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ACCESS | Village Pourhouse, a bar between 108th and 109th Streets, is one of the few spots on the Upper West Side that is fully accessible.

UWS residents map disability-accessible locations

BY AVANTIKA KUMAR
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With a new accessibility mapping initiative underway, Upper West Siders are taking first steps toward making the neighborhood more disability-friendly.

Ronnie Raymond, a 93rd Street resident and member of Citizens for an Accessible West Side, introduced a project to map restaurant and business accessibility on the Upper West Side at the Community Board 7 Health and Human Services Committee meeting this Tuesday.

Businesses and restaurants may be classified as being fully, partially,

or not accessible based on their entrances, interiors, and restrooms.

The Community Accessibility Project has partnered with the Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York, which has mapped the accessibility of about 1,000 locations citywide and 200 on the Upper West Side, Raymond said.

Raymond, who uses a wheelchair, said she has encountered difficulties at Upper West Side businesses and in her own apartment building—experiences that demonstrated the challenge of advocating for concrete accessibility improvements.

Even restaurants with

bathrooms that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 have doors that Raymond said her wheelchair can't pass through.

She also noted that her apartment building failed to act on its promise to make a three-inch front doorstep accessible until she contacted a representative from the New York City Commission on Human Rights.

"It was the 11th hour until they finally did something," Raymond said. "Nobody's dogging them."

According to Raymond, determining how to map disabilities consistently is a difficulty for CAP, in addition to finding more support for their initiative.

Raymond said that fewer than 25 percent of buildings on the Upper West Side are ADA-compliant and less than half are accessible, adding that enforcement of ADA regulations in newly renovated buildings is often spotty.

Committee members at the meeting agreed that even stop-gap measures such as portable ramps are better than nothing, although they are still not an ADA-compliant solution.

Rebecca Godlewicz, liaison to Community Board 7 from the Manhattan borough president's office, said that the office is currently

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Music practice rooms open in Barnard quad

SGA, admin initiative upgrades spaces, resources for musicians

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In order to meet students' demands for more practice rooms for musicians, Barnard's Student Government Association has opened up a number of new spaces in the quad for students to use.

"It has been apparent for quite some time that Barnard lacked music space—it was clear that something had to be done," Aliza Hassine, BC '14 and junior class president, said.

The task force in charge of space availability updated the music rooms' resources, moving a piano from Elliott Hall to Altschul Atrium this semester, in addition to upgrading the rooms in the basement of the quad that were previously not frequently used.

The hours that the rooms are available to students were also extended. Administrators are looking to organize the usage of the new spaces through sign-up sheets that have been posted in the practice rooms, which will be used primarily by music majors and others who take lessons.

Gail Beltrone, vice president for campus services, said that administrators are making "every effort to communicate the availability of those spaces so students are well aware of their options" as they continue to search for more spaces that could be used as practice rooms.

"Barnard students love music, so the goal is to find a way where we can all share and take part in music on campus, whether it be by just finding a practice space or

public spaces to practice," Hassine said.

SGA has taken a number of steps to ensure that music students have adequate resources to meet their needs. So far, student feedback has driven SGA's recommendations.

"The requests made by Juilliard students, I believe, were just as much a motivating factor as the requests made by Barnard students who play instruments and practice," Hassine said.

While SGA representatives have heard some positive reactions from students so far, some said that more work lies ahead.

"It's a step in the right direction—I guess we'll have to see the full extent," music major Isabella Livorni, BC '15, said. "Extending hours is one thing, and adding extra space is another."

Barnard's push for more music rooms is the first step in its initiative to free up more study space of all kinds.

SGA's task force for student space, which includes SGA President JungHee Hyun, BC '13, and SGA Vice President Julia Kennedy, BC '13, is working to meet student requests for more study space.

After receiving positive feedback on the extended hours in the Diana Center last semester, SGA will now keep select rooms in the Diana and Barnard Hall open for students to reserve starting on Feb. 4.

"It all went very efficiently," Leah Metcalf, BC '14 and SGA

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E-BOOKS | The collaboration will provide faster access to shared collections of online materials.

Columbia, Cornell merge tech services

BY BEN SHENG
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Columbia and Cornell libraries are collaborating to create a more efficient way for scholars to access academic resources.

Cornell University Library announced last week that the two university libraries would integrate their technical services departments with the help of a \$350,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The integration represents the latest step in the libraries' 2CUL partnership.

This technical services integration is the second phase in years of collaboration between the Columbia and Cornell libraries. Initiated in 2009, the 2CUL (pronounced "too cool") partnership was established to help both libraries adapt to challenges raised by the economic recession and the digital revolution.

Columbia libraries spokesperson Allison Morrow said in an email that the integration would

benefit students and researchers by expediting the process of searching for a source.

Morrow said that the 2CUL technical integration will give library users better and faster access to more materials, including licensed journal articles and foreign materials.

A library's technical services department is traditionally responsible for procuring, processing, and cataloging research materials, as well as, more recently, organizing electronic resources and data, according to Cornell University Librarian Anne Kenney.

Kenney said the collaboration between the two university libraries is allowing them to assemble a more complete shared collection.

"We can pool our resources to not only share subject experts but also refine our collecting profiles, so that we are building complementary rather than redundant collections that serve our institutions," Kenney said.

"About 20 percent of our staff at

each institution is involved in technical services," she added. "The goal of looking at deep collaboration is not to reduce that number, but rather to expand their capability for addressing new challenges."

In working together, the libraries are seeking to combine their resources so that both can take advantage of best practices and data that will make their operations more effective.

"The integration will include a common library management system that integrates data and workflows, collaborative collection building and coordinated processing, reviewing policies and practices at each institution with an eye toward reconciling them as much as possible, and adopting a new organization structure and culture," Morrow said.

According to Morrow, the first phase of 2CUL saw the libraries share collections, expand access to global resources, and grant

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Black architects claim M'ville exclusion

BY CHRIS MEYER AND KIMBERLY SHEN
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University administrators are under fire from a group of Harlem-based black architects that claims that Columbia unfairly shut its members out of a job on the Manhattanville campus because of their race, despite their high qualifications.

After receiving the go-ahead to construct the new campus in 2009, administrators signed the Community Benefits Agreement with neighborhood residents. The agreement—in addition to promising \$76 million for economic development and community projects—mandated that 35 percent of all non-construction contracts go to minority-owned firms.

Administrators maintain that they are working toward that goal, but the architect's group, Arch527, claims that minorities have not been given sufficient opportunities to participate in the expansion.

"It's a not-so-subtle, insulting slap in face," Zevilla Jackson Preston said. Preston, a member of Arch527, is a licensed architect with almost 20 years of experience. "The project administrators had a lot of nerve to tell us that they were flying architects down from Europe to work on the project when there were equally qualified Harlem architects right down the street."

Although Arch527 architects did not receive contracts for large projects on the Manhattanville campus, Kevin Barnes, another Arch527 member, said he was

offered a variety of smaller projects, all of which were on sites smaller than 200 square feet.

Despite feeling snubbed, Barnes said he then submitted another proposal to renovate a Manhattanville storefront, but never heard back from administrators.

According to Preston, the pattern of offering these smaller projects began when Arch527 started collectively lobbying for Manhattanville contracts in 2011. After University administrators told a group of her colleagues that they would not participate in the expansion's more lucrative projects, Preston said they were offered a number of smaller projects between 500 and 550 square feet.

"They offer a project on

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SHUTTING THEM DOWN



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EN GARDE | The men's and women's fencing teams went undefeated at the NYU Invitational, defeating top teams from around the nation. See page 3.

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Deep discussion

There's a value in argument—lost at times when you're off campus.

Structure in school

Luke Foster on the necessity of a community in education.



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CU drops Ivy contest to Cornell, 66-63

The Lions dug themselves into a hole early and couldn't overcome a 12-point halftime deficit, despite big plays by Barbour and Daniels down the stretch.

EVENTS

Columbia College Senior Fund Launch

CC Dean James Valentini asks seniors to donate to their class.
C555 Lerner Hall, 7 p.m.

Women and Media: Gender Equality

A discussion of women in Turkish media.
1512 International Affairs Building, 7 p.m.

WEATHER

Today



36°/34°

Tomorrow



46°/42°

Select rooms in Barnard Hall, Diana open to reserve Feb. 4

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representative for information and technology, said about extending the Diana Center’s hours last semester. “Administrators were quick-moving and receptive to accommodating us.”

Extending the building’s hours was fairly easy, according to Metcalf, because the Diana Center already had its own security guards. She added that SGA is targeting rooms that can accommodate large numbers of students and are less frequently used for events.

SGA is considering the space in Hewitt Dining Hall, but Metcalf said it is not yet clear whether Hewitt could work logistically.

Karishma Habbu, CC ’13 and president of Columbia College Student Council, spearheaded the effort to open John Jay Dining Hall as a study space last semester, and said there was an eventual increase in students using the room.

“There’s so much effort to try to find a way to understand how

space is used, how it’s being used, how it could be used,” she said.

But in light of wanting to accommodate as many students as possible, SGA remains concerned about the quality of the spaces available.

“We didn’t calculate the amount of people we’re shooting for, though we’re definitely keeping track of the numbers to see how many people are coming,” Metcalf said. “What we were aiming for was more of a quality of experience.”

Due to the loss of the floor study lounges in the quad, SGA has been working to recreate the quiet, casual lounge environment that students requested.

“Student feedback has been really helpful since they’re the ones using the spaces—overall, it’s been really positive,” Metcalf said. “What convinces me that we’ll move forward on this is the amount of support we’ve had. Study space is at the forefront right now.”

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OPEN SPACE | A piano was moved from Elliott Hall to Altschul Atrium, a public lounge, to make more music resources available.

CB7 considers ways to develop disability accessibility project

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“trying to see what the realities are” to move forward with the project.

“We’re just starting to talk about it,” Godlewicz said, adding that contention over modifying landmarks and historic districts was another concern.

Kevin Cremin, an adjunct professor at Columbia Law School who focuses on disability litigation, said that ADA regulations are tighter on new renovations, focusing more on barrier removal in older construction. He explained that in many cases, removing barriers is not incredibly burdensome.

Cremin, who taught a seminar class that required students to map accessibility on the Upper West Side, said that most Upper West Side businesses—like many of New York City’s buildings—are inaccessible.

“Some significant accessibility improvements can be made with a small amount of cost and effort. Moreover, there are tax incentives and grant programs available” that offset costs, Cremin said. “If their businesses are more accessible for people with disabilities, then they’d be potentially increasing the pool of customers that they’d have.”

CB7 Chair Mark Diller said after the meeting that CB7 was in the “early stages” of pursuing this issue and that he could work with constituents to “make strides to make more things accessible.”

Still, Diller said that targeting less-than-accessible buildings would lead to issues with settlement lawsuits from “an opportunistic band of folks” who target non-compliant companies, requiring them to leave and pay money without actually fixing the inaccessibility problem.

Diller suggested at the meeting that focusing on accessible buildings as role models would be smarter than targeting noncompliant businesses.

In response, Raymond said that she would speak to her coworkers about modifying the CAP map so

that it highlights only accessible buildings.

While Cremin agreed that these lawsuits have recently attracted negative attention, he stressed that most litigation focuses on improving situations.

“I think that first of all, businesses have had a long time to comply with the law,” he said. “And most efforts by municipalities, organizations, or individuals to push businesses to comply with the law is motivated by the desire to increase accessibility for people with disabilities.”

Committee members also discussed ways to develop the mapping project, including developing a smartphone app, creating a directory, or posting signage in restaurant windows.

Although Raymond said that Zagat was reluctant to include disability information in its rating and that keeping a current and accurate record would be difficult, however there is a citywide initiative to make accessibility part of the health inspection record.

Cremin said that the government could enforce accessibility standards more stringently, and that community members could make a difference, too.

In Brooklyn, the Center for Independence for the Disabled has started a “Barrier Busters” program in which volunteer members work with local businesses.

He added that he would like to see more of an emphasis on “thinking about disabilities in a very broad sense.”

“I think that it’s always important for efforts like this to focus not only on people who use wheelchairs, but also to consider the barriers facing people who are blind, the deaf community,” and those with mental disabilities, Cremin said.

Raymond said that efforts such as letter writing were fairly straightforward, but more aggressive measures could bolster support.

“It’s the follow-up that is the difficulty,” Raymond said.

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Architects allege they were snubbed for contracts

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Broadway that is worth \$20,000, which is a drop in the bucket for professional architects like us,” Preston said. “Even after we have offered to work collectively and pair up with architects already hired for the project, the administrators still turned us down.”

Both Barnes and Preston also accused Columbia of having them think they would be working collectively with other black architects, while secretly pitting them against one another.

Barnes said he was never told that only one architect would be selected for each smaller project, and called the hiring process exclusionary.

Columbia spokesperson Victoria Benitez said in an email that the University was building “robust commitments” with firms owned by minorities, women, and locals, which Columbia abbreviates to MWL.

Benitez pointed to the approximate \$300 million that has gone toward MWL firms for construction, maintenance, and repair work over the last four fiscal years, and said that there had been no manipulative hiring tactics during the bidding process.

“Columbia has also made a concerted effort to reach out to MWL architects to ascertain their relevant experience and determine where there might be appropriate bidding opportunities in the future,” Benitez said. “After a careful review process, qualifying firms are offered an opportunity to competitively bid on right-sized projects.”

Benitez also said that Columbia encourages larger architectural firms to subcontract with smaller MWL firms, and that the University seeks out majority firms with MWL architects as members of those firms.

According to Benitez, Columbia offered contracts to a number of MWL firms, including the Switzer Group, a minority-owned firm that carried out a gut renovation of the Studebaker Building in Manhattanville, and Marin Nanca Architects, which has also worked on expansion projects in Manhattanville.

Benitez did not comment on the current percentage of non-construction contracts that Columbia has given to minority-owned firms.

Mark Barksdale, another Arch527 member, told DNAinfo in December that this list of firms was misleading, and dismissed the Switzer Group, an interior design firm, as irrelevant to the issue of architectural projects.

Barnes also said that he is still not convinced that Columbia is adhering to its CBA and reaching out to enough MWL firms.

Although Columbia invited Arch527 to submit bids for phase two of the renovation, which will take place in roughly a decade, Barnes maintains that the University discriminated against him and his colleagues.

“It makes no sense why Columbia would overlook us in favor of other architects with similar credentials,” he said. “This just proves that Columbia’s hiring policies are more exclusionary than inclusionary.”

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Library’s tech resources combine with Cornell’s

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students and faculty of both universities access to either library on-site. As the partnership continues, Kenney said she hoped to see the results of these steps extend beyond the back rooms of the libraries.

“During this next phase, I think we’ll look at ensuring the program is mainstreamed not only all the way through the library systems, but that the faculty and students are fully aware of the advantages of this partnership to their respective work,” she said.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS JAN. & FEB.

01/30
YOUNG FEMINIST ACTIVISM TODAY
6:30 PM
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

02/05
THE POWER OF MATHEMATICS COMMUNITIES
Teaching and Learning in Multiple Spaces
7:15 PM
Ella Weed Room, 2nd Floor Milbank Hall

02/06
PORTUGUESE IMMIGRATION IN BRAZIL
6 PM
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

02/07
GROWING UP DIGITAL
Keeping the Human Connection
6:30 PM
James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

02/07–02/10
ATHENA FILM FESTIVAL
A Celebration of Women and Leadership
Barnard Campus

02/11
NATURAL DISASTERS
An Interdisciplinary Look at Response, Observation, and Action
6:30 PM
Event Oval, The Diana Center

02/12
HOW ARABS BECAME JEWS IN BRAZIL
6 PM
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

02/14
PERFORMING SHANGE
6 PM
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

02/15
THE WORLDS OF NTOZAKE SHANGE
10 AM–6 PM
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

02/18
JACK KEROUAC’S BILINGUALISM
Biographical and Scholarly Perspectives
6 PM
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

BARNARD

CU must start winning key home games

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of the second half, losing a winnable game. When the Lions took on the Bucknell Bison, they could not contain Mike Muscala down the stretch. Muscala forced every front-court player who head coach Kyle Smith threw at him into foul trouble as Columbia blew a double-digit lead.

The Elon loss may have hurt the most, despite the fact that there was almost no crowd presence (the game occurred just after the semester ended). In a hard-fought game, the Lions let a late lead slip away once again at home on a buzzer-beating three-pointer, after elite free throw shooters Brian Barbour and Steve Frankoski both missed the front ends of one-and-ones within seconds of each other. Of course, at Pack the House Night this past Saturday, the Lions laid an egg in the first half, which put them in a 12-point hole that was ultimately too much to overcome. These lapses can no longer occur in Ivy play, as at I-1 the Lions have no margin for error.

What hurts the most about men's basketball struggling at home is that it is one of the few teams supported heavily by the student body. While football and the non-revenue sports have sparse crowds, save for homecoming, basketball is consistently a good draw. Even last year, every home Ivy contest featured a packed and raucous student section. However, the end results were similar. Columbia choked away the Yale game and folded in overtime against Harvard (the eventual league champions) in front of two of the largest crowds ever at Levien.

As expectations are much higher for this year's team, expect a high level of crowd support once again. One cannot have a home-court advantage without both a high winning percentage and crowd support. The students have done their part to make Levien a feared travel destination on opponents' schedules, but the team has yet to hold up its end of the bargain in these games.

Many of the road environments into which Columbia will venture on their quest for an Ivy title will be unkind. Their first true road weekend comes this Friday and Saturday, sending them to the Palestra (Penn) and Jadwin Gym (Princeton), two sites that are difficult to play at due to support from the students and the unusual sight lines. Columbia has dropped their last two in Philly, including last year on a buzzer-beating tip-in. The Lions have not won at Princeton since 1993, when they defeated the Tigers 71-69. To put that in perspective: Columbia's freshmen basketball players had not been born yet. The Lions' final road trip of the year begins at Harvard's Lavietes Pavilion, where the Lions have dropped six of their last nine contests. All of these side notes about opposing arenas will ultimately be moot if the Lions fail to hold serve at home, as they did on Saturday.

There is no reason that Levien cannot be a feared environment within the league in the coming years, too. The student section is packed for every Ivy game and is as loud as any other gym within the league. Though it is a smaller gym, the lack of depth behind the basket can help throw off opposing shooters, just as Jadwin's cavernous backdrop does to those taking on the Princeton Tigers. Everything is in place but the Lions' on-court performance.

As a team led by seniors at point guard and center, they should be able to go into opposing gyms and weather the simultaneous storms caused by opponents on and off the court. Now it is time to make the trek to Morningside Heights a feared road trip for opponents. This trend of falling apart at the end of close home games needs to stop if the Lions intend to contend for a title this season. Whether or not the Lions can make Levien the equivalent to what Jadwin has been to Princeton in recent years will determine if they will be dancing in March.

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FILE PHOTO

GAME, SET, MATCH | Winston Lin handily defeated his opponent in two sets.

Men's tennis turns the tide with a much-needed win over Cardinals

BY ALEXANDER BERNSTEIN
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After losing its first two matches of the season, men's tennis (1-2) was finally able to get on the right track with an impressive 4-1 rout of Louisville. Ranked No. 44 in the nation, the Lions got their first victory of 2013 as the underdogs against the No. 36-ranked Cardinals. The victory came against the same Louisville team that thrashed the Lions 4-0 just two short years ago.

Such dramatic improvement results from the strong performance of a new young core of players. Of the six men

who competed for the Light Blue on Saturday, five were sophomores or freshmen, with senior Nathaniel Gery the sole upperclassman.

Playing in the No. 1 match, No. 44-ranked sophomore Winston Lin enjoyed a comfortable 6-1, 6-3, straight set win over the Cardinals' No. 82 Seb Stiefelmeyer. The No. 17-ranked top doubles duo of sophomores Ashok Narayana and Max Schnur also convincingly took care of business as they bested Louisville's No. 31 Wagner and Gornet 8-5. A dramatic 8-7 (4-7) victory by the doubles team of sophomore Bert Vancura and freshman Eric Rubin secured the doubles point, while exceptional singles play by Vancura and Narayana resulted in the Lions' victory.

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Women's basketball comes down to the wire, ending with a loss

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Though women's basketball (2-14, 0-2 Ivy) battled back from a 12-point deficit to take Cornell (10-6, 2-0 Ivy) to double overtime, the Big Red shut the door on a Columbia comeback with an unwavering performance at the free throw line for a 71-64 victory. Cornell held a narrow 66-64 margin with 2:20 left in the second overtime period and went on to make five of six free throw attempts to seal the win over the Light Blue.

Senior guard and co-captain Brittany Simmons said that Cornell's free throw shooting in double overtime ultimately made the difference.

"We had to work for a lot of our baskets, and I don't think we had too many one-and-one opportunities," Simmons said. "They got a lot of one-and-one shots. You can't give someone free throw shots at the end of a double overtime because everyone's legs are spent."

While the Big Red had four trips to the line in the second overtime period, the Light Blue only had one opportunity at the charity stripe. And as fatigue set in after nearly 50 minutes of play, both offenses struggled to keep up the fast pace that typified most of the game.

The Lions also battled to keep Cornell's starting forward duo of Allyson DiMagno and Clare Fitzpatrick off the boards, as the pair combined for 36 points of the game—eight of which came in the double overtime period.

When asked how the Lions fared at limiting the pair's offensive production, head coach Paul Nixon said, "I thought we did a better job until the overtimes. They were being very aggressive and attacking the rim, drawing fouls. I thought we had been doing a pretty good job through regulation in defending them, but in the second overtime I felt like they took over offensively."

Although the Lions failed to keep up their pace in the last two minutes of the 50-minute marathon, the Light Blue did manage to bounce back from a bleak 19-point performance in the first half and



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11 AND 12 | Courtney Bradford led the team with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

score 34 points to end regulation tied at 53.

Nixon said the second-half surge was due to an emphasis on attacking play.

"I thought we were way too passive in the first half," he said. "We did a much better job in the second half of having more of an aggressive attacking mentality. I thought that when our defense gave us opportunities to get out in transition and push, we did."

Much of the offensive fire that emerged in the second half came from a lineup composed almost exclusively of upperclassmen, led by junior forward Courtney Bradford and senior guard Tyler Simpson. Bradford recorded a double-double on the day with 12 points and 11 rebounds, and Simpson tallied a team-high 17 points. Simmons added an instrumental 11 points, most of which came in the Lions' second-half rally.

While a loss in double overtime has the potential to be demoralizing for any team, Nixon said that the second-half recovery is something the Lions can build upon.

"There are three teams in this league with winning non-conference records, and Cornell was one of those teams, so clearly if we can play with them and put ourselves in a position to beat them, we should definitely be in many other of the games from here on out," he said.

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After a solid weekend, Lions are primed for Ivy competition

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For spectators at major fencing competitions, one of the best ways to judge who wins on the strip is to hear who screams the loudest. En route to perfect 5-0 records at the NYU Invitational on Sunday, members of the Columbia men's and women's fencing squads are lucky they didn't lose their voices.

The No. 3-ranked women (15-2) defeated Wayne State 22-5, No. 7 Northwestern 16-11, No. 6 St. John's 16-11, No. 4 Ohio State 17-10, and No. 2 Notre Dame 14-13.

Freshman foilist Margaret Lu capped off her sensational weekend when she defeated Notre Dame's Lee Kiefer, who finished fifth at the 2012 London Olympics, to clinch the victory over the Irish.

Not to be outdone, the No. 7-ranked men (11-6) defeated North Carolina 20-7, Wayne State 23-4, No. 5 St. John's 15-12, No. 3 Notre Dame 14-13, and No. 1 Ohio State 17-10.

Freshman foilist Harry Bergman clinched the team's final victory over St. John's and let out a scream of celebration as he was swarmed by teammates and coaches.

Sunday's results were especially impressive considering they came just a day after the women's team went 3-2 and the men failed to notch a victory at the St. John's Super Cup, which featured three of the same teams they faced at NYU. The men's squad fell to Notre Dame, St. John's, Ohio State, No. 6 Harvard, and No. 2 Penn State at St. John's.

The difference for the men proved to be the play of the foil and sabre squads, who had struggled mightily on Saturday.

"The men just couldn't find it" at St. John's, head coach Michael Aufrichtig said after Sunday's competition. "We weren't getting killed, but we were getting beat. Today, the foil squad came through, the sabre squad came through, and epee kept it up."

Freshmen sabrist Geoffrey Loss attributed the sudden change to a shift in mindset.

"Yesterday we were fencing a little bit more for ourselves than we were for each other," Loss said. "We talked about it as a squad yesterday and again today. We said even if we don't win a bout we have to come together and fence as a team. I think we did a really good job of doing that today."

While the women swept the field at NYU, they also tied for second at St. John's with wins over the host, No. 8 Harvard, and Ohio State. Unfortunately for the Lions, they couldn't keep up that pace against No. 5 Penn State and Notre Dame, and lost to both squads.

After two days of heated competition, the women's squad proved worthy of its ranking and will be a force to reckon with at Ivy League Championships in two weeks.

Enhanced depth at all three weapons and a tremendously improved women's foil squad has made senior epeeist Lydia Kopecky excited about the women's prospects going forward.

"Having a stellar women's foil squad just makes it," Kopecky said. "Regardless of how well everyone else is doing, they are rock solid. I'm really impressed with our team right now. I've never seen the women's team looking this good in my time here. It makes me really confident going into Ivies."

The Lions will next take the strip at the NYU Historical Meet Plus on Feb. 7, and then at the Ivy League Championships Feb. 9-10.

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

WOMEN'S SQUASH

Women's squash (3-6, 0-3 Ivy) got swept over the weekend on the road, falling to Middlebury, 6-3, and Williams, 7-2. On Saturday against Middlebury, Columbia freshman Reyna Pacheco defeated her opponent in four games, as did sophomore Kate Calihan. Sophomore Alisha Maity defeated her opponent in the maximum five games, while freshman Leah Barnet, freshman Catherine Jenkins, and junior Skylar Dickey all saw their matches go to five games but couldn't finish off a win. Senior Katie Quan started with an early two-game lead, but fell to junior Amanda Chen. Though ultimately losing to Williams on Sunday, the Lions had impressive outings by Quan and Calihan, who both won in a quick three games.

—Mollie Galchus

MEN'S SQUASH

The men's squash team (6-5, 1-2 Ivy) split its weekend matches, narrowly defeating No. 17 Middlebury, 5-4, in a close match and then losing Sunday's match against No. 11 Williams, 6-3. Sophomore Ramit Tandon continued his dominance on the court, winning both his matches in three straight sets. The only other Lion to win both weekend matches was sophomore Mohamed AbdelMaksoud. In the win against Middlebury, both sophomore Kyul Rhee and junior Theo Buchsbaum pulled off key nail-biter victories, winning the fifth tiebreaker sets in extra points. The Light Blue next travels to Massachusetts to square off against Harvard on Saturday.

—Eric Wong

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Columbia women's tennis team opened its season on Sunday with a 4-1 loss to the University of Georgia at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Kick-Off Weekend in Athens, Ga. The Bulldogs, ranked sixth in the nation, entered the contest as the favorites against the No. 70 Lions. While the Lions had one ranked doubles duo and three players ranked in singles, including No. 24 senior Nicole Bartnik, the Bulldogs, starring No. 8 sophomore Lauren Herring, boasted four singles players and two doubles tandems in the national rankings. For first singles, Herring defeated Bartnik 7-5, 7-6, and for second singles, Georgia's No. 18 junior Maho Kowase topped No. 81 junior Bianca Sanon 7-5, 6-4.

Several hours before the Bulldogs' Sunday victory, No. 72 Georgia State (2-0) upset No. 40 Oklahoma State (1-1), thanks to a match-clinching 6-4, 6-1, victory from Jocelyn Ffriend. The Lions, having fallen to the Bulldogs, will face Georgia State on Monday in Columbia's second and final contest of the ITA Kick-Off Weekend.

—Ike Clemente Kitman

WRESTLING

Columbia wrestling split its two matches this weekend, winning at home against American on Saturday and losing to Hofstra away on Sunday. The team is now 4-5 in the season as Ivy League play begins next week.

Although the scoreline of 24-13 does not suggest it, the match against American was a closely fought affair. Columbia took an early 14-2 lead, but the Eagles fought back through three consecutive victories to make the score of 17-13. Senior captain Steve Santos won his match in the last 30 seconds with a crucial escape point. Senior Jake O'Hara won the last bout through a major decision. Hofstra proved to be a much more difficult opponent, and the Lions took a long time to get going. Hofstra won the first three matches to jump out to a 10-point lead. This lead, which closed within seven points during junior Josh Houldsworth's bout, proved insurmountable for Columbia, and the Lions ultimately fell 23-9.

—Stephen Babendreier

MEN'S SWIMMING

Columbia men's swimming and diving (5-2, 3-2 Ivy) won its fourth consecutive meet on Saturday, breaking two long-standing Uris Pool records en route to a 160-133 win over Brown. Sophomore David Jakl led the way to another Ivy win by setting the record in the 100 butterfly at 48.5 seconds. He then joined sophomores Dominik Koll and Omar Arafah and freshman Christian Vivadelli in breaking the 27-year-old pool record in an 800 free-style relay exhibition heat with a time of 6:45.46. The Lions won 10 of 16 events, including two first-place finishes by senior diver Jason Collazo.

—Phil Godzin

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Lions break 3 Uris records en route to first Ivy win

BY CHARLOTTE MURTISHAW
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Pool records and a dominating 186-108 win against Brown highlighted the Columbia women's swimming and diving team's homecoming meet on Friday. Seven sweeps paved the way for a Light Blue (4-2, 3-2 Ivy) victory, and three Uris Pool records fell in front of a spirited crowd, who engaged in parent-led cheers and paid witness to



the season's first at-home Ivy contest.

Senior Katie Meili and juniors Alena Kluge and Corinna Bertelsen collected two individual victories each against the Bears. Meili's wins included two pool records, as she took the 200 free in 1:48.80 to snatch the record back from Yale star Alexandra Forrester and contributed to a record-setting medley relay with sophomore Mikaila Gaffey and freshmen Christina Ray and Lily Morris, only to later win the 50 free in 23.36.

Bertelsen led the charge in the distance events, where she took the

500- and 1,000-yard freestyles with a strong Columbian contingent backing her up—the Lions finished first through fifth in the 1,000 and first through third in the 500. Kluge claimed the 100 back and 200 breast titles. Capping off the meet, Brown edged out Columbia for the 200 free relay title in the pool record time of 1:35.78, but failed to mitigate the enormous point deficit.

Next week, the Lions square off against Princeton in their last home meet of the season.

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Embracing the structure of education

Morningside Heights is bustling with Columbian activity once more. Westside-racers crowd Broadway, mourners lament the sad demise of M2M and celebrate its resurrection, and swarms of frustrated textbook-lackers descend upon the package center. In between chaotically dashing about to welcome my returning friends and shopping for egregiously costly Art Hum books, I've been mulling over my hopes and fears for the new semester. I tend to be somewhat excessively inclined to mulling and musing—on more than one occasion, my friends have had to prevent me from colliding with strangers on the sidewalk while I contemplate the ethical applications of Aristotelian teleology—but I think it's always worth asking the most fundamental question first. Before I can tell people what I am looking forward to and shying away from in my classes and activities, I need to understand what I'm here to accomplish in the first place.

Immanuel Kant's "What is Enlightenment?" kicks off the Contemporary Civilization syllabus and is essentially grappling with the same questions: What's the value of education? What's the point of all the studying, questioning, and learning we do at Columbia? Kant's writing can be remarkably nuanced, as seen in his "almost everything is paradoxical." But he clearly urges his readers by pushing one point: enlightenment brings freedom, and enlightenment is achieved by throwing off constraint. Authority and tradition must fall by the wayside. So too



LUKE FOSTER
Foster the Core

must absolute truth and the belief in anything eternal. The individual, thus freed through his or her own courage, starts a virtuous cycle. Thinking more freely leads to living more freely. This will benefit all of society by spreading "a reasonable appreciation of man's value and of his duty to think for himself"—respect for the dignity of the individual.

Thus saith Kant. I demur, though I appreciate the brash confidence of his "Sapere aude!" ("Dare to know," but the anachronistic side of me prefers the Latin.) Learning is rather more difficult than he allows, I submit. If learning could truly be achieved by casting off all constraint, all history, and all authority, there would be no need for teachers or textbooks. The very act of studying involves a humble willingness to listen, to learn, to jump through hoops, and to meet deadlines. Kant's principle of self-enlightenment is self-refuting. If followed, it would erode any motive for reading Kant in order to receive his wisdom.

Kant's brand of enlightened individualism is, in many ways, an attractive one for college students. We have left home and our "nonage" under parents. Some of us have even traversed the globe to reach this great city. Isn't it that reckless, roving spirit that makes this city and this university great in the first place? In one sense, yes. But this Kantian individualism does not acknowledge the full breadth and depth of life. We are inescapably wedded to history, tradition, and authority. Our families indelibly stamp us with their values, habits, and beliefs. We have a school to attend because the Church of England convinced Samuel Johnson to found a university in the colonial backwater of New York. We have cranberries to put in our salads because a New England farmer remembered

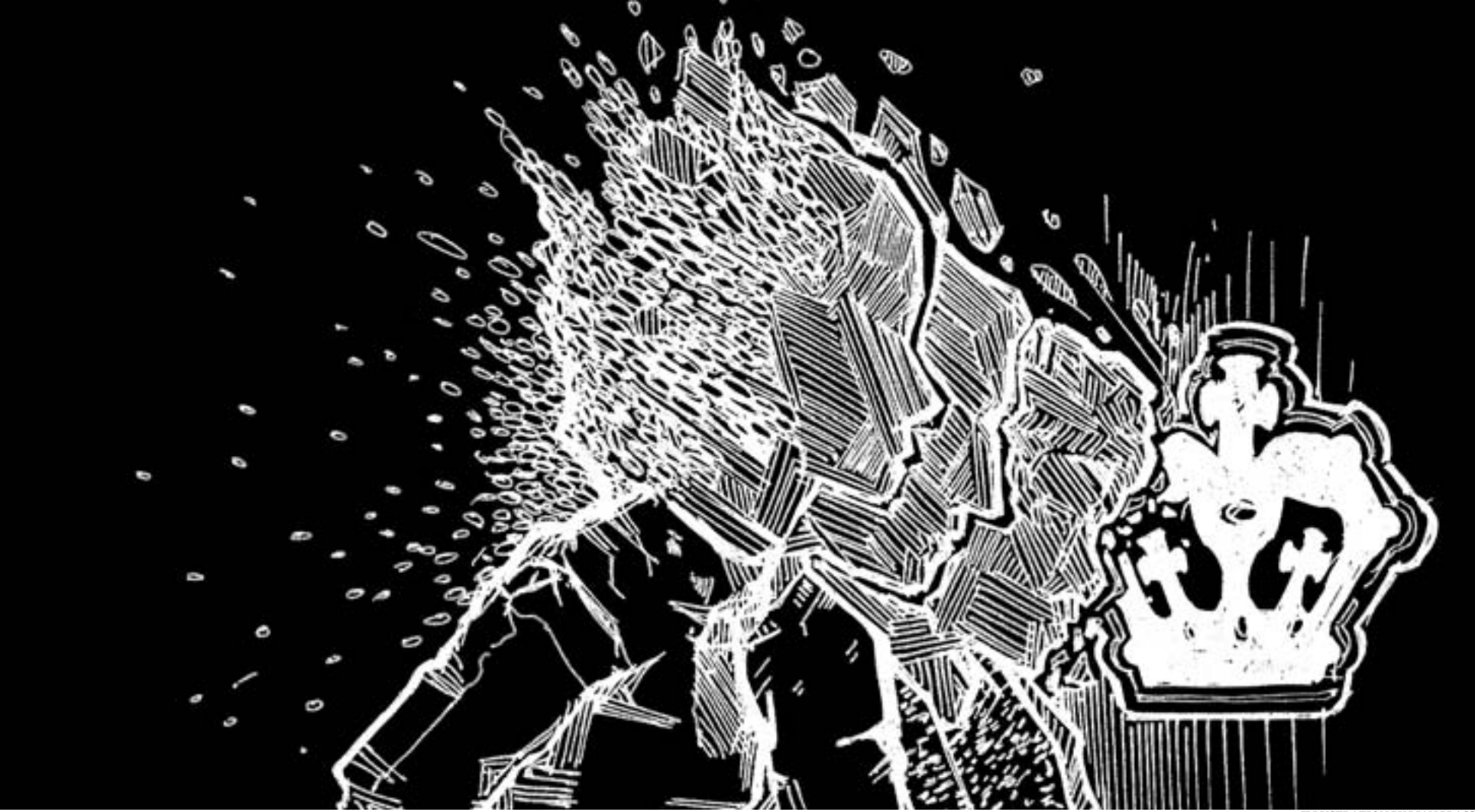


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STAFF EDITORIAL

Smoke or no smoke, the debate must end

The University Senate has been debating Columbia's smoking policy for as long as any current undergraduate student can remember. It is time for the University to make a final decision on a policy and enforce it. In 2011, the Senate passed a ban on smoking within 20 feet of all Morningside campus buildings after debating the issue for two years, and it waited another two years before reviewing that policy. That seems like an excessive amount of time given the fact that the enforceability and efficacy of the ban was obvious within the first few weeks of its passage. As evidenced by the discussion at last Thursday's town hall, the debate over policy has become not only repetitive, but also ineffective. The facts of the situation are clear and unchanging, as are the opinions on campus—it is time for a decision, no matter what that actually will be.

There are other, more pressing topics that should be at the fore of campus life. The Senate could be discussing the implementation of public course evaluations or evaluating how to better publicize opportunities at Columbia's global centers. There is no doubt that the topic is meaningful for many on campus, but it is time to move on.

Moreover, every day that the 20-foot ban stays on the books and clumps of students smoke within a few feet of Butler's entrance discredits the Senate as an institution. All other debates and policy decisions made by the Senate become irrelevant if members of the community heedlessly violate the stated University policy. The Senate must strategically work with the administration and Public Safety to enforce its decision.

In contrast, within the time the Senate has been debating the policy, the Barnard Student Government Association has formulated, approved, and enforced a campus-wide smoking ban. While the policy was enacted by Barnard's SGA, a much less unwieldy body than the University's Senate, the Senate could take some notes on efficiency and enforceability from across the street.

It seems unlikely that smokers will ever be able to light up wherever they want again, but no matter what the policy is, a decision is long overdue. Regardless of the University Senate's decision, whether it is a full ban or a continuation of the 20-foot rule, the policy must have some way to be enforced. Smoking on campus may have provided the topic for town halls, Senate plenaries, Executive Committee drama, and heated debates on campus for the past four years, but it's our hope that, one day soon, the smoke (or lack thereof) will clear.

The art of disagreement

BY DANIEL GARISTO

Going home for winter break was surprising, to say the least. This is not to say that anything was different—rather, I was the one who had changed. During the semester, I had grown used to being engaged in fascinating discussions about substantive, disputed topics. But when I gathered with friends at home, there was none of that—no fanciful, philosophical pondering. Over the break, I was reminded that discussing contentious issues outside Columbia is, in a word, taboo.

Being away from Columbia does wonders for perspective. Here at Columbia, we enjoy the casual freedom of being able to talk about otherwise sensitive subjects. Here, religion and politics, sometimes the catalysts of damaged relationships outside of Columbia, are simply part of another good conversation.

Debate is imperative to our education, and damning those conversations is precisely the wrong attitude.

At Columbia, divisive issues are the bread and butter of discussion. Contention is what keeps discourse lively and prevents it from becoming small talk. Disagreement on many levels is a natural part of friendships, and our acknowledgement of that is something we take for granted.

The willingness with which we engage in potentially damaging topics is simply not present to the same extent outside of the Columbia bubble. Outside, if there are discussions about controversial topics at all, they are often done on eggshells, or only when both parties are in agreement. It is a rare thing to have a place where we can separate our friendships from our views, and it is something we don't appreciate as much as we should.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
As a community group monitoring the Manhattanville expansion, we have watched Columbia's troubled labor history with interest. To us, it looks like the administration treats its workers in the same way it has treated the community's concerns: with arrogance and contempt. Two thousand jobs in the expansion zone were eliminated through eminent domain. We have been promised that 7,000 jobs will eventually be created for the community.

to plant his cranberry bog. We have professors to teach us because someone decided to fund their research proposals for obscure topics, such as the intersection of Gregorian chant and morality plays in Medieval England. We do not, and cannot, make the choice to enlighten ourselves in a vacuum, but as an integral part of the vast complex of past and present lives that surround us. Aristotle said that humans are inevitably part of communities. Surely those communities extend through time as well as through space.

Is there, then, a healthier, a more consistent, and a more rewarding way to seek enlightenment? Columbia's motto should give us hope: "In lumine tuo videbimus lumen"—"In thy light shall we see light"—which comes from the Hebrew Bible's Psalm 36, a song of praise describing God as one who blesses the humble. Humility is a powerful antidote to the hubris of the Kantian project. As C.S. Lewis, beloved author of The Chronicles of Narnia, once sagely remarked, "Humility is not thinking less of yourself. It is thinking of yourself less." Gratitude, that generous spirit of acknowledging our dependence on others, fosters humility. And humility nourishes wonder, the ability to enjoy, appreciate, and contemplate all the marvelous feast of learning offered us here at Columbia. Let us embrace the joy of wonder—the perfect cure to the jadedness our stressful schedules so easily induce—to drink in the beauty of our campus and embrace the manifold opportunities given to us.

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In self-reflection, we often take note of our judicious use of protest and find amusement in our propensity to grouse. However, I'm not sure the conclusions we draw are correct. Is it really just that we're particularly whiny—or, from another perspective, motivated thinkers who want change? No, I think it ultimately derives from an acceptance of presenting ideas. While ideas themselves may be challenged, or even ridiculed if they deserve to be, there is a legitimacy and a right to bring up issues that remain otherwise forbidden.

Contrary to appearances, there is a certain safety that comes with contentious discussion. Though you will be challenged, and your views will be put to the test, you will not be ridiculed for bringing them up, or scorned for tackling sensitive matters. You will not be asked to put away your opinions at the table, but rather to speak up and clear your throat.

Being able to do more than look sad and say "it's a tragedy" (and instead, actually have a substantive debate on gun control) is an essential part of our education. Critics who would prefer to avoid dispute often wonder, "Why bother?" Perhaps they're right. Philosophizing about the obscure, ridiculous, and things outside of our control may be sophomoric, or ultimately futile, in the scheme of things. But that kind of debate is imperative to our education, and damning those conversations about things we cannot directly affect as "useless" is precisely the wrong attitude. Even for the vast majority of us who won't have a substantial effect on public policy, uncomfortable discussion hones our views and makes us smarter, more worldly.

Perhaps most importantly, it makes us more empathetic. Through disagreement, we learn to understand each other and our often contrasting views. With that understanding, we see the world in a different light. If I have met someone with a different economic, political, religious, or cultural perspective, they cease to be a nameless and faceless adversary. Instead, I can see and acknowledge these views as belonging to people who have complex and nuanced reasons for believing differently than me.

It is, in fact, the distaste for such discussion that is sophomoric. It is predicated on the inability to separate people from issues and refusal to examine personal beliefs. It is built upon a fear of questioning, reaching outside one's comfort zone, and perhaps a fear of seeing the world in more than black and white.

Thankfully, this is not a malady that we suffer from to any great extent. So, go out, disagree with someone today, and keep the Columbia tradition alive!

The author is a Columbia College first-year. He is an associate opinion editor for Spectator.

We see no evidence of this. To the contrary, how can we believe in promises of living wage jobs with benefits when Columbia refuses to work that in to its current negotiations? We feel that Low Library should come clean if it is to have any credibility for the promises it has made for the Manhattanville expansion.

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Coalition to Preserve Community*

Levien must become true advantage

For the first time since 1993, Columbia is a serious contender for the Ivy League men's basketball title. It has many of the qualities that championship caliber teams feature: senior leadership at key positions, a core that has been together for multiple years, and a head coach who has experience working with teams that made the NCAA tournament in the past.

However, one thing the Lions lack that other Ivy contenders always bring to the table is a strong home court advantage. Fans have been showing up in droves, but it is finally time for the players to come through and make Levien Gymnasium a true home court advantage. As former Lions player and current broadcaster Dalen Cuff tweeted after Saturday night's 66-63 home loss to Cornell, the Lions now have support from the students, but they have not been able to match that intensity with strong on-court performances.

Going into conference play, the Lions had an 8-6 record. The team could easily have had double-digit wins if they had closed out games at home that championship-caliber teams are able to win. Against Marist, the Lions stuck with a 2-3 zone for far too long and could not execute on offense for stretches



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Comeback falls short as Light Blue loses to Cornell



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JUST OUT OF REACH | Brian Barbour's perfectly-timed treys weren't enough to clinch a win.

BY ELI SCHULTZ
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Columbia staged a gutsy comeback on Saturday night but was unable to come away with a win in its Ivy League home opener, falling to the Big Red 66-63.

CORNELL	66
COLUMBIA	63

For both teams, the game got off to a slow offensive start. When Cornell (9-10, 1-1 Ivy) made its first bucket five minutes into the game, the score was 4-2 Columbia. Columbia (9-7, 1-1 Ivy) hit a free throw to increase its lead to three before Cornell caught fire and reeled off a 13-0 run. Columbia regrouped and cut the deficit to four, but the Big Red closed out the half strongly and was up 31-19 at the break.

"We dug ourselves such a hole that it was going to be tough," Lions head coach Kyle Smith said. "They were able to dictate the way they wanted to play."

Cornell's bench was a significant factor in the first half and continued to come up big for the visitors throughout the game. The Big Red subs ended up outscoring their Columbia counterparts 45-19.

"Our bench has been strong for us all year," Cornell head coach Bill Courtney said. "We play about 10-11 guys and there's really not a lot of separation between our first five and our second five."

Neither team was able to gain a decisive edge in the early minutes of the second half. Cornell maintained its double-digit lead but was unable to get up by more than 15.

Columbia got a couple of big momentum plays out of freshman guard Maodo Lo and senior forward John Daniels. Lo hit a couple of big threes and Daniels was a force to be reckoned with on the boards. Daniels also added an and-one dunk that provided a shot of adrenaline to the Levien Gymnasium crowd.

"I was really hoping to kind of jump-start the team," Daniels said of his dunk, which was No. 3 on SportsCenter's top 10 plays on Sunday. "I know I felt energized after it, and the team did too."

"But we just need to execute more. You can have all the energy, but if you don't execute, it's just really futile," Daniels added.


Led by senior point guard Brian Barbour, the Light Blue slowly clawed its way back into the game in the game's final 10 minutes. With 8:09 to play, Barbour cut the Big Red lead to single digits. Less than three minutes later, a Barbour three cut the lead to six, and with just over 3:15 to play, the senior got his team within five.


A tremendous three by Lo brought Columbia within two with less than three minutes to play, but Cornell held the Lions at bay until an old-fashioned three by Barbour brought Columbia within one with 8.5 seconds left in the game.

The Light Blue got a scare when Barbour hit the floor hard after getting fouled, but he was eventually was able to get back up and hit the free throw.

A pair of free throws gave Cornell a three-point lead in the game's final seconds, and the Lions were unable to pull off the miracle win as the Big Red closed out a 66-63 victory.

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Light Blue dominates long-distance and field events

BY ROBERT MITCHELL
Spectator Staff Writer

Women's track and field scored an impressive victory at the Armory this past Friday, claiming the Indoor Metropolitan Championship Title. The team totaled 172 points in the 15-team field to earn the title by a 60.5-point margin over second-place St. John's.

Long-distance running was critical, with senior Erin Gillingham and freshman Olivia Sadler taking the top two spots in the 1,000-meter event. Senior Mallory Anderson finished first in the one-mile run, with sophomore Aryn Foland finishing right behind her. The 5,000-meter event went to junior Chelsea Carrick. Together with Gillingham and Anderson, junior Trina Bills and sophomore Madeline Rathbun won the 4,000-meter medley.

Junior Marvellous Iheukwumere continued the team's strong performance in the 200-meter, winning the event in 24.89 seconds. In the 800-meter, Bills managed a second-place finish, while freshman Iris Chijoke got the silver in the 60-meter hurdles.

Light Blue dominance was also

apparent in the field events, with freshman Madelyn Magee scoring a victory in the high jump. Meanwhile, in the triple jump, the Light Blue completed a dominating sweep as sophomore Nadia Eke, senior QueenDenise Okeke, and freshman Addy Sonaiké took the top three spots.

Meanwhile, the men, despite finishing sixth overall, scored some impressive wins at the indoor event. Freshman Tait Rutherford placed first in the 3,000-meter. The men produced another win in the 4,000-meter medley due to the efforts of sophomores Casey Adams, Brendon Fish, Brendan Donley, and Nicolas Composto. (Rutherford is a Spectator opinion associate and Donley is a Spectator arts & entertainment staff writer.)

Track continued later that evening in the New York Road Runners Night at the Armory. Columbia added another 1-2-3 sweep in the one-mile run by sophomore Paul Ross, senior Paul Snyder, and junior Joseph Kotran. Sophomore Ben Eversole finished the night with a win in the 3,000-meter event.

Both the men's and women's teams will compete next in the New Balance Collegiate Invitational on Feb. 1 at the Armory.


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LEADERS OF THE PACK | Women's track dominated on Friday.


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