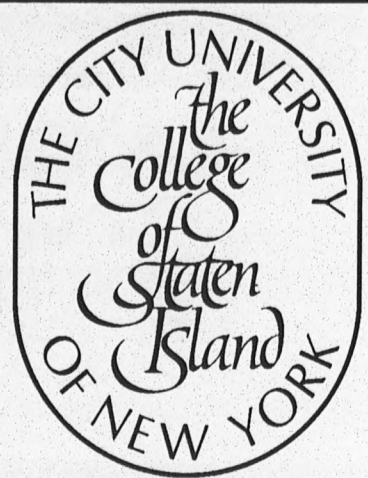


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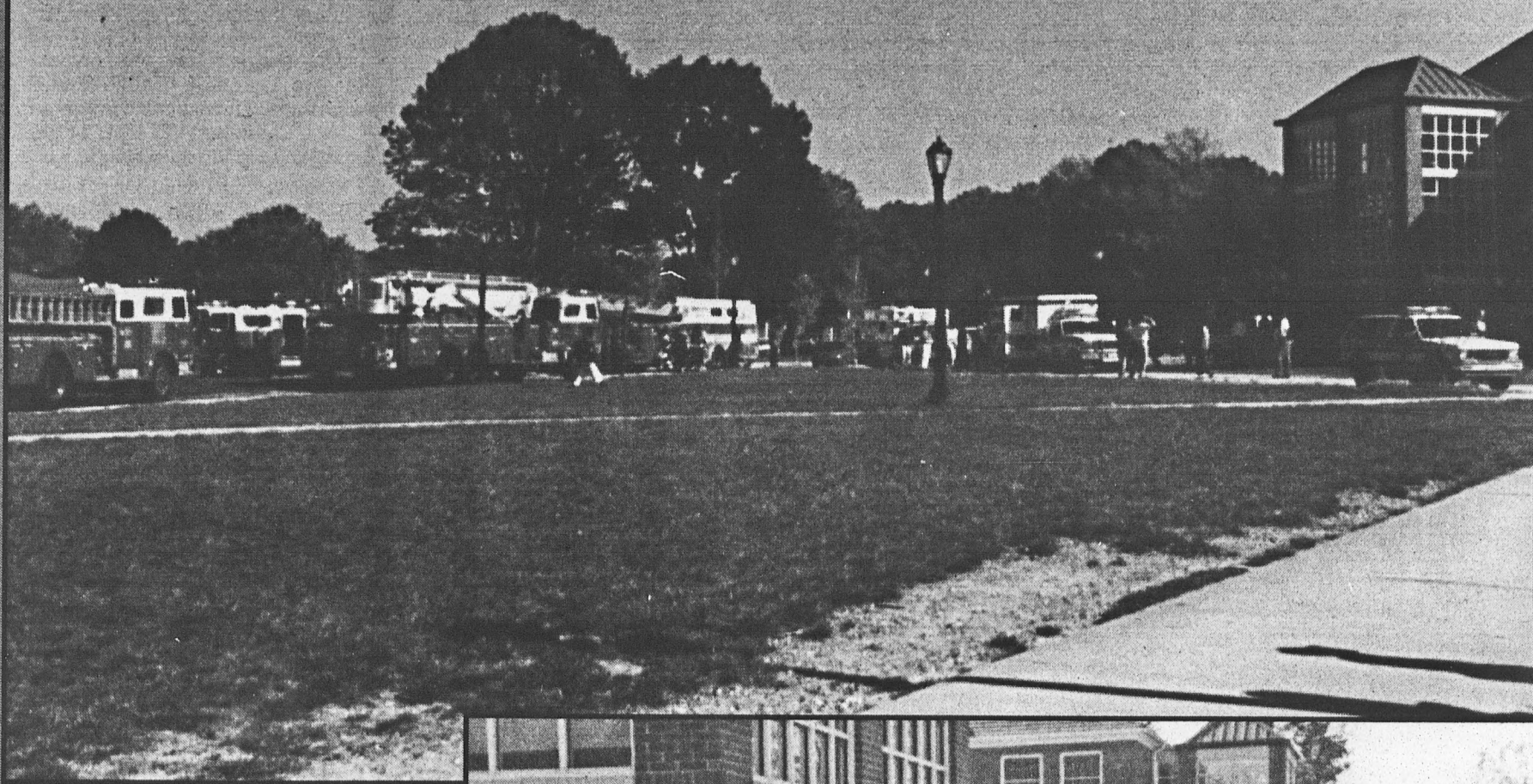
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FIRE in 1N



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Tragedy strikes campus when experiment turns disastrous

TRAGIC ACCIDENT AT 1 NORTH

Two Injured in Chemical Fire

By Jennifer Valle, Christopher Zeyer, & Matthew Bauer

A fire broke out in Building 1N at 2:20 PM, injuring two people Monday, October 2nd. Professor Lisa Xu and her assistant Diana Rodriguez, both pregnant, suffered first and second degree chemical burns when their science experiment caught fire.

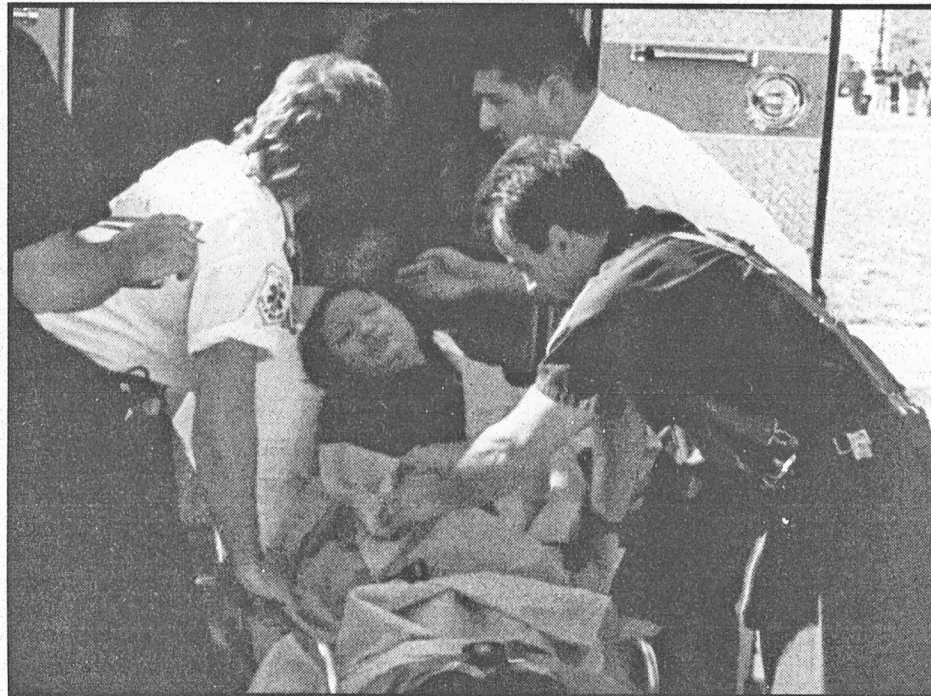
According to Chief Shula of the fire department, Dr. Xu and Ms. Rodriguez were heating liquid methanol as part of a heat transference experiment. They were trying to raise the temperature of the liquid methanol when the alcohol ignited, burning Xu and Rodriguez and setting fire to the counter top in the applied science lab (room 105).

One student at the scene, Gene Gagliano, commented, "We were told that there was a fire and to evacuate the building. There was a lot of smoke all around." Campus security officers immediately responded to the emergency, evacuating the building and putting out the fire. EMS, the Fire Department, and the 122nd Police Department were alerted and responded within minutes to the call.

Sergeants Mallon and Landstrom and Officer Muñoz were the first to arrive on the scene. They moved Rodriguez and Xu to room 103, where the school nurse was able to administer first aid while they waited

for EMS to arrive at the scene.

According to EMS, Xu received second degree chemical burns to her face, right hand and right leg while Rodriguez suffered a first and second degree burn to her left hand. Both victims were taken to New York Cornell



University Hospital and treated.

Lieutenant Crespin of the Fire department commented on the blaze, "The fire spread across the counter top; some instruments and a comput-

er were on fire. It was minimal as far as fire damage but there was a lot of smoke damage." Much of the damage in the building was due to heavy smoke and fire damage remained at a section of the lab room.

Sergeants Mallon and

after she also received treatment.

President Marlene Springer, also at the scene, stated, "It's a very tragic situation. The professor and the student were conducting an experiment and it backfired." She continued, "You try to take every precautionary measure but sometimes accidents will happen, and it's just tragic." After the fire was put out, security immediately opened the windows in the building to allow ventilation and to clear the smoke.

Much confusion still remains over what safety precautions were taken before the experiment began. Chief Shula commented on the victims, "Due to the burns they received, I don't believe they [Xu and Rodriguez] were wearing protective gear [when they were doing the experiment]." It is still unknown as to whether the Professor and student were wearing safety goggles but one officer commented, "I think the Professor was wearing a lab coat but I'm not sure."

Assistant Director of Security Rob Yurman said, "Without the quick response of the campus security, the fire could have been much worse." He continued, "The officers followed proper procedure. They evacuated the building, removed the victims and contained the fire... I'm proud of my men and women." The lab room has been locked pending further investigation by the college.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS DAMPEN 6 SOUTH

By Sebastian Danese

On September 21, a press meeting was held concerning the removal of all fungi from the 6S building. During the day of August 8, Clayton Environmental collected air samples from the 6S building to test for viable fungi. On August 25, a report about the fungus situation was presented by Vincent Sterlacci to Dean of Administration Raymond Pavia.

At the meeting, the press was told that progress was being made. The Buildings and Grounds people, however, were seriously undermanned, having less than one person per building. This remains true even after having more funds allocated to the department by the university.

It was made clear to us that the building was designed ahead of its time. The original plans assumed that climate control would be perfect. Since such technology has yet to be invented, the 6S building occupants will have to make do until it is.

Some of the complaints, if you are familiar with them, concerns the elevator, where humidity and a musty odor have been reported time and again,

The elevator shaft is made from a twin layer of sheet rock which became moist and was transformed into a greenhouse for fungi. To add to that, Clayton reports that the insulation is bad throughout the building.

Complaints have also been made concerning the rooms 143, 143B, and 302. Reports of nausea and other sickness are valid; the report tells us that six semi-aggressive samples were

collected from those rooms. Pipe insulation above the air supply ductwork in corridor OC10 contained visible mold.

All these complaints have been brought to the attention of Dean Pavia, and the professors still have instructions not to open the

windows in the building. Why is this so even after the main complaint has been identified as the humidity?

A brief debate at the meeting occurred, in which Professor Schwartz spearheaded an attack on the department. The professors in the building wanted the right to open windows and doors in the rooms in order to circulate air. Their request was denied and the problem continues to grow as long as the fungi does.

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LIBRARY HOURS RESTORED

By Alice Marino

Starting October seventh, the library hours will be restored to what they had been in previous semesters. If you hadn't noticed that the hours were cut, then the plan inspired by the College librarians and their chief Arthur Hafner worked. The new schedule will be Monday - Thursday 8:30-10:00, Friday 8:30 - 5:00, Saturday & Sunday 10:00-5:00.

By walking through the gate at the library's entrance, students participate in a "survey". According to Mr. Hafner, the gate takes a count so that the librarians can keep track of when students use the facilities the

most. They proposed to conserve money by trimming back on "off hours" earlier in the semester. This plan enables the library to be available later in the semester when students need access to information for papers and exams. The new schedule was promptly embraced by Vice President Mirella Affron.

In an interview with Arthur Hafner he said, "The library has valu-

able resources and professional staff who are eager to help students develop skills." We at the Banner feel that the library staff is very helpful, but we have been wondering how often the resource materials are updated. There is only so much one can with out dated information. Mr. Hafner explained that fifteen thousand dollars are spent each semester by Student

Government. They buy a copy of each text for the library. Students may reserve these texts for two hour periods. This is certainly helpful, but what about the periodicals section? We at the Banner have found that the shelves do not always contain the references that the library computer lists them as having. Having to go

from floor to floor, only to be disappointed, causes endless amounts of frustration.

Mr. Hafner would like students to know that he is interested in any plans or questions that they may have. You may reach him through campus mail, E-Mail (+Post Box.CSI.CUNY.EDU) or at his office, in room C-109.

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If another publication comes out bearing the name "Ictus Review," I will become the College's worst public relations nightmare since Dino Cenil. I will haul the College, its Board of Trustees, and its administrative apparatchicks into court at a speed that will make their eyes swim.

I'd rather the magazine die than become another blistering example of the total lack of ethical, intellectual and professional standards that the College's publications regularly display to the Staten Island community.

"Ictus Review" was the best thing I've ever done in my life. I will not sit idly by while a pack of incompetent, ideologically bereft idiots grinds it into the ground.

What my hand created it now destroys.

Timothy C. Lynch

cc: Marlene Springer
Carol Jackson
CSI Publications Commissioner

ICTUS HAS LEGAL PROBLEMS OVER ITS NAME

By Michael Garofalo

Ictus' creator, Timothy C. Lynch, revoked the right for CSI's literary magazine to use the name "Ictus Review" last Thursday. In every issue of Ictus is the sentence, "The publication's name is the property of Leather Penguin Publishing®, and is used with the permission of that company's officers."

In a letter to CSI's Attorney Kathleen Galvez, Lynch stated, "Ictus Review" was the best thing I've ever done in my life. I will not sit idly by while a pack of incompetent, ideologically bereft idiots grinds it into the ground."

Lynch complained that the Ictus Review had become too political last issue and they are forbidden to be political according to the original charter. He also complained that they were running May politics in October.

Lynch stated, "I'd rather the magazine die than become another blistering example of the total lack of ethical, intellectual and professional standards that the College's publications regularly display to the Staten Island community."

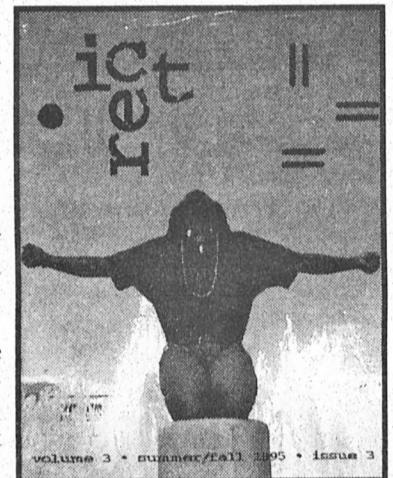
Editor Colleen McGraham replied, "Until I look into our legal options, we have no plans." She added, "There were political essays in the first issue."

Publications Commissioner Joe Canale responded, "Whatever arrangement Ictus has with T.C. Lynch, they should follow it." He added, "However, the college has no arrangement with T.C. Lynch, therefore, we are not accountable."

Canale continued, "Nobody on this end [Student Government] had any knowledge of this arrangement."

Outraged by the issue, Canale ended, "I didn't think that he was allowed to do this. Whatever happened to freedom of the press?"

Lynch ended his letter, "What my hand created it now destroys."



B&G FORCE WORKERS TO CHOOSE: HEALTH OR JOB!

By Jennifer Valle

Although students and faculty complain about the sick buildings on campus, the janitors that work for Buildings and Grounds are forced to endure the mold and humidity of the buildings. They are also forced to work long hours and are dramatically understaffed. Their jobs cost them their health and if they complain... it's at the cost of their jobs. One anonymous staffer speaks:

BANN- How understaffed are you?

JANI- A lot. Maybe about twenty five to thirty people short. We are suppose to have sixty people working on this campus but we only have about thirty.

BANN- How many buildings do you have to clean.

JANI- One or two buildings per man. We work eight hour shifts, either 6:00 AM - 2:30 PM or 2:30 PM to 11:00 PM. Within these shifts, we get about a fifteen to thirty minute break.

BANN- Do they pay you well?

JANI- NO! We get about \$10.00 an hour, maybe a little more. They are interviewing people to try to get more people to work, about sixteen or eight-

teen more people... but we'd still be understaffed. I don't know how their going to do it, they have no money.

BANN- What do you mean? They don't have enough to pay the new people?

JANI- No. They told us the budget was cut and they're having a hard time paying people.

BANN- When will they hire these new people?

JANI- Well... when they come, they come! We just have to wait. According to our contracts, we are suppose to have two people assigned to each building. Right now they're doing it in reverse. We have one person to do two buildings.

BANN- Can you explain a bit more.

JANI- Some of the buildings have about thirty classes but we still have to clean them all. Like in Building 3N You have students who come in until ten in some of the buildings. We have to have the whole building done by Eleven o'clock. That only gives us one hour.

BANN- What about overtime?

JANI- We don't get overtime. You have to get it done and if you spend more time, they don't pay you.

BANN- What about the Library and 6 South.

JANI- They each get only one person. According to the contracts though, those buildings are suppose to get three or four people because they are just so big.

BANN- What about your union leader, what does the union say? Have you called them and told them about this?

JANI- Right now, we need our jobs to pay our bills. The union says to just do what we can. The company says that they will hire people soon... but nothing seems to be getting done. This also came about because of the retrenchment plans. Another four or five months from now, we will have more people.

BANN- Why don't they just give you extra hours to get the work done?

JANI- They just don't want to do it. They keep saying it's about not having money. Budget is too short to pay time and half.

BANN- Isn't this against your con-

tract?

JANI- Yes but the Union is not doing anything about it. They say that we should just get the job done as best we could and just take our breaks when we are suppose to and everything will be all right.

BANN- So you do what you can?

JANI- Yes. Even if there is construction in the building or environmental problems. If you are assigned to that building, then you have to do that building. We had to take care of those buildings that people kept complaining about.

BANN- Like 6 South?

JANI- Yes. Even though there is mildew everywhere and it's dangerous, we have to be there for our whole shift. People that were removing the asbestos or whatever with safety suits on but we can't refuse the building. They send us in without any safe equipment and we have to do it or we get fired. They tell you that's your building and your assigned to it.

BANN- What happens to you now?

JANI- We just have to put up with it until someone does something.

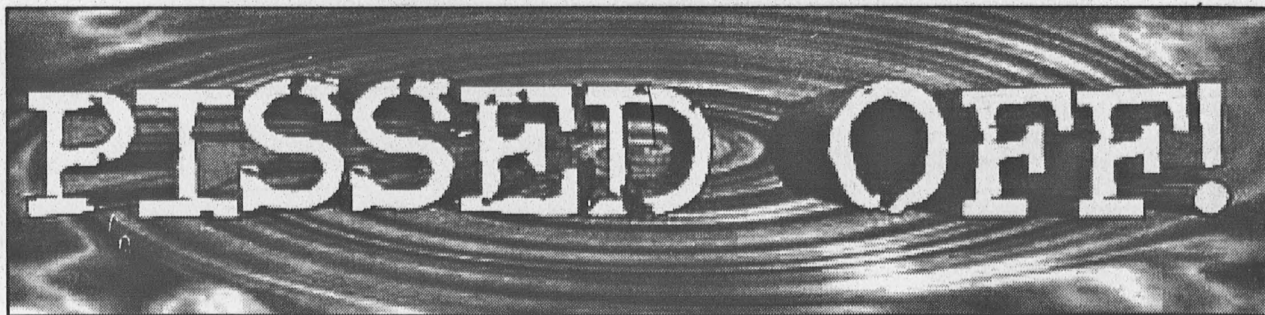
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COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

By Rich Arroyo and Chris Zeyer

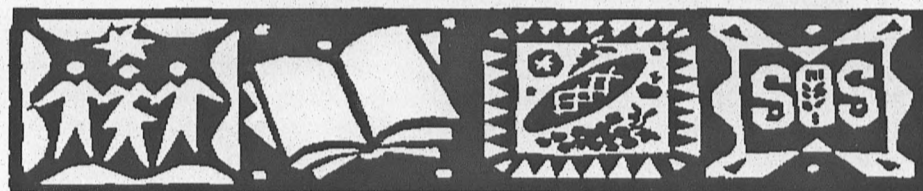
In the past, Pissed Off has come under fire for shots it's taken and jokes it's made. What people don't realize is that what you've read is not what we've meant. (Yeah, that's it.) Many things that are said or done get misinterpreted. The following is a list of common misconceptions in the world that Pissed Off has noticed:

- When a professor says that a book is required for class... wrong. Wait a few weeks; you might not actually need it. Besides, Pissed Off found out that Cliff Notes are cheaper.
- Classes are something you learn from... wrong. It's what you make of it. Remember: "Your body has to be there, but your mind does not."
- The Internet is a great place to do research... wrong. It's a great place to find games, sounds and pictures.
- When something you buy says, "Like Mom Used To Make"... I don't remember Mom wrapping anything in foil and making us pay sixty cents for it.
- Alternatives... Yeah, people that want to be different by looking like their friends. That makes sense.
- Life gets better... wrong. You peak in high school and it all goes downhill from there.
- That Pissed Off needs proper grammar... wrong. It's the comedy, dammit, we don't need no stinkin grammar.

- Blondes have more fun... wrong. They're just better at faking orgasms. (This pertains to both men and women.)
- That the Jets can stage a comeback... haven't you been watching the past few years?
- The Boston Red Sox would win it all... haven't you been watching the past few years?
- That Bill Clinton will be re-elected... haven't you been watching the past few years?
- That there are ghosts all over campus... wrong. Just around 3A.
- That men just think about sex... wrong. We also think about dinner.
- That if you keep trying, you'll succeed... as we were shown by Marcia Clark, that's wrong.
- That W.S.I.A. is the most powerful ten watt station on Staten Island... wrong. They're the only ten watt station on Station Island.
- Objects in the rear view mirror may appear closer than they are... wrong. That's not true, but the government doesn't want you to know.
- The Banner is a reputable paper... wrong. We just have more money and power than the others.
- That aliens visit our planet... wrong. Elvis won't allow them
- The Pope says he loves and trusts you... then he gets in his bullet-proof car surrounded by security and leaves.

These, to us, are the most visible common misconceptions. We thank you for reading and hope you will read us again when we do our special, "What Really Scares Us Two: The Curse of Pissed Off" for Halloween.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WORK TO BETTER NYC

By Jennifer Valle

The International Leadership Network is an organization which groups international students from different cultural backgrounds. These students work together on community and social issues in New York City. Each year, a few select students are chosen to participate in this program. CSI Representatives of the Metro International Leadership Network, Patricio Mora and Nisha Patel, speak on their experience.

BANN- What is the Metro International Leadership Network?

MORA- This is a not-for-profit organization that tries to integrate the International Students with the American community as well as creating an awareness of cultural difference in the United States. We go beyond studies and use cultural events, such as the Global Classroom, to achieve this goal.

BANN- What is a Global Classroom?

PATEL- Global Classroom is about international students going into New York City high schools and presenting a detailed picture of their particular countries so that the high school students who are learning about geography or history can learn more about the country that they are studying.

MORA- It's more than that... I think that people can relate more to a country when they see a person from that country. They get a better insight and

they can ask specific questions about cultural matters, and it's fun.

BANN- Getting back to this Network, what more can students obtain from such a program?

PATEL- One of the first programs that starts off the year is the International Student Leadership Network (ISLN). It's a fall weekend retreat where students from different colleges in the Tri-State area get together and talk about leadership skills and qualities.

BANN- I understand you have both recently been to one of these meetings. What goes on at these retreats?

MORA- First of all, we have information seminars on the goals

of Metro International. We discuss the plans of what we want to do for the year. We talk about leadership and what should be our goal as international students in our own campuses.

PATEL- After we exchange thoughts on leadership, our goal is to find out what sort of leaders we are. We do this through a process of self-assessment and some discussion. One of the ways we do self-assessment is by taking a test called the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. We take this test and basically it tells us what sort of leaders we are, such as "Dominant Leaders" or

"Cooperative Leaders."

MORA- It helps us bond together.

BANN- What more do you accomplish?

PATEL- Not only do we learn what sort of leaders we are but we try to find out how, as individuals, we can work together in a group. To find out about this, we played a few "games" in which we learned to trust our team mates and choose a leader in the group and follow him/her.

BANN- What kind of "games?"

MORA- There was one particular game that you were with a group of people and each of them had to

cross an imaginary pit of lava. So, with a number of bricks, you had to build a path that would help all of us cross the pit. We had to work together to accomplish this.

BANN- How does this program bring you together culturally?

MORA- I think it helps us gain understanding of different cultures. You are going to be working with someone from Taiwan, England, Bulgaria, etc. and we all have to work together during this year and overcome cultural differences in order to carry out a plan.

BANN- What are your plans in the program for this year?

PATEL- Our whole group is divided into two groups: The Social Group and The Community Group. Each group has to present a social and community project at the end of the year. For example, the social group is planning to do an International Day in May and the Community group is planning to work with the Homeless People of New York City.

BANN- How does this program enhance your studies as a student?

MORA- I think that in everyday life, you are going to be exposed to different kinds of people and you will have to understand them because they have a different background. This program addresses this issue because everyone you work with is culturally different. Also because the world is starting to globalize and you will not succeed if you don't globalize with it.

PATEL- Basically the ISLN is something that really helped me a lot in the sense that I got to meet a lot of different students from different countries and it helped me understand their cultures and traditions. I also found out what kind of leader I am and I think this will help me with everything I do in my life. It's a great program and I suggest that regardless of where you come from, you join this group and share your culture.



International Student Leadership Network

Letters:

Dear Ms. Valle,

I am writing in response to a letter written to you by Mrs. Robin Garber-Kabalkin which appeared in the Volume III, Issue VI of *The Banner*. In this letter Mrs. Garber-Kabalkin says that "It is a fact that various individuals tried to dissuade people from electing Meri Kaufman because she is a lesbian." Let me set the record straight. I can only speak for myself when I say, I think you know not what you speak of. You say it's a fact... prove it. Backup your statement with a fact.

Fact: I had a conversation with a fellow senator, where Ms. Kaufman's sexual preference came up. But, guess what? The only negative thing that was actually hit upon at length, was what I see as her bullying of others. I have spoken with Ms. Kaufman and I apologized for any harm I may have caused her by this conversation. I also stated that I may not know of her relationship with other senators in so far as she can just Shush them at the table, but as an observer, I see it as bullying.

Fact: I in no way ever tried to dissuade anyone from voting for Ms. Kaufman. I felt so bad with what was

happening that I wanted to leave student government. I was asked not to. I however decided not to vote (I didn't even show up). I do agree that Homophobia (or for that matter any type of label) has no place in an election or in society, but the truth is we do have them. Some (as I do) tend to ignore comments or rumors that are not substantiated in fact. Fact being the keyword. I do at times feel uncomfortable when around Homosexuals. I'm big enough to admit this. However, I know Ms. Kaufman and have had the pleasure of knocking back a few brews with her and I am glad and lucky to be able to count her among my friends.

Now to the real issue. Who are those individuals you speaks of. Should we as representatives of a vast and multi-diverse school not make it our business to find them and teach them that what they did is wrong, or should we leave it as is? I for one would like not only to find these individuals, but to also find out who the Joker and Riddler are. Remember their letter was not Pro Meri. What about that?

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Student Researcher Found Murdered

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (CPS)—Oakland University graduate student Tina Biggar began studying prostitutes and AIDS as part of a volunteer project through her university's psychology department.

But the 23-year-old student's effort didn't end with notebooks full of research. Instead, police said Biggar became involved in a prostitution ring, which resulted in her murder.

Biggar's body was found in late September in Southfield, Mich., a suburb of Detroit. Biggar, who had been missing since Aug. 23, was beaten to death, suffering major blows to the neck and head.

Kenneth Tranchida, 42, who police said confessed to killing Biggar, is being held for second-degree murder.

Biggar, having just transferred from South Dakota State University to be closer to her family, began working on her project in early August. By interviewing prostitutes, Biggar was attempting to determine the level of importance they placed on sexual protection practices. Results of the test, which was funded by the state's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, would then be used as a basis for an information campaign on health safety.

Although she began her research by interviewing prostitutes on the streets and in prisons, police said Biggar soon joined an escort service, where she met Tranchida.

Prosecutor Gary Tunis said Tranchida said he killed Biggar because she was constantly complaining about not having money. William Dwyer, who heads the police department in Biggar's home town of Farmington Hills, said he didn't think the student was going through any financial hardships but would not speculate on her reasons for joining the prostitution ring.

Tranchida was arrested after police spotted him driving Biggar's car. Tests revealed that blood in the trunk belonged to the student. Police later learned that Biggar's body was dumped near the former home of one of Tranchida's relatives.

Although Tranchida, who slit his wrists before he was arrested, told Judge Stephen Cooper that he was guilty, Cooper refused to accept the plea because Tranchida didn't have an attorney. He now is being held without bond and could face life in prison if convicted.

Ohio Staters Riot After Win

COLUMBUS, Ohio (CPS)—It seems beating Notre Dame's football team is still reason enough to celebrate—or so it was for Ohio State fans.

After Ohio State University's 45-26 pounding of the Fighting Irish Sept. 30, Columbus police arrested 47 people—16 of them students—after football fanatics took over a one-block stretch of East 12th Avenue in Columbus to celebrate the victory.

People were dragging everything they could think of out into the street and setting it on fire.

The late-night revelers set more than 20 fires in the middle of the street and continually pelted police with rocks and bottles, according to Columbus Police Commander Steve Gammill.

"People were dragging everything they could think of out into the street and setting it on fire," Gammill said. "And when the firefighters came to put out the fires, they were hit with bottles. Then when the police came to protect the firefighters, they were hit with bottles, too."

Gammill said police would help extinguish the fires, use tear gas to disperse the crowds then leave, fearing that their continued presence would only incite students. But each time they left, they were forced to return.

"We were back there six times," Gammill said. "It was getting out of hand."

Malcom Baroway, OSU's executive director of university communication, says the entire event was blown out of proportion, at least from the university's standpoint. "A lot of people come downtown on weekend nights and most of them aren't Ohio State students," Baroway said. "It was basically some people who got out of control because they had too much to drink."

Still, the 16 students who were arrested for disorderly conduct will be hearing from OSU.

"The president of the university said he's going to write a letter to their parents," Baroway said.

Laboratory Cockroaches Snuffed Out at KSU

MANHATTAN, Kan. (CPS)—Someone's killing cockroaches at Kansas State University—and researchers say they're determined to find out who's the exterminator.

Fifty-five Madagascar roaches were killed when someone slipped poison into their tank in a campus laboratory, said campus police.

The 2-inch roaches belonged to entomology professor Ted Hopkins, who used them in his research.

So far, police have no suspects.

"We are looking for a person who might have a grudge against someone in the department or a reason to be upset with something that happened," said Richard Herrman, an investigating officer on the campus police department. "The person who did this also may have done it as a practical joke. It's hard to tell."

Herrman said that the dead bugs were discovered by students. "We didn't know if it was an accident at first, but when we found a poisonous substance at the bottom of the cage, we knew it was deliberate," he said.

Fake ID Ring Nailed In Illinois

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (CPS)—There will be a few less underage drinkers in campus bars this fall in Illinois.

The Illinois Secretary of State's office announced a sting operation that netted 23 students with fake identification cards that were used to enter bars and purchase alcohol.

The students all received their fake IDs from the same source: Scott Varda, a student at Illinois State University, investigators said.

State officials said that Varda stole more than 400 hologrammed laminates from a driver testing facility in Pekin, Ill., in July 1994 when he was a part-time employee there. Last March, ISU police found 250 laminates, as well as material to create false driver's licenses, in Varda's room. He was charged with theft and official misconduct and faces up to three years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if he is convicted.

Using the numbers from the stolen laminates as a guide, state police were able to track down 23 students who had been using the fake identification cards. They received the cards by either purchasing them directly from Varda or from other students who bought a group of laminates with the idea of selling them on their own campuses.

The students arrested for possession of the fake IDs, are enrolled at the University of Illinois and other colleges in the state. They are being charged with a felony-possession of stolen state material—and could get three years in prison or \$10,000 in fines if convicted.

"The young people accused of owning these licenses are going to learn the hard way that this community is serious about enforcing the underage drinking laws," said Secretary of State George Ryan in announcing the arrests.

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THE NET UNLEASHED

FREE GAMES ON THE INTERNET

By Ralph Mastrangelo

Hope you all enjoyed navigating the Web and it's resources. As I pointed out last issue (vol III, Issue VI, October 5, 1995), there are many ways to find information on the Net. I will

these sorts of games. I will be covering both the IBM and Mac platforms.

•**HappyPuppy:** (<http://happy-puppy.com>) This site is a great place to download IBM and Mac games (Shareware, freeware, and company demos). There are also a lot of other utilities (cheats) for games. This place also has links to other places to get more games.

Demo and Shareware links from this page:

Nifty 50 P.C. hit games.

Lord Soth's 800+ Games:

Future Hits: New releases

Pages for Youngsters:

and many more...

lcs.mit.edu/HyperArchive.html) The Banner's choice for the best place to get Mac games and utilities. From here there are many links to all types of Mac stuff. If you are a Mac lover, this is the place to be.

•**3D Realms:** (<http://swcbbs.com/apogee/3dream.htm>) This is another site dedicated to IBM games it's big with a lot of different links. This is also the site of Apogee software home page. From here you can get all the specs and downloads offered by Apogee.

•**Electronic Arts:** (<http://www.ea.com/>) From here you can download and learn about EA and its products.

•**ID Software:** (<ftp://ftp.uml.edu/msdos/Games/id> or <http://www.idsoftware.com/>) From here you can download demos of Doom, Doom2, Heretic, and the upcoming Quake. You can also find add-ons and other cool stuff to go with

for other Dark Forces products are available. This company is growing fast, so watch this page.

•**VIRGIN Interactive Entertainment:** (<http://www.vie.com/> or <ftp://ftp.vie.com/>) From here you can experience the full glory of Virgin and its resources. This site is cool to check out; it has lots of links and information.

•**Mat Aldous' Giant Game FTP Site List:** This is an extensive list of places compiled by "mat". To use, cut and paste the link into you browser and your there.

As you can see there are many places to get cool games and stuff. I have supplied you with the ones that we at The Banner frequent to get our "Tools Of Relaxation". You have to remember that most of the games you download will outright suck. Don't be fooled by size - the small games can be really cool, and the big ones can suck. The proof is in a game we downloaded-called "Pong Kombat". It takes the idea of "Pong" and "Mortal Kombat" and combines them. The game is freeware and pretty cool. It does not have the greatest graphics, but it is very addictive. The Banner rates it as the best freeware around.

Game are not the only shareware or freeware that you can get. If you are into utility add-on programs, then The World Internet Technologies (<http://www.wit.com/>) is the place for you. It supports Mac, IBM, Amiga, Unix, etc. The page also has it's own search capability so you can find stuff quickly. I always download stuff from this page for my IBM to customize Windows. The two greatest things I downloaded are an Apple Menu items for the IBM and a fully functional Mac/Windows '95 desktop to replace the program manager. Both are really cool and make Windows look and feel better.

One final note: when you start finding stuff you like, remember that every download takes up hard drive space and it adds up quickly. You will soon realize that your hard drive isn't big enough, but it's worth it when you find something cool. Good luck and have fun searching. To date I have 800 megabytes of download material I have viewed.



leave the issue of finding educational information for another article; for now, let's talk about where to get everybody's favorite **GAMES** and other somewhat useful stuff.

These games are not, I repeat, NOT the full versions. They are either the demo releases from game companies, or games which other people in the Net community have created. These programs come in two flavors: **Shareware** and **Freeware**.

•**Shareware:** Games that an author make available free, but which have a price tag. How this works is simple: the author posts a demo of his program (which usually has limited features and capabilities). When you load the program a "NAG" screen usually appears telling you to register the program for a certain amount after a period of time (this is usually 30 days). If not you are asked to remove it from you computer. When you register, most authors offer to send you updates and new product information.

•**Freeware:** Is as it reads - Free. You pay nothing. You receive nothing new. All you get is what you downloaded and pray it's not a virus. I have not gotten a virus yet, but as with everything on the net, you never know.

Along with Rich Arroyo, the Associate Editor, I have compiled a list of FTP sites and Web sites dedicated to

•**Walnut Creek CDROM:** (<Ftp.cdrom.com>) The largest ftp site dealing with shareware, freeware and other useful or useless stuff. This site also gives you the chance to purchase CD-ROMs with software on them. This is The Banner's choice for best site to get PC games.

•**Infomac HyperArchive:** <http://hyperarchive>.

the Id favorites Doom and Doom2.

•**Lucas Arts:** (<ftp://ftp.lucasarts.com/pub/>) Here is where you can get Dark Forces, Lucas Arts' answer to doom in the star wars world. Updates and information



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Scopin' the Soaps

ALL MY CHILDREN: News that Liza is the new station manager upset Erica, who attempted to have Tad replace her. Hayley and Mateo made love on the beach. Adam paid off Arlene so she'd leave town. Alec was brought up on the charge of attempted murder. Laura met her new teacher and classmates at Pine Valley High. Brooke finally answered Adam's marriage proposal, but he sensed that she's intrigued by Pierce. Taylor considered going to a sperm bank after Vivienne uncovered the truth about her so-called pregnancy. Coming: Hayley feels even more betrayed.

ANOTHER WORLD: Carl was in shock and Grant was guilt-ridden when Ryan died, but Vicky remained disturbingly calm. John and Felicia's mutual attraction ended in a kiss. When Sharlene returned unexpectedly, John and Felicia were both unnerved. The new police captain, Gabe McNamara, didn't get along with Gary and disturbed Carl by questioning Rachel. A mysterious woman watched Jake's every move. Maggie admitted to Rachel that she's no longer a virgin. Coming: Cass feels isolated from his family.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Orlena stole drugs she needed for an antidote that might revive an unconscious Damian. The vial Mark had tested contained herbs that could be dangerous in the wrong hands. Emily reacted badly when Jeff told her that there's no reason for them to get married, since she's not pregnant. Dani felt second-best when Nikki received compliments on her appearance. Rosanna persuaded Mike to set up dinner for them, Carly and Mark. Kirk wondered if Scott and Samantha were conspiring against him, but was thwarted in his attempt to eavesdrop. Coming: Orlena seeks revenge against Lily.

BOLD & BEAUTIFUL: Mike snuck into the Forrester storage room and photographed their sketches. Sally felt even more justified in her actions when C.J. wasn't picked for the baseball team because Rick is its captain. Eric and Taylor shared a kiss that was more than friendly, which she said was a mistake. Michael bailed out Dylan by lying to Jessica that she is the other woman. Sly turned up at the Forresters' with a gift for Jessica. Coming: Ridge has plans for Eric's social life.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Lexie was furious when Abe promised to help Celeste pay her bills. Jonah and Lexie were stunned by the results of genetic tests performed on their families. Tony revealed his evil scheme in the confessional, but the priest then called the bishop, hoping to be allowed to warn the intended victim. Hurt by Lucas and Sami's refusal to help her win Victor back, Vivian launched a new plan to bring Austin and Carrie back together. Abe assigned Bo to a

dangerous undercover case, while Hope also plunged herself into work. Coming: Reluctant partners in crime-fighting.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Tony and Monica found Alan and Bobbie together in New York, but the circumstances didn't offer proof of any misbehavior. Lucky blamed Laura for the discord in their household. Jagger felt somehow responsible for his brother's condition. Katherine made love with Damian after lying about her involvement with Mac. Felicia didn't believe that Katherine would dump Damian to be with Mac. Robin had harsh words for Stone's sister, Gina, when she showed fear of his illness. Coming: Tom won't give up on Simone.

GUIDING LIGHT: Matt and Vanessa were married in a beautiful ceremony. However, their reception ended abruptly when most of the guests got food poisoning. Alan-Michael was overjoyed when Lucy finally accepted his marriage proposal, and he accompanied her to her HIV test and counseling session. Marian was foiled as "she" stalked Lucy and Alan-Michael, but devised another plan. Alexandra and Alan-Michael were caught unaware when Alan's daughter, Amanda Spaulding, showed up at a board meeting. Frank and Nell had a public dispute. Coming: Alan makes inroads with Reva.

LOVING: (Loving has been preempted the weeks of 9/25 and 10/2 due to coverage of the O.J. Simpson trial. Airings are expected to resume next week.)

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Carlotta was shaken by Clint's kiss, causing him to mistakenly think that he did a bad thing. Kelly succeeded in seducing David, only to be caught in the act by a horrified Dorian. Later, Todd saw David strongly coming on to Marty and warned him to leave her alone. Jean told Susannah that she'll be the one to decide if Viki ever finds out about her sexual abuse. Andrew's cousin, Maggie, arrived in Llanview and met Max at the airport. Marty was distraught to learn that her Aunt Kiki has been wasting her estate. Coming: Andy has a supporter on the force.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS: Nick and Sharon were married by a justice of the peace, and agreed to keep their marriage a secret for now. Drake denied Paul's accusation that he shot Matt in an argument over drugs. Cole learned that Vicki was instrumental in bringing back Jeri as his editor. He apologized for the kiss Jeri gave him and told Vicki that their marriage is his top priority. Neil saw Nathan kissing Keesha and learned about the affair. Rick pretended to be Blade and went home with Ashley. Coming: Nathan fears being found out.

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COLLEGE HOROSCOPE

By Linda C. Black

Aries (March 21-April 19).

Monday morning's your best time this week, so do as much as possible. Schedule your shopping for Tuesday and Wednesday. Those are also the best times to do math homework. Study on Thursday; you'll be very smart then. You're smart on Friday, too, but you'll probably be more interested in romance than schoolwork. Wrap up your socializing by Saturday afternoon, so you can finish a household project this weekend.

Taurus (April 20-May 20).

Monday morning could be hectic, but you should calm down by the afternoon. From then through Wednesday, you're lucky, but there's lots of work to be done. Expect difficulty finding the information you need. Let friends know what you want and you may get a good deal on Thursday or Friday. The extra money might go for school expenses. Shop for same on Saturday morning. Play with your sweetie and your best friends all day Sunday.

Gemini (May 21-June 21).

A team effort on Monday morning should succeed. From the afternoon through Wednesday, financial worries may have you down. Consult an expert for an option you hadn't considered. Thursday through Saturday morning should be excellent, particularly Friday night. A date could become real special then. Save domestic chores for Sunday. You'll be in a better mood to deal with them, so a job you usually hate could actually be fun.

Cancer (June 22-July 22).

An early morning class on Monday could be tough. Expect the prof to be in a bad mood. Tuesday and Wednesday should be excellent for raising money for your favorite good cause. A meeting with friends could lead to a productive idea. Overdue paperwork might have you in frazzled on Thursday and Friday. If possible, review your work again for errors on Saturday morning. Sunday's best for short journeys and visiting brothers or sisters.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).

Exercise on Monday morning; you may not have time again this week. There might not be enough money to do what you want from Monday afternoon through Wednesday. Don't snivel; ask an older person for ideas so you can make more. Thursday through Saturday are best for parties, club meetings and team sports. There may be confusion, however. Stay home this weekend and take care of the needs of a female friend or relative. You owe her a favor.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You may have a financial emergency on Monday morning, but the rest of the day should be great. Study subjects that can help pay for your education and/or start a business from Monday afternoon through Thursday. A person you meet on Tuesday could turn out to be a keeper. Help a ditzzy professor get organized on Thursday or Friday and make points. There's too much to do

on Saturday morning. That afternoon through Sunday, visit long-lost loved ones.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Stand your ground on Monday morning and you may get your way. Money's tight on Tuesday and Wednesday. Find more, but don't go into debt. Practice a foreign language with a native on Thursday or Friday; you'll learn more than you could in class. Saturday morning's great for a long drive with a talkative friend. You may have to go along with an older woman's agenda on Saturday evening and Sunday. Be nice, and make a good impression.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

An emergency on Monday may not be your fault, but your patience can help resolve it. Tuesday, your luck in love improves for several weeks. Tuesday night is especially passionate, with the moon in sensual Taurus. Wednesday's not bad, either, but by Thursday, you'll have to focus on schoolwork again. An essay test on Friday could be a real challenge, so prepare! Pay bills on Saturday morning so you can travel from then through Sunday.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Treat yourself to something special on Monday morning, before your first class. It will help set a good tone for the rest of the week. Don't let a boss get you down on Tuesday. Hang tough on Thursday or Friday, use your natural talents to succeed. Use Saturday to try something new. Spend time with family on Sunday, they miss you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Don't stress over a squall at home on Monday morning. It'll pass as quickly as it came. A party or club meeting on Tuesday could lead to a new romance, if you're in the market. Wednesday's also good for making contacts. Thursday and Friday could be tough; check your work carefully before turning it in. The confusion should start to clear by Saturday, and Sunday could be downright enjoyable. Spend it with your favorite partner.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Cram for a difficult class on Monday morning. A roommate problem may prevent further study that night and for the next two days. Hopefully, you'll already know the material by then. Thursday should be good for you, and Friday should be excellent. You're even more brilliant than usual. Push hard for what you want on Friday night and Saturday morning. You may have to comply with an older person's agenda on Saturday night and Sunday.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20).

Don't shop on Monday morning; you'll spend too much. You may fall in love with a professor on Tuesday or Wednesday. Finish all your work perfectly and on time to make an excellent impression. Noisy roommates could disrupt your studies on Thursday and Friday. You may want to spend Friday night at the library or a friend's house, instead. A date on Saturday night should be absolutely marvelous. The glow could last clear through Sunday.

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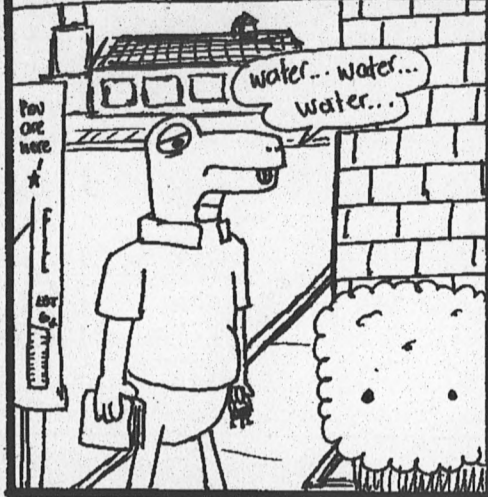
DROG AT CSI

By:
Sebastian
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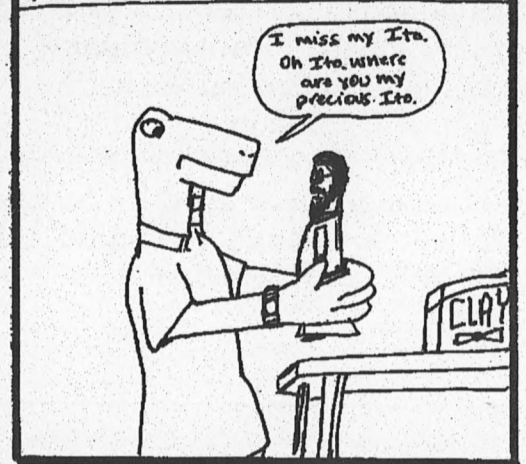
Even though Drog was not fully recovered from the shock of the O.J. Simpson verdict, he went to school. As usual, there was plenty of parking....



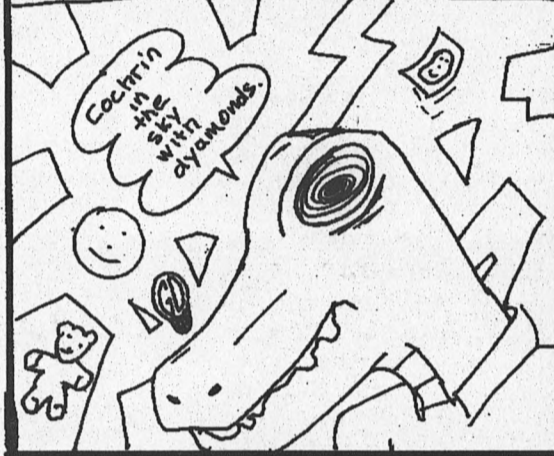
After a short hike from the parking lot to the campus, drog decides to visit the esteemed CSI cafeteria.



Since the end of the trial, Drog has nothing to do in the afternoon. He decides to join pottery 100. That becomes a problem however.....



Drog dropped out and decided that maybe some drug use would help. Acid was the drug of choice. (And coincidentally endorsed by Kab.)



Things got so out of hand that Drog picked up a copy of the schools militant newspaper,



Finally, Drog sobered up & realized that he was missing the live O.J. victory party on Pay-Per-View. He went home.



Marsha Clark: Can't Prove water is wet. Demoted to courtroom janitor. Gets another bad perm.

Judge Ito: Sue's Teddy Bear Company for making Ito Doll. Even though he presided over the case... he loses.

The Banner: receives an exclusive OJ interview. Later they lose the file.

First the naked Pictures of Connie Chung, now This, all is lost.

Johnny Cochran: Begins to feel guilt for his dirty tricks but buys a new yacht and feels better.

J. Matlow: renames his dog to O.J. and shoots it in the head as a symbol of things to come.

Kato Kaelin: Continues to make a total jackass out of himself

O.J.: Makes comeback on PAY-PER-VIEW Pitted against Denise Brown who is no match

God: assures everyone that the dream team defense will get the Almighty Beating of Eternity

Rodger: It's hardest for poor Rodger. Trial coverage filled up his afternoons, joins support group and starts to watch "All My Children"

RODGER IN AFTER THE TRIAL

By:
Ron
Magnusson

Loneliness

Sitting in a dark corner all alone,
No-one seems to care about me.
Sitting alone is no fun,
I'm very lonely, I want company
All my life I've been alone with
no-one to confide in,
Now I want a lifestyle that involves people
So I'm going to say goodbye to loneliness
and hello to a family of friends, I don't
want to be lonely anymore

robin

Beyond
So Very Much

I don't just see you, as such
I see into you... very much.
I don't just hear you, as such
I hear all of your voices... very much.
I don't just know you, as such
I have a knowing of you... very much.
I don't just feel you, by touch
I feel you inside of me... so very much.
I don't just love you, as such
I love you much more... than so very much.

-Larry(L.H.)Jacobs 9/95

Eleven Review

By James Scotto-Lavino

Following my usual tradition for listening to new music, I popped Eleven's new CD, *Think*, into my CD player and turned on my Nintendo. (Yes, it's the original.) I'm not sure if I was actually listening intently when I first noticed that my knees were swaying side to side. "Interesting chorus," I thought, "nothing more." The sharp rhythms continued, and I started head-banging. "I liked what they did with their voices there." Toe tapping. "That beat was pretty cool." After another song I figured, "Screw the game." The music continued to get more intense, and soon I was reading the lyrics. I've always said that I don't trust bands who don't print their lyrics because that usually means they don't want you to know what they're saying. In *Think*, every lyric page is a work of art. Every song has its own amazingly

original
sound. I
haven't
skipped a

MUSIC

REVIEW

THE BOGMEN LIFE BEGINS AT 40 MILLION

BY Alex Larsen

I recently received a CD to review by The Bogmen called *Life begins at 40 million*. It came out this year on Arista Records. The Bogmen have a style that is very unique and different. I could tell by the awesome cover that it would probably be a CD I would like. There wasn't one song on the album I did not like. The lyrics of the songs were poetic. Each song had a cool sound and was kept simple. As an added bonus, the CD came with a multimedia track that could be played on a multimedia computer system. The pictures and graphics were far out. They showed pictures of the band, their individual comments about themselves and the band, small clips of the band in concert, and more. All my friends who have heard The Bogmen *Life begins at 40 million* or seen them play in concert think that they are a great band. I believe that The Bogmen are going to be extremely popular in the near future. I would like to thank Hillary at BMG for giving The Banner so many CDs to review.



single song, and I'm wondering when the music is going to get bad - I've never heard of this band! (It never does.)

Beautiful. The music is beautiful. It rushes through your head, and sticks there all day like the theme to Gilligan's Island never did. It makes you want to be there with them, wiggling your fingers in the air while playing some imaginary musical instrument. Alain Johannes and Natasha Schneider use their voices wonderfully, and most of the songs probably have some deep meaning I haven't caught on to yet. I've listened to Eleven's *Think* dozens of times since I got it the other week. All I can do now is say one thing to any alternative rockers out there reading this: "Buy this album."

A Review of Seven

By Matt Bauer

Morgan Freeman and Brad Pitt make a surprisingly good match in *Seven*, the latest release from New Line Cinema. Their acting skills are superior and, though directed towards an immature roguish image early on, Brad Pitt's character (Detective Mills) is eventually likable. This direction isn't without significance, however, with Morgan Freeman's character (Detective Sommerset) playing opposite him as the much older retiring cop who's trying unsuccessfully to put his career to bed. There is some overly obvious foreshadowing from the beginning which continues throughout the movie, but it can be overlooked because the plot is intricate and cleverly woven. Plentiful alliteration in the film pseudo-intellectualizes the dialogue, using many religious and contemporary literary sources that are

then drawn into and around the course of character development. The mood is dark, dank, and perpetually wet, blending well with the rhythm of tension

ten and directed supporting roles, rounding out the cast and plot nicely, but the serial murder in particular draws you in with how (he makes) his victims bite it, capturing all and more of the same intensity that Anthony Hopkins is hailed for as Dr. Hannibal Lecter in *The Silence of the Lambs* (Orion). *Seven* has been likened to *Silence*, but is miles (and years) better.

This is a murder mystery - in case you haven't guessed it yet, folks - and you get murders in this one. There is a bit of comic relief from Brad Pitt's role, priming him for a more central focus which is important to how the film winds up, and if you've bought into it by that point (I found it hard not to), the conclusion will come screaming down your skull like a white hot meteorite going two thousand miles per hour.

By the way, the sound in this movie is unbelievable... see it somewhere that has surround sound.

All in all a very good, extremely well filmed psychodrama.



which is constantly building as the plot thickens. Kevin Spacey and Gwyneth Paltrow both perform wonderfully writ-



FAN HITS THERAPIST'S COUCH

(J u s t E n d T h e S e a s o n)

By BILL SPURGE

Her it is folks - my annual primal therapy session in which I scream out in pain over another futile New York Jets football season.

Although the refrain is tiring, each season brings on a new twist. This year, it's Dick Kotite's turn to accept responsibility for the team's failures. Since I must take out my frustrations, I will take great pleasure to be the first Staten Island writer to publicly annihilate him.

First of all, the Jets refused to call Jimmy Johnson (remember him, won two Super Bowls as Cowboys coach?) when he was waiting and available. "I would have been intrigued by a New York offer," said Johnson.

Gang Green was more intrigued by a losing coach, of course. The Jets are the only team that would let a guy go after losing five in a row and replace him with one who lost seven straight. Which is how Kotite finished up with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Kotite proceeded to treat every player in camp as if they were a story like he was: a Wagner College graduate with marginal talent who made it to the NFL in the late 60's. The feeling was "Let's not get great players, let's turn mediocre ones into players. Even if they are not worthy of a replacement team, let's build with them."

Of course, Kotite claims the Jets are not rebuilding. However, instead of reinforcing concrete and steel, Kotite is playing with silly putty.

The head coach has created a nice story in Wayne Chrebet, but he's not Rob Moore, who was an above-average receiver. Kotite must have felt Chrebet was better than Moore, because he dealt him for another Moore -Ron- who is a running back that is a journeyman at best.

The Jets allowed almost its entire offensive line to join other clubs and now can't even find a center who can snap the ball to the quarterback. There are no blockers - the cornerstone of your team - to block for the runners. There are no runners who can create holes on his own, and there are no receivers who can go deep.

Be as it may that there is no quarterback on the Jets that can hit a receiver on the fly, Boomer Esiason can't take all the blame. On a good team, he

would still be competent. Not going Dan Marino, however, makes Esiason a bad bet on this sorry club.

Defensively, it's the same old story on the line. There hasn't been a pass rush since the Sack Exchange days of the early 80's. Notice how the Jets stack up the run. This is because there is so little penetration at the line of scrimmage that runners just walk into their arms.

At linebacker, Mo Lewis, as we all know, is out of position. He may be the best player on the squad. Hugh Douglas will have to do it against more than the expansion teams for me to ever consider that this was a worthy choice. And Marcin Jones proves that besides being inept on draft day, the Jets are cursed as well.

The secondary has people like Vance Joseph, who incredibly was a back-up quarterback in college and is now covering the likes of Irving Fryar, etc. The division only has Marino, Jim Kelly, and Drew Bledsoe. Obviously, Kotite isn't concerned that people like Joseph aren't to be confused with hall-of-famers such as Lem Barney.

To get off the therapy couch, one must laugh. That's why it was funny when Joseph said that, "I have to work on things like covering and tackling and things like that." I feel better now.

The drafting of Kyle Brady has been defended recently by Jets fans. But I'm not convinced yet. Besides, there were too many needs for the Jets to address. Brady will be staying, which means designated "franchise player" Johnny Mitchell will be gone next year. That's okay. Mitchell is yet another example of a Nebraska player who was a bust in the pros.

The best part about this year is that despite having one of the easiest schedules in history, the Jets will probably go 3-13 or so. There are two good things about this that I will explain.

First, Kotite may be canned. Leon Hess couldn't wait any longer for a winner before he croaked, and justified the firing of Pete Carroll because he felt that Kotite would bring a winner immediately. Since Kotite feels he is not rebuilding, then how can this season be justified without yet another dismissal?

The second reason is that a very bad record not only brings in a new coach, but a clean slate for

rebuilding with better draft picks. One of the Jets' problems the last thirteen years that they are never bad enough. They go 7-9, 6-10, 9-7. When it's their turn to pick, the best offensive lineman, pass rusher, or impact player is always gone. You need a cornerstone.

If you look back in history, all the big winners started with extremely poor teams. Vince Lombardi took over a bedraggled Green Bay Packers club in the late 50's, and built from there. Chuck Noll took over a 1-13 team, went 1-13 his first season and used high draft picks to create a monster. Bill Walsh did the same with a 2-14 49ers team, as did Jimmy Johnson with a team that was 3-13 before he came and 1-15 in his first season at the helm. Some deft trading maneuvers helped, but went along with already high picks.

When you constantly finish close to .500, as Joe Walton did for many seasons as Jets coach, the front office always feels you are a step away. But you're really just spinning the wheels. In the NFL you are either at the top or at the bottom looking to go to the top. Those in between (besides the Jets, the Packers, Browns, and Lions come to mind) never go anywhere.

Therefore, the Jets need to hit rock bottom. They need to can a low-football-IQ Kotite. They need to be so bad that other teams laugh at them, which has happened this year after each loss (Dolphins: "You're the same dog-assed Jets"; Falcons: "How could we only beat them by 10?" and Raiders: "We can't tell how we played because the Jets are so bad.")

The in-depth statistical analysis I did last year showed the Jets to be tied with the Cardinals for the third-worst franchise in the NFL over the last 25 years (since the NFL-AFL merger). Only the Bucs and Saints have been worse. No Super Bowl wins or appearances, no division titles. There was one good team in the early 80's that was a quarterback away from winning it all.

This team is about 45 players away from winning it all. Maybe the Jets shouldn't bring Jimmy Johnson after all. Not even he could dig out of this mess. Not even if his assistants were Lombardi, Walsh and Noll.



N F L W e e k 7

By Scott Mackie

There are no byes in the seventh week of the NFL season, but something has changed. The Rams are exciting and Troy Aikman decided to have his annual week 12 injury in week 5 this year. The Dolphins are about three weeks away from their annual mid-season slump.

Atlanta vs. St. Louis: This game will probably determine second place in the NFC West and maybe even a playoff spot. (Who would have thought that on opening day this year?) The Rams have the Coach of the Year (so far) in Rich Brooks, the Falcons do not and that should be the difference.

Seattle vs. Buffalo: Look out America, the Bills are back and they look like they will be contending for another crack at the Super Bowl. Seattle is looking at yet another high draft pick. Buffalo rolls on.

New England vs. Kansas

City: The slumping Patriots go to Arrowhead Stadium to play the Chiefs. The Pats have no running game and a struggling Drew Bledsoe. The Chiefs are playing better under Steve Bono than with Joe Montana. For some reason I think the Patriots will win just because it makes no sense.

Giants vs. Eagles: This game will test the loyalties of Giant fans. If you can sit through this game, you are truly a dedicated Giants fan. On the bright side, they should win the game because the Eagles really stink.

Lions vs. Green Bay: When these teams played last year Barry Sanders had only -1 yards rushing. He will not play as badly this time, but he won't win either.

Minnesota vs. Tampa Bay: This game should be a serious test for Tampa Bay. The Vikings' defensive coordinator, Tony Dungie, knows how to disrupt an offense based on a good running game. At least Trent Dilfer is now

an official NFL QB but Tampa's defense should slow Moon's passing attack. Another tightly contested field goal fest that the Vikings should win.

49ers vs. Colts: The Colts are playing the most difficult three game stretch in the league (Miami, 49ers, and then the Raiders) The 49ers should win this game handily.

Chicago vs. Jacksonville: The Bears in contrast somehow get to play both expansion teams in two consecutive wins from these games.

Miami vs. Saints: The final score in this game will resemble a score from most college football games this year. The Dolphins have better backups than the Saints starters. This one will not be a close game.

Jets vs. Panthers: The expansion Panthers play a team with expansion team talent... the Jets. If you watch all of this game you might consider psychological help (or at least try a satellite dish). I guess the Jets will

win because they stink less than Carolina.

Washington vs. Phoenix: Two teams going in opposite directions. The 'Skins improving with good young players and smart drafting, while the Cards get worse. This is because of a pig headed Head Coach-GM and signing over the hill players who can't get it done anymore.

Dallas vs. San Diego: This game will be determined on a trainer's table a day or two before the game. If Aikman can recover from his annual injury, the Cowboys should win. If not, the Chargers have a good chance to win this game, since Wade Wilson is the worst QB in Dallas "I've-Got-You" Babe Laufenburg.

Oakland vs. Denver: Every time these two rivals play, denver gets trashed by the Raiders (for reasons that I have yet to comprehend). I guess the trend will continue. Oakland big.

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It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

By Michael Anderson

It is now that time of the year. No, it's not the time to stock up on eggs for Halloween bombing. It's the most wonderful time of the year - for avid sports fans. It's the time when all local four major sports are in session. Baseball is in the middle of the playoffs. Football is one-third into its season. Hockey has just started its regular season. And finally, basketball has opened training camp.

The first sport we'll start with is basketball. This time is more exciting than other past years. The reason for this is because of the strike. For this reason, no trades or signings were able to be made. That is why now there are many wheelings and dealings between NBA teams. In the past, free agents would try to market themselves to get the best offer possible. Now, they will take a substantial good offer because there is no time to wait. Also, there is now a rookie salary cap. Plus, because of the new union contract, rookies can't sign a contract for more than three years. The net result of these factors is draft picks are now signing at a rapid speed.

About this time every year the local hockey teams give high expectations to their fans. Until recently these expectations weren't backed up. One local team that doesn't have such high hopes are the New York Islanders. They were one of the worst teams in the NHL last year. Take out the recent expansion teams and they probably were the worst. This year they have new players, a new coach, and new uniforms. Will it help? Time will tell.

The New Jersey Devils embark on a new season. For the first time in their history they will be the defending Stanley Cup Champions. Their aggressive defense got them their title. It also got a new set of rules instated to the league. The Devils will have to play more cautiously as every team will gladly complain to the league about their rough style of play. The beginning of the season will let us now how the Devils will fare.

The New York Rangers are ready for the competition. They felt they lacked a proven scorer and another tough body. They got them in a trade with the Penguins. Last year, goalie Mike Richter didn't have a good year. He seemed too inconsistent and injuries plagued him. Richter has a large paying contract sitting at home. It's time for him to show Ranger fans that the contract wasn't a mistake.

Football is usually the main attraction in New York at this time. This season things might be different. The New York Jets usually start off decently and then falter greatly towards the end of the season. This season is a different story. The Jets have looked absolutely pathetic so far.

It is quite possible to say that the Raiders and Dolphins are probably the cream of the AFC. However, that doesn't explain losing to these teams 52-14 and 47-10. Who knows, maybe the Jets are starting off horribly and are going to finish the season decently. I absolutely doubt it.

The New York Giants were picked to finish second in their division by many people. Who could have predicted the Giants would be this bad? The Giants look good against teams with bad records and they can't compete against teams with good records. This thought is usually associated with the Jets. The Giants do have a good team and it's still possible for them to make a run at the playoffs. To do so they must start playing now.

For the first time since 1981, Yankee fans have a reason to be excited at this time. The Yankees have made the playoffs and are trying to do some damage. Don Mattingly is finally in the post season and he's playing like he was young again. Yankee Stadium is packed to its rafters. The Yankees have brought baseball fever back to New York. When baseball was supposed to be struggling,

When else can you have an interest in local sports teams with all four major sports? Now is the only time. In June you have baseball, basketball and hockey present, but no football. In December you have football, hockey, and basketball present, but no baseball. This is why to the avid sports fan now is the most wonderful time of the year.

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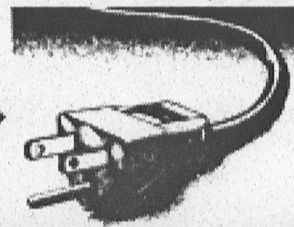


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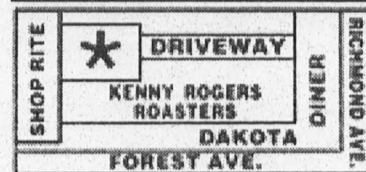
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