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United Students

*"United we stand
divided we fall"*

As students we are deeply concerned with the problems that students face, and have chosen to do something about it. Our slate members are committed to change on campus. The new United Students slate, if elected, we are willing to act on the behalf of the student body. We are a diverse group with varied ages to best represent all students. All of our members feel strongly about the following issues:

- Child-care for all students who need it.
- Parking and unfair ticketing practices.
- Improving library and athletic facilities.
- Fight for the "Pass/Fail option"
- Promote career-oriented opportunities related to all majors



"Diversity to Represent Diversity"

offered at C.S.I.

- Develop communication between student government and the students they represent.
- Uniting students and faculty to decrease bureaucracy.
- Reinstating C.S.I yearbook.
- Lowering cafeteria and bookstore prices for student.
- Increased student control over

student facilities and activity fee.

- And continued support of community outreach projects.

If you vote for the United Students slate, you will make it possible for us to achieve all of our goals on the issues mentioned above, and help us improve the school to benefit everyone.

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Tom Healy on vacation for this issue

Program For Change

United Students

"United we stand divided we fall"

As the old adage goes "united we stand divided we fall". Our slate is devoted to change on all levels and is made up of students just like you who want to improve our campus. Our program for change is as follows

STOP THE FINANCIAL ASSAULT ON THE STUDENT BODY

In the past, there have been student government representatives that have hijacked our STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES to satisfy partisan activities outside campus interests (using our money to establish their own political agenda). There are many programs, and student organizations that still suffer due to the lack of this funding. We need to purge our campus of political opportunists, and demand STUDENT CONTROL OVER STUDENT FUNDS!

**IMPROVEMENT OF THE LIBRARY
AND GYM FACILITIES**

The CSI library is currently ranked second to last among all of CUNY in book volume. Our students have had great difficulty in finding the appropriate research materials due to the lack of these resources. Our current Student Government representatives, that are running with United Students, have already begun to combat this problem by recently allocating 10 thousand dollars for books and journals to facilitate our library. The Gym facilities have also seen a rapid decline, especially in the weight room. Students have reported broken, missing, worn out equipment and machinery, creating hazardous conditions for our students.

**CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE OF POSITIVE
MULTI-CULTURALISM**

The present Student Government has worked hard to restore race relations that had been almost completely destroyed through political provocation's of the past. One of the greatest benefits of being a student who attends CUNY is the diversity of this institution. Instead of students going off into their own little cliques, we should utilize the opportunity to learn from, and about each other. We need to foster programs and activities that will unify the student body across ethnic lines, and to celebrate all the strands of diversity existing within our campus. We believe that positive multi-culturalism is a defining hallmark of a CUNY education.

CHILDCARE FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO REQUEST IT

We believe that childcare should be a right not a privilege. However, under the current lottery system less than 50% of the students that require childcare on this campus can receive these services. Government funding is sparse, and insufficient to meet the overwhelming needs. It is imperative that new proposals be formulated in order to route more money into the childcare system.

STUDENT CONTROL OF STUDENT SPACE

The Club Commission has been advocating for clubs and other student organizations to be given preferential treatment concerning space on campus. The Green Dolphin Lounge and the Center For The Arts primary purpose should be to service the students here at CSI, not outside organizations. Additionally, we are advocating for permanent club rooms here at the college.

**PARKING: UNFAIR TICKETING PRACTICES,
AND SAFETY**

Lack of parking and paved lots, exorbitant ticket and decal fees, booting of students' cars, and insufficient lighting in parking areas, are an absolute nightmare for the drivers on this campus. We need your support as we continue to exert pressure on our administration and Auxiliary Services to change parking policies to service the students here at CSI.

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICES

We have been hearing to many complaints regarding the scheduling and attitude of the shuttle bus service here at CSI. The intracampus transportation system needs to better service the daily needs of the student body. Students who commute by public transportation are under extreme duress, and our shuttle bus service only exacerbates the problem. Bus service must be accessible, reliable, comfortable, and friendly.

DECREASE THE BUREAUCRACY

Administrative bureaucracy has plagued our clubs and student organizations by hindering us from the full college experience. We need to unite students and faculty together so that the process can be simplified. Events should be facilitated by responsible students who are aggressive in their activism, but tempered with diplomacy. This work necessitates that we work in conjunction with the student body and staff.

PART-TIME, WEEKEND AND EVENING STUDENTS

Our candidates have been committed to forming a more inclusive structure for this (oftentimes) neglected portion of our student body. We want to continue to target this population with programs like the Open House Forums, and services like the Free Evening Coffee Hours. We also need your support in this coming year as we fight for better advisement, more evening and weekend activities, and a larger class selection to benefit part time students.

LOWER PRICES FOR STUDENTS

With the support of our candidates, we launched a campaign to boycott our cafeteria when ordering Pizza for our student activities here on campus. This resulted in Student Clubs getting a discount of \$5.75 a pie from our food services. Instead of turning profits, Auxiliary Services should be devoted to providing the best service at the cheapest prices. We are currently paying more for food, copies, and books in CSI than we would be paying outside the campus. This is inexcusable. Students should not be forced to pay top dollar. We intend to continue to mobilize students in serious campaigns to change the current practices.

WHAT IS THE PASS /FAIL OPTION?

By Joanne Gallo
Vice President of Senior College
on the University Student Senate

The fact that the United Students slate is supporting the PASS/FAIL OPTION has stirred up quite a lot of curiosity. Students are asking what is a pass fail option, and why should anyone support this? To begin with, the P/F option is when a student is awarded the opportunity to take a limited amount of accredited matriculated classes that will be graded as either a pass or fail, instead of a letter grade.

There are a couple of major reasons why this would be such an advantage to our students here at CSI. To begin with, even the most intelligent and industrious people find it quite difficult to receive high grades in every subject. For instance,

students who major in the Liberal Arts venue (such as History, Psychology, Journalism, etc.) usually find the technical and scientific subjects to be stringent and difficult to fathom. Conversely, the "Hard Sciences" and Math majors are usually confounded by the abstract quality of literature and the unpredictable nature of the human factor.

Consequently, most students have problems receiving high grades on subjects that are outside of their forte. The P/F option would allow students who are forced to take subjects outside of their major, to save their grade point average from plummeting. Students are constantly complaining about that one or two subjects that plague them through their entire college career. The P/F option would alleviate the horrible stress that interferes with the quality of student life for the students who feel concerned about their GPA, and penalized for not being great at everything.

Another wonderful advantage of

the P/F option is that a student would have the opportunity to experiment with subjects that they would normally shy away from. I can't tell you how many times I wanted to expand my horizons by taking a class outside my field of interest that was not required. But I played it safe because I did not have the freedom to "play" with my grade point average. I believe this is true of most CUNY students who are aiming toward scholarships to continue their education.

Some skeptics might argue, especially the many critics of CUNY, that the P/F option would somehow lower the quality of education for our students. However, if you do your homework you will find out that almost all the "Ivy League" colleges offer this option to their students, and that it is CUNY that has an aversion to the P/F option. I believe that we deserve the same opportunities here at CSI, as others do. So join us in our struggle to afford our students with this beneficial option of education.

United Students Issues & Solutions

We at the Banner have asked representatives to elaborate on where the United Students slate stands on the issues; they have supplied a brief list of some of the problems within C.S.I and how they are going to address them.

Childcare

The first issue that we would like to discuss is childcare. If you have a child and go to C.S.I you may have already experienced the anxiety that comes with the lottery. We hope you feel lucky because you have a fifty-fifty chance of getting your child in. Childcare has been a problem since it was included to the school. Every semester only a small percentage of people who have children are allowed to use the childcare facility. This left a big demand for childcare for those left out in the rain. Many of these students then complain to student government who hands as of late have been tied by a tyrannical administration. They have tried to address this problem by using every diplomatic means at their disposal to no avail.

Our society has started to realize that many single mothers and fathers want to rejoin work force. There are many companies that now have childcare as one of their benefits to meet the demands of their work force. All Universities and Colleges exist in. With that in mind our members believe that childcare has gone from a students privilege to right. Our slate will pursue changes on behalf of the student body. The United Students slate proposes that the school investigate the option of looking

for other childcare facilities near the campus. By investigating the nearby facilities it would place us on the road to dealing with this problem rather than swiping it under the carpet as administration has done for many years now.

Parking

Another major problem on campus is parking and ticketing practices of campus security. Almost every student who has a car and parked on campus has had the fear of parking on the line. This creates the feeling that we are being rob by everyone administration, the bookstore, and the campus security. We are also given a two-week grace period for parking on campus without a parking decal at the beginning of the semester. Once the two weeks are over, any student is fair game for a ticket for parking without a decal. It is not taken into consideration that you may have been a student for awhile and have purchased decals for prior semesters. Many students cannot afford to pay for a decal after purchasing all the books they need for the semester. However, administration does not take this into account.

Parking itself is a difficult task to perform in time to get to class. Why? Because, C.S.I sells many more parking permits than there are available spots. Their theory is that we'll sell the same amount of decal for "day students" as well as "night students". They assume that the daytime student leaves the campus the campus after a certain time during the day, which opens up available spots for the evening students. Administration tried to address this prob-

lem by creating the "gravel pit" between lots three and four but as members of student government later found out these parking spaces are illegal. Unfortunately, the New York City police department can ticket any one who parks in the "gravel pit".

The United Students slate proposes to alleviate this ongoing problem by investigating the possibility of paving over the grass dividers as well as putting a stop to on the line ticketing. Our slate also wishes to extend the grace period at the beginning of every semester.

Library Facility

Have you ever gone to look for a book and it's not there or look up a journal and the library doesn't carry it? We all have experienced the inadequate supply the library has. We the United Student Slate want to remedy this dilemma by increasing the libraries volume of books, journals, newspapers and videos. Many students find it frustrating to travel to several libraries, some of which require a great deal of time, in order to complete necessary research projects for their classes. Through the courtesy of the current student government we obtained information on the standing of our library compared to other CUNY libraries. Sadly, as it turns out we were second to the lowest on the list of CUNY book volume in our library. Being that we are a senior college we should have been the list, so as to set an example for the other colleges.

WHO THE @#*& IS NEIL ANYWAY ?

BY: The Raven

An investment in the books in the library is an investment in the students of the college. We must ensure that all of the students who attend this college are not left behind due to over zealous investing in computers. While our computer labs have improved our traditional and most important source of knowledge is being shamefully neglected. Some of our current slate members who were on student government this past semester have started a project with Dr. Marcum, the chief librarian, to allocate money to expand our library's book volume.

The United Student slate is committed to continuing in expanding the library's resources. It is our goal to make the library number one in all CUNY School in the matter of book volume. Voting for United Student especially on this issue is a guaranteed investment in your future.

Career and Majors

College is supposed to be a time of learning and opportunity for all. We know what it is like to struggle for four or five years to achieve a degree, and end up working in McDonald's because there is no known available job. The students of the United Students slate feel that this is a major issue and it needs to be dealt with.

It is time for the College of Staten Island to offer more opportunities for graduating and soon-to-be graduating students to acquire information for jobs related to their majors. The United Students slate is dedicated to creating Student Government job fairs and dinners for the sole purpose of increased student exposure. Another idea is to enlist the aid and experience of members of the CSI Alumni, who are an untapped resource for students.

What's wrong with the Gym

Everyone who has ever used the gym has at one point said the same thing "If it wasn't free I wouldn't work out here". Some students feel that the gym, specifically the weight room has become dangerous. One student complained of poor ventilation, "Every time I workout there's at least an inch of dust sitting under the treadmills and they keep closing the doors to keep people from walking in but I can hardly breathe".

Other problems with the gym are the missing, broken and lack of proper equipment. As an extremely concerned student noted "Handle straps are ripping and kill my hands when I use the machine. Then I come over here to use this machine and the equipment that was here yesterday ain't here today. The money from my activity fee goes to the gym right then how come I have to put up with this crap". As our decision continued his friend interjected "There are missing dumbbells, pins, and even handle grips on a machine. They should also have someone here to help people workout. There's always some idiot lifting more than he can handle and the attendants don't do anything".

After my discussion with the two gentlemen I noticed that there numerous problems that I often overlook such as pads that fall off and treadmills that accelerate without warning. Also the gyms that I have attended have all had more basic equipment (Decline benches, a peck-deck machine, Ab machines or at least a slant board). Not to mention, there's a safety issue. There's always an attendant in the pool area in case of an emergency yet there are times when there is no one in the weight room to help you.

One of the recommendations that I have heard to improve the gym is to mandate that the attendants remain there all the time and spot the people who workout alone. The attendants should note when equipment is broken or missing and should keep the gym relatively clean.

One major recommendation is to remove all aerobic equipment and place them in a separate room this will increase the room for new equipment in the weight room.

Besides being a person who blatantly lies and uses profanity throughout his platform statement, This egghead is CSI's former Finance Commissioner on the 1996/97 Student Government.

So why did he not brag about his qualifications on his election material? Because when he was finance commissioner (along with the ex has been SG president, William Wharton), 500,000 OF YOUR STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES were spent. This resulted in the \$21.00 INCREASE PER SEMESTER last year. Now we rank 2nd highest in all of CUNY. Was the money spent on child care services here on campus? @\$*& NO! In fact they gave \$0 dollars, which resulted in a cutback in child care which was immediately rectified by the new Student Government that overthrew these clowns. What about student facilities, lowering prices, parking, etc. No, didn't happen. What did happen is there was a blowup of ethnic hostility and violence here at CSI in 1996/97. If you can't recall these events then ask the students who were here back then, they'll tell you about it.

So why is Neil so irate with the new Student Government?

Maybe because they spend the Student Activity Fees on student activities, and services. Wow, what a novel idea. By the way, do the students on this campus know that at least \$7000.00 of OUR STUDENT FEES, this year alone, have been spent for lawyers in lawsuits that Neil Shuldiner filed in one of his many lawsuits, most of which are against students here at CSI. (This information can be checked not only with the Student Government office, but with the College Association as well). In fact, Neil has been here at CSI for at least 7 years now and has made quite a career of all this. I say, get a real job.

Something else you should know is that our reporters at the Banner checked to see if it were true that the club CSI Democrats were in fact endorsing Neil Shuldiner and found out that there is no such club here on campus. Then we called the SI Young Democrats and faxed them a copy of his statement to try to verify if they were endorsing him. They were MORTIFIED, and insisted that they never heard of Neil Shuldiner, and asked us to print a disclaimer over his statement.

They had heard of a character named Timmy Jenkins, a person we know to be serving lawsuits to over 60 students from CUNY. We do know that Neil and Timmy do hang out with some other so called political Stalinist here on campus. OOPS I think that we just blew his political cover posing as a "Young Democrat." If you check the stands you find that the Third Rail Magazine that is endorsing Neil has not printed since 1998, and www Third Rail Rag, I mean Mag. prints articles calling people (who I know to be great student activists) House Niggers, Uncle Toms and Aunt Jemimas. My understanding is that Neil Shuldiner is funding this Rag, I mean Mag. out of pocket. Isn't that considerate of him.

I will end this by saying I checked with over 30 club presidents to find out if anyone besides the Communications club, which is run by his fellow candidate Shawn Fisher and wife Peri Dreznick. No one I spoke to from the clubs was endorsing Neil, or his slate. So if this information helps illuminate this very special guy at this election time, then vote for him and his slate, or vote wisely.

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On the reverse side one can write a fill in

Voting Instructions:

Clearly place an "X" through the names of the candidates for whom you wish to vote. Vote only for the specified number of candidates in each row as shown in the sample below. *Write-in votes count toward category total. Unclear marks or voting for the wrong number of candidates will invalidate your ballot in that category. Return your completed ballot, sealed in the envelope provided, to a polling place during the election period from April 10-13 & 15 (April 10 & 11-Library, 10 AM - 1 PM & 4 PM - 8 PM. April 12 & 13-Campus Center, 10 AM - 1 PM & 4 PM - 8 PM and April 15, Library, 10 AM - 3 PM.) You will need to present a valid CSI student ID or bursar's receipt in order to cast your ballot. All voters will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to the CSI Bookstore and receive a \$1.00 off coupon redeemable in the CSI Cafeteria or Campus Center Gameroom.

Student Government Freshman Vote for One	Student Government At Large Upper Vote for Five	Auxiliary Services Vote for four	Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee: Vote for six
Christopher Canale	George K. Afful	George K. Afful	Kenyatta (Kenny) Carter
Student Government Sophomore Vote for One	Christopher Bligh	Kenyatta (Kenny) Carter	Elizabeth Edwards
Kenyatta (Kenny) Carter	Peri Dreznick	Peri Dreznick	Liza Evanson
Student Government Junior Vote for One	Liza Evanson	Shawn Fisher	Shawn Fisher
Elizabeth Edwards	Melanie Goldstein	James A. Haynes	Melanie Goldstein
Student Government Senior Vote for One	James A. Haynes	Kathleen McHugh	James A. Haynes
Shawn Fisher	Jeff McGraham	Michele Payton-Garrett	Michele Payton-Garrett
Thomas Healy	Kathleen McHugh	Neil Schuldiner	Neil Schuldiner
Student Government Graduate Vote for One	Neil Schuldiner	College Council Vote for seven	Christine White
No Declared Candidate	Teresa Williams	Jodee Currier	Teresa Williams
Student Government At Large Lower Vote for Ten	CSI Association Lower Division Vote for Three	Elizabeth Edwards	
Holger Antonio Correa	Christopher Canale	Shawn Fisher	
Jodee Currier	Kenyatta (Kenny) Carter	Melanie Goldstein	
Loriann DePhillips	Loriann DePhillips	Neil Schuldiner	
Lisa Doherty	Lisa Doherty	Jouy Stephens	
Amece Gamadeku	Jose Hernandez	Christine White	
Jose Hernandez	Renee Marhong	Teresa Williams	
Eugene Martin	Christine White		
Tanasia Perry	CSI Association Upper Division Vote for Two		
Iman El-Sayed	Peri Dreznick		
	Elizabeth Edwards		
	Liza Evanson		
	Kathleen McHugh		

Sample
Favorite Musician Vote for One
LOUIS ARMSTRONG
BILLIE HOLLIDAY
ERIC DOLPHY

* If you wish to vote for write-in candidate(s) use reverse side of this ballot. Remember write in votes count toward category total.

Melanie Golstein SG at Large Upper

My name is **Melanie Goldstein** and I am running for an at large-upper seat for next year's student government. I have had the pleasure of serving the college community as both senator and Student Service commissioner on this year's student government. One of my major accomplishments on this student government was fighting for the return for the CSI yearbook, which I hope to be starting once again in the next month or so. My commission also fought about parking issues and better deals for students in our bookstore. I am an advocate for student's rights and I enjoy serving the college community.

Jose Hernandez SG at large lower

Senator Hernandez is a senator who is not afraid of responsibility. As the newest member of Student Government he has the dedication and ambition that all good senators should have. In the short time that he has been on Student Government he has already earned the respect and confidence of many of its members. By the time he is re-elected into Student Government he will have the experience to move up the chain senator to commissioner. Senator Hernandez feels strongly about improving the facilities for the students who take foreign language or have English as their second language. He also has worked hard in promoting team sports events in the banner and feels that Student Government should be instrumental in that effort.

Holger Antonio Corrae at Lager Lower

Antonio is a member of the new United Student slate and is extremely inquisitive about the workings of Student Government.

Lorri Ann DePhillips at large lower

My name is **LorriAnn DePhillips** I am an Education major here at CSI. Currently, I am a Student Government senator, and I serve on the Student Service Commission as well as a CSI Ambassador for the Wellness Center.. In the short time I've been in the Student Government and Student Service Commission I've done my best to fight for better parking situations for the students. If elected, I plan to continue to advocate to improve the parking. I also want to fight to get vending machines put in more buildings to make it more convenient for the students. I believe students have rights and we should be heard. I have already formulated some proposals that will help the students receive discounts for textbooks, and I am very much in favor of the Pass/Fail Option for CSI students. If I am re-elected, I intend to use all my previ-

ous experience that I have gained in the past few months to empower the students here at CSI.

Liza Everson at large upper

I am **Liza Anne Evanson** and I want to run for Student Government because I want to make positive changes on campus. Some of the issues I want to deal with as a senator are: improving the parking situation on campus, extending the library's book volume, creating more fun events on campus that can be enjoyed by everyone, lowering textbook prices in the bookstore, and improving the quality of education that we as students receive.

I will be a senior at the end of this semester and will have 97 credits towards my Bachelor's degree in Biology. I am 21 years old, and my ultimate life goal is to find the cure for Multiple Sclerosis. In order to achieve this goal, I am pursuing my Master's and my Ph.D. in Neuroscience. I hope to attain my degrees through the CUNY schools system and the College of Staten Island.

Some awards that I have received are the Ephraim Bodine Memorial Scholarship, the Staten Island Federation of the Parent / Teacher Association Scholarship, the College of Staten Island Presidential Scholarship, The United States President's Academic Achievement Award, and the Attorney General's "Triple C" Award for Character, Courage and Community Service.

James Haynes at large upper

My name is **James A Haynes**, but most people call me Jimmy. I currently hold the position of the Election Commissioner on Student Government as well as being seated on the Part Time Commission, and Publication Commission. I am also a Co Chairman for the Club Counsel here at CSI, and enjoy membership with several clubs here on campus. I have learned a lot over these past couple of years, and I would like the opportunity to use the experience that I have obtained to serve the student body here at CSI. I really love working on Student Government, and if I am re-elected I will continue to work with my fellow SG Senators to better our campus. If you give me the chance, I promise that you will not be disappointed.

Christopher Bligh at large upper

My name is **Christopher Bligh** and I am running for the at large upper seat on Student Government. I am in my Junior

year here at CSI, presently seated on the Student Government Election Commission. Being involved with Student Government has increased my knowledge of how our STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES should work to our advantage. I would like to see more books in our Library, extended hours for campus facilities, more student activities, and better quality student services here on campus. I am also very concerned that less than 50% of the students that require child-care at CSI, may benefit from these services.

As the Entertainment And Arts Editor, for the official school newspaper The Banner, I am dedicated to expanding artistic freedom, and more interesting student events here on campus. Furthermore, I would like for the students on this campus to be more involved with the outer community in reference to the various events that take place in our Performing Arts Center. Most of the students that I speak with have expressed concern about the lack of association between this center and the student population.

My two year experience as a President of the Student Council has taught me how to deal with student issues, and advocate on behalf of the student body. I have also been involved as both an athlete and coach for 20 years for the St. Joseph/St. Thomas Intramural Basketball Program. For this reason, I am also quite concerned about the quality of the facilities at our Recreation/Sports Center. If given the opportunity to serve in this position I would be dedicated to creating a better quality of student life here at CSI. I would also promote student unity and empowerment here on this campus. It would be my privilege to serve in this capacity for my fellow students.

Christopher Canale freshman seat

My name is **Christopher Canle** and I am running for the Freshman seat on Student Government. Currently I'm the deputy Club Commissioner here at CSI. I am very concerned about the students here at CSI. If elected the needs of the students will be first and foremost. I pledge to work through the student government, with administrators and you the students to give you the facilities you need and deserve. If elected I will do my best to create new student activities and improve the old ones. I want to make your time at CSI fun and interesting. All of my time in office will be devoted to you the students and your clubs and organizations to make CSI a better place.

Disclaimers

1. The CSI Club Commission has no record of any club chartered with the name CSI Young Democrats. Therefore the claim of this endorsement is incorrect.

2. The Staten Island Young Democrats have not heard of Neil Shuldiner and have not endorsed him or his slate in any way.

3. Furthermore, The Student Government Election Commission does not condone the juvenile and profane language used in Neil Shuliner's platform statement in any way.

Neil Schuldiner SG- At Large Upper:

Student Government is FUCKED up! We need to eliminate the current fucked-up Student Government and replace it with students who care about student rights and issues. We need a Student Government that will fight for LOWER Bookstore prices, LOWER cafeteria prices, MORE classes and MORE full-time faculty. So if you're tired of Student Government and the CSI Administration FUCKING you over, then vote for me. I am running as part of a slate that is endorsed by the Third Rail political arts magazine, the College Voice political journal and several CSI clubs like the Communications Club and the CSI Young Dems. And remember, Students are not products; Teachers are not tools; CSI is not a factory! For more info about our campaign to transform Student Government into a more activist oriented tool, point your browser to www.ThirdRailMag.com

Auxiliary Services-

For years, the CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation has been ripping off students by charging exorbitant prices for food, books and parking decals. This organization must be OBLITERATED before they steal even more money from your wallets. So if you're sick and tired of circling the parking lot for a space, or tired of spending \$100 on that textbook for your class, remember, you are NOT a commodity to be marketed to. You are not an object that should be stripped of your hard earned money so that someone in the school gets a fat paycheck. Revolt! Strike! Take back the power! Fuck them by voting for me! And don't forget to visit the online edition of CSI's Political Arts Magazine at www.ThirdRailMag.com

Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee- Two years ago, the institutional racism of CSI was exposed for all to see. An African American student was penalized for defending herself against the racist onslaught of a fellow student. Yet the victim was punished for defending herself,

her heritage and her dignity. To describe the situation as fucked up would be to demean the significance of her plight. Vote for me and I will bring justice to the [in]justiced! Vote for me and I will bring democracy to the people. Can you smell what the rock is cookin'? NWO 4 Life! Whoooo! To be the man, you've got to beat the man! ...Nuff said.

Iman El-sayed
College Voice Editor

I am a current senator on Student Government and an editor of the college political newspaper the College Voice. I believe student issues have been neglected for too long. Issues like financial aid, bookstore and cafeteria prices, books in the library and more diverse class selections need to be solved. We also need an efficient way to register, the process now is too tiring and complicated. I also wish to have more activities on campus both educational and entertaining.

Platform Statement for At Large—Upper
Peri Dreznick

Student Government needs to learn to be concerned with the needs of the students—not administration, not the revolutionary causes of the world, and certainly not itself. It's time to wake up. The people you elect are your only voice in the very political world of CSI—shouldn't that voice be speaking for you?

platform Statement for CSI Association
Peri Dreznick

As a student, salesperson, and mother, money management is a necessary skill—a skill I feel I could adapt to make CSI a nicer community for us all. Life has also taught me well how to deal with people in power without either backing down or selling out. Sometimes, diplomacy is the key to making everyone happy.

platform Statement for Auxiliary Services
peri Dreznick

Students have been getting a raw deal from Auxiliary Services for far too long. Let's forget momentarily that the prices in the bookstore and the cafeteria are astronomical, but last time I checked, private businesses had no right to issue parking tickets or boot cars. The prices need to come down, and the gloves—along with the boots—need to come off.

Shawn Fisher's Platform Statement

My hope is to stem the tide of apathy that has enveloped the students of CSI. I want to increase extracurricular activities

throughout the campus including more guest speakers, film series and field trips. I also want to expand services at the children center so parents will have more time to get involved in school activities. I want to eliminate the requirement for parking stickers because students have enough expenses without being forced to pay for parking spaces that don't exist.

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College Voice Editor

I am a current Student Government senator and editor of the College Voice. I would like to be re-elected because I believe the Student Government needs real change and students' fights and issues need to be addressed. As a senator I am dedicated to giving students a genuine say in what is done with their money. Increased campus activities, extended coffee hours, wider access to computer labs and the library are some of the issues I'd like to focus on achieving this semester. Another goal of mine is to have a shuttle bus from Brooklyn to CSI enabling commuting students an easier ride to school.

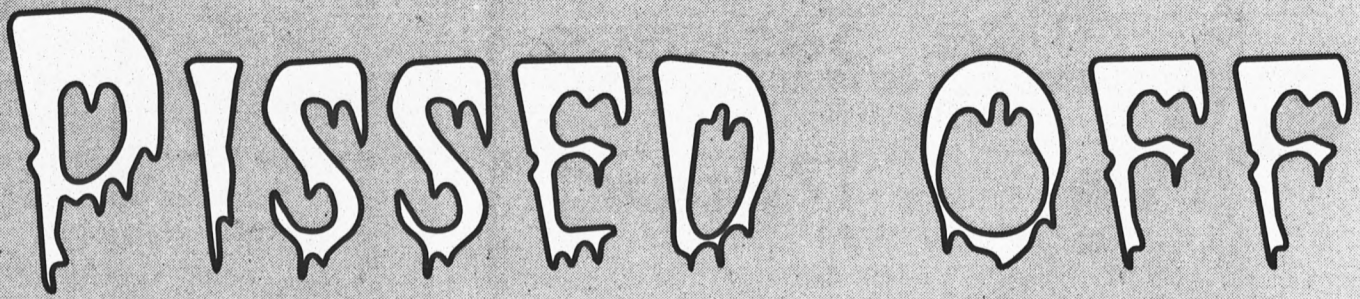
Jeff McGraham SG-At Large Upper

This year's Student Government has been inept at increasing the academic and social life of students. To stimulate the minds of students we need to invite exceptional speakers like Howard Zinn, Noam Chomsky, Michael Eric Dyson and Jacques Denida to help stimulate student interest in areas of philosophy, socialism and human rights. As part of the Third Rail Magazine, I have been an activist who has organized and fought against police brutality, corporate crimes against the working-class and to free political prisoners like Mumia Abu-Jamal. For more information on the kind of Student Government that I envision, please visit the website of the Third Rail at www.ThirdRailMag.com

See next issue for
coverage on the
Asian and South
Asian programs
Also CSI has
breakfast with
legislators
Followed by round
table discussion on
CUNY

Really

WARNING: This article may be offensive and foul to some. The views expressed are not necessarily shared by The Banner. Don't say we didn't warn you



Spring has sprung and its time for The Banner to be deflowered. As some of you might have noticed The Banner has not been put out (an issue) for a while and last issue was put out by a completely new staff not including me. I have a lot of faith in this new Banner. I've been with the Banner and in this school for way too long but since Im still here I might as well continue to be the most hated man on campus. The Banner has lots of enemies which is nothing new. Ever since The Banner first started with three former College Voice members it has had enemies. The Banner has been and always will be CSI's rebel newspaper. This publication is all about writting articles and stories in the interest of students. Also The Banner is notorious for exposing wrong doings in Administration. Here is a list of the top six reasons why the Banner has a lot of people who are jealous of us and hate us:

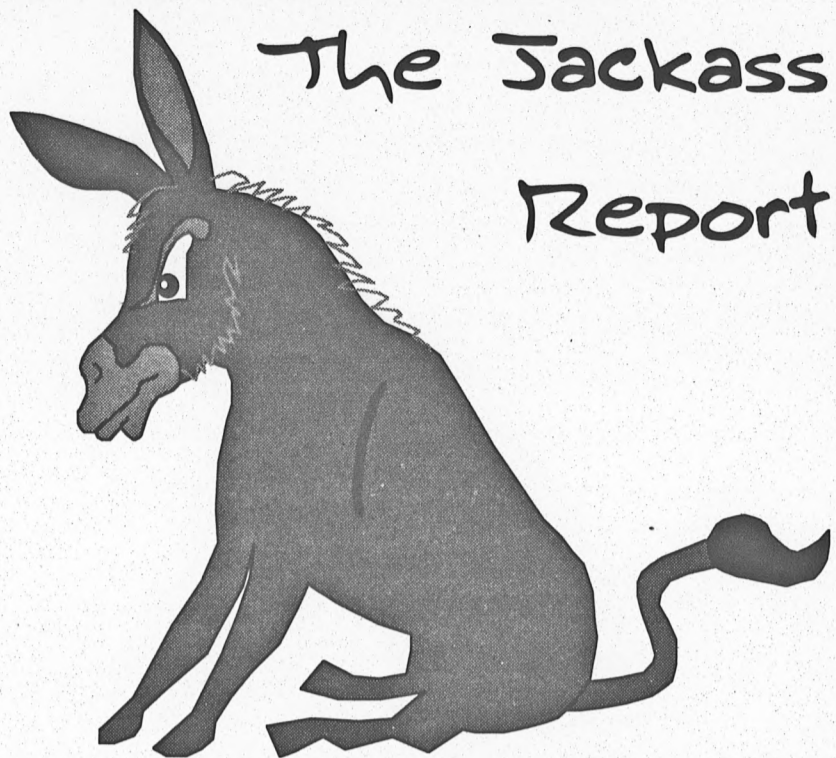
1. We put out more than one issue a semester.
(2 so far)
2. Our high readership (approximately 20 people)
3. Our high budget
(enough for some White Castle hamburgers)
4. The many woman on our staff
(we had to bribe them)
5. The Banners new computers
(that are only ten years old)
6. Really Pissed Off

It boggles my mind how unimaginitive these people are who try to get some sort of revenge on us. Last year someone put glue in our lock. The result was that we got a new lock for a door that too many people had keys for. It was like someone did a favor for us. Also, someone had written "Free Mumia you racist scumbags" on our door with black magic marker. First off how childish and secondly what was supposed to get accomplishd by that? After putting out our first issue of this semester we got an issue slipped under the door with writting on it with black magic marker. I wonder if it could have been the same nimrod who wrote on the door. Now given it was our first issue out this year and it had to be put out fast to save our budget. The paper didn't quite meet its potential but if we had more time it would have been much better. On the front page this nimbleheaded assle wrote, "Use A

Dictionary Please". Now I know the paper wasn't properly copy edited but if you are going to complain about our writting skills at least spell dictionary right - you know with an "i" in it. Inside was written "Communist Revolution". Wonder who would write that? Maybe the same person who wrote Free Mumia on our door? On an article inside the paper about parking this person wrote "dont have a car, too poor to afford a car". Does this mean that because of a select few we should write about an issue that affects the majority of the students who attend CSI? Are we supposed to cater to your needs? I don't think so!! This is a commuter college you jackass. Do you know what that means!!! People dont live in dorms here they have to travel by some means and most students here drive. Too poor to afford a car - my heart bleeds for you. Hey heres an idea instead of wasting your time trying to annoy us why don't you get a job you loser.

It has been spread through word of mouth that The Banner is now imposing censorship. Let me be the first to say we do no such thing. I mean hell they're letting me run Really Pissed Off again. The Banner always has and always will fight for a persons first ammendment right. Censorship has never been practiced by The Banner and it never will. Any newsworthy article submitted will be printed. We have no problem showing nudity or leaving words like shit and fuck in articles as long as there is a good reason to have it in there. Anyone who tries to convince you that we practice censorship is a liar.

The Banner is looking for journalists, cartoonists, artists, poets etc.:etc.: to contribute to us. The Banner offers students a chance to get their work and idea published. I've known former writers who have used the Banner as a reference to get a job. It looks good on a resume Whether you're pissed off about CSI or you want to review or promote a band you are welcome here. Our office is located 1C-228. If you have trouble finding us just ask the security guard and he will tell you. Feel free to drop off your work in any of our mailboxes or if you want to email anything to us you can send it to CSI_EDITOR@hotmail.com. Anyone who wants to email me with any suggestions, ideas, nude photos or complaints can email me at sedoff_editor@hotmail.com.



**We at The Banner
apologize for the missing
Willowbrook article Part 2
It was unfortunatly stolen
by
Security**

Photics



United We Stand

A CD compilation a
New York City's
hottest up and
comming bands
By Alex Larsen

Recently a CD was placed in my mailbox with a note, "Review The United We Stand CD". I thought to myself that this would be some lame bands. I put the CD in just for kicks. Suprisingly, I liked what I heard. The CD was a comprised of twelve different local NYC hard rock/metal bands. The songs on the CD rocked. The idea behind United We Stand was to give local bands the chance to get together and cooperate.

After listening to the CD I went to the www.photics.com website, where the CD can be ordered online. The website was well laid out, with a section dedicated to local bands. It is a great place to find out information on local bands and it's a good place to get exposure for your band. The website also offers many other interesting features, such as cartoons and articles from former members of the Banner - such as Tomko on Beer and Rodger.

The producer Bill Powell also has a radio show on WSIA - Sundays 3-6pm.

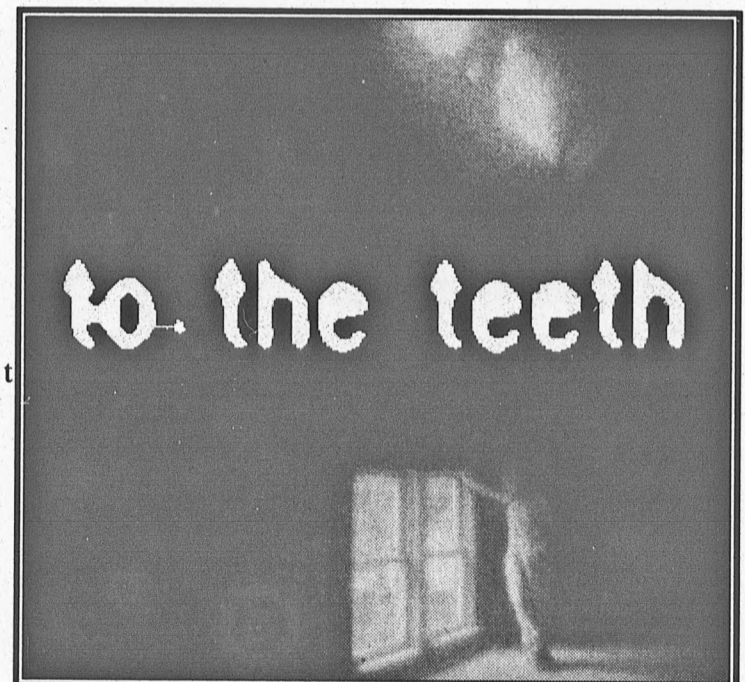


Ani Difrancó's To The Teeth The Title Speaks For Itself

By Michael Friedman

It has happened to me innumerable times. I exclaim the virtues of Ani Difrancó and someone inevitably says, "You like Yanni??" Ani Difrancó may not be as well known as the Back Street Boys or Ricky Martin to the teeny-bopper crowd these days, but she is an entity that makes herself heard loud and clear. **To The Teeth** is her latest album and it demands the listener's attention from the first song through the last. The title track refers to the armament of today's teens and preteens. The songs go through the usual gamut of emotions, happiness, and strife with an amazingly personal feel.

For those familiar with her, this album is a bit different from her previous 12 solo albums in the past 10 years. Maceo Parker's soulful, bebop licks on the sax as well as some other horns in many of the songs give the album, as a whole a more jazzy feel. The Artist Formerly Known as Prince also sings back-up one of the songs. Overall this is an album that any Ani fan must have, and enjoy more each time they listen, absorbing the words. If you're an Ani novice you may find this album somewhat strange, so perhaps you should begin by buying an older album such as her self titled album **Ani Difrancó** or her more pop ñoriented **Little Plastic Castles**. Ani says "Every tool is a weapon if you hold it right", and I'd say if words and music are her tools she certainly knows how to hold them to affect people.



This Season Dolphins Hope To Make A Big Splash

By Jose Hernandez

The team's strengths will be strong pitching, good defense, and excellent infield playing from the men's baseball team for the College of Staten Island. Last spring the team had had a 21-17 team effort. Hopefully the first five pitchers Frank Sansonetti, John Urrico, Frank Contino, Jorge Reyes, and Craig Sleaf will be strong enough to compete in the conference" said coach Bill Cali. "We play a lot of games in our schedule" Cali added.

"Frank Sansonetti is the best athlete on the team, he is a senior, and leads the pitchers. He has the qualifications to be drafted into the major leagues. Depending on timing and work ethic Sansonetti looks very promising" said Cali. He has the ability to run, hit, throw, and pitch he does everything well. His batting average has been over .400 and two years ago he batted .509 which was 5th in the country. Last year his pitching record was 2-1.

"Frank Sansonetti and John Urrico will be on the mound to lead the pitching. Also Craig Sleaf will be pitching and if he pitches the way he pitch last year it will be a good season" says Cali. The Dolphins top hitter is second basemen Mark Navarino, who hit .310 last year. He is also captain and has started four years. Last year he had great games against John Jay with a triple that won the game and against Manhattanville with five runs batted in.

Playing with Navarino will be A1 Molina and Victor Romano at shortstop, they will share the position. Called on to hit beside Navarino will be Thomas Greco, third basemen Victor Castore, and outfielder Frank Sansonetti, outfielder Kenny Brown, and outfielder Anthony DiStefano. Thomas Greco will also be a relief pitcher "he has a good arm and very good speed" says Cali.

"Castore moves very well in the and this is his third year as a Dolphin. We moved him over from first base to play third base. He will be playing both first base and third base and will be on the line-up scheduled to play" added Cali. The team's only weakness may be their depth in pitching, but that remains to be seen. If they get some in depth pitching they have a chance to win the conference. The starting line-up is Tom Consolmagno outfielder, Mark Navarino second basemen, Frank Sansonetti pitcher/outfielder, Victor Castore third basemen, Tom Consolmagno outfielder, Chris Miliante outfielder, Michael Guarneri catcher, Victor Romano shortstop, and Anthony Avena will come in and contribute depending on who is pitching. "Anthony has been playing very well" added Cali.

The Dolphins also have Freshman Kenny Brown outfielder, Anthony DiStefano outfielder, they will be seeing playing time also. "Basically we are going to use everyone we have and AI Molina is going to get playing time as shortstop with Victor Romano the starting shortstop" said Cali. The Dolphins will compete in the City University of New York Athletic Conference and in the Knick College Conference. Last year they made it to the final of the ECAC Division III Tournament where they lost to Drew and made it to the finals of the Knick Conference where they lost to Mount St. Mary's. And in the CUNY Championship lost to John Jay College.

College of Staten Island Men's Baseball Schedule 2000

Revised 3/22/00

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
Sat	March 11	Stockton - DH	Home
Thu	March 23	Kean University	Away
Sat	March 25	Old Westbury - DH ^	Away
Tue	March 28	Caldwell - DH	Home
Wed	March 29	Mt. St. Mary A	Home
Fri	March 31	Felician College	Home
Sun	April 2	Lehman * ^ DH	Away
Tue	April 4	Western Connecticut	Home
Wed	April 5	John Jay * ^	Away
Fri	April 7	Drew	Away
Sat	April 8	USMMA - DH ^	Away
Sun	April 9	Bloomfield College - DH	Home
Wed	April 12	Stevens Tech ^	Home
Thu	April 13	Fairleigh Dickenson U.	Home
Fri	April 14	College of New Jersey	Home
Sat	April 15	St. Joseph's - DH ^	Home
Tue	April 18	New Jersey City I~	Away
Wed	April 19	Manhattanville ^	Home
Thu	April 20	SUNY Farmingdale	Home
Sat	April 22	-Baruch - DH * ^	Away
Tue	April 25	St. Thomas Aquinas	Away
Wed	April 26	John Jay *	Home
Thu	April 27	Dominican	Home
Fri	April 28	Villa Julie	Home
Sun	April 30	CUNY Tournament Semi	TBA
Mon	May 1	St. Thomas Aquinas	Home
Wed	May 3	Ramapo	Home
Thu	May 4	CUNY Championship	
Fri	May 5	Knickerbocker Semis	
Sat	May 6 or 7	Knick Playoff Rain Dates	
	May 8,9,10 or 11	Knickerbocker Championship Game	Shea Stadium
	May 12-14	ECAC Tournament	Campus Sites
	May 17-20	NCAA Regionals	TBA
	May 26-30	NCAA World Series	Appleton, WI

2000 COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND WOMEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE OVERALL (0-0) CUNY (0-0)

Wed.	Mar. 22	vs. NEW JERSEY CITY (DH)	3:00 PM
Sat.	Mar. 25	vs. KEAN (DH)	1:00 PM
Mon.	Mar. 27	vs. LEHMAN	4:00 PM
Wed.	Mar. 29	at Mount Saint Vincent (DH)	3:30 PM
Sat.	Apr. 1	vs. USMMA-KINGS POINT (DH)	Noon
Sun.	Apr. 2	vs. ST. JOSEPH'S-PATCHOGUE (DH)	Noon
Tue.	Apr. 4	vs. CALDWELL (DH)	3:00 PM
Wed.	Apr. 5	at Brooklyn (DH)	3:30 PM
Fri.	Apr. 7	vs. SUNY FARMINGDALE	3:30 PM
Sun.	Apr. 9	vs. NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (DH)	12 Noon
Tue.	Apr. 11	at SUNY-Old Westbury (DH)	4:00 PM
Wed.	Apr. 12	vs. BARUCH (DH)	4:15 PM
Fri.	Apr. 14	vs. ST. ELIZABETH	4:00 PM
Sat.	Apr. 15	at Mount Saint Mary (DH)	Noon
Sun.	Apr. 16	vs. MANHATTANVILLE (DH)	Noon
Tue.	Apr. 18	vs. JOHN JAY (DH)	3:00 PM
Fri.	Apr. 21	at Lehman	4:00 PM
Mon.	Apr. 24	at Hunter (DH)	2:00 PM
Wed.	Apr. 26	vs. MEDGAR EVERS (DH)	3:30 PM
Sat.	Apr. 29	at Ramapo (DH)	Noon
Sun.	Apr. 30	at Centenary (DH)	Noon
Thu.	May 4	at CUNY Tournament	TBA
Fri.	May 5	at CUNY Tournament	TBA
Sat.	May 6	at CUNY Tournament	TBA

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College of Staten Island



Calendar



Events of April 2000

Sunday April 9	Monday April 10 Elections 10am-1pm & 4pm-8pm Library	Tuesday April 11 Election 10am- 1pm & 4pm-8pm Library	Wednesday April 12 Election 10am-1pm & 4pm-8pm Campus Center Disability Awarness Event Green Dolphin Longe guest speakers & food 11am-3pm Nigerian Club 2:30pm club hours Green Dolphin Lounge	Thursday April 13 Election 10am-1pm & 4pm-8pm Campus Center Club Festival 12pm-5pm Club hours 1C Campus Center 80's Night Green Dolphin Lounge 7:30pm-11pm	Friday April 14 Election 10am-1pm & 4pm-8pm Campus Center	Saturday April 15 10am-3pm Library

The Nigerian Student Association
Guest Speaker
Dr. John Osakue
1C Green Dolphin Lounge
2:30pm-3:30pm
Wednesday
April 12

Next Issue
Willowbrook
Part II:
Sooner
or
Later

Thursday April 13th
12pm-5pm
Club Festival
Campus Center
Come and see your Student Activity Fee At Work Sponsored by Student Government

CUNY
Disability Awarness Pannel Discussion
Campus Center
Green Dolphin Lounge
11pm-2:30pm

College Christian Crusade
Saturday April 29
1R Recreation Center
6:30pm-10:00pm
&
Sunday April 30
1R Recreation Center
6:30pm-10:00pm