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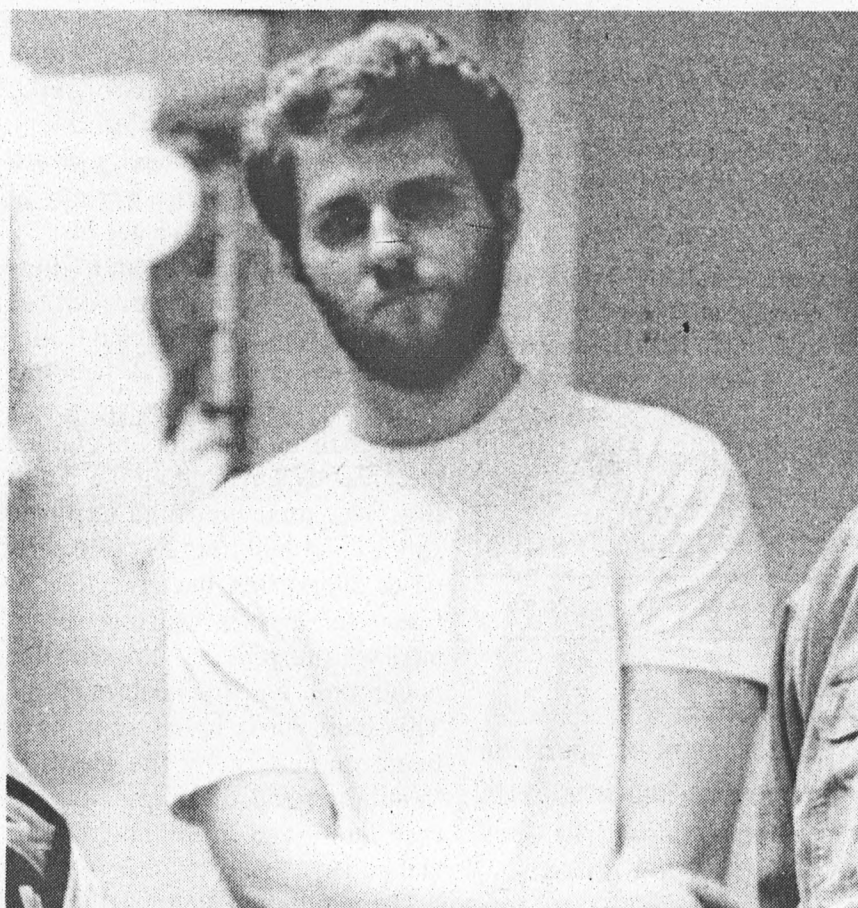
NYPIRG Survives!

By Cliff Hagen

The Student Government (SG) petition drive to place a referendum on this year's election ballot, which would earmark the funding of New York Public Interest Group, Inc. (NYPIRG) for the CSI Library and Campus Center, has been defeated. Needing only 1,200 student signatures the SG drive tallied, at most, 975 signatures.

A memo from Michael R. Daniels, Director of the Campus Center, stated that "The total number of petitions received by the deadline of Thursday, April 21, were sixty-five (65). This indicates that the required number of signatures needed to effect the referendum has not been achieved."

When asked about the defeat SG President Nanci Richards said, "SG could've done more, but the circumstances could not be helped." The circumstances Richards referred to were that NYPIRG was not SG's only con-



Lou Piels, the current CSI NYPIRG Project Coordinator.

cern and that SG "didn't use paid employees to get signatures,"

inferring that NYPIRG has done so.

Lou Piels, CSI's paid, NYPIRG Project Coordinator, feels that the SG attempt has affirmed NYPIRG's position at CSI. "It's an affirmation that NYPIRG has a vital role at CSI. It's an affirmation by the student body that they support NYPIRG."

Tom Taaffe, SG Senator, when questioned said that "the fact remains, NYPIRG is misappropriating money in violation of a court order." Taaffe went on to say that "we (SG) are not finished with them (NYPIRG.)"

Indeed, on April 21, SG passed a motion which ultimately attempted to place on each bursar bill a line which offers each student his/her choice to help fund NYPIRG.

Piels claims that "they've made an illegal motion. SG is trying to put an indecipherable, poorly worded, illegal question on a ballot when they've already been rejected. SG is trying to run roughshod over the process."

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WHIRLWIND AT WILLOWBROOK

By Cliff Hagen

At approximately noon on Saturday, April 23, a dust devil was spotted by a handful of eyewitnesses near the Victory Boulevard entrance to our Willowbrook campus.

Tony Caleb, a Watchdog security guard, was the first to see the whirlwind. "It's wild. I've never seen anything like it," he said. Caleb was stationed in the guard house at the front gate.

The exact position of the dust devil was difficult to pinpoint

because there was no physical evidence of its existence, but it was decided by observers standing at the guard house that the dust devil spun for nearly 5 minutes in the mud, dust and dirt beside the loop-road intersection.

Another person who saw the whirlwind, Mike, a loop bus driver, said, "it looked like a small tornado. It was weird."

The dust devil was estimated at 20-30 feet wide and 300-500 feet tall. Very rare to Staten Island,

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TDX Says 2N Is A-OK

By Jusuf Fuduli

The results of a partial report, compiled by Terra Bio Chem Environmental Services (TBC) of Andover, New Jersey, at the request of TDX, the construction firm building much of the campus, has revealed that Building 2N is infected with a multitude of bacteria and fungi.

The focus of TBC's testing was on air quality in 2N, and is only the first step in a complete investigation that is still underway.

First asked by TDX to begin testing on March 28, 1994, after

the closing of the building, TBC's inspection targeted the many types of bacteria and fungi circulating in the air.

Building 2N, plagued by environmental problems since its opening, was finally closed after the CSI administration received dozens of reports of headaches, rashes, dizziness, and respiratory problems from faculty, staff and students. TBC's report lends credence to the allegations of those who attended and worked in 2N; that their ailments were caused by

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dust devils are small, rotating windstorms of limited or localized extent marked by an inward and upward spiraling motion.

Beside Caleb and Mike the driver, only two others were on hand to witness the small twister, Tom Kolokowski, a Banner staff writer, and myself.

The four of us shared the same sentiment voiced by Caleb, "I'm glad someone else was here. No one would believe me."

Letter To Editor:

I must truly say that I've enjoyed reading your newspaper. The first three issues were great and I enjoyed reading them. I find your paper to be much more readable than the College Voice. This is simply because I'd rather read about Campus happenings and general stuff that involves me than read about Somalia, Cuba or some one-sided, closed-minded editorial. I recently picked up your latest issue. I must say that I enjoyed reading it but found it quite erroneous.

Who the hell is Sandy Koufax? I've never heard of him! Who copy edited, Bobo the Chimp! Where are the pictures on "What do you think." I enjoy seeing pictures with this piece.

Why is the paper dated April 19 when i didn't see it until April 21.

I believe that these problems can be cured easily. I am also not saying that the first three issues did not have their errors because they did. Now, it seems, there are many more. I'd still rather read your erroneous paper then that pinko piece of crap.

Thanks,
James J. Silva

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the building.

Numerous different species of bacteria were found in the building. Some were harmless, but others, like *Pseudomonas*, can cause pneumonia and resist certain antibiotics. A water and soil associated organism, *Pseudomonas* was prevalent throughout the building, especially in the drain pans and cooling coils of the ventilation units. This was also the common site for the majority of bacteria in 2N.

Best explained by the report, "Surface samples taken in building 2N indicate that the fan coil unit pans and Central Air Conditioning units pans may be a possible source of some of the microorganisms and that these organisms are proliferating in the air handling units, specifically the pans."

The report goes on, citing "accumulation of dust and organic debris" in the ventilation ducts, and fan coil filters "heavily loaded with soil, dust and a variety of other materials." A visual inspection of the ventilation unit filters found them to be damaged and possessing visible holes and tears.

The condition of the air handling units have acted in concert with a number of other factors, including the grounds surrounding the building. The unseeded and exposed soil around building 2N is suspected of supporting bacteria, like *A. Calco* var. *Lwoffii*, which is associated with respiratory illnesses like pneumonia and tracheobronchitis. This bacteria is believed to have been sucked in by the Heating Ventilation and Cooling units, and then multiplied in the units's pans and coils.

The ventilation shafts and bacteria sustaining soil are not the only

trouble spots. The foundation of 2N has allowed water to seep through from the sewer lines. The presence of dirty, stagnant water has provided the building with a plethora of infectious bacteria.

While many of the health problems in 2N are related to the bacteria content, the presence of fungi cannot be ruled out. The TBC report states that indoor levels of fungi should be less than 10% of outdoor levels, yet the amount of fungi in the air in Building 2N equals or in some cases exceeds outdoor levels. In the case of *Aspergillus*, this can cause slight to severe respiratory problems.

The report states that the abundance of mold is probably attributable to the humidification system in the building. It's use of standing, unfiltered tap water provides a good environment for fungal growth.

In all, the report points out that the bacteria and fungi may be responsible for the health problems, but since a toxin study is still underway, the report cannot state conclusively the exact origins of the many physical ailments suffered because of the building.

TBC's final conclusion is that there are a number of sources for bacterial and fungi contamination, including outdoor air and aerosolized, soil particles, stagnant water and moisture levels within the air handling units as well as the humidification system. To address these sources of contamination, TBC ended its report with twenty recommendations for alleviating the health hazards.

Despite the aforementioned, building 2N is scheduled to reopen Monday, May 2.

Video Games to Arrive in Campus Center

By Thomas C. Kolakowski

After a two semester wait video games are finally due to arrive in the Campus Center on Monday, May 2, according to Assistant Director of Campus Center Facilities, Mike Silva.

The contract to outfit the Gaming Room has been awarded to Alpha-Omega, a major New Jersey based amusement supply company. Alpha-Omega is going to supply approximately 18-20 video games, 3 pinball machines, air hockey, and a CD Jukebox. Under the bid requirements at least 5 video games must come from the top 10 Video Games as published in *Replay* magazine.

Two, new video games will be brought in each month. There will be staff attendants available most of the time to ensure that students who lose money in the machines will have quick recourse. At this

time specific hours of operation have not been set, but it is likely that the game room will be open from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM, as well as weekend hours.

Alpha-Omega will sponsor various promotions, including Pinball Leagues, Air Hockey Tournaments and High Score Winner Events. Alpha-Omega has expressed interest in installing a sit-down Auto Racing game. The only difficulty with installing a sit-down game is that it would have to be carried up the rotunda stairs as it will not fit in the freight elevator.

At the St. George and Sunnyside campuses all the profits from the video games were collected by the Student Government (SG), which also operated the room. Under the new agreement SG will only receive half of all the profits from the game room.

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"POHELA BOISHAK" CELEBRATION

By John Kim

On April 19, the Bangladeshi Student Association presented "Pohela Boishak" in celebration of the Bengali New Year. It was held in the Campus Center from 6 pm till well past 10 pm. The event was open to all CSI students and the admission was free. The night was filled with traditional dances, live music, a magic act and Bengali food.

The Bangladeshi Student Association (BSA) was founded only last year but it is one of the most active clubs on campus. Their faculty advisor is Prof. Alauddin of the Chemistry Department. The club always makes an attempt to attend major CSI functions. This goes along with the purpose of the club "to promote Bengali culture with American culture throughout Staten Island." As President Anas Khawaja stated, "The main purpose of this event is to celebrate the New Year," but it was also "to give a flavor of Bengali culture to American students for better friendship and understanding."

The turnout was very successful and hundreds of people attended. The BSA had invited Bengali families from Staten Island, other

Bengali clubs from other CUNYs, and of course any CSI students who wanted to attend. Accordingly, the attendance was huge and diverse. Students from Queens, Baruch, City College, Laguardia, John Jay and York were there to attend the festivities. There were people of all ages and different backgrounds. Many of the Bengali students dressed in traditional clothes. For men, it was the punjabi; for women, it was the sari.

Quazi Hossain, the treasurer, explained why they celebrated the New Year now, "The calendar we use also has 365 days a year but we have six seasons with two months each. This is according to the weather that traditionally predominates such as 'the Rainy season.' This is the first of the month of 'Boishak' and we celebrate the harvest which has just been collected and the New Year. The family gathers and partakes in the festivities."

The celebration included the "Snake Dance" where the man dances the role of the snake and the woman plays the charmer. Magician Ratan performed magic with fire, cards, and knives. There was live music by the band "Solitude." It played modern/popular Bengali, Urdu, and American

Rock. It was quite an experience to see folk tunes played on the electric guitar. All the acts with the exception of the magician Ratan were provided by the Bangladeshi Institute of Performing Arts.

Bangladesh is located in Southeast Asia. It borders India and Burma. 85% of the population is Muslim, 14% is Hindu and 1% are Buddhist and Christian.

You might expect that the food was spicy but it wasn't at all. There was plenty of food and it was quite tasty. Among the many dishes there was shami kabaab (minced lamb seasoned with spices and herbs,) papa dam, beef curry, roast chicken, rice cooked with lentil and mild spices, vegetable curry, salad, gulaf jaman (sweet ball made with milk and sugar,) Pitha, Burhani (special Bangladeshi drink made with sour cream and spices,) and of course soda, coffee, and tea. All of the food was catered by a Bengali restaurant in midtown Manhattan.

"We, the officers and members, have been planning this since the beginning of the semester but it was only in the last three weeks that everything came together." Quazi Hossain said. The planning was well worth it.

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Agreeing with Piels the Student Election Review Committee, on April 25, denied SG the chance at placing NYPIRG funding on the bursar bill.

Taaffe admits NYPIRG defeated SG stating that "they out-manned us, out-gunned us, out-spent us. SG didn't spend any money. We just worked hard." Richards blames herself for the defeat. SG Senator Diane Paras said "maybe it just wasn't meant to be."

Still, Taaffe says, "The battle is not over. The fact remains, they're in violation of the law, whatever horse crap they spread." Paras says, "There needs to be a further look into what is best for students in regard to NYPIRG." Richards is calling for "an open debate with NYPIRG, with the students of NYPIRG, not paid professionals." She says that "if this is a student issue it should be debated by students."

The victorious Piels says, "enough is enough. The students have spoken. You (SG) are supposed to represent the students."

J U S T L I V E I T

By Cliff Hagen

Quaffing suds in a pub last Saturday night I sat pondering life, living, loving. My friends and I set off on a journey through gibber and gin getting nowhere quick. After hours of drunken discourse with those idiot friends I came to realize that they had nothing worthy of which to share.

Turning on a swivel stool I screamed across the bar at Father Francis O'Friar. "Hey Father," I bellowed, "what is life?" The good Father, through a holy, Hiram haze told me that its the fifth song on Harrison's "All Things Must Past." Pious plastic indeed!

The following Thursday I sat participating in a team-taught, philosophy seminar in President Volpe's ninth floor kitchenette. I queried philosophical rationalizations for the true meaning of life, living, loving. Though I often praise folly I grew disgusted listening to questions begetting questions.

The Mediterranean half of the professing team soon told me

emphatically, "Cliff, you will never be a scholar." I had to disguise my sigh of relief with a yawn. Gushing with humility I turned my back on the Dionysian devil.

Knowing all too well that spiritual and scholastic zealotry would do absolutely nothing for my quest of life, living, loving I decided to look inside myself for answers. Unfortunately, my mind was as confused as an hallucinating hippie in top hat and tails. But I was tenacious in my belief that I knew almost nothing. Knowing that I thought that I believe that I am made my life lovely, worth living. Now I just live my life and love it.

Please, don't reckon me a Kierkegaardian fool. I am not calling forth faithful knights who love life mindlessly. Ignorance may be bliss, but its still ignorance. Rather, I beckon the bastard children of annulled marriages, the jobless slobs in over-priced clothes and cars, atheist doctors who butcher newborns, and boofed-up, twitty tarts to witness, to recognize

the contradictions in their loves, their lives, their living.

Opening my baggage of cynical insight I cannot help but wonder at the contradictions I've been toting about. Oh, so heavy the bags. I splay the content of my burden out for all to see. And as I refill my bags, that which won't fit snug I discard as rubbish. Lo and behold! At last, an antipathetic leveler.

For example, I can no longer stuff the church into my cynical bag. All those bishops and cardinals, rabbis, monks, imams and nuns just won't fit. Politics, propagated patriotism and nationalism will never find their way back in. Neither can I imagine the selfishness of capitalism and existentialism making it back. No, not even parental guidance will fit in my bags.

Oh, if only Sisyphus would just stop atop the mountain and soak up the view. If only Siddhartha and Zarathustra would sit down to a game of Monopoly. If only the Walrus and Blue Meanies would break bread over apples and tea.

Wishful thinking? Maybe. Probably. But its better than what I've heard so far. After all, what use is a Klein Bottle if you can never fill it? what use is pi when you know that it does not exist? What good is The Book if you can never question the text? Zarathustra, the Walrus and all such mythical minds are not human and; therefore, I've to toss the stories and songs from my shelves. I've to clear my mind, my fish tank and liver so as to realize that which is non-negotiable.

These philosophies and religions, be they passive odes or arguments, cantos or psalms lend me nothing but grief. I struggle daily against this indignant world of social ubiquitousities, and a sage's tripe, be it spiteful sophistry or Bostonian methods of logic and reason, I am too wary to accept. I've no need for Ecce Homo, no need for Genesis. Give me nature, angry and quick, where life is real and true. So it is that I live life, and love it, for no one has yet told of a better way.

To Control, or Not to Control

By John Flaherty

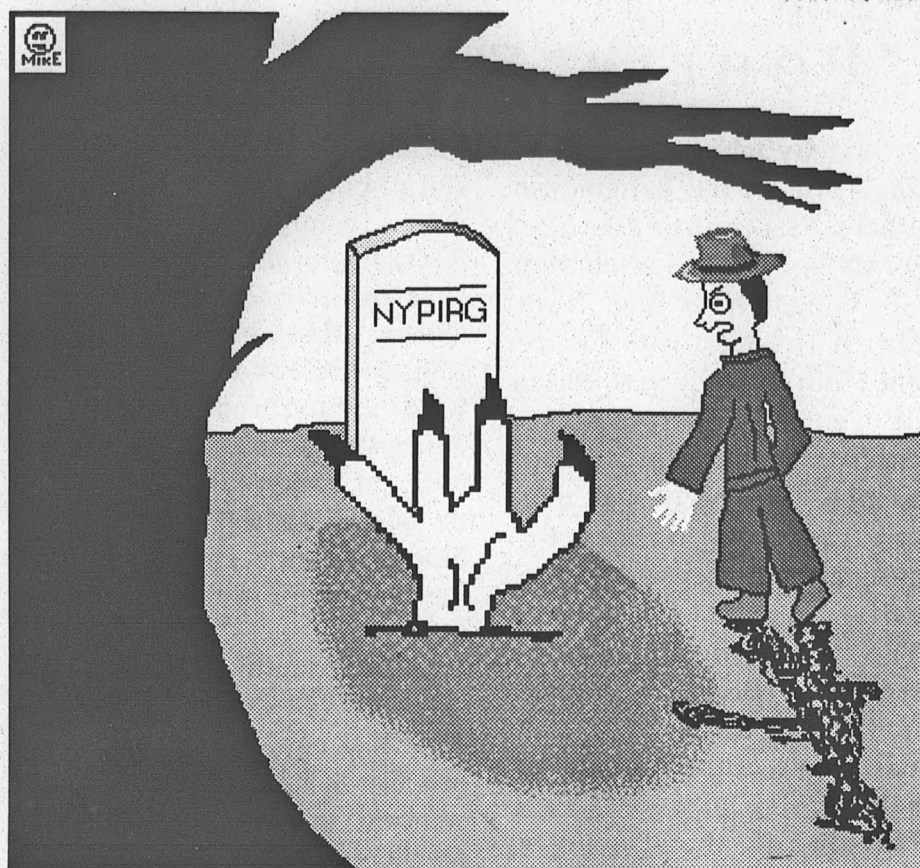
The fight over the governing of gun laws goes on. This is a battle that has raged since the idea of an anti-gun law came into effect. The idea that only one-hundred years ago there was no licensing or even laws prohibiting the carry or use of guns bothers the gun people. The idea that innocent people have lost their lives at the hands of illegally bought guns bothers the anti-gun people. These facts have caused a tooth and nail fights in Congress and elsewhere. Congress has come up with a bill to lower the amount of killings and injuries caused by guns but not hinder the legal gun carrier or sportsman. It is called the Brady Bill. The Brady Bill, which will put new, more stringent, nationwide gun laws into effect. The Brady Bill is coming closer and closer to being law.

The pro-gun people along with the National Rifle Association (NRA) have been fighting for their lives. A new bill is threatening their livelihoods and their sports. These people find these laws threatening and to be an obstruction of the Constitution. "The right to bear arms" are the words that the NRA is hinging the counterattack on. They believe that this is a violent attack on their lives. The Brady Bill won't really affect states like New York which already has strong anti-gun laws and licensing rules. States like Texas and Mississippi will be affected heavily. In these states you basically get a gun license by purchasing a gun. This is where the NRA can take a stronghold. States like these base a large amount of their economies on the sale of guns, ammunition, and accessories. The people who represent these states in the House of Representatives and the Senate know this. They will lose popularity and votes if they do not vote down the Brady Bill; they also know this. This is where the NRA gets most of its support.

The anti-gun people flank their attack with a corpse count. They look at this issue as a way to save lives and prevent senseless killings and injuries. The Brady Bill makes purchasing a gun a much more lengthy and involved process. A waiting period will be mandatory. This will be done so that there will be less anger killings. They figure that this waiting period, which varies in length from state to state, will be plenty of time to cool off after a heated argument rather than killing someone on the spur of the moment. This also allows for a full character check of a person before giving them a gun. This way, convicted felons and other shady characters won't be allowed legal access to a gun.

The NRA has believed that this country was built on companies like Smith & Wesson and Colt. They also say that 94% of violent crimes are committed with illegal weapons and that making the gun laws more stringent will help little if at all because of the percentage of illegal guns on the streets of this country. The NRA says that the people who get legal gun licenses are interested in either hunting or target practice, not killing someone or committing other violent crimes. They claim that someone who is looking to commit a violent crime would just buy an illegal gun. They also say that they have fought to get illegal guns off the street. This is because illegal guns don't help companies like Smith & Wesson. It is also their belief that people who possess guns are less likely to be targeted for violent crimes like in Florida, where car-jackers started targeting cars with rental plates. This is because many Floridians carry guns and most visitors to the state don't. They have the mentality that if everyone carried a gun, like in 1859, that violent crimes would be reduced drastically.

Still the battle rages on and no winner has been crowned. What's your opinion, we'd like to know.



NYPIRG LIVES !!

Editorial

It is that time of year again folks — the annual Student Elections. I am prepared for another low voter turnout, and that is just one example of the apathy that exists at this campus. I have witnessed firsthand the disinterest with these elections already. The Election Forums were only able to attract current Student Government members and a handful of interested students. Apathy, paradoxically, is a driving force at the College of Staten Island. It amazes me at how little students are interested in the goings-on at the college. Apathy pervades the out-of-the-classroom life at this college, as well as the activity in the classroom. This concept is ludicrous, yet true. There are many students that can be found frequenting the lounges and the dining area of the Campus Center. There is nothing inherently wrong with frequenting the Campus Center, but when all a person does is sit at a table and play cards for seven hours a day, I have to wonder how much of an education this person is receiving. I have to wonder about the level of activity and involvement in studies this person is exhibiting. I care about this college, and I want students to care about this school. This change can only come about through increased student awareness and involvement, but it is up to individual students to become active in out-of-the-classroom life at this college. All I can do is talk with people and let them know what there is to get involved in. It

is up to an individual to wake up and realize that life is what you make of it. If you sit idly and let life pass you by, it will pass you by. If you don't get involved in what goes on at school, then you have no right to condemn it. When you don't exercise your right to participate, you lose out. You can blame people in power, but if all you do is criticize them for doing a poor job after the fact, then it is your fault, too. Students elected to Student Government by the 300 or so students who actually vote in these elections are answerable to...students! I have been on Student Government for two years and in that time approximately five students have sat down with me and asked about what goes on at Student Government. That is pathetic. I know that there are students who are going to vote in the Student Elections, and I hope they will familiarize themselves with the work of the candidates. It is also my hope that they will set aside time to speak to the candidates. How else you can make informed decisions about who you want to represent you?

In conclusion, I wish to extend an invitation to the students who do not find it necessary to question the actions of their elected representatives. It is this: Ask questions! Involve yourself. When you graduate, I want you to be able to say that you took an interest in what happened while you went to CSI.

- by Jessica Reback

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SHOOTING THE THEOLOGICAL BREEZE

By Peter Simpson

Have you ever thought what it would be like to wake up dead—I mean in the sense that after death you might find yourself still existent and conscious? Your first remark will doubtless be that this very idea is absurd. Death is the end of us and that is that. Indeed even the word proves as much. Death signifies the end of life and to talk of life after death is a contradiction: if you are dead you are not alive and if you are alive you are not dead.

Well this would be a nice and easy way to solve a conundrum that has fascinated, terrified and consoled mankind ever since the beginning. But the solution is not so easy. If by life is meant life of the body then manifestly you cannot be alive when your body is rotting in the grave. But those who speak of life after death are manifestly not talking of life in this sense but of life without the body. Is there or is there not some kind of living that continues on after the death of the body?

Well, how could we even go about answering this question? The first thing presumably is to ask what it is that could possibly continue after the death of the body, for without this the idea of survival is unthinkable. The standard answer, of course, is the soul, but what is the soul and how could we know we have one?

Now it is possible at this point simply to appeal to faith and say that one believes there is a soul and life after death because that is what one's faith says. But while this answer is all fine and well at the level of faith and for those who have faith, at the level of theology it will not do because theology is supposed to explain and defend things by and to natural reason. So the soul, if it exists, must be something whose existence can somehow be made evident to reason. It cannot be a wholly unknown posit of faith.

Now there is, as it happens, a perfectly well established and standard explanation here that has been in the theological tradition for millennia. The soul, it is said, is the principle of life or the form of the body. Take an analogy from statues. As the shape is the form of a statue and is what makes the clay to be a statue, so the soul is the form of the body and is what makes the body to be a body. The difference is that a statue is not alive and the shape merely structures the appearance of the clay, whereas the body, unlike the clay, is alive and that is why its form, unlike the statue's form, is a principle of life and not of shape only.

A dead body lacks this principle; that is why it is dead. Of course a dead body can still retain its shape, but this is only a kind of hangover from when it was alive. A dead body is in the process of disintegration as soon as it is dead, but this process takes time. Still, it is manifest that its principle of organization has gone, and even more manifest that its principle of activity has gone. Just as a dead body cannot keep itself

together in shape anymore, so it cannot walk or talk anymore.

This principle of life is what is meant by the soul and that is why it is false and entirely misleading to speak, as almost everyone does, of the body as containing the soul. On the contrary, because it is form and principle, the soul should more properly be said to contain the body, just as the shape contains the clay. To find the soul, then, the last and indeed silliest thing to do is to try to look inside the body, like a surgeon doing an operation. This is rather like peeling the layers off an onion to find the onion.

No, to find the soul just look at someone walking or eating lunch. There is the soul: the activating and organizing principle that makes it possible for bodies to walk and to eat lunch and do whatever else living bodies do.

"Have you ever thought what it is going to be like to wake up dead?"

The soul is thus patently immaterial, just as the shape of the statue is immaterial (a statue does not become a statue by having material added to it but by having its material structured and organized). But now it might appear that the soul simply cannot survive death since neither does the shape survive the destruction of the clay.

Well, all depends here on what the soul is principle of. The shape does not survive the clay because the shape is simply the shape of the clay and nothing else. Likewise the soul as principle of eating and walking and seeing cannot survive the body because these are precisely activities of mouth, legs and eyes. But what about the soul as principle of thinking and choosing (for these too are things we living bodies do)?

We say that thinking is the activity of the brain, like seeing is the activity of the eye, and if so then there can be no activity of thinking after death since the brain is something bodily. But suppose choosing too is the activity of some bodily organ like the brain. Could choosing then be free if bodily things, as bodily, are subject to material compulsions? Would not our acts then be compelled by our internal states or by external stimuli or by both, as those of animals seem to be (which act on instinct and do not choose)? If choice is free (and daily experience makes it manifest that it is) then the activity of choosing, however much it may require and presuppose material and bodily things, cannot itself be the activity of a bodily organ (as

seeing is the activity of the eye).

But if choosing is not the activity of a bodily organ then thinking cannot be either, for choice includes within it the activity of thinking. There is indeed a further reason for this same conclusion. Material things are all particular and the activities of material organs are all particular. Seeing, hearing, smelling are always of this here now; walking is always walking here now. Even imagination is always of a particular this and a particular now, for although we can imagine other times and places what we imagine is always a particular thing and time and place. But thinking is universal (the thought of a dog is, as such, not of this or that dog but of dog taken universally or in its very idea and nature, an idea and nature which are the same in all dogs always and everywhere).

Nothing material is universal, so thinking cannot be the activity of something material even if it requires material activities (like seeing and imagining). The brain cannot therefore be the organ of thinking, contrary to what everyone says. So if thinking, like choosing, is not the activity of any material organ, there can be no necessity that the principle of thinking and choosing should perish, as seeing and hearing do, along with the perishing of the body. The continuance of the soul after death is, therefore, not only perfectly possible from a rational point of view, but, in the absence of any reason to think that anything else makes the soul perish, its continuance afterwards is something that reason is downright required to accept.

So let me ask again: have you ever thought what it is going to be like to wake up dead?

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YOUR RIGHTS

By George L. Perry

"You have the right to remain silent and refuse to answer any questions. Do you understand? Anything you say may be used against you in a court of law. Do you understand? You have the right to consult with an attorney before speaking to the police and to have an attorney present during any questioning now or in the future. Do you understand? If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be provided for you without cost. Do you understand? If you do not have an attorney available, you have the right to remain silent until you have had an opportunity to consult with one. Do you understand? Now that I have advised you of your rights, are you willing to answer questions?" These are the infamous Miranda warnings.

These are the not so famous directions to the police (as described in misc. 752 [2-83]) of the New York City Police Department: If the subject indicates he does not understand any portion of the instructions, they may be explained to him further in substantially similar language. If the subject does not understand English, the statement and explanations shall be given in whatever language he does speak or understand. If the subject states he wants an attorney, he may not be interrogated until an attorney is present. If the subject states he wishes to remain silent and make no statement, he MUST not be interrogated. If the subject is talking to the police and then indicates his desire to stop, the interrogation MUST cease and he MUST not be interrogated further. If the person in custody indicates he has an attorney and wants to consult with him, the officer conducting the interrogation shall ascertain the identity of such attorney and make every reasonable effort to contact him. Custodial interrogation means questioning begun by police or law enforcement officers after a person has been taken into custody, or otherwise deprived of his freedom in any significant way.

What this means is if you are arrested nothing you say will help you and ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING you say will hurt you. If you are arrested there is only one word you need to say, and YOU NEED to say it: "lawyer." An arrest is made when 'probable cause' exists. Probable cause is a level of proof (or evidence) which would lead a reasonable person to conclude that a violation of the law has been or is about to be committed. Once probable cause exists nothing you will say will take it away, so why say anything? Have an attorney contacted for you! There is no way I can be clearer than this!

Even if you refuse to make any volun-

tary statement(s) like a confession, you should not say ANYTHING! Why? Section 60.45 allows the admissibility of voluntary statements, comments, and spontaneous utterances. Admissible means something which can be accepted into evidence and be used in a court of law. If you exercise your right to consult with an attorney before answering any questions and then make a comment like, "I can't believe I got caught!" expect to hear the police officer repeat that statement back to the judge or jury in the event your case goes to trial.

Follow the advice of your attorney. Chances are your attorney will advise you to let him do the talking. As an example to prove my point, when was the last time you were watching television (the news) and heard a person accused of anything make a statement. The lawyer will make the statement for the client. Follow that example.

"Be aware of the rights and exercise ALL of them in the event you need them."

The police MUST issue the Miranda warnings when there is "custodial interrogation." For custodial interrogation to exist we must have both custody and interrogation. Custody exists when you have been deprived of your freedom of action in any significant way (ex. the police have stopped you and you are not free to leave.) Interrogation exists when you are being asked questions which could result in you becoming subject of civil or criminal prosecution in a court of law (ex. issuance of a summons or arrest.)

Consider this scenario. You are drinking an alcoholic beverage in a container (like the ones people use when they are working out) in the park and a police officer comes up to you and asks you what is in the container. Are you free to walk away? Are you being asked a question which may result in you receiving a ticket? If the answer to both of these is yes, the police officer should have issued you the Miranda warnings prior to asking you the question. Exercise your right to remain silent or ask (demand) for consultation with an attorney prior to answering. If the police officer decides your response is 'not good enough' and finds out what is in the container himself, the evidence (the alcoholic beverage) was obtained illegally.

This is a violation of the fourth amendment of the US Constitution which protect us against illegal search and seizure. You will receive a ticket for public consumption of an alcoholic beverage but grounds exist for dismissal of the ticket and you may sue the police for violation of your civil rights. (Your chances of winning are directly proportional to the amount of witnesses, if any, willing to testify on your behalf.)

The police are sworn to uphold the US Constitution and the law, however, they do not always follow these. Sometimes they do not follow the "rules" and either charges must be dropped against the arrested or the police find themselves the subject of a criminal or civil action. The police are held accountable if they break the "rules" or violate the Constitutional rights of anyone. (See my last column on reporting police abuses.) While what I am saying may not be how the police really behave 'on the street,' the courts ensure all the rights of an individual are never taken away.

Miranda protects people from self-incrimination; that is, from saying anything which could be used against them in a court of law and helping develop a stronger case against them. Miranda also gives us the right of consultation with an attorney should the need arise. Be aware of the rights and exercise ALL of them in the event you need them.

As always, consult your attorney for legal advice. I will not be covering the 2N issue due to the pathetic response of the student body...I guess it was just a bunch of oral flatulence.

The college's policy of not having 24 hour access to the library is preventing us from receiving the education we have paid for. If you agree and demand 24 hour access to the library please contact George L. Perry at *The Banner* (1C-228) or call 982-3115 to make it happen!

TomKo On Beer: The Ales of England

By Thomas C. Kolakowski

When last we met we were enjoying the marvelous Trappist Ales of Belgium. This time we head further west, crossing the channel to England to sample some fine British Ales, Porters, and Stouts. I'm sure you'll be glad for the journey!

When Americans think of English beer they think of warm beers served in large pint glasses. This is partially a mistaken impression on our parts. Yes, the beers consumed in England are dark and rich (ranging in colors from dark red to pitch black) and they definitely consume a good quantity of brew. But the idea that all beers are served warm is far from true. Ales are generally seared cool, not cold (but definitely not warm). Why is this so? Because an Englishman wants to taste his beer. Beer served below 50 degrees tends to numb the taste-buds. Most American commercial brewers tell you to serve their beers at 40-45 degrees (only a few degrees above freezing!) Why? So you can't taste the beer! They want you to drink beer mainly for the buzz, not the flavor! In England you drink for the taste not the buzz! (Well, maybe also for the buzz, but the taste is real important too!)

In Europe beer is considered a food, an important part of a nation's diet and culture. It holds much more importance in their lives than beers do here in America. Beer is also a centerpiece of the social life of the English. Most major corporations in England own their own pubs (Bass Ale Plc owns over 180 pubs in England) which are usually located on the first floor of their office building. Workers are encouraged to go down to the company pub for a pint or two after work. I remember back when

I worked for Coopers & Lybrand (a "Big Six" accounting firm,) each of C&L's six UK offices had a C&L pub! (Could you imagine each U.S. company having a bar?)

The 1980's saw major changes in the Ales of England, known throughout the British Isles as "The Real Ale Movement." The British, after years of drinking filtered and pasteurized Ales produced by the major brewers like Bass and Fullers, began to pressure the government and brewers to return to traditional brewing techniques. It was argued (and rightfully so) that Ales should be aged in the kegs, and that the yeast should not be filtered out or killed by pasteurization. Today, most Englishmen will turn down a bottle of Ale that doesn't contain a layer of yeast at the bottom! But what exactly are these things called Ales? Let's now turn to an examination of the various varieties of Ale.

First of all, we should define exactly what an Ale is. Most people think that an Ale is a single variety of beer. In fact, Ales are a wide ranged class of beers. Porters and Stouts are two varieties of Ale that are normally assumed to be separate classes of beers. Any beers brewed using Ale Yeasts are Ales! That out of the way, let's now take a little walk through the world of British Ales.

The first and most common type of Ale are known as Pale Ales (also called Bitter when served in draft form.) Pale Ales are amber or red in color and tend to be of medium to high bitterness. The major brands of Pale Ales are Fullers, Bass, Young Ram Rod, Whitbread and Samuel Smith. The alcohol content ranges between 4.5-5.5%.

The second type of Ale is the Brown Ale. Brown Ales are, as the name implies, brown in color.

Brown Ales are sweeter and less bitter than Pale Ales. Newcastle Brown Ales are brewed using chocolate malt and brown sugar, giving it a deep brown hue. They have an alcohol content of 4.5-6.5%. I prefer Bitter Ales over Brown Ales myself, but if you like a sweet/non-bitter beer with a good alcohol level, then Newcastles might be the beer for you!

Scotch Ales are darker than the Pale Ales. They possess a malty or smoky flavor and like Scotch Whiskey they get their dark color from dark brown sugar being added to the brew. They have an alcohol content ranging from 3-8%. There are three varieties of Scotch Ales, corresponding to the types of regular Ales. McEwans Scotch Ale is readily available here in the US.

Moving on to the darker Ales we come to Porters. Porters are blackish colored ales made by adding roasted barley to the traditional Ale recipe. There is much debate as to how a Porter differs from a Stout, but the consensus is that Porters are smoother and sweeter than most Stouts. They range in strength from 4.5-6%. Taddy Porter and Samuel Smith are two major Porters.

Finally we come to Stouts. Stouts come in several varieties, the main types being dry and sweet. The main difference between the two is the bitterness of the brew. The most famous of all Stouts is Guinness Extra Stout. Stouts are heavy, dark and heady Ales. All Stouts tend to be sweet, while it is the Dryness that varies. Surprisingly, the alcohol content of Guinness is lower in Ireland than in the US! In Ireland Guinness has an alcohol content of 3%. Here in the US it has about a 5% alcohol content. Stouts can have a maximum content of 6%. There is also

a second type of Stout, called an Imperial Stout. Imperial Stout was created as a gift for the Czars of Russia. The Imperial Stout has an alcohol content of about 9%. It is brewed commercially usually in late winter, around New Year's. Several American brewers, including the Manhattan Brewery, produce Imperial Stout as a special seasonal beer.

In Beer News: Six states have already ordered the removal of ice-brewed beers from their shelves until the brewers change their labels to list the Beers as "malt liquors." Many states require that any beer with an alcohol content over 6% be listed as "malt liquor." All the brewers have agreed to change their labels in the affected states.

Beer News Flash: I have been informed by somewhat reliable sources that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms is moving to have "ZIMA - Clear Malt" banned. The reason given for the possible ban is that ZIMA is allegedly giving distorted breathalyzer readings (below DWI when actually impaired.) Since Zima is still advertising I think that this rumor will prove to be false! I'll give updates as soon as I hear more!

Ask TomKo: If you have any questions regarding Beer you can contact me at *The BANNER* in 1C-228. I will answer your beer questions in future issues.

Next Time in TomKo on Beer: Making your own beer!

Temperamental Terrorist

By Stanley Yankelevich

Well, well, well. By now, you have probably heard the tale of "The Broken Window" and as stories usually go this one has many sides. I have no idea what the window had to say, but maybe I can convince you to listen to my side as well. It all started when I was little. I was a happy-go-lucky kid with a motor-mouth and a vivid imagination. My parents' friends found me to be a very amusing kind of guy. I enjoyed the attention but it ain't everything. When you are kid you also need love. You need love from both parents.

This is how things ought to be, but it wasn't like that for yours truly. My mother did not love me. Although my Dad loved me very much, he could not compensate for

the lack of motherly love. That was my first step on the road to becoming the Temperamental Terrorist.

As I was growing up my parents argued a lot. My grandmother argued with my great grandmother, my mother argued with my grandmother, my grandmother and mother argued with my father. Every time I asked one of them something they told me to get lost because they were busy arguing. If you have a good imagination you'll see that living in such an environment is not healthy for any child. That the second step on the road to becoming the Temperamental Terrorist.

My whole childhood was full of different opinions being thrown at me by when you have to deal with

a new picture of it every single day, your state of mind changes. Soon you don't know what is true and what is not anymore. This might seem like fun to some people but it sure wasn't for me. That was the third step on the road to becoming the Temperamental Terrorist.

The last step was my parents' divorce. I was not told about it. My last name was changed to Vinarsky by my mother, and to top things off, I started school the same year. I didn't want to become the Temperamental Terrorist, but I had very little choice. Everything that happened to me in life caused me to acquire anger, hate and pain. It wouldn't be so bad if I could have dealt with them, but I did not. Maybe because I didn't have a

chance to sit down with myself and think about it.

The final touch in painting a portrait of me as the Temperamental Terrorist was when someone very close to me told me about being abused by members of the family. This pushed me over the edge. All the stuff I kept hidden came out in a powerful burst. I could not control myself. I almost killed somebody and caused the woman I love a great deal of pain. Well, what is done is done and it can't be changed. I just hope that she will be all right. Also I want her to know that I still care about her and regret the whole thing. As they say in France—such is life.

[The author wishes to thank Hagen the Horrible and Leather Penguin for their help.]

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SENIOR: DAN LADNER

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SBT IS THE FUTURE!

BE SURE YOUR VOICE IS HEARD!!

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APRIL 28 - MAY 5, 1994

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THURSDAY, SUNDAY

LIBRARY: TUESDAY, FRIDAY, & SATURDAY

H O R R O R S C O P E S

By Madame Bodag

ARIES (Mar. 21- Apr. 19)

That's what you get for filing taxes so late. Your taxes were done incorrectly. You won't be receiving \$1,800, you owe it! Tough break!

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)

Many people claim that only idiots see UFO's, your turn is coming up on May 5.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)

I am going to put this to you gently...a loved one has taken out a large life insurance policy on you. Expect strange and coincidental accidents.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)

The public library has sent a collection agency after you for a long overdue book you borrowed in 1979.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Look out! Just when you thought you were flying high, you will be embarrassed in front of hundreds of students. Yes, your pants will split wide as you bend down to pick up a quarter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Following in Madonna's footsteps is not an addition to the little amount of intelligence you once possessed.

LIBRA (Sep. 23 - Oct. 22)

When in doubt, DOUBLEBAG!!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

It is not your imagination, your teeth are beginning to protrude. Bugs Bunny is beginning to look like a relative!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You will get wildly drunk at a party and bare all! Photos will be on sale at the CSI Bookstore in May.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

The paper cut on your finger that is not healing might be herpes. Have it checked out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Your lover's mother is the original 'Serial Mom' so watch out!

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)

I have good news and bad news: Good news is: They will find a cure to your medical problem. Bad news is: They will discover it on the day of your funeral.

Student Government Platforms

A Special Pull-out Section

Daniel Rosenbaum (camera shy)

I have been a CSI student for 3 years. I am majoring in Communications and Business. If I am elected to Student Government, my main goals and tasks would be to improve the relations and form a closer bonding with student funded and directed groups on campus. This closer bond is needed so students can unite to combat issues that they believe in. I will also fight for the recognition that Greek Letter Clubs rightfully deserve. I have worked on several important campus issues for the past 2 years as a member of CSI NYPIRG. I've worked to improve transportation problems around the campus, getting more CUNY funding, and I've worked to prevent tuition hikes by rallying against Governor Cuomo. During these past 2 years, I've gained insight into the problems faced by CSI students and I have learned and developed the skills needed to solve the problems. I have also helped found the Greek Letter Club Chi Kappa Phi. Our main goals are to help unite CSI students, perform community service, and coordinate social activities. My work in CSI NYPIRG and Chi Kappa Phi has given me the knowledge and the skills I will use to unite the student body.

John Flaherty (camera shy)

Hello, my name is John Flaherty. I am a 21 year old junior at the College of Staten Island. I have been a student activist for two years. During this time I have served on Student Government, CSI Association, College Council and the Program Development Committee. I have witnessed your money being spent carelessly. I want this to stop. The only way I can do this is with your help.

Every cent of your money will be spent on something that you can benefit from. Some people on Student Government think that they may spend your money on things for themselves. Also, people from clubs get people on Student Government and think that their club will get all of the amenities with your money. This will not fly by me. I will stop this kind of reckless spending.

Since I have worked with PDC, I have brought many new and exciting ideas to the school. Programs that many students have benefited greatly from. I plan to continue this.

The Buck Stops Here!! I will watch out for Your money and make sure that it is spent the right way.

I will fight for your money!

Corinne Lambert

My name is Corinne Lambert, I am a twenty two year old single mother. I have been going to CSI since the Fall of 1991, and will be receiving my B.A. in sociology, as well as my A.A. in Liberal Arts and a certificate in developmental disabilities next year; I am going on to get my M.A. in student personnel. My main concern is the students and how their Student Activity Fee is spent. I'll make sure it's spent the way you want it to be, and not carelessly. I care about what the students want and I am always here to listen and help. I feel its important not to get caught up in the political red tape, and ultimately do what is right for the student body. I am in favor of any issue that is for the students, and will fight for services that the



students need, like safety on campus. I am currently Clubs Commissioner of Student Government and would like to continue in this position. I enjoy working with the clubs. It is the hardest commission on Student Government, but it is the one that is in contact most with students. The students are what's important to me!

Natasha Genduso

Hi, my name is Natasha. Recently I was exposed to a lot of obstacles that oppose students. In light of this I took the initiative and visit Ass. Vitaliano on a regular basis to discuss student issues



with him. I've helped fight for tuition cuts and restoration of financial aid programs. I have joined NYPIRG to better my

knowledge on today's issues effecting students. With their training I have become more of a student activist and took on the role of Project Leader for their Higher Education Campaign. I have become very active in our established chapter here at CSI. I won't promise you the world, but what I can promise is that if elected my door will always be open to hear from you the concerns that you have about CSI and it's government. If there is something that I can do, I will endeavor to pursue it diligently until completion. If there is nothing that I can do within my boundaries then I will refer you to someone or some agency that can help you with your task. Support a positive change in our school. Support me for Student Government. I am running for At Large (lower) and College Council.

Randy Pierre

As the publis spokesperson of the Haitian Club of CSI, I feel that my obtaining a position as Senator of the Student Government and CSI Association will allow me to fight for students' rights, budget cuts, better transportation for commuting students and

more culturally diverse events. As a freshman I have already accomplished a lot. I have been representing CSI students through my work with NYPIRG and helping with Earth Day. I've volunteered my time on the college radio station WSIA 88.9 FM. I've participated in the successful

Kwanza celebration last December. I'm looking forward to continuing to represent CSI students through Student Government and CSI Association. So elect RANDY PIERRE to sit on Student Government to help create a diversity because UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL!

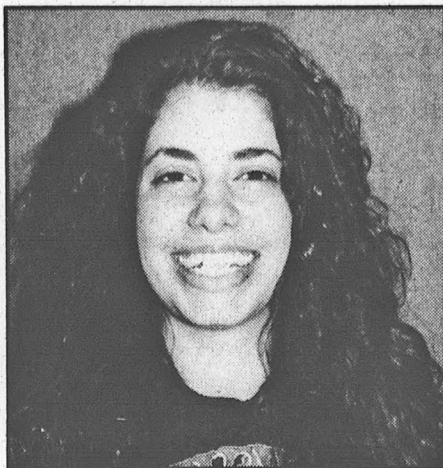


Diane D. Paras

I was appointed a Senator to Student Government this past March. I would like to continue my service to the student body as Senator at large for the upper division. My primary interest is to increase students' influence on policies concerning CSI, and develop better educational services and extracurricular activities. The campus and its financial downsizing to evade additional costs has proved to be a burden on students educationally, financially, physically, and socially. Professors who retire or move on are being replaced by adjuncts, and the costs and conditions of transportation and the decreases in financial aid have risen students' costs. The campus is not maintained physically, and has become severely dangerous in inclement weather. It has come to light that the new facilities have become a viable pool of toxic waste, and have displaced students from a centered campus life. We have been subjected to an administration's propensity for manipulating the political climate at the expense of students who attend CSI. Through a strong and efficient Student Government with competent leadership which directly deals with



these issues, the rights and privileges of students can be advanced. As a Senator, I am interested in challenging the administration, 80th Street, and the state legislators so that students' rights for the highest standards of education are maintained, and the physical safety issues and questions of accessibility at the college are dealt with. The extension of resources for students' diverse needs must not be compromised, but extended. Apathy becomes all too prevalent when you feel your voice does not have any impact. I hope to change that, and make our voice, which is represented by our Student Government in conjunc-

**Jessica Reback**

My name is Jessica Reback, and I am currently a member of Student Government, Auxiliary Services, and the Association. I am running for seats on these boards again, because I feel that my past experience on these boards will allow me to continue to protect students' interests. I have a strong desire to serve students. I believe that it is time for a change—there are a lot of Senators who will be graduating this year, and SG will be receiving a new group of students. I look forward

tion with our student body, have a direct influence on how this college operates. My experience as President of the Parents-As-Student Club, Treasurer of the CSI Child Care Parent Group, student representative on the CUNY Child Care Advisory Council, secretary for the Students for a Brighter Tomorrow, and a brief but intensive tenure as Senator have helped me prepare for the year long position of Student Government Senator. I have gone to Albany representing CSI to challenge the Governor's budget on child care funding for CUNY. I have met with various legislators and their representatives at many forums to advance the concerns of students at CSI. I am familiar with how Student Government operates, so I can serve efficiently. As a Senator, I want to be of service to CSI, and help students to challenge the forces which compromise our rights and privileges. If we want to change what has been forced upon us, we must participate in that change. Electing a strong Student Government with leadership experience and knowledge of how Student Government functions is instrumental for us to make that change so our needs do not get caught up in red tape. VOTE, and let your needs be legitimized and advanced.

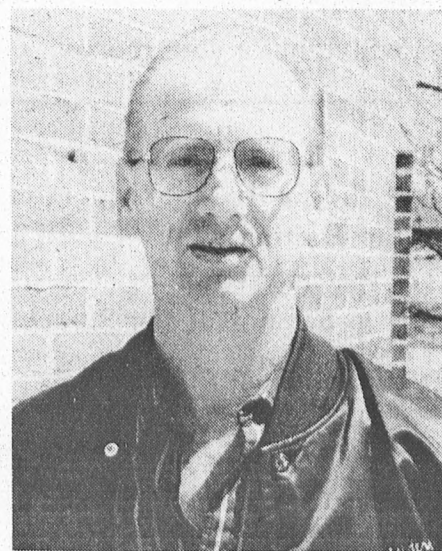
to seeing fresh, new faces taking office in the summer.

There are approximately 12,000 full-time, part-time, weekend, and evening students going to CSI. I predict that 300 students will vote in the upcoming elections. That number is not representative of the student body; it is representative of the apathy that pervades this school. Don't say you have no time to vote — get out there and do it! The polls are open all week. You have no excuse. But, I must caution you, before you vote, you should familiarize yourself with the work of the candidates. You should also talk with them, and see if you want them to run the show at Student Government. That is the only way you can make an informed decision about who you want in office. Then go fill out a ballot and make your voice heard.

As a Senator, I will make sure that we discuss and review relevant issues. I will work in conjunction with the Auxiliary Services Board, as I have been, to make sure that we have an operat-

Cliff Peterson

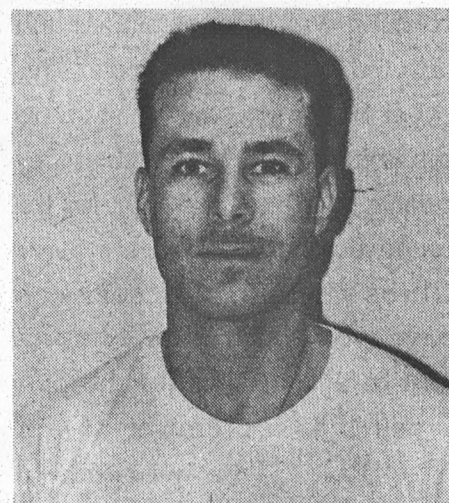
Seeking election to/experience in: Student Government; four semesters, two semesters President; Finance Commission-developed Student Government budget (the format is still in use); Staffing Committee Chairman. Association: three semesters Intramural Committee, Insurance Committee, Athletic Advisory board (current,) Investment Committee. Auxiliary Services: four semesters, Secretary Executive Committee, Bookstore/negotiating Committee. Good communication with all elements of college community. I believe in responsibility, empowerment, and accountability (on all levels.) You can always find me.



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ing and efficient shuttle between this campus and the ferry terminal in St. George. I will not dwell on kicking NYPIRG off the campus, I will leave that for students to decide. I will work to have library hours extended during the week and on the weekends.

I have classes five days a week, so I am always in school. If you would like to speak to me about anything, come to the Student Government office. If I'm not around, please leave a message for me, or drop me a letter in my mailbox. I look forward to meeting you.

**John P. DiNatale**

I am a returning student who is currently serving as a Senator on Student Government. A Gulf War Veteran, I have also served throughout the world for six years in the United States Marine Corps. I received both private and professional training in the fields of leadership, discipline, diplomacy, and personnel management, as well as practical experience in the doctrine of problem identification and resolution. My term of service was characterized by honor, distinction, and a superior level of proficiency, as the following military awards and decorations will attest: Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation (awarded 3 times), Good Conduct Medal (awarded two 3-year Medals), National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (awarded 3 times), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (awarded 2 times), Kuwait Liberation Medal, M16 Rifle Expert Badge (3 Awards), Colt 45 Pistol Expert Badge, and Marine of the Quarter Commendation.

I am convinced that my knowledge and experience are assets to the Student Government, and that my continued service as a Senator will be beneficial to addressing the needs of the student body and the campus as a whole.

Khwaja Anas

I am Khwaja Anas, currently serving as the President of the Bangladeshi Students Association. I am also associated with the Indian Cultural Club and the Pakistan Students Federation

I did my bachelor's on Political Science from Notre Dame College, Dhaka. Here at CSI I am a senior and have finished all major courses of Accounting.

If I am elected I will apply my theoretical knowledge and experience. With my background of Political Science, I believe I have good organizing skills and admin-



istrative qualities. With my accounting abilities and knowledge, I will make sure every single penny of the Student Government Fund is spent for the right purposes.

My goal is to revive student movement and change the general students negative attitude towards the student government. I will fight for resuming shuttle bus service, more parking space, more scholarship funds, longer access to the Library and other campus facilities, and lowering of tuition fees

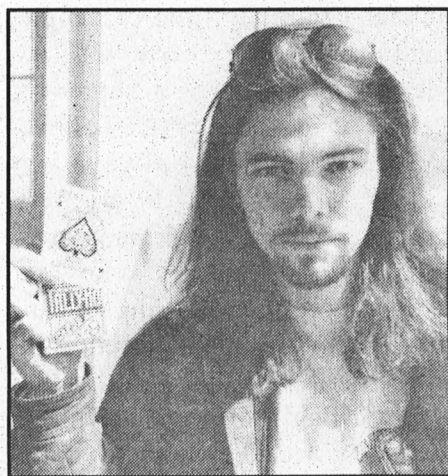
The present student government body represents minority students disproportionately. I represent the working class, minority, and international students.

I will work for a dormitory on campus and a better friendly environment for education.

Michael E. Ojaste

My intention in running for Student Government is not one of glory or fame, for I seek neither. I've dealt with Student Government members in the past, and I have found some of them to be self-serving egomaniacs. They have continuously held on to money, that could have been spent more wisely for you.

Many of you have seen my face before as, President of The Arthurian Society, Banner Photographer, or the guy playing all those card games down in the cafeteria. If I am to be so bold, I am the only Student Government nominee that you can vote for that, as your partner, would help you win in any card game you choose to play. My efforts next semester, if I am elected, will focus on your needs as students. I have heard



many complaints from you, while sitting in the cafeteria, and I feel that I am one of the few students, that is running who has a genuine understanding of what you want.

I know what you want because I spend so much time here on campus listening to all you have to say. I am often available.

I can't say anymore, and I am not going to sit here and waste anymore of your time, by having you read an extended dissertation of my life. I'll close this statement now by simply saying that a vote for me is a vote for a person that will listen to you.

Dan W. Ladner
(camera shy)

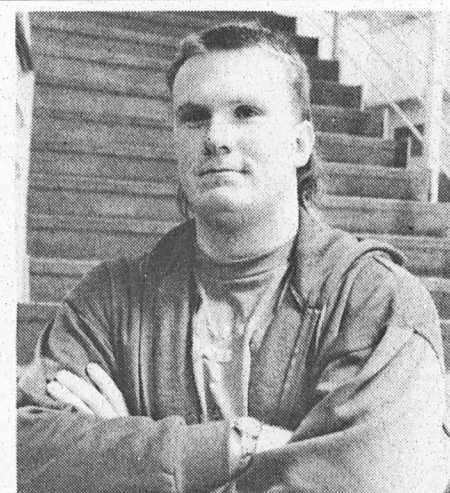
I have a strong desire to serve the students of the College of Staten Island as their elected representative. I am running for Student Government, and the Disciplinary committee among other positions, because I feel that I can make life at the Willowbrook campus easier for students. Having interned and worked for the State Assembly and State Senate in Albany for the last two years, I will personally lobby elected members of the legislature for less tuition and no consolidation.

The development and construction of the College of Staten Island Willowbrook campus is a priority for me. If elected you can rest assured that I will fight to make the Dormitory Authority expedite the modernizing of our campus. Furthermore, I would like to see more jobs provided for

students who want to help fix up the college. Among my other concerns are more parking lots on the campus, better lighting with more security and a realistic book exchange. If elected I will advocate more security and the safest environment possible in which to attend school. With the help of the students we all can create a safe environment for women and everyone on this campus. I previously volunteered my time in the Staten Island District Attorney's sexual crimes unit and feel that will also help me serve the Disciplinary Committee effectively and fairly. There are just a few policies that I will advocate if I am elected to serve you. All I need from you is for you to cast your vote for Dan W. Ladner. Thank you.

Ryan Monroe

Greetings fellow students at the College of Staten Island. In case you don't know me, allow me to introduce myself: my name is Ryan Monroe, and I am the President of Students for a Brighter Tomorrow. I have been actively involved in student issues for the past four years. With this vast experience I believe I have been, and will be a crucial part, of the development of the new Willowbrook campus. If you are aware of the history of CSI and CUNY students you know where I stand on the issues which are most crucial to our student body. In case you are new to the CSI political arena I will attempt to inform you of my past, present, and future plans for the students at CSI. I have fought the policies of CUNY Chancellor Wynetka Ann Reynolds and her plans for the consolidation of CUNY. I have fought against Mario Cuomo and his devastating budget cuts to CUNY, increases in tuition, overcrowded classrooms, and his draconian cuts in financial aid. Cuomo is the main reason for our woes. In November when he is on the ballot for Governor again, I will use my position as a Student

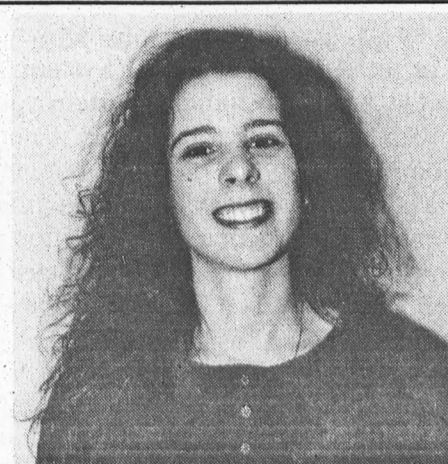


Government Senator to remind the student body of the part he played in the elimination of our education.

The solution to the problems at CUNY is the same to the solution to the Board of Education. Decentralization and the elimination of administrative waste by streamlining the bureaucratic process. Here at CSI I will continue to demand more parking. I will continue to demand that the s62 be brought on campus. The most important thing to remember is that I will not kiss administrative ass, but I will compromise if it is necessary to get things done. Vote for me and the Students for a Brighter Tomorrow, only by working together can students make a difference.

Christine Crowdell

My platform for this election involves the publication of a teacher evaluation booklet and improving the reputation of our college. I would like to make teacher evaluations public based on student recommendations. Answers to questions such as, "Are the instructor's exams and grading fair?" would be contained in this book that would be avail-



able to the students. Another issue that needs to be addressed is improving our college's reputation. CSI has a deteriorating reputation and as a member of the Student Government I feel that I have the power to stop this process. Its time we let others

know what CSI is truly about. If elected to CSI's Student Government, I will be a powerful voice for the students. A Student Government provides us with the challenge to improve our college community. I strongly believe that I am the best person to live up to the challenge.

Patricia Michel
(camera shy)

I believe I am a good candidate for the lower division of Student Government, because I am a student of CSI who is articulate and who listens to people who have something to say. For a Haitian girl of color I can speak out for my people, who are underrepresented, and I am fair enough to represent all students. Throughout the semester, I worked with NYPIRG and joined in their activities. Being in Student Government I can continue performing my services in a committee that can help us move forward. Everyone should have a voice on campus and participate in any activities which they encounter. They should not be discriminated against. I want more money for TAP, and other money to be used for the benefit of everyone, and anything that is worthwhile that the students can see.



Muriel Jean-Louis

At the present time Student Government has no minorities among them except for one black male and he is graduating in the Spring of 1994. The Student Government is supposedly representing the students of CSI. With no minorities on SG, how are we as minorities supposed to be represented. As a young black Haitian American woman, I want to (represent) them and others. I will fight for better transportation, a hold on tuition hikes so we can afford to come to school, and more clubs and parties for the minorities of CSI. If you vote for Muriel Jean-Louis you are voting for yourself.

Natalie Williams
(camera shy)

After much thought and trepidation I have decided to run for government. I wish to ensure that all voices are heard. CSI is so culturally and ethnically diverse yet Student Government is not. CSI's cultural and ethnic diversity is a reservoir to be tapped not dammed. Only by having a diverse governing body will there be a unified campus. With unity comes strength. To accomplish this, all need to be represented. I have a plethora of ideas to see that all denominations are acknowledged, e.g. we should all celebrate with you on Chanukka, Christmas, Kwanza, Easter, Ramadan, and Passover. Wouldn't you like to be acknowledged and celebrated, too? As a member of Student Government I will ensure all are heard and remembered. You too will be acknowledged. My name is Natalie Williams and I am running for a seat on Large Lower.

Joseph F. Magliocca
(Camera shy)

My motives for running for a position on the College Council are quite simple. I feel that there are certain curricula that are not adequately preparing our students to be competitive in the work force. For example, some of our graduates are moving on without even basic computer skills. In today's job market this notion is ludicrous.

I would like to work hand in hand with faculty members to identify and remedy some of these short-comings. This will establish a competitive edge for our graduates in the future and insure the education received at the College of Staten Island is top notch.

Mark Lombardo
(camera shy)

I am a Student Government Senator now, and running for the at Large Upper Seat. Next year I plan to help improve the Career Services Department by getting the faculty more involved with the student body. Also, I would like to push for an improvement of the Buildings and Grounds services. This year as a student Senator I voted for many beneficial student activities and I am in the process of bringing a copy machine to the Student Center. I am always open to new ideas, and interested in what students want for their \$53.00 in Student Activity Fee.

Meri Kaufman

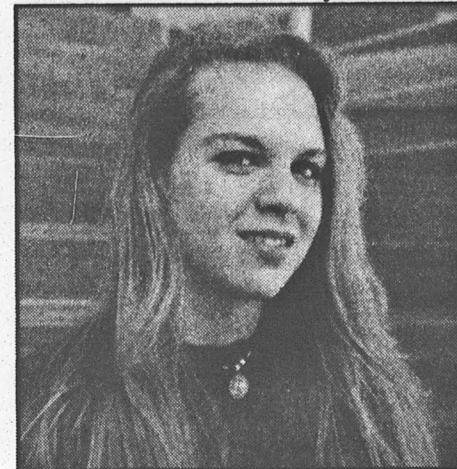
Are you angry? So am I. Are you frustrated by not having a voice in your college life? So am I. Are you tired of having no one listen to your needs? So am I. As a student I'm really tired of people assuming that they know what is best for me. But, as a Senator I want you to know that I believe above all, it should always be, **STUDENTS FIRST.** In my first term as a senator, I had many concerns. For students who are always short of cash, I implemented a system of student discounts in area stores. I felt that Senators hid in the Student Government offices, so I convinced Senators to make themselves available, with office hours, to listen and help their fellow students. I made myself available at all hours for students to come to the SG office to voice their opinions or complaints. Being an advocate of women's rights and knowing that women make up 65% of this college community, my concern for the special needs of this large part of CSI led me to develop the "Whistlestop" program at CSI. This program will begin with the fall 94' term. We will hand out whistles with safety packets, and work with Security, to allow all students who use this campus, especially at off hours, to feel that they have a tool that offers a sense of security.

John Kim (camera shy)

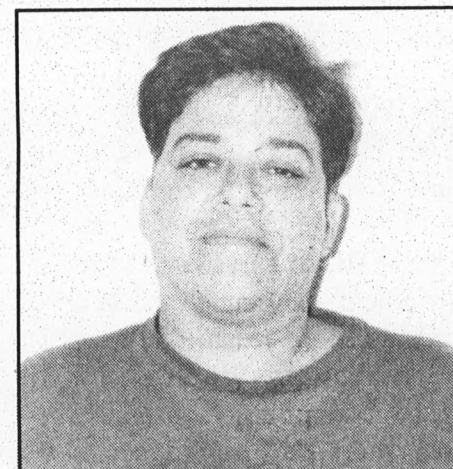
In the American Judicial System you are innocent until proven guilty. In the American Judicial System you must also be proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Sadly this is not the case in University Disciplinary Committees. Quite often the burden of proof is on the students to prove that they are innocent. Students may be convicted on hearsay and circumstantial evidence. A conviction can result in a permanent record and dismissal. Disciplinary Committees can try you without all the "formalities" because it is a law unto itself. This is wrong! We should not have our rights tossed aside just because we are students. We should always be innocent until proven guilty. We should never have the burden of proof placed upon us. **I WILL NOT LET STUDENTS GET RAIL-ROADED.** Elect me, John Kim, to the Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee and I will do my best to fight for your rights.

Windy Webb

Hey, are you sick of inadequate, pathetic conditions on campus? I sure as hell am! Would you like to



do something about it? If so then give me your vote. I wear hard boots and I'm willing to kick some ass to see that things change. I personally would like to see that the buildings on campus become environmentally safe. I also want to change the parking conditions on campus, raise more money for clubs, get WSIA their neon sign, and have WSIA pumped through the cafeteria. If you share my feelings about these issues then support me on election day. What the hell do you have to lose?



Finally, I'm a founding member of the Clean Campus Community, working with administration to solve the problems of a garbage-strewn campus. I also helped to develop Graffiti Busters, many times scrubbing graffiti off walls myself. I'm a champion of all students at the College of Staten Island and I hope with their support I can continue the good work that I started.

Photos by Michael Garofalo

Also a write-in candidate for the Freshman seat.

"If you don't vote for me, at least vote for somebody!"

RENTAL TOPS, RENTAL FLOPS

By Jennifer Valle

The rental freak is out of her coma and back! For those of you who would like to know the range of stars to which a movie can receive, it is 0-5. That's right! Not one movie has made it to 5 stars...yet!

CARLITO'S WAY *1/2**

Al Pacino stars as a former drug king who is released from prison on a technicality. He vows to go straight but the underground life drags him back into his former ways in this action/drama with a twist. One thing is certain, it will leave you in tears.

THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES *3/4**

A hillbilly family strikes oil in their swamp and they become overnight billionaires. Things become crazy when plots to steal the money and plots to find a wife collide in this hilarious comedy. You have got to see this!

WE'RE BACK! *1/2

Four dinosaurs, with the aid of a peace-loving professor, are brought to the 21st century in this animated comedy/action/drama. Featuring the famous voices of John Goodman, Jay Leno, Yeardly Smith, Martin Short, and many more. (Why did I review this? Don't ask!)

FATHERHOOD **1/2

Patrick Swayze stars as a wanted criminal who kidnaps his 2 kids from foster care and takes them on the ride of their lives. While ducking cops and trying to pull off a big 'deal,' he finally learns something important. This is one to see, not Swayze's best, but worth watching.

MONEY FOR NOTHING 0*

Joey Coyle thought that life couldn't get any worse until he found \$1.2 million lying on the street. This was nothing to be crazy about — John Cusack has gone from bad to worse on the screen. This stunk as bad as Last Action Hero, which I didn't think was possible!

Can the Phases of the Moon Affect Your Personality?

By Windy Webb

Have you ever experienced unreasonable fear? Perhaps compulsiveness or hyperactivity with no reasonable explanation? Have you ever questioned the term "lunatic" or experienced lunacy at the full moon? If yes, then perhaps you are being affected by the moon's phases, which have been known to affect the human personality for thousands of years.

Practitioners of ancient religions all over the world knew the significance of the moon on the human psyche. They usually associated the moon with a goddess, recognizing its twenty-eight day cycle around the Earth, the time of a woman's menstrual cycle. They knew that the moon controlled the tides of the ocean as well as the human body. They also believed that the changing of the moons phases could effect ones personality, crops, fishing, and game, and all aspects of everyday life.

The believed the waxing moon,

(the time between the new and full moon,) was a time of new beginnings. This was considered a time when people would feel a knew surge of energy and vitality. During this period, seedlings could begin to sprout. This time was associated with the virgin goddess and rebirth. All new projects began at this time. As the moon increases, there is usually less fear and anxiety about new projects.

The full moon was associated with manifesting projects and admiring one's work. It was considered a time of celebration and accepting oneself. It was also considered a time of deepening commitments on all levels. However, if one did not manifest what they were striving for in the waxing moon, they could express violent or emotional outrage at this time. More crimes and frenzied activity has been noted to occur at this time than any other.

The waning moon was considered a time of purification. A

time for getting rid of the old to make way for the new. Addictions and bad habits were emphasized to be released at this time. It can give the individual a feeling of loneliness or depression. However, this is a time of change and changes usually accompany resistance and sometimes sorrow.

The dark moon or (new moon,) when the moon is not visible to the Earth, is a time the ancients reserved for rest and retreat. This time was used for meditating on the future and the events of the past. This was considered the time for planting ones seeds and thinking about creating new projects.

Moon worshipers knew the characteristics of each phase of the moon and its' effects on people for thousands of years. So, the next time you are launching that new project that you can't seem to get off the ground or trying to quit an unbreakable habit, check the moon's phase. The ancients did.

Employment Opportunities Available in the Campus Center:

**The Campus Center will
have Summer and
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Office of the Campus
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o n e k i s s (f o r D a v e C o l a p i e t r o)

There was no mistaking the intensity of his blue eyes. Eyes that know what they want and usually get it. Whether he knows it or not, he can work magic with his eyes. I know he can. I'm under his spell. From the first time I saw him, I knew that I had to have him. From the first time he held me in his arms, I knew that I never wanted to let him go. His touch is so affectionate and his stare is unrelenting. I could only fantasize about the way he would kiss me. About the way it would feel when his lips touched mine. And the way it would feel for his hands to caress my body. I leaned over to hug him and he put his arm around my waist. It felt as if a cool breeze had kissed the nape of my neck, sending chills throughout my entire body. It's been so long since someone has made me feel that way. I looked up at him and he smiled. My heart stopped the moment his lips touched mine. I could feel myself holding everything back. I was afraid to breathe, so I didn't. When I realized that I was actually kissing him, and loving it, I exhaled and didn't think about anything except for him and the way he was kissing me. Nothing else existed. Nothing. As the sun set ever so slowly, I wondered if he was enjoying this kiss as much as I was. My question was soon answered when he kissed me several more times. Each time with growing passion and intensity. He told me that I was driving him crazy. He never let me finish what I was going to say because he kissed me again. I never wanted him to stop. I never thought that kissing could turn me on so much. When you kiss someone you need to be in love with them the moment their lips touch yours. I can tell a lot about a guy by the way he kisses me. Some are aggressive to hide their own insecurities, and some are afraid because they don't know what they're doing. I've never had anyone kiss me the way he does. I anticipate the touch of his lips to mine, and shiver when he stares into my eyes. If he continues to kiss me the way he did last night, I can't be responsible for my actions. And to think it all started with just one kiss.

-Laura Zappalorti

Bright Angel

How can anyone care for such a creature
such as I?

Who could love this hideous visage that I
wear?

Only the beauty that is in your heart can
save me from the cruel hand fate hath dealt
me

My life is waning with out you do you not
see this? Shall I be alone with my fate?

Allowing the anger and fear eat away at
me from the inside out?

Please I beseech thee my love answer my
plea,

Hear my cry bright angel

For I love thee above all else

-By Dirk Drummond

HELLDOG -PETE GIAGRANDE

KICKS OPEN THE GATES OF THE FIERY ABYSS AND COMES OUT
FOR A NIGHT ON THE TOWN. A KICKIN' STOMPIN' ROMPIN'
HELLDOG WHO JUST DON'T GIVE A FUCK

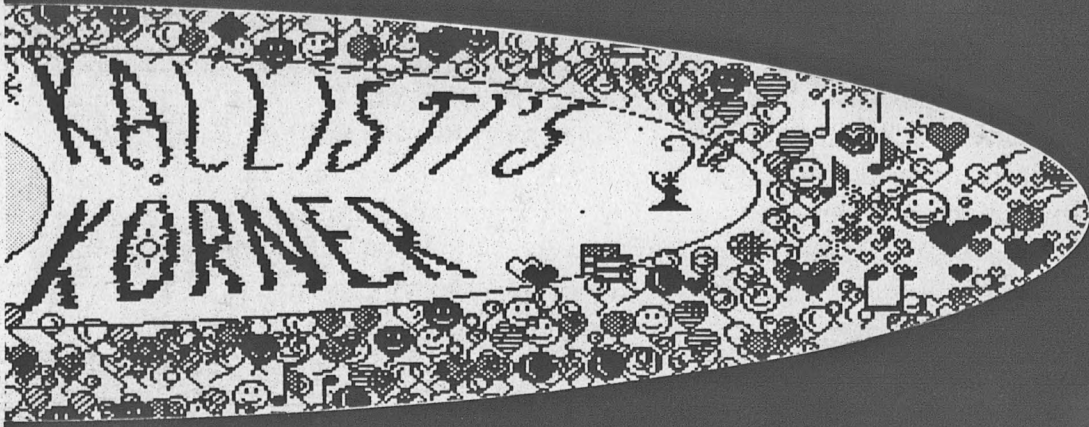
A SIMPLE PHILOSOPHY HE HAS. I'M NOT SURE WHAT IT IS. I
DON'T CARE. BUT ALL THOSE WHO CROSS THE PATH OF HELL-
DOG BEWARE. HELLD OG HELLD OG HELLD OG

DRINKIN' WHISKEY SMOKING GRASS HELLD OG HELLD OG HELLD OG
WATCHOUT HE'LL KICK YOUR ASS.

WELL HELLD OG DECIDED TO TAKE A TRIP WITH HIS GIRL, TO A PLACE
WHERE DRINKING IS THE POPULAR SPORT, DRIVING ACROSS THE
COUNTRY SEARCHING FOR THEIR GOAL THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT IT
IS THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE IT'S SOLD. OH NO HERE HE COMES STEP
ASIDE, IT'S HELLD OG FIGHTING DEATH LIVING LIFE HELLD OG HELL-
DOG HELLD OG

WHAT THE FUCK IS A HELL DOG ANYWAY?
AT THE END OF THE ROAD HE GAVE UP HOPE AND BECAME A PROFES-
SIONAL WRESTLER.

BUT IF YOU LISTEN CLOSE DURING THOSE ENDEARING PRE-MATCH
INTERVIEWS, YOU CAN CATCH A GLIMPSE OF THE HIDDEN H ELLDOG,
THE DEEP THINKING INDIVIDUAL, WHO'S LOVE FOR SHAKESPEARE
ENCOURAGES HIM TO INCORPORATE THE CLASSIC PLAYS INTO HIS
SHTICK, LIKE THE TIME HE TOLD HIS ENEMY "THOU ART BOLD IN MAT-
TERS OF HARASSMENT, BUT THY WILL BE BLOODY, AS I CAST THEE
DOWN, TO THE MAT 1,2,3- YEAH !!!



one man's love

Things I wanted to do with you,
 take a walk in a park in the late spring where there is a
 pond with geese, and little children playing
 hold your hand as you had our baby
 watch you breastfeed our baby giving life to the baby
 have a beautiful little girl
 have a baby boy
 never forget your sacrifice and gift of childbirth
 say I do
 hear you say I do
 hear you tell me your pregnant
 hear you tell me your pregnant again
 be there for you whenever you needed me
 go on a world cruise
 make you so proud of me
 make a million dollars for you
 show my father his new grandson
 visit my mom's grave
 write songs about how much I love you
 play 12-string guitar for you and our babies
 turn off the Super Bowl to do the gardening with you
 make dinner every night
 rub your feet when you are tired and when your not
 cry
 laugh
 hold you
 move
 drive all over
 look up from the bottom of the Grand Canyon
 teach you
 be taught by you
 show you what a beautiful person I am
 exercise
 look in your eyes about 50 years from now and tell you that you
 gave me the happiest, most completely filled, loved life anyone has
 ever had and mean it
 tell you that you are the most beautiful woman that ever lived
 grow
 tell you I have been faithful and mean it
 share
 fall in love with each other every time we see each other
 paint our house
 carry you over the threshold
 honeymoon for a year
 tell you I love you over and over
 always make you happy
 make all our decisions together
 tell the truth
 never doubt us
 walk through the southwest in cowboy boots
 have a country house
 wake up next to each other

see you make breakfast in just a long flannel shirt
 anything... in front of a fire that I chopped wood for and made
 anything... on the hood of our car
 anything... on a beach
 anything... on a big white desert sand dune
 anything... in our bed
 anything... that will give you pleasure
 anything... anywhere
 pick you up from work
 pick you up from work when you don't feel good
 pick you up from work when you do feel good
 pick you up from work when it is raining
 pick you up from work when it is sunny
 never make an excuse
 treasure life
 make life
 go camping
 take care of you when you are sick
 brush your hair
 fall asleep in each other's arms
 wake up in each other's arms
 be together
 find out there is an afterlife and that we will be together there because
 we both want to be together forever
 teach our children
 teach our children to read
 name our first little girl after you
 hear our little girl's first word
 see each other help and love our children
 never lose patience with each other or our children
 always be there for our family
 be taught by our children
 play with our children
 play with their mommy at night
 hire your favorite band to play at our fifth anniversary
 our first Christmas as a family
 buy presents for our babies
 dress up as Santa for our babies
 see the look in our babies' eyes on Christmas morning
 share the joy of a family
 respect you
 teach our children what is really important in life
 be buried with you
 take a walk in the snow at night through the park
 tour Australia for a month
 come home from Australia and surprise everyone because we had actu-
 ally eloped and were now married
 get married again for our families in a church
 see you in that white gown, more beautiful and more lovely than I'd
 ever seen you before
 see you on our 50th anniversary in a house dress, old, wrinkly, and
 gray... and more beautiful and more lovely than I'd ever seen you before
 -George L. Perry

Poets In Profits

By Luigi Kapaj

The April 27 production of Poets In Progress featured Three Nuyorican Voices and a poetry SLAM! Although the advertising stated that the show would start at '7:00 pm prompt,' we had to wait for 45 minutes for the guest readers to get 'unlost.' Their performance was, however, well worth the wait. The Three Nuyorican Voices were Yvette Dávila, Jacqueline "Buckwheat" Seaton, and Lorna "Bones" Sheldon. In addition to their reading, they served as judges for the SLAM! which was a poetry contest for CSI poets that served up some juicy prizes.

Poets In Progress (PIP) is a series of poetry readings sponsored by The Program Development Committee (PDC) and members of Student Activities. They are always held in the Green Dolphin Lounge, 1C-107 of the Student Center, on a Wednesday evening. This one, the third in Series '94, was hosted by Vera Saverino. The next PIP, to be hosted by Ed Hack, will be held Wednesday May 4th at '7:00 pm prompt.' It will feature spoken word performances by Kerri Dunkerton, Vera Saverino, and Tom Taaffe, and a musical performance by "The Professor & MaryAnn."

Three Nuyorican Voices made quite an impact with their blunt, in-your-face, personal, emotional, and highly sensual style. A style which reflects very well the New

York - Puerto Rican (Nuyorican) culture. Most of the poetry involved interpersonal relationships usually on a sexual level. They are all written in the first person as if they are meant to be spoken. Three of the poems read were Haikus which worked well as short versions of the longer form. The basic structure is a rhythmic free verse with occasional, almost incidental, rhymes.

Yvette Dávila started off with "Look What You've Done For Me," an Al Green

"Suspended Horizons."

The session went smoothly. They rotated in five turns of one to three poems each, all of which were entertaining to say the least. To say the most would get the censorship junkies so far up my ass, they could inspect what I'm going to eat tomorrow.

After a five minute break, the SLAM! started. It was a contest in two rounds with the guest readers of Three Nuyorican Voices serving as judges. The first round

had all 12 contestants read either one long poem or two short ones with each getting scored on a scale of one to ten averaged from the three judges' scores. The top three went to the second round (same scoring) to compete for a \$100 gift certificate from The Wiz. The second and third place prizes were gift certificates for \$50 and \$25 respectively.

The scores they received are listed here in the order of Yvette's, Jackie's, Lorna's then the average which was rounded down.

The first round went like this:

Lisa Quinn went first, mumbling something about a hard act to follow. She went ahead with two short, amusing, but very structured poems: "Some Perverved Evening" and "Water

Babies." Her scores went 7.5, 6.5, 7.1, and finally 7.0.

Christine Collins went second with two short, simple, sing-songy poems. The first of which was entitled "Tomorrow" and the second was called "Good Bye." Her scores were 5.0, 5.6, 6.2, and averaged 5.6.

Kevin Canning was third with two untitled poems that both had short lines, a heavy beat, but noticeable depth. He earned his 9.0, 8.9, 9.5, averaging 9.1.

Warren Ortega winked at the judges on his way to the podium. His untitled poem was soft spoken with simple wording. One judge told him afterwards that it didn't sound sincere. He was handed a 6.9 (a possible response to his pass,) 8.2, 7.0, concluding to 7.3.

Sal Brancifonte read "Full Circle" which was my favorite of the lot. His oratory skills weren't up to par but picked up a bit when he lost his stage fright. The verse itself had long, smooth lines with several religious references, both Christian and Greek, as well as lots of symbolism. He got dished a 7.0, 6.9, 5.2, and ultimately 6.3.

Kerri Dunkerton was next with two poems called "A Sex Poem" and "The Man Who Wouldn't Take No For An Answer." Her style was very similar to the judges'



The host of it all, Vera Saverino.

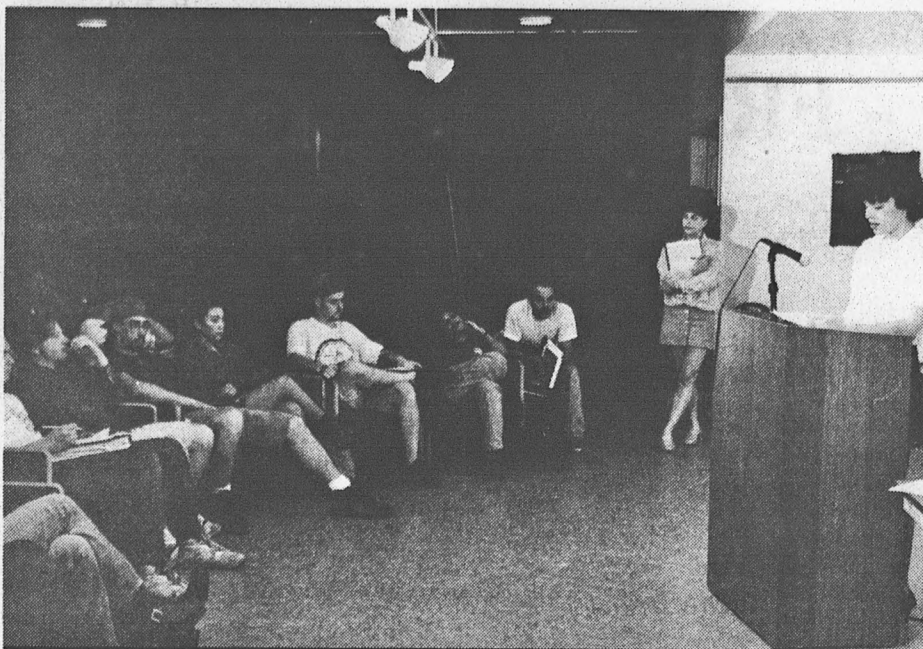
inspired sex poem that made heavy use of vocal sounds like 'Hmmm...' It was read in a tender voice that left much of the audience shifting in their seats. The rhythm crested when she sang the opening line to "Where Do The Homeless Go When It Rains?" "I'd Rather Be A Prostitute Than A Ho Anyday" summed up her feelings (which not enough people can grasp for themselves) in stating 'I don't need to be fucked to be loved.' The title of her last poem is self explanatory: "Literary Constipation."

Another good example of the style was Jackie "Buckwheat" Seaton's "Sppsst" (the spelling might be off) which put her in the role of a scant minded man telling a girl all he thought she was useful for. In an untitled poem, she made a clever observation of a conversation she had with six other women.

"Therapy" by Lorna Sheldon, a psychology major, iterated her belief that a therapist '...doesn't know you from a used condom floating down the river' quite well. She also stated her dissatisfaction with "The Minute Man" in addressing him as '...writing checks with your mouth your body can't cash.' The session ended on a high note with her orgasmic poem entitled



"What the Fuck is a HELLD OG anyway?"



The SLAM's captive audience.

the style of the judges which complimented his level of depth. His scores: 9.2, 8.9, 8.9, a final of 9.0 for first place.

Lucy was second with her poem "Memories." Simply put, it concluded "...my memories of my Puerto Rico." Her scores: 9.95 ('I didn't want to give a ten'), 8.3, 8.5, a final of 8.9 for second place.

Pete, yes - my personal favorite again, read a poem he jokingly referred to as "Helldog, Part Two: The Revenge Of Helldog" which was more like a quest for beer. His scores: 8.5, 8.4, 7.8, a final of 8.2 for third place.

I must apologize for any incorrect titles because I was scribbling them down on the fly.

As long-winded as this piece may be, it must be said that all the poetry was of high quality and it all deserved mention. During the reception that followed, or should it be called a mad dash for the free food, Yvette, Jackie, and Lorna spoke to some of the poets with advice about just being honest and most importantly to keep writing.

style and even though the latter poem referred to a personally favored subject, lesbians, it didn't quite hold my interest. She received 9.0, 9.0, 8.9, which averaged down to 8.9.

Lysandra Rodriques followed with two short, untitled pieces. She was soft spoken, with a shaky voice, and the wording sounded awkward as if she was forcing big words where they don't belong. She got scored 6.5, 6.9, 8.1, averaging out to 7.1.

Louis Bardel read "On The Light Fantastic Tough" and "The Women Of The Night," both rhythmic poems about women that were similar to the judges style. They gave him 7.3, 9.0, 8.2, which came out to 8.1.

Lucy Ledesma went with "Lonely Child" and "True Soul Lovers" which were both structured and smooth. She got the top score with 9.2, 8.9, 9.8, to a 9.3.

Pete Giagrandi's "Helldog" was my other favorite and got submitted to this issue. His great oration complimented the powerful, flowing poem well. He got 8.95 (creative judges...) 9.0, 9.1, pushing him into the finals with a 9.0.

David Lipp had two poems: "Wasted Youth" and "Obituary For A Little Angel." They were short lined, unstructured but rhyming poems about life. His scores ended up 8.8, 7.6, 8.2, resulting in a 8.2.

Jennifer Valle, of *The Banner*, finished the round with her emotional piece "My Favorite Chair" and brought a tight third on my personal list. It was about her childhood and showed everyone present just how personal poetry truly is. Her scoring came to 8.9, 8.8, 8.7, and to the obvious middle 8.8.

The three that went to the second round were, by score, Lucy Ledesma, Kevin Canning, and Pete Giagrandi.

Kevin went first with "Know Me" which he read a bit closer to



THE EXECUTIONERS!!

Even *The Banner's* own Jennifer Valle participated.

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CSI's HIDDEN GEM - FRAN HIRSCHY

BY BILL SPURGE

1994 CSI MEN'S BASEBALL ROSTER

It was a chilly late March day before an early season game for CSI against Kean College. The news came to manager Fran Hirschy that Steve D'Aquila, the ace of his pitching staff, would not be able to throw as had been hoped. Larry Skelson would have to be penciled in to pitch, and D'Aquila would wait for another day. "I have no pitching," bemoans the former pro hurler. The thought came to my mind that maybe he would take off the jacket and throw a few innings himself, keeping the opponent off balance with the spitball he threw toward the end of a career that fell just short of the major leagues.

"Spitball, scuffball, everything," says Hirschy, who made it as far as Triple A, which was just one level below the big time. "I used vaseline, hair shampoo, car grease, sandpaper, and soap, and I always made sure our ballboy would pick up the balls before the umpire could see them."

That is not to say the illegal pitch is what got him through his career. It was only because of a bad back that resulted in five operations that he decided to experiment. He had been a local star at St. Peter's High School and Long Island University and was drafted by the Dodgers. He played minor league ball with that organization before moving on to other pro teams such as the Mariners, the White Sox, and finally the San Diego Padres. It was that organization that told him in July of 1980 that he would be called up to the major league team in September when the rosters expanded.

"My back was really bad," he



Coach Fran Hirschy

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>
Paul Ambrus	Senior	Tottenville
Jason Anarumo	Sophomore	Howell
Bobby Campbell	Freshman	Bishop Ford
Tom Considine	Freshman	Staten Island Tech
Tom D'Angelo	Junior	Tottenville
Steve D'Aquila	Senior	Farrell
Vinny Degrado	Freshman	Tottenville
Dom DiNicola	Freshman	St Joseph by the Sea
Lou Fiore	Freshman	St Joseph by the Sea
Eric Klayman	Sophomore	New Dorp
Billy Loshavo	Sophomore	New Dorp
Mike Margiotta	Sophomore	Moore
Bobby Marolla	Junior	Tottenville
Peter Noto	Freshman	Tottenville
Lou Perez	Freshman	Westinghouse
James Piontek	Sophomore	Pine Bush
Ray Reilly	Senior	St Peter's
John Sarkis	Freshman	Ft Hamilton
Larry Skelson	Sophomore	Tottenville
Rich Volpicella	Junior	Nazareth

HEAD COACH: Fran Hirschy

ASSISTANT COACH: Bill Cali

VOLUNTARY ASSISTANT COACH: James Overton

CAPTAINS: Ray Reilly and James Piontek

says. "I had to come up with some kind of pitch. I didn't want to go on the disabled list and the spitter was the easiest pitch to throw without hurting my back. But like a fool I kept pitching and it got worse and I wound up on the disabled list anyway so I never got called up. But I did get a lot of publicity through magazines, the radio, and television."

After retiring from baseball he went back to college to expand his education. He had originally received his bachelor's degree in physical education, then tacked on two masters, one in psychology and the other in special education. Five years ago the CSI baseball managing position opened up and he applied. His background in college and pro ball, and being a native Staten Islander helped net the job. "They gave me an opportunity to coach and I'm pleased they had the confidence in me to give me the job." Since then, it's been mostly winning for CSI.

"My first three years we were nominated for the regionals and the second and third years we came within one game of going to the Division III World Series," Hirschy recalls.

Coaching at the Division III level does have its problems. With

no scholarships and kids dropping out, a coach has to hope he gets the players it will take to win and the dedication in the classroom and on the field that will allow a player to stick it out for four years. Coach Hirschy cites other problems as well. "We haven't been on a trip in five years," he laments. "In the beginning I didn't think it was that important but in the last two years, because of bad winters, I feel we have to go on a trip. I'd like to play more than thirty games but because of budgetary problems and the rainouts we can't make them up. We might wind up playing twenty-five games and we can't make the regionals because you have to have at least twenty wins. Last year we wound up 15-9 but we didn't make it. We didn't play enough games."

Another problem is that kids don't want to play ball out of high school. Also, the use of the gym in pre-season is limited because of classes, the priority of the basketball team, and having to share with women's softball.

But Hirschy enjoys the benefits of his position. "I enjoy coaching. There's good kids that come through here and you like to see them progress in the years they are here."

As much as he enjoys it, the managing job is just part-time. His education has resulted in the position of Counselor Psychologist in the New Jersey Board of Education. He is also going for his doctorate in psychology and has three children. "It's hard being a part-time coach because it's a full-time job," he says.

When asked about the lack of support for the team, he gives many reasons such as the weather, baseball not being top priority on the Island anymore, and the fact that the games are still played at the old Sunnyside campus. Baseball's decline causes problems in forming the team, too. "There's not that many kids coming out for the team," he says. "My first two years we were carrying thirty kids, now we're down to eighteen and only about twenty-five tried out." Then there's academic problems and guys leaving for other reasons. "If a policeman's or fireman's job comes up, they go there first."

Hirschy is known to be vocal to his team, and isn't afraid of chewing-out sessions. "I use it for motivation. It's me, it's my personality. I don't have much patience and I have a little bit of a temper. I like things done now, not later. But I'm trying to change that." His main request of his players is "fundamentals, period. I don't like mental errors, that's what gets me going."

His expectations are always to win twenty games and make the regionals. He brags of the tournament. "It's the NCAA's, a good tournament. There's a lot of pressure and we play up at Ithaca at a beautiful field. It's a lot of fun, too. It's always nice to get away. And it's an enticement when you're more successful. More people may come here to play."

As for the future he says: "In any profession you'd like to move up. If an opportunity came up I would look into it, but if not, I'm more than happy here. I'm having fun." Especially when he has pitching and the fundamentals are applied.

HOMETOWN MAJOR LEAGUERS

By Bill Spurge

Had CSI manager Fran Hirschy made it to the major leagues, he would have been one of a select few native Staten Islanders to do so. I checked the Baseball Encyclopedia and could come up with only 15 Staten Island born players who made it to the big time since 1876. And most of them were quite indistinguished. Only Terry Crowley and Hank Majeski were notable. Crowley is eighth on the all time list in pinch hits with 108. Majeski batted .279 in a career that spanned 16 years from 1939 to 1955, and he played for the 1954 Cleveland Indians that won 111 games. Most recently Cliff Brantley and Rich Scheid have made it. Many of the players performed before the turn of the century and most only got into a handful of games. One player, Kinsler, does not have a first name entered. He only played in one game. His career was so short maybe he didn't have a first name. George Bamberger is more noted for his managing. There have been notable players who lived on Staten Island but weren't born here. Bobby Thompson resided here when he hit his famous home run in 1951 and Mookie Wilson lived here during the Mets glory years. John Franco currently resides on Todt Hill. Of all the deceased players, only Majeski bothered to die here. Here is the list:

Position Players

Terry Crowley - played 1969-1983 and was a member of the world champion Orioles in 1970 and Reds in 1975.

Dude Esterbrook - played 11 years. Claim to fame is his name.

Frank Fernandez - played for the Yankees from 1967-1969. Lifetime batting average: .199.

George Genovese - played three games in 1950.

Kinsler - my buddy without the first name.

Bill Lindsey - played nine games for the 1987 Cubs.

Hank Majeski - longest career of any native Staten Islander.

Sonny Ruberto - played 21 games from 1969-1972 and batted .125.

Bill Traffley - batted .175. Can't a Staten Islander cross the Mendoza line?

Pitchers

George Bamberger - managed the Mets but only played 10 games in the major leagues. Better known as a pitching coach.

Cliff Brantley - we all remember him. Pitched in the majors as recently as last year, but hasn't excelled.

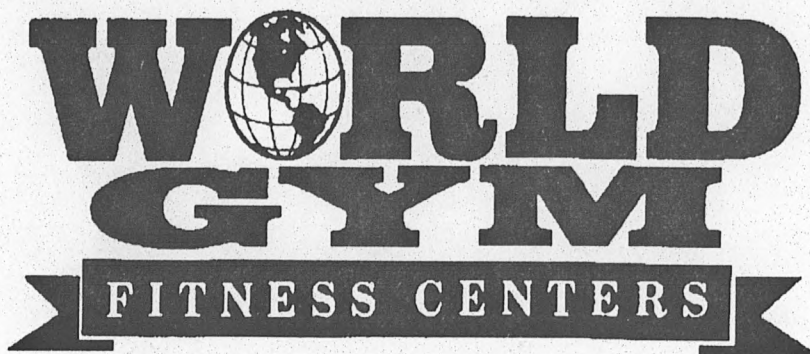
Karl Drews - played for the Yankees in the

late 1940's. Mediocre at best.

Lee Howard - didn't win a major league game.

Pete Mikkelsen - pitched eight years for the Dodgers and the Yankees. Had 49 career saves in the 1960's.

Rich Scheid - played for the 1992 Houston Astros in seven games and did not have a victory.



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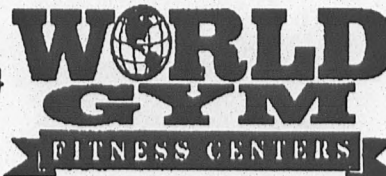
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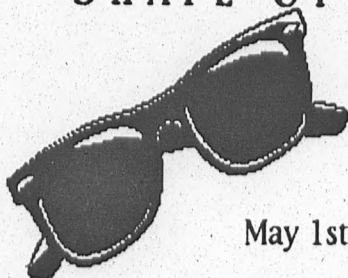
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Beat Into Submission

Jason Castro

Well, you wanted it. Now you've got it.- CSI sports comes to the Banner!

The CSI Dolphins' tennis team has gotten off to a 7-1 start (3-0 CUNY Conference.) They are coming off a season in which they were CUNY conference champs, winning 12 matches and only losing 3. They look to be a force this season as well.

Returning from last season are Chris Kim, Faycel Lalami, and Karim Talha. Team Captain Kim is described by coach Bruce Knittle as "a hard worker with lots of talent." Lalami, a big contributor from last year, is another player with a lot of talent and a good attitude. And Talha, the number three seed, is steady and consistent. According to Coach Knittle, Lalami and Talha, both of Moroccan descent, make an outstanding doubles team.

Also on the team are Raymond Chin, Robert Klein, John Sciarrino, John Fucci, William Ma and Jeff Morris. All are solid players who should make this season an exciting one for the Dolphins, who hope to repeat as champs.

Here is their record thus far

Opponent

NYU	loss	1-5
*Pratt	win	8-1
**Old Westbury	win	9-0
*U.S. Merchant Marine	win	7-2
*John Jay	win	5-1
*CCNY	win	7-2
Mount St. Mary	forfeit	

Go Dolphins!!!

* = Away game

** = SUNY

Sports Notes

1. Steve Carlton is an idiot, not a Neo-Nazi. (I guess that's what happens when you remain silent for a quarter of a century).

2. Babylon has fallen! Rangers win at the Coliseum. (Jay Wells to kick Mick Vukota's ass next time).

3. In my opinion, the Blues are a better team (on paper) than the Stars. CuJo beats up on old fart Andy Moog any day. Then again, St. Louis sports teams are ALWAYS underachievers.

4. What did I tell you? Nets in 5.

5. Michael Jordan is hitting .326.

Go figure.

SHOCKER!!! SHOCKER!!!

The Rangers have defeated those wretched Islanders. In fact, defeated is too nice of a word. They pummeled them. They destroyed them. They disgraced them.

Ranger fans, I repent in sackcloth and ashes. PLEEEEEEEEEZ FORGIVE ME!!! (By the way, Bryan Adams sounds like he's gonna puke when he sings. Vomitman SUCKS!!!) But, you must also understand my reasoning.

Any self-respecting hockey fan knows that the Rangers just can't seem to win on Long Island. No matter how many games they win, a trip to Nassau County always spells disaster. The same goes for this year as well (although they did win one there during the regular season).

Despite the fact that the Rangers had won the Presidents Trophy (and set a club record for points), I could not see them getting past the first round. Not if the Islanders were going to be their opponents.

After the Game 1 blowout, I figured that they had a chance. One down, three to go. Then, they won Game 2 by an identical 6-0 score. Mike Richter was hot. But, I was still unsure. The next three games were to be played at the Nassau Coliseum. Those suspicions were "sticked aside" by the time Game 3 was over. A 5-1 victory! the Rangers were doing everything right!

When the Islanders put up a quick two goals to start Game 4, my Ranger—radar went on alert. I began thinking the worst. But then, Alexei Kovalev put one past Ron Hextall, and my fears were calmed. After a channel 7 coffee break (and a Dallas—St. Louis preview), the Rangers put a couple on the board en route to a 5-2 win. The brooms were out.

My prayers were answered. The Isles are dead. I cautiously predict the Rangers to win the Cup, if their plane doesn't crash or something (God forbid.) Assuming that the next opponent will be Washington, I'll take the Blueshirts in 7.

Chill 'til the next episode.

N B A P R E D I C T I O N S

Match-up	BILL	JASON	Our Comments
Knicks VS. Nets	Knicks 5	Nets 5	Ranger miracles vs. past history.
Orlando VS. Indiana	Orlando 3	Orlando 4	Too Much SHAQ
Atlanta VS. Miami	Atlanta 4	Atlanta 3	Although Manning SUCKS!!
Chicago VS. Cleveland	Chicago 5	Cleveland 5	Bill says home-court, Jay hates Pippen
Seattle VS. Denver	Seattle 3	Seattle 3	No-brainer
Houston VS. Portland	Houston 5	Houston 4	Could go either way
G. S. VS. Phoenix	G. S. 4	Phoenix 4	G. S. peaking at light time, but Barkley rules
San Antonio VS. Utah	S. A. 4	S. A. 4	Robinson's 71 scares us.

SICK BASEBALL TRIVIA

1. What racist HOF (Hall of famer) helped introduce the notorious "color line"?
2. What pitcher had his fly open on his 1966 and 1967 Topps cards?
3. What catcher was traded to the 1962 Mets for a player to be named later—himself?

S B T answers from last issue

1. Bert Blyleve
2. Shea Stadium
3. Four