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# THE **BANNER**

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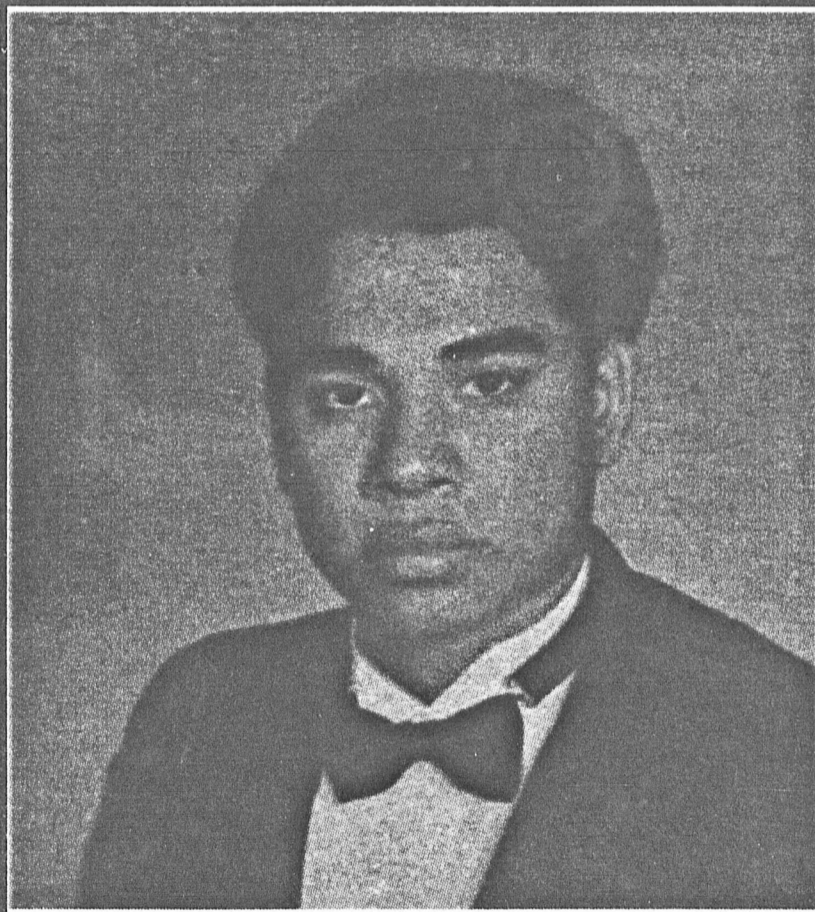
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**SPECIAL REPORT:**

# In Memoriam



**Mohammed Sakawat Hossain**  
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**From the Editor**

Recently, I visited Kaufman's "Introduction to Journalism Class" and heard one of the students complain, "Nothing ever happens at CSI."

Well, *something* finally did happen at CSI. A student at our college was murdered. His name was Mohammed Sakawat Hossain, and although I didn't know him personally, now I wish I could have spoken to him. His seat in class will be left vacant and we will never see him again. So, here we are, in "exciting" times.

In this issue of The Banner, as we have tried to shed some light on Mohammed's life and on his death, we have really been put to the test. Our reporter, Kimberly DeLese, visited Mohammed's home twice, and the murder site once. She has told me that the moment she saw the bloodstain on that Brooklyn street, she realized she was in new territory. And, as she climbed the steps to Mohammed's home, she understood this was the most real thing she had ever done.

While looking at all the other news reports of Mohammed's death, we have realized how much we take print journalism for granted. We pick the paper up in the morning and we expect to see windows into people's intimate lives. It's easy to forget that those windows aren't so easy to open. It has taken time, guts, and emotional strength to tell this story.

So, don't take your uneventful days for granted. I wish I could spend the rest of my life sitting on the beach with the woman I love. If it was up to me, I would take the "boring" and "mundane" every day of the week.

—Kris Lo Presto

# Muslim Students Concerned About Civil Liberties

Executive Director of advocacy group calls for an end to ignorance about Islam

Laura La Bega

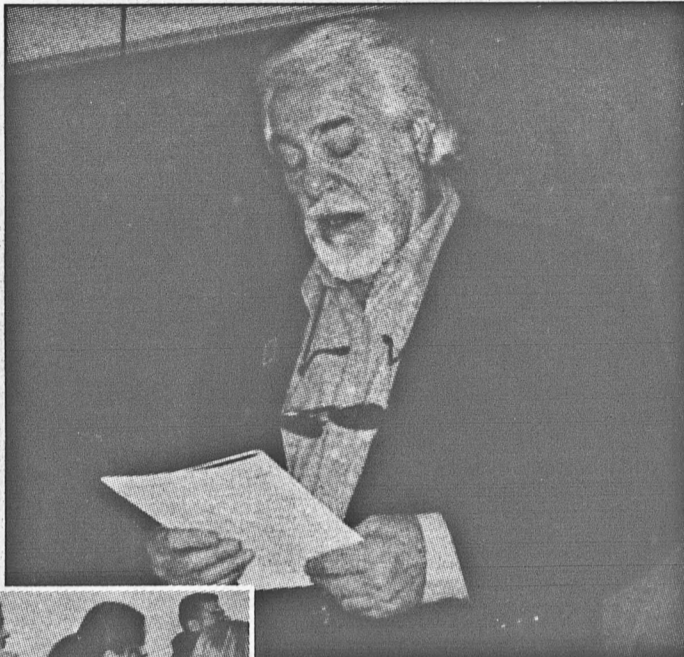
On November 14, approximately 40 students attended an event entitled "Civil Liberties after 9/11" sponsored by the Muslim Student Association.

Ghazi Khankan, Executive Director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations New York Chapter (CAIR), spoke to students about the impact of the events of September 11th on Muslims. Khankan touched on many topics such as racial profiling, discrimination, and hate crimes. According to Khankan, the Muslim Community's First Amendment rights and Civil Liberties have been violated and threatened as a result of the devastating attacks of September 11th.

"It is important for many of us to know that Muslims are not the figure of Bin Laden," said Khankan. "The history of Islam is a civilization that has given us a lot."

Within hours of the attacks, CAIR issued a statement condemning the terrorism. But Khankan asserted that after 9/11, all Muslims have been placed in a very difficult situation. "We were associated with acts of terrorism by someone who calls them-

tapping, and Internet tapping of individuals allegedly connected to terrorism." Khankan informed the students that because of these new policies Muslims faced job discrimination, their religious practices are being compromised, and Muslims are being taken into custody. "There are over 1500 people detained at undisclosed locations around the country," said Khankan. "The



Students gathered to hear Ghazi Khankan (top), Executive Director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations New York Chapter, assert that Muslims' First Amendment rights and civil liberties have been violated since September 11th, 2001. Photo credit: Laura La Bega

former acting director of the center for constitution rights told us [CAIR] that of all the detainees only about 200 are being held for immigration violations and the rest are being held as 'material witness.'"

Khankan asked the students: "Now, what can be done? I think it's very important that students on campuses speak against such attacks on our civil liberties, whether it's in the classroom or it is in the workplace."

"Jihad is not holy war. There is no holy war, my friend. Because all wars are bloody."

— Ghazi Khankan

selves Muslims and we have to pay the punishment," said Khankan. "We still are asking the question 'What is the relation between us and those who have political axes to grind against United States Government?'"

According to Khankan, CAIR has documented more than 1800 cases of hates crimes, 6 that resulted in death. The September 11th tragedy caused many incidents of physical assault, hate mail, and public harassment. "There is . . . a world of ignorance that needs to be chopped down through education," said Khankan, "Muslims and Islam are not the enemy."

Khankan addressed the Federal anti-terrorism bill. "The anti-terrorism bill allows for the indefinite deportation of noncitizens without judicial review as well as deportation for minor offenses," said Khankan. "The U.S. Patriot act permits the federal bureau to implement a range of tactics including conducting secret searches, wire-

## Slippery When Wet

Kris Lo Presto

A student was involved in a minor accident while leaving campus on November 11th.

The accident by the Forest Hill Road exit took place at 10:15 a.m., according to CSI Public Safety. There were wet leaves on the ground and the road was slick. The student was speeding, lost control of the vehicle, and slammed into the curb on the passenger side and ricocheted into one of the three pillars located outside the guard booth.

The driver was alone and was not injured. The car, however was stuck on the pillar and had to be lifted free by a flatbed tow-truck. The car was drivable, but barely. "It wasn't going too far in that condition," said one official.



A CSI student lost control of this vehicle and crashed into a pillar at the Forest Hill Road entrance to the campus. Public Safety Officer Leon Hampton looks on. Photo credit: Kris Lo Presto

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## News Shorts

### HOW DO CSI PROFESSORS ACT OUTSIDE OF CLASS?

On November 13 and 21, the Program Development Committee presented "Meet CSI Professors," a series of round-table discussions where students and faculty from different departments could interact with one another. Students got the opportunity to find out what professors were like as college students and how they chose their careers.

—Michael Wintfeld

### CONGRATULATIONS

"On the recommendation of the Employee Recognition Committee, chaired by Ms. Eveleen Conti, Director of Human Resources, I am pleased to announce that the employee of the Month for November is Mr. Jose Vargas, CUNY Custodial Assistant. Congratulations."

—President Marlene Springer

### HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Richmond Engine Co. 1 has begun their Toy Drive. Toys will be collected at the firehouse (3664 Richmond Road in Old historic Richmond Town) every Sunday from now until Christmas. All donations are tax deductible. Tee shirts and company patches will be sold at the event. For more information, call 718-351-0252.

# CSI Freshman Remembered

A Visit To The Home of Mohammed Hossain Brings Insight Along With Sadness

Kimberly DeLese

To some of us he was a friend and a classmate, to others he was just another eighteen-year old CSI freshman dreaming of a college diploma.

His name was Mohammed Sakawat Hossain, and on November 11th he was stabbed and beaten to death in Borough Park, Brooklyn, just two blocks from his home.

There is nothing I can say to make sense of the death of an eighteen-year-old student who loved sports, school, family and most of all, life. I was taught in Journalism class never to include myself in the story, but this time I'm making an exception.

After making the decision to interview Hossain's family I drove into Brooklyn and sat outside the house for about twenty minutes (double parked, blocking traffic) trying to build up the courage to ring the bell.

When I finally got out of the car a man on the street told me which house was Mohammed's. I took a deep breath and rang the bell.

I was so relieved: No one was home. But the next day I had to go back. He was a fellow student. Most people at CSI never knew Mohammed. I had a responsibility to help preserve his memory.

His family welcomed me. They pulled up a chair and awaited my questions. This is what I learned:

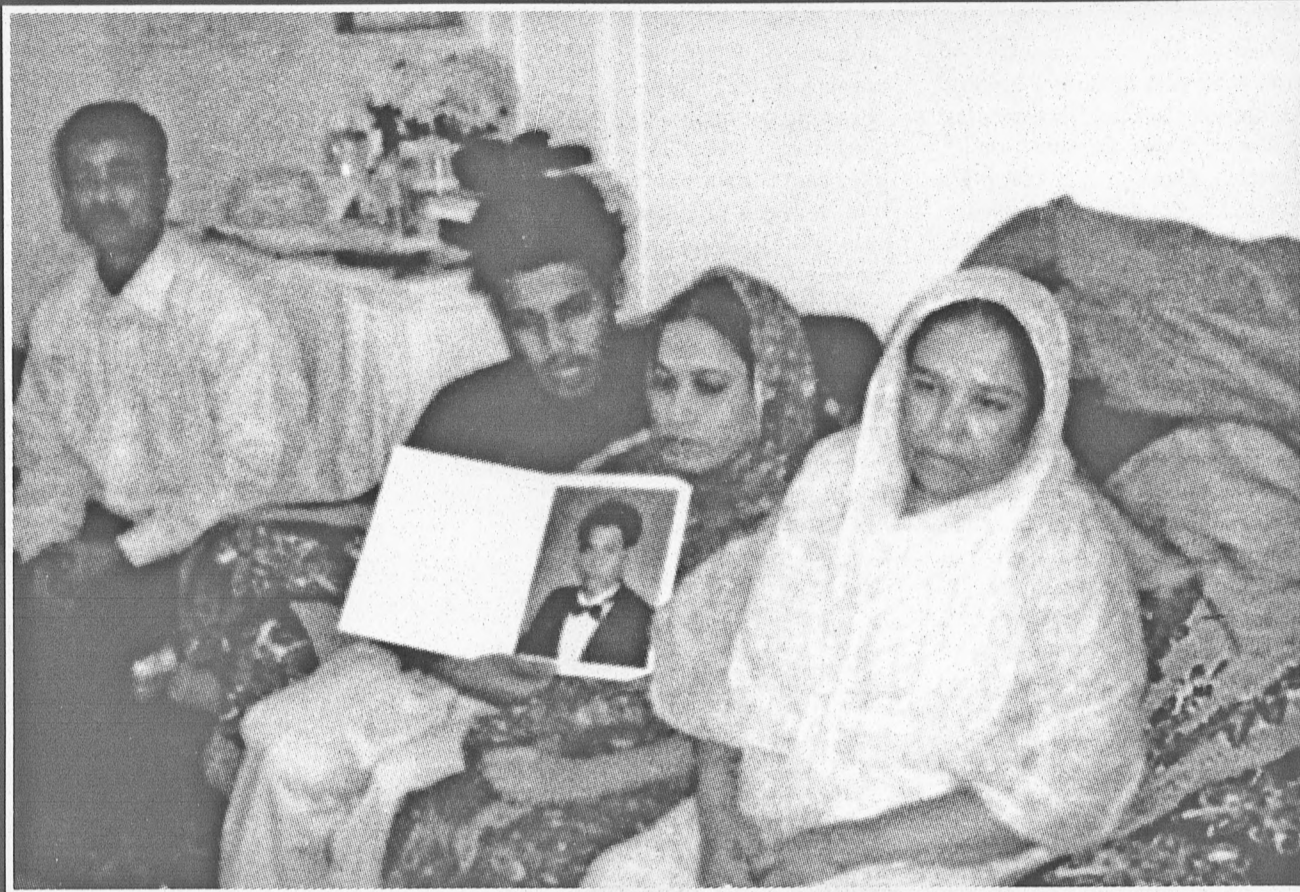
Mohammed's uncle and brother told me that Mohammed was an excellent soccer player. He could play any position. He had a lot of friends. He got along with everyone. He was an aspiring engineer who had won a \$1,000 grant to attend CSI.

On the yellow living room wall hung a single picture. It was of Mohammed. A colorful portrait. He looked happy. On a table below the picture was Mohammed's graduation photo. He had gone to John Jay.

As I sat in the apartment, many people came and left. Women brought big trays of food. They walked behind me, straight to the kitchen. It was a small apartment, but it was full of people. Some were crying, some were talking, and some were still in a state of shock.

I was there less than half an hour, but I left with a strong sense of how much Mohammed was loved.

Outside, I walked down two blocks to 40th Street. On the pavement were two short, thick maroon candles, wicks extinguished by the cold wind. There were the remains of police tape. The only other person there was a cameraman from NY1, filming this barren spot. I turned around and walked back to my car.



The family of Mohammed Hossain mourns their son. From right: Mohammed's mother Rahma Begum, his eldest sister, a brother, and an unidentified relative. Photo credit: Kimberly DeLese.

## According to the media . . .

The following report is The Banner's summary of numerous stories that have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The New York Post*, *New York Newsday*, *The Daily News*, *The Staten Island Advance*, and *IndiaTimes.com*

The afternoon of November 12th, Hossain and a friend were walking on New Utrecht Avenue between 39th and 40th Street, when three Hispanic men allegedly yelled out what seemed to be insulting and mocking terms. One of the attackers hit Mohammed Hossain's friend on the head, causing a small altercation between the two groups.

According to reports in *New York Newsday* and the *Advance*, Hossain and two friends returned later that evening. These two stories asserted that the friends brought along a baseball bat, and were looking for the men who had insulted them. According to one of Hossain's friends, the bat was wrestled from Hossain and used against him by the group. Hossain was stabbed repeatedly, although the medical examiner later determined that he died of blunt trauma injuries to his head.

"We rushed to the site but he was

already dead," said Nahida Begum, Hossain's eldest sister. The ambulance and police were reported to have shown up 20 minutes after the fight occurred.

On November 14th, Charles Durante, 17, was charged with manslaughter and gang assault and Javier Amigan, 17, was also charged with gang assault in the death of Mohammed Hossain.

Mohammed moved to the U.S. six years ago from Bangladesh with his family and was the first in his family to attend an American university.

"He was the youngest, but also the smartest and wisest," said Asm Alahuddin, Hossain's uncle. "The whole family's hope was with him."

"He was ambitious, and he was going to be very successful," said Enamul Hoque, a family friend. "We are all in so much grief now."

Despite the dreary, rainy weather, a sea of umbrellas covered the street

where Hossain was killed as more than 100 Bangladeshi men gathered on November 12th to pray. With their lips moving silently, their palms held aloft toward their faces, the men filled the entire city block. The men wore signs that said "Justice for Hossain" and "Stop the killing in the street."

"Today it is one father's son, tomorrow it is my son, the next day someone else's son," said Jamal Uddin, a Bangladeshi who lives in the neighborhood and came to pray. "It's a tragedy for all of us."

Prayers were repeated on November 17th when about 500 people gathered for a peaceful rally against violence and killing. "His death brought tears from thousands of Bangladeshi people," stated the flyer for the rally. "Now we want justice for Hossain's killing. Therefore we Bangladeshi people and our community people call for a demonstration where he was killed."

**Mourning: An outward sign of grief for a person's death; a period of time during which signs of grief are shown**

# Unsettled & Confused Classmates React

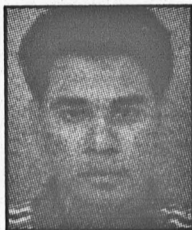
It is sad that Mohammed Hossain will never again walk this campus. I feel sorry that a young man's life was cut so short, and that he will never have the opportunity to graduate college and fulfill his dreams.

-Ann-Marie Giacalone



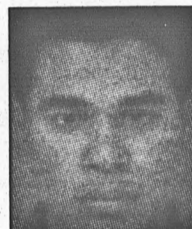
Murder isn't necessarily something that you only hear about and not experience. As a student, I start to realize that every person I pass in a building or on campus isn't just another person in a group. Every one is an individual with an individual life. Someone I pass in the hall may not be around the next day.

-Ephraim E. Simms



What sort of argument or dispute could be worth a human life? It makes me worry about the kind of people we are living with in this world. I work in the Parking Office at CSI and I often come in contact with hostile people. I worry even more after reading this article about conflicts with these types of people and whether or not they will be unhinged enough to retaliate towards me or my co-workers over something as ridiculous as a parking ticket. It is disturbing to think how little it takes.

-Marianne Livolsi



The last time I experienced a tragic event like this was when I went to Shaw Prep high school in Boston. A star football player got shot and was paralyzed at the game while he was playing. The Board of Education did not heed the warnings that a "nigger" was going to get killed that day. If Mohammed Hossain was killed because of his race or his creed, we should heed the warning. We should stop pre-judging people and look at a person's inner worth. We should not judge people by their nationality or religious beliefs or skin color. Next time, it could be you.

-Michele Payton-Garrett  
Student Government



It definitely hit close to home. In a way it makes me feel a little vulnerable. This could happen to anyone. I'm sure when he woke up in the morning he didn't know that later on in the evening he was going to be beaten and stabbed by four men.

-Jackie Fitzsimmons



As a CSI student I have feelings of guilt and remorse. I never met the kid, but the student body of CSI is like an extended family. I feel that if one of our brothers or sisters gets killed, we should all honor that person's memory.

- Michael Wintfeld

It is tragic to hear about Mohammed Hossain's murder. This week I observed a Muslim Student Association club meeting. At the meeting, the President of the club, Ali, addressed his fellow club members and asked if anyone knew about the murder. A few students had heard some things. I saw the faces of everyone and they looked so hurt. They all said a prayer for the late Mohammed.

I think it's important to see how this affects CSI students, but especially Muslim students. They appeared scared, hurt and confused.

-Laura La Bega

It makes you wonder who that kid in the white velour sweater is, who that girl on her cell phone is talking to, where all these people go after class is over.

-Michele Schenker



Confusion seems to have overtaken CSI. There is a sense of uncertainty and restlessness in the air. CSI students are wondering whether or not something like this could happen to them.

-Matthew DiPaolo

How quickly life can disappear. Your time on earth is so short that for it to end just plain sucks.

-Rich Mangels



The murder of Mohammed Hossain appears to be a senseless one indeed. As if any murder made sense. CSI mourns the loss of one of its students. But do people even care? I doubt it. Hossain's face will be like the millions before him—plastered on every newspaper, then forgotten in a week's time. This is a sad reality.

It is inherently American, ingrained within our fickle culture to accept death at arm's length. We aren't disturbed by death until it hits close to home. It now has.

I'm unsure how to feel right now. I'd like to move past the murder just like I move past the murders reported every evening on the news. But there's another part of me that lets me know that the aforementioned attitude is the problem with our society. The level at which we value life is so low. We need to change this.

-Paul Cantor

As a CSI student I feel kind of unsettled with the murder of fellow CSI student Mohammed Hossain. There is a feeling of uncertainty surrounding his death and why it happened. Could some other student be the victim of such a crime? What is the status of the investigation and what is being done to prevent more homicides like this one?

-Matt Delaney

The murder of Mohammed Hossain was a complete shock to me. I am really affected. It has made me realize that no matter what, you're never really safe and you must always expect the unexpected. This was extremely upsetting to hear and my regards go out to Mohammed's family.

-Megha Malhotra

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## Letters to the Editor

### Another Student Sings Praise for Sigler

This is a response to the profile of Professor Phil Sigler, by Jackie Fitzsimmons, in the November 11 Banner. The brief look at Sigler just touches on what an exciting and effective teacher he can be. He livens up each class with songs, costumes or props. When I took a "Marriage and the Family" class with Sigler many years ago, he dressed as a large monkey and sang "Aba Dabba Honeymoon." I still remember some of the special moments in Sigler's class and the personal interest he showed in his students.

The students at CSI are fortunate to have such a dedicated teacher.

Mary Mahoney

### Why More Child Porn?

Why did you reprint that infamous child porn photo in your most recent issue? It was disgusting when I first saw it in the Third Rail and I am just as sickened to see it again in The Banner. Just because it was censored doesn't make any difference. It is still an obscene picture that shouldn't be allowed in any publication, student or not. There was no need to show that photo in order to explain just how outraged many students were about it. The words "child porn" are enough for students to get the idea. Also, about those students you interviewed about their opinions of the photo? Maybe you should've suggested to some of them that they need to get their heads examined—or they should be investigated. Their responses were just too questionable to be considered normal.

Megan McGibney

### Patriotic And Damn Proud Of It!

Regarding "Criticizing College Voice" (The Banner, November 11). I share Mr. Ritter's opinion 100%. I am outraged that Vimuthi Jayadeva would compare the President of the United States of America to a ruthless, murderous dictator who intimidated many innocent people and caused the United States to declare war on him for the barbaric murder of 6,000,000 or more Jewish men, women and children.

You are a very confused person, Mr. Jayadeva. Get the facts straight!

Vito Giobbie III

### Optional Stipend the Solution

In most other colleges, student government members receive stipends. I do not see how it is a disgrace to the organization. It is only fair that people should get paid for their time and hard work. If receiving the money means that more students will join and more will get done, then this definitely should happen. If for some ridiculous reason, a member does not want to receive a stipend, let him or her refuse. But a stipend should be available for those who want it. Hence, it should be an optional stipend.

Name Withheld

*The Banner welcomes letters from readers. Those selected may be shortened to fit allotted space. Drop letters off outside our door, at IC-228*

## Shallow Island Part II: Attack of the Clones

### The Opinion of Michael Raimondi

This past September "All Ways A Woman" was published and distributed throughout the campus. The magazine included lovely poetry and art created by faculty and staff. The magazine even featured heart warming 9/11 tributes and afterthoughts. But as I skimmed through the magazine I came to page 10 and saw a composition I had written for an English class about one year before. I looked in disbelief, then realized that someone had got their hands on my paper and handed it to the magazine staff.

I never meant for this composition to be published. I spoke with an editor of the paper, Ruchi Saldivar and asked her how and why this had happened. Saldivar was apologetic and told me that the magazine wanted both positive and negative angles of women. I was still pretty angry that my paper had run in the magazine without my permission. But I can't change that now.

In the September 30 edition of the Banner a student named Diana Illuzzi responded to my article, and many other students in my classes have had interesting things to say to me. Of course, the typical bleached blonde, cake-face girls were very angry. Most of the guys in my classes laughed and told me I must live on the south shore. I tell all the women who yell at me the same thing: If the article doesn't pertain to you, you shouldn't be insulted. If you are the stereotypical Staten Island girl then too bad, you're exposed.

The typical girl usually has "cake-face" makeup, and no Staten Island princess is complete without her blonde streaks. Any other color would be too original. Even in the winter, these girls think it's necessary to go to the tanning

salon or to the neighborhood CVS for some "Tan in a Can".

I've heard of "dress to impress," but do these girls have to look like they're going to a club every day? These girls love to show skin in their tight belly shirts and capri pants. These girls even have to make their Nextel cell phones sound cool. Are you starting to see the picture now? Oh I almost forgot the tattoo right above the buttock. It's usually a flower, or some kind of Chinese writing. No girl would be complete without her \$200 Gucci bag that can't hold all the makeup for the day.

I actually listen to the conversation of these girls. I hear things like "Wow, I went to *The Factory* on Saturday and got trashed". Or, "Is Sex in the City a repeat this week?" These girls are hollow clones with no originality or purpose. You can't rely on your looks and daddy's money to be cool for the rest of your lives.

The purpose of my article was to expose the bad qualities of the Staten Island "eye candy." I know there are a lot of girls that are not like this. I give a lot of credit to the girls that have real hobbies. (Taking ecstasy and clubbing and drug-ging are not real hobbies.) I walk around campus and I see women that are different. I see female athletes that bust their butt practicing and training in the weight room. I also see people devoting their time and talent to WSIA radio station, and even the Banner.

CSI is also full of spikey haired tough guys that drive through campus at 80 miles an hour in their Nissan Maximas. That's a different issue. Many girls that read my article said they wanted to expose the typical stat rat. Go for it. I wouldn't be the least insulted because I know I'm not one of them.

## Stipend Rebuttal

### The Opinion of Nafeesa Ahmad, Vice-President of Student Government

In the October 28th issue of The Banner, Michele Payton-Garrett wrote "An Open Letter From a Dissenting Senator." In this letter, Payton-Garrett stated, "I feel that it is time for all students to take action to stop the legalized embezzlement of the student activity fee funds."

The phrase, "Legalized embezzlement," is an oxymoron. Embezzlement is defined as illegally acquiring funds, so how can it be legalized? Obviously, embezzlement is not the correct term to refer to the stipend issue.

Later, Payton-Garrett wrote, "This year, instead of giving PDC the money for the "Welcome Back" barbecue, the money went to boost reserves." Though boosting reserves was one of the reasons why we did not give money to PDC, there were other factors in play. The Program Development Committee is a sub-committee of the Student Government (SG) and the Association and both bodies have set aside a portion of their budget to fund the PDC. Therefore, any event organized by PDC has automatically received funding from the SG. The Program Development Committee is well off financially and has the money to fund the barbecue without

the help of SG. The only reason PDC approached SG for money was so that SG would have an opportunity to sponsor a great event for the students. The SG still wanted to do its part and generously donated several boxes of supplies and decorations in lieu of the money.

Regarding CSI's yearly Starlight Cabaret, Payton-Garrett stated, "This year SG only bought five tickets at the student rate of \$100 per ticket, and were thus unable to give any student at large a ticket to the Cabaret. Once again, this was done to build up the reserve fund."

SG did send two students from the student body to the Cabaret. Although building up the reserve was one of the reasons for the five ticket purchase, it was only one reason. In the past have had difficulty making use of all the tickets we have purchased for the Starlight Cabaret. We decided it would not be a good idea to buy a lot of tickets when it was so hard to give them away. Student interest in these tickets has always been very low. This year, when we decided to raffle off the extra three tickets (two from SG and one from Association), only three people signed up!

Rebuttal: A formal refutation through evidence and argument

# WSIA 88.9 FM

The Longer You Listen, The Harder They Get

## TOP 10 RPM

By Greg Pesochin

1. **The Streets**  
*Original Pirate Material*
2. **Squarepusher**  
*Do you know Squarepusher*
3. **Puretone**  
*Stuck in a Groove*
4. **LTJ Bukem Feat. MC Conrad**  
*Progression Sessions 7: Japan Live*
5. **AK 1200**  
*Shoot to Kill*
6. **FC Kahuna**  
*Machine Says Yes*
7. **Thievery Corporation**  
*The Richest Man in Babylon*
8. **RJD2**  
*Dead Ringer*
9. **Ladytron**  
*Light and magic*
10. **Assemblage 23**  
*Defiance*



Name: Greg Pesochin  
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### Question #1

What's your favorite movie and why?  
*Harry Potter, because there are no sexual innuendos and he makes guys with glasses and messy hair look badass.*

### Question #2

What was the best concert you've ever been to?

*The free VMA concert hosted by Moby. I saw Sasha, Our Lady Peace and Moby for the price of a cab fare.*

### Question #3

What are some of your favorite bands?

*Beck, Hybrid, The Corporation, PM10, Deep Sky*

### Question #4

Who is your favorite Muppet and why?

*I like that crawfish thing on Muppet Treasure Island because his accent gets the ladies.*

### WSIA Disc-Jockeys' Fall Lineup

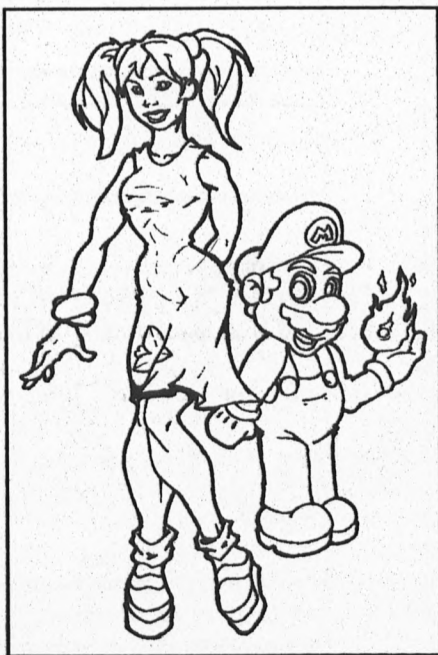
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
7:00 am	Rotating DJ	Morning Show	Morning Show	Morning Show	Morning Show	Michelle Garner	John G.
10:00	Lazer Garner	Donnald Vroome	Rotating DJ	Rotating DJ	Rotating DJ	Guru Dave	Dr. J
1:00 pm	Steve Hager	Rotating DJ	Lucas Garber	Denis Back	Jon Bolarinwa	Rotating DJ	Greg Pesochin
3:00	Rotating DJ	Bryan Ahl	Greg Pesochin	Maggie May	Lacey Axelrod	Austin Lee	4:00 World 5:00 TFFT
6:00	8:00 Sports	Gabriel Lugo	Emillo Medugno	Phoenix	Rotating DJ	Outerworld	The VAULT
10:00	Steve Cameron	Anthony Alexander	Steve Rich	Raven	Lucien	Bryan Ahl	Rotating DJ

## Tekken 4 Tournament Held on Halloween

Dominic Fiduccia

On Halloween afternoon in the Campus Center's video game room, a Tekken 4 tournament was held. Tekken 4 is a very popular video game among those who like to frequent 1C 212. Tekken 4 takes place 20 years after Tekken 3. Kazuya Mishima is now dead and his father is holding a fourth King of Iron Fist Tournament to defeat his son once and for all.

The tournament had eight participants all hopeful that they would be the winner of the prize: 40 precious game tokens. A representative of the Office of Student Life, who sponsored the tournament, mentioned it was an "off day" and that the usual number for a tournament is at least 12 people. One reason for the dismal showing may have been that the event took place on Halloween.



Super Mario may have the hot for Tekken's video vixen.  
Illustration: Ephraim Simms.

The competition was fun to watch and even those who were eliminated stayed to find out who would win. One of the participants said the tournament was "excellent." While another commented, "Everyone should have picked the Bear." The Bear refers to Kuma, the orange T-shirt and sneaker-wearing grizzly bear fighter. No one played as Kuma but those that were selected included: King, Combot, Heihachi Mishima, Ling Xiaoyu and Christie. The winner used Christie throughout the tournament.

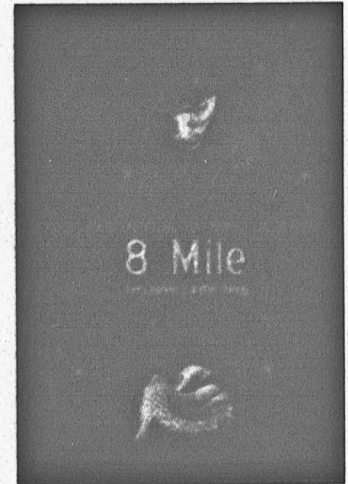
"It's my favorite game here and I've been practicing a lot," said Prentiss, the tournament champion. "I guess you can say I got lucky."

For more information about upcoming gaming events and tournaments, visit the Campus Center's video game room. Tournaments are usually held on Thursdays and start at 1:30 pm.

Vapid: Lacking spirit, liveliness, or zest

## FEATURED MOVIE REVIEW

### 8 MILE



Holly Acerra

When I heard Eminem was doing a movie, naturally I was skeptical. I was surprised when I heard rants and raves from the critics about 8-mile. So I decided to be open-minded and give it a chance.

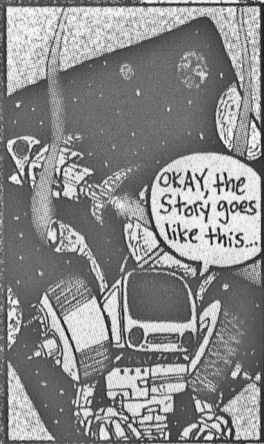
I went to see the movie the Friday night it came out, thinking that maybe it would be slightly better than I had expected. To put it mildly, there are at least 10 million other ways I could have spent those two hours that would have been more enjoyable. For example, opening soda cans with my teeth.

As an actor, Eminem performed quite well. The film, however was unbelievably redundant and predictable and the plot was cheesy. Eminem plays Jimmy "Rabbit" Smith, a Detroit rapper aspiring to make it to the top and free himself of his trailer-park home and trashy mother (Kim Basinger). He makes his efforts with the help of his friend, David "Future" Porter (Mekhi Pfeiffer) and girlfriend Alex (Brittany Murphy) who seems to spread her legs at the slightest hint of any chance to get out of Detroit for her "big break" as a model. Throughout the movie (almost every scene) Rabbit fights with rival rappers and gets beat up.

The film begins with Rabbit attempting to "battle" (meaning rap against) another rapper in a club for recognition, but he chokes and runs off stage. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that by the end he will get up the courage to finally "battle" and defeat his opposition.

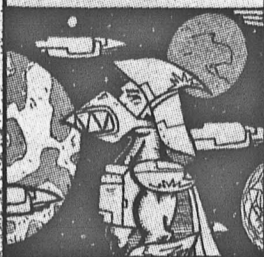
The lyrical competitions and rhyming were actually very fascinating, whether you're a rap fan or not. However, such interludes don't make up for the pointless plot, predictable moments and vapid script. If Eminem desires a serious acting career, he should steer away from films like this and retain some dignity.

**CAPTAIN FANTASTIC IN SPACE**  
by chris sorrentino and john szeluga

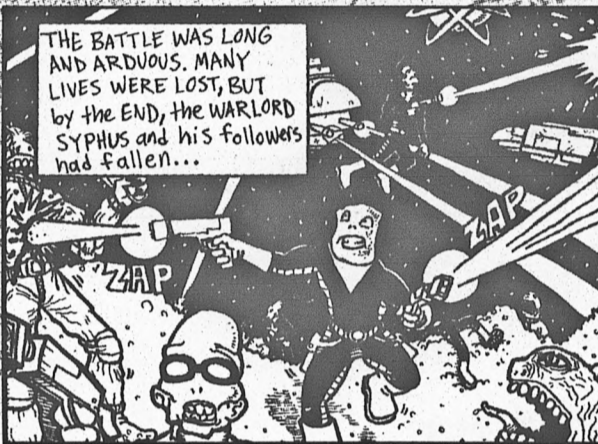


A VERY LONG TIME AGO, THE WARLORD SYPHUS, whose Dynasty HAD Controlled Nearly Half of the Galaxy Sought to spread his Power across the rest of the FREE GALAXY.

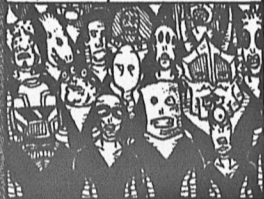
BUT The Rest of the Free GALAXY was NOT inclined to give away it's Freedom so Easily. The SUPER Heroes of Many PLANETS had Met and formed THE GALACTIC COUNCIL OF FREEDOM to thwart the eminent force of the Warlord SYPHUS and his cruel armies.



Together, THE GALACTIC COUNCIL OF FREEDOM had waged a war against the forces of the Warlord, for if they had not tried to battle him together, then they would have each surely been conquered by Syphus Separately.



THE BATTLE WAS LONG AND ARDUOUS. MANY LIVES WERE LOST, BUT by the END, the WARLORD SYPHUS and his followers had fallen...



But Peace was short lived in the Galaxy, for the dead Warlord Syphus was Re-surrected as the EVIL Lord TryPhon, and once again the members of the council went to war against EVIL!

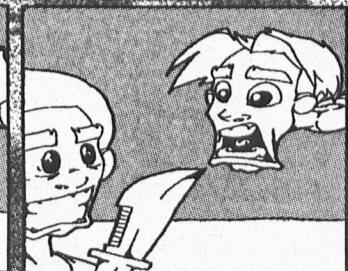
Although the council had again defeated the Evil Lord, the Council was greatly weakened by the war, and they have never Quite recuperated from it.

NOW Someone is taking advantage of this and is killing members of THE GALACTIC COUNCIL OF FREEDOM, as well as murdering rogue superheroes across the Galaxy, for they too can be potential members of the Council. Superheroes like you Captain Fantastico...

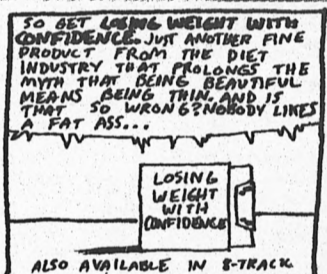
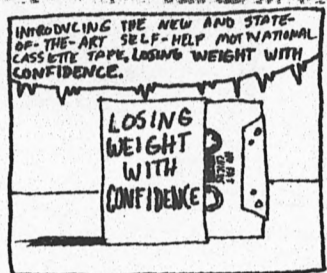


**EZEKIAL AND DIRTBAG**

by ephraim e. simms



**LOSE WEIGHT**  
by enrique innocente



**MUTANT LOBSTER BOY**

by chris sorrentino

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# HOROSCOPE

By Mademoiselle Cassidy Jones

**Aries: The Ram**  
March 21-April 19



You sometimes feel a little insecure about yourself and feel that maybe you are going too much over the top. Realize that this is why people respect you. Don't be afraid to break barriers. This is what makes you such an interesting person.  
Love Days: 15, 18, 19  
Lucky Days: 14, 16, 17

**Taurus: The Bull**  
April 20 - May 20



A few people have been getting on your nerves lately and instead of settling it with them, you're laying it down on everyone else. No one will want to hear your complaints and deal with your cocky mood this week, Taurus. The only way to help yourself and relieve others is to settle the problem where it began.  
Love Days: 14, 15, 19  
Lucky Days: 15, 17, 18

**Gemini: The Twins**  
May 21 - June 21



Certain things will happen this week that will affect the rest of your life. Looking at matters as you're going through them will probably cause some pain. You will become a much stronger person once you realize why these things happen.  
Love Days: 17, 18, 19  
Lucky Days: 16, 17, 19

**Cancer: The Crab**  
June 22 - July 22



Make some time for your family this week, Cancer. If you're close by, go for a visit. If you're far away, give them a call. Whether you've been fighting with them or even if everything is running smoothly, just remind them that you care about them. The stars show many rewards for signs of appreciation.  
Love Days: 15, 17, 19  
Lucky Days: 14, 17, 19

**Leo: The Lion**  
July 23- August 22



If you're unhappy with where your life is going, maybe it's time to set some new goals. This week is the perfect week to start. You won't be overloaded with work and will have lots of free time. Spend some of your time alone, thinking about what you really want to pursue in life. Then go out and make something of it.  
Love Days: 16, 17, 19  
Lucky Days: 16, 17, 18

**Virgo: The Virgin**  
August 23 - Sept. 22



Your life is unorganized because you make plans and don't stick to them. You have good intentions and good instincts, but you don't follow through. If you listen to your heart, your life will run a lot smoother and you'll begin to enjoy it.  
Love Days: 14, 16, 17  
Lucky Days: 15, 16, 19

**Libra: The Scales**  
September 23 - Oct. 23



Family and friends will demand too much from you this week. You're only human, though, and can only do so much. Don't stress yourself out if you can't please everyone. Take care of the most important people first and tell the others that you care and will make time for them when you can.  
Love Days: 15, 18, 19  
Lucky Days: 17, 18, 19

**Scorpio: The Scorpion**  
October 24 - Nov. 21



You've been under heavy stress lately, but you've been doing a great job on moving on from your past. However, someone whom you were once close to, but who is no longer in your life, will show up. Don't let this shake you up, though. You'll be amazed to find out what this person has to say to you.  
Love Days: 14, 16, 17  
Lucky Days: 15, 17, 19

**Sagittarius: The Archer**  
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21



You don't have to say yes when someone asks you to do a voluntary task. It's time for you to take a break and get to know that special someone you've had your eye on. Life can give you what you want, but it's up to you to make the time.  
Love Days: 16, 18, 23  
Lucky Days: 22, 27, 30

**Capricorn: The Goat**  
December 22 - Jan. 19



Sometimes you're a little bit too confident. Not only do you give others the wrong impression of yourself, but your overconfidence hurts you when you fail at something. You should walk with your head high, but be careful not to set your expectations too high. You'll wind up falling down again.  
Love Days: 16, 21, 29  
Lucky Days: 17, 26, 28

**Aquarius: The Water Carrier**  
Jan. 20-February 18



There's something you want to tell someone. You've been dropping hints and trying to beat around the bush, but clearly, the message isn't getting across. Have no fear about simply coming out and saying how you feel to this person.  
Love Days: 14, 16, 19  
Lucky Days: 15, 18, 19

**Pisces: The Fish**  
Feb. 19 - March 20



You love working at a fast pace, so this is just the week for you. You'll be flying through all your assignments and asking for more. Don't make careless errors. Things will start to slow next week, so you may want to think about spreading out some of your tasks.  
Love Days: 15, 16, 17  
Lucky Days: 14, 16, 18, 11

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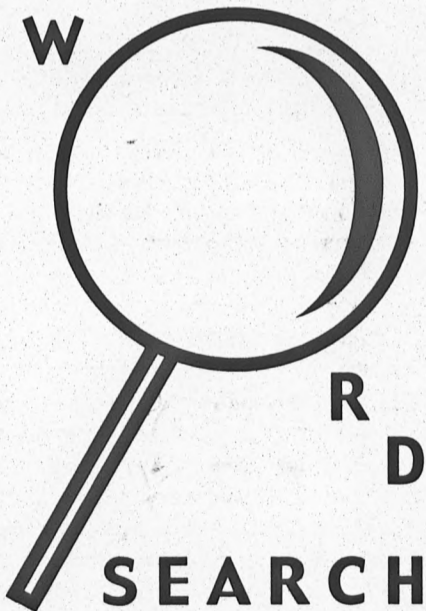
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## Thanksgiving On The Rocks

by Patricia Savage

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- Depression
- Embarrassment
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Fortune: what happens to a person: good or bad luck; Fate, Destiny

## The Different Worlds of Two CUNY Schools

Shawn Glancy

Hunter is a marvelous school. It consists of three buildings which sit on an intersection on the Upper East side of Manhattan. Hunter is surrounded by the hustle and bustle of the city, and is full of all kinds of people, from all over the world. Every walk of life roams the halls of Hunter College. When I walked the halls of Hunter I felt engulfed by culture; it was nothing like Elm Park, the small Staten Island, suburban community I grew up in.

When I first started going to CSI I hated it; I was so overwhelmed by the size of the campus. Everything is so far away. CSI is nothing like the compact, three-building college I wanted to be going to. At CSI I discovered huge fields of grass, many trees, and geese everywhere. On rainy days the campus becomes muddy and people wet and dirty, the fields are covered with worms. There is nowhere to hide from the rain at CSI. Unlike at Hunter, where the rain doesn't make a difference, all life goes on outdoors at CSI. At Hunter all activities are

inside the school.

Another big difference in the two schools is the way students handle gaps in their schedule. At Hunter, people are always sleeping. You can find people sleeping on the couches on every floor in the school at any given time. If a Hunter student doesn't

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sleep between classes, they shop. Whether students are looking to buy clothes, electronics, or even pets, it's all within two blocks of the school.

In my time spent at CSI I have never found anyone sleeping. During a break some students go to the cafeteria to eat or socialize. Others play

handball, basketball, or tennis. However, most CSI students leave and come back later. CSI has many students who drive, and because of all the parking on campus, most students bring their cars to school. With easy access to come and go as they please, most students do just that. Because most students do not stay on campus when they do not have class there is much less student involvement at CSI than at Hunter.

After going to CSI for a little under a year I find that I like the idea of having such a large campus. I feel good being surrounded by nature and prefer it to the idea of being stuffed into a building. There is a peacefulness about this place, and though I've never seen any of the students asleep here, I imagine it would be much easier to relax here than at Hunter.

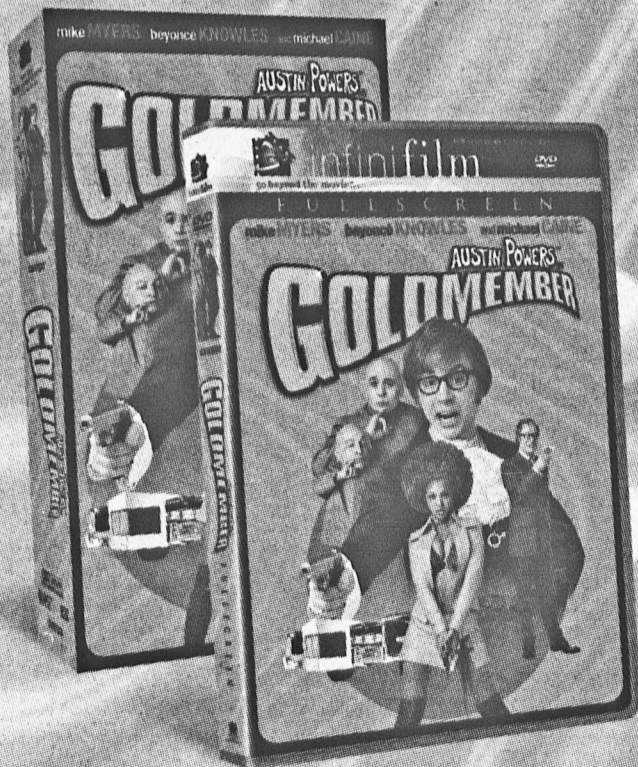
People go to college in order to better themselves. When they have finished school, most people will go on to work in office buildings. I have found that the idea of going to school in a big building only to work in another big building after I graduate

is very unappealing. The beautiful atmosphere of CSI is the perfect balance to the stress which comes from being a college student.

As far as culture, CSI has just as much, if not more culture than Hunter College. There are people from all walks of life here, just as there are there. The difference between the schools is that at CSI people speak to each other more. People are friendlier. Maybe it has something to do with the large campus; people are not on top of one another, packed together tightly, trying to make their way through life, as they are in Manhattan. Crowds can be scary, not the best places to have a conversation.

The design of the CSI is based on Thomas Jefferson's design of the University of Virginia. This gives CSI a rich experience of classic American architecture, all displayed right before the students' eyes. Hunter may be a good school, but I have found that after overcoming the initial intimidation of a large campus, CSI is the best place for me to spend my college years.

# Bring The Party Home, Baby!

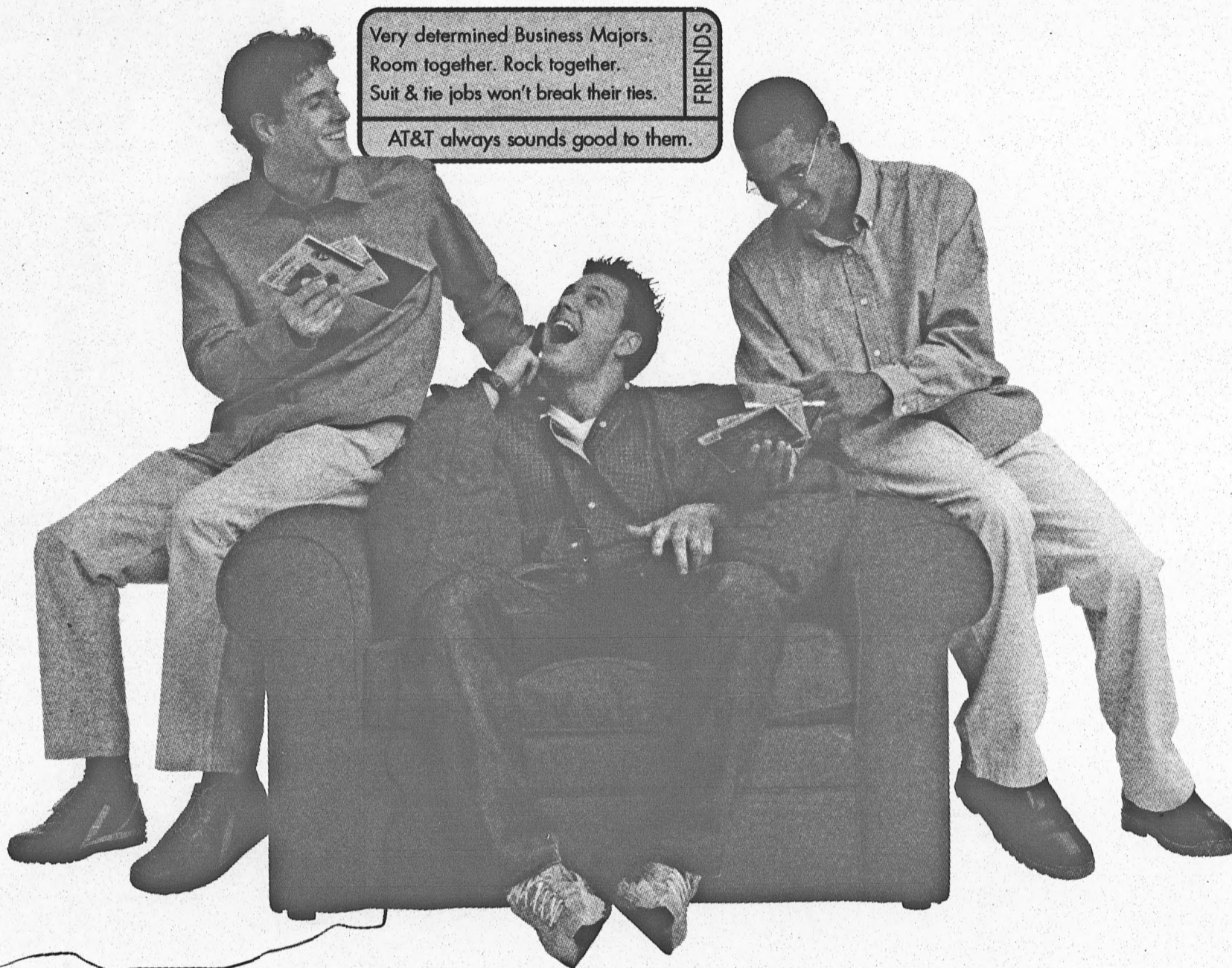


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# SPORTS

November 25, 2002

# BANNER

## Lady Dolphins Ready for NYU

Stan Etheridge

Senior forward Keisha Cook and the CSI women's basketball team are looking forward to their December 1st home opener against NYU.

"I really don't care for the Violets," Cook said before a recent practice. "We are going to play hard, aggressive, and together. We are going to kick their butts."

Nationally ranked Division III powerhouse NYU has handed CSI back-to-back 30 point losses in the past two years. Dave Pizzuto, the program's statistician, indicates that CSI's overall record against the Violets is 2-13, and that the 2 victories, which came in 1983 and 1984, both happened on the Lady Dolphins home court.

"We can't be intimidated," says Coach Marguerite Gualtieri. "We want to be aggressive, push the ball, and

play less halfcourt. We cannot think that we're going to lose before we play the game."

The Women's team is currently

**"We are going  
to kick  
their butts."**

practicing for two-and-a-half hours a day, six days a week. And they can't seem to get NYU off their minds.

"They are a much bigger team," said senior forward Deanna Ortiz. "We have to play our game and push the ball."

Debbie Pasquale, a transfer for

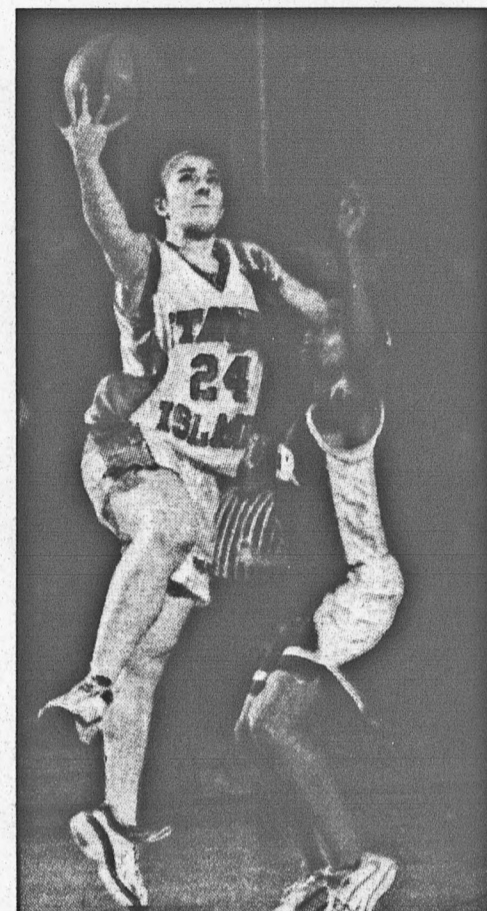
City College, said "We are small but strong." But this first-year player remains confident. "I think we will go far this year."

CSI knows the NYU game will be a measuring stick. "It will be a barometer to see if we can compete," said Gualtieri. "If we lose bad, we have things to work on."

NYU is experienced and scrappy. Their roster features eight returning players.

And Pam Barone, one of CSI's returning guards, knows how brutal the competition can get. Barone had to leave last year's game due to a broken nose. "They are a tough team," she said. "The game will let us know where we are."

"It will be a strong test," said Pizzuto. "NYU is a quality program, and are a top team in the nation."



Returning guard Pam Barone goes up for a layup. Photo credit: Dave Pizzuto.

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## Fins Win Another Swim

Kimberly DeLese

The men's swim team powered their way to a 64-54 victory against Adelphi, while the women were left in their wake, losing 62-53.

The men's victory in the non-conference meet held at CSI is psyching the team up for their November 24th meet against SUNY Maritime.

Eugene Kagan and Alan Kok both took home three first-place finishes, while Keith Marsh took home two wins. Kagan dominated the 200 individual medley, finishing in a swift 2:36.96. Kok blew the competition away in the 100 butterfly, finishing in 27:63. Strong finishes by Keith Marsh and Krzysztof Pilsiewicz propelled CSI to this dominating performance.

"Most of the people are returning from last year," said head coach Oleg Soloviev. "They are doing well and are going to be a huge help at the CUNY championships."

As for the women, highlights included Danielle D'Eusano's and Carolina Wroblewski's first place finishes in the 100 breaststroke and the 200 freestyle. Gina Troise and Kate Lushpenko also put in strong performances.

## GASPER STEPS UP

Diana Illuzzi

During veteran coach Tony Petosa's one-year leave of absence, Brian Gasper has taken on the Dolphins. Gasper, 26, is no stranger to CSI's basketball program. During his four-year playing career, Gasper was an All-Star CUNY Conference forward. He made two NCAA Division III tournament appearances in 1995 and 1996. At the conclusion of his career, Gasper placed 15th on CSI's all time scoring list with 1,241 points. Also, with 554 rebounds, he placed 11th on the career rebounding list. The Port Richmond alum has spent his last four years here at the college as assistant coach under Petosa.

Gasper has his work cut out for him, having to deal with the loss of four key players from the CUNY championship club. "We have individual talent, but we have a lot of youth. Maybe that will be our advantage," Gasper told the Staten Island Advance.

The Dolphins home-opener is Tuesday night versus SUNY Farmingdale. CSI's Tournament of Heroes, a four-team event to honor the memory of three former Dolphins who perished in the World Trade Center attacks, will be held December 28-29.