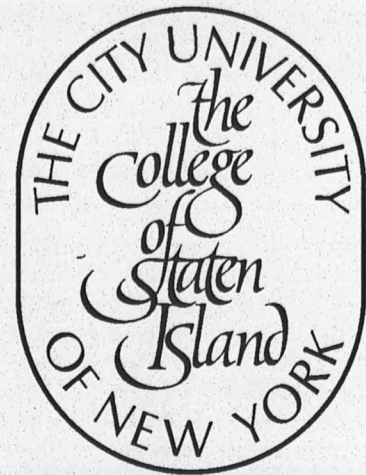


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## The Student Union: Fighting For 24 Hour Access Fighting Against Budget Cuts



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# Student Union Meeting

By Holly Lenahan and John La Mantia

The Student Union held a meeting to discuss where they would stand on upcoming issues. This meeting took place in the Campus center on Tuesday, January 21. One of the key issues that were focused on was the problem of 24 hour access to the Campus facilities for all students. Another issue of concern was the proposed four hundred dollar tuition increase.

At one time CSI students had 24 hour access to all campus facilities. With 24 hour access, students had use of the Library and its computer lab. Members of publication had access to their offices in the Campus center. Soon after the relocation of CSI from the Sunnyside to the Willow brook campus, 24 hour access was removed. This is a concern to evening and weekend students who can not use the school's resources to its potential because their schedules do not allow them to spend time on Campus during day time hours.

Another problem that the Student Union discussed was the tuition increase. The committee spent time talking about how students may lose their right to an education because of this increase. Robert Lauro, the Personnel Director at WSIA stated: "Where I live in Great Kills there are middle class families with parents working two jobs to put their children through school and this increase will hurt

these families the most".

The meeting was Chaired by William Wharton who is otherwise known as the Senior Editor of the

these concerns. After lengthy debate, the 17 member committee decided to fight for both causes. The final decision was to make up a six member committee to meet with Vice President of Student Affairs, Carol Jackson. The committee discussed the concerns of the Student Union with her.

After this meeting took place with the Student Union and Carol Jackson the Banner had the chance to talk to Robert Lauro, one of the members that was on the six person committee. He stated, "I believe that we did get a commitment from the Vice President to attend a planed open mike meeting in the near future". Robert Lauro also commented that he was "glad to see everyone put aside their differences and work together". The meeting that Robert Lauro is talking about is an open mic meeting that Carol Jackson agreed to attend. The Student Union will pick the place and time. This meeting will give CSI students a chance to ask Vice President Jackson about the issues at hand. Their was also a letter given to Vice President Jackson expressing the concerns of the Student Union. The Vice president agreed to answer this letter within two weeks. If any one is interested in getting more information on the Student Union they will have a meeting on

Thursday February 13 in the Green Dolphin Lounge.



Photo By: John LaMantia

Student Life Club brochure. Mr. Wharton's goal was for the Student Union to decide what issues they will focus on for the spring semester. The members in attendance were divided on the issue of whether to focus on one or both of

## Student Committee Formed

by John LaMantia

A student committee formed to pick a new Director of Student Activities. This student committee was formed to interview six possible candidates picked by the college out of hundred applicants.

This committee met from January ninth to January twentieth. The committee was made up students who are members of WSIA, publications and students who hold seats on student government.

The members of Student Government that took part in this committee were Christopher Alvarez, Mary Anne Christensen, Washington Hernandez who is the Student Center Commissioner and President of student government Joseph Canale. Members from WSIA that took part in this are Stella Barber, Traffic Director, Charles Scheffold, engineering and Robert Lauro Personal. From publications their was myself, John La Mantia. Their was also two other people on this committee, Mark Gray who is a CSI student that is trying to get into the physical therapy Program. He stated that he was there "to represent the view of the common Student." Last person on this committee was former student

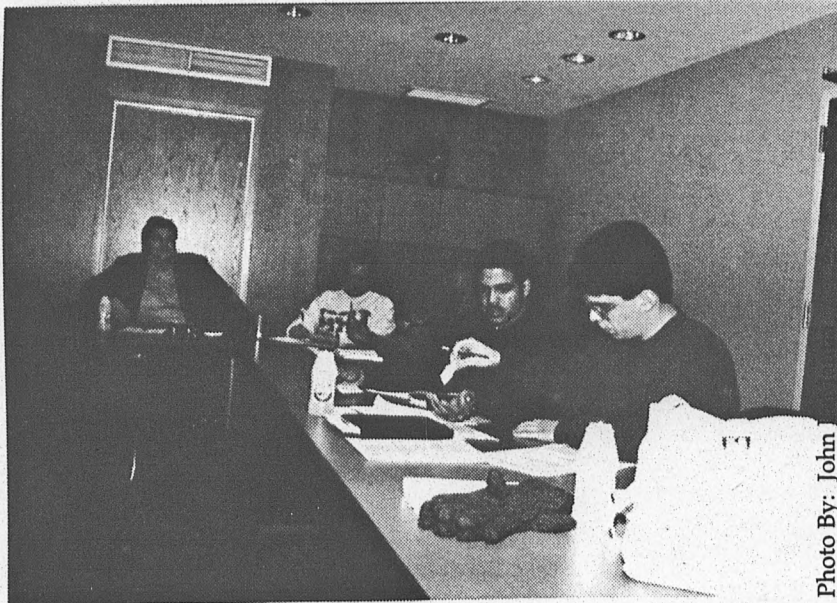


Photo By: John

Government President Mari Kaufman who is now an Adjunct teacher at CSI.

This committee was formed to give Students a voice in who will received the job of Director of Student Activities. After the committee was formed they met with the six applicants picked by the college. The student s on this committee were given the opportunity to ask the applicants questions related to this job such as how they would handle interactions with students at CSI. Based on the answers the committee would make a judgment about the applicant. After three days of interviewing the committee had met all six of the candidates. They started to way the pro and cons of each applicant and chose three favorites out of the six candidates.

After this was done this student committee had to meet with another committee to give a brief summary about each candidate. This other committee was made up of many faculty members including Greg Adamo of WSIA and Mike Daniels, Vice President of Student Affairs. After this meeting the Student Committee wrote up

recommendations for the three candidates that they liked best. This recommendation went right to Vice president Carol Jackson. In the weeks to come she will be interviewing three out of the six candidates.

while being nurtured in a secure environment. This center might have to cut some programs if state legislatures do not support funding through the Child Care Development Block Grant Funding. Some of the cuts might include:

1. complete elimination of the infant and toddler program
2. elimination of night and weekend program
3. a requirement for students on public assistance to pay for daycare
4. a price increase from \$.50 per hour to \$2.00 per hour

CUNY parents have been asked to write letters to politicians in an effort to stop these cuts. On February 11 there will be a trip to Albany in order to speak with the legislatures about the issue of daycare for CUNY parents.

If any students are interested in helping the CSI Children's Center here are the addresses which may be used to write to senators and assembly members in Albany:

State Assembly people Elizabeth Connelly, Eric Vitaliano, Robert Straniere.  
State Senators Robert DiCarlo and John J. Marchi

## C.S.I. Children Center In Jeopardy

by Xiomara Cabarera

The Children's Center, located in building 2R is being jeopardized by several possible budget cuts from the state. A call has been made to all parents of children attending the center to take action in this matter. The center has been operating for a long time. It has been successfully helping parents attend CSI while leaving there children nearby in a safe place.

"It's important that students and children continue to be availed of quality, affordable childcare services," stated Cynthia Murphy, director of the Children's Center. She has hired professional caregivers that offer young children educational programs



## Follow up Story to Library Renovations

by Leslie Lake

After Thanksgiving vacation, the CSI library added eight new computer terminals with CD-ROMs. One of the programs a student can utilize on these computers is CUNYPLUS, the CUNY online catalog. The CUNYPLUS database contains millions of records of books, newspapers and periodicals, as well as twelve indexes with citations that are within the CUNY University system.

Another available program students can utilize on these computers is the Internet World Wide Web. When a student accesses the Internet on one of the eight computer terminals, the first thing which will appear on the screen is the library's homepage. The home page contains a picture of the library. From this point the student has the choice of clicking on What's New, What's Cool, Destinations, and Net Search. Some of the topics that Net Search presents to the student are; Airlines, Arts, Business, Buy a Car, Buy a Home, Computers, E-Mail, Entertainment, Find a Job, Games, Internet, and Maps. Students can access as many resources found on that topic throughout the world that are available on the Internet by typing in a selection and clicking on seek.

In an interview with The Banner Chief Librarian Dr. Arthur Hafner, and Deputy Chief Librarian Professor Walter Dornfest discussed the other additional changes that are taking place within the library. One of them is the Archive/Special collection room which will be found on the second floor. Dr. Hafner told The Banner "The room is built but, the collection needs to be sorted and assembled." There is no

deadline when the Archive/Special collection room will open because, the library does not have the staff to work on the project full time.

The Teleconference Laboratory will be located on the Library's second floor it will open in May 1997. The Teleconference room which was built for enhanced learning purposes accommodates 32 students at a time. "Professors will use the room for two way interactive learning," said Dr. Hafner. In the past he spoke of the CSI Teleconference room and said that it would connect to a similarly equipped room somewhere else on campus, in New York City, or anywhere in the world. Dr. Hafner told The Banner about the current condition of the Teleconference room. "They still have to start wall construction and do the electrical work for the space. Already there is a satellite dish on top of the library's roof set up for the Teleconference room it will receive programming from Staten Island Cable. the company laid cabling for the campus which will

play an important role in connecting the world to CSI's new Teleconference room."

The library's hours are; Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. through 10:00 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. -6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m.

Doctor Hafner has proposed the idea of study rooms to the administration. These study rooms will be utilized by students for talk and group study.

Dr. Hafner and Professor Dornfest would like to receive suggestions on how to improve the library's services for the students. If you have any ideas please go to room 11-109 to make your suggestions known to Dr. Hafner.

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## CUNY Security Employees under Arrest

By : Alexandra Velez & Elysia N. Fields

CUNY Security and Public Safety personnel planned and dispatched a Public SAFE Response team throughout CUNY schools. The SAFE (Special Assistance For Events) team provides a police-type response to a non-emergency campus event. They are made up of Peace Officers that are to be deployed to CUNY's 19 colleges. If any condition where a college president, the chancellor or their designees determine there is a threat to public safety or public order, the teams are sent.

On March 26th, 1996, a interim order was issued to the NYPD requesting that the City University of New York is informed when any CUNY employee in the Deputy University Director of Security and Public Safety's office is arrested.

A critic of this interim order Ms. Sandi E. Cooper, was asked what were the problems that developed having this interim order. She replied: "It's not a matter of what, it's a matter of principle and privacy. The faculty is concerned over the right of the employer stepping into the private lives of the staff." It was then asked if CUNY has gone to far with the interim order. Ms. Cooper replied: "This came from the legal office of Vice Chancellor Robert Diaz, and ultimately the Chancellor herself. They claim this policy existed before, but generally we are under the impression that they want to run our lives. It's a way of frightening people into behaving." Rita Rodin Director of Public Information, for Jose Elique's office replied differently: "There has been a long-standing New York City practice, in existence for at least the past 20 years, whereby the NYPD informs the New York City Department of investigations. Which in turn informs all City agencies, as well as CUNY, of arrests notifications have been extremely rare. This practice, however, it is not uncommon in

public employment. "It was asked if anything was being implemented to stop the interim order. Ms. Cooper replied: "Nothing has happened regarding any faculty being arrested. However, there are numerous written statements regarding the faculty oppositions to this issue. They have already done this to the students, they have records on every students involved in any protests. We still have several cases being researched about the rights of individuals being abused." Ms. Rodin replied: "...I want to note that this issue pertains to employees and does not involve students." It was then asked to Ms. Rodin what was Patrol Guide procedure 110-56. She replied: "Under New York State Law, a public safety officer who is arrested for any reason is obligated to inform the arresting official of his or her law enforcement status. All police departments in the state have procedures to notify employers of such arrests. This obligation on the part of University public safety officers led to the development of the more efficient process currently in place. The NYPD makes the reports directly to the University. Other employees are not required to disclose the fact that they are University employees." It was asked if the procedure violates the constitution. Ms. Rodin replied: "...the practice of receiving information on the off-campus arrests of University employees has been in existence for decades. It's specific relation to CUNY public safety employees is driven by New York State Law." A Student faculty member made this statement: "We have to abide by the law, I agree with the procedure. Any law enforcement officer should want to set a good example of security and the department." Officer J. Norr, a Peace Officer had this to say: "I like my job, if this is the procedure we have to follow, then I'll follow it. I'm not going to jeopardize what I have here".

## A Question of Credits

By Christopher Alvarez

On January 8, 1997, Dr. Elsa Nunez, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, held a meeting at the Central Office of CUNY to discuss degree credit requirements. The meeting was to offer a briefing to Student groups in an attempt to rally support of Board of Trustees and Chancellors change in the credit requirement for graduation.

A presentation was given on a study done by Dr. David Lavin and Mr. Jonathan Cutler on "Degree Credit Requirements at the City University of New York: A Comparison with National Practice" which states the major findings:

- CUNY institutions stand at the upper end of what is normal practice for total graduation credits among U.S. colleges.
- A majority of colleges in New York State require 120 credits for graduation.
- CUNY colleges require slightly fewer credits in most major fields than do other American colleges.
- There is a high degree of correspondence between CUNY and other colleges in requiring distribution courses in art, humanities, language, social sciences and natural sciences with CUNY credit requirements in these areas a bit higher than is the case nationally.
- CUNY colleges are far more likely to give credit for courses in physical education than are colleges nationally.
- Science and technical majors take substantially fewer elective credits than do majors in the social sciences and humanities.
- Nationally, one half of all community college students are enrolled in schools that require 60 credits for graduation; only a third are in schools that require 64 or more credits.

- Both at CUNY and nationwide, the major field accounts for the majority of credits which students must earn for their degrees.
- Distribution courses are the next largest sector of student programs both at CUNY and nationally; electives course work at CUNY and other two year institutions.

Using this research the Board of Trustees reduced the number of credits required for graduation at the City University of New York from 128 to 120 for a bachelor's degree and from 64 to 60 for associate degree programs, effective September 1, 1996. This change by the Trustees was met by legal action by faculty representatives and on December 19, 1996, the New York State Appellate Division overturned the trustees decision.

For faculty, the question of credits becomes a question of jobs. A reduction in credits translates into a loss of jobs; if you take the current figures: 200,000 CUNY students and multiply that by the number of credits cut (8 for bachelor degree students and/or 4 for associate degree), it equals from 200,000 to 1,600,000 classes that are not required CUNY wide.

A January 7, 1997 memorandum to the College Presidents from Vice Chancellor Anne Martin about the Degree/Credit requirements (Long Range Planning Resolution #27) states that the policy "remains in full force and effect." The reason for this stay in policy is that attorneys for the University have filled a Notice of Intention to move for Permission to Appeal, in effect trying to appeal the decision of the court.

Since this process will take several months, students who have completed 60 or 120 credits and not with standing other requirements can graduate for the moment. Until a decision is rendered on this matter, the credit requirements for graduation in the future is at the best unclear.



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## Governor Pataki's Budget: \$400 Tuition Increase \$33 Million Cut to CUNY \$175 Million Cut to TAP

### NYPIRG STUDY: NEW YORK HAS STEEPEST INCREASE IN COLLEGE TUITION

New York has experienced the nation's steepest increase in tuition for public colleges and universities according to a report released today by the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG). The NYPIRG study, *Opportunity Cost*, examined four-year public tuition rates for full-time students in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia over the past 7 years. This found that:

New York State's average tuition and fees increased by a staggering 154.4% (the biggest increase in the nation), far steeper than the national average tuition increase (59.9%) and the general cost-of-living as measured by the Consumer Price Index (22.9%).

New York State's average tuition cost of \$1,460 ranked 34th in the nation in academic year 1989-90, but had jumped to \$3,714 in 1995-96. The General Accounting Office — the research arm of the federal government — has stated that New York's tuition was 10th highest in the nation.

Average tuition and fees as a proportion of median household income have grown from 4.64% to 11.25%.

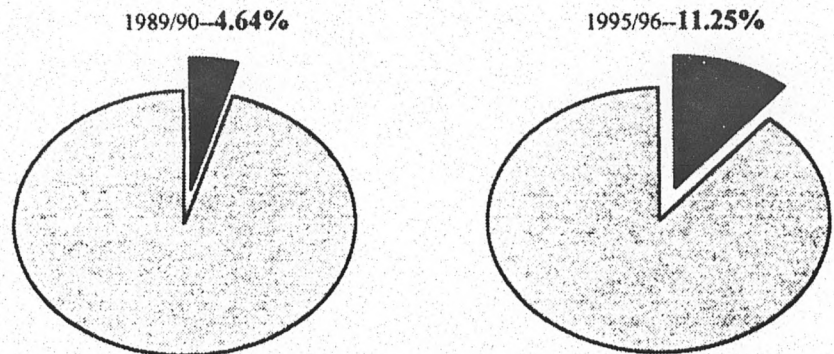
"This report clearly documents that New York State leads the nation in jacking up the cost of attending college," said Olusoji Oluwole, CSI NYPIRG's Higher Education Project Leader and CSI NYPIRG State Board Member. "The cost of public tuition devours far more of New Yorkers' family budgets than it did seven years ago. New York must follow Massachusetts' lead by cutting the cost of tuition."

"I frequently meet with students from New York's colleges and universities," said Charlo Almeda, CSI NYPIRG's State Board Member and CSI student. "Students have had to put up with larger classes, fewer class offerings and reductions in library hours. The message I hear is crystal clear: Students are fed up with paying more and getting less. State legislators must invest in New York's future and fight to lower tuition and reinstate proposed budget cuts."

"New Yorkers who send family members to public colleges are getting hammered by skyrocketing tuition charges," said Nicole Sabado, NYPIRG's Project Coordinator. "Lawmakers need to get their priorities straight and fight to make college more affordable—not less."

NYPIRG discussed their findings and recommendations with state lawmakers at a joint hearing of the legislature's fiscal committees. This legislature is scheduled to take up the Governor's higher education budget before April 1st.

Average tuition—as a proportion of median household income in New York—more than doubled from 1989 to 1995 (all data measured in current dollars)

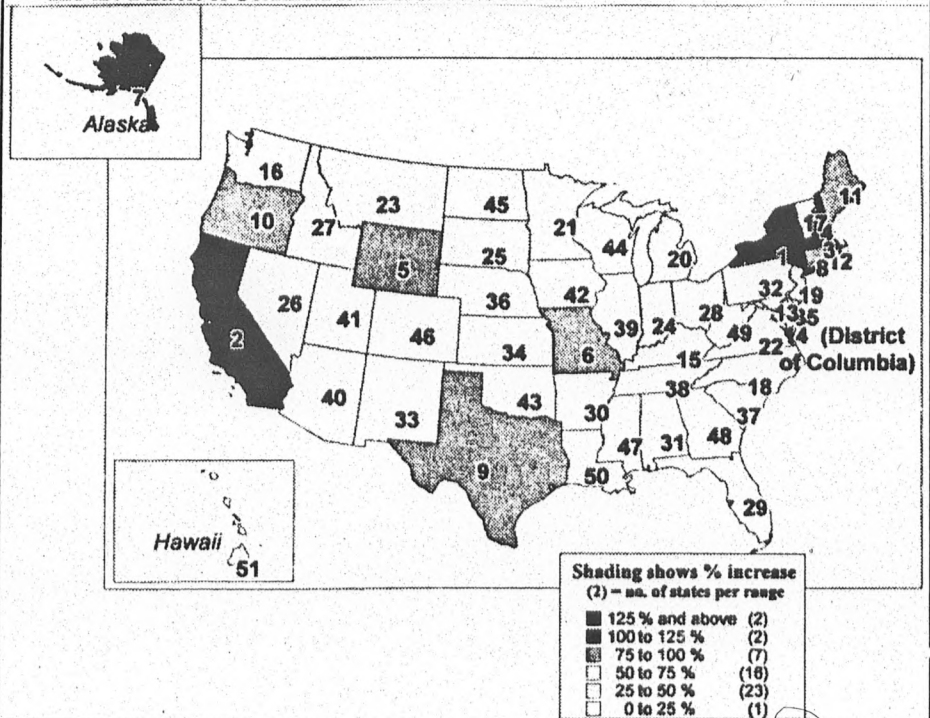


Average tuition and fees as percent of median household income in New York State (all figures in current dollars)

Sources: U.S. Dept. of Education (tuition and fees), U.S. Bureau of the Census (median household income).

These figures document the reality behind public anxiety that this generation will not be able to pass on a better standard of living for their children. Today, the connection between higher education and a higher standard of living is more clear than ever. It is a commonplace truism that only higher education guarantees access to opportunity in the emerging technologically intensive, globalized economy. Yet more and more New York State families have watched as the dream of higher education moves beyond their reach.

New York's Tuition Increased Faster Than All Other States and the District of Columbia from 1989-90 to 1995-96





# CSI New Student Orientation

by John LaMantia and Holly Lenahan

The purpose of the New student Orientation each semester is to welcome new students to the College of Staten Island. The Spring 1997 New Student Orientation took place on January 28, a day before the semester began. The new students that attended had the chance to see what College life is about. One of the purposes of New Student Orientation is to introduce new Students to Faculty. Some of the CSI faculty that took part in welcoming the new Students were the President of the college, Marlene Springer, Vice President for Student Affairs Dr Carol Jackson and Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences Dr Joan Hartman. Another Speaker was Gene Martinez, head of security. He spoke to the new students about safety and security.

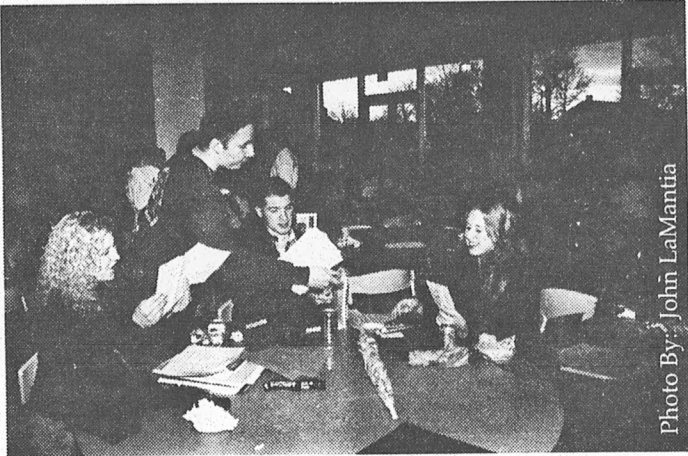


Photo By: John LaMantia

received E-mail accounts." Another Student Government member that was there was Publication Commissioner Juergen Schenetzler. He commented, "I think that it was good thing to have and it ran well."

In the Smaller groups new students had the chance attend workshops on Active vs. Passive Students, how to be a Successful Student and a Technology Seminar. Students had different reactions to the seminar. "A lot of people, a lot of

talk and most of the computers were down. It took so long to send out E-mail." Stated Rachel Bernnan, a new student who attended a seminar. Another student, Nick Cangro, had a different opinion. He commented, "everyone was friendly and I had a good time."

The New Student Orientation ended with a play presentation. The play focused pluralism and diversity. It dealt with issues such as racism, homophobia, and the different benefits of being a man or a woman. After the play there was an open discussion on the issues that had been addressed.

# "Biennial Juried Art Exhibition"

by Louis Bardel

Staten Island Institute of Arts & Sciences (SIAS)  
75 Stuyvesant Place, St. George, through March 9

People who believe there is nothing to do in St. George during the day are wrong. Besides the North Shore Esplanade adjacent to the ferry terminal and the pool tables at the various food and drink establishments, there is the museum at 75 Stuyvesant which might tickle your imagination.

Currently one can see a number of evocative paintings exhibited on the first floor. For example, there is the oil on linen work, "Hunters/Gatherers," by Hugh McMunn. The work is as much a statement about going to work as it is a piece of fine art. The canvas is composed of four similar figures following each other in a line, the only difference in them is their expressions.

A number of photographs taken from odd angles are also on exhibit. There is the shot by Don Burmeister, called "Brooklyn Tower of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge," taken of the view from under the structure that I thought only city workers and graffiti artists got a chance to see. Leland Bobbe's photograph, titled "Puddle man," is a self-portrait taken from the reflection of himself in a puddle. The various street lights surrounding his body completes the composition.

Also showing at the exhibit is the charcoal drawing called "The Sleep," by Wagner College faculty member Bill

Murphy. The drawing is of a man asleep with a paint palette still in his hand. The man is before a mirror in a cluttered room and he is laying on a chair next to a cello. Close by the sleeping man is a sculpture of another male located alongside two skulls placed one on top of the other. In the drawing there is a candle that has tipped over and has set a portrait of a woman on fire.

Besides photographs, drawings, and paintings there is a sculpture cast in acrylic called "Platonic Series I: Double Tetrahedron," by Norman Mercer. The piece is a fantastic design of, perhaps, a star in the sky that changes color depending on what angle your viewing it from. The work would make the Greek philosopher Plato proud, it also sells for a big \$34,500.

For those people who have children or still like to play around there is the interactive art corner. The exhibit allows one to draw oneself and then see the drawing through different colored gels. Included in the project are instruction booklets on various styles and techniques of art. One booklet I picked up was about Picasso and I learned that he was not so complex. For instance, exaggerated and distorted images convey emotion in Picasso's work while he simplified many of the things he saw into basic shapes, such as triangles and circles. Picasso showed objects from many viewpoints at a time, often combining a straight-on view with a profile.

Taken all together, the art exhibit at SIAS museum is a pleasant time.

1997 PDC Events							February	1997
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
1								
2	3 Movie "Eraser" Bijou Lounge Show Times: 11am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm & 7:30pm	4	5	6	7	8		
9	10 Illusion & Fusion Green Dolphin Lounge 11am to 5pm	11	12 College Closed	13 Pre-Valentines Day Singles Dance Green Dolphin Lounge 6pm to 10pm Free Admission & Refreshments	14 Valentines Day	15		
16	17 College Closed	18	19	20	21	22 Jazz Brunch Green Dolphin Lounge 11am to 1pm Music by: El-Caminos Free Admission & Food		
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## IMAGES

Hold on to those  
tightspots  
Unlock the door &  
wait for the sun  
to rise  
and eyes I long  
to watch  
change colors  
like any other  
for me  
open those eyes  
& trust in me  
'cause apathy  
leads no directions  
but crossroads.  
Flicker a tear  
like a remote control  
jump out of a plane  
My, my  
I bet you can't  
find your soul  
listen sister  
I never took  
him away from you  
Brother won't you  
hold my hand?  
I see no images now  
for I am blind & callused  
Sleep away lover  
because I don't  
want you to know  
that I am very unhappy  
Mother hear me  
Father stop praying  
I'm not staying no more  
the images are gone  
because  
I am completely  
& totally  
grown now. . .  
or at least I think so.

Maria Betancourt

## KISSABILITY

Slowly impress  
gently insert  
watch eyes  
hypnotize  
Your lips are  
my curse  
Two lips become four  
The bright light  
now dark  
What a feeling  
to notice  
the beat of two hearts  
Tongues like funny fishes  
or maybe tadpoles  
on the run  
This could be fun  
but believe me  
We've only just begun  
passionately  
as we embrace  
Your face looks like a fish  
I must be your bowl  
'cause I'm drowning deep  
into your kiss. . .

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OUR LAST  
GOOD-BYE

I held you in my arms  
I already miss you  
I kiss your lips  
I already miss you  
I touch your hands  
I already miss you  
You comfort my body  
I already miss you  
& then we made love  
with the stars above  
and I've just started cry-  
ing. . .

Maria Betancourt

## HONEY

The honey  
inside my hive  
gently poured  
inside my body  
down below  
where no one knows.  
This is where  
life begins  
my garden  
your secret garden, where  
no one knows  
but when I realize  
that someone takes  
that rich taste.  
I found out  
that someone knows my  
secret place.  
Honey  
The honey inside my hive  
is the reason you stay alive  
my secret garden  
where no one knows,  
just you.

Maria Betancourt

## SOULMATE

He's here  
She's there  
waiting for you  
starting to care  
just like you  
Maybe more of  
what you like  
one who loves you,  
really loves you  
wants to be  
with you  
Day & night  
one who understands  
you  
possibly too good  
for you  
(a little mix - ups here &  
there)  
and without a trace  
they were always there,  
completely unfolded  
right in front of your face.

Maria Betancourt

*The Poetry Of  
Maria Betancourt  
and  
Vielka E. Rollins*

## RAPE

Locked doors  
Cold rooms  
rip away  
dress  
he sinks in  
too soon.  
Penetrate  
she hesitates  
while small  
smacks  
& persistent  
tears flow  
through her eyes.  
Hear her screams  
while satisfying  
his dreams  
to get a girl  
in all fours  
and sodomize.  
Bruised up face,  
Busted lip,  
She cries to just  
get away.  
Realizing it was just  
a dream  
but to her it happened  
just the other day  
(a victim lies in total  
silence)  
With nothing else to say  
but ...  
**RAPE!**

Maria Betancourt

## LEGACY

*In memory of my dear father.*

If the mystery of life  
I dare encounter,  
If all the universe  
under my feet surrender,  
then. . . I will discover  
the impossible thought  
of my desire,  
that your spirit and mine  
could be again  
by death united.

If your memory  
could surround my soul  
and the perfumes of life  
I could finally acquire.  
then. . . a thousand sounds  
of music I will listen  
to suddenly realize the  
sorrow  
of your absence.

If I could touch the silence  
with my fingers,  
and find the pleasure lost  
of your existence  
then. . . I would fly along  
with the majestic eagle  
into the lost forever place  
where you have fallen

Vielka E. Rollins

## LEGADO

*en memoria de mi querido  
padre. .*

Si el misterio de la vida  
hubiera yo encontrado  
Si todo el universo  
a mis pies se hubiese inca-  
do  
entonces. . . descubriría  
el imposible pensamiento  
de mi anhelo,  
el que tu espíritu y el mío  
otra vez en la muerte  
se hallan encontrado.

Si tu memoria  
mi alma envolviera  
y de la vida los perfumes  
tan solo yo tuviera,  
Entonces. . . mil sonidos  
de música oiría  
para descubrir en un  
instante  
la amargura de tu ausen-  
cia.

Si pudiera tocar el silencio  
con mis dedos,  
y encontrar el perdido  
placer  
de tu existencia  
entonces. . . volaría  
junto al ave mejestuosa  
hacia el infinito abismo  
donde tu has caido.

Vielka E. Rollins

## NAKED

My body  
laid here before you  
in total innocence.  
I am what you seek.  
I am your dream that  
comes alive.  
I'm not black nor white.  
I am visual  
through your small &  
fragile eyes.

Maria Betancourt

## BABY

Held upon your arms  
craving to be fed.  
Body turns blue  
with small fragile eyes.  
You realize the poor  
baby's dead?  
Was you a good enough  
mother to her? Huh?  
That baby could of been  
a pretty sister  
or a handsome looking  
brother.  
But it's dead.  
Left unfed  
'cause you don't give a  
damn  
and if you did  
you probably never cared  
enough  
anyway.  
Poor little baby  
lying on a coffin.  
Now your spitting off  
your little  
tears.  
You love only yourself.  
Didn't love nobody else  
and you call yourself a  
good mother?

Maria Betancourt

## SUMMER NIGHTS

Feels like 90 degrees  
or so in my room. I  
turn on the fan.  
It's broken . . . again.  
Might as well  
lie on the floor.  
Maybe my cat  
won't play with my  
feet tonight  
. . . closed my door  
lie on the floor  
& look at the  
midnight blue sky.  
Feel so high  
'cause I still haven't slept  
yet.

Four in the morning  
I feel the summer breeze  
as it puts me at ease.  
I sleep and I sleep.  
I hear someone creeping  
at my door  
and all I feel upon this  
night  
which is now turning into  
morning  
is a furry little creature  
licking happily  
at my moist  
but cool face.

Maria Betancourt

YOU SLEEP, I  
DREAM

Everything serene  
coming out clean.  
Things I say  
if you know  
what I mean.  
You sit there shivering  
while I stand back lean.  
I hate it so much  
when you look at me  
mean.  
Fragments, expressions  
carried out to the extreme.  
Half moon reappears.  
Naked people feeling  
obscene.  
I used to be so sexual  
at the age of sixteen.  
But I'm old.  
I don't think much any-  
more.  
I just watch you there all  
alone.  
So go ahead boy.  
Go ahead  
Go ahead. . . sleep  
while you rest  
I'll stand by your side  
with eyes open wide  
and dream.

Maria Betancourt



# The Guzzi Chronicles: God's Gift

By Steven Guzzi

Many people on campus have many different beliefs about what's required to get into heaven. The beliefs vary, but by and large many students believe what I used to believe about salvation. If you live a good life, try the best you can, do good deeds or good works and don't do anything that terrible you'll make it.

Hell is a concept that many don't want to consider, so it is often disregarded and when it is brought up, some don't like to consider the painful possibility of it. As painful as the concept of hell is we must deal with it because the Bible often speaks about it. The Bible tells us that we have sinned and the penalty for our sin is hell. Hell is a real place that people go to if they aren't saved, thus people need to be saved from it. But how? Is it by good works, living a good life, keeping the ten commandments, not doing anything so terrible, being religious, praying, going to church, being baptized, observing religious traditions, or having your good deeds outweigh your bad deeds? Unfortunately, if salvation is based on any of these things you can never know for sure whether you are going to heaven. For example, when are you good enough? How do you know if you have kept all the commandments perfectly and how religious must you be in order to make it? You can't answer these questions, therefore you can't be sure of heaven.

Wonderfully, God created us and he cares for us so much that he has told us in no uncertain terms how we can be

saved and enter into his holy heaven. *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast"* (Ephesians 2:8-9). Salvation is a gift given by God. It is given by the grace of God, which means the unmerited favor of God. The gift was prompted by God's giving, loving and compassionate nature, so it isn't given based upon our human merit; we don't deserve salvation in any way. What we deserve for

## God paid for the gift and gives it to us freely

our sins according to Romans 6:23 is death. *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord"* (Romans 6:23). We can never earn salvation no matter how hard we try or how good we seemingly think that we are. *"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags"* (Isaiah 64:6). This gift like any gift is free. This means we can't earn it or work for it. If we could, it would be a wage not a gift. That is why it is *"not of works, lest any man should boast."* God paid for the gift and gives it to us freely. All we must do is receive the gift. We receive it by faith in Jesus. If we

reject it, it can't become ours. We reject by unbelief. God paid for this gift, not *"with corruptible things, as silver and gold...But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot"* (1 Peter 1:18-19). Because the *"the wages of sin is death;" "it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul"* and *"without the shedding of blood is no remission [of sins]"* (Lev. 17:11, Heb. 9:27). Thus, Christ came as *"the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world"* (John 1:29). He sacrificed his own life to pay for our sins on the cross, shedding his own royal blood, so that we could be saved. All the work of salvation was completed by Christ as he died on the cross and went to hell on behalf of the world. We simply need accept that fact. God saves people based on Christ, not on the people themselves. *"it is not of yourselves."*

When we believe that Jesus alone by his sacrificial death saves us and nothing else is required then we demonstrate true faith. If we add anything else as a requirement to make it to heaven we won't be saved because we aren't believing that Jesus Christ alone is sufficient for salvation. Therefore, nothing we do can help us to get into heaven. When we come to the point where we see our spiritually bankrupt condition we can realize we can't do anything to get into heaven; we need Christ alone, who is sufficient to save us; then we will call upon Jesus to come into our lives and save us and he will and we are saved and that is when God's gift becomes ours. *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved"* (Romans 10:9).

## EPISTLES OF VERITAS

By Charlo Almeda

Topic: The rebirth of CUNY to CUNY, Incorporated

1997 will mark the 150th anniversary of the City University of New York (CUNY). Since its humble beginnings in 1847 with the founding of the Free Academy, which later became The City College of New York (CCNY), it has become the largest urban university and the third-largest public university in the United States. Some 200,000 students are enrolled for degrees on 21 campuses throughout the five boroughs of New York City. Another 150,000 students take adult and continuing education courses; in all, a constituency of 350,000 people belongs to CUNY.

One motto that supposedly describes CUNY was "access and excellence". Over the last 130 years this motto faithfully defined the university's mission and commitment to her students. But unfortunately, over the last two decades, the motto no longer applies to this university. Once considered "a poor man's Harvard", with prestigious faculty and quality academic programs available to the average laity, it is now becoming an increasing corporation-like atmosphere where accessibility becomes limited and quality higher education becomes downsized.

Evidence is all around us of an academic environment transforming into a corporate and elite environment. At CSI for instance, there was at one time only one vice president and one dean of students. Now, there are three vice presidents: one for academic affairs, one for student affairs, and the last for finance and administration. The title "Dean of Students", an academic term, retires silently forever replaced by a corporate term, "Vice President of Student Affairs." Another example is the creation of the "Honors College" in CSI. This "college within a college" is reserved for students with excellent grades and gives them preferential treatment by advisors and the administration. This "project" unfortunately, will create a class system labeling groups of students the "haves" and the "have not's" in terms of academic/advisory access.

In addition, on a larger perspective, CUNY has been plagued with tuition increases and degree credit downsizing. According to the *Digest of Education Statistics 1991-1996*, New York's tuition was \$1,460.00 an academic year in 1989/1990. In 1995/1996, the tuition now stands at \$3,714.00. This is a 154.4% tuition increase. Another alarming fact is that the U.S. average on tuition is \$2,848.00. On credit downsizing, the number of credits to earn a bachelor's degree was 128 and to earn an associate's degree was 64. Recently, the CUNY Board of Trustees is attempting to reduce these credits to 120 and 60. Some students might think this is a good deal. But, take a closer look. The student is losing 3-4 classes (3-4 credits equals to one class) depending upon his/her degree. There are approximately 350,000 students in CUNY. In theory, with a combined 350,000 students taking part in an associate's and/or a bachelor's degree program, a total of 1.4 million credits are eliminated. This decrease threatens the integrity and credibility of the university's academic standards. Also, this new requirement could result in an opportunity for the university to further downsize its faculty or eliminate some academic programs.

In conclusion, the Board of Trustees must realize that education is a right and not a business. It is obvious that the trustees are not cognizant of this and have planted the seeds of their own destruction.

## Religious Racketeering

By Shawn Fisher

If you think attending college is expensive, just try getting married. A friend of mine Paul recently discovered the horror of getting married in a Catholic church. For over three years Paul and his bride to be Laura enjoyed a blossoming relationship. They wanted to be together forever and have a family, so they decided to get married. This is when Paul began to learn just how corrupt the Catholic institution is. When the couple chose to be married at Laura's church, Paul had to get permission from his church and prove that he paid for and received his baptism, communion, and confirmation. In order to get these receipts, of course, he had to pay the first of many fees. Next it was explained to Paul and Laura that despite living together for almost three years they would have to take special lessons called Precaina. The class would teach them how to have a successful relationship which they would be charged a fee for of course.

By this time Paul started to realize how much nickel and diming of its believers the church was doing. No matter how you tried to express your faith in God there was a fee involved. If you want to light a candle you had to pay, the collection plate was always passed around twice and if you didn't donate both times you were stared down. Despite the collection plate and donation box the church still demands more money in the form of daily prayer envelopes which must be mailed in with money. Paul was starting to feel as if he was paying a utility bill and "if you don't pay the church then you won't get into heaven." Now he was being asked for \$500 for the actual ceremony, this was when Paul realized that the Priest kept referring to all the costs as donations and not fees. So he asked if the \$500 was a fee or a donation the priest responded with "the church is not allowed to charge fees, it can only accept donations." Paul then said, "if it's a donation then we can give any sum we want for the ceremony". The priest quickly responded "no you have to pay the full amount." Paul then asked for a receipt so he may deduct the donation from his taxes. The priest responded curtly by saying, "I can't, it's not that type of donation." Paul then ask an interesting question, "what if we were poor and unable to pay all these fees/donations, does that mean the church would not let us get married?" The priest was dumfounded by the question and unable to give any answer. By this time Paul came to the conclusion that "the Catholic church is nothing more than a bunch of racketeers."

In all the forty five minute ceremony cost them about \$11.12 per minute, all this so they could continue doing what they had been all along, enjoying their relationship. But this wasn't the end of their extortion by the church for you see a time later Laura gave birth to a child. This obviously necessitates a baptism which Paul was prepared for, but not for the harassment he would receive over the godmother. Paul had chosen his sister for the job who apparently never had her confirmation. So the church refused to recognize her as the godparent. Paul would not back down from this and said he would just not go through with the baptism. So the church, who did not want to lose money, said that they could use a stand in for his sister. Then after his sister would have to have her confirmation and they would then have to pay an additional fee/donation to receive a new baptism certificate with his sisters name on it. At the end of this long saga Paul vowed never to return to church and said, "fuck being a lawyer, fuck being a doctor, become a priest that's where the money is."



# New NFL Coaches Are Here

by Fran Stuchbury

## ST. LOUIS RAMS

Dick Vermeil has been out of coaching for 15 years. He left from coaching the Philadelphia Eagles because he felt he was burned out. He now signed a five year contract with total control of the team. He has a lot of work ahead of him. Being a college football commentator was good for him because he can relate better to this young and talented Rams team. First he has to figure out if Tony Banks is the future quarterback for this team. If not he should bring back Chris Miller if he completely recovered from his concussions. All-Pro wide receiver Isaac Bruce was much better with Miller at the helm.

Vermeil's second order of business is to get through to running back Lawrence Phillips. Phillips is a talented back but he has had many off-the-field problems. I think Vermeil will get through to Phillips and he will have a good season.

## ATLANTA FALCONS

Dan Reeves will be running a conventional offense. My prediction is that they will sign San Francisco 49er Elvis Grbac as their quarterback. He is the best free agent quarterback available and he won't wait for Steve Young to retire. Also on the offensive front is surprise running back, Jamal Anderson. Anderson is a talented running back with break away speed. Plus, Terrance Mathis and Bert Emanuel are a good core of wide receivers.

The thing Dan Reeves has to concentrate on is the defense. Hiring St. Louis ex-coach Rich Brooks as defensive coordinator was a good move. If the Falcons are able to get a quarterback they should definitely draft defense. Defensive end Peter Boulware from Florida State would be a good pick for them.

## NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Mike Ditka is coaching because he will get people to come to the games. Ditka is a good motivator and probably has gotten more mellow since he's been out of the game for a while. However, don't look for an immediate impact. Give this team three years to make the playoffs. Add into the fact that there are superior teams already in their division, it will take them some time to regain respectability. Because of Ditka's arrival, I feel the Saints will primarily be a running team. For this reason I expect them to draft running back Troy Davis out of Iowa State. On the quarterback situation, I feel Ditka is satisfied with Jim Everett as their quarterback for now.

## NEW YORK GIANTS

The main reason Jim Fassel is here is to make Dave Brown a good quarterback. So far Dave Brown has been a huge disappointment. It's not all his fault because Dan Reeves never liked him. They have some young talented wide receivers with Amani Toomer and Thomas Lewis, but they have to stay healthy. The Giants have to improve their defense. The only good players they have are Phillip Sparks and Michael Strahan. Last year's fifth overall pick in the draft, Cedric Jones, has to get better.

## SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Steve Mariucci is the ex coach from the University of California. He once was the offensive coordinator for Green Bay. He will have to do a rebuilding job. He has to decide what to do at the quarterback position. Do you want the old injury prone Steve Young to run the offense for the next 2 seasons and lose Elvis Grbac to free agency? Or get rid of Young and stay with the younger Grbac. Another solution is to trade for Rick Mirer and

start him when Steve Young retires. Jerry Rice has another three good seasons left. I think they will try to get another running back. Terry Kirby is good at catching the football but not running it. The main stays with their defense are Bryant Young and Dana Stubblefield. The rest of the players are old and nearing retirement.

## SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Bobby Beathard must have a lot of faith with Kevin Gilbride because he gave him a five year contract. Gilbride was the offensive coordinator for the Jacksonville Jaguars. You may best remember him as the guy who took a punch from Buddy Ryan when he was the Houston Oilers' offensive coordinator. The Jaguars had a high power offense. This will be the first season they will be using a shotgun in their offense which will make Stan Humphries happy because he took so many hits last season. Since they don't have a decent running game, they will be throwing the ball a lot next season so expect wide receiver Tony Martin to have another great year. The only good player they have on their defense is Pro Bowl linebacker Junior Seau.

## DETROIT LIONS

The Lions are getting a good coach with Bobby Ross. He had a winning season every year with the San Diego Chargers. The Lions have a great offense. Scott Mitchell is a good quarterback and is traditionally a fast starter, but unfortunately a slow finisher. Barry Sanders is a great running back and Herman Moore is an equally great wide receiver. Their defense desperately needs help with the secondary. I would say to look for them to draft cornerback Shawn Springs out of Ohio State.

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# Dolphin Rewind

by Mike Anderson

## Mens Basketball

### December 9 at Rutgers-Newark

CSI traveled along the NJ Turnpike which would prove to be a tough contest. The game was a tough, hard-earned victory for the Dolphins. Early on it looked as though it might not be as tough as advertised. CSI erupted with 13 straight points to start of the game. CSI also held ten point leads at halftime and midway through the second half. That was until Rutgers-Newark made their comeback. It was time for Rutgers-Newark to take advantage of CSI's 24 turnovers.

Rutgers-Newark inched to within two points with about four minutes remaining. But forward Bill Felci helped elevate the Dolphins. Felci then scored two straight baskets after Rutgers-Newark closed to two. With CSI up by six Rutgers-Newark went on a 5-0 run to cut the deficit to 63-62 with 1:30 left in the game. That's when Bill Felci's defensive domination was showcased. With under a minute to play with the same score Rutgers-Newark came down court for a chance at the lead. Felci blocked two consecutive shots and after he got the rebound, he converted on one of two from the free throw line after a foul. Down by two, Rutgers-Newark drove for the tying basket, but forward Brian Gasper stepped ahead and took a charging foul. Robert Schnurer then converted two free throws for the games final points and give CSI a 66-62 victory.

#### Key Stats

Forward Brian Gasper led CSI with 14 points and 4 rebounds. Center Chris Kelly played an all-around great game with 12 points, 15 rebounds and 5 assists. Guard Robert Schnurer chipped in with 13 points and two steals.

### December 11 at Medgar Evers

This game was a CUNY match that pitted two foes that have played each other well recently. In the 1990's CSI is 8-6 against Medgar Evers. So when CSI came in with a 5-1 record and Medgar Evers 1-6 one could think a blowout would occur. That assumption would be right. However, it didn't look like it all the time. CSI held a comfortable 14 point halftime lead, but Medgar Evers was showing resilience. The second half was when CSI took over.

After coming back from the half, CSI went on an 11-0 run to help put an end to Medgar Evers. Medgar Evers made some nice comebacks in the first half by playing a wide-open style offense. In the second half, CSI played more of a half-court game and took advantage of their size. It didn't hurt matters either that CSI forced Medgar Evers into 27 turnovers while they only committed 13. All in all, CSI was able to force Medgar Evers to play their game and the net result was a 90-61 victory.

#### Key Stats

Bill Felci had a game-high 19 points. Chris Kelly and Robert Schnurer each added 12 points.

### December 14 vs FDU-Madison

With CSI's offense sputtering, other means had to be taken to get a victory. The other means was their great defense and hard-nosed basketball. In particular, it was their man-to-man defense. At first it didn't look like CSI came to play as they trailed a 1-4 FDU-Madison team at the half 25-24. The bench and three-point shooting helped CSI immensely.

While FDU-Madison shot 4-11 from three-point range, CSI shot a fiery 7-11. Forwards Jack Westrenen and Joe O'Leary provided the bench scoring. O'Leary ended up with 11 points and Westrenen ended up with six points. These two forwards provided spark to CSI when a victory wasn't going to be an easy one. In other aspects were CSI usually leads, FDU-Madison led. FDU-Madison had 12 more rebounds and two more assists. Also, FDU-Madison's 10 turnovers were six more than CSI committed. The final score in this one 66-51.

#### Key Stats

Guard John Cali led everyone with a game-high 21 points on 4-5 shooting from three-point range. Forwards Brian Gasper and Joe O'Leary both had 11 points.

### January 4 at John Jay

Last year the John Jay Bloodhounds were not one of the better teams in the CUNY Conference. That was last year. Going into this game the Bloodhounds were 7-2 and 2-0 in the CUNY. The Dolphins started off the first half well by shooting 50 percent on 15-30 shooting. But then again, John Jay shot even better in The Doghouse by hitting 58 percent on 11-19 shooting. The better shooting didn't guarantee a lead as the Dolphins led 43-38 at the break.

Cold shooting sunk the Dolphins in the second half. As the Bloodhounds shot 43 percent from the floor, CSI shot a horrific 29 percent. The cold shooting was enough to make John Jay outscore the Dolphins 33-26 in the second half and propel the Bloodhounds to a 71-69 victory.

#### Key Stats

Center Chris Kelly had a double-double with 18 points and 12 rebounds. Brian Gasper added 14 points and John Cali scored 12.

### January 8 vs Medgar Evers

The last time CSI played Medgar Evers, the Dolphins beat them by 29. This time with CSI on their home floor, one could wonder how much more CSI could win by. If fans came to see a close game, then this was the wrong game to see. CSI showed more domination against Medgar Evers this time around. Once again CSI led big at the half and used a second half

run to put the game to rest. CSI led 36-21 at the half and used a 16-4 run to put away the Cougars. Since there was a blowout there wasn't much to say. Until garbage time that it is.

In garbage time, freshman forward Unique Heyward provided some sparks. His main spark came after he took a Joe O'Leary pass on the left wing. Heyward took the pass and slammed it to the hole igniting the CSI bench. Heyward finished with nine points on 4-5 shooting. Once again John Cali carried out on the offensive end and converted on his three-point attempts. Cali ended up with 19 points and hit on 4-6 shots from three-point land. The embarrassment ended up in 84-49.

#### Key Stats

Center Chris Kelly had a double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds. Forward Jack Westrenen came off the bench to score 10 points.

### January 11 vs Mount Saint Mary

The Dolphins got ready for this game by utilizing their junior tandem of John Cali and Brian Gasper. Cali had a great game by scoring 24 points along with six assists and three steals. Not to be outdone, Gasper added 23 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. With these two juniors taking over, CSI didn't look behind as they won impressively 79-64.

At the half they held a 37-29 advantage.

It was a wonder why they weren't up by more as CSI shot a torrid 56 percent (15 of 27) in the first half. CSI started to pull away as the rebounded edge became more inflated. CSI out-rebounded Mount Saint Mary by an edge of 50-32.

#### Key Stats

Center Chris Kelly came one point shy of joining Gasper with a double-double as he accumulated nine points and 11 rebounds.

### January 13 at Montclair State

Either way you look at it, this was going to be a tough game. Maybe it was because it was a road game. Or maybe it was because Montclair State is from the traditional powerful NJAC Conference. Whichever you look at CSI couldn't overcome either one and lost 74-67. The only lead CSI held was a very early 4-3 lead. Also, in both halves CSI trailed by 13 points. However, the second half showed that even though they lost, they gave it a valiant effort.

The Dolphins inched close when Jack Westrenen converted a layup that cut the deficit to 68-65 with 2:10 left. But that was the best CSI would do. They tried after Chris Kelly launched a baseball pass to John Cali, but Cali couldn't convert. Then down by five Joe O'Leary hit on a

rebound layup to cut the deficit to 70-67. Unfortunately, those were CSI's last points and Montclair State added four more to make up the final tally.

#### Key Stats

Guard John Cali finished with a game-high 28 points (6 of 10 from three point range) and six assists. Once again Chris Kelly fell just short of a double-double by scoring 11 points and nine rebounds.

### January 16 at Hunter

Hunter College used to give CSI fits. Hunter once dominated the series by winning 10 straight, but that was the past. The present was an impressive 88-62 victory on Hunter's home floor. Also the present is CSI's third straight over Hunter and their fourth in the last six. CSI started off kind off slowly. They once trailed 17-16. Then they erupted. They then went on a 28-6 run to close out the half and give CSI a huge 44-23 halftime lead.

After halftime CSI kept the pressure on and had a very balanced attack. When it was all over, eleven players cracked the scoring column for CSI. The Dolphins even out-rebounded the Hawks by double digits, 42-32.

#### Key Stats

Sophomore forward Bill Felci had 17 points and 7 rebounds. Guard John Cali had 15 points and four assists and three steals. Forward reserve Jack Westrenen had eight points and ten rebounds.

### January 25 at Brooklyn

The Dolphins traveled over the Verrazano to take on the lowly Brooklyn College Bridges. Brooklyn came into this game 4-9 and 0-5 inside the CUNY. Usually, these are the type of games that first place teams should capitalize on. When the final buzzer sounded the scoreboard showed this is exactly what CSI did. The final score was an eye-opening 84-43. CSI came two points shy of doubling up the entire Brooklyn College output. Although the final score showed total domination, that wasn't the case at first.

The first half was one that CSI could have played better. The only shot 26 percent from the field while holding a 29-21 halftime lead. The second half is when CSI showed which team is in first and which team is in last. The Dolphins outscored Brooklyn 55-22 in the second half by playing great defense and forcing turnovers. Forward Brian Gasper was held to the task of guarding the CUNY's third leading scorer. The 21 ppg scorer only scored nine points. Also, on defense the Dolphins forced Brooklyn into 29 turnovers and outrebounded them 40-23. CSI also shot 5 of 7 from three-point territory.

#### Key Stats

Forward Jack Westrenen scored a game-high 15 points and had eight rebounds. Joe O'Leary and John Cali scored 13 points and 12 points, respectively.

### January 29 vs Hunter

This contest was a re-match from

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January 16 in which CSI beat Hunter 88-62. This time around on the home floor, CSI won by almost the same margin. Instead of winning by 26 they won by 22 with a score of 78-56. Similar to the Brooklyn College win it was once again the second half that gave CSI the victory. At the half CSI held an extremely thin lead at 33-32. Knowing full well that CSI can beat Hunter a loss may have been dreadful.

The loss was averted when CSI performed big in the second half. John Cali ended up scoring 20 points, but 16 of them came after the half. The game was put away when CSI was up 55-46. John Cali started it off with a three-point basket and the final result was a 10-1 run by CSI. Due to that run, the Dolphins cruised the rest of the way and with it came the fourth straight victory over Hunter College. On the season, CSI improved to 12-3 overall and 6-1 in CUNY play.

**Key Stats**

Junior guard John Cali scored 20 points including 3 three-pointers and handed out nine assists.

Brian Gasper added in 17 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

**Womens Basketball**

**December 7 vs Drew**

In their first game back after a horrible loss to NYU, CSI couldn't find a cure. The Lady Dolphins lost this one, 73-60. They shot pretty poorly in both halves. They shot 38 percent in the first half and they shot 34 percent in the second half. Another main reason why CSI lost this one was because they were out-rebounded 60-33.

**Key Stats**

Tara Gagliardo paced the Lady Dolphins with 10 points.

Shermaine Smith, Keri O'Brien and Mary Giblin each had nine points. Smith also had 10 rebounds.

**December 9 at York**

This game brought some significance into play. That is since head coach Gerry Mosley retired, Athletic Director Eugene Marshall Jr. took over on an interim basis and this was his first game as CSI coach. Also, more importantly the game against York was the Lady Dolphins first CUNY game of the year. Let's just say the Lady Dolphins came to impress. They forced York into 26 turnovers en route to an impressive 80-30 thrashing of the Lady Cardinals.

**Key Stats**

Freshmen Kristen Lisi, Tanisha Bell and Shermaine Smith scored a game-high 13 points, 10 points and 8 points, respectively.

**December 14 vs Hunter**

CSI played their second CUNY game of the year. Although the victory wasn't as impressive as the York game, CSI still conquered Hunter 67-45. The tough, trapping defense that CSI plays forced the Lady Hawks into 40 turnovers. More importantly than the amount of turnovers was the fact that 26 of them game after halftime. Led by freshman forward Tanisha Bell's 16 points, the Lady Dolphins improved to 5-3 overall and 2-0 in the CUNY.

**Key Stats**

Tanisha Bell scored 16 points with nine points from three-point land. Senior Lynn Saunders chipped in with 10 points.

**January 4 at Bethany (West Virginia)**

This was a long trip to Bethany. And it must have been an even longer trip back. The Lady Dolphins opened the New Year by losing to Bethany 72-52. Bethany was pretty consistent when it came to outscoring CSI by halves by outscoring the Lady Dolphins by 10 in each half. Also, Bethany shot 46 percent for the game while CSI shot 38 percent.

**Key Stats**

against Brooklyn it seemed apparent that the Lady Dolphins weren't in the mood for another nail-biter. Unfortunately, for Medgar Evers they were next in line. CSI pummeled, embarrassed and destroyed Medgar Evers by a score of 71-19. Once again the defense by CSI was too much as Medgar Evers committed 38 turnovers. Depending on whether you're a pessimist or optimist, this game was truly a bad day for Medgar Evers or a really great day for CSI. Only three players for Medgar Evers scored while they were out-rebounded 43-37 and out-assisted 20-5.

**Key Stats**

Darlene Lewis led a balanced attack with 12 points while freshman Tracy

mit. For this reason, CSI wins. But what would happen if CSI actually committed more turnovers than their opponent? Well, wonder no more. In this game CSI committed 30 turnovers while Manhattanville committed 22. The shooting percentage was pretty equal as both shot around 35 percent. However, the game was won on the free throw line. Manhattanville hit 30 of their 49 free throws while CSI hit on only 15-27. The 15 extra free throws gave Manhattanville the 72-63 victory.

**Key Stats**

Tanisha Bell paced the Lady Dolphins with 13 points and 8 rebounds.

Tara Gagliardo and Lynn Saunders each added 11 points.

**January 25 vs John Jay**

Defense, defense, defense is name to the Lady Dolphins game. Once again stellar defense helped spark CSI to a perfect CUNY record. John Jay committed 38 turnovers to make this game into a lopsided 70-27 victory. There was pretty much little doubt who would win this game when CSI was up 30-11 at the half. Although CSI did get slightly out-rebounded, 45-41, they were able to become victorious through huge defense which included 19 steals.

**Key Stats**

Lynn Saunders had a game-high 12 points.

Kristen Lisi also contributed with 10 points and four steals.

**January 27 vs Mount St. Vincent**

I guess when the Lady Dolphins don't play in the CUNY Conference they don't dominate. But they still win. This game could have been one that could have gotten away. If so, they wouldn't have had to look any further than their free throws. CSI shot a paltry 26 percent from the free throw line and shot 30 percent from the field. Luckily, Mount St. Vincent shot just as bad hitting on just 31 percent of the shots they attempted.

**Key Stats**

Freshman Tara Gagliardo had a game-high 16 points.

Fellow freshman Tracy Derevjanič scored 13 points.

**January 31 at Brooklyn**

The Lady Dolphins entered this game undefeated in CUNY play. Last time these two teams played, CSI edged the Bloodhounds by one when Brooklyn converted one of three free throws with time left. This time around, though, it was a different story. The Lady Dolphins didn't feel it necessary to wait till the final buzzer to win this game. CSI posted an impressive 59-40 road victory to stay unbeaten in the CUNY at 7-0. With rebounding fairly equal, the Lady Dolphins used their pressing defense to force Brooklyn into 26 turnovers.

**Key Stats**

Shermaine Smith scored a career-high and game-high 22 points and grabbed a game-high 15 rebounds.

Tracy Derevjanič scored 10 points and grabbed five boards to help propel the Lady Dolphins.



Senior Lynn Saunders had a 13 points and four rebounds.

Another senior, Darlene Lewis, scored 12 points and five rebounds.

**January 8 vs Brooklyn**

Going into the game the Lady Dolphins knew that this game could come down to the wire. But how close to the wire I don't think anybody could guess. This game ended in a way that most people have rarely seen. With the score tied at 38, Lynn Saunders scored on a driving layup to give the Lady Dolphins a 40-38 lead with little time remaining. Brooklyn then heaved up a three-pointer at the buzzer and missed. But she was fouled! Brooklyn then received three free throws with no time left. They missed the first and converted the second. With one free throw left and the game in the balance all Brooklyn had to do was hit the last free throw. But they missed and with it CSI escaped with a 40-39 victory.

**Key Stats**

Lynn Saunders had a team-high 13 points. Senior forward Darlene Lewis added 10 points.

Derevjanič scored 10 points.

Freshmen guards Tara Gagliardo and Kristen Lisi each had 8 points.

**January 17 at Baruch**

After the blowout of Megar Evers, the Lady Dolphins next embarked on the road to play Baruch. Baruch game in winless on the season so this game should have been a walk in the park. To no surprise, it was. For all intense and purpose the game was well over in the first half. In the first half, the Lady Dolphins shot 44 percent from the field while Baruch shot 26 percent. Even more impressive was that CSI made the same amount of shots that Baruch attempted with 23. At halftime CSI led 51-15. And from there, it was all she wrote.

**Key Stats**

Stephanie Bird played a great all-around game with 12 points, six assists and three steals.

Tracy Derevjanič led all scorers with 14 points.

**January 18 at Manhattanville**

Usually, CSI forces their opponents into more turnovers than they com-



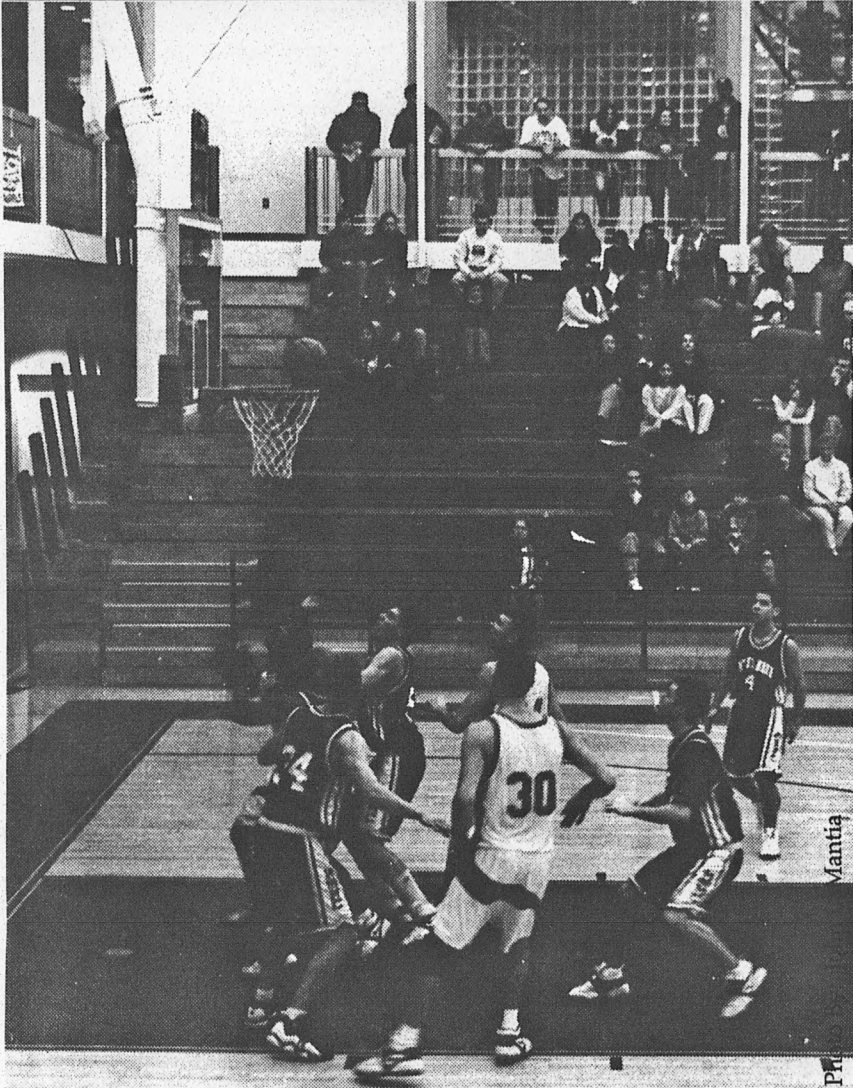
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