



ROUTINE APPEARANCE | Adam Klein, CC '12, exits the Manhattan Supreme Court after hearing the date of his indictment.

## Accused students appear in court

### Judge sets indictment hearing for March 1, warrants presented

BY CHELSEA LO, ELAINE WANG, AND ROBIN SIMPSON-MCKAY  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

The five Columbia students accused of selling drugs in December appeared together in Manhattan Supreme Court on Tuesday morning.

During the brief, 30-minute appearance, the attorneys spoke directly with Judge Michael Sonberg and were presented with the search warrants for the dorm rooms of Chris Coles, CC '12; Harrison David, SEAS '12; Adam Klein, CC '12; Jose Stephan Perez, CC '12; and Michael Wymbs, SEAS '11.

Sonberg also issued a March 1 court date, when prosecutors could issue “superseding indictments,” additional charges from evidence reflecting the results of the search warrants.

It was “an ordinary, expected, procedural day,” Wymbs’ lawyer Michael Bachner said after the hearing.

The five students sat

dispersed throughout the courtroom with family members until Sonberg formally called the court to order. They were then instructed to sit together at the defendants table.

Each stared straight ahead and remained silent throughout the proceedings. Coles and Perez, known as Stephan Vincenzo, had both cut their long hair.

The appearance marked the day’s first hearing for Judge Sonberg, who was relaxed and chuckling with the five attorneys who conferred with him regarding search warrants.

At the end of the hearing, Sonberg jokingly introduced a motion to combine all of the charges against the defendants—37 in total—under one clause that “encompasses the universe.”

Around 40 people were in the courtroom, and the hearing was marked by less media attention than previous court appearances.

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## Digital library opens in NW Corner

BY KARLA JIMENEZ  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

Students who visited Columbia’s newest library on its opening day Tuesday saw open space, but no books.

The new Science and Engineering Library in the Northwest Corner Building will focus on providing electronic services for students and faculty interested in interdisciplinary research. The entire first floor contains banks of computers. The only place for books is some empty shelf space on the second floor.

“The new Science & Engineering Library fulfills the vision of the Columbia University Libraries to rethink and redefine library spaces to better support emerging approaches to research and teaching,” said Jim Neal, vice president for information services and University librarian.

“The library brings together people, technology, and information resources in an environment where scholars can work collaboratively, individually, or in consultation with science librarians and technologists.”

Many of the books the library has purchased are in electronic

format, but the new space was designed to allow for a consolidated library for all science and engineering reserves books, said Kathleen Kehoe, the biology, physics, astronomy, and mathematics librarian for the new building. “We will have psychology, biology, chemistry, and physics under one roof, making it easier for people to use reserve books or to use any books.”

However, Dr. Bill Zajc, department chair and professor in physics, who said he has yet to see the library in operation,

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## City searches for Citarella replacement

BY CONSTANCE BOOZER  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

As one grocery store leaves West Harlem, the city is preparing to review proposals for its replacement.

At a meeting Tuesday night, city officials said that plans for replacing the upscale grocery store, which is being evicted from its complex on 125th and 126th streets, are progressing.

Alejandro Baquero, assistant vice president of development at the city’s Economic Development Corporation—the

agency handling the new developer search—said that responses from developers are due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday. His office has not received any yet, he said.

“The process depends on the size of the pool and the strength of the applications,” Baquero said. “We’ll see what the market says.”

Citarella’s eviction is the result of a State Supreme Court ruling in June 2009, which asserted that its developer failed to fulfill a promise to fill office and retail space in its building, the former Taystee Bakery Complex.

The city has been searching for a new developer since November.

Baquero said that litigation is still ongoing and he could not comment about his expectations for the proposals, though he has received a number of calls.

The meeting, hosted by West Harlem’s Community Board 9, brought the EDC and the board’s Land Use and Zoning Committee together to discuss health and business issues in Harlem.

Local residents had an array

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FEEDBACK | LaQuita Henry moderates a meeting hosted by Community Board 9 to discuss the fate of the Citarella building on 125th Street. The city is in the process of evicting the grocery store.



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GOING LOCAL | Columbus Natural Food is a small business in the area around the Columbus Square development. Winick Realty is looking for local businesses to fill remaining retail space.

## Developer calls for small businesses in Columbus Square, locals still skeptical

BY CONSTANCE BOOZER  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

A developer says T.J. Maxx and Whole Foods could use new neighbors. But surrounding small businesses say they’re not convinced.

Winick Realty Group, the company responsible for leasing in the Columbus Square development on Columbus Avenue from 97th to 100th streets, announced last week that they want to bring locally-owned businesses into the smaller spaces in the development. The superblock is marked by chain stores, including Whole Foods and Sephora.

“We now look forward to putting the whipped cream and cherry on top with the smaller retail and complete this project,” Winick’s executive vice president Lori Shabtai said in a press release.

Some local business owners, wary of what they see as the development’s negative effects on their bottom lines, say they aren’t sold on Winick’s commitment—especially since the development began construction in 2006.

Leena Sharma, an employee at Sing & Sing Market across the street, said she finds it hard to

believe that Winick is genuinely interested in the welfare of local businesses.

“It’s all about money,” Sharma said. “This section isn’t changing for good—it’s changing into 72nd and Broadway stores,” referencing that area’s busy retail strip.

Leasing smaller spaces to local retailers, however, has always been part of Winick’s vision for Columbus Square, Winick broker Kelly Gedinsky wrote in an email statement.

“This is not by any means a new idea,” she wrote. “When leasing a project of this magnitude, as a broker, it is our responsibility to ensure that the retailers who are occupying spaces of 25,000-60,000 square feet are given the chance to lay out their stores to maximize the brand’s efficiency and to fit the incoming brand’s prototype.”

“Now that we have completed all of the lower level leasing, all of the ground floor layouts are for the most part set and we can focus our attention on the smaller requirements,” Gedinsky added.

Anne Cottavoz, who owns the Columbus Natural Food store located a block from Columbus Square, has been an outspoken critic of the development’s

effects on small business. Last summer, she organized a successful public campaign to save her property, as well as a neighboring Subway sandwich shop and a Chinese restaurant, from being torn down by the Witkoff Group—separate from Winick Realty.

While she said she said she’s glad she could keep her store, Cottavoz said that competing chain stores might still drive her out of the area.

“To say that they’re promoting local businesses is a lie,” Cottavoz said.

Gedinsky said that Winick has been meeting with community boards and fielding calls from locals to respond to concerns. Although Winick declined to comment on rental rates, Gedinsky said they will try to make their new rental spaces accessible to smaller businesses.

“We have made sure to price the Amsterdam side of the project to be more attractive to neighborhood retail. As brokers, we listen to what the market and the neighbors tell us and we have received numerous calls requesting area retail. The area is demanding small business and we have space small enough to

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#### Common admissions

By using the Common App, Columbia has lost its individuality.

#### Creating unity

After diversity, Marita Inglehart calls for community.



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The Light Blue has gone 9-2 in its past 11 games, and its success is due in no small part to the efforts of sophomore point guard Brian Barbour and classmate Mark Cisco.

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The women’s basketball team takes on St. Francis at home.

Levien Gymnasium, 7 p.m.

#### Martin Luther King Jr. lecture

Reverend Dr. James Alexander Forbes Jr. speaks on “Preaching the Gospel of Martin Luther King Jr.”

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# Disconnect: a Latina’s identity

BY JENNIFER ALZATE

I’ve been to dim sum, a traditional Cantonese lunch, more times than I can count. I can confidently discuss Korean boy bands, soap operas, fashion, and choreography, and in spite of initial ineptitude, I’m getting handy with chopsticks. Despite this apparently successful assimilation to my primarily Asian group of friends—their foods, styles, and traditions—something always reminds me of my difference from them.

As one of two non-Asians in my closest circle of friends, I constantly feel at odds with my Latina identity. On the one hand, I appreciate my heritage all the more because my friends don’t share it. As soon as I get home, my first request is to drive to the panaderia for chorizos and empanadas, among other staple Colombian foods and treats. As the old saying goes, “absence [from the delights of one’s heritage] makes the heart grow fonder.”

At school, however, I’m driven by a different impulse: to efface and ignore my Latina identity because my friends don’t share it. On our weekly restaurant excursions, for example, it’s easier to resign myself to another night of Asian food than to dissent and request Cuban food. Rather than embracing the diversity I bring to my circle of friends, I unconsciously work toward preserving a false sense of its homogeneity.

The relative ease with which I disassociate from my race comes from a lifetime of racial self-deprecation no doubt familiar to some other Columbia Hispanics and blacks. Since my first placement in “accelerated” courses in the sixth grade, I’ve been painfully conscious of such classrooms’ racial topography: primarily white and Asian, with some

pathetically small number of Hispanics and blacks among them. That always brought me a mixture of pride and pain: pride, because I was representing Hispanics in high-level academic classes, and pain, because I wanted there to be more of us. I yearned to see Latino/as in AP classes, rather than the basic or remedial classes they tended to crowd.

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Realizing the rarity of being Hispanic and academically motivated, I began to question my relationships with other Hispanics in general. In December of 2008, for instance, I received my Early Decision acceptance letter from Columbia. In the same year, the high school dropout rate for Hispanics between 16 and 24 years old was 18.3 percent. That’s almost double the percentage of blacks and almost quadruple that of whites. As my elitist, 16-year-old self reasoned, what could I possibly have in common with a bunch of dropouts? Thus, for a very long time I felt I had more in common with the whites and Asians I found in my classrooms—highly motivated, academically talented students with an eye toward the future and a deep conviction in their potential for success. When asked about my nationality, I would tartly reply, “I’m Colombian—but I’m not like most Hispanics. And I’m not a drug dealer.” I justified my combativeness as a desire to fight racist assumptions before they happened, but I was actually, and bitterly, negating my Latina identity from the get-go. Loathing association with that “bunch of dropouts” and resenting my race for its seeming inability to get ahead,

# Communities of exclusion: the costs and benefits of diversity

BY MARITA INGLEHART

One of the first things I noticed about my classmates at Columbia (beyond the abundance of hipsters) was their overwhelming diversity. This had led me to the University in the first place, as I was particularly attracted by the diversity page on the admitted students website. Probably because of this, I imagined a dynamic, heterogeneous community, working together for some unspecified but exciting and world-changing goal, probably involving both lab coats and modern art. Clearly the admissions materials did their job.

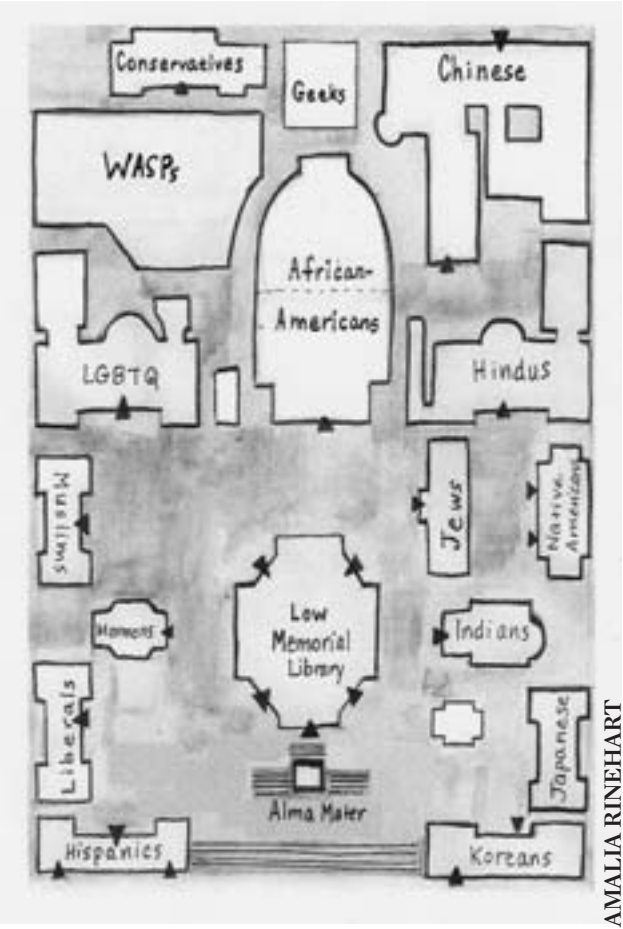
I was excited for this change, mainly due to my high school experience in Michigan. It wasn’t necessarily that all African Americans were sitting at the same lunchroom table, but that they probably wouldn’t have filled a cafeteria table. In another sense, all the Latina and openly LGBT kids combined could have easily road-tripped together in a minivan. Perhaps because of this, as one of the few openly gay kids in school, my uniqueness left me feeling less like a distinct snowflake and more like a subject of “Ripley’s Believe It or Not.”

Coming to Columbia and having LGBT friends was initially exciting but soon became the norm. In fact, most of the people I interacted with weren’t straight. My network had become pretty much as homogeneous as it was back home, but in the opposite sense, and I began to realize some of the complications of being part of a “diverse community.”

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Communities need reasons to exist. Their creation is often the result of similar people seeking each other out, organizing, and keeping in touch within a larger group. The similarity those people share binds them together, and when they are part of an oppressed group, this collective approbation can come as a welcome relief.

There are great things about groups like these. An ethnic group might be able to better preserve its culture, for example. However, it can also function as a kind of segregating force. In his book, “The Big Sort,” Bill Bishop talks about how the grouping of like-minded individuals in the United States has contributed to the kind of partisan politics we see today. Certain kinds of people will group together geographically, feeling more comfortable in a neighborhood with an organic food co-op and a yoga studio. However, as Americans surround



themselves with similar people, a kind of disconnect occurs, one that is furthered by a media pandering to niche markets. Discussion of bipartisanship in politics has increased in light of the recent events in Arizona, but reaching across the aisle in everyday life gets harder when no one of differing opinion can be found within a metaphorical arm’s reach.

Columbia is different. We are all placed together geographically (though in our acceptance and attendance at Columbia, we are already separated from numerous other college students) but another sorting still occurs, and the reasons for this range from the understandable (cultural preservation, protection from negative reactions in the case of oppressed groups), to the lazy (it’s easier to not have to defend your beliefs). This inevitably results in a fragmented student body. Still, I think what is important to consider is the way that the fragments interact. For example, last term the Columbia Queer Alliance had two board members who didn’t identify as LGBT. Communities being open to everyone who wants to support the cause is one method of working more smoothly.

To me, Columbia is the sum of its parts, not a unified whole—and that’s not necessarily a bad thing. Most people need community, especially those in marginalized groups, and it’s wonderful that this university is large enough and diverse enough to provide the opportunity for many vibrant communities. The problems that it faces are the same problems faced by any large, diverse group of people. Hopefully, Columbia communities will continue to reach across aisles to achieve a truly “inclusive” student body.

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I purposefully disassociated myself from them in a desperate effort to assimilate with my friends.

College helped me realize how problematic my relationship with my own race had become. Encouraged by Columbia’s focus on diversity, I explored ethnicity-based student groups as a means to engage in dialogue about the experience of ethnicity at Columbia. After being disheartened by the disorganization and disorder of the first such club I attended, I resolved to look out for posters advertising other Hispanic student groups’ events. Here, too, I was disappointed not only by the scarcity of events, but also by their small size and relative lack of advertising.

There are, of course, notable exceptions. “Sabor Inferno,” the Sabor troupe’s annual showcase; the Hispanic Scholarship Fund’s “Fuego” party; and Grupo Quisqueyano’s “Se Fue La Lu” all celebrate Hispanic culture by sharing it with the Columbia community. While these and similar events demonstrate potential, they insufficiently represent the number and diversity of Latino/as on campus.

As we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, we should commemorate not only the man, but the generations of activists who struggled for and achieved racial integration. But to truly honor them, we cannot rest on our laurels – we cannot assume that the United States has achieved racial equality because discrimination is illegal on paper.

Rather, we must begin small, by ensuring that our campus represents and celebrates all of its students’ cultures. In the case of Latino/as, we must come together in even more ambitious ways, through increasingly larger and better-publicized campus events. Only then can we work toward convincing the world—andourselves—that there is nothing contradictory about a Hispanic attending an Ivy League university.

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# Rejecting the Common App

As polite, courteous students, we don’t really talk about our educational pedigree too much. We demur quietly when asked about college, offering a non-committal, “I go to school in New York,” instead of giving a straight answer. This is of course our vestigial way of asserting superiority, but in truth we have much to be proud of at our little school in Manhattan. One thing that we should feel sorry about, however, is the loss of our distinctive admissions process through the transition to the Common Application.



STEPHEN WU  
**The Remnant**

Admission into Columbia is no easy feat, precisely because so many seek the heady intellectual and academic atmosphere that the school offers. For most, however, the admissions cycle registers as one of the more stressful experiences of our young lives. The Common Application has purportedly sought to alleviate that burden by setting a standard template for the busywork of names, birthdays, addresses, etc. In doing so, though, it has fueled the admissions paranoia and helped to destroy each college’s singular identity.

## It is folly to think that the applicant pool will be strengthened because three thousand more kids will apply.

As the last holdout against the Common Application among the Ancient Eight, Columbia did not give in to the petty posturing of other schools. While trying to reduce student stress is no doubt a nice goal, Columbia made a statement by saying that students interested in attending needed to express real interest. That entailed reading a separate application, filling out redundant information, and sometimes even writing special essays just for the school. Students who didn’t want to go through that process probably didn’t belong here, and the school did itself a favor by immediately eliminating individuals who did not really express a desire to matriculate anyway. Columbia distinguished itself from simply being another school on a long list of applications by ensuring that students jumped through a few hoops and were really committed to coming if they were admitted.

The recent capitulation to a universal application form, not only by Columbia but also by others, indicates a shift in mentality that ultimately prizes the insignificance of rankings in exchange for select, interested students. The University of Chicago, for example, recently saw the number of applications rise by nearly 50 percent after the switch from its specialized application to the Common Application. The school is much more selective now than it was just a few years ago, but I sincerely doubt that the caliber of student has been enhanced in any meaningful way. Likewise, Columbia already turns down tens of thousands of bright young men and women every year, and it is folly to think that the applicant pool will be strengthened because three thousand more kids will apply using the same essays they wrote for Dartmouth and Duke.

The only thing that will be improved are Columbia’s selectivity numbers, which, since the shift to the Common Application, have spiked 32 percent, surpassing the intimidating thirty-thousand mark. Consequently, admission rates, which play into the notorious rankings game, will drop. The more Columbia crushes high school seniors’ dreams, the higher we climb on the totem pole towards Cambridge. This seems like a pretty silly way to be running an educational institution, but it is the only conceivable reason why Columbia has adopted the Common Application.

This is a sad moment for a university that prides itself on being distinctive. If we wanted to follow the crowd, we would have long ago abandoned the Core and hopped on the summa-cum-laude-for-all gravy train practiced by our friends elsewhere. We pay lip service to not caring about rankings, but our actions belie our words, just as our largely-feigned modesty about “school in New York” veils our admittedly justified pride.

The days of applying to three schools on a typewriter are over, of course, but they have been replaced by hysteria that falls just short of mass psychosis when the college game starts up. Columbia should do better than that. In the past, we remained steadfast in our refusal to succumb to the latest academic fashion, be it eliminating the Western canon or ending early admissions practices. Let us have no foolishness in believing that switching to the Common Application is for the benefit of the students or that increased number of applicants translates to better ones. The opposite is true—we want students who come to Columbia for Columbia, and have the essays and forms to prove it.

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# Yale opens Ivies with win, Penn struggles

BY JEREMIAH SHARF  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

Ivy League play began Jan. 8 with Harvard's 68-53 win over Dartmouth. Since then, every Ancient Eight team but 11-4 Princeton has played at least once. This weekend, Penn and Dartmouth struggled on the road, but Yale and league leader Harvard both managed to return home with wins.



**LA SALLE 89, PENN 83 (OT)**  
The Quakers' (5-7, 0-0 Ivy) recent struggles continued as Penn again failed to grab its second road win of the season, dropping its away record to a disappointing 1-5. Penn struggled to stop La Salle's three-point shooters, who managed to go 8-for-12 from behind the arc. Foul trouble also plagued three of the Quakers' top four scorers. The Ivy's second leading scorer, Zack Rosen, had an impressive performance despite fouling out, scoring 19 points on 8-for-16 shooting, to go along with eight rebounds and seven assists against only one turnover. Freshman Miles Cartwright scored 12 points while struggling from the field, and senior Tyler Bernardini scored 17, only to foul out late in the game. The Quakers' star player was senior forward Jack Eggleston, who scored 16 points on 5-for-10 shooting from the field, while also pulling down 12 rebounds.

**YALE 69, BROWN 64**  
The Bulldogs (8-7, 1-0 Ivy) came into Providence with an even 7-7 record and they knew this game was a must-win. In its Ivy League opener, Yale's smothering defense (which has held its opponents to a 41.9 percent average from the floor) prevailed, limiting the Bears (7-8, 0-1 Ivy) to only 37.5 percent shooting from the field on their home court. Yale was led by the

guard-forward tandem of junior Reggie Willhite and senior Greg Mangano. Willhite provided 19 points for the Bulldogs, shooting a lights-out 8-for-11 from the field. Mangano also showcased incredible accuracy, going 11-for-17 from the field and posting 23 points to go along with an eye-popping 17 rebounds—six of them offensive. Much of the Bears' struggles can be pinned on the limited production of their leading scorer, senior forward Peter Sullivan. Sullivan seemed to have an off night, as he was only able to score four points on 0-for-6 shooting—he was 4-for-4 from the charity stripe. Brown's leading scorers were sophomore forward Tucker Halpern and freshman guard Sean McGonagill, who scored 16 and 14 points, respectively, after going a combined 12-for-26 from the field.

**BROWN 87, QUINNIPAC 78**  
The Bears capped off their weekend with an impressive win at home over the Bobcats (12-5). Despite suffering a tough home loss to Yale—who lost to Quinnipiac earlier in the season—the Bears appeared determined to even out their record for the long weekend as they faced off against the nation's top rebounding team. Brown had an aggressive game plan as they drew 26 fouls and held Quinnipiac to more than 10 rebounds below its season average. Though both teams boasted four players in double figures, the Bears' offense was too much for the Bobcats to handle, as they shot a magnificent 51.9 percent (28-for-54) from the field. Brown also capitalized on its free throw attempts, going 26-for-32 from the line. Led once again by Tucker Halpern, the Bears received contributions of 26 points and 12 rebounds from the sophomore forward. Senior forward Peter Sullivan got back on track despite another poor outing from the field. Sullivan shot 4-for-11 but went an impressive 12-for-12 from the

free-throw line to bring his point total to 22.

**HARVARD 69, GEORGE WASHINGTON 62**  
Ivy League-leading Harvard (12-3, 1-0 Ivy) took its talents to Washington, D.C. this weekend to take on the Colonials (10-7) of the Atlantic 10 Conference. Showcasing a balanced scoring attack, the Crimson was able to overcome below-average shooting from the field—Harvard shot only 37.7 percent. Yet once the Colonials allowed three Crimson scorers to reach double figures, there was little George Washington could do to keep Harvard from going on a five-game winning streak. Harvard was led by Laurent Rivard, Oliver McNally, and Kyle Casey. Rivard, the freshman shooting guard from Canada, provided 16 points, as junior McNally—the league leader in three-point FG percentage—did the same, despite only two attempts from downtown. Casey, the sophomore forward, dropped 10 points despite a tough shooting night, managing only 4-for-13 shooting to go with his 15 rebounds. The Colonials were more efficient from the floor and also had three players in double-figures, but were whistled for 25 fouls to the Crimson's 18.

**COLGATE 67, DARTMOUTH 64**  
Last-place Dartmouth's (4-11, 0-1 Ivy) woes continued after suffering a loss at Colgate (2-15)—a team it defeated 80-63 earlier this season. Despite a 12-2 run by the Raiders in the middle of the fourth quarter, the Big Green still had a chance to send it into overtime but R.J. Griffin missed a potential buzzer-beating three-pointer. Griffin, a sophomore guard, managed to score 13 points, and was outscored by junior Jabari Trotter, who scored 14 for Dartmouth. The story of the game for Dartmouth was its atrocious shooting from the field—the Big Green shot only 35.2 percent. Making matters worse, the Raiders out-rebounded their visitors by 14.



JASPER L. CLYATT / SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**STEADYING INFLUENCE** | Senior guard Kathleen Barry scored 14 points and led her team with 11 rebounds to help Columbia win its Ivy League opener against Cornell on Saturday.

## Light Blue looks to build off first win in home matchup against St. Francis

BY SARAH SOMMER  
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The Columbia women's basketball team will try for its second win of the season when it hosts St. Francis on Wednesday. The Lions achieved their first victory, a 61-54 win over Cornell, on Saturday. Against Cornell, Columbia (1-13, 1-0 Ivy) shot 40.7 percent from the field and 46.7 percent from three-point range. Though the Lions have often struggled offensively this season, they benefited from sharp shooting on Saturday. Freshman guard Brianna Orlich led all scorers with a career-high 21 points, while senior guard Kathleen Barry added 14. If Orlich and Barry continue to score in double figures, the Lions should be in good shape Wednesday. Barry also grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds against Cornell, while freshman forward Courtney Bradford pulled down 10 more. Seven of Barry's rebounds and nine of Bradford's came on the defensive end. Defensive rebounds can lead to crucial transition opportunities for Columbia, a team that likes to run. Last year, Columbia earned a 68-56 win at St. Francis. The Lions held a 35-17 lead at half-time, and 15 Columbia players saw action in the victory. Then-junior forward Judie Lomax led the Lions with game highs of 22 points and 23 rebounds.

Columbia has a good chance of beating the Terriers again this year. Though St. Francis (2-14, 0-6 NEC) has more wins than Columbia does, the Terriers lost to Manhattan, Lafayette, and Fairfield—three opponents the Lions faced—by larger margins than Columbia did. However, the Terriers lost to Wagner by 14 points, while Columbia fell to Wagner by 19. Columbia will have to be prepared to stop sophomore forward Autumn Lau. Lau scored a team-high 20 points against the Lions last year and leads St. Francis with 11.4 points per game this season. She is the only Terrier averaging double figures in scoring. Lau hit only six of 19 field goals against Columbia last season—the Lions made her work for her shots. If Columbia prevents Lau from getting easy baskets on Wednesday, the Lions could take St. Francis out of an offensive rhythm. Eleven Columbia players saw action against Cornell, and head coach Paul Nixon said after that game that he would use a similar number of players in future contests. Because most of the Ivy League basketball schedule consists of games on consecutive nights, Nixon feels that the Lions will be most effective if they use more of their bench than they did in earlier games. Columbia continues Ivy play this coming Saturday with a trip to Ithaca, N.Y. for a rematch with Cornell. Though Wednesday's matchup

is a non-conference game, Columbia is in an Ivy mindset. "We're actually treating this like an Ivy weekend," Nixon said. "It's just our Friday game happens to be being played on a Wednesday. So we're approaching it the exact same way—the players are going to be ready, and we're going to treat this just like we will the Friday-Saturday weekends coming up."

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—Paul Nixon, women's basketball coach

But the game against St. Francis will be different from any other Columbia game this season, in a major way. Wednesday's contest will be the first one that the Lions enter with a win in the books. "There definitely is a little bit more confidence," Nixon said. "Once you get that first win under your belt, you now know that you're capable of doing it. I think it makes the subsequent wins a little easier to come by."



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- The games are never longer than two and a half hours, perfect time for you to get back to the library to procrastinate for two and a half more hours before you start your CC reading.
- There's actually an award for winning the Ivy League: competing for the NCAA Championship during March Madness.
- The Lions have a legitimate chance to be there. But why am I trying to convince you to come to the basketball games? Good luck just getting a ticket.

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Lions answer the call as stakes rise with Ivy opener

Considering I'm one of the sports editors for Spectator, it's rather unfortunate that I had never actually attended a Columbia basketball game before.

David Fincher surely saw The Social Network in theaters dozens of times, Kanye must have bought at least a thousand copies of My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy, and President Obama has probably TiVo-ed a season pass of C-SPAN. Even David Lyons must watch The Cape. (And the reason you don't get that joke is because nobody knows what The Cape is except David Lyons, i.e. the only person who watches it.) So the fact that I've never been to a Lions basketball game is quite an embarrassment.

That all changed Saturday, though, when I went into Levien Gym for the first time to not only watch—but liveblog for Spectrum—the Lions' first Ivy game of the year, against defending conference champ Cornell.

Before you call me out, you could make the case that I actually haven't missed a single Light Blue game during my time on campus. I'm a transfer student from the University of Texas, so this is my first year in Morningside Heights, and all the Columbia games prior to this weekend had been non-conference games—for all intents and purposes, preseason games.

Everyone familiar with Columbia basketball knows that the games really don't matter until Ivy season begins. The crowds are exponentially bigger, there are legitimate rivalries, and unless you're banking on an Ancient Eight team getting an at-large bid, there's a spot in the NCAA tournament on the line.

Going into the game, I wasn't expecting much. I had been to most of the football games and seen how pathetically apathetic the crowd was. The game flyers around campus could have been advertising a Joey Fatone concert at Baker, and they probably would have gotten more people to show up.

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The basketball game was a whole different story, though.

A large part of the reason the game at Levien was so exciting was the sheer capacity of the crowd. Every row from the press table to the nosebleeds (if that's what you call seats that merely reach back up to campus-level) was packed with raucous fans supporting both the Lions and the Big Red.

During my time at UT, the Longhorns were a nationally ranked team that played in a massive 16,000-seat arena. But the atmosphere seemed almost dead at games, with the arena being only a third of the way full at best. (Of course, their attendance was always listed near capacity, just like how 98 percent of Columbia law school grads get jobs right after graduation.)

A smaller venue ensures that every crowd will seem much fuller than usual. Any economics major—or CC student who stayed awake for more than five minutes of Principles—can tell you the basics of supply and demand. Just ask the ticket managers of bandbox venues like Wrigley Field and Fenway Park.

This is the main issue that Columbia has with its football stadium. Wien Stadium is a superb facility, but the sheer size of its stands makes fans feel like the team is wildly unpopular.

Piled on top of that, every Lions home game except the Empire State Bowl thriller was a blowout by the third quarter. With all the people filing into their seats around me, I just hoped they would have a quality game to watch.

It certainly lived up to the hype. After building a stunning 14-point lead at halftime, the Lions slowly let Cornell back into the game in the second half until the Big Red cut it to one with just two minutes remaining. With the entire crowd on its feet, junior guard Noruwa Agho iced the game with a clutch three with just over a minute remaining that nearly brought down the stands.

Walking out of the arena, pretty much all alumni had the same look on their faces as Robert Rodriguez had when he found out Disney was green-lighting Spy Kids 4.

"We actually beat Cornell! I can't believe it!" For those of you who went to a football game this fall and found it less than enthralling, I hear you. Taking a long bus ride up to 218th Street and sitting for over three hours with the sun in your eyes isn't exactly my idea of fun either. The basketball games have four things going for them, though:

- 1. They're on campus. The games are probably closer to your dorm than most of your classes—and we all attend every single one of those.



JIM PAGELS  
On the Couch



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**RIISING STARS** | Point guard Brian Barbour and center Mark Cisco have stepped up their game as sophomores. Both Barbour and Cisco have become key contributors to Columbia's recent success, as they have both significantly increased their playing time and scoring in recent contests.

Super sophomores emerge for Light Blue

Pair of Lions helped to spark offense as team turns corner

BY LUCAS SHAW  
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When Columbia secured its first win over Cornell in four years last Saturday, it came as no surprise that junior Noruwa Agho led the charge. Agho has been nothing short of spectacular since he first donned the Light Blue, winning Ivy Rookie of the Week honors three times as a first-year and being named to the All-Ivy second-team last year as a sophomore. He entered this season as a preseason All-Ivy League first team selection.

Yet if Agho's continued stellar play has not surprised, the output from a pair of his teammates has caught coach Kyle Smith's attention.

"Those three guys going forward...they'll be guys you can count on every night," Smith said.

"Those three" are Agho, point guard Brian Barbour, and center Mark Cisco.

While Agho had already started for two years entering this season, Barbour and Cisco began the 2010-2011 campaign as relatively unproven commodities.

A pair of sophomores, each averaged about 10 minutes a game last year, though Cisco did start nine games. Barbour, in particular, was stuck playing limited minutes as part of a senior-laden backcourt.

Nonetheless, both of them have made up for lost time, rapidly becoming staples in the starting lineup. They have been critical to the Lions' 9-2 record over their last 11 games and, what's more, if Smith's comments are any indication, they are already viewed as cornerstones for this program's future. One reason for Smith's high praise is not

just the Lions' record, but how both Barbour and Cisco have elevated their games since the three-week winter layoff.

While Barbour played well as the starting point guard early on, he has become a more potent offensive force since the Lions resumed play Dec. 30 at Maine. After taking fewer than seven shots per game in his first 10 outings, Barbour has upped that to nearly 11 since. This increased volume has led to an even greater jump in scoring production, as he has averaged 16.6 points over the past five games, compared to the 10 he netted before. In that same stretch Barbour not only set a new career high of 21 points, but he did it twice—first against Elon and then again against Cornell on Saturday.

Barbour is quick to credit his teammates rather than a shift in approach.

"They are locking down on [Agho]; they're locking down on Frank [Steve Frankoski], so it's just reading what I have out there," Barbour said.

Such a response comes as no surprise to Smith, who has had to repeatedly tell his point guard to be more, not less, selfish.

"You have to push him like 'Brian, try to score. Take some of the heat off Noruwa'," Smith said after the Cornell game. "He'll defer so much. He was even deferring tonight a little bit and I was like 'Noruwa is going to score; don't worry about Noruwa. We need your help there.'"

Unlike Barbour, Cisco started the season on the bench, due in part to a bout with appendicitis over the summer. Yet that only slowed him early on, as Cisco has since capitalized on more playing time, becoming a starter by that same Dec. 30 date.

"He's definitely developed," Smith said of Cisco. "He's been more focused and putting in extra time and practice."

After averaging just eight minutes a game in his first five games, Cisco upped his tally to 17 over his next five as his scoring and rebounding both increased as well. Since the layoff, when Smith moved him into a starting role, Cisco has contributed at a higher level. Not only is he the team's third-leading scorer over the past five games, but he is also the Lions' leading rebounder.

Like Barbour, Cisco sees nothing novel in his increased production.

"Those three guys [Agho, Barbour, and Cisco] going forward...they'll be guys you can count on every night."

—Kyle Smith,  
men's basketball coach

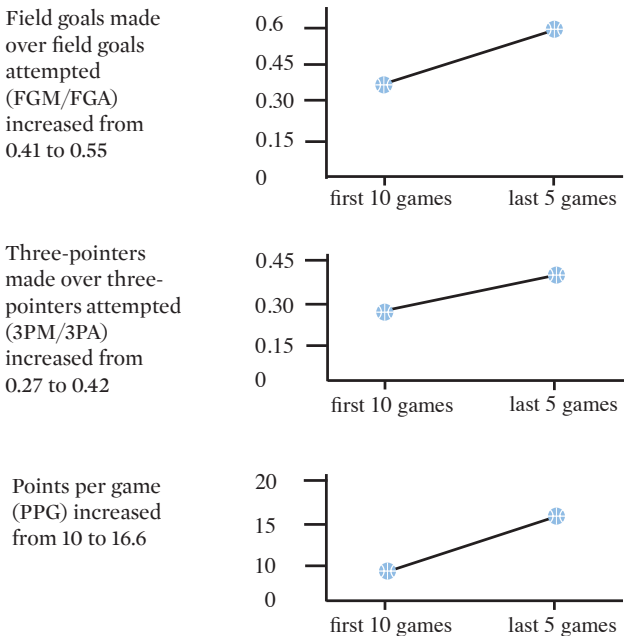
"Before I started starting, I was getting a good amount of minutes and I guess it just carried over," he said.

However, while the players may be preaching the team's ethos, few doubt the two sophomores' impact. Not only has the team's improved play corresponded to their development, but Smith has also earned his first two road wins and first league win.

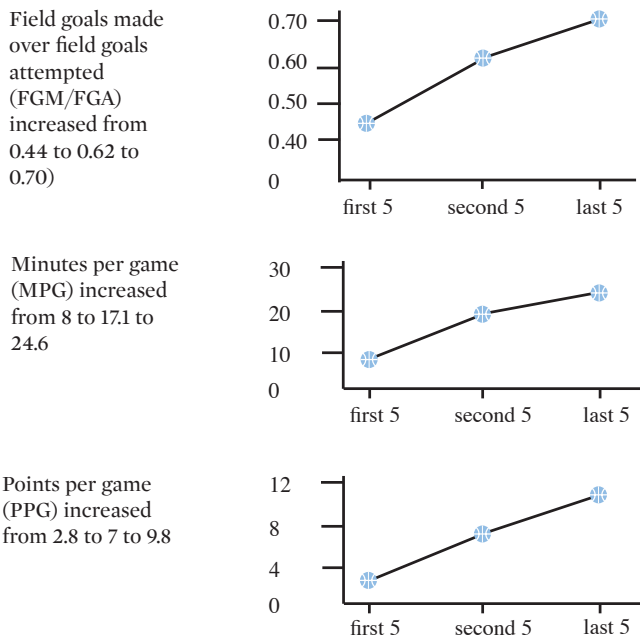
This week he'll rely on his new triad in pursuit of another milestone – his first Ivy road win.



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CHANGE IN SCORING BETWEEN HIS FIRST 5, SECOND 5, AND THIRD 5 GAMES



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