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LICENSE TO VEND | Street vendor Thomas Carr, who is licensed, sells goods such as perfumes and watches on 125th Street.

Recent license crackdown rattles 125th Street vendors

BY GINA LEE
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Vendors on 125th Street have been forced to adapt to increased scrutiny this week, following a police crackdown on unlicensed vendors.

On Thursday, Jan. 12, three unlicensed vendors were arrested, had their products confiscated, and were fined, according to Corey Ortega, a special assistant to state assemblyman

Keith Wright. The sweep of unlicensed vendors—which came a week before President Barack Obama visited the Apollo Theater on 125th Street—was coordinated by New York City’s Department of Consumer Affairs and the New York Police Department and stretched from Morningside Avenue to Fifth Avenue.

Ortega, who has been working closely with local vendors on licensing issues for seven

months, said that the police action came as a surprise. Wright’s office held an emergency meeting the next day to discuss the sweep.

“They were basically just checking each table’s license,” Ortega said. “They found a lot of people didn’t have the vendor’s license.”

Unlicensed vendors are allowed to sell certain products—such as books, magazines, and other print materials—due to

the constitutional protection of freedom of speech. But some unlicensed vendors have also been selling oils, shea butter, beads, and incense.

Ortega said that about 70 percent of the vendors sell oils, and that DCA has informed him “that oil didn’t meet the necessary requirements.”

This law has been unenforced in the past, though, so

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Biking group calls for lower speed limits

BY CASEY TOLAN
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Drivers on the Upper West Side will be forced to slow down if a local organization gets its way.

The Upper West Side Streets Renaissance, a group that supports transportation alternatives, plans to advocate for lower speed limits across the entire neighborhood. Lisa Sladkus, a community organizer leading UWSSR, said the group will ask Community Board 7 to vote in March on a resolution endorsing a roughly 20-mph speed limit.

“A lower speed limit is such an obvious and easy thing for us to do,” Sladkus said. “As a community,

it makes sense for us to try to slow things down.”

Before bringing the resolution to CB7—which represents the Upper West Side—UWSSR plans to ask for support from other local groups, including schools, parent-teacher associations, and senior centers. The leading cause of death for New Yorkers under 14 years old is getting hit by a car, Sladkus said.

“Lower speed limits are great for young kids and old people,” Sladkus said. “They’re great for all of us, but disproportionately, the more vulnerable are more affected.”

And while enforcement is important, Sladkus said, she added

that there are “ways to slow things down other than having a cop on every street corner,” including peer pressure.

Sladkus said she was optimistic about the proposal’s chances at CB7.

“Sentiment is changing on our community boards, and the organizing we’ve done is opening people’s minds to a different landscape for the Upper West Side,” she said.

As community boards only have advisory powers when it comes to speed limits, the proposal would also need to be approved by the city’s Department of Transportation.

“If it got through the community board, then we’d push the community board to tell DOT, ‘We really want this,’” Sladkus said.

The group’s idea was partially inspired by “Rethinking the Automobile,” a presentation by Mark Gorton, who founded New York City Streets Renaissance and has been involved in other city transportation organizations. Gorton made his presentation at a CB7 Transportation Committee meeting two weeks ago.

“Mark is such a visionary leader in the movement,” Sladkus said.

Previously, UWSSR held numerous presentations and organized in support of a Columbus Avenue protected bike lane, which was completed in September 2010. Next, Sladkus said, she wants to work to complete a network of bike lanes on the Upper West Side.

“Going from 96th to 77th on Columbus is really nice, but we would really like to see that connect to areas down south and up north ... and we really want a safe route on a northbound lane,” Sladkus said, adding that her group is in discussions with the DOT and CB7 on the issue.

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Alice! adds features in response to student feedback

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After a redesign three years in the making, Columbia’s Go Ask Alice! website now features recent health news, quizzes, and food recall alerts.

The health Q&A website—which has been featured in major news outlets such as Newsweek, Rolling Stone, and O, the Oprah Magazine—has been the core of the Alice! Health Promotion department since 1993.

But this semester, the website received a makeover in both design and content. According to Michael McNeil, the director of Alice! Health Promotion, the redesign was intended to update the website’s aging technology and to incorporate more features that students wanted.

Erik Nook, CC ’12 and a coordinator of the Alice!-sponsored Stressbusters group, said the new site looks “beautiful.”

“I also think a lot of the functionality is really great ... I find it easier to find my way around the site now,” Nook said. “The most important things, like how to ask a question—that’s a lot more clear now.”

Nook only had one critique for Alice!, saying he wished more people knew about the resources it offers.

“It comes up with incredible ideas and has these amazing people, but I think more work can be

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CCSC town hall draws packed crowd

Students lay out concerns at council’s first meeting of semester

BY BEN GITTELSON
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Discussion topics ranged from financial aid to feng shui at a Columbia College Student Council-sponsored town hall meeting Sunday night.

The meeting, which was part of a larger push to make CCSC more responsive to its constituents, drew a nearly packed house to Lerner Hall’s Satow Room.

Students voiced concerns about housing, study drugs, student wellness, Columbia College’s role in the University, and the integration of transfer students, among other issues.

CCSC President Aki Terasaki, CC ’12, said the council would start tackling the “smaller, feasible” problems by working with administrators and then move on to larger issues like the relationship between faculty, students, and the administration.

Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein, CC ’12, voiced concerns about CC Interim Dean James Valentini’s “3, 2, 1” fundraising challenge. Valentini has asked CC seniors to donate money to the University in each of the three years following their graduation and to tell two friends about the challenge.

“Honestly, Columbia has a lot more money than I’ll ever see,” Spitzer-Rubenstein said. “I’m not really sure how that’s helping me, let alone how more money would help Columbia.”

Class of 2013 Representative Alex Jasiulek said he wished Columbia College had greater representation in the University Senate, which he said is made up of “all these old poops who I don’t really know or care about.”

“I would like to see the general standing of Columbia College have a little more esteem within the University as a whole,” Jasiulek said. “It’s really problematic that they play the card that we’re one of 17 schools...and our vote is just one-seventeenth.”

The USenate has three student representatives from CC among its 108 members. Fifteen faculty members represent the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, which encompasses CC and several other schools.

Some concerns of the town hall were very specific. Zachary Kagan, CC ’13, noted that many math classrooms are filled with aging desks.

“The charm only goes so far,” Kagan said. “When you look at these things compared to Michigan or any other colleges, it’s hard to go to another college and visit and not see facilities that are just nicer and more modern and more functional.”

Students at the town hall also said they wanted to help decide how the University uses classroom space and space in Lerner Hall. Class of 2013

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GOOD NOTES | CCSC President Aki Terasaki, CC ’12, writes down students’ criticisms at the council’s Sunday night town hall.

Professor calls for ‘revolution’ against economic inequality

BY MILES JOHNSON
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Princeton University professor Cornel West took the floor at Riverside Church on Sunday night to advocate for drastically changing capitalism to reduce economic inequality.

West, a prominent civil rights activist and member of the Democratic Socialists of America, led a panel discussion about the Occupy movement, economics, politics, and religion. On Sunday night, he said that Americans need to start a “revolution” on the scale of the American Revolution and the fight against slavery in the Civil War in order to combat economic inequality.

“In American history, we have had two revolutions. We need three,” West said to enthusiastic applause and cheers.

West will return to teach at

the Columbia-affiliated Union Theological Seminary, where he previously taught, in July.

Sunday’s event, “A Call for Mass Action Against the Suppression of the Occupy Movement,” was meant to generate discussion about the Occupy movement and its criticisms of capitalism. A small crowd of mostly Harlem residents attended. In addition to West, the panel featured several well-known ministers, rabbis, and professors.

Richard D. Wolff, an economics professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, urged members of the working class to realize that fixing large flaws in the capitalist system is more important than making sure the poor are treated well.

“There has to be a voice that rises and says that the

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The green mile

We can never pinpoint the moment when we ripen into adulthood.

Going hand in hand

Student groups should collaborate on the issue of wellness.



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Men win first Ivy game over Cornell

In a matchup that saw Mark Cisco pull down a Levien Gym-record 20 boards, the Light Blue won its first game against an Ancient Eight opponent on Saturday night.

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The Salafis, Politics, and the Revolution in Yemen

A lecture by Laurent Bonnefoy about connections between revolution and religion in Yemen, delivered a day following President Ali Abdullah Saleh’s departure.
208 Knox Hall, 12:30 p.m.

Leadership Forum On Authoritarian States

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CROWDSOURCING | Students at CCSC’s town hall Sunday night voiced concerns on issues ranging from Columbia College’s place in the University to financial aid.

Most CCSC reps attend optional meeting

CCSC from front page

President Ryan Mandelbaum voiced concerns about how the University will use spaces vacated as a result of the Manhattanville campus expansion, calling it “crucial” that undergraduates have a say in how those spaces are used.

Town hall attendees also discussed Columbia’s increasingly global reach. Barry Weinberg, CC ’12, said that the University’s Global Centers initiative reveals a “disconnect between people at the top and the students and faculty, who honestly don’t care that we’re opening up research facilities.”

The town hall was also the first CCSC meeting under a new policy that makes the council’s Sunday meetings optional for all members.

Twenty-four of the council’s 32 members attended. CCSC Vice President of Communications Virat Gupta, CC ’12, said that last semester, there were usually three to four members absent at each meeting.

Gupta explained that the town hall meeting was intended to help council members be more responsive to students’ concerns.

“We’re always trying to find new things to work on,” Gupta said. “It’s better if we don’t figure that out in our own little bubble on CCSC and reach out a little bit.”

CCSC Vice President for Campus Life Jasmine Senior, CC ’12, encouraged attendees to “think outside of the box” in bringing up issues they wanted addressed.

“This is what we’re here for,” Senior said. “We want to help you make life better on campus.”

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For some vendors, ‘no hope’ for licenses

VENDORS from front page

The sudden enforcement came as a shock to the community. Moumouni Dawoko, who sells cell phone accessories on 125th Street and has been working with Ortega as a representative of the vendor community, said that for the past 20 years, 125th Street vendors have had no problems selling oils. With fewer vendors this week, the street looked “empty,” Dawoko said.

“A lot of people come to 125 for the vendors, because they don’t see that in the other parts” of the city, and because items are cheaper there, he said. He added that the 125th Street vendors do a good service, attracting people to the small businesses along the street and benefitting the entire business district.

An unlicensed vendor who sells oils said that he was lucky that bad weather kept him away from 125th on Thursday.

“It was raining that day, thank God,” said the vendor,

who asked not to be named.

Some unlicensed vendors who were not arrested Thursday are already adapting to the heightened scrutiny. The vendor who stayed off 125th due to rain said he is now paying a licensed vendor 50 dollars per day to man his booth.

“We’re just not going to be making the same money,” he said.

Ortega said he has been “working with the vending community in terms of self-awareness, self-policing.” He added that most unlicensed vendors have tried to apply for licenses but have been unsuccessful, since the city caps the number of licenses given each year.

It generally takes five to 10 years to get a license.

“The problem is a lot of these vendors, they’re immigrants, they come from somewhere else, and they’re trying to make an honest living,” Ortega said. “Even though you’re working your butt off, now you’re having no income, even though

most of them are applying for the license. But there’s no hope.”

In order to improve conditions for the vendors, “we’re trying to have a vending district on 125th Street,” Ortega said. “It will create a number of vending licenses that can only be used on 125th Street.”

Ortega called this weekend the “test run” for the vendors to try to get back to work as usual. By today, he expects to know what to expect from DCA and NYPD going forward.

“We’ll try our best to see if we can find something within the law,” Ortega said.

The NYPD’s 26th Precinct did not respond to a request for comment over the weekend.

“We need to support. We want to get back to work,” Dawoko said. “That’s how we feed our family, that’s how we help other people.”

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West, panelists get positive reception

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condition is not the issue, but the issue of the capitalist system,” Wolff said.

On the whole, the panelists focused on human equality and the need to fight fiscal malpractice by large corporations.

“When you love poor people, you hate that they are being treated unfairly,” West said, getting his loudest applause of the night.

After the panel discussion, the audience broke into smaller groups to discuss ways to eradicate or drastically change capitalism. Rabbi Michael Lerner, the founder of San Francisco’s Beyt Tikkun Synagogue, then explained various economic policy changes proposed by members of Congress, suggesting that the United States should devote one to two percent of its gross domestic product to ending poverty.

Most people in attendance seemed to like what

the panelists had to say, giving them a standing ovation afterwards.

“It was very thought-provoking, and [there were] a lot of warm feelings in the room,” Upper West Side resident Maureen Silverman said.

But some of the panelists’ ideas did not sit well with some audience members. Recent Princeton University graduate Jahnabi Barooah said that she was inspired by the words of Rev. Serene Jones, the president of UTS. But Barooah added that she personally was not nearly as critical of capitalism as Wolff was.

Andrew Pinelli, CC ’14, said he thought the panelists preached radical ideas with a gentle tone, adding that the forum presented an interesting analysis of the Occupy movement and its critics. But he questioned the accolades West and the other panelists gave Occupy Wall Street protesters, saying that OWS is in

some ways just a rehash of similar movements that took place in the 1960s.

Even though West does not return to UTS until July, Jones welcomed him back to the school and to New York.

“Union is a place where Cornel West’s view of the world is in our lifeblood,” she said. “Historically, Union has inspired strong public voices, which speak to our nation’s ills and ideals—be they protests against war, poverty, racism, sexism, or other societal scourges.”

West said he is excited to be returning to UTS and the Upper West Side. When asked why he was leaving Princeton, he said he decided to come back “partly for my own soul.”

“As much as I loved my time there, Princeton is just a little too far from the music,” he said, referring to Harlem’s rich musical history and culture.

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Admins develop mobile Alice! website

ALICE from front page

done to get outreach,” he said.

McNeil said Alice! is always focused on improving its visibility, but that it’s more important that students benefit from its work.

“Generally speaking, students are aware of some part of our work. They may not know it as being from Alice!—in many ways, that makes me happier, because they’re seeing the work that we’re doing that’s supporting their goals,” McNeil said. “We don’t do it to get our name out there.”

McNeil said that the department used a combination of surveys and focus groups to determine what students wanted for the future of the website.

“Students said, ‘We love and trust Alice! for health content, but when stuff is happening quickly in the news, that’s not always the first place we think of going, so could you put that stuff on the site?’ We looked at it and

said, ‘Yes, we can,’” McNeil said.

In addition to this “Health in the News” feature, the website also includes new features, such as a listing of recent food recalls and information sheets answering common questions about health-related issues.

Another addition to the site is the “Fun Stuff” section, which offers health-related quizzes and polls, as well as reviews of the site. Administrators have also developed a mobile version of the site that works on smartphones and iPads.

McNeil emphasized that, in addition to the many new aspects of Go Ask Alice!, its traditional health questions and answers are “still there, still searchable.”

Those health Q&A’s have made Alice! a well-known resource outside of Columbia. The site was a Bronze Level Web Health Award winner in 2009 and is often used by health researchers at universities across the country.

Here at Columbia, Resident

Advisers often use Go Ask Alice! as a resource, and Nightline, the anonymous peer counseling hotline, recommends the site to many of its callers.

“It’s supported by health services, but it has lots of student input,” Tanya Braun, CC ’12 and a director of Nightline, said. “It’s a nice balance between giving official health information and being less intimidating than going to your clinician.”

In addition to Stressbusters, Alice! Health Promotion also sponsors programs like CU Move, AlcoholEdu, and various nutrition initiatives.

Nook, who has been involved with Stressbusters since his first year at Columbia, describes Alice! as “being the most ideal workplace environment that I’ve ever experienced.”

“You really feel Alice! when you walk into the office,” he said. “You see her in the conversations, and you think about our values.”

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NEWS BRIEF

Papasito tries again for liquor license

Local Mexican restaurant Papasito filed a new application for a liquor license last week, despite noise complaints from neighbors and allegations that it sold liquor to underage drinkers.

This new application, filed Thursday, came after a previous application was temporarily denied in December because of missing paperwork. Papasito’s owners withdrew that original application earlier this month.

It’s likely that Papasito will not receive a decision on its application by Feb. 28, when its current liquor license expires. New York State Liquor Authority spokesperson Michael Smith told Spector that

applications are reviewed in the order they are received.

“It is reasonable to say this will take months,” he said in a statement.

Papasito’s owners could still renew their current liquor license, which is registered to Tokyo Pop, LLC—a restaurant that was replaced by Angelina Pizza Bar, which was then replaced by Papasito.

But establishments serving liquor need to notify their community board at least 30 days before submitting a renewal application, and Papasito’s owners have not taken this step yet. As a result, if they do not notify Community Board 7 of an intent to renew by this Sunday, they

would have to stop serving liquor—at least temporarily—on Feb. 28, Smith said.

Members of Community Board 7 voted in December to recommend the disapproval of Papasito’s liquor license application to the SLA.

The restaurant, which is on Broadway between 104th and 105th streets, has been under fire since it opened last fall, with locals complaining of rowdy late-night crowds. The SLA also charged that it served alcoholic beverages to underage drinkers three times in October and November.

Papasito’s owners did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

—Casey Tolan

Ivy scheduling trips up Lions

Most of my stress from the last two weeks has been caused by the seemingly simple task of registering for classes. But as I try to maneuver through the endless timing conflicts, I understand the way I organize my schedule will have a lasting impact on this semester. With too many classes jammed next to each other, I risk losing focus by the last one. Travel should be minimized, as hurried trips from 122nd Street to Hamilton are a surefire way to zap my energy. I also want to spread out my workload across days and semesters.



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The folks who make the Ivy League calendar may not have to navigate SSOL, but the impact of the schedules they string together is similar and just as significant.

One major complication is the need to schedule games to accommodate academics. This is more or less why schedules do not vary much each year and why the majority of games are played over weekends.

Last spring, Columbia baseball suffered agonizing losses to open each of its first two weekends. In all likelihood, such defeats were emotionally draining and perpetuated the disappointing start that ended up being the team's demise. This is what can happen when a team has to play four games every weekend.

Next season, the opening weekend will again carry added importance, since the Lions would like a good start in order to ease the burden of playing on the road the following two weeks. Spending a weekend busing from New York to Harvard and then to Yale gives the road team a disadvantage, and with such a short season, every game is important—each loss piles more pressure on the remaining games.

This impact of opening games carries over to other Ivy sports. In football, the opening Ivy loss to Princeton was critical because Columbia faced much more formidable opponents in the following Ivy games. The Lions could never climb out of the hole they dug themselves to start off the season, despite having the advantage of facing the top four Ivy teams at home and the bottom-half Ivy teams on the road.

Next season will be an even tougher task for Light Blue football, when the team will have to travel to perennial powers Harvard and Penn, where it seemed a little spooked and out of place in 2010. However, in the first major change to the Ivy schedule since the turn of the century, Columbia will host Yale, handing the Lions four winnable games in 2012 on their home turf, where they played their best football last season. Thus, the Ivy opener against Princeton and Homecoming against the Big Green become all the more important in determining the course of the season. Additionally, the change from Fordham to Marist in the season-opener should help head coach Pete Mangurian get off to a 1-0 start.

Meanwhile, the basketball schedule (both men's and women's) has been shaken up this year due to conflicts with Princeton's final exam period (which, still in progress, gives us another reason to be thankful that we are not attending school in Jersey). Consequently, instead of the men's team opening the season against Cornell as usual, it started off facing the Killer P's. Penn and Princeton lived up to their name, killing almost all the momentum the Lions had gained from taking 11 of 12 games before Ivy play. Columbia played tough but let leads slip away and fell just short in nearly identical games.

If the games had not been played during winter break—as they were scheduled this year—a greater student turnout likely would have given the Lions more of a home-court advantage. Hopefully, with that in mind, athletics will try to avoid such an occurrence in the future. Such a weekend probably would not have been as devastating if placed further into Ivy play, but instead, it stalled the Lions when gaining momentum mattered most.

Another interesting scheduling result due to Princeton's exam schedule is that the Tigers will resume conference play against Penn next Monday after a 16-day break. Columbia's only post-Thanksgiving nonconference loss came after an 18-day layoff, and if that's not evidence enough, you can just ask the Packers what too much rest can do to a team. Routine is especially important in the Ivy League, since you have to be prepared to play on back-to-back nights. If only the Light Blue could use CULPA to know what to expect before each game. Alas, both basketball teams will come to realize there is no easy A in the Ivy League in 2012.

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Light Blue takes lead early, hangs on to beat Cornell



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EARNING HIGH MARKS | Junior center Mark Cisco put up 18 points and grabbed a record 20 boards in the Lions' win.



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NO FINISH | Melissa Shafer, who shot 3-14 from the field, was unable to turn the tide as the Light Blue fell to Cornell.

Shooting woes continue as Lions drop to 2-14

BY JOSH SHENKAR
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In front of a raucous Levien Gymnasium crowd, Columbia's women's basketball team managed to compete with Cornell before losing 54-44. The Lions (2-14, 0-2 Ivy) continued their offensive struggles and allowed the Big Red (7-9, 1-1 Ivy) to shoot over 55 percent in the second half.

The Lions have had difficulty creating shots inside the three-point line and have been forced to shoot 254 threes over the course of 16 games. Unfortunately for Columbia, the Light Blue has only shot 25 percent from beyond the arc this season, and its struggles continued against Cornell on Saturday—the Lions shot only 2-for-15 from beyond the three-point line. The Lions also struggled to attack against Cornell's defense in the paint.

"We didn't play as aggressive as we know we can, and I just think next time we'll go out with a more aggressive mentality," junior guard/forward Tyler Simpson said.

The Lions' lack of aggressiveness in attacking the paint curtailed a promising first-half performance. With both

teams playing a high-tempo offense and utilizing half-court presses on defense, excitement and turnovers were in abundance. The Lions dominated the first five minutes as they led 9-4 after a layup from senior guard Jazmin Fuller at 15:03. Cornell struggled early offensively and resorted to long jump shots in an effort to ignite their offense.

Yet Cornell managed to take a commanding lead with a stunning run that saw them outscore the Lions 16-3 to take a 20-12 lead. The Big Red was the beneficiary of a struggling Lions offense, which only shot 27 percent in the first half. The Lions' inability to score consistently frustrated head coach Paul Nixon.

"We were never really able to get into a good offensive flow, I don't think, really, at any point in the game," Nixon said.

"I think our possessions of scoring were pretty sporadic. It's not like we were able to string two or three in a row together where we were getting scores."

Columbia, though, managed to cut Cornell's lead to 24-19 in the frantic last few minutes of the half, due in large part to the Lions' ability to get offensive rebounds and second chances at scoring.

Columbia's momentum didn't carry over to the second half, as the Light Blue's tendency to take too many three-pointers and go through an offensive drought exhibited itself again. Cornell went on its second run of the game, and this time it was cataclysmic for the Lions. The Big Red's 15-5 run allowed it to take a 47-31 lead with seven minutes left in the game. Cornell's run was due to the Lions recurring inability to score consistently.

Senior guard Melissa Shafer aptly described the main reason why the Lions lost. "We didn't hit enough shots," Shafer said.

Coach Nixon also attributed his team's offensive struggles in the second half to the inability of his players to make shots.

"I think when another team is committed to packing the zone and trying to take away your post game, they're really, in some ways, sort of daring you to take the outside shot," Nixon said.

"I think we did a good job of trying to work the ball inside and out, but we had quite a few open opportunities that we didn't convert."

The Lions will look to get back on track when they travel to play Penn on Friday at 7 p.m.

BY MICHELE CLEARY
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For the third straight time, the game came down to the wire. After holding the lead the entire game, Columbia (12-7, 1-2 Ivy) found itself up by just two with 32 seconds to play. This weekend, however, the Lions managed to pull out the narrow victory, defeating Cornell 61-56 for their first Ivy victory of the season.

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"This game, it was us in the driver seat and them having to make all the adjustments to fight back," junior point guard Brian Barbour said.

It was a defensive matchup from the very beginning. Columbia built a 6-0 lead over the first five minutes and kept Cornell (6-11, 1-2 Ivy) from making a shot until senior guard Drew Ferry hit a jumper with 14:40 left in the first half.

The teams continued to battle for baskets, but neither squad was having much luck. Between Ferry's shot and the 10-minute mark, each team had only one field goal. In the first 20 minutes of the game, the Big Red shot 27.6 percent from the floor and made just two of its 10 attempts from beyond the arc. The Lions were only a little better, making 32.3 percent of their field goals and 27.3 percent of their treys.

The pace picked up a bit toward the end of the half, though, and the Light Blue took a 27-22 lead into the locker room. This was the third consecutive Ivy game in which Columbia led at the half, and, for a brief moment, it looked like it would be the third consecutive game in which Columbia gave its half-time lead away.

Fewer than eight minutes into the second half, Cornell senior guard Chris Wroblewski hit two free throws to cut the Light Blue's lead to just one point. However, the home crowd breathed a collective sigh of relief just half a minute later, when sophomore guard Meiko Lyles hit a three to put Columbia back up by four.

"I think if we get a little more confident, then when we go up eight or 10 like that, we can ride those out," head coach Kyle Smith said after the game.

"But we're not there yet, obviously, and we hit the road, so we'll definitely be challenged next week at Cornell."

While that was Lyles' only three of the

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Cornell	92.5



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Don't judge children by their parents

BY RACHEL BERCOWITZ

A Spectator article published last December (“Few get coveted spots at Columbia’s K-8 school,” Dec. 5) profiled the increasingly competitive placement procedures instituted by The School at Columbia, a K-8 school founded by the University in 2003. Established to encourage professors with young children to work at the University, the school is comprised partly of students from the neighborhood who are admitted by lottery, with the remaining space reserved for children of Columbia faculty and staff. While the University initially intended for the school to remain open to all interested children of Columbia employees, the school has faced over-enrollment—too many children for too few spots. The school admits students through an application system, but the system is rooted in prioritization, guaranteeing spots first to children of faculty and only afterward to children of University staff and administrative staffers and other employees. Just this past Friday, on Jan. 20, the school advertised on its website that it provides “the best tools for our students and faculty to promote progress and growth.” In fact, however, the school is doing exactly the opposite with this prioritization method, a method that is ultimately unjust both in nature and in its effects.

It is easy to see why The School at Columbia’s few spots remain so coveted. Classrooms are outfitted with state-of-the-art technology, as conversations flow seamlessly from English to Spanish, a result of the school’s Spanish immersion program. But when children are required to compete for admission, they stop acting like the blissfully oblivious lower- and middle-school students that they should be. Unlike most children, who are ignorant of such selective application processes, these students are wholly conscious of them.

As mentioned earlier, Columbia professes to be an institution wherein student leaders and pioneers abound and thrive. Apparently, so does The School at Columbia. Head of School Nancy Elting charges her students with possessing the “very real potential of being tomorrow’s leaders.” These “potential leaders” range in age from five to 13 years. If I viewed a group of six-year-olds muddying themselves on the playground, I could not say I would consider them the miniature forms of the world’s next greatest leaders. I would consider them rather to be what they are: kids. There comes a point when a culture of competition and anxiety imposed on students before they even enter school becomes inappropriate. In this culture, children of Columbia employees are not all treated to the same application process. Staff children compete against faculty children. Each group is qualified, but one lacks the aid of child-of-faculty status to get them through the door.

Although we may not offer librarians, administrators, and other University employees the same appreciation or regard that we do professors, these community members similarly enrich our school experiences and likewise deserve the full benefits associated with University employment. Imagine residing in a dorm without security guards keeping watch downstairs, attempting to grab lunch without food prepared by dining hall chefs, or searching Butler library’s most dungeon-like stacks without the aid of the school’s experienced librarians. It would not go well. I would argue that the true value of a Columbia experience lies not in class material, but rather in the many interpersonal relationships forged throughout one’s four years. These employees, who share their attributes, personality traits, and skills with members of the Columbia community, do not carry fancy faculty identification tags—they do, however, hold respected positions within our university community and should be treated as such. The children should not be relegated to the bottom of the school selection process because the parents do not hold a specific faculty position.

The School at Columbia should judge each applicant solely according to his academic and social qualifications. Or perhaps it should consider using some of its sizable technology budget to jumpstart expansion—students might lose their favorite digital friends, but they would gain some new, living ones. The School’s policy is improper, and it should be altered to reflect the values of treating others with equality, impartiality, and fairness.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Meeting of the minds

In recent months, the movement to improve Columbia students’ quality of life has gained traction, in part due to the work of Student Wellness Project. To mention only SWP, though, would be to discount the other groups that have come forth in the name of wellness. Active Minds, a national organization dedicated to increasing student awareness about mental health awareness, has recently established a chapter on campus and will be in close coordination with SWP. Go Ask Alice! has revamped its website, and Stressbusters, in addition to providing free massages, also provides a list of campus resources for everything from sleeping problems to sexual assault. Even the Columbia Neuroscience Society has contributed to the movement by increasingly tweeting on depression and related issues.

We expect to see good things from these groups in their goals toward creating a more supportive atmosphere for Columbia students. It is important to note, however, that these multiple efforts need not remain disparate. The wellness movement, even with such a broad base of support, is still at an early stage. At a time when the newer groups have yet to produce tangible results, collaboration is crucial.

Collaboration doesn’t mean that the groups need to agree on a set of common goals or forgo their respective nuances. Wellness, after all, is an expansive term. Multiple groups, each with different approaches, cater to the various aspects of wellness and give students several options. SWP has a more general approach to “wellness” and focuses on creating a community of students passionate about the issue, while Active Minds has a heavier focus on destigmatizing mental health issues, and the Columbia Neuroscience Society brings its own scientific perspective into the mix.

But while differences can enrich, it is also important that these groups harness their synergies in order to direct students to the resources they need. By working together, they also will be able to make a stronger demand to the administration to join in and produce tangible results. SWP has already mentioned the possibility of creating a “wellness hub” with Go Ask Alice! and sitting down with NSOP leaders. This sort of collaboration is a necessity for the wellness movement to get on its feet. We hope it continues.

Hannah D’Apice recused herself from the writing of this editorial because of a personal connection to SWP.

Adult education

About a month ago, during the height of finals season, I had dinner at family friends’ apartment. My brain was in critical analysis mode, having spent the previous 72 or so hours writing page after page of essays, so when the inevitable question came—“How’s the semester going?”—something triggered. Instead of giving my normal, surface-level answer, I actually thought about the question. I considered more than just my classes or individual experiences and took a more meta look at the semester itself, thinking about how I had changed. I realized that throughout the semester—and my entire college experience, for that matter—I had developed an increasing level of independence and growth which had concurrently developed alongside an intrinsic sense of adulthood. I reflected that I had finally reached that elusive plateau, or had at least developed a foresight into it. It was no coincidence that this sense began to develop when I started at Columbia. I realized that one of the main purposes of an undergraduate education isn’t the diploma at the end or the connections you make along the way. College acts as a bridge out of adolescence and into that plateau.

Adulthood, to a kid, always seems like an undefined telos—an unattainable endpoint that we know exists somewhere but can’t really pin down. We understand it through our parents, or turning 21, or leaving home, or graduating college. At the same time, it is never really clear if there is a set point when we become adults. Unlike most other critical junctures in our lives, we are not given a certificate or ceremony.

Coming out of high school, we are all still kids. The majority of us have never been away from home or from our parents for more than a summer. We are completely insulated from the “real world” of adulthood. To be sent right into the adult life of a nine-to-five job and landlords and bills and real world problems right after high school would be too sudden a transition—the proverbial tossing a kid into the deep end of a pool to teach him to swim. It would be an abrupt awakening to the realities of growing up, an exposure to a world that, to some degree, we had known existed but had obscured with idealistic expectations.

Instead, college acts as an intermediary, gently easing us



LEO SCHWARTZ

Rationalizing the Irrational



Yael Wiesenfeld

Talking about my generation

BY JESSICA ANDERSON

Columbia’s class of 2015 has made great use of its designated Facebook group since its inception in November 2010. From textbook auctions to political debates, this group has seen the best and worst of our opinionated, rambunctious voices and has consequently become a testament to the unique personality of our class throughout the year and two months since then. It’s precisely what helped us survive the separation anxiety of the first winter break of our college careers, as we broke away from each other and returned home to our former lives for a month. In spite of our wide range of backgrounds and opinions, one distinguishable trait has united us through all that—an irresistible propensity to #hashtag.

Although this trend originated within the realm of Twitter, this innovative tactic swiftly spread to inspire users of other social networks to become seasoned hashtaggers, and in this case, the 2015ers. The ritual lives on, devoid of its original purpose—and for those of you who have seen the Facebook group, the class of 2015 has exemplified it well. But what could possibly prompt us to sporadically sprinkle pound signs into our online communicative efforts?

Although it is obsolete in practicality once outside Twitter, the hashtag remains a surprisingly noble endeavor at community-building in the virtual world. It echoes our numerous voices, uniting our individual stories. It translates the physical, tangible world into a new generational web of media-dependent relationships. This popular trend has been an unsuspecting force in shaping the personality of #columbia2015 by identifying the quirks, problems, and topics of interest of our class—and therefore bringing us together. Notable hashtags from the freshman class include #beatbrown, #backtotheenvelopecalculation, #frogsex, and #lionessinacheeseegraterposition, covering topics from school sports, Core classes, and even personal finances—all of which have a familiar ring to us 2015ers.

The use of hashtags beyond Twitter appeals to a desire to contribute to something beyond our own existence. In the cold, impersonal world of computer-generated social interactions,

into adulthood. Gradually, we gain independence, learn to function more on our own, and lessen our reliance on our parents or whoever else supported us through adolescence. We gain real experience in increasingly realistic life situations, from paying loans, to finding internships, to holding several jobs, to being able to afford New York. At the same time, we’re still subtly—and sometimes not so subtly—sheltered. In our first year of college, we have mandatory meal plans, forced meetings with our advisors, and RAs that play an active role in dorm life. However, these subtleties fade as time goes on. College acts as a catalyst for independence, maturity, and growth, albeit through a guided process.

Columbia, especially, takes a holistic approach, bringing us towards the goal of adulthood not just with a diploma, but with opportunity. Columbia is an amazing (and unbelievably helpful) school beyond just its fancy Ivy League name, and daunting webs of networking. Columbia grants us a seemingly infinite number of opportunities, from providing us the chance to research and learn under some of the best minds in the world, to letting us interact with New York City. It gives us completely unique advantages, incomparable to those of any other school in the world, and, most importantly, surrounds us with our most talented and impressive peers. I learn so much from every single person that I meet here, from my floormates to my classmates. I have never felt such motivation from my peers, or had more life-changing lectures, class discussions, and late-night talks than I have here. Every aspect of Columbia, both positive and negative, helps us grow—whether it’s learning to live on a budget in New York City or to navigate the seemingly endless red tape of bureaucracy. Each year we spend at Columbia, we gain more experience and more confidence, growing not only in the general knowledge we learn in class, but holistically.

There is no revelatory moment of adulthood. Becoming an adult isn’t having your bar mitzvah or legally ordering a drink at the bar. Adulthood is a gradual process achieved through holistic growth in maturity, independence, and experience. College aims to bring us closer to our own personal threshold of adulthood, in the hopes that by the time of graduation, we’re much better prepared to face the real world. When my family friends asked me how my year had been, I replied that I felt closer to that threshold than I ever had before. In part, I owe that to Columbia.

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the hashtag mimics the priceless comfort of a familiar face or a charmingly unique mannerism—as exemplified by the following memorable lines: #vomitinthebathroom, #whofartedintheellevator, #alreadysickofthesnow, and #columbiatches. Besides that, it also characterizes an audacious, somewhat pretentious, self-selected few who preach the relevancy of their publicized thoughts through the closing stamp of a widely recognizable phrase—or, even more courageously, an attempt to coin their own clever, recognizable phrase. Many Columbia freshmen belong to the latter group, eager to brand their thoughts into the vernacular of their peers. We strive to infiltrate the thoughts of others with our original takes, and therefore to identify with situations from which we would otherwise be excluded. These hashtags bridge the many conventional differences between the members of our class.

The use of hashtags appeals to a desire to contribute to something beyond our own existence

These creative virtual spins do not simply function as ostentatious new twists on punctuation—hashtags mirror an insatiable desire to be examined and understood, to stir a reaction within the human souls of endless readers. We want to find our place amongst this new sea of peers and voice their relevant concerns in the most perfect way. This lofty aspiration was incredibly successful in the case of #columbia2015, a hashtag that continuously echoes within the Facebook group, highlighting news and anecdotes relevant to the class. Columbians also bring their unassailable yearning to hashtag into intimate, personal interaction. Students throughout campus have been increasingly using it in conversation—a recurring example is the eternally appropriate #collegelife, enabling the method to once more transcend the virtual world. Initially a practical, facilitating search tool, this contagious practice has permeated numerous social networking sites and has even succeeded in bridging the divide between virtual and real human interactions.

So in the spirit of community building, pound on, Columbia! The hashtag is a true anthropological tribute to the unity of our generation of Columbians.

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Lions exceed expectations at St. John’s Super CupCU notches first conference win

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Heading into the 2012 season, the Columbia men’s and women’s fencing teams were unranked, inexperienced, and beginning a new coaching era under Michael Aufrichtig. According to outside observers, this was supposed to be a rebuilding year. However, after the team’s performances at the St. John’s Super Cup and NYU Duals, those same individuals must be thinking that something is working.

Saturday began with a stunning upset of host No. 6 St. John’s 14-13 by the men’s squad. Later in the day, the men continued their strong performance by upsetting defending national champion No. 4 Notre Dame 15-12. In its other three matches, the men lost narrowly to No. 1 Penn State 13-14, No. 5 Ohio State 10-17, and No. 3 Harvard 11-16.

“[Saturday] was absolutely fantastic,” senior epeeist captain Sean Leahy said. “We came in with the expectations to fence really hard but knowing that it was going to be a tough day. Right off the bat, we beat St. John’s, which is the first time the men’s team has done that in at least four or five years. This was a team that last year, in the same competitions, where we were barely winning two or three bouts out of 27”

At NYU on Sunday, the men

defeated Ohio State 16-11 and Wayne State 21-6, but fell to North Carolina 10-17, St. John’s 13-14, and Notre Dame 6-21.

The women also left Queens with a couple of upset wins over No. 1 Penn State 14-13 and No. 7 Harvard 15-12. Unfortunately, the women fell to No. 6 Ohio State 13-14, No. 5 St. John’s 9-18, and No. 3 Notre Dame 7-20.

The women fenced even better on Sunday, defeating Notre Dame 15-12, No. 4 Northwestern 14-13, and Wayne State 21-6. They lost again by one bout to Ohio State and fell to St. John’s 9-18.

“I am very pleased,” head coach Michael Aufrichtig said. “We had the mission of introducing teams to the new Columbia fencing. We needed to go make a statement, and everyone gave everything they had. I wasn’t surprised by the efforts but I was much more excited that they brought it.”

Players and coaches believe that this experience against national powerhouses, win or lose, will give the team confidence going forward.

“It gives you a lot of confidence,” new assistant coach Jeff Spear, CC ’10, said. “Take the men’s sabre squad, who won four of five matches yesterday. They’ve proven to themselves that they can go in and win. This squad can go with the top teams.”

What explains the team’s success against excellent competition?

First, the Lions have been blessed with an extremely strong freshman class, which has already begun to add value to the team.

“Our great younger fencers really stepped it up,” Aufrichtig said. “You can come out scared or without fear. They might have been scared on the inside but they didn’t show it. Freshmen really stepped it up and are already adding a lot to this team.”

Second, some of the changes Aufrichtig has implemented into the program—most notably on-campus practices and deliberate five-touch bout training exercises—have already begun to pay dividends.

“As the fencer on strip, you are more mentally comfortable with it in a variety of scenarios,” Leahy said. “It’s easier to remain focused, aggressive, and fighting. It’s also good for the fencers off strip watching because we know how to coach each other, we know how to respond. That’s all because of the practices we have been having.”

“We are winning way more 5-4 bouts than we were before,” senior sabreist captain Sammy Roberts said. “Forcing yourself into those scenarios in practice lets you know that there isn’t a lot of time frame and you need to focus in for that small amount of time.”

The Lions will next take to the strip when they host the Historical Meet Plus on Wednesday, Feb. 8.

MEN’S BASKETBALL
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game, he was 7-for-15 overall—a great improvement over his 5-for-19 performance against Penn and Princeton. Lyles finished the game with 15 points, good for second best for Columbia.

After Lyles’ three-pointer, junior center Mark Cisco made two shots from the charity stripe and blocked a shot on the other end of the floor to help put the Light Blue up by eight. Although the Big Red would get within two again, it was never able to close the gap.

Cisco was the hero of the game for the Lions. He had a Levien Gym record 20 rebounds and a game-high 18 points.

“I think they [Cornell] were like -7 in rebounds, so I made myself think I was going to go in and get every rebound,” Cisco said.

It was Cisco’s third double-double of the season.


“He was a monster, man,” Barbour said of Cisco. “Without Mark, they win that game by 10.” Barbour finished the game with 14 points, six boards, and five assists.

Due in large part to Cisco’s strong play, the Light Blue dominated the boards, out-rebounding Cornell 45-29. Because of this rebounding advantage, the Lions had 14 second-chance points to the Big Red’s nine, which was the exact difference in the final score.

One area where Columbia struggled was breaking Cornell’s press. The Lions had 18 turnovers in the contest, 12 of which came in the second half, when the Big Red was really putting the pressure on.

“C-minus,” Smith said of his team’s response to Cornell’s defensive pressure. “Eighteen turnovers. We had some careless ones that led to transition buckets for them.”

The Lions head up to Ithaca next weekend for a rematch with the Big Red. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.



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LYLES STYLES | Meiko Lyles finished with 15 points for the Light Blue.

Lions take third at New York Intercollegiates

BY ELI SCHULTZ
Spectator Staff Writer

With two Columbia wrestlers winning their weight classes and one finishing second, the Lions posted an impressive third-place finish in the 15-team field at the New York State Intercollegiate Championships this weekend. The Lions finished with 135 points, only 9.5 behind second-place Cornell and 27.5 behind tournament winner Army.

Eight Columbia wrestlers placed in the varsity bracket. Junior Jake O’Hara was the last man standing in the 157-pound bracket, while senior Kevin Lester defeated Cornell junior Stryker Lane to claim first place at 285 pounds. Senior Kyle Gilchrist was the runner-up at 133 pounds, falling to Army junior Jordan Thome. The defeat marked the second time in as many

weeks that Gilchrist lost to Thome. Three other Columbia wrestlers placed in the top four.

Freshman Chad Ryan captured third for the Light Blue in the 149-pound division, while freshman Shane Hughes and sophomore Matt Bystol finished fourth at 184 and 141 pounds, respectively. Junior Robert Dyar earned a fifth-place finish at 125 pounds, and junior Stephen West took fifth at 174 pounds.

A number of Columbia wrestlers had impressive performances in the B Division bracket. Freshman Ryan Ponte placed first at 141 pounds, as did freshmen Elijah Sullivan at 149 pounds and Wyatt Baker at 285 pounds.

Sullivan’s victory came at the expense of sophomore teammate Jake Kazimir, who took second. Three other Light Blue wrestlers posted

second-place finishes, including junior Andrew Grabfelder at 133 pounds, senior Shane Strumwasser at 157 pounds, and freshman Austin Akins at 197 pounds.

Columbia’s freshmen have performed remarkably well the entire year, and this weekend, they took their performance to another level. With one freshman earning a third-place finish in the varsity bracket and another three finishing atop their weight classes in the B bracket, the future of Columbia wrestling proved itself in a big way this weekend. Hughes and Sullivan, especially, have stood out so far this season, and both continued to impress in Ithaca.

The Lions will look to build off their performance in Ithaca this weekend when they travel to Lancaster, Pa., to take on Franklin and Marshall on Jan. 27.



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SPORTS BRIEFLY



WOMEN’S SWIMMING

Saturday, the Columbia women’s swimming and diving team (4-1, 3-1 Ivy) beat Cornell (1-6, 0-6 Ivy) by a decisive 194.5-99.5 score during the Lions’ homecoming meet.

Sophomore Kathleen Furr kicked off the meet by winning the women’s three-meter dive. Junior teammate Kristin Hehir followed suit, taking third. In the one-meter, freshman Alyssa Menz won with a score of 261.97.

The 400-meter medley A relay team of senior Dorothy Baker, juniors Katie Meili and Kristina Parsons , and freshman Salena Huang won the event in a Uris Pool record of 3:50.20, with the B squad touching third.

In the next event, freshman Chacha Bugatti was seconds away from setting a record in the 1650-meter freestyle, touching first with a time of 16:49.95. Later, she would add another victory for the Light Blue in the 500-meter freestyle.

The Lions won 13 of the 16 events, including a sweep by Parsons as well as sophomores Corinna Bertelsen and Laney Kluge in the 100-meter breaststroke. Another sweep was in the cards for Columbia in the 200-meter butterfly, when sophomore Aileen Smith, freshman Olivia Evans, and sophomore Grace Senko touched 1-2-3.

The Light Blue’s depth and dominance was similarly asserted during the 100-meter freestyle and butterfly events. Freshman Stella Zhao won the 200-meter freestyle, and fellow freshman Mikaila Gaffey notched a win and the only sub-minute finish in the 100-meter backstroke. Gaffey later finished second to Senko in the 200-yard distance of the same stroke.

To wrap up the meet, the 200-meter freestyle relay team of Gaffey, Huang, senior Caitlin Rogers, and Zhao placed first in 1:37.74.

The Lions will next travel to Boston to face Boston University and Brown in a double-dual tri-meet on Jan. 28.

—Charlotte Murtishaw



MEN’S SWIMMING

For the first time in eight years, the men’s swimming and diving team (4-2, 2-2 Ivy) beat Cornell (1-6, 0-6 Ivy). The Lions placed first in 14 events, leading to the 205.5-92.5 win. In the 200-yard medley relay that kicked off the meet, the Light Blue quartet of freshmen Omar Arafa and Stanley Wong, senior Bruno Esquen, and junior John Wright won with a time of 1:32.55.

With the stands packed with alumni who had come to watch the Homecoming meet, freshman Dominik Koll had a big impact in his first-ever home meet, winning both the 200-yard and 100-yard freestyle. Hailing from Austria, the 2008 Olympian found the team environment welcoming. Given what he has seen so far in his time at Columbia, he was excited for the team’s prospects at the Ivy League Championships.

“Considering us winning every single matchup today, it makes me confident for the rest of the season,” Koll said. “We’re on a good track.”

One of the most dramatic events was the 100-yard backstroke. After Arafa trailed Cornell senior swimmer Jake Sangren for the first 75 yards, he surged forward during the last 25 to win by half a second.

The Lions are gearing up for the home stretch, with four dual meets left before the Ivy League Championships. Their next meet will be against both Brown and Boston University on Jan. 28.

—Eric Wong



MEN’S TRACK & FIELD

After finishing in fifth place with 77 points in their indoor season opener, the West Point Invitational, the Lions competed in both the Great Dane Classic as well as the Ivy League Tri-Meet—an annual competition against Dartmouth and Yale. At the Great Dane Classic, senior Kyle Merber set a personal record for the 1000-meter run with a time of 2:22.52—the third-fastest time in school history, the second-fastest time in the nation, and the top time among Ivy League runners this year. He currently ranks seventh internationally in the 1000-meter, adding another accolade to his triumphant comeback from last year’s foot injury. Following a strong individual performance by Merber in the Classic, the Light Blue had a strong team outing at the Tri-Meet on Saturday, finishing in second place with 60 points and eight first-place winners. The Lions held their ground in the mid- to long-distance running events, winning the 400-meter, the 800-meter, and the mile. Additionally, Columbia went 1-2-3 in both the 1000- and 3000-meter races. Senior Jason Marks took the lone first place for Columbia in field events, clearing 4.65 meters to win the pole vault. The Lions will next race on Jan. 28 at a New York Road Runners meet at The Armory.

—Melissa Cheung



WOMEN’S TRACK & FIELD

Columbia women’s track and field took second at the Ivy tri-meet against Dartmouth and Yale on Saturday due to the strength of 18 point-earning entries. The Light Blue finished with 63 points, 11 fewer than the top-placing team, Dartmouth. The Bulldogs lagged behind the Lions and the Big Green, finishing the event third only 41 points.

Whereas the men’s points mostly came from track, the more balanced women’s team was successful in the field events. Four of the Lions’ eight first-place finishes came in jumping events—Junior Uju Ofoche won long jump by 75 centimeters with a 5.94 meter leap, senior Monique Roberts won high jump with 1.76 meters, freshman Nadia Eke beat three other freshman and a junior to take the triple jump by nearly two meters at 12.27 meters, and senior Sarah Engle won pole vault on a tiebreaker at 3.60 meters.

Columbia’s women fared well on the track as well. Sophomore Tayler Johnson and senior Kyra Caldwell took the top two spots in the 60-meter hurdles. Sophomore Marvellous Ikheukwumere won both the 60-meter and 200-meter dashes. Columbia’s 4x400-meter A team of junior Yamira Bell, sophomore Miata Morlu, Caldwell, and Ofoche combined to win the event by two seconds over Dartmouth.

—Muneeb Alam

MONDAY MORNING
POINT GUARD

GAME BALL

Junior center Mark Cisco was without a doubt the star of the game. Cisco set a new gym record with 20 rebounds and also posted a game-high 18 points. Without Cisco, the Lions probably would have lost.



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QUESTIONABLE
OFFICIATING

Throughout most of the second half, there were some questionable calls made against the Lions that resulted in turnovers. Columbia turned over the ball 18 times.

INJURY REPORT

No new injuries to report here. Sophomore guard Meiko Lyles, who broke his foot over the summer, seems to have recovered completely and is much more comfortable driving to the basket.

NINE-MAN ROTATION

Only nine Lions got playing time on Saturday, which meant that the starters spent a lot of time on the floor. Brian Barbour, Mark Cisco, and Meiko Lyles all played more than 30 minutes.

BOX SCORE

PLAYER	MIN	FGM-A	3PM-A	FTM-A	REB	AST	TO	PTS
BARBOUR	38	4-15	2-5	4-4	6	5	3	14
LYLES	35	7-15	1-5	0-0	4	1	4	15
DANIELS	27	1-2	0-0	0-0	6	2	3	2
CISCO	36	5-9	0-0	8-9	20	3	3	18
ROSENBERG	25	3-6	0-1	3-6	2	2	4	9
SPRINGWATER	20	1-4	1-2	0-0	0	0	1	3
KOWALSKI	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
EGEE	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	0
STAAB	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0

IVY STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT
Harvard	2	0	1.00
Yale	2	0	1.00
Penn	2	0	1.00
Princeton	1	1	0.50
Columbia	1	2	.333
Cornell	1	2	.333
Brown	0	2	.000
Dartmouth	0	2	.000

IVY SCOREBOARD

Saint Joseph’s.....	80
Penn	84
Dartmouth	38
Harvard	54
Cornell	57
Columbia	61
Brown	60
Yale	73

IVY SCHEDULE

 GAME ONE VS. PENN L 66-64	 GAME TWO VS. PRINCETON L 62-58	 GAME THREE VS. CORNELL W 61-56	 GAME FOUR AT CORNELL 1/28, 7 P.M.	 GAME FIVE AT DARTMOUTH 2/3, 7 P.M.	 GAME SIX AT HARVARD 2/4, 7 P.M.	 GAME SEVEN VS. BROWN 2/10, 7 P.M.
 GAME EIGHT VS. YALE 2/11, 7 P.M.	 GAME NINE AT PRINCETON 2/17, 7 P.M.	 GAME TEN AT PENN 2/18, 7 P.M.	 GAME ELEVEN AT YALE 2/24, 7 P.M.	 GAME TWELVE AT BROWN 2/25, 6 P.M.	 GAME THIRTEEN VS. HARVARD 3/2, 7 P.M.	 GAME FOURTEEN VS.DARTMOUTH 3/3, 7 P.M.

BY THE NUMBERS

20
Rebounds for Mark Cisco

29
Rebounds for Cornell

3
Points for Columbia’s bench

12
Second-half turnovers for the Lions

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