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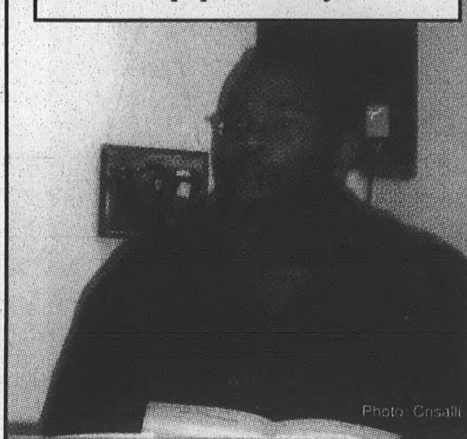


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# SPORTS

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## Women's Softball Looks Towards A Bright Season

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The Dolphins recently concluded a pre-season trip to Florida. Diana Consolmagno, a Graduate Assistant on the team said, "It was a great experience. We got to see a lot of ball that we are not going to be able to see in this area. A lot of those teams down there are able to be outside a lot sooner. They already played about 10 games before we got to play." The team played six games, and went 1-5.

Coach Stella Porto said, "In order to go to Florida, you play the teams that have players in the .667 percentage," said Coach Porto, "which gives you more NCAA points. You have to play teams that are a lot tougher than you, and you play a tougher schedule all year round. We did really well." However, she has had to make some adjustments since then. "I went with a 20 roster in September, now I am down to a 14 roster."

A number of injuries in Florida affected the team. Christina D'Arpa, an All American first runner up last season, "hurt her knee, and she is on medical leave from pitching," said Coach Porto. She will be playing third base. The coach intends to have a third pitcher ready in case any of the other pitchers get in trouble. "But I'm looking for Christina to be relieved right now, just to take pressure off her knee." Some injured players have been removed from the season lineup.



Back Row (L-R): Diana Consolmagno (Graduate Assistant), Jenn Rosa (Assistant Coach), Nicole Estrada, Dana Glennerster, Theresa Tepedino, Andrea Meise, Christina D'Arpa, Jen Doscher, Katie Rossetti, Andrea Lisi, Charles Mattera (Assistant Coach); Front Row (L-R): Nina Marie Lucchini, Melissa Quiles, Michele Mazza, Megan Donohue, Nicole Pignatelli Front: Stella Porto (Head Coach)

Others are still on medical leave and will return as soon as possible. Nicole Estrada is on the injured list. "I tore my ACL," she said, but hopes to recover soon.

Last Monday evening, the team practiced on their new field. Jason Fein, CSI's Associate Director of Athletics, said a lot of work went into getting both the football and softball fields ready for the season. They put in a new system, which "drains very well." Melissa Quiles agreed. "It is a thousand times better. The old field, running to the outfield, you got stuck in holes."

The team practices five days a week, and last week was the first time they were able to practice outside, on the new field. Pitching Coach Jenn Rosa was busy with the pitchers getting their speed up. Her goal is to get them to, "reach the maximum that they can reach." The players appear to be up to the challenge. They are excited with the new team, which has eight new freshmen. "Before we went away, (to Florida) we weren't too close," said Melissa Quiles. "Being with each other 24/7 was really good. Andrea Lisi concurred. "It was a great bonding experience," she

said.

The team is looking forward to the season opening game on Saturday, March 26. The double-header game that had not yet occurred as of the press deadline was against New Jersey City University and NYC college of Technology.

Three captains who are all seniors lead Dolphin's softball team. Jen Doscher all-star short stop transfer from NYIT, Division II; Melissa Quiles, second baseman and outfielder; and Theresa Tepedino, advanced all-star, outfielder and catcher from St Peter's Division I. The pitchers are Nicole Pignatelli, and Katie Rossetti. Dana Glennerster, a junior, is the first baseman and Megan Donohue, a newcomer, will play infield and outfield. Also returning as an outfielder is Andrea Meise.

Head Coach Stella Porto is in her third season with CSI's softball team. When she was a student at CSI, she played for the softball team, and they won the state championship in 1988. She has carried her winning ways over as a coach. Last season, she led the women's softball team to victory in the CUNY softball championship against Hunter College. This victory earned the Dolphins their first automatic berth into the NCAA Division III Tournament. She has high expectations for this season.

The Dolphin's schedule includes 40 playoffs, and they are looking forward to a great season. "We are in good shape, and we love the game," said Quiles.

## New Tennis Coach, Chris Kim, Prepares His Team

**Lucie Lauria**

CSI's men's tennis team started the new season on March 23 with a home match against Rutgers. The Dolphins have a new head coach, Chris Kim, who is a CSI alumni and former Dolphin player. Kim replaced Bruce Knittle, who resigned last year. Paul Riccardi remains in the assistant position.

Kim is a certified tennis instructor and has worked as such for 12 years. He has also been working as a full-time tennis professional at the Staten Island Tennis Club since the club started at CSI. Chris began with tennis early on as a child and got really passionate about it. Later, he continued as a successful high school and college player. He played on the CSI team for four years. His team won the CUNY Championship twice. Let's hope, he will have the same success as a coach.

Chris Kim has already been practicing with the team for two months at the bubble. CSI is the only college with an indoor tennis facility in the CUNY conference.

The opportunity to practice indoors in the comfortably heated bubble gives the Dolphins the upper hand over others in terms of a greater practice time. However, this could get a bit tricky because the "bubble spoiled" Dolphins won't be prepared for the harsh conditions at away matches.

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the team often outdoors as soon as the weather improves. This year, the team



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to the coach, "the team does not have any top players; the first four seeds are pretty much even. In this situation, the players are motivated to work hard to improve because of their close line-ups. Next week, we have challenge matches that will determine the final ranking. It should be interesting."

"All the guys on the team are keen tennis players and that is what counts," continued Kim. "It is not only about winning or losing; the boys will go out there and do their best. All I want from them is never to beat themselves. They are all in good shape, however, everyone has something to improve technically." Kim pointed out that he tries to give individual attention to every player to improve their technique and to eliminate bad habits.

CSI's hopes are high, despite rumors that Baruch is strong this season. All CSI tennis fans are welcome to come support the Dolphins.



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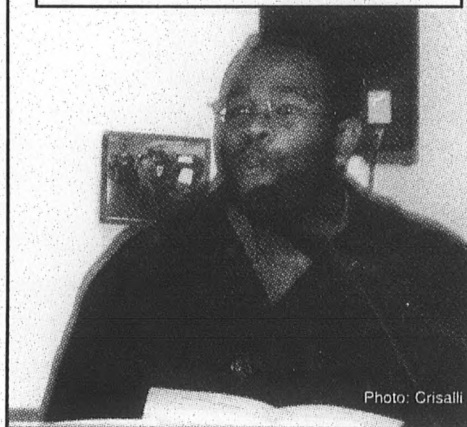
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### Ex-Skinhead, Frank Meeink, Speaks Out Against the War on Hatred

Jennifer Moss crop

Williamson Theater, March 31st—Frank Meeink, whose life is recreated in the film, *American History X*, spoke with students and faculty about his involvement with the skinhead movement of the early 90's and the coincidental series of events that eventually turned his life around. While he pointed out that only half of *American History X* is true, the blind hatred and senseless violence portrayed was all to real for Meeink, his Aryan brothers, and their victims.

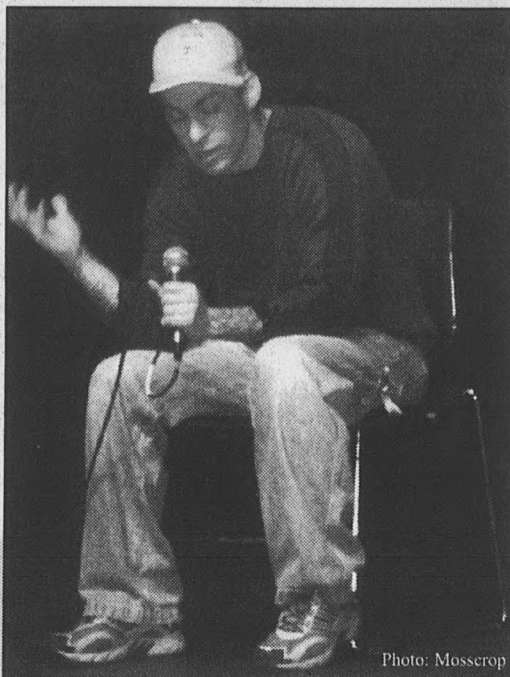
Seated off to the left of the stripped down stage, slightly slumped and gripping the microphone, Meeink slowly recalled how by 18 years old he had become head of the South Philly chapter of the Christian identity skinhead group, Strike Force. He also explained the techniques that he used to recruit people into neo-nazism. "Always get the ones with the car first," said Meeink. "Then get the kids who are [passengers] in the cars."

Meeink and his brothers would attend concerts and parties or "Aryan fests," where they would network with other skinhead groups from different states. They would go out, get drunk, and beat up Jews, African-Americans, homosexuals or anyone else they didn't like. They even videotaped their torture.

The skinhead movement grew when they would network with other skinhead groups across the country; also with the help of the media. Reporters were hungry to break a story that involved a controversial group like the skinheads. "The media helped the movement grow," he explained. Meeink described how local reporters would ask readers to check out the skinhead-run cable access shows in their articles—they even included the date and time of the program.

He told the audience how he slit both of his wrists after drinking a case of beer alone at his friend's house. The only reason he survived was because the moment he stepped outside, a neighbor happened to see Meeink all bloody. The neighbor called the police and Meeink was sent to a mental hospital.

He was sentenced to 3-5 years for violently beating a gay man. His time in jail was a blessing in disguise. "All my stereotypes were eventually broken," said Meeink. A black inmate asked Meeink to attend a bible reading group from 8-9 pm. He attended those meetings daily and became good friends with members of the group, who were mostly black. Though there were a lot of his



Frank Meeink speaks to CSI students about his violent past, his time spent in prison, and how it changed his life.

Aryan brothers in jail, Meeink felt more of a connection with his black friends. "We would talk about our girlfriends and analyze the letters they sent us," he recalled.

"When I was released I was cool with everybody," he said. He started to question his stereotypes and realized that the stereotypes were wrong. His first job out of prison was moving furniture for people at an antique roadshow. Meeink's boss happened to be Jewish. He didn't talk to him unless it was about the Flyers, their favorite hockey team. Meeink was convinced that his boss was going to "Jew him" out of money at the end of the weekend. It turned out that he paid Meeink an extra hundred. "I couldn't hold on to any conception I had about people," he remembered. "God annihilated my stereotypes." He believed that Jewish people were all brought up with money but he learned that his boss was an ex-addict who built his business up from the ground.

He now dedicates his time speaking out against hate crimes in schools across the country. "I'm a stay at home dad," said Meeink. "This seems to be his way of making up for the things he did," said NYPIRG Project Coordinator Dan Botting. "Now he can help other people."

So what became of his skinhead friends? Meeink told the audience that some who specialized in nazi tattoos are now specializing in tattoo removal; some traded in their shaved heads for dreads, while others are still skinheads and loath Meeink.

"It's an old cliché but I really believe what comes around goes around," said Meeink. "If you show love and respect to others, you'll get it back. Once I did that, I never wanted to kill myself again."

### The Big Picture: Library Gets Jumbo TV, Classroom Buildings Get Neglected

Matthew Safford

Stumbling into the campus library the other day, completely soaked, and mildly frozen by the unpredictable March weather, I wiped rain off my face and peered into the foyer. Besides the usual bored security and straggling students having inane conversations into their cell phones, I noticed something new. Hanging on the left wall, directly over the copy machine, was a large flat screen television, blathering out snippets of local news from NY1.

Wondering to myself why bored students and photocopy junkies need such widescreen entertainment, I flashed my ID to the languishing security guard, and headed off into belly of the beast to do some research.

An hour or so later, having extricated what I needed from the entanglements of the world wide web, I pushed open the library door and headed in the direction of 2S, through the steady rain which was now changing steadily to snow.

Swearing under my breath as I shook the snow off my shoulders in the vestibule of 2S a couple minutes later, I shouldered through the doors and stepped into the study lounge. Sitting down at a highly abused table which wobbled incessantly from side to side, I wiped the last vestiges of water from my eyes and looked around. Besides the rapidly decaying couches and vending machines filled with enough sugar to drop a herd of diabetic rhinos, the left wall seemed to have a festering open sore where I assume a clock used to be. Adding to the morbid ambience, several snake-like inches of electrical wire had found its way out of the hole, and seemed to search for something or someone to electrocute. On either side of the room, computers more than seven years old—I know this, because they don't have USB ports—stared blankly at me, daring someone to fondle their dirt-stained keyboards.

Searching for a more conducive work environment, I stomped up the stairs to the one-table study area directly to the right of the staircase. Before I even sat my bag down, I was sweating. Rushing over to the dented heater in hopes of somehow lowering the swelter-

ing temperature, I lifted up the brown piece of metal hiding the controls, only to see a dusty strip of duct tape with the words "needs new thermostat 6/3/03" written on it in a manic, faded scrawl. Annoyed, I escaped to the bathroom to

find myself staring at a broken urinal and exposed pipes which have been in this sorry state since the beginning of the semester. After shifting to an alternate porcelain receptacle, I was soon out of there, and back to the stifling second floor study area.

Sitting down at the table—which wobbled from side to side in ways oddly familiar—I couldn't help but think about the shiny new television hanging on the wall in 1L. This trend seemed to

start with flat monitors for the computers in the library. Soon after their arrival, a medium-sized television appeared on a wall in one of the administration buildings. Bigger and better seemed to be the way to go, and shortly the colorful electronic display appeared at the main campus entrance. And now the large television hangs oddly in a corner of the 1L entrance.

One could argue—as I'm sure administration would—that the flat screen monitors and televisions make our college look more technologically sophisticated. But it's doubtful that new televisions can uphold the image and reputation of CSI while the rest of the college falls down around us. I guess we should be reassured by the notion that if this trend continues, and the entire campus is reduced to a steaming pile of rubble in a couple years, students can get their education from a gigantic plasma television belting out news from a corporate-owned television station repeating the same stories every half hour. Admittedly, things could be worse. At least we get cable.

At the March 23 Town hall meeting, President Marlene Springer explained that these televisions are gifts from benefactors of the college, and so can't be converted to funds for maintenance. While we should be grateful for these gifts that beautify our college, perhaps the administration should work on communicating to these gift-givers that superficial decorations are not exactly what we need. And if they insist on giving us flat televisions, maybe we could start using them to cover the holes in our walls.



Exorbitant flatscreen television hangs pointlessly over several missing floor tiles in Library's lobby.



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voice their complaints and compliments to CSI President Marlene Springer.

"Our greatest accomplishment is that we have done what we said we would do," asserted Dunkley. However, he named the increase of Student Government visibility as the group's paramount achievement.

When Dunkley first joined the student leader group two years ago, he noticed that one of the main problems the group faced was that they always worked hard, but their presence wasn't properly felt or visible. With the development of an official logo, Dunkley believes students will become more aware of the role Student Government plays on campus. "We have declared a logo and a logo policy that will make sure the student government we leave for the future will have more visibility than ever," he stated, praising the Senators work. "This will reinforce student confidence that they have advocates for them and will

matic and engaging."

As a student leader, Dunkley's schedule is based on time management, an obstacle he finds the hardest to overcome. "I struggle much harder than most people I know with managing my time most effectively," he said. "There are so many meetings, deadlines, and bus schedules. It's dizzying."

Sometimes Dunkley's greatest obstacle emerges during the Student Government meetings. At the end of the February 17th meeting, Olasupo and Dunkley briefly argued. Olasupo stated "the meeting should reflect the minutes," regarding Dunkley's drive to fit two hour's worth of issues into a shortened, hour-long meeting.

Despite criticism, which according to Flanagan anyone in a leadership position is open to, Dunkley continues to fulfill his presidential duties until the last hour of his term. He notes that his "pres-

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help upcoming student governments remain connected to the student body.

On a personal level, Dunkley couldn't be more proud that students are able to come up to him to complain about issues such as lighting at the front entrance of the campus or problems with the loop bus.

The delayed election only made Dunkley want to create an environment that was more united and workable. He feels that he has kept his "promise of being everyone's president" and worked hard to make sure those who didn't support him were welcomed. However, some Senators have shown displeasure during recent meetings. During a meeting on March 3rd, Dunkley and Student Government Vice President Taiwo Olasupo left their seats to discuss other issues leaving many of the Senators upset. Senator Donoso has remarked on Dunkley's failure to execute a meeting's agenda, on SG meetings' shortened schedules, on Dunkley's rhetoric, and on the habit of spending too much time on insignificant matters.

"It takes a lot to be a leader," said Professor Flanagan. "You need to have the ability to build consensus, keep things straight, handle a lot of paperwork and be bureaucratic. Dunkley is charis-

idency isn't over yet," and "the best is yet to come" with the Student Government plans for tsunami relief efforts, more organization against the pending tuition hike, and hopes for a website and newsletter.

"There are any number of things that could be an excuse for not performing," Dunkley asserted. "We got in there and attacked student apathy."

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With only one year left at CSI, Dunkley doesn't count out running for another term, as long as Student Government will have him again, a body Dunkley feels managed to have remained cordial and friendly, a task which is very hard.

But Dunkley did have some words of advice for those future Student Government presidential candidates: "Find your own way, enjoy the experience, and most importantly, wait until I graduate."

## NY1 @ CSI

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attendance believed that a fourth police precinct would be formed, half responded that they found it unlikely. "People will believe what they want to believe," Kelly backfired. "I have every reason to believe that it will happen. You will see money for it in the 2006 capital budget."

Despite reassurances from Kelly, attendees repeatedly complained about the current state of the police department on Staten Island, citing the small number of Emergency Services Unit officers assigned to Staten Island. "Crime is down," Kelly reassured the audience. "The department is down 10%. We have to work with what we have."

"We have to put them where the targets are," Kelly added, in response to complaints about the lack of anti-terrorism "Atlas" units on Staten Island.

On the subject of politics, Carter noted that Staten Island overwhelmingly votes Republican, a fact that Borough President Molinaro attempted to downplay. "We pick who we think will be the best for Staten Island," he said. "It doesn't matter if they're democratic or republican. I would endorse Mayor Bloomberg even if he was a democrat," he added. "We should endorse whoever is best for Staten Island."

City Councilman James Oddo, who at times has been at odds with Bloomberg, tried to downplay his differences with the Mayor. "My endgame in seven years in office has always been the same," said Oddo, "and that's what's good for my district. The reason why I think I'm a good public official, but a crappy politician, is because when people ask me a question, I've always been forthright."

At every mention of the proposed NASCAR Track on the West Shore, the crowd booed and jeered. An audience member accused Molinaro and "his posse" of trying to make NASCAR a "done deal." "When someone comes to Staten Island and wants to spend \$500,000,000, I have a responsibility to analyze it," Molinaro shouted back. "I'm not for NASCAR and I'm not against it." Molinaro echoed that sentiment when two proposed Wal Mart stores were brought up.

The crowd steadily diminished as the meeting went on. By the end of the meeting, attendance had shrunk to one half the original size.

NY1 will hold their next town hall episode of "The Road to City Hall" at an undetermined date and location next month in Queens.

Despite a number of inane queries and the fact that many who wanted to speak were not given a chance, NY1's broadcast provided an important opportunity for Staten Islanders to make themselves heard by the people in power.



## Complaints, Rants, Fears and Praise

### CSI Student Apologizes

**A**t the 2005 CUNY Media Conference on March 8th, I publicly shamed and embarrassed the entire College of Staten Island with one stupid, idiotic comment. Not only was I representing the whole school, but the Banner, a campus publication that expects their personnel to be tactful and discreet, neither of which I was at that moment. I did everyone—students, faculty, administration, and especially the Banner staff—a great disservice that can never be fully repaired.

Many students attended the Conference, hoping to give their resumes to and be considered for jobs by some of the major media outlets that were there. Also, many students want to make a good impression on the faculty (and particularly the Dean, to whom I said the infamous statement) of the newly formed CUNY Graduate School of Journalism, which will only be initially accepting fifty students out of all CUNY schools. Needless to say, the chances for acceptance were slim already, without some jerk to make it look like all students from CSI were just as immature as he was. The Conference was a big opportunity for all of them, and they were completely undeserving of such a crass remark. Some of them believe that I was “trying to screw them over,” but please be convinced that I had no malicious intent towards anyone.

Why did I do it? What possessed me to say such a thing? I have heard those questions many times since. Honestly, I cannot offer a logical answer, except that I did not understand the seriousness of the occasion, or realize that my comment would be totally out of context. The deed was done in ignorance and haste, without prudent premeditation as to the consequences.

I have heard people on campus use the phrase tongue-in-cheek many times before, and I thought it was universally accepted as kosher in CUNY. Was I wrong? The point is, I didn't understand that what would be considered funny, cute, or light-hearted here, would not be considered the same there. I do now. What can I say to describe but a glimpse of my stupidity at that moment? How can my words portray but a thread of that absolutely asinine declaration? Simply put, there isn't a good excuse for my senseless action. All I can say is that I am truly very sorry, and I humbly ask for everyone's forgiveness.

People do stupid things. That is a fact of life. But those who repent and learn from their mistakes come out wiser people in the end. I have felt the sting of punishment and sorrow in the aftermath of those fateful words, and still feel it to this day.

—Matthew Beck

### \$10,000 For SG Furniture

**I** am grateful for this article because I've been wondering where our money goes. Perhaps no extra tuition went into the fund discussed in Seecharan's article, but at least, as students, we are getting an idea about where some of our Student Activity money is being spent.

I was disappointed to learn that \$10,000 is being spent to “re-model” the Student Government Suite. Naturally, I agree that upgrades are necessary, but I think first and foremost, the financial emphasis should be centered on helping students who are struggling financially to stay in school and complete their degree. With tuition hikes, the number of enrolled students will soon drop, and who will be around to sit in these expensive chairs and walk on new tile?

Seecharan also mentioned that scholarship funds are being made available in the names of two students who have passed away. I thought this was an inspiring idea, which shows respect and honor to those lost through tragedy in our local community. However, when I read the amount of the awards, \$100, I laughed. \$100 for scholarship, and \$10,000 for new floor and seats. What can I say? It is apparent where the financial emphasis is on this campus.

It makes me very sad, because I know as an independent student what a struggle it is to pay for higher education. At 18, I had to leave home and have worked for the last eight years to support myself. Finally at the age of 23, I entered college and have been struggling financially for the last three years to pay for school. It's because of financial aid and scholarships that I have gotten this far. Every year I wonder if I will have the money to go to school, pay my expenses, and have enough left over to eat.

—Vanessa DeBello

### Domestic Violence Revisited

**T**his letter is in reference to Professor Bardsley's comments about an article I wrote for the March 14th edition of the Banner, “Domestic Violence Clothesline: Where Women Air Their Dirty Laundry.”

In her letter, Professor Bardsley goes so far as to say that my article was, “lazy, sloppy, ignorant, and insensitive.”

Let's start with “lazy.” First and foremost, that article took quite a bit of time. Please do not challenge the effort I put into my work. For you to embarrass me, purposely, and in public, is a blow to everyone involved, from the professors who teach us, to the students who write, all the way down to the staff at the Banner.

Sloppy? That, it definitely wasn't.

Ignorant and insensitive? If you got past the headline, you should have been able to tell that there wasn't one word of my own opinion. I was covering an event, and that is all I did.

## A DISCLAIMER and letter from the editor, JEN MOSSCROP

**Y**ou may have noticed The Beacon on the opposite side of the page. This is our homage to April Fool's Day. Please remember to read these articles with a light heart. Please do not think too deeply about them. Please keep in mind that this is a college newspaper. As I mentioned in the March 14th letter, my long-time writers deserve to let their creative juices flow, since journalism is so stifling on the imagination.

For the ones who couldn't get the jokes, or fail to see the point of this issue's joke pullout section, here is our defense:

I know from the looks on my staff writer's face how draining school can be at this point in the semester. I bet it is for everyone else too, right? That is why I wanted to entertain you guys with The Beacon. From what I've experienced in the past, I assume that some readers will be offended, disgusted, or even outraged at the content in The Beacon.

The sex columns (yes, there are two of them this issue, and one is written by an alien) are both complete and total satires, my friends. The writer of the “No Sex” column is pointing out hypocrisy that she has experienced in the past regarding the many social definitions of the word “virgin” and her encounters with religion as a part of that. In other words, she's poking fun. It's a parody. It's a joke.

As for Enrique Inocente's comics—some people have asserted that they are insensitive to women. I don't see it that way. “It's just low-brow humor,” says Inocente. “Aimed at the lowest common denominator.” In other words, perfect for The Beacon. And, as the editor of The Banner, let me reiterate that The Beacon is NOT The Banner. At The Banner, we will continue to report on the issues that affect the CSI community. Perhaps, once a year, we will take some time out for irreverent humor. And now we can return to our regularly scheduled Letter from the Editor.

**E**x-skinhead and neo-nazi recruiter, Frank Meeink, spoke about the importance of showing respect for others March 31st. I hope his stories inspire you the way I was inspired by it. He explained that little things like holding the doors for people could make a difference in your life. The Banner staff member who embarrassed everyone at the CUNY Media Conference submitted an apology letter (you can read it on this page). He came to our office and apologized to me and the rest of the staff. I forgive him, and you should too.

Frank Meeink hated lots of different people based on the color of their skin and mere generalizations. He was angry at himself and at the world. It didn't lead him anywhere except for down in the dumps. It was when all of those instances that are mentioned in my article on page 2, that lead him away from the lifestyle he was a part of (whether it was coincidental or act of God who knows?).

I really do agree with Frank Meeink that what goes around comes around, treat people the way you want to be treated and all of that. I find that when I do something I'm not proud of, it always gets back to me somehow.

Why waste your time being angry? It won't resolve anything. Sometimes I want to rip my neighbor's tires apart for parking in my spot all of the time. Such lack of common courtesy should be punishable by automotive dismembering, especially when they have two great spots reserved already. After a long day of work, school, and Banner business I get so angry at the slightest inconveniences. It's moments like these when you have to breathe in deeply and think about being a good person. Imagine if everyone did that? Hmm..

The Banner will not publish until May 2nd, so have a great Spring Break. Mine will be filled with three awesome shows, post-graduation job searching, and lots and lots of sleeping in between. Yep that's it. Melissa Seecharan's going to Norway, and Luke Crisalli will visit, what my brother calls, “Club Bed.” Our comic's editor is going to Albany to participate in a mock debate for the 2005 Model New York State Senate Session Project. Albany, get ready to meet Enrique Inocente!

And what is your problem with the headline? At the event, victims of domestic violence aired their “dirty” laundry for the world to see. “Dirty,” in this context, meant something bad, that should be thrown away. I listened to the stories of these victims of domestic violence, whether it was coming straight from their mouth to my ears, or whether it was heard echoing a few feet away. I paid attention to what was going on. The fact that these women had the courage to display their stories in public is actually quite amazing, and I stand by my reporting.

For you to assert that the Banner staff must invest in “sensitivity training” is a slap in the face to the time-consuming

work they do there. Why criticize students and faculty who work at the paper?

You did not get much past the headline, or bother paying attention to the rest of the article. It was not my article but your letter that was sloppy for saying the piece did not tie into CSI's own Clothesline. The Clothesline I reported on took place in 1P! It can't get any more CSI than that.

Where did I get my sources? How did I get my statistics? How did I discover all the background information? Definitely not from being “lazy” and “sloppy”.

Who's being insensitive and ignorant here?

—Thomas Lanza

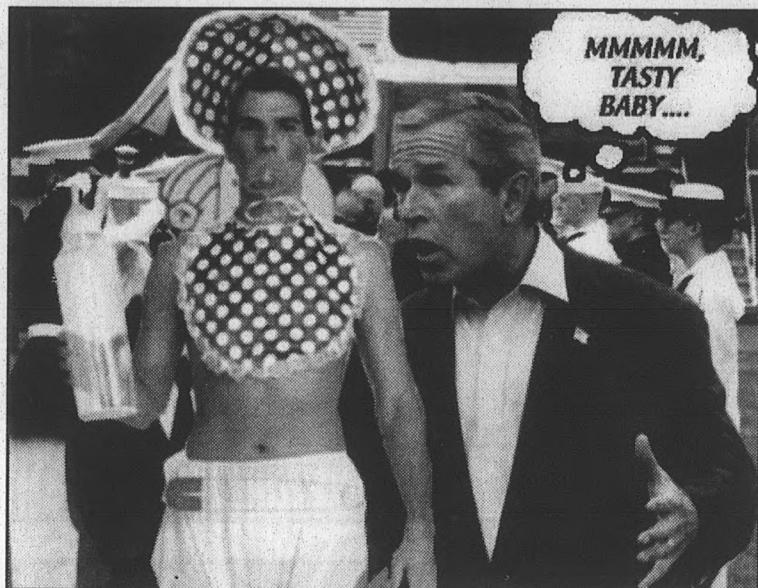


## College of Lowered Expectations

# THE BEACON

Smarch 32, 2005

## Beacon Reporter Disappears; CLE Prez Bunkley Suspected



The FBI has initiated an investigation of the Bush Administration, for allegedly consuming babies. The FDA has not commented on issues of nutrient content.

### Eva and Epstein

The investigation into the disappearance of Student Government reporter Missy Seurchin has officially become a cold case, according to federal investigators. Her initial findings led to the unraveling of a scandalous government conspiracy, which trickled all the way down to Student Government President and alleged baby eater, Blight Bunkley.

The circumstances of her disappearance began unfolding on Thursday, Smarch 3rd, after Seurchin left the student press office. Witnesses saw Bunkley with a lead pipe in hand following the plucky young reporter as she stepped onto the loop bus for what

turned out to be her last time at the college.

On Smarch 5th, Blight Bunkley was questioned by authorities on the whereabouts of Seurchin. Witnesses placed him at the scene of her last appearance.

In our investigation, we found that

many in Student Government were more than happy to stab Bunkley in the back...and the front. Senator Steponme DeLosehah, a former presidential SG candidate, lost to Bunkley and has had a vendetta to destroy his career ever since. According to reports, DeLosehah tried planting cocaine on Bunkley once, so her allegations against him are a little suspect.

"He's capable of a lot of things," she sneered. "I don't want to implicate anybody in Missy's disappearance, but if I had to it would be Bunkley. Again, I don't want to implicate, but yes he does eat babies."

However, Senator Lictoria Brownoser wholeheartedly supports Bunkley in everything he does and says.

"My little Bunkley bear is a soft and

cuddly human being," she cooed. "He loves all of God's creatures no matter how slanderous or liable they are. Seurchin is a horrible journalist, if you even want to call what she does journalism. She's been noted for misquoting and falsifying things that shouldn't be falsified in the first place. She's out to get my Bunkley pooh to further her twisted agenda. If she is dead I hope she's burning in hell."

On Smarch 17th, The Beacon office received a mysterious call from someone addressing herself as Pig Trough. Pig Trough, who is actually Student Government Senator Feya Homely, wished to remain anonymous. For answers, she said to follow the SG Food Budget. The Beacon was able to obtain an itemized food budget list under the request of the Freedom of Misinformation Act. Selected items of incriminating proportions included: baby bibs (20) - \$30, baby back ribs BBQ sauce (2 gallons) - \$25, How To Serve Baby cookbook - \$12.99 (plus tax), and a baby sized serving tray - \$1.09.

The Beacon was once again contacted by Pig Trough who blew the whistle on the culture of baby eating in the political world. "It has been secretly documented that every president up to now has eaten babies as part of a right of passage, or to celebrate special occasions. Thomas Jefferson ate one of his illegitimate babies," asserted Pig Trough. "When going to war, the president eats a baby from the country he's at war with. FDR ate a German and Japanese baby during WWII and George Dubya ate an Iraqi baby when he invaded Iraq. One

thing people don't know is that campaigning politicians kiss babies to actually determine how ripe the baby is for serving."

During a canned town hall meeting, Bunkley was confronted by the Beacon staff with hard-hitting questions. When asked if he had any involvement in the disappearance of their beloved Seurchin, he answered, "I can assure you I had nothing to do with bludgeoning her over the head repeatedly with a lead pipe, and burying her mangled remains under a decrepit shed in the deserted woods."

As for the baby eating rumors, Bunkley stated that "those allegations are as egregious as the articles done on me by the Beacon. There is no sick, underground culture of eating delicious, succulent, mouth-watering babies in politics. They are lies spun by you, the liberal media."

After a full-scale federal investigation was launched, the Bush administration was subpoenaed to testify in the Supreme Court; the testimony also included members from local and national branches of the government. "I didn't see no memo about baby eating or Seurchin," said Secretary of Apple Polishing, Connie Lingus Rice.

On Smarch 30th, Blight Bunkley was found dead in his home. Authorities discovered his limp body hanging from an extension cord that was tied to a ceiling fan. Oddly enough, his hands were tied behind his back. Seurchin's whereabouts will forever remain a mystery.

## Ghostbusters Investigate Paranormal Activity on Campus

### Wilhelm W.K. Karlson

The campus once used to be known as the "Willowbrook State School," where over 6000 mentally disabled patients were treated under horrible conditions for over forty years.

On Thursday March 31st, after one too many strange happenings, campus Vice President Carol Jackson finally decided to call in the professionals. A team of highly trained paranormal investigators and eliminators led by Doctor Egon Spengler did a full and thorough investigation of the entire 204 acre cam-

pus. Doctor Spengler's team consisted of his fellow associates, Dr. Raymond Stantz, Winston Zeddemore, Troy Benjamin, and Tom Sanford.

Spengler's team did a top-to-bottom investigation of every building on the campus. Buildings 3A and 3N are where Dr. Stantz says they had the most activity. "We encountered 5 class-3 full torsoed free floating specters in 3N and had a bit of difficulty in trapping them, but we were able to take care them after a few hours with minimal damage," Stantz said, as the Campus buildings and grounds crew began repairing a 12 foot wide gaping hole in the side of the build-

ing.

"3A was rather difficult," added Dr. Spengler. "I haven't seen paranormal activity that intensely centralized in one area since our 1989 incident."

"The building had paranormal readings off the charts," said Dr. Benjamin, who also runs the website Ghostbustershq.com. The Ghostbusters spent close to 4 hours in the building, which is now in need of a new roof.

"3A had what we call a focused class 5." The team used what they call "Proton packs" which are Unlicensed Nuclear Accelerator Backpacks that consist of raw nuclear energy and Protons

that, when accelerated through a particle thrower create an extremely powerful but destructive particle stream that consists of Protons and raw nuclear energy. This is capable of entangling a specter.

When asked why she didn't deal with the problem sooner, President Marlene Springer had the following to say: "Every time someone would talk about 3A being haunted, I figured it had something to do with the lack of lighting. I always made a point to go down there and check it out myself, but I have trouble finding a parking spot. By the time I did get one, it would be much too dark to approach the building."

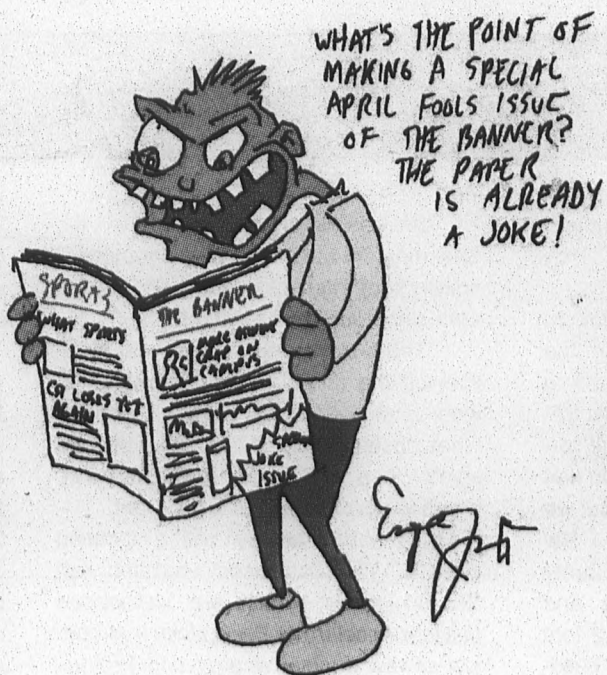
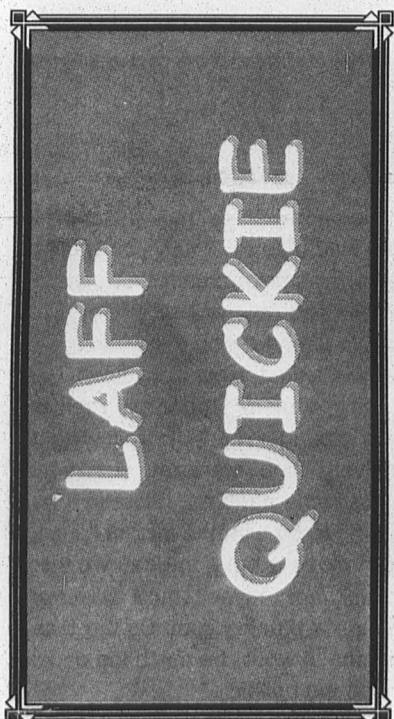


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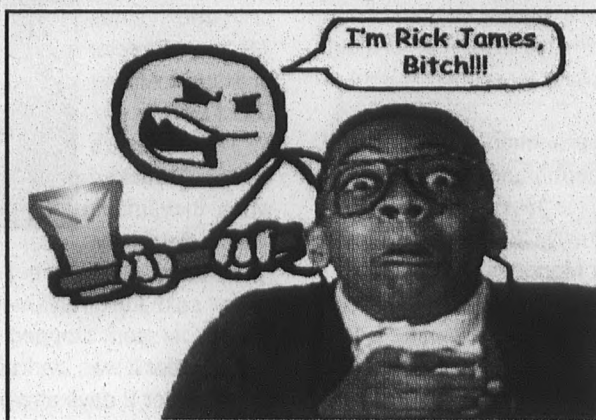
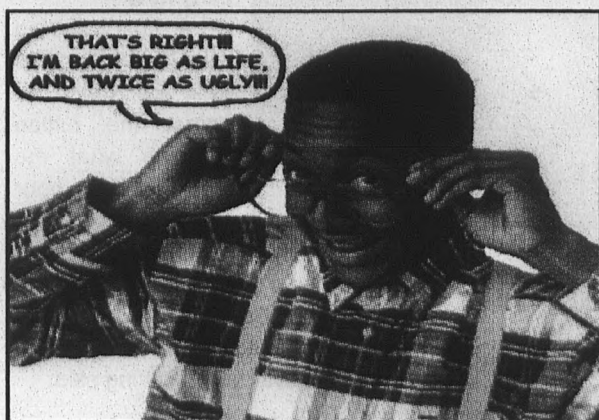
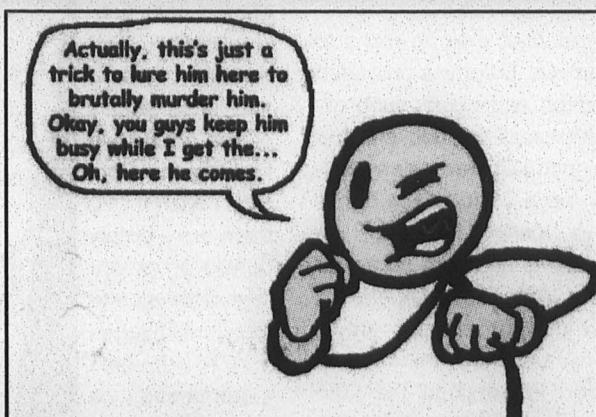
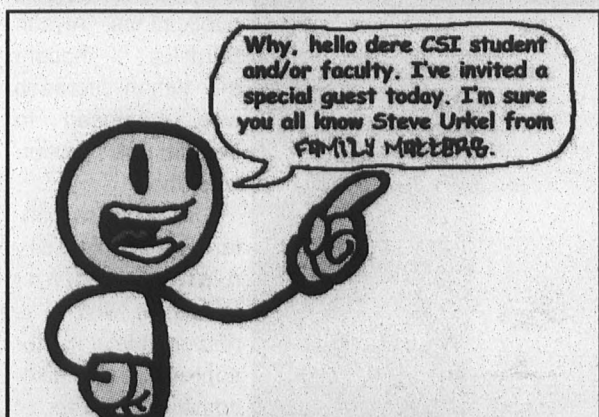
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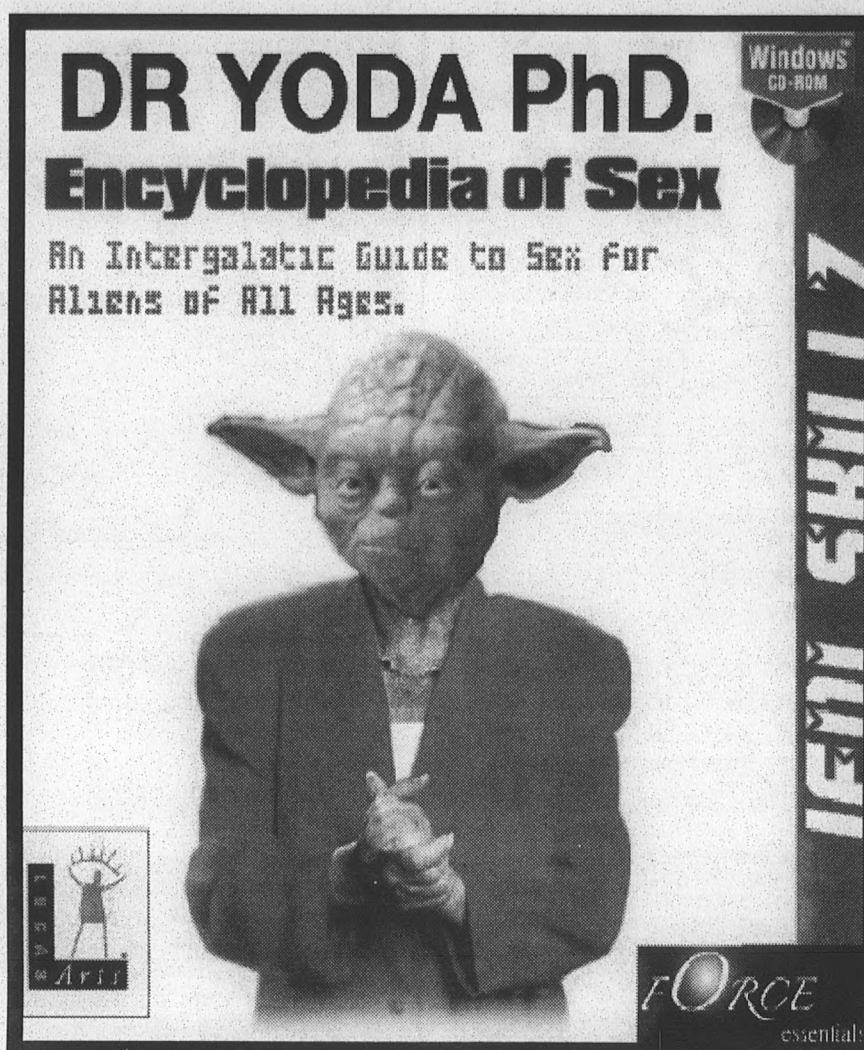
## The Force....

### Dr. Yoda, Ph.D.

An all-powerful Master Jedi, I am known throughout the galaxy as. A sex connoisseur, some may not know I am. Being around for as many centuries as I have, pick up a thing or two one will. Often my young Padawan learners ask about the intricacies of sex. The galaxy is a big place. I cannot answer all questions at once. Written a book, I have. All the answers, it contains. Yes it does. Hmmm.

Encyclopedia of Sex: An Intergalactic Guide to Sex For Aliens of All Ages, my book is called. Available at all fine booksellers, it is. Sex connoisseur you will be after reading it. Plenty of interplanetary poontang, you will get. Curious you are about what book contains? I will tell you, but use this knowledge for the dark side, you cannot. Proof of identity you must show before purchasing. Fret not. Explain the book I will, even if dabble in the dark side you must.

All the mating habits of every known species capable of having sex, my book explains. Example. Rodians, species from planet Rodia, are humanoid reptilian people. A couple run-ins I had with their women. Gentle against my skin, they were not. Satisfy me, they did. Tusken from Tatooine, I have also sampled. Tusken wear masks so seeing face is difficult. Little do people know, Tusken have on their face their genitals. Curious it was for



me to make love to one. Creplock is what they call their mating ritual. Roughly translated, face jamming, is what it means. Humans are my most favorite of sexual partners. Males, females, Master Yoda swings both ways. All those I have trained as Jedi know my sweet embrace. Passionate teacher, I am.

If organics are not your preference, alternate lifestyles I also contain in book. If robotic you are, names of quality droid manufacturers I give. Cybot Galatica and Industrial Automation, are but two. For enough credits, bend to your every perverse desire their sex druids will. Be forewarned. Bad run in I had with sex droid. Electrocute me in sensitive area, it did badly. Little Yoda not work properly since then. Caution with druids around water. Bring them not into hot tub like I did. Careless decision it was. Powerful, the Force is. Sadly, not powerful enough to talk sense into horny Master Jedi.

Buy my book. Learn to please mate of yours. Please buy my book. Only after selling one million copies do I make profit. Available on cassette, it also is. Gain insurmountable knowledge about sex and the universe. Knowledge leads to understanding, understanding leads to new things, new things lead to bukkake.

## CBS Buys CSI

### Wilhelm W.K. Karlson

In a move designed to save the college from further legal wrangling, Television giant CBS has bought the College Of Staten Island.

The move came as a bit of a surprise after CBS had been in talks to possibly sue the school for using the name "CSI", which CBS has retained for its "Crime Scene Investigation" series of shows. The first "CSI" show premiered in 2000 and was followed by spin-offs, "CSI: Miami" and "CSI: New York".

After touring the College Of Staten Island campus, which is also known as CSI, CBS president and CEO Les Moonves decided it would be better to purchase the campus from CUNY and utilize it for future CBS gains.

"With the campus, I see many growth opportunities for CBS," said Moonves. "For starters, anything with the name CSI on it, is automatically CBS property," he said. "Starting in a few short weeks, CBS will begin production of CSI:CSI which will center on a crime scene investigation team located on the campus. We will be using actual campus faculty, staff and students as extras, and of course, corpses," continued Moonves.

Actors Steve Buscemi and Kim Raver are currently in talks to star.

Moonves claims that the campuses dimly lit grounds are perfect for a show Like CSI.

When asked what else he plans to do with the Campus, Moonves unloaded a barrage of ideas and plans, such as: "We plan to replace all the books in the library with ten inch LCD television monitors with CBS feeds. Who needs books when you have Joan Of Arcadia?" he beamed. He also announced plans for "The Late Show With David Letterman" to occasionally use the campus for its show.

The Beacon approached the Late night king on his thoughts about the move. "I think it's a great idea and hopefully I can finally use my 'Top 10 things to do while looking for a parking spot on campus' list."

When approached for comment, campus president Marlene Springer had this to say: "This move is a wonderful thing for us. Finally CSI, which premieres next spring on Mondays at 9pm, will get the recognition from the entertainment industry it deserves," she said. "I can't tell you how excited I am to working with the likes of Bob Barker and Tyne Daly."

## CUNY Bigwigs Admit to Secret Party Fund

### Kaya Hempstalk

April 1—Students and faculty found

chancellors, presidents, and other head honchos from CUNY ripped, twisted and unconscious on the great lawn Monday morning. Surrounding them were empty bottles of expensive of wines and top shelf liqueurs.

"I haven't experienced a hangover this profound since '69," said Director of Student Affairs, Carol Brower.

Students were shocked when they made the discovery.

"So this is where the tuition increase goes," said Junior accounting major, Tim Mason. Mason stopped Tom Jones' record, after it was blaring over CSI's PA speakers for 2 days straight.

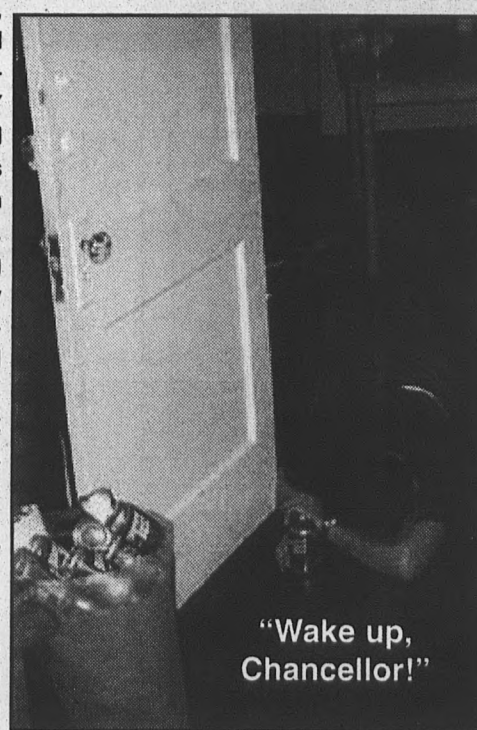
Apparently all of the professors at CSI were left out of the party loop. "I can't believe I wasn't invited," said long

time CSI professor, and head of student publications, Alyson Bardsley. "I thought the tuition increase was supposed to benefit the professors, too."

At a press conference Tuesday night, Governor Pataki, who is responsible for approving the hike, admitted to the secret "party fund."

"I just figured that CUNY students won't do much to protest the tuition hike, so what the hell? Those poor administrators

deserve to party." The mess is still being cleaned up by a volunteer group, organized by Dan Botting, CSI NYPIRG Project Coordinator. "This must have been one helluva party," Botting said.



"Wake up, Chancellor!"



## ACCOUNTING FEE

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accountant, if not it should be a free service to the students. The budgets we get are barely enough."

Every student club at CSI whose budget is managed by the CSI Association must pay 5% of the money allocated to them each year in an accounting fee. According to Marianne McLaughlin, Executive Director of the CSI Association, that 5% per budget line totals \$69,000 per year collected by the Association in accounting fees. "That \$69,000 goes to offset the overhead cost of running the Corporation, but that \$69,000 only offsets part of that \$287,000," McLaughlin said, referring to the total cost of running the Association. "The theory behind it was that as these groups started to draw money away from the Association, the Association needed a way to pull some of it back to help with the administrative cost of running the corporation."

McLaughlin defends the fee as necessary to pay for the vital services the Association provides. "That corporation does everything from an accounting standpoint," she said. "From bidding, purchasing, paying bills, bank reconciliations, financial reporting, audits, and tax preparations at the end of the year. It's primarily toward the staffing costs for running the association"

Until 2001, Student Government paid the accounting fee on behalf of the publications. The publications board was charged with paying the accounting fee

when it was created in 2001. However, for unknown reasons, Student Government continued to pay the accounting fee in the 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 fiscal years.

"I'm on Student Government," Fisher said. "I find any accidental expenditure to be scary." Carl Stiles, Assistant Director of Student Life, tried to explain how mistakes could occur. "When Publications were chartered between Student Government and the Association, it was recognized that there could be a conflict of interest there," he said. "I'm not sure how it was overlooked at that time."

McLaughlin blames the confusion for this fiscal year on an error in the budget submitted to the Association by Stiles. "Each group, as part of their annual budget is supposed to line out the 5% accounting fee as part of it," said McLaughlin. "When Carl brought your [publications] original budget, he didn't do that. So we brought it to his attention that he didn't do that."

Stiles explained the error as an oversight. "It was on the budget sheet," he said. "But the board did not vote on it line-by-line at that time, like it should have."

Students may not like the accounting fee, but all indications are that it is here to stay. "People are entitled to their own opinion," Stiles said. "It's the way it's done."

Every full-time CSI student pays a \$74 Student Activity Fee each semester, which funds clubs, WSIA, and all the campus publications.



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# IT'S NOT A WHITE COLLAR PROFESSION



In 1954, Bernadine Coles Gines, became the first African-American female CPA in the State of New York and the 34th African-American CPA in the U.S.

She received a BS degree in Business Administration from Virginia State College, ranking number one in her graduating class. Mrs. Gines received her MBA with a major in accounting from New York University in 1947. Mrs. Gines has been featured in the published book, "A White Collar Profession: African-American Certified Public Accountants Since 1921."

Join the CSI Accounting Club as they welcome Bernadine Coles Gines to CSI to discuss her experiences as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

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## TAX TIME AT CSI

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withheld, and the income is in excess of \$4,850, they are required to file." This can be favorable to the student who qualifies for earned income credit. In cases where the student is a dependent, Mr. Cicero said, "the parents are in a much higher bracket so it will be more beneficial for the parent to claim the student and let the student claim zero (0)."

Students cannot claim any education related expenses while they are in school said Mr. Cicero, "except it is for say a master's degree, and it is totally job related; then, they will be able to deduct the cost of their tuition. If they have completed their undergrad, and they are paying their student loan, then they can deduct that interest."

Many students are now choosing to file on-line using an automated free or nominal fee service. Mr. Cicero said, "They shouldn't have anything that should cause a problem for them. For students that only have only W2's that's fine." However students should be familiar with the correct forms to use. While some websites alert the student that their software does not support non-resident alien tax returns; others make the assumption that the filer is an American citizen, or a resident alien and processes the return as such.

Students with F, J, M, or Q visas fall under the nonresident alien status. One international student said she used a

regular 1040 form to file her taxes instead of using form 1040NR for Non-Resident Aliens. This is a significant error, as nonresident aliens cannot claim the standard deduction. This means a student who utilizes the wrong form could end up owing the IRS taxes, interests, as well as penalties. For state tax returns, majority of New Yorkers make use of form IT201, and others use form IT203.

Mr. Cicero said other pitfalls include taxpayers "not filing income, which could be done inadvertently, or intentionally." Many people also transpose numbers, so it is advisable to double check the numbers.

If a student's return gets into a complicated arena (e.g., if they have rental or investment income), they ought to turn to a tax professional, and "should shop around by quality," said Cicero. "You don't want someone that will be there today and gone tomorrow. They should do a background check. Every time you change professionals, he has to re-input prior years return. It becomes very costly."

Students should also avoid tax preparers who guarantee that they will receive a larger refund than what other tax preparers can obtain. A student is ultimately responsible for any falsified information that is imputed on his tax return so as to generate a bigger refund.

Joseph Caplan, a senior CSI accounting student has been working at Bruno, Cicero, and Loverdo, for over two years. He was recruited by Mr. Cicero who said that CSI "has probably the best

student body in accounting on the Island." Caplan, who has taken both Individual and Corporate taxation courses at the college, said some students believe in an old wife's tale. "They think they have a tax advantage because they are students. They think they should be exempt from paying taxes when they fill out a W4 withholding form on a new job." However, the IRS does not exempt full-time students from paying taxes. Caplan continued, "I try to tell them that there's a possibility where you might make over the standard deduction and personal exemptions, and then you'll be liable for paying taxes."

Students must file their tax return by midnight (postmarked, or e-filed), on April 15th regardless of whether or not they can make the payment immediately if taxes are owed. Those who cannot file their federal income tax return by the due date can file for an automatic 4-month

extension of time by filing Form 4868. For New York State extensions, they can file Form IT-370.

Students can seek help in filing their returns at the following locations.

Bruno, Cicero, and Loverdo. Call 718-273-3362 Price: Typically \$35 - \$50

The IRS VITA. For the nearest VITA site, call 1-800-829-1040. Price: Free

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\* Most of the Federal tax returns online are free

State tax returns online range from \$9.95-\$45

If going to a live tax preparer, the student should take along a photo identification, the Social Security Card, all wage and earnings forms; that is W-2s and 1099s, as well as a copy of 2003's Federal and State tax returns.

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| Standard Deduction       | YES               | \$4,850 | YES               |
| Tuition & Fees           | NO                | Varies  | YES               |
| Moving Expenses          | NO                | Varies  | NO                |
| Books, Room & Board etc. | NO                | Varies  | YES               |



# Life.... Love... & NO SEX

## TRUE LOVE WAITS FOR ME

Leeza Sellabasee

Being a virgin in college is hard. Like math. All around me, there are people who are actually proud of their promiscuous behavior. The fact that this paper even has a sex column is proof that I am of a rare breed. After reading The Banner's sex column, written by the absent-minded, immoral Ms. Mendez, I was delighted to be asked by The Beacon to write about my own experiences as a virgin, devoted to a Higher Calling. That means God, by the way.

True Love Waits is an organization that promotes the vow of chastity until marriage in the name of God. I decided to join True Love Waits back in high school, when I was listening to Jessica Simpson's debut CD, Sweet Kisses. As I sang along to the completely nonsexual, loving lyrics, "Pour yourself all over me/and I'll cherish every drop here on my knees," I realized that Jessica was talking to God! I felt this tingling deep inside, sort of like that itching and burning I feel when I don't drink enough cranberry juice and water. But in a good way. I decided right then and there that I wanted to save myself until marriage, and drink a glass of cranberry juice, just in case.

Luckily, I went to Catholic School at the time, and my religious studies teacher, Ms. Mary, just happened to have a stack of True Love Waits pamphlets and cards to sign. Ms. Mary reminded me that this was a contract with Jesus, and that if I were to break it, I would be in a lot of trouble with the Lord. I was scared, but I signed it anyway, confident that God can be just as loving as He is vengeful. I swear, as I pledged my chastity, there were tears in Ms. Mary's eyes, though it's sort of hard to see with the swelling and bruises. Ms. Mary's sort of silly and clumsy, always walking into walls, she tells the class. It's a good thing she has such a great husband, always shadowing her, picking her up from school and dropping her off, even guiding her to the kitchen when she gets another black eye so she could cook dinner. I hope my vow of chastity leads me to such a great guy!

Ms. Mary told me about a huge Ring Exchange Ceremony that happens in the church once a month. There were lots of people there, in the church basement, boys in their best jeans and sneakers, the girls in pretty white dresses. The priest, Father

Feelme, put a silver ring on my finger, engraved "True Love Waits for You!" and we all sang, "I Wanna Know What Love Is." It was wonderful, and funny enough, I kept locking eyes with one of the guys in my class, Jeremy. We started hanging out all the time, and one day, he kissed me. It was awesome!

Jeremy is my soulmate, I have decided. When we kiss, I feel all these crazy feelings down there, like when I used to rub my thighs together real tight after listening to Creed. Scott Stapp is so dreamy. It's really hard to control my urges, especially when Jeremy and I are alone and I have had a stressful week of homework and stuff. Jeremy really wanted to connect with me, on a physical level, but we knew that breaking my hymen would break my vow. I took a real deep breath and gently reminded him of the promise we made to God. But Jeremy, he's so smart, he reminded me that there are other ways to be physical without him entering my Holy canal. His fingers gently caressed my butt, and I got excited. Best of all, God wouldn't care if he touched me there!

I was sort of scared when Jeremy went into my kitchen and came out with a tub of Crisco, but I pulled my pants down and bent

over anyway. Relationships are about compromise and sacrifice, right? I had never seen his thing before; it was big and hard. I wouldn't touch it because I thought it would be bad, but he smeared the Crisco all over it.

It's not so bad, getting it up my butt, that is. At first, it hurt kind of bad. Jeremy, well, he meant to be gentle, but he got sort of excited. The trick is to breathe real deep and hold on to something tight. Jeremy wasn't going to release himself inside of me, but he couldn't wait. It was weird and sort of gooey, but I felt okay about the whole thing. I couldn't sit down for a while, and my mom was concerned that I had some sort of ailment. I just told her I had the poops. Some things are best kept between me and God.

I am really happy that I am still pure for when Jeremy and I get married. Oh, we're not engaged yet, but he says we will be someday. In the meantime, we just enjoy each other and caress the parts we're allowed to. There are some people I know who have "turned in their cards" and have had sex when they start going out with someone. I say that those people do not have self control. I urge my dear Beacon readers to wait for True Love!

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## E.T., Go Home. Please Go Home.

Dominic Fiduccia

It is without a doubt the greatest video game of all-time. Not only was it the highest grossing movie of 1982, but it was also the highest grossing movie until 1997, E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial. The game was released the same year as the movie for the Atari 2600, and cost Atari more than \$21 million just to license the rights, but it was well worth the cost. Now the game can feature a life-like design of the cute little alien that everyone loves on the game's title screen. Who said that old-time video games didn't have great graphics?

In the game, you have to help E.T. find the three pieces of his interplanetary telephone so that he can phone home to the landing pad in time to be rescued by his buddies. You have to do this before E.T.'s energy runs out, and you'll win the round and score points.

You move on to the next round when E.T. boards the spaceship. At the end of each round, all your bonus points are displayed. If you want to play another

round, E.T.'s telephone pieces and the candy (which gives him extra energy) will be redistributed for him to find again. You can play as many rounds as you like, since your bonus points will accumulate and give you a higher game score.

But you have to be careful because there are giant holes everywhere. No matter where you look or turn you just

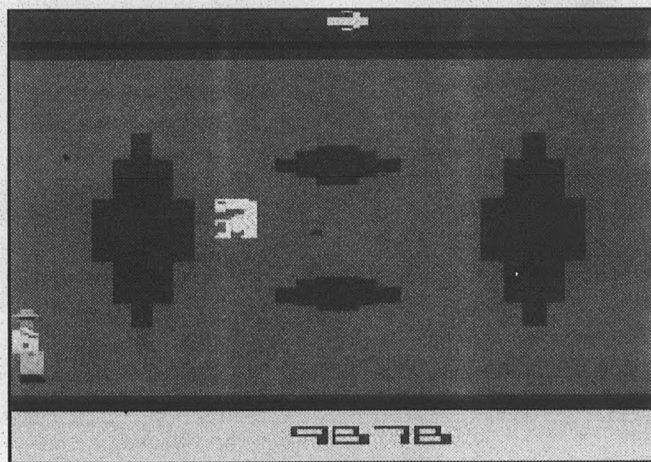
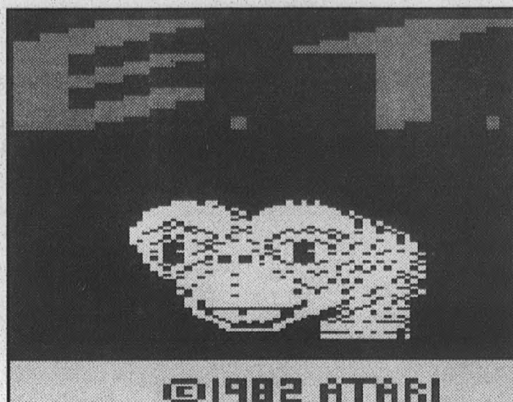
can't escape these giant holes, so you have to be careful to not fall into them. Also, to make the game even more exciting and challenging, there is this no good government agent after E.T., so make sure that you don't have E.T. run into him, or else the government agent will take E.T. away where they'll probably do evil government-type experiments and other unspeakable things to the little guy.

On each site, E.T. moves through various power zones. While in a power zone, E.T. can execute only one of his extraordinary powers. For example, if E.T. is ready to call his spaceship, he must be in a "call ship" zone. As E.T. stands in a power zone, the symbol for that zone appears at the top center of the screen. At the beginning of each new round, the power zones are redistributed on each site so that the game you can enjoy this game again and again.

E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial for the Atari 2600 is just the best. It can't hold a candle to other classics like Pac-Man or Tetris, because what other game can hold the reputation

of a game that was so good that it singlehandedly destroyed the video game console market? It took Nintendo and the release of the Nintendo Entertainment System in 1985 with Super Mario Bros. to save the day.

Ah, what a great game.



## Bad Ben Franklin Changes Name



All art for this article: Chris Sorrentino

Philip Siciliano

Bad Ben Franklin—you've heard the name, but not for much longer. The video sketch comedy crew, which is really a big group of CSI students and alumni doing what they love to do, will officially change their name to "A Dan Amongst Dans."

How did they come up with that name? "All I'll say is that most of the guys in the group are or were CSI Cinema Studies majors," said BBF member John Szeluga. "At one time it seemed there were an unusually high number of cinema students named 'Dan,' so many that that the name 'Dan' became a term we used to refer to a typical cinema student."

If you haven't read The Banner in a while you may be asking, "So who are these guys?" It all started with John Szeluga and Chris Sorrentino. In high school the two were creating short films for CTV, a community television channel based on Staten Island. Szeluga and Sorrentino both had a passion for sketch comedy so they put their heads together and started creating movies. When the two came to

CSI, they met Brian McGuckin, Frank LaMonaca, Eric Beyer, Dan Johnson, and the rest of the gang that formed Bad Ben Franklin.

"I love making people laugh," said Szeluga. "There is nothing better than a room full of people laughing at something you helped put together. It's what I love to do."

They are known Island-wide for their short film, "Girl Arm." (You can actually snag a Girl-Arm T-Shirt on their site [www.badbenfranklin.com](http://www.badbenfranklin.com)).

They made the video more than three years ago but people still quote lines from it and recognize BBF for it. A lot of the dialogue was improvised and there's some great chemistry between the

actors in the movie. "I like the style of it," said Szeluga.

You will be able to see "Girl Arm" and other titles by Bad Ben Franklin, or A Dan Amongst Dans on their upcoming DVD due out this Spring. Also in the works is a new comedy which will feature lots of animation and special effects, as well as original music.



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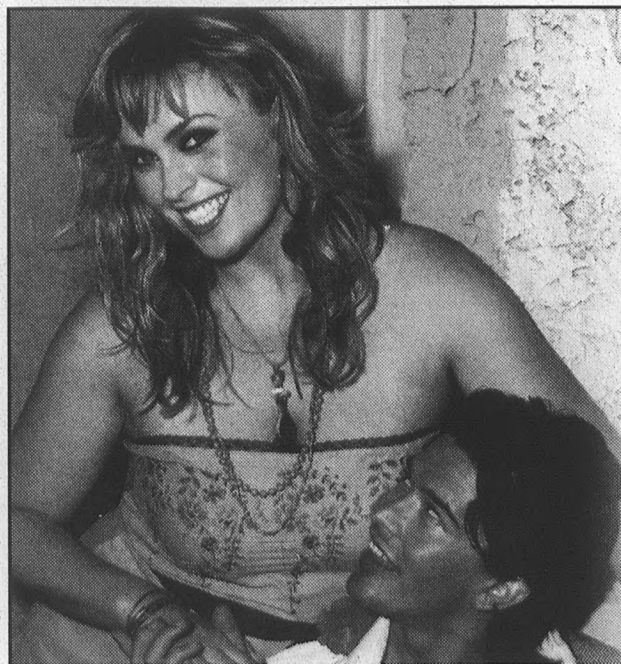
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# SPORTS

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## How Jacclyn Rock Became CSI's Secret Weapon

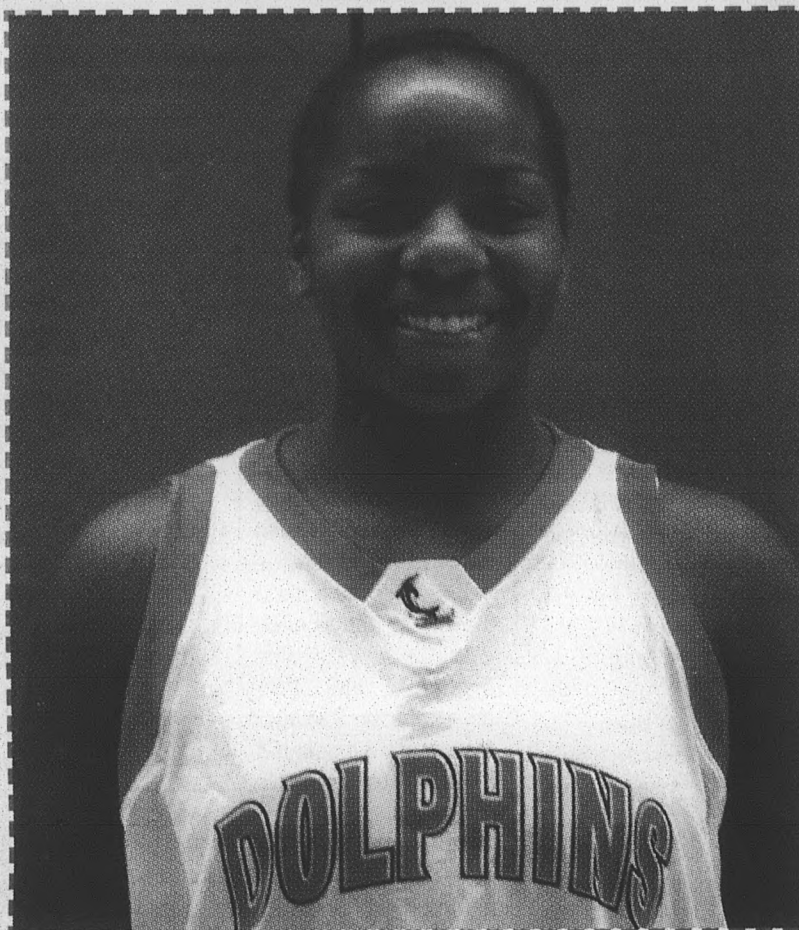
Orumé Agbeyegbe

"You can't play with me until you learn how to shoot." Those were the words Jacclyn Rock often heard from her older brother, Raheem, as a young kid. "When he played basketball with his friends, I would try to shoot; then when I got a basket in, he was happy for me. Nevertheless, he said, 'you can't play until you learn how to dribble.' Over the years, Rock learned the game and became a forward on the Dolphins women's basketball team in 2001 and their star athlete.

Rock gained more recognition on Staten Island this past season. Strangers on the street tell her, "I saw you on Channel one, I saw you play ball." She appreciates little kids going up to her to ask for autograph which she started practicing how to sign as a kid with her older brother.

Coach Gualtieri called Rock a great leader, and said there are some "accomplishments that aren't really measured with awards. The reason that we have been so successful in the last few years, a lot of it is due to her, and her commitment, and competitiveness."

Rock is unique and will be difficult to replace said the coach. "Every year when we lose players, it's sad for me. I get attached to the players, and I want to see them be successful. I'll miss her as a leader, and I'll miss her as a person.



CSI basketball all-star, Jacclyn Rock gets off the court to talk with The Banner.

We're just going to try to develop a different team next year."

The coach also commended the recognition Rock has brought to the College. "We were in the Advance (S.I)

everyday, and Rock's been one of the main people, and the main reason that we've been in there. I think a lot of the faculty here and staff know her now and appreciate what she's done.

Having Rock on the team encouraged other students to join. New players were excited to play with her. Some "were not thinking about playing, (initially), but saw how good she was and wanted to be on a successful team" said coach Gualtieri.

Now a graduating senior majoring in Sociology, she played her final game on March 6th in the NCAA Division III Tournament against Connecticut's Wesleyan University.

Rock's career kicked off in 6th grade when her brother Raheem signed her up for a league. Her parents asked her if she wanted to join the league and her reply was pretty simple: "Whatever my brother wanted, I wanted to do."

Later, Raheem said, "Now you can play with me." However, he was a brother that would never let her win. She had to earn her victories. Rock said, "Whenever I went out for a shot, he blocked it. I dribbled; he stole the ball. He taught me how to box out, how to shoot. He wouldn't take it easy on me." People could see the competitiveness in their sibling rivalry whenever they played together. "Every time I see my brother play, and I see him hustle, I try to emulate him, so he tries to make me better," she said.

Whenever Rock loses a game, she calls her brother. "I put blame on myself. I think if there is something better I could have done, or done something differently." She tells him, "I didn't go after this ball ... if I would have made this shot..." He told her, "You can't do that, baby girl. You can't put all the blame on yourself. You

guys just lost, but I'm proud of you." When she gets excited that the team won, she does not say how many points she got.

"I always tell him (about) the rebound. When I told him I finally broke the record and I got 30, he was screaming, 'My sister broke the record! She got 30 rebounds!'" This was the City Tech game on January 12th of this year when she scored 25 points and 30 rebounds in a single game. Dolphins women's basketball team coach Marguerite Gualtieri said this individual accomplishment of Rock broke the rebound record for the college.

Rock's career highpoint was breaking the 1,000th rebound mark in her junior year. She remembered asking her high school coach, "do you think anybody ever broke 1,000 rebounds?" The coach said, "People have, but it's hard work." "I told her I was going to do it," said Rock, and she has.

Coach Marguerite Gualtieri, who coached Rock for 4 years saw her skills develop tremendously. "Her attitude wasn't as great as it is now, but she's worked extremely hard to get where she is. Her heart is as big as her size compared to 6'2 players, 6'4 players. She out rebounds them from sheer competitiveness and working hard."

Rock's talents include drawing. She draws images and people and her drawing relieves stress for her. "It is raw," said Rock, as she has never taken a class.

Jacclyn's last name Rock comes from her dad's grandpa who was a white Frenchman. She called herself a military brat. Her father stayed in for 2 years and mother, a staff sergeant, retired in '93 after 20 years in the service. Born in Georgia, lived in Germany for 10 years, moved out to California for 5 years and has been in NY since the age of 15. Jacclyn did not mind moving around, because she had her brother and her sister Syreeta, and they became her world.

Rock comes from a broken home. When her mother sent her down to New York, she said, "Why is she doing this? I didn't do anything wrong." She felt abandoned and didn't want to make any friends in high school. However, her mother wanted one of the 3 children to get an education and the ball was now in Rock's court. She presently lives with a coach from her high school, Ms. Lanagian. If it wasn't for Keri, her best friend, and Ms. Lanagian, "I would not be graduating from college right now. Rock finally understands the sacrifice her mother made in sending her to New York.

## Men's Baseball Off To Slow Start

Dominic Fiduccia

This year's men's baseball team had to deal with some tough losses this season.

Though they won their first season victory against Vassar College April 6th (4-1), the Dolphins finished at the end of March, 0-10. They lost, 10-7 to Mount Saint Mary College at the CSI Baseball Complex, March 31st. The day before they lost to Centenary College 9-2 in a makeup game that was supposed to be played on March 12. The final score was 9-2.

On March 6, they lost to the Apprentice School, 21-11. The worst loss of the year was in their first game of the season against Salisbury University on February 27 by the score of 24-1. It didn't get any better as they lost that same day to them in a second game with the final score, 20-0. It is hard to believe that this could happen to the men's baseball like this after the great success of last year, but it has.

A year ago, the men's baseball team ended up winning the CUNY Title. That

year they also had a slow start, but not as bad a start like they are experiencing now. Last year they were only 0-4 in the start of the season. Also, they had lost more games than they had won with the record of 14-15. What was impressive was that their CUNY record was an amazing 8-2. The men's team had to win the title in a double header, playing both the semi-finals and finals in one day due to the previous weeks rainy weather.

What made the CUNY Championship win even more special was the fact that in the title game they overcame a 4-0 defect in the first inning from their opponents the John Jay Bloodhounds. The Dolphins came back to win the game and title 10-8 and won here at CSI since that is where the CUNY Baseball Tournament was held.

The Dolphins have yet to play a CUNY division rival and there is still a lot of games to be played. Still, though the Dolphins have a lot to overcome with their current record to have a chance to not only contend but to defend their CUNY title.