

Employees, union adjust to changes at Harlem Hospital

BY LILLIAN JIN
Columbia Daily Spectator

A month after Columbia reduced its involvement with Harlem Hospital, employees and patients are struggling to determine the consequences of the changes.

As of Jan. 1, Columbia has an academic-only affiliation with the hospital, and its doctors are no longer employees of the University. That was a result of restructuring efforts by the city’s Health and Hospitals Corporation, which runs New York City’s public hospitals and faces a budget deficit of up to \$1.2 billion.

A spokesperson from the Committee of Interns and Residents SEIU, an offshoot of the Doctors Council union, said that the hospital was still working through the transition.

“Everything is in flux right now. The Department of Internal Medicine is about to get a new head, and no one is sure which residents are staying. Things are confusing now,” the spokesperson said.

The affiliation change was met with opposition by the doctors’ union, which organized protests against the affiliation change last year. Union representatives argued that the change would impair the hospital’s ability to attract high-quality doctors and to offer quality care to a community with

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CHANGES | The effects of Columbia’s changed affiliation with Harlem Hospital remain unclear.

Ethnic studies majors merge as center grows

BY JACKIE CARRERO
Spectator Staff Writer

When major declaration starts next month, the new major offered by the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race may attract more attention, and students, than before.

Asian American studies, comparative ethnic studies, and Latino/a studies—which CSER previously offered as three separate majors—have now merged into the new ethnic studies major, and CSER Director Frances Negron-Muntaner said that she expects an increase in the number of students majoring at the center this year.

“It is our impression, based on the data that we have seen to date, that the total number of students majoring at CSER slightly increased over the last year,” Negron-Muntaner said.

This restructuring of CSER has also led both to new classes and to faculty hiring, with nearly three times as many courses available to CSER students now than there were two years ago.

In the 2008-09 academic year, Columbia College awarded nine degrees or concentrations in comparative ethnic studies, four in Asian American studies, and three in Latino studies. In the 2009-10 year, five degrees or concentrations were awarded in both comparative ethnic studies and Latino studies.

According to Negron-Muntaner, there are currently about 40 relevant courses available per semester, including cross-listed courses.

CSER is also adding faculty. The center is looking to hire two tenured professors, one to teach about the history of Spanish borderlands

and the other to teach about Asian American transnational literature.

Negron-Muntaner said the new hires will give the center nine core faculty members, its most ever, and allow it to offer four new courses per year.

“CSER now also has more students than comparable centers and institutes at Columbia,” Negron-Muntaner said. “This means that also, for the first time in CSER’s history, the vast majority of core faculty will be tenured.”

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The new major is founded on three common classes, including courses called “Colonization/Decolonization” and “Modes of Inquiry.” Ethnic studies majors will also specialize either in the three former majors of Asian American studies, Latino/a studies, or comparative ethnic studies, or in one of two new tracks: Native American studies/indigenous studies and an individualized track.

Students said that the restructuring has encouraged them to choose the ethnic studies major.

For Camilia Fuentes, GS ’12,

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Researchers, SEAS dean look to reduce earthquake risk

BY JACKIE CARRERO
Spectator Staff Writer

Dean Feniosky Peña-Mora oversees the School of Engineering and Applied Science, and he’s also one of the Columbia researchers currently searching for ways to protect Haiti and the Dominican Republic from natural disasters.

One year after an earthquake in Haiti devastated the country, researchers are working with the Dominican Republic to analyze the country’s roads, buildings, and food storage infrastructure.

“After the January 12 [2010] earthquake in Haiti, we reached out to the Dominican government,” Richard Gonzalez, project manager of the Urban Design Lab, said. “We’re trying to figure out how the university, as a neutral entity, can help prepare DR in the next 10 or 15 years to minimize risks.”

The researchers—from the Urban Design Lab, a joint laboratory of the Earth Institute and the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, with help from SEAS and the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory—are focusing on the infrastructure of the Dominican city of Santiago. That city is located next to a major fault line and has a population only second to Santo Domingo, the capital.

Gonzalez said that the ripple effects of an earthquake in Santiago could have dire consequences, since that fault line is located on top of a dam and the city is the central point for many of the country’s industries.

“Santiago is a hugely important place because it is the

fabrication center of the city, where food gets processed and houses a big percentage of textile industries,” Gonzalez said.

Peña-Mora said that improving the strength of the country’s infrastructure can make a world of difference.

“If you compare the disaster in Haiti and the one in Chile, the magnitude was higher in Chile but the negative impact was smaller because of better planning,” Peña-Mora said.

According to the researchers’ preliminary recommendations, easing communication between the various groups trying to improve conditions on Hispaniola also needs to be a top priority.

“A lot of different groups are running their own response plan,” Peña-Mora said. “The Universidad Autonoma de Santo Domingo has a lot of data collection about seismic activity while another group has a lot of info on dams. We need to combine these plans to create one integrated plan.”

Although the study focuses on helping the population of Dominicans residing in their native nation, Harlem resident Ana Perez said she believes the research also implicates the estimated 1 million Dominicans living in this country.

“If something happened in DR, I would have to leave here [New York] and go help out my family over there. There are a lot of people here with family there, and we are already struggling on our own,” Perez said.

Raul Rios, another Harlem resident, echoed Perez’s sentiments, adding that more

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Smoking ban for parks divides UWS, Harlem politicians

Brewer, Jackson disagree on ban, to be enforceable by May

BY EMILY NEIL
Columbia Daily Spectator

The hazy days of summer may be clearer this year for visitors to New York City parks and beaches.

A ban on smoking in all of the city’s parks and public beaches passed the City Council on Feb. 2—and it has divided Upper West Side and Harlem politicians.

The ban, which also includes some pedestrian areas like the plaza in Times Square, will make the city home to one of the widest-reaching urban smoking bans in the country. Smoking has been banned in the city’s bars and restaurants since 2003.

Gale Brewer, the City Council member who represents the Upper West Side, was one of the bill’s primary sponsors. She and other supporters of the ban cite its broad public health benefits.

“I want to do everything I can to improve health, and stopping smoking seems like a way we can do it,” Brewer said.

Brewer added that the smoking ban will especially help children and those with asthma, who are particularly sensitive to secondhand smoke.

“It doesn’t always send the child to the hospital, but it could send the child to the hospital,” she said. “When you listen to the stories of the parents and the kids, you really start to believe what I’m talking about.”

But not all Council members supported the bill, which passed in a 36-12 vote.

Council member Robert Jackson, who represents West Harlem and Morningside Heights, voted no.

Jackson could not be reached for comment on Tuesday, but in an interview on WNYC radio last Friday, he explained that he recognized the health benefits of the ban but thought it wasn’t the city government’s role to restrict the legal behavior of adults.

“I do think that most adults know that smoking is not good for your health, just like they know that drinking is not good for your health, but I just think the government is going too far,” Jackson said.

Brewer, however, said health concerns come first.

“I understand Robert’s concerns, but when we’re talking about people’s health, people have a right to be smoke-free,” she said.

Brewer added that fears of a police overreach are unfounded. The city’s Department of Parks and Recreation officers, not the much larger NYPD force, will enforce the law with tickets carrying fines of under \$100.

The point of the bill, Brewer noted, is not increased government enforcement but protecting citizens’ health.

“The real advantage is neighbor to neighbor, New Yorker to New Yorker,” she said. “There’s no authority involved in any real way.”

Others said they’re on the fence about the ban.

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—Gale Brewer,

City Council member

“As a health care professional, I agree with it, but I’m not sure I agree with it from the point of view of imposing it across the board on everyone,” said Marsha Tantleff, who lives on 104th Street. “I’m not sure that I agree with the fact that he [Bloomberg] has a right to do that, but, from a health perspective, I do think it’s a good idea, so there’s a lot of ambivalence.”

But for Melinda Buckley, who lives on 102nd Street, the ban can only be a good thing. She said she’s glad she’ll be able to spend time outside without the smell of cigarette smoke.

“I think it’s great,” she said, while throwing a ball to her dog in Riverside Park. “I hate whenever I’m here and someone’s smoking, and they’re walking in front of me.”

Mayor Michael Bloomberg has until Feb. 22 to sign the bill, which will go into effect at the end of May.

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NO SMOKING | Smokers in Riverside Park could be ticketed as early as May if Bloomberg signs off on a new smoking ban.

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Amanda Gutterman examines the spectacle of news.

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Sheryl Sandberg isn’t the right choice for Barnard’s Commencement.



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A new beginning for Tunisia

BY YOUSSEF CHERIF

What just happened in Tunisia is going to change the canon that Columbia students read for Contemporary Civilization. As either current or former Columbia students, we all know what the French Revolution of 1789 represented for Europe. We will soon see what the Tunisian revolution of 2011 is going to be for the Arab world.

While I hope that North Africa and Tunisia will be better represented in Columbia's Core Curriculum in the future, my short-term dream is to see an event of solidarity organized by my fellow Lions. Our values are the same, and we all need each other's support.

Contrary to commonly held opinion, the lust for freedom isn't just a Western desire, nor is the Arab world limited to the Middle East. Tunisia is neither a desert where people ride camels, nor a nest for ugly, hairy terrorists. However, students are often misinformed about Tunisia and its people.

A Columbia first-year once asked me where I was from, and I told her, "Tunisia." She made a wry face, hence I added, "It's in North Africa." She smiled and said, "Oh, I was there last year. I was in South Africa." This happened in the social networking site that is Butler, ironically under Francis Bacon's inscribed quote ("A man is but what he knoweth"). During my stay in the U.S., I got used to such comments, even though paralleling North and South Africa is a big mistake to make. In fact, there are millions of Tunisians (out of a population of eleven million) who have gone to school, and millions use the Internet. Satellite dishes are everywhere. The country is also a major tourist destination for European citizens.

While at Columbia, I wanted to share my experiences and thoughts on the Arab world. I started blogging during my nights reading in Milstein Library. I was cautious about what I wrote, but no one was paying attention to Tunisia anyway—it was less dangerous and more interesting to discuss the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Going back home to Tunisia after New York City depressed me, and football (soccer) was the everyday talk. However, after WikiLeaks divulged its secrets, my friends began to engage me in political discussions. We Tunisians started sharing these stories collaboratively, building on each

other's information. One built his courage after reading his friend's status or tweet. The motto was: "He wrote that. I can dare more."

Though we openly discussed politics in person, Tunisia's media controls resembled North Korea's editorial policy, and a KGB-style police force watched over to ensure compliance with the ridiculous propaganda proscribed to media outlets. We were living a collective dissociative identity disorder: Tunisia was extremely open to the world, but was closed from within. This nation had to cope with a brutal dictator who kept on strengthening the rules while his family was plundering the state. The country was sinking into economic depression and was boiling with the events that started shaking the Middle East in 2000. But the state media, as well as international observers, kept on praising former president Zine El Abidine Ben Ali and the Tunisian Miracle, so we had to keep our plague to ourselves. Tunisia was a pressure cooker ready to explode.

That moment occurred when a man torched himself in a



ANNE PARK

Take the multitask to task

This past Sunday I watched the Super Bowl game on mute from a live streaming feed that occupied half of my computer screen. You could say that I was multitasking. With the other half of the computer screen, I cycled through YouTube images and film clips of the current protests in Egypt. Christina Aguilera's lips were moving as she sang the national anthem, but the only thing audible was the call of a muezzin ringing out into the street as a group of worshippers rose in tandem from prostration. To me, that call to prayer is one of the eeriest, most mysterious sounds in the world, and to hear it coming out of the mouth of a bleached-blond American diva was one of the most bizarre juxtapositions imaginable. For students ensconced in the Columbia community who are able to see the two at once, our experience begs the question: What is news, and what is spectacle?



AMANDA GUTTERMAN
The Far Side of the Familiar

The camera lens leaves little to the imagination: bloody bodies and Molotov cocktail explosions, burning photographs and Egyptian flags, posters in Arabic hoisted into the air by shouting crowds of mostly men. Within our community, people are constantly searching the Web for new links and images, emailing and forwarding the most appalling, the most exciting, and the most humanizing parts—like those Egyptians who formed a human wall to protect treasured artifacts housed in the national museum in Cairo.

What unifies this diverse and often disturbing set of visuals is their uncanny resemblance to highlights from a feature film, or closer yet, to the on-screen replays from the televised Super Bowl. So what differentiates news from spectacle? Is it the stakes? For Egypt the stakes could not be any higher, and the riots already promise a serious ripple effect through the Middle East, threatening to dissolve tenuous alliances and treaties with Israel. President Obama publicly addressed the crisis last week, as it will certainly affect the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. It has directly affected several members of our community: Columbia students studying in Egypt have returned to finish their semesters abroad at NYU. But on a more immediate, short-term level, the stakes may be higher for those who have placed bets on the Super Bowl. For this large contingent of the people around us, objectively much more depended on the Green Bay Packers' victory.

In his speech, President Obama told the Egyptian authorities to "reverse the actions they have taken to interfere with access to the Internet, the cell phone service, and to social networks that do so much to connect people in the 21st century." Indeed, the Mubarak government shut down the Internet as a riot control weapon, a scaled-up sort of police baton. But Obama refers specifically to a "social network," undoubtedly Facebook, which protestors used to establish times and locations for their demonstrations. By invoking the "social network," has Obama included a fortuitous plug for the David Fincher film likely to win Best Picture?

It's easy to claim that the overcrowded communication system that is the Internet abstracts and dulls reality to the point of creating numbness. However, its visually driven format does lend itself to a global rubbernecking phenomenon where we ogle at new car wrecks on the side of the road. I think the only answer is to continue to question our reactions to new sources of spectacle as they appear, from riot to Super Bowl, and to use the tools at our disposal to probe instead of mask what is real.

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poor Tunisian village over an issue with the local authorities, which immediately sparked protests. Video of the protests was quickly posted on Facebook. Protests were growing, as well as the number of videos, political statues, and tweets. A gradual courage was taking over the nation. Four weeks later, our dictator, who had ruled for 23 years, left the country.

The end of Tunisia's dictatorship is similar to the end that dictators met in Europe and Asia. Just as it happens in other nations, a revolution occurs when a nation awakens from centuries of slumber. Tunisia led the way, but its revolution is still endangered by the remains of the ancien régime. Columbians, we can help the revolution stay alive. Though fundraising campaigns are always welcome, an awareness campaign about Tunisia, a country with great beaches, sunny landscapes, and a rich history, is also a must.

The author is an '09 graduate of the Graduate School of Arts and Science with a degree in Classical Studies. He was a Fulbright Scholar.

Keeping us Renaissance women

BY OLGA FOSTIY AND PENELOPE MEYERS

Dear President Spar,

We are writing to express our great disappointment at the choice of Sheryl Sandberg, Chief Operating Officer of Facebook, as speaker at the 2011 Barnard College Commencement. Her appointment as the keynote speaker and recipient of the Barnard Medal of Distinction undermines the very values that our liberal arts education has taught us to cherish.

As two graduating seniors who are currently reconsidering whether we will attend our own commencement ceremony, we affirm that Barnard, as a liberal arts college, and not a business school, has inspired us by the wide range of forms that women's leadership can assume. We have learned from and alongside women leaders: professors, scientists, writers, anthropologists, historians, artists, and politicians, to name a few. We ourselves occupy multiple leadership roles on campus: both of us are Writing Fellows, who guide Barnard students in the discovery and assertion of their own voice; one of us is a resident assistant, who builds community and serves as mentor and role model.

The selection of a commencement speaker from the high sector of the business world emphasizes a form of leadership to which we neither subscribe nor aspire. In your announcement of Sandberg as speaker, you celebrate Facebook as a company that "has reimagined human interaction and entirely changed the way we think about the world." This romanticization of Facebook is misleading. Facebook is a business whose goal is not to foster human connections, but to make money. Furthermore, while we appreciate Sandberg's commitment to women's rights and equality in the workplace, her message does not resonate with us, for her advocacy focuses on a limited form of leadership in the high-salary sector of the business world. The college that we are graduating from is not the college that we entered four years ago. The fact that Sandberg will be rewarded for her work as a business executive with the Barnard Medal of Distinction speaks to a fundamental change that we see happening on our campus. The administration now advocates a narrow definition of women's education, careers, and leadership—that to be a successful woman leader is to be a high-powered businesswoman.

The selection of a commencement speaker from the high sector of the business world emphasizes a form of leadership to which we neither subscribe nor aspire.

The first sentence of the Barnard mission statement speaks to the values that we see deteriorating: "Barnard College aims to provide the highest quality liberal arts education to promising and high-achieving young women." We are students who take this to heart. As English and comparative literature majors, our liberal arts education in the humanities means more to us than becoming businesswomen to make money—we believe that leadership need not correlate with high salaries. The Bachelor of Arts degrees that we will be receiving in May represent the critical thinking and learning we have developed through our interdisciplinary education at Barnard. We are disappointed with the prospect of hearing from a commencement speaker who does not inspire and embody these liberal arts values.

We urge you, President Spar, to reconsider your choice of Sandberg, as well as your approach to leadership at Barnard. We urge you to look to the humanities and to the sciences, to the disciplines that comprise the heart of Barnard's liberal arts education—professors and classmates in these disciplines are the ones who truly "changed the way we think about the world."

Sincerely,
Penelope Meyers '11 and Olga Fostiy '11

Penelope Meyers is a Barnard College senior majoring in comparative literature. Olga Fostiy is a Barnard College senior majoring in English.

STAFF EDITORIAL

GI Bill harms GS

Though we live in the middle of New York City, attend lectures taught by prominent contemporary scholars, and try to stay informed, it's easy to feel distant from the effects of national legislation.

Therefore, when a piece of legislation seems like it will have real effects on Columbia students, we're surprised, if not taken aback.

The revised GI Bill is one such law that threatens to impact our lives in tangible and serious ways.

Whereas the post-9/11 GI Bill fully funded veterans' education at both public and private universities, the new GI bill will fully fund tuition at public universities, but not private ones. Instead, the government will fund up to \$17,500 of a private school education, with the remainder to be paid by students themselves.

Columbia has had a uniquely intimate and complex relationship with the military. General Studies, a school within Columbia University, was founded partly out of the need to educate thousands of soldiers returning from World War II. GS' mission as a school thus reflected the growing presence of military personnel and a commitment to service values.

Though the revised bill threatens to drastically alter GS'

nontraditional mission and history, the most serious consequence will be the disruption of students' lives.

The 300 veterans (180 of whom attend GS) among us may be hard to spot. They neither march around in uniform nor flaunt medals on their jackets. Though they may be inconspicuous, veterans bring a different perspective to GS and Columbia University as a whole.

Since GS does not offer financial aid, veterans who cannot afford to pay the remaining tuition costs will be forced to take out large loans or leave Columbia, which would be a devastating loss.

The GI Bill revisions also force us to consider differences between Columbia College and GS. If Columbia College stopped granting financial aid to a portion of its students, an uproar would undoubtedly follow, which would probably be appeased by a wealthy donor who would agree to pay for students' tuition. But no one seems to be drawing attention to the imminent plight of our GS brethren.

Though the U.S. Military Veterans of Columbia are lobbying for a grandfather clause that would allow students who enrolled in college before the post-9/11 GI Bill to continue attending college for free, Columbia students and the administration should be prepared for the worst. We urge students and the administration to come up with ways to retain veterans and thus preserve the diversity of experience among our students that our university prizes so highly.

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NEIGHBORHOOD INSTITUTION | The change to an academic-only affiliation between CU and the hospital, located at Lenox Ave. and 135th Street, was controversial.

Employees, locals adjust to changes at Harlem Hospital after CU shrinks affiliation

HOSPITAL from front page

few other health care options while maintaining its specialty departments.

Since the protests, the doctors' union agreed to a new contract that reduced the number of layoffs, filled a portion of the currently vacant positions, and guaranteed that neurosurgery and rehabilitation departments will stay at Harlem Hospital.

But Ahmed Aly-Salama, a surgery resident at Harlem Hospital, didn't think the new contract would solve all the problems of restructuring.

"We see lots of physicians losing interest in this place because there is no more Columbia name. In the end, it's going to affect the patients," he said. "The catchment area is very poor, so people will still be coming here regardless."

Sylvia White, chief of staff of Harlem Hospital, said the hospital has no comment on the changes beyond the open letter to the Harlem community that the hospital released last October.

"There will be no mass

exodus of doctors from Harlem Hospital Center," the letter read. "We have made it clear to the doctors who work at Harlem Hospital that a change in the affiliation employer will not compromise their jobs at Harlem Hospital or their academic relationship with Columbia University."

Other staff members said a change in the relationship with Columbia will not hurt Harlem Hospital's ability to serve its community, since the hospital is such a neighborhood institution.

A nurse, who requested anonymity to avoid jeopardizing her job, said, "Patients like the doctors they have. They know them, and they love them. They come back to Harlem because they know the staff members are going to take care of them."

Some patients at the hospital said the hospital's quality seems unchanged.

Gladys Jones, a Harlem resident, said, "I thought it was still affiliated and everything was the same. Now, I don't know where it will go from here."

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QUALITY CARE | Outside Harlem Hospital, many locals said they hadn't heard about any changes.

Researchers recommend infrastructure changes in DR

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destruction on the island would have wide-ranging impacts.

"Not only would my money be impacted but the whole country's economy—it's still developing," he said.

Patricia Rojas, CC '11 and president of Grupo Quisqueyano, the Dominican student group on campus, said she appreciated the collaborative research.

"Preventative measures are often times overlooked due to lack of funding and other sources, but this particular research can highlight its long term benefits and perhaps discover cost-efficient ways to rebuild infrastructure," Rojas said.

According to Dean Peña-Mora, more recommendations will be made to the Dominican government in April.

"I don't think everything can be done all at once to minimize the negative impact," Peña-Mora said. "It's a long project."

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More students expected to declare ethnic studies major

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who is planning to declare as an ethnic studies major, said the new major is a chance to pursue a more individualized course of study.

"I am excited to learn how to become a researcher, to really broaden the scope of understanding in ways that the old track did not allow," Fuentes said. "The new track allows me to tailor the ethnic studies major to follow my true interests and find answers to those burning questions that attracted me to the major in the first place."

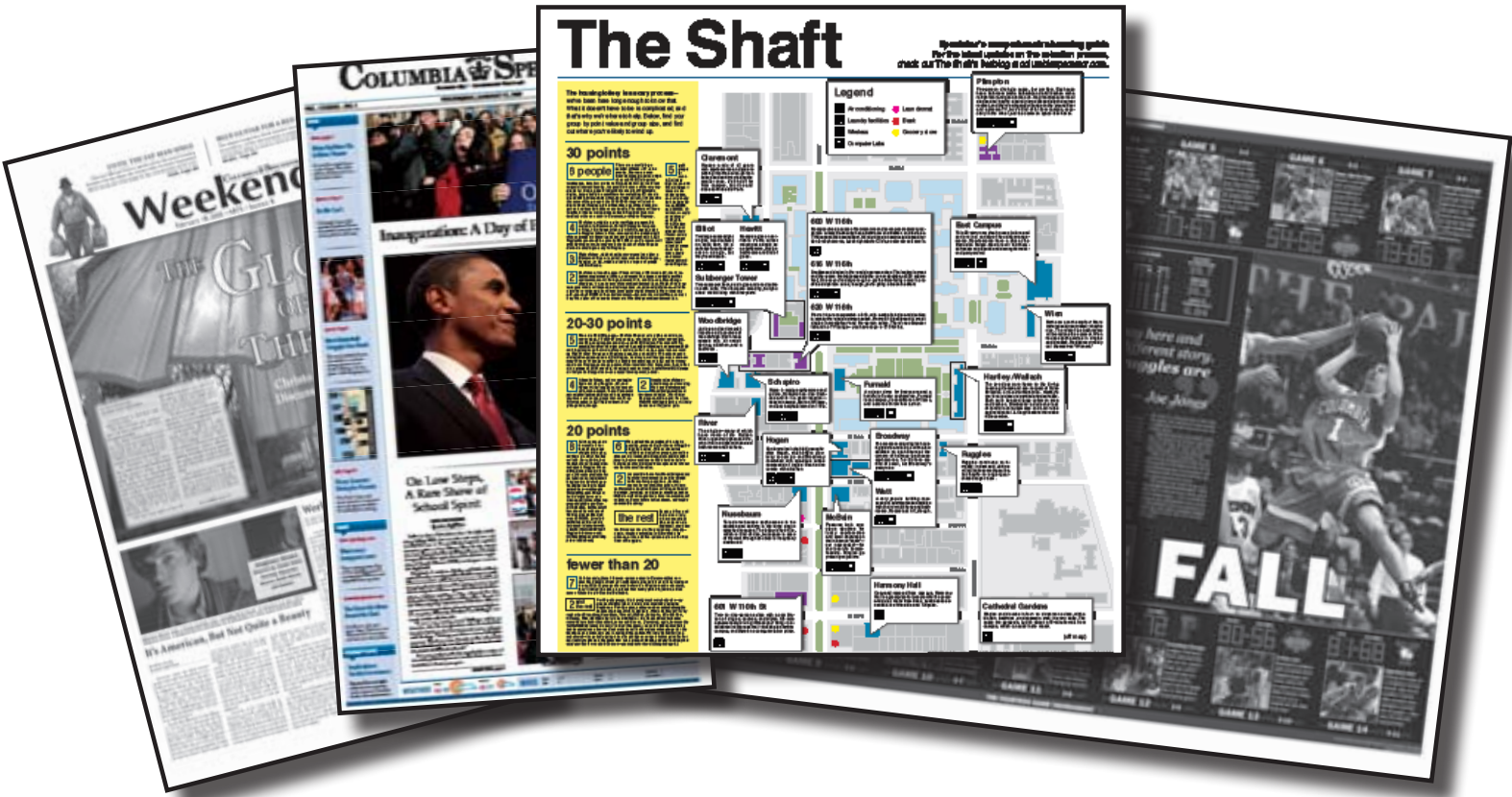
For Denise Abad, CC '13, who plans to major in ethnic studies, the choice has more to do with her personal interests.

"I want to be an immigration lawyer, and I should be more knowledgeable about different races," Abad said. "I actually didn't know it was restructured until I started talking to different students about it. But some of the same classes are still offered and I can still specialize in Latino studies, which I like."

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Roberts, Leahy key to Ivy League title bids

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Ivies, but his 8-7 record meant he narrowly missed out on all-Ivy recognition.

“I know I’m not the best fencer on my squad,” he said. “But I see myself on the team in a leadership position in motivating the younger fencers. Most of our fencers had their first college competition only a few weeks ago, and I don’t want to take too much credit but I think we [the captains] have done a good job with helping them settle in, and a lot of the freshmen results have shown that.”

Roberts echoed her classmate’s sentiments, and was optimistic about her team’s chances. The women’s team has finished second in both of the past two seasons, and in 2009 it was one bout that made the difference against the Crimson.

“I’m really excited going into the weekend because I think the women’s team has a very strong chance of capturing the title,” she said. “The past two years we’ve come in second and that makes me want to win even more. The strength of our incoming class and returning fencers is outstanding, and we work very well as a whole in motivating and cheering on each other.”

The Ivies have special meaning for the SEAS junior, who fenced for the U.S. at the 2010 Junior World Championships in Azerbaijan.

“Personally, the pressure that gets put on the Ivies is used as a motivator,” Roberts said. “I’ve found that in Ivy competition, I go into each bout with so much heart and want to win. Just knowing that I’m not fencing for myself, but for Columbia as a whole. It’s different from any other meet because we normally fence sort of individually, but Ivies is definitely a team meet.”

Besides helping the others vanquish memories of last season’s 0-5 team record, Leahy also hopes to improve on his own showing last year.

“I’m looking forward to a good Ivy season,” he said. “I missed all-Ivy by basically one bout, and I can definitely improve on that and hopefully make the first team.”

The Lions have already competed against two of the nation’s best in Notre Dame and St. John’s, but the Ivies bring out a certain passion, according to Leahy.

“I think there’s a lot more pride that we take from the Ivies. We want to win a lot more. There’s an immediate desire to bring home an Ivy League title for Columbia fencing—it’s constantly on our mind, and, as a team, that’s something we all want to achieve.”

Columbia assistant coach Daria Schneider, CC’10 and a

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—Sean Leahy,
junior fencer

former NCAA sabre champion, knows the duo as a friend and as a teammate as well.

“The main thing Sean brings to the team is knowing the spirit of Columbia’s men’s team,” she said. “And he’ll be able to teach that to the freshmen and get them excited for performing their best at Ivies, especially since it’s such a strong class. I think we’ll have at least two or three people who make the first team, and he’ll be the one leading the charge for getting them excited.”

Roberts, who has taken over the captaincy after Schneider’s graduation, will be charged with maintaining the focus.

“Sammy is a great captain, and similar to Sean, she’ll definitely be leading the way,” Schneider said. “She’s a contender herself for the All-Ivy first team and she’s working with a really good young team as well. Her biggest challenge will be keeping everyone focused, since it’ll be a long two days, making them fence well, and keeping the sabre squad focused on each bout.”

Roberts was pitted against Schneider in the last 16 of the North American Cup in January, and while Schneider won the bout, she acknowledges Roberts’ skill.

“I knew I had to be on top of my game,” Schneider said. “It definitely put me onto a higher zone of focus because Sammy’s a great fencer who finished second at summer nationals in the senior division, and I had to pull on all my experience and make myself run away with it to avoid a stressful bout.”

The competition also pits Roberts against her best friend since second grade, the reigning NCAA sabre champion, Harvard’s Caroline Vloka. Vloka was the reason Roberts took up the sport.

“She one day tricked me into coming to practice with her,” Roberts said, “and I fell in love with the sport. It’s hard to fence your best friend, but at the same time you have to look out for what the team needs, and usually that’s a win. So you’ve got to give it all you can, regardless of who your opponent is. As a captain I hope to make everyone confident that they can win each bout that they go into, and that everything they do is helping out the team.”

The Lions warm-up for the Ivies with the Historical Meet Plus at NYU this evening, but the real test for Roberts and Leahy begins at Princeton on Saturday morning.



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STAR FENCER | Junior fencing captain Sammy Roberts will try to lead by example at the Ivy Championships as she vies for a spot on the all-Ivy first team, an honor she has earned each of her two years here.

Kowalski lone bright spot for Lions

DEFENSE from back page

matchups, and despite the recent lower standard of defense, strength on the glass is still not an issue. Although the Lions were out-rebounded overall on Friday night, it wasn’t by a big margin and they still dominated the offensive boards. As a result, Smith is more concerned about his team’s defense than their work on the boards.

“We’re pulling it out of the net all of the time,” Smith said. “So there aren’t a lot of missed shots, and we’re not making them miss enough.”

Saturday night at Yale brought the Lions another tough loss, but there was still a bright spot amidst the weekend darkness.



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BULLDOG | Sophomore Dean Kowalski impressed both teammates and coaches with his physical defensive play against Yale.

turnovers that we really needed and really helped us with our comeback and almost helped us win the game,” said sophomore forward Mark Cisco.

“He did a great job, he sped it up a lot, which is what we needed,” added sophomore guard Brian Barbour.

Could Kowalski’s sparkplug persona be the missing piece of the defensive puzzle? Against smaller teams, the answer may be yes.

“Dean’s good,” said Smith. “He’s a little smallish but he’s good. He can pick up the ball and heat it up a little bit and he’s a good penetrator, good passer, so he might be the answer,” said Smith.

Unfortunately, it is unlikely that Columbia’s upcoming game against Princeton will yield the opportunity for another Kowalski punch. The guard does on-ball defense better than most, but his “smallish” stature won’t be enough in terms of denying Princeton’s strengths.

“They’ve got four studs, the way I see it,” Smith said of the Tigers. “Both of their guards can drill it from the three but I think their strength is really in their forwards with [Kareem] Maddox and [Ian] Hummer...they post those guys relentlessly.”

In order to beat Princeton, the Lions are going to have to step up defense in all areas. The Light Blue won’t be able to solely direct its focus on wiping out the three or marking the post. The best teams can shut down the post, recover, and transition to the perimeter. If the Lions play solid defense, the rest will follow.

“We’ve got to get stops,” Smith said. “It always comes down to us getting stops and seeing if we can get some early opportunities. That’s usually when we’re best. Our offense is good off transition that way,” said Smith.

There may not be a perfect recipe that can be prepared for universal success, but whether it be a dash of Dean or more depth in the rotation, the Lions will have to stay on their toes and be ready to react to anything thrown at them in order to get back on track this weekend.

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Archery not worthy of big-time coverage

Comedian George Carlin once joked that “there are really only three sports: baseball, basketball, and football. Everything else is either a game or an activity.” By this rule, Columbia has a lot of varsity sports with which the late Mr. Carlin would take issue, but archery may be the most questionable of all.



Over the past few years I’ve covered a plethora of Columbia sports ranging from field hockey to baseball to lacrosse to wrestling. And, while I’ve deservingly criticized all of these teams at times, I’ve never once contemplated the very legitimacy of the sports themselves. However, a few weeks ago I was forced to do just that when my trusty sports editors decided that the section would now cover archery. Sure, archery can be competitive, but it fails on almost every level to deliver as an interesting sport to follow. To call archery a low-profile sport at Columbia is generous. One sports writer and columnist quipped at a recent Spec Sports meeting that his own mother even laughed at his inexplicable decision to cover the archery beat. Having only ever tried archery at overnight camp several years ago, the section’s decision to cover the beat got me thinking about the long-lost team. Archery is, essentially, exactly what most of us imagine—shooting an arrow from a bow at a target. Think Robin Hood with more rigid rules and sophisticated equipment. Teams compete either based on aggregate scores or as individual archers, depending on the type of tournament. Still with me? Then let’s continue...

The fact that Spectator regularly covers literally all men’s and women’s varsity sports except for archery is no accident. One must dig deep into the Spec archives to find the last time archery has received serious coverage (I was in sixth grade at the time). This isn’t necessarily because the team has been bad (the reality is quite the opposite), but more because of its disconnect from Columbia. The archery team has competed in one tournament so far this season and is slated to participate in six more. Not only does the team compete infrequently, but most tournaments take place in different states. Columbia athletics are not known for having a rabid fan base, and the sport’s unfortunate off-campus nature makes it nearly impossible to follow seriously.

One columnist last year argued that Columbia should dismantle a sport such as baseball and focus our efforts on assembling a nationally competitive basketball team. While problematic for various reasons (e.g., the baseball team has actually been more successful than the basketball team recently), the idea makes some sense in theory. Columbia’s marquee sports like basketball, football, and baseball have, for the most part, experienced only mild success in recent years. Ironically, less watched sports like fencing, rowing, and archery have not only competed nationally, but have sent members to the Olympics. I’m not advocating cutting any varsity team, but investing more time and resources in headliner sports should continue to be a priority for the athletics department and for Spectator. Columbia archery could be the best team in the nation, but more people will still show up to a basketball game no matter how good the team is. What a sport like archery lacks is the teamwork, aggressiveness, and heated match-ups that draws overly optimistic fans to consistently disappointing football games every season. Not only is Columbia archery for all intents and purposes unwatchable (yes, even if you wanted to watch it), but it simply lacks the rudimentary aspects of competitive sports. Call me cynical, but archery is irrevocably doomed never to excite Columbia fans. Archery is undoubtedly an art and finesse activity that takes tremendous practice to master. However, is it really a sport? Well, technically, yes it is. Scoring is objective, teams and archers compete, and there is a winner and a loser in every contest. However, I think it’s fair to say that any sport that can double as a method of big game hunting is a little difficult to take seriously. In a perfect world, all Columbia sports would receive ample Spec coverage, but despite its success, archery shouldn’t make the cut.

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FANTASTIC FENCER | Junior fencer Sean Leahy has used his spirit and experience to help motivate and lead the younger Columbia fencers.

Junior fencers lead Lions into Ivy Championships

BY MRINAL MOHANKA
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

They’ve competed with the fencing world’s very best. Juniors Sammy Roberts and Sean Leahy, between them, have competed at Junior World Championships and several World Cups, defeated All-Americans, received all-Ivy first team recognition on more than one occasion, and have even performed extremely well at national competitions within the U.S. However, this coming weekend these two Lions will go in search of something that, thus far, has eluded them: an Ivy League Championship. Leahy and Roberts, respectively, are captains of Columbia’s rather young men’s and women’s fencing teams. Lions head coach George Kolombatovich understands the assets the two juniors provide, and rewarded them by making them the fencing representatives for the Columbia Leaders for Life program at the end of their freshman year. “This weekend is going to be a very difficult

one for us,” Kolombatovich said. “The Ivy League regularly has three to four teams in the top 10 in the country—and we don’t have a single senior on our team this year. We’re relatively young but

“We don’t have a single senior on our team this year. It’s going to come down to their [Roberts’ and Leahy’s] leadership.”

—George Kolombatovich, fencing coach

have a lot of talent. It’s going to come down to their [Roberts’ and Leahy’s] leadership. It’s going to be important. I think they will both be examples of

how to perform under pressure—and I think that will be the key for us.” “For Sean, the main thing is his dedication,” Kolombatovich said. “He gets people to follow him. He’s got a very strong personality, and at the same time he is and was universally liked and respected.” Roberts also drew tremendous praise from her coach. “Sammy primarily leads by example,” he said. “I’m sure that everyone that knows her, or has worked with her, realizes that she is the perfect example of a student-athlete. Such a hard worker at everything she does, and the results show. She’s a tremendous talent combined with a very analytical mind. She’s able to spot weaknesses in the opponents and take advantage of them, and that makes her a very good competitor.” The pair is very excited about what lies ahead. Leahy, who studies political science in the College, performed well last season at the

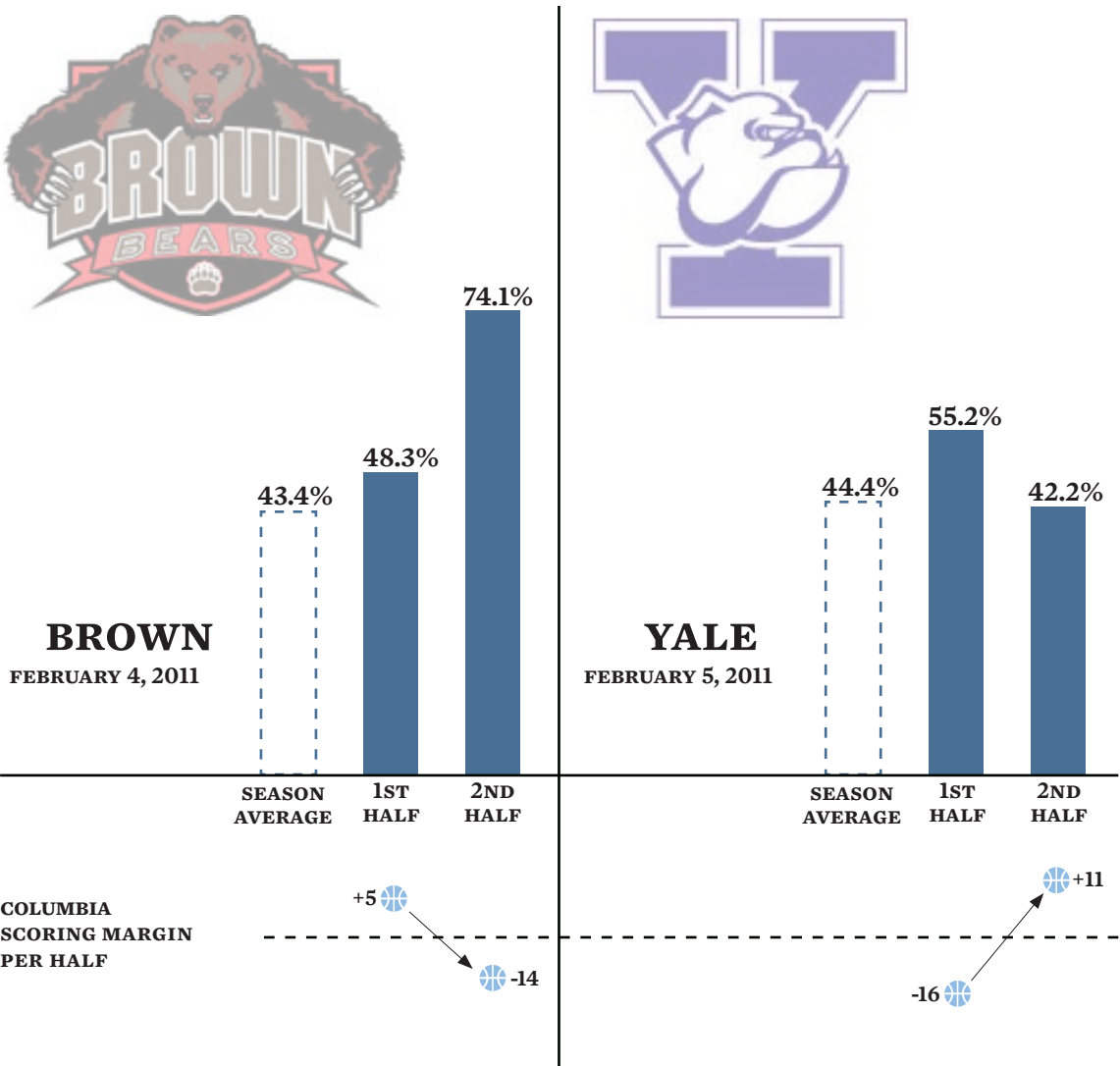
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Columbia defense needs to get back on track after rough weekend

BY MOLLY TOW
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It’s the dreaded cliché that almost every athlete has heard at some point in their sports career: offense wins games, but defense wins championships. This line was probably painfully ringing in the ears of many Lions after the past weekend’s road matchups. Although at times its offensive field goal percentage was far from optimal, a lack of points did not kill the Light Blue. A lack of defense did. On Friday night against Brown, Columbia gave up 39 points to freshman guard Sean McGonagill, in a game that would eventually end as an 87-79 Lions loss. The Light Blue let its sound first-half lead slip as the second half got under way, with McGonagill leading the way in terms of damage. With his 39 points, the freshman’s performance tied a home gym record for the Bears. “The Brown thing was a little bit of an anomaly,” said coach Kyle Smith. He then added, “But it’s also an indictment on our ability to guard that ball.” Anomaly or not, the opponent’s performance was emblematic of Columbia’s defensive play for the weekend, even if slightly exaggerated. Yes, Brown’s total shooting percentage from the field may have been amplified compared to its norm, but the fact is that they were getting shots off without much difficulty. Columbia has been consistently holding the advantage on the boards in its

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