting lineups, the seniors got a plaque and a rose. With the rose, they ran to the stands to give the rose to their mothers. Chris Kelly, however, gave out two roses. One was for his mom and the other was given to his girlfriend. And did I mention that his girlfriend's rose had an engagement ring attached?

With the excitement all around, CSI pounced to a huge halftime lead, 44-15. In the first half, CSI shot 56 percent. More astonishing than that was that the Dolphins hit one less shot (18) than Brooklyn attempted (19). In the second half, CSI outscored Brooklyn by only 11, but was able to put them away. With the exception of one, all the Dolphins that dressed scored. The Dolphins shot 48 percent for the game and outrebounded Brooklyn, 42-36.

Key Stats

The shooting guards for the Dolphins helped lead the trounce. Robert Schnurer had 16 points and Brian Namorato had 13 points. Freshman Unique Heyward had 11 points, four rebounds, two assists, one block and one steal.

February 17 at York

Many people viewed this game as one of the toughest challenges this year. Last year, the Dolphins beat the Cardinals in the CUNY championship in a close game. This year at the Sports and Recreation Center, the Dolphins squeezed out another close game against the Dolphins. But this game was in York, so if history was any indication, another tough game was on the menu. This game was so close that overtime was needed to decide the outcome.

With the game winding down it looked as though CSI was going to win this one. CSI hit a jumper with under one minute remaining. But just as quick CSI scored, York was able to answer. York guard Nathan Reeves drove the lane and put up a layup with under ten seconds left to play. CSI should have had the last crack to win this game. Unfortunately, they turned the ball over and York had the last chance. York failed to pounce on CSI's mistake and overtime was near. In overtime, the Cardinals had two advantages. One was that they had the home court and the other was that CSI's defensive and rebounding center, Chris Kelly, fouled out. With these two advantages, York was able to take advantage. York outscored the Dolphins 20-11 in the extra play en route to a 89-80 victory. The victory halted CSI's strive for another 20 win season.

Key Stats

Forward Brian Gasper had 23 points and eight rebounds. Before fouling out, Chris Kelly had 13 points and 11 rebounds.

February 19 at US Merchant Marine Academy

This game was fairly important to CSI. With a win, the Dolphins would reach the 20 win plateau and with the loss, it would be their first two game losing streak. The first half started off pretty well for the Dolphins. They held a six point lead at the half and shot 52 percent while USMMA shot 26 percent.

The second half was the complete opposite. The Dolphins got cold and shot 26 percent while the USSMA shot over 52 percent. In the second half CSI's six point lead was soon gone as they were outscored 35-23. The end result was another loss for CSI, 59-53. The game stats were pretty equal. The USSMA had 36 rebounds while CSI had 35. Also, both teams had 20 personal fouls and 11 turnovers.

Key Stats

Junior point guard John Cali had a game-high 19 points. Brian Gasper chipped in 12 points.

February 23 vs Baruch in the CUNY Tournament

CSI entered the first round of the tournament on a down note. They had their first two game losing streak and in order to be ensured of making the NCAA Tournament the 20 win plateau should be reached. Last year, the Dolphins won the CUNY Championship as they beat York in the finals. The huge advantage that CSI possessed was that the Tournament was at CSI. This time around, the CUNY Tournament was being played at the Sportsplex which is located on the campus of Hunter College. Since Baruch is fairly close to Hunter, many Baruch fans were on hand to lend support.

In the regular season, CSI beat Baruch. Many felt CSI could run all over Baruch, but they didn't. Right before the half, CSI went on a 5-0 run to give themselves an impressive 39-31 lead. But Baruch played more determined and more inspired in the second half. Several Farrell alum helped play an integral role in Baruch's victory. Center Richie Paul played Hack-a-Shaq with Chris Kelly. This means that Paul's sole job was to foul Kelly and foul him hard. The other player that helped was point guard John Percodani. Percodani's job was to shadow close friend John Cali and not give him many good shots. The shadowing effect helped as even though Cali scored 17 points he shot 4 of 13 from the field.

Down the stretch, the Dolphins didn't look like the defending CUNY champions. They turned the ball over continuously and played sloppy defense as they allowed Baruch players to hit their shots. In a game that was decided by who wanted it more, Baruch came out on top. The Dolphins season ended as the horn sounded and Baruch celebrated. The Dolphins lost 73-66 in a first round upset. Although it's very possible the Dolphins could get an ECAC Tournament spot and keep the season alive, the Dolphins dreams of a repeat Championship is gone.

Key Stats

Brian Gasper had 12 points and five rebounds. Senior center Chris Kelly added 11 points and 13 rebounds while Jack Westrenen also added 11 points and grabbed six rebounds.

Womens Basketball

February 14 vs St. Joseph's-Brooklyn

The Lady Dolphins celebrated St. Valentine's Day by smacking St. Joseph's 61-29. The defense for the Lady Dolphins usually gives them an advantage with turnovers. This game was not the case. CSI had two more turnovers than their opponent. But the Lady Dolphins showed how to steal the ball. Led by Tara Gagliardo's six steals, CSI had 16 for the game. The Lady Dolphins took their pressing defense to a 35-13 halftime lead. For the game, CSI only shot 39 percent, but when you see that St. Joseph's only shot 20 percent for the game, it was no wonder why their was such a lopsided score.

Key Stats

Freshman Shermaine Smith had 19 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Kristen Lisi added 13 points, three rebounds and two steals.

February 15 at Coast Guard

Going on the road is never an easy task and playing against Coast Guard never is either. With these two factors, the Lady dolphins could have encountered a loss. But thanks to solid shooting by freshman Tanisha Bell, the Lady Dolphins pulled out a win. The Lady Dolphins trailed by only two at the half and by shooting 40 percent. In the second half they played better defense and held the Coast Guard to 30 percent. Add into the mix that CSI shot 5 of 13 from three point land and you have yourself another victory.

Key Stats

Tanisha Bell had a game-high 25 points while shooting 5 of 8 from three point land. Lynn Saunders added 13 points and 11 rebounds.

February 17 vs York

This was Senior night for the women. Lynn Saunders, Jennifer Masiello, Keri O'Brien, Lily Ann Sciametta, and Darlene Lewis were the seniors that were honored. The Lady Dolphins carried their Senior Night momentum and thrashed York 81-25. It seems to be the norm with the Lady Dolphins to hold a commanding halftime lead. This game was no different. CSI held a 30 point margin at the half with a lead of 43-13. The shooting for York was just atrocious. York shot 17 percent in the first half and shot 15.3 percent in the second half. All total York shot a paltry 8 of 50 for a shooting percentage of 16 percent. How lopsided was this game? CSI hit twice the amount of shots (17) in the first half that York hit all game. With the victory, CSI improved to 18-5 and 11-0 in the CUNY.

Key Stats

On Senior Night, Senior Lynn Saunders scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Two other seniors, Keri O'Brien and Darlene Lewis, each had 13 points.

February 19 at Hunter

The only thing standing in the way of CSI and a perfect CUNY record was a tough road test at the Sportsplex against Hunter. That's right, the same

Sportsplex where the CUNY Tournament will be held. It was important for CSI to win to prove to Hunter and their fans that if a match occurred between the two of them in the CUNY Tournament, CSI could take care of it. The Lady Dolphins didn't shoot well. Fortunately, neither did Hunter. CSI shot 31 percent in the game and Hunter shot 29 percent. Usually, CSI jumps out to huge halftime lead. This game they were only ahead by five. After some halftime adjustments, CSI was able to hold off Hunter. The Lady Dolphins won the game 61-48 and the victory gave them a perfect CUNY record for the season.

Key Stats

Freshman Shermaine Smith led all players with 12 points and 13 rebounds. Tara Gagliardo helped chip in with nine points.

February 24 vs Baruch in the CUNY Tournament

The first round of the Women's CUNY Tournament was to be played at the higher seeds home gym. With a 12-0 record in the CUNY, the Lady Dolphins hosted Baruch at the Sports and Recreation Center. If you blinked or came late, then you missed the close part of the game. The Lady Dolphins jumped out to an early 26-2 lead. The Baruch men upset the CSI men in the first round of the tournament and the women were going to make sure that this didn't happen to them. The scoring barrage didn't quit. The Lady Dolphins set a new CUNY Tournament record with most points scored in a game. The old record was 84 and CSI scored 88 while holding Baruch to just 27. At halftime CSI was ahead 44-7. Other aspects of the game show how lopsided this victory was. Baruch shot 19.5 percent from the field, 39 percent from the free-throw line and committed 47 turnovers. In the next round, CSI will have to play three-peat champion CCNY.

Key Stats

Shermaine Smith scored 18 points on 9-of-11 shooting and grabbed 14 rebounds. Tara Gagliardo scored 13 points and four assists.

February 26 vs CCNY in the Semi-Finals of the CUNY Tournament

This game was a rematch of last year's CUNY Championship. Last year, CCNY three-peated by beating CSI 73-57. This time around, CSI showed CCNY who's the better team. The Lady Dolphins put CCNY away in the first half. CCNY shot 4 of 19 while CSI shot 17-40 in the first half. At the half, the sparse CCNY crowd was totally silent as they trailed 44-15. In the second half, CSI only scored 29, but held CCNY to only 11. Also, with only 40 minutes of play, CCNY committed 43 turnovers. The 73-26 victory moved CSI to the championship to the second straight year. Their opponent will be John Jay. The same John Jay that CSI defeated handily, 70-27.

Key Stats

Tanisha Bell scored 19 on 5 of 9 from three-point range. Freshman center Mary Giblen scored 12 points on 5 of 6 shooting.

Devils Show Rangers and NHL How To Make a Run For the Cup

By Michael Anderson

There is a big difference between rumored trades and ones that actually go through. Since December there have been rumors of Toronto Maple Leafs center, Doug Gilmour, coming to the Devils. People would wonder how good of a team the Devils would become if this actually happened. Wonder no more because the Devils pulled off the trade that will enable them to make their Stanley Cup run. The Devils traded center Steve Sullivan, defenseman Jason Smith, the rights to junior prospect Alyn McCauley and a conditional draft pick. Actually, the pick will come back to the Devils as the result of last year's Dave Andreychuk trade. Gilmour comes over from his native Toronto with defenseman Dave Ellett. In my opinion, this trade makes the Devils better than the two teams that were also bidding for Gilmour, the Philadelphia Flyers and Florida Panthers.

Meanwhile, in Broadway Blue-land, the Rangers are stood picking their noses by the phones waiting for one of their trades to come through. The only rumored trade is for Boston Bruin Rick Tocchet. The bad part about that is that even if that trade is made, the Rangers still won't be better than the Flyers, Panthers, Devils or Sabres. The Rangers best move is to trade some older veterans like Luc Robitaille or Jeff Beukeboom. Maybe some Ranger fans may disagree with that notion. Think of it this way Ranger fans. In two-three years there will be no Wayne Gretzky or Mark Messier to bail out the team. When they're gone what will that leave the Rangers besides goalie Mike Richter. The answer is nowhere. That's why now is the time to trade some veterans for draft picks and young players in hopes of having a good team for time to come. Last year, the N.Y. Knicks traded and released players to create more money available to lure free agents. Here's another lesson the Rangers could learn.

The saying goes, "Those who want it more, will play like it." The Devils did just that. Maybe Ranger coach Colin Campbell may not know where the Devils play, but make no mistake, the elite teams in the East felt a slight tremor come from East Rutherford. The Flyers may be the best in the East, but they can't compete with the Devils now for three reasons.

- The Flyers have Ron Hextall as their goalie. Hextall is accustomed of playing greatly in the regular season and then grumbling in the playoffs. Some may say that a year older is a year wiser. Wasn't that what they said last year? And the year before? The Quebec Nordiques got rid of him for a reason. The Flyers aren't going to do anything with swiss cheese in the net.
- What have the Flyers' players proved? They are one of the more explosive teams with players like Eric Lindros and John Leclair, but what have they proved in the playoffs? The Devils proved two years back that they have what it takes. The Flyers are reminiscent to the Red Wings. Everything is all well and good until the playoffs come. When the playoffs come they start to play like some minor league team.
- In any sport, defense wins games. The Devils have one of the best defensive-minded teams in the league. Every team would love to trade for a Devils defenseman because they are above the rest. The Flyers do have Paul Coffey and he is one of the best defensemen in the league. However, his reputation is on strong offense not strong defense. The Devils will counter Coffey with Scott Stevens. On defense, Stevens will eat Coffey alive.

The Panthers and Sabres are the two teams that can give the Devils the most trouble. Similar to the Devils, they have goaltenders that can get hot in the playoffs and carry the whole team on their back. Dominick Hasek (Sabres) and John Vanbiesbrouck (Panthers) can carry their team to the finals. The Beezer did it last year and Hasek has the ability to. Luckily, for the Devils, they have Martin Brodeur between the pipes. Brodeur showed two years ago that he can carry this Devils team. Since the goalies are so good in the East, every point will count. And this is where Gilmour comes in.

Even though he is 33 years old, it doesn't show. The scouting report says he's pretty quiet off the ice, but on the ice he gives the Devils another leader. The main reason why so many coveted this center is because he elevates the play of others. Some feel it's a given that the Devils don't have much scoring punch. With Gilmour, that may no longer be true.

How much better on offense will the entire team become with Gilmour shooting and assisting in the Meadowlands. Before the trade, Gilmour had 15 goals and 45 assists in 61 of Toronto's games. What makes the trade even better is that Gilmour is excited to come to Jersey. He went from the worst team in hockey to a team that can contend for the Stanley Cup. No wonder he's excited to come and play for the Devils.

While the Rangers look at this trade and start to cry, another local team besides the Devils is ecstatic. The New York Islanders did absolutely nothing and are still going to benefit immensely from this trade. The Islanders hold the Maple Leafs top draft pick in the this year's NHL draft. When the trade was made, the Maple Leafs were tied for worst with the San Jose Sharks and Boston Bruins. Granted, Mats Sundin is the Leafs best player, but Gilmour's departure will hurt. Some games might be lost down the stretch without Gilmour's scoring and leadership ability and that suits the Islanders just fine. After San Jose, Boston and Toronto, the Islanders round out the bottom four. With the Islanders owning their own pick, they could have two of the top four picks in the draft. With General Manager Mike Milbury solely concentrating on scouting, this draft could be huge for the Islanders. And they would have their local rivals, the Devils, to thank for it.

Even if the Devils don't end up winning the Stanley Cup, they showed the Rangers how to make a run for the title. I'm fully aware that the year the Rangers won the Stanley Cup (1994), Ranger GM Neil Smith worked his phone magic and acquired guys that pole-vaulted the Rangers to the top. But that was yesterday's news. I am not writing this as a true-red Devil fan. Actually, when it comes to hockey, I don't have any favorites. I enjoy watching the games and participating as a fan. But I see that with the Doug Gilmour trade, today's news belongs to the Devils and tomorrow's may belong to the Islanders. And where are the Rangers? Waiting for Rick Tocchet to come so the Rangers could lose in the first round in six games as opposed to four or five.

Showtime vs. Slowtime

by Steve Hall

The Knicks and Lakers were two teams with fresh looks that benefitted from being the biggest winners in this past summer's free agency. A recent game such as the Knicks and Lakers has been hyped and could well be a preview of this year's NBA Finals. That is if the Knicks can get past the Bulls.

Genius Jerry West, Laker General Manager, lured Shaquille O'Neal away from Orlando for \$121 million and traded center Vlade Divac to Charlotte for the rights to future superstar Kobe Bryant who is only 18 years old. Other acquisitions such as Jerome Kersey, Byron Scott and rookies Travis Knight and Derek Fisher fills every position which runs two deep. The Lakers didn't stop there. They made two more moves to establish themselves in their conference by acquiring Robert Horry from the Suns and George McCloud whose stint with the Nets didn't even allow him to receive a team jersey. Unfortunately, for the Lakers, injury has recently plagued them with Shaq being out with a hyperextended knee for the rest of the season and Robert Horry sidelined six weeks with a knee injury. L.A. must find a way to play without their man in the middle and rely on their other weapons.

The New York Knicks made the most moves this past off season by getting rid of their entire team with the exception of Patrick Ewing, Charles Oakley, John Starks, Charlie Ward, and Herb Williams. A flurry of trades occurred within a matter of a few days and the positions

are now being filled by others. One trade brought in Larry Johnson for Anthony Mason. Free agent acquisitions included Chris Childs from the Nets, Allan Houston bolting from Detroit and veteran Buck Williams from Portland. Getting top draft picks John Wallace, Walter McCarty and Dontae Jones has tremendously helped the Knicks establish a younger look. But can these new look Knicks beat the Bulls?

This marquee game clearly was the Knicks game from the start dominating the Lakers and exploiting their weaknesses. N.Y. reeling from their pathetic loss to the Sonics had come into the Forum seeking redemption and respect. The Knicks ran the floor very well and drained their treys thanks to Starks and Houston. The Knicks were in control at halftime with the score being 48-39. The first half was low scoring with quite a few turnovers by each team with few highlights. The game was seemingly listless and the game wasn't living up to the hype.

The game seemed to be put away with the Knicks up by ten starting off the fourth quarter, but then the Lakers came to life. The combination of Elden Campbell's all around game and two critical missed free throws by Starks had left the Knicks up only by two with seconds remaining. The ball landed in the hands of Eddie Jones who raced down the court to only fumble the ball which landed in the hands of Campbell who laid it in to force overtime. An amazing comeback for the Lakers who were listless for the entire game were resuscitated by Campbell.

The first overtime had shown the Lakers up for the

first time in the game. The score jumped back and forth but the Lakers had their opportunities to win the game with seconds to go as a screen left Campbell wide open for an easy layup that he blew. The game went into double overtime where fatigue was becoming a factor. It was a showdown between Campbell and Ewing who demanded the ball in the post, but Ewing proved to be too much as he was able to foul the Laker center out. The Knicks took over and beat the Lakers in a dramatic thriller with the final score being 127-121.

There was an impressive showing by two Knicks in particular. Center Patrick Ewing finished with 34 points and 25 rebounds and shooting guard Allan Houston scored 29 points. For the Lakers, Elden Campbell was one of the only bright spots with an outstanding game of 40 points, 10 boards and 4 blocks. Questions concerning both teams must arise such as would Ewing have gotten 25 boards if Shaq was in the lineup? Can the Lakers who are now 4-4 without Shaq survive till the end of the season? How long can Ewing's knees hold out and play a 51 minute game as he did against the Lakers? While the Knicks squad seems to be adjusting to their lineup, the Lakers are collapsing without Shaquille and the Sonics are starting their stretch run for the Pacific. In order for these two teams to collide in the Finals they must come together otherwise Miami and Seattle will drill them. Come April we'll see where these teams are in the standings and hopefully the trades they've made will pay off in the end.

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It's Getting Close To March Madness

by Fran Stuchbury

This week all the conference tournaments begin. Whoever wins the tournaments gets an at large berth into the NCAA tournament. These tournaments will give teams that have had terrible season a chance to make it into the big dance. Here's a look at teams that will get bids and teams that are on the bubble from the big conferences.

BIG EAST

IN: Villanova(20-8), Providence(19-9), Boston College (17-8), Georgetown (18-8)
ON THE BUBBLE: Miami (15-10) Syracuse (18-10) West Virginia (17-8)

Villanova is led by freshman sensation Tim Thomas but he has no concept of the word defense. B.C is in the tournament because of their 11-6 conference record. Providence is led by projected Big East

player of the year Austin Croshere. Georgetown right now is playing the best basketball in the Big east. couple of weeks ago Miami was a lock to make the tournament but they have recently crashed and are NIT bound. Syracuse and West Virginia will battle out for the last spot. Syracuses tournament success last season will give them the edge over West Virginia despite there big win over Villanova recently. The Big East will get five bids to the tournament. This year everyone in this conference has been beating up each other and Villanova is the team in the top 25.

Atlantic 10

IN: St. Joseph's (PA.) (20-6), Xavier (21-4)
ON THE BUBBLE: Rhode Island (17-8), UMASS (17-12), Temple (17-8)

St. Joes last season lost to Nebraska in the NIT championship game. Teams that get that far are usually a year away from being a really good team. Xavier is a good team because they beat Cincinnati in the regular season. At least two possibly the next three teams will get bids. Since UMASS has used a three guard rotation they have been playing a lot better. Also they had a big win over Maryland. Also they beat R.I twice and might beat Temple twice. Temple plays that match up zone defense which gives teams a lot of problems. They have also blown out Louisville and Cincinnati. Rhode Island will be screaming bloody murder if Temple gets bid over them because they beat them twice this season. Don't be surprised if 5 teams get bids into the tournament.

Atlantic Coast Conference

IN: Duke (23-6), Wake Forest (22-4), North Carolina (20-6), Maryland (20-8), Clemson (20-8)

On THE BUBBLE Virginia (17-11)

Duke is led by point guards Capel and Wojechowski. Wake Forest's Tim Duncan will be the Number one pick in the next N.B.A draft. The Tar Heels are led by forward Antiwon Jamison. Maryland and Clemson have been struggling lately and need a couple of conference tournament wins to get their confidence back. I feel Virginia won't make the tournament because of there 6-9 conference record. If Wake Forest or Duke wins the conference tournament they will be a number one seed.

South Eastern Conference

IN: Kentucky (27-3), South Carolina (22-6), Georgia (20-7)
ON THE BUBBLE Mississippi (18-7), Vanderbilt (17-10)

Rick Pitino has this Kentucky team playing really well. They recently overcame a 22 point deficit on the road and beat Vanderbilt. Forward Ron Mercer is one of the best players in the country. That is why he is coming out early for the N.B.A draft. South Carolina will be making it's first post season appearance in nine years by playing their bombs away offense. Georgia is the only team to beat South Carolina in this conference this season. If Vanderbilt beat Kentucky they would have gotten a bid. Mississippi looks like they will get a bid because they beat Kentucky this season.

BIG TEN

IN: Minnesota (25-2), Illinois (19-8), Purdue (16-10), Indiana (21-8)
ON THE BUBBLE Iowa (18-9) Wisconsin (17-7) Michigan (17-10)

Minnesota has dominated the Big Ten the whole entire season. Clem Haskins should be coach of the year. Illinois is the only team to beat Minnesota in the Big Ten this year. The reason Purdue is in is because their conference record is 11-5. Bobby Knight has this Indiana team ready for the tournament. They don't want an early exit like they had last year. Wisconsin has one of the best defenses in the country and will probably get a bid. I also think Iowa will get a bid. Michigan won't get a bid because they have lost their last four games and their conference record is 7-8. The Big Ten will probably get six bids but if these teams don't play well, this will be the last time they get that many. Last season five of the six teams got knocked out the first round and Purdue almost lost to 16 seed Western Carolina. The following round they lost to Georgia.

PAC 10

IN: UCLA (17-7), California (19-7), Arizona (18-7), Stanford (17-7)
ON THE BUBBLE USC (15-8),

After a slow start UCLA has come on very strong and recently won a big game against Duke. I consider them a sleeper team in this tournament. Arizona has been in the top 25 all season and one of their better players is Ben Davis. California has certainly been a surprise this year. They might have been a final four team if Shareef Abdul Rahim did not go to the NBA early. Stanford has one of the best point guards in the country. I can't see this conference getting five bids so I feel USC won't get one.

BIG 12

IN: Kansas (28-1), Iowa State (19-6), Colorado (20-8), Texas (16-9), Texas Tech (17-8)
ON THE BUBBLE: Oklahoma (16-9)

Kansas has without a doubt been the best team in the country. Even though they have been without star players Scott Pollard and Jacque Vaughn for part of the season they have continued to win. They will be a force to reckon with in the tournament. Iowa State has played well by using three guards in the lineup that can shoot. Colorado will be making it's first tournament in over ten years. Texas and Texas Tech have high power offenses in which they can score over 90 points on you. Those teams have a great rivalry. Oklahoma had a chance to get a bid but unfortunately could not beat Kansas.

CONFERENCE USA

IN: Cincinnati (24-5), Louisville(22-6), Tulane (19-9) UNC Charlotte (18-7)
ON THE BUBBLE: Marquette (17-8)

Cincinnati plays very physical basketball. Their best player is Danny Fortson. The problem is that they lack a good point guard which they need to get far in the tournament. Louisville is led by forward Wheat. Denny Crum is a great coach and this team is always a dangerous team come tournament time. Tulane has one of the most underrated players in the country in forward Honeycut. UNC Charlotte has quietly having a good season and should definitely make the tournament. Marquette might make the tournament but I don't think they will.

WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

IN: Utah (21-3), New Mexico (22-5), Tulsa (21-8)
ON THE BUBBLE: Hawaii (19-6), Fresno State (19-10), UNLV (18-7), Colorado State (19-7)

Utah has one of the best players in the country in Keith Van Horn. Some people compare him to Larry Bird. New Mexico has one of the best home court advantages in the country. They have won 26 straight home games. Tulsa has traditionally been a good team in the tournament. Hawaii and the rest of the other teams will battle it out for the last spot because this conference deserves four bids. I give the advantage to Fresno State because they have beaten Colorado State and they bombed Hawaii 98-80. Jerry Tarkanian has this team playing great basketball. This conference will not get any respect till a team can get past the sweet 16.

IVY LEAGUE

Princeton is the first team that got a bid in the tournament. Their record is 20-3 and they are undefeated in the Ivy League. In the Ivy League if you win the regular season title you get an automatic bid. This is a team NOBODY WANTS TO PLAY. Look what they did to defending champs UCLA last season. They beat them 43-41. Pete Carill in his last season won a tournament game. That win I feel eventually led to UCLA coach Jim Harrick being fired. Princeton plays great defense and they will back door you to death. If they can dictate the tempo they have a great chance in beating anyone.

FINAL PREDICTIONS

I predict that Kentucky will be one of the final four teams. Rick Pitino will get this team ready for the tournament and Ron Mercer will carry them. This team won't feel the pressure of repeating. I think Wake Forest will be another final four team because Tim Duncan will take them there. The main reason he stayed another year in school was to win a championship. Kansas and Minnesota is another possible final four teams but I feel those teams have not been challenged enough so don't be surprised if one of them loses in the first couple of rounds. I feel Kentucky has enough talent and great coaching to win back to back national championships.

