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CIRCLE UP | Vice President for Student and Administrative Services Scott Wright talked to CCSC members at their Sunday meeting.

## Admin addresses smoking ban enforcement at CCSC meeting

BY BEN GITTELSON  
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Vice President of Student and Administrative Services Scott Wright discussed issues ranging from enforcement of the University's partial smoking ban to alcohol storage at a Columbia College Student Council meeting on Sunday night.

The University Senate banned smoking within

20 feet of buildings on the Morningside Heights campus in December 2010. University Senator Alex Frouman, CC '12—who helped craft that policy—said at the CCSC meeting that Wright had failed to adequately communicate the policy across campus.

Frouman said that Wright “did represent himself to the senate as the person responsible for the ban,” and that Wright hadn't responded to his

questions about enforcement of the policy since September. Wright responded that he sent an email to the appropriate deans of students about enforcing the policy and that he was not obligated to police smoking outside of academic buildings.

Wright also noted that he hadn't seen a lot of people violating the policy. Some buildings have signs by their doors advertising the 20-foot rule.

“One of the reasons so many people here don't do things is that if you try to do things that make the campus better, people end up attacking you,” Wright said. “What I can't do is ease into some role as the only person here who is going to be responsible for taking action on smoking policy.”

Additionally, Class of 2013 Representative Alex Jasiulek

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COURTESY OF COLUMBIA GLOBAL CENTERS

NOW OPEN | Columbia officially launched a global center in Nairobi, Kenya, with a Jan. 13 ceremony in the African nation.

## Nairobi global center raises questions about discrimination

BY MELISSA VON MAYRHAUSER  
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Columbia launched its global center in Nairobi, Kenya, last month, but some students and staff still have questions about discrimination in the region and about the center's continental research scope.

Students and Columbia officials at the center will work closely with the Kenyan government, providing policy advice to leaders based on their research. In a sign of its close relationship with the country's leaders, Columbia recently received a Memorandum of Understanding from the Kenyan government, which gives the University tax benefits.

“Thus far we're the only American university that has that kind of privileged status,” Vice President for Global Centers Ken Prewitt said. “It has the characteristic that, because of the way eastern Africa is organized, it actually

gives us the [same] status in Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Burundi.”

But the center's opening has raised questions about how the University will respond to discrimination and safety issues at its global centers—particularly in Kenya, which will serve as a base for University research throughout Africa. Prewitt expressed concern about the treatment of gay and lesbian students in Nairobi.

“There are places where we have to warn students that it won't necessarily be easy,” Prewitt said. “Uganda is very, very homophobic right now, aggressively and unpleasantly so. We don't know if we can completely protect you if you went to northern Kenya.”

Eric Kutscher, CC '12, studied public health in Kenya last year. He spoke to Kenyans about HIV contraction and voluntary male circumcision, and he noticed strong

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## For one GS student, Prop 8 court case is personal

BY MICHELLE INABA MOCARKSI  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

Ryan Kendall, GS '13, sat on a hallway bench outside the courtroom on the morning of Jan. 20, 2010. Kendall was nervous, but focused. He was a man on a mission—he was about to serve as one of 19 witnesses against California's Proposition 8, a 2008 ballot initiative that defined marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

On Tuesday—two years later—Kendall was finally able to celebrate a long-awaited victory: A three-judge panel from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals found Prop 8 to be unconstitutional, bringing gay marriage one step closer to a reality in the nation's most populous state.

“One of the arguments used to take away equal rights from gays and lesbians is that we choose our sexual orientation,” Kendall said, recalling his role in the trial two years ago. “I was presented as evidence that sexual orientation is not a choice.”

When Kendall was 15, his parents sent him to “conversion therapy” at the National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality after finding out that he was gay. At NARTH, Kendall said, his life became hell, and he started to believe that suicide was the only way out.

“They were teaching me that I was a terrible person—that I was unlovable, defective, and damaged,” Kendall said. “Plus I had lost my family over this issue, and that

just was incredibly emotionally painful.”

But at age 16, Kendall successfully petitioned for his own custody, and he was able to end his treatment at NARTH.

“People say being gay is a choice and use that argument to take away our rights.”

—Ryan Kendall, GS '13

“I couldn't keep coming to conversion therapy because people say being gay is a choice and use that argument to take away our rights,” Kendall said.

Gay marriage was legal in California for several months in 2008, before voters narrowly passed Prop 8 in November of that year. Following the trial, a federal district judge struck down Prop 8, and the

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## Deans approve open housing expansion

### Gender-blind housing OK'd for all upperclassmen dorms

BY BEN GITTELSON  
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Open housing will be an option in all upperclassmen dorms during this year's housing lottery, Dean of Student Affairs Kevin Shollenberger said on Friday.

Columbia College Interim Dean James Valentini and School of Engineering and Applied Science Dean Feniosky Peña-Mora approved a recommendation from the Open Housing Task Force to expand open housing on Friday, Shollenberger said in a statement. Shollenberger noted that the policy will not include Furnald, Hartley, and Wallach halls, all of which house some first-years.

Under the open housing policy, any two upperclassmen can live together in a double, regardless of gender. Shollenberger said that the deans approved open housing after the task force's “careful review” of the yearlong pilot program, which allowed for gender-neutral housing in six upperclassmen dorms this year.

Avi Edelman, CC '11, who serves on the Open Housing Task Force and was one of the original authors of the open housing proposal, said he was proud of everyone who has worked on the policy.

“It's really exciting to see so many hours of work and so much passion from so many students over the course of three years finally result in a campus-wide change that I really think is going to do a lot to make students feel safe and comfortable at Columbia,” Edelman said.

Over the last few years, dozens of schools have adopted some form of gender-neutral housing, including Stanford University, Princeton University, the University of Chicago, and Harvard University.

Ryan Cho, CC '13, who also

serves on the task force and is a resident adviser, said the deans' approval was expected. He said it was a positive sign for students that they were able to get the policy approved.

“The biggest thing is to make sure residents are comfortable in the living space they have, so this is just another opportunity for students to be comfortable in the spaces they live in,” Cho said.

Barry Weinberg, CC '12, who is also a member of the task force, called the policy's finalization “wonderful” and “satisfying.”

“I texted my friend, with whom I was planning on living when I thought the proposal was going through in 2009, and three years later, we finally got it,” Weinberg said. “I just smiled.”

Edelman explained that the task force, in conjunction with the housing office, will now focus on outreach and education about the policy. Members will make sure the housing website lists buildings with open housing and gender-neutral bathrooms, and they will stay in touch with students utilizing the new policy.

Edelman said student support was crucial in pushing for the policy's approval, noting that almost 1,000 students signed a petition for open housing and that about 20 student groups signed a statement of support for it.

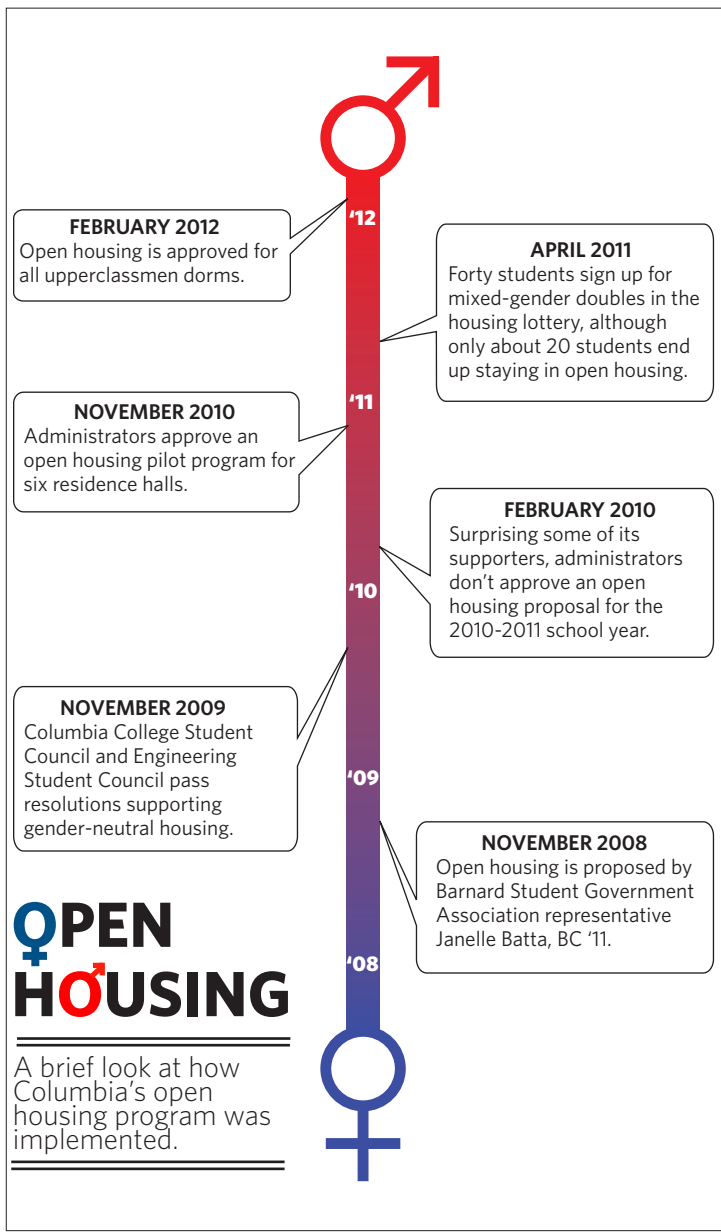
“The spirit of ally-ship and community that really gathered around this is what has gotten this from the initial phase to where it is now,” Edelman said.

He added that open housing shouldn't work much differently than regular housing.

“It's the idea that any two students who think they can be compatible roommates should be compatible roommates,” Edelman said. “There'll just be greater options for students in making that decision.”

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##### Hop on the train

The subway line is what best exemplifies New York's diversity.

##### 3, 2, 1, go!

Valentini's recent donation is an effective and well-meaning gesture.



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##### Lion-sized letdown at Levien Gymnasium

The Light Blue held a big second-half lead over Brown and cruised to victory, but in the same situation the following night against Yale, the Lions collapsed in the final 10 minutes.

#### EVENTS

##### Obama and the Middle East

Three years after President Barack Obama's landmark speech in Cairo, campus political groups debate his foreign policy.

Low Library Rotunda, 8 p.m.

##### Elections in Senegal

Join scholars for a discussion of upcoming Senegalese elections that are already surrounded by controversy.

1501 International Affairs Building, 4 p.m.

#### WEATHER

##### Today



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**NIGHTENGALE** | Since Miriam Nightengale became Columbia Secondary School's principal in August, the school has seen its Department of Education grade jump from a C to an A.

## First-year principal lifts up local school

**BY EMILY NEIL**  
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In her first year as principal at Columbia Secondary School, Miriam Nightengale has brought a unique skill set and a passion for education to the job—and students and teachers say that she has revitalized the school.

Since Nightengale's arrival in August, the University-affiliated science and engineering school—which is located on 123rd Street between Morningside Drive and Amsterdam Avenue—has seen its Department of Education grade rise from a C to an A. It has also started attracting city-wide attention—it is now one of the top 10 schools parents search for on the InsideSchools website, Nightengale said.

Nightengale thinks that CSS “is going to be one of the top-level schools in the city.”

“We have the resources to actually prepare students in very authentic ways for college experiences, as well as a teaching staff that regularly brings students in contact with real experiences around their coursework,” she said.

### CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

Nightengale has had a variety of jobs in education. She has taught math at Brooklyn Technical High School and in the Central African Republic—in French, while working for the Peace Corps—and before coming to CSS, she was principal at the High School for Law, Advocacy and Community Justice on the Upper West Side. She also co-founded a Chicago theater company with her brother and lived in Morningside Heights while a student at Teachers College.

“I’m calling on different areas from my past experience that I maybe haven’t used in a while,” Nightengale said.

She explained that while she “misses the connection with the kids” that a classroom teacher has, she feels that her teaching experience has served her well in the principal’s role.

“As a teacher, you have this group of kids that’s sort of like a social circle ... You’re not of them—you’re apart from them—but your day is sort of defined by them and their personalities and their energy and their cares and their joys, and so that energy is not really present in the principal job,” she said. “You have to bring your own energy to it and define your day in ways that a classroom teacher has a day defined for them.”

“I like the principal job,” she added. “I think there are

overwhelming aspects to it where you feel like you can’t do any one thing well, which is true of a teacher too.”

### BRINGING INNOVATION

CSS, which opened in the fall of 2007, currently has students in grades six through 10, and it will eventually expand to grades 11 and 12. It received over 1,500 applications for 25 spots in the incoming high school class this year.

The school serves the important role, Nightengale said, of providing science and engineering resources and classes to students who wouldn’t otherwise have access to them. Applicants from across the city are selected for admission based on their test scores and academic records, with students from 96th Street and above given priority.

“For the students we serve, which is a very diverse population both socioeconomically and ethnically, we’ll be able to place students in science and engineering fields that are currently underrepresented there,” she said.

CSS teachers said that Nightengale has instituted several important structural changes that have made the education process more cohesive. Tenth-grade Spanish teacher Sandra Kaplan said that Nightengale helped teachers put together an “integrated curriculum” that allows them to collaborate. “We work in teams—a professor from each area, we get together in grade-level teams,” Kaplan said. “So we all share what we are teaching, and we share what topics we’re going to be teaching, and we align all that information so that ... information can be integrated from different topics.”

Kaplan added that Nightengale has been a “mentor” for her and the other teachers. In particular, Kaplan said, Nightengale has helped her learn how to reach every student in a large classroom.

“She helps us to develop a better lesson plan,” Kaplan said. “And she walks into our classes and observes our classes and calls us for a post-observation, where she goes over all the details she observes.”

Students agreed that Nightengale has contributed a lot to the school.

“Our new principal has really been organizing our school and renewing its original purpose of being one of the top schools in Manhattan,” 10th-grader Sam Pirani said. “And I feel like she’s really organizing the school in ways that it hasn’t been before.”

Kaplan believes that Nightengale has “brought a lot

of innovation to the school” and its students.

“She always takes the time to explain to them why knowledge is important and how they can be better citizens in the future,” she said.

### CHANGES AND GROWTH

CSS added grades nine and 10 this year, which Nightengale said was an impetus for many of this year’s changes. Student government and dances have been developed for high schoolers, and CSS has hired a college guidance counselor and planned college trips.

And even with the ongoing expansion to high school, the middle school is “still very strong,” Nightengale said.

“We are continuing some of the things that have always made the middle school successful—the creative approach to the coursework that the teachers have, the work of the teachers to connect what the students are doing to things outside the school, and taking them out for the science classes to Morningside Park to dig in the ground, do investigations on the poor bugs,” she said with a laugh.

CSS was founded with Columbia’s backing, and Nightengale wants the school to develop its relationship with the University. Qualifying CSS students have the opportunity to take Columbia classes—which Nightengale said is essential for expanding their opportunities—and she hopes more students will be able to do so.

“It’s hard with a small school, sometimes, to offer the same range of choices that a larger school could offer,” Nightengale said. “But one of the benefits of partnering with Columbia is that we have some of those opportunities to offer them and a larger range of courses because every student can, if they meet the criteria, take courses at Columbia.” A 10th-grader who recently took a Columbia history class received a B, she said.

On the whole, Nightengale added, she values her job and the chance to help CSS students.

“You can create a path for our students that can change what their future might be, and so that is something that is very satisfying about the job. And as a teacher you can do that as well, but as principal you can do that on sort of a larger scale,” she said. “Being able to graduate students who can manage [college engineering] courses and really survive and thrive ... that’s where we’re going, and I think we have a great opportunity to get there.”

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## CCSC members also question alcohol storage policy

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brought up issues with the University’s alcohol use policy. He explained that at many University-sanctioned student events where there is alcohol, all unopened drinks have to be opened and poured down the drain at the end of the night.

Wright said that University Event Management does not oppose allowing students to keep unopened drinks, although he added that finding a space to store the alcohol might be an issue.

“We shouldn’t be wasting stuff,” Wright said. “We should find a better way to do it. Certainly there’s no agenda from a UEM point of view.”

Wright also said discussed

infrastructure spending on the Morningside Heights campus. The University currently spends about \$2 million to \$3 million per year on infrastructure, but administrators plan to triple this budget next year, while keeping the budget for cosmetic changes, like flooring and lighting repairs, at \$4 million per year. He noted that his office is looking into renovating the Carman Hall lounge and the Furnald and John Jay hall floor lounges, as well as improving unfurnished lounges as part of a “capital plan.”

Wright also addressed complaints about the narrow spiral staircase in Ferris Booth Commons, saying that the facilities office is planning to study it.

“It’s a puzzle when I first saw it. It’s a puzzle today,” Wright said. “It’s a bad idea.”

At the end of the meeting, Barry Weinberg, CC ’12, emphasized the need for more student space on campus. Wright said he supported more student space, ending the meeting by saying that “anything can be done with enough money.”

Most students who attended the Sunday night meeting were CCSC members. CCSC President Aki Terasaki, CC ’12, said non-council turnout was not as high as he had hoped, adding that the council hadn’t done much publicity for the meeting.

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## Kenya center to serve as hub for Africa research

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homophobia in the region.

“Nairobi is very homophobic,” Kutscher said. “In Tanzania, it’s illegal and they prosecute people. In Kenya, it’s illegal, but I don’t think they actually brought people into court for it. I think that people would judge you, and I think that you might get an awkward reaction, but you wouldn’t get arrested.”

Prewitt said that if a country refused to issue a student a visa based on his or her sexual orientation or religious beliefs, the University would end that program for all students.

Administrators will be cautious about cultural norms and political instability in other countries, Prewitt added, especially as Columbia begins to encourage research throughout Africa. While the global center is located in eastern Africa, administrators want it to become a continental research hub.

“[The global center] will work to increase the continent’s role in the strategic direction of key global issues,” Nairobi center director Belay Begashaw said in an email from Nairobi.

Kutscher, though, expressed doubts about how well Nairobi

reflects Africa as a whole.

“If you want an American cheeseburger, you can go to an American place to get it,” Kutscher said. “I don’t think anyone would say that [Nairobi] represents African culture.”

He added, however, that “if you’re looking for something that’s developing, then Nairobi, that’s the main city—in East Africa, at least—that’s really developing.”

**“You definitely would have very different experiences in Nairobi versus Dakar.”**

—*Lakota Pochedley, CC ’13*

Lakota Pochedley, CC ’13—who is currently studying in Senegal, a West African country—said she would not choose to study in Nairobi, as the region’s cultural landscape is too far removed from West Africa’s.

“You definitely would have very different experiences in Nairobi versus Dakar,”

## Kendall’s role in trial portrayed on Broadway

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court of appeals upheld that finding on Tuesday.

But same-sex marriage is likely to stay banned in California while the appeals process continues. Prop 8’s backers plan to appeal the most recent ruling, either to a larger panel of Ninth Circuit judges or directly to the United States Supreme Court.

Any person or organization can file an amicus brief to provide information that might assist the court in reaching a decision. The appeals court’s ruling adopted some of the arguments presented in Columbia’s amicus brief, Goldberg said, adding that many organizations filed briefs.

“In a major case like this, many organizations want to add their views for the court’s consideration, to give the court additional ideas on how to think about the case,” she said.

In her amicus brief, Goldberg argued that California doesn’t have a legitimate reason to establish different marriage rules for same-sex and opposite-sex couples, as it treats those couples identically in all other ways.

“The Ninth Circuit point was the explanation that the rights had already been granted,” Goldberg said. “Giving it out and then taking it away shows a measure only to harm the couples. They have all of the basic rights of marriage, but not the name of marriage.”

Both Goldberg and Kendall said they were thrilled by the appeals court’s decision last week.



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**NO ON 8** | Ryan Kendall, GS, ’13, was one of 19 witnesses to testify against California’s Proposition 8 at a trial two years ago.

“The fundamental issue is whether or not you’re going to let people have their own families,” Kendall said. “And that’s the most basic right anyone gets: the right to their own family.”

After the trial, Kendall was interviewed by CNN and several other news outlets. He’s also become a character in the play “8,” which tells the story of the trial.

The play had a one-night Broadway premiere last September—with a cast including Morgan Freeman and John Lithgow—and in March it will debut in Los Angeles, where George Clooney and George Takei will star, among others. Kendall is portrayed by “The Book of Mormon” actor Rory O’Malley.

Reflecting on the trial, Kendall said that seeing Prop 8 declared unconstitutional made

him feel like a “full citizen.”

“It’s a powerful thing for a court to declare what you already know: that you are equal just like anybody else,” Kendall said. “And each day it happens, it’s good for all of us everywhere, because it helps us approach that better world we are trying to build.”

But Kendall is still worried that other children will be put in the situation he was in. He believes that adults must “take away the stigma of being LGBT” in order to reduce youth suicide rates.

“Unfortunately, even if we win in this case, the reality is that many kids will still be shipped off to ‘straight’ camp. It’s an ugly truth,” Kendall said. “But at least when you start normalizing people who love each other, you start to make things better.”

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SIMPSON SINKS ONE | Junior guard/forward Tyler Simpson had 26 points in a near win at Brown.

## First Ivy win elusive as leads evaporate

BY JOSH SHENKAR  
*Spectator Staff Writer*

“I’m disappointed but not discouraged,” Lions coach Paul Nixon said after the Columbia women’s basketball team lost to Brown 72-63 in overtime Friday night. While the Lions (2-19, 0-7 Ivy) lost yet another game to Yale 73-59 on Saturday night, their competitive performance and offensive production have shown improvement from earlier Ivy League matchups.

Nixon’s optimism comes from the fact that the Lions competed in both of their weekend games before being undone by late runs. Columbia traded the lead with Brown (14-8, 5-3 Ivy) five times before struggling offensively in overtime. The Lions’ game with Yale (14-8, 6-2 Ivy) featured six lead changes before the Bulldogs dominated the last 10 minutes of the second half.

“I thought, for the first 40 minutes, we played our best Ivy game of the season so far,” Nixon said after the loss to Brown.

Indeed, the Lions had one of their best offensive performances at Brown, as they shot

36 percent and made seven three-pointers. Junior guard/forward Tyler Simpson and senior guard Melissa Shafer led the Lions’ offense with 28 and 18 points respectively. The game was fairly close throughout, with the Lions coming back to take a 31-29 halftime lead after Brown had led 20-12 earlier in the first half. Both teams remained evenly matched in the second half, and the game went into overtime after Light Blue sophomore guard Nicole Santucci missed a layup at the end of regulation. In overtime, though, the Lions were outscored 16-6, due in large part to their four turnovers.

“We had the lead down to one before we made two consecutive turnovers that led to breakaway layups for them,” Nixon said. “They weren’t just turnovers like a travel or we threw it out of bounds. We literally just threw the ball to them. They were kind of the most awful turnovers you can give up. We went down from being down one to being down five in a few possessions.”

The Light Blue had a great start to its game at Yale, jumping out to a 29-17 lead thanks to 56

percent shooting in the first 15 minutes. The Bulldogs offense recovered, though, and it managed to cut the Lions’ lead to two at halftime. In the second half, the sides were fairly evenly matched in the first 10 minutes before the Bulldogs managed to pull away. Yale outscored Columbia 27-14 in the last 10 minutes of the game, with junior guard Megan Vasquez scoring 11 of her career-high 28 points over that span.

“We played really well in the first 30 minutes of the game,” Nixon said. “The last 10 minutes, we let the game get away from us because we stopped really aggressively attacking on offense.”

The Lions’ collapse in the second half may have been partially due to fatigue, as the team had just played an overtime game with Brown the night before.

“[...] The biggest problem with fatigue is that a lot of times as a player, you don’t even really realize it’s happening to you,” Nixon said.

The Light Blue will seek its first Ivy League win when it hosts Princeton on Friday. It will then face Penn the following day in Levien Gymnasium.

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**VOICES OF A WOMEN'S HEALTH MOVEMENT**  
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**02/21**  
**NOT FEELING AT HOME**  
**Migration, Belonging, and Nostalgia**  
**6 PM**  
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

**02/21**  
**IS A PUBLIC SCHOOL A PUBLIC GOOD OR A SHOESTORE?**  
**6:30 PM**  
James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

**02/22**  
**POWER TALK WITH MARY KAY HENRY**  
**7 PM**  
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

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**A QUESTION OF METHODOLOGY**  
**Feminist Studies of Gender and the State in Contemporary Iran**  
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**REIMAGINING EQUALITY**  
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**02/29**  
**ISRAEL & ITS NEIGHBORS**  
**An Insider's View**  
**6 PM**  
Event Oval, The Diana Center

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**HOW TO GET FROM THERE TO HERE**  
**7 PM**  
Julius S. Held Auditorium, 304 Barnard Hall

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editors,

I was thrilled when I found out last week that two Mexican students, Andrea Viejo and Cecilia Reyes, started a discussion in their opinion columns (“Mexican in New York,” Jan. 29; “Another Mexican in New York,” Feb. 8) about their experiences of coming to the U.S. I wish to extend their discussion by bringing it closer to home. This is mainly because I want to stress that the dichotomy that exists in the U.S. between “Mexican-Americans” and “temporal Mexicans in the U.S.” has roots in Mexico itself. These labels might hurt and sound exclusive. However, what hurts the most is that they are a reality—a reality that we can no longer ignore. Something that continues to

Being the church without a ‘church’

BY HEIDI KELLER

A quote I often hear, “Don’t just attend church—be the church,” reminds me in a very tangible way of what this vision actually means for the congregation of Trinity Grace Church, which used to meet at P.S. 75 Emily Dickinson School on 96th Street—until we recently lost the right to congregate in the building, which we had called home for the past few years. In 1994, the Bronx Household of Faith applied for space at a middle school to use for Sunday services. The request was denied—twice. During the years between these two denials, many congregations have been able to find ways to use public school buildings for congregation space, but the federal appeals court decision made last December to uphold the ruling of the city’s Department of Education took the rest of the city’s churches down with it thanks to Resolution 1155. The motivation for such restrictive regulations is mainly a desire to maintain the separation of church and state.

Congregations need space and have money. Schools have space and need money. Disallowing this mutually beneficial transaction creates a deadweight loss for society.

Now, many churches in New York City are churchless—what, then, is a “church”? The word evokes images of grand cathedrals and modest chapels, both of which can readily be found throughout the city. But in the most basic sense, a church is a place for public Christian worship. For this reason, you find that Christians don’t just sit in pews for weekly worship services, they use bar stools, too, like at Hillsong NYC, which hosts services in Irving Plaza. Now, schools are left with the awkward task of determining when after-school religious activities become too church-like and have lost the modest source of revenue provided by the churches’ rent for the space, an estimated several million dollars.

I would say that I will miss the students of P.S. 75 Emily Dickinson School—but I never actually met them. Our paths didn’t cross because my Sunday-morning activities didn’t coincide with their regular weekday cycle of classes. Viewing the charming paintings of personified vegetables that line the school hallways is the only way that I’ve connected to the students who occupy the building Monday through Friday. Unfortunately, I can’t say that I’ve touched their lives similarly—they don’t even know I exist. This legislation, which Jane Gordon, senior counsel of the New York City Law Department, hailed as “a victory for the city’s schoolchildren and their families,” I suspect will have little impact on anyone besides the congregations that are now left homeless. Space is tight. I get it. This is New York City, after all. But with the state allocating its resource of space inefficiently, I regret to say that I can find no logic in this decision. Congregations need space and have money. Schools have space and need money. Disallowing this mutually beneficial transaction creates a deadweight loss for society and causes stress on both ends. Some restrictions are needed, of course: We shouldn’t allow groups like the Ku Klux Klan to congregate in elementary school cafeterias. Schools have, until now, regarded groups renting their space in the same way: As long as nothing illegal is taking place, a church congregation is just as welcome to use the space as the local Boy Scout troop.

Yesterday marked the last time that dozens of your fellow students made the trek to P.S. 75 on 96th Street for a Sunday morning Trinity Grace Church worship service. The ruling went into effect on February 12. There was hope that Resolution 1155 would allow the practice to continue, but this has not come in time for services this weekend. Trinity Grace, with multiple congregations throughout the city, is certainly not abolished, but the time and location is now much more inconvenient for its members, many of which are Columbia students.

Some people have taken to protesting with prayer meetings—groups knelt in prayer in front of barricades outside of the building where Mayor Bloomberg gave his State of the City address last month—and 43 of these estimated 200 protesters were arrested for “disorderly conduct.” The best thing that I can do is turn the other cheek. In losing this space for worship, I remember how blessed I am to be able to practice my religion freely and “do church” wherever life takes me. Jesus said in Matthew 18:20, “For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” So despite the momentous impact and inconvenience of the court ruling, I and my fellow Christians in Morningside Heights will continue to find ways to live out the words of Jesus. Faith communities have given a lot to the city in the way that they care for people in need and work for restoration in every sector of society. A global center like New York City should strive to preserve the religious diversity that has made it so iconic.

The author is a Barnard College sophomore majoring in environmental science. She is a member of Trinity Grace Church and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

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strike me about my interaction with students at Columbia and people around New York is how little I’m associated with the physical Mexican stereotype, which tends to be thought of as a short, brown-skinned individual that works at one of the local delis.

To anyone that studies the economic and political history of Mexico, it will become evident that the mestizos (those of Spanish and indigenous descent), a category to which I belong, have benefited the most, while the indígenas, a category to which many “Mexican-Americans” belong, have been repeatedly and continually repressed both in our home country and in the U.S. I am aware that this is just a modest and simplistic way of portraying Mexican history. For our purposes, I think it gives sufficient background in order to point out that the dichotomy found in the U.S. is an extension of the one that originated in Mexico many centuries ago.

Be my valentine, 1 Train

With Valentine’s Day just around the corner, I came to the realization that I have a passionate love affair with the subway.

The subway in New York is a world of its own. In a city of 8 million people, the public transport system is the common thread that links everyone. Take a glimpse at the geographic layout of the 1 train that stops right outside of campus: It makes a stop in nearly every one of this city’s microcosms. From the wealthy pockets of Wall Street investors, it travels uptown along Times Square tourists, makes a stop at Columbia, touches upon the Harlem barrios, and settles in the neighborhoods of the Bronx. How many faces, how many stories, how many broken dreams and joyous adventures live through it? The subway lines are like veins that circulate through New York and feed it with liveliness.

I’ve fallen in love with the subway because every ride is an opportunity to understand the way this city interacts. I invite you to ride the subway with a new attitude: Immerse yourself in the very essence of your subway car. Leave headphones, books, and conversations with friends behind. Leave behind that empty stare into space because you are too shy to look strangers in the eye. Instead, pay close attention to what is around you. Listen to the conversation of the person next to you, the many different accents, foreign languages, and babies’ cries. Look around at the different fashions, features, and objects that people carry along. Breathe in the different aromas—sometimes, they will be Chanel No. 5. Other times, they will not be pleasant at all. It is a cultural experience.

I realized for the first time how globalized the subway was when I sat in between two commuters reading Chinese- and Spanish-language newspapers. I, on the other hand, had a spare copy of Spectator in my backpack. All three had articles on the Occupy Wall Street movement. Nonetheless, I’m sure the three of us had entirely different perspectives on the issue—mainly because our backgrounds had led us to experience entirely different things in this city. The subway brought us together. This made me feel butterflies.



ANDREA VIEJO

From Outside In

I can’t agree more with the fact that it is important to unpack some labels and stereotypes because they often reinforce differences. However, it is also important to reflect upon the reality of a label. What is it about the dichotomy of “Us” vs. “Them” that remains true in reality? What we cannot do is try to ignore a label because we don’t want to sound exclusive when the exclusiveness is a reality. I believe that in this case, even if it is discomforting, we—not only Mexicans—have to be aware of the dichotomies that are a reality within our society. This is important because we cannot aspire to have a more inclusive society unless we scrupulously look at our own society.

Lourdes Pintado, GS ’12  
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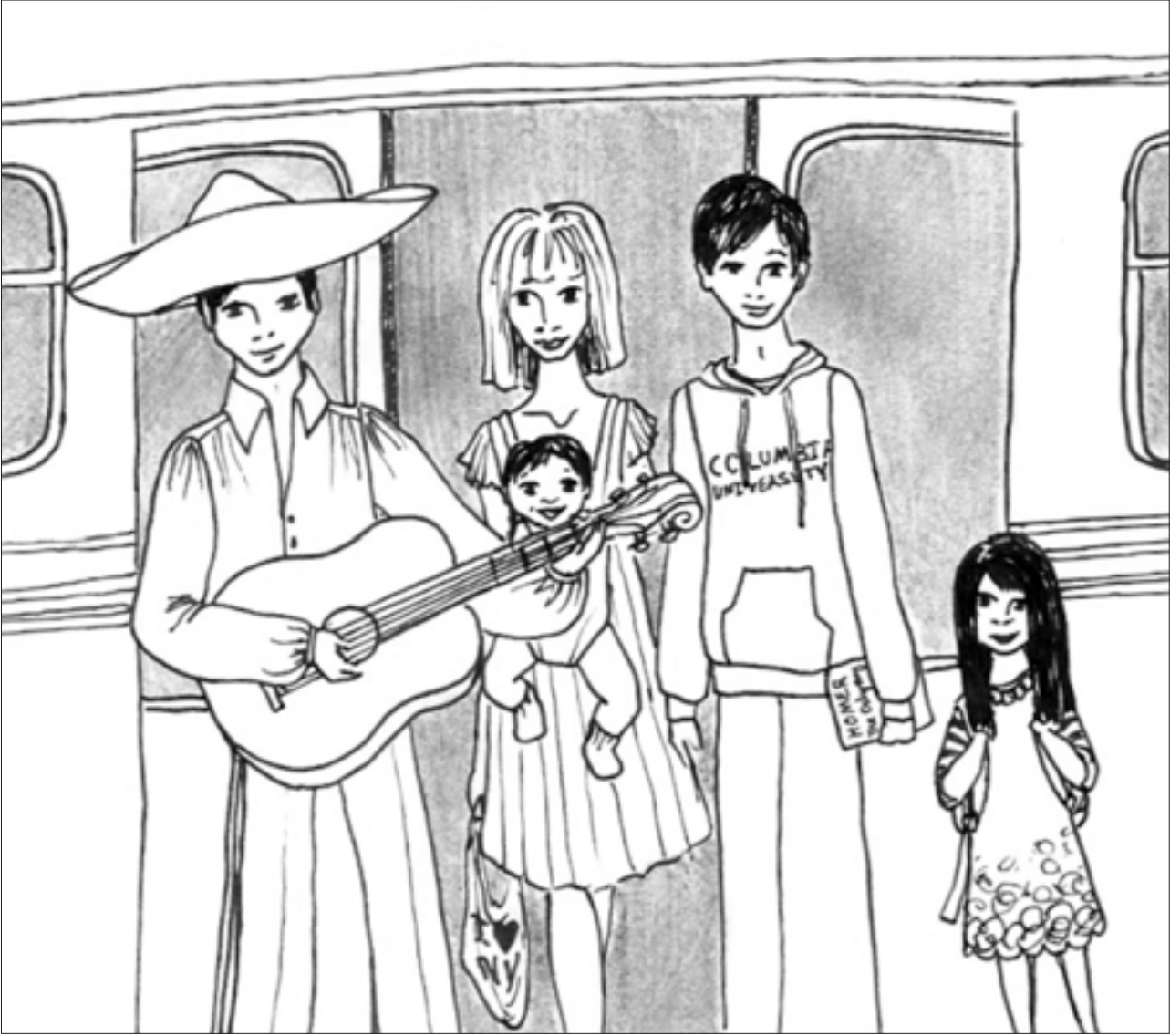
The lyrics to Simon & Garfunkel’s “Sound of Silence” read, “The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls.” Public spaces like the subway grant the opportunity for anyone to become a prophet within their very own means of expression. Think of all the musicians, the Bible preachers, the communist protests, and mime artists that you come into contact with as you wait at a subway station. One of my favorite memories of riding the subway is when a group of Mexican mariachis and corridor singers randomly jumped in at 96th Street. Immediately after finishing their songs, they started advocating for immigrant rights. They probably wanted tips for their performance, but I saw what they were doing as a statement of their presence in this city. They were showcasing their cultures and their personal backgrounds in public, contradicting the anonymity that this society pressures them to live in.

Ride the subway with a new attitude: Immerse yourself in the very essence of the subway car you occupy.

Being in love with the subway has taught me that we are not as foreign or distant from any other New York City resident as we perceive ourselves to be. It is during that 15-minute subway ride that all our lives connect and are equally vulnerable. The subway has also brought me to be conscious about the responsibility we have in connecting the different microcosms of this city. As intellectually conscious citizens of the 116th Street—the Columbia University stop—both with students who intern at Wall Street or volunteer in Harlem, students should be reminded by any subway ride that we have the power to connect both worlds.

We should all fall in love with the subway line.

Andrea Viejo is a Columbia College first-year. She is on the executive board of the Columbia Society of International Undergraduate Students and a writer for Nuestras Voces. From Outside In runs alternate Mondays.



Yael Wiesenfeld

STAFF EDITORIAL

Giving back

Last week, Columbia College Interim Dean James Valentini made good on his pledge to match seniors’ contributions to the Senior Fund, agreeing to donate over \$4,000. This move is encouraging on two fronts. First, it is promising to see that Valentini has taken a personal interest in the success of the Senior Fund’s push to raise donations. Second, and more importantly, it is encouraging to see Valentini follow through with an initiative that he advocated for early in his tenure. While we recognize that his capacity as interim dean limits his policy and decision-making abilities, we commend him on his communication and outreach efforts he promised early on. Valentini’s Senior Fund donation is simply the latest example of his commitment, and is an example: giving back after we exit Columbia’s gates.

Valentini has said that “it’s not about the money, it’s not about the amount, it’s the symbolism that we all owe something to the college” (“Valentini to donate over \$4000 to Senior Fund,” Feb. 10). This attitude should resonate with all of Columbia’s undergraduates. We should acknowledge what our respective schools have done and continue to do for us as students. Valentini’s idea isn’t limited to

Columbia College—it raises a pertinent issue for all of Columbia’s schools.

Though we recognize that it is financially difficult for recent alumni to donate to their undergraduate institutions, it is worthwhile to point out that this money directly impacts a specific undergraduate school. Given that we usually feel more attached to our particular schools than the University as a whole, this clarification is especially relevant.

While we criticize ourselves for a lack of community, symbolic gestures like this one help foster school unity. The last part of what Valentini had dubbed the “3, 2, 1” challenge involves older alumni, bridging a generation gap between students and alumni and helping bring together different class years.

While Senior Fund donations are significant in that they provide valuable liquid capital to the various schools, the idea of giving back is not limited to monetary contributions. Alumni give back through mentorship programs, by sponsoring internships, and by staying aware of what is going on around campus. With this in mind, it should be easy to give back to the institutions that have given us so much.

This process is ongoing, and Valentini’s tone has been immensely beneficial. We hope to see this positive attitude continue both within Columbia College and across other schools.



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7 Hiker's snack mix  
11 "Cocoon" director  
14 "Tins sexy"  
15 Chevy hatchback  
16 Tavern order  
17 Baker's sweetener  
20 Columnist  
21 Swiss calculus pioneer  
22 Odds and ends  
23 \_\_\_ silly question, get...  
24 "Twittering Machine" artist  
26 Cinnamon blend for a Thanksgiving recipe  
33 "The Sheik of \_\_\_," 1920s song  
34 "Poor me!"  
35 Carpenter's cutter  
36 Places for compost  
37 Little ones who, they say, are made up of the ends of this puzzle's four longest entries  
39 Israel's Netanyahu, familiarly  
40 Took a load off  
41 Writing implements  
42 Elegant dress material  
43 "All finished!"  
47 Make less difficult  
48 Ages upon ages  
49 Heart or liver  
52 The devil  
54 Tavern tipgig  
57 1966 Beach Boys hit  
60 Sick  
61 \_\_\_ pro quo: substitute  
62 Laundry employee  
63 Santa's little helper  
64 Trig function  
65 Equivalent of A-flat

**DOWN**

1 Old Roman garment  
2 Sound of traffic  
3 Frustration

3 \_\_\_ Bator, Mongolia  
4 Fellow  
5 Feature of a clear day  
6 Dog also called a Persian  
7 Greyhound  
7 Garden entrance  
8 Too much of a good thing  
9 Little wagon's color  
10 Have in one's hands  
11 Classic competitor  
12 Norwegian royal name  
13 Indoor ball brand  
18 Shepard who hit golf balls on the moon  
19 Lone Star State sch.  
23 LAPD alerts  
25 Grazing lands  
26 Blue Ribbon beer  
27 Dickens villain  
28 Heep  
28 Underwater ray  
29 Examine grammatically  
30 Last Supper query  
31 Mountain quarters  
32 "Dallas" surname

37 Thousands, in a heist  
38 Buy for the future, as gold  
39 German road  
41 Manners to be minded  
42 Rock-throwing protesters  
44 Marsh duck  
45 Heavy metal band named for a rodent  
46 "Bout this large!"

49 Boo-boo, to tote  
50 Turn at the casino  
51 \_\_\_ of Mexico  
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SPORTS BRIEFLY

WOMEN’S TENNIS

The Light Blue remained undefeated after sweeping Binghamton on Friday. The doubles point was secured after sophomores Bianca Sanon and Tiana Takenaga won the No. 1 match and junior Nicole Bartnik and sophomore Ioana Alecsiu took the No. 2 match. Junior Katarina Kovacevic and freshman Crystal Leung dominated the No. 3 match, winning 8-0, to complete the Light Blue’s sweep. Crystal Leung was the only Lion to be seriously challenged in singles, winning her No. 3 match against Marina Bykovskaya in a third-set tiebreaker. No other Lion dropped a set versus the Bearcats. Takenaga handily beat Missy Edelblum in the No. 6 spot in the weekend’s most decisive victory.

—Laura Allen

MEN’S TENNIS

Columbia’s freshmen performed well this past weekend, upholding the team’s win streak by winning 5-2 against George Washington and 7-0 against Marist. Freshmen Ashok Narayana and Mac Schnur won in the No. 1 doubles spot against the Colonials on Friday with classmates Winston Lin and Bert Vancura taking the No. 3 spot. Vancura handily beat Viktor Svensson in the No. 4 singles spot, while Narayana and juniors Nathaniel Gery and John Yetimoglu took the No. 3, No. 2, and No. 5 singles spots, respectively. The Lions swept the Red Foxes Saturday with Narayana and Schnur taking the No. 1 doubles match, but Vancura and Lin fell in a tiebreaker in the No. 2 match. The Bucher brothers, junior Cyril and sophomore Tizian, took the No. 3 match to give the Light Blue the edge in doubles. Columbia won every singles spot. The team travels to the ECAC Team Championships in Hanover, N.H., this Friday.

—Laura Allen

MEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING

The Lions (7-4, 4-3 Ivy) split their final two meets of the season, falling to Princeton 120-172 before bouncing back on Senior Night to defeat Dartmouth, 174-123. Despite the loss to the undefeated Tigers, the freshman class continued to show its strengths with wins in three events—the 50-yard freestyle, the 200 IM relay, and the 1-meter dive. The next day, the Light Blue returned to the pool for its final home meet of the season against the Big Green. The divers made a huge contribution, as junior Jason Collazo won both the 1-meter and the 3-meter dives and freshman Micah Rembrandt placed second in both events. The Lions started off with a win in the 200-yard IM relay, followed by freshman Dominik Koll breaking away in the 40th lap of the 1,000 free to win with a time of 9 minutes, 27.0 seconds. For the last event, the 200 free relay, the team of freshmen Stanley Wong, Daniel Gosek, Alex Ngan, and sophomore William Falk-Wallace, broke the pool record in a time of 1:22.07.

“This was a big win against Dartmouth,” senior Bruno Esquen said. “There was a big crowd, everyone was supporting us.”

The Lions will begin tapering off in preparation for the ECAC Championships, which begin Feb. 24, and the Ivy League Championships, starting on March 1.

—Eric Wong

MEN’S SQUASH

The Lions had a difficult weekend, falling 7-2 at No. 9 Penn on Friday and 8-1 versus No. 3 Princeton on Sunday. Against the Quakers, Columbia took only the first and last matches, with freshman Ramit Tandon winning at No. 1 in straight sets and sophomore Theodore Buchsbaum winning in straight sets at No. 9. Junior Graham Miao and freshman Danial Saleem were able to put up strong fights, with Miao playing five sets and Saleem extending two of the sets he lost past the minimum 11 points required in a game. Both, however, were ultimately unable to build on the Lions’ strong start. On Sunday, the Lions were unable to hold off the Tigers, who clinched an outright Ivy title and posted their second perfect Ivy season in four years. The Light Blue will head to Princeton for the College Squash Association Championships next weekend.

—Muneeb Alam

WOMEN’S SQUASH

Columbia, currently ranked No. 14, wrapped up its regular season schedule this weekend with losses to No. 4 Penn on Friday and No. 5 Princeton on Sunday. Although the Light Blue had hoped to pull an upset and win its first Ivy League matchup of the season this weekend, the firepower of its top-seeded opponents proved to be too much for the Lions. The Light Blue made a few adjustments to the lineup prior to the match against Penn—freshman Alisha Maity debuted at the No. 1 seed, and senior captain Liz Chu played at No. 4. Despite the changes in the roster, the Quakers took every match in three straight games for a 9-0 victory over the Lions. Sunday’s matchup against Princeton failed to yield better results for the Lions and ended in a 9-0 victory for the Tigers. The Light Blue hopes to regroup before it heads to Nationals on Feb. 23 in Cambridge, where it will get another chance to upset a top-seeded team.

—Caroline Bowman

WRESTLING

The Lions (6-4, 1-2 Ivy) narrowly missed out on a sweep of their three weekend matches. The Light Blue kicked off its weekend with a decisive 28-6 victory over Princeton (6-11, 1-3 Ivy), to earn its first Ivy duals win of the season. Senior heavyweight Kevin Lester bounced back from a loss last weekend at Cornell, defeating Tiger junior Bobby Grogan. The next day, Columbia dropped a 19-18 nail-biter to the Quakers (6-6, 2-2 Ivy), as neither Lester nor 197-pound junior Nick Mills could get a win in the Lions’ final two bouts, allowing Penn the come-from-behind win. That evening, however, the Light Blue bounced back with a dominating 31-10 win over Rider (9-8). Both Mills and Lester earned wins, as did 149-pound junior Steve Santos, whose eight-match winning streak had been snapped earlier in the day. Three Lions went a spotless 3-0 on the weekend. Junior Jake O’Hara was perfect at 157 pounds, as were junior Stephen West and freshman Shane Hughes. Columbia will close out the duals season when Brown, Harvard, and Hofstra visit this weekend.


—Eli Schultz


TRACK AND FIELD


Despite participating in multiple meets, the Light Blue had a very good weekend across the board. The majority of the Lions participated in the prestigious Millrose Collegiate Invitational, where both the men’s and women’s teams took third place. The women finished with 85.5 points and five top-three showings. Junior Emily Lanois raced to first place in the 3,000-meter, while freshman Anne Carey took third. On the men’s side, the Light Blue scored 76 points and had eight top-three finishers. The Lions participated in two other meets this weekend as well—the 2012 Boston University Valentine Invitational and the Lafayette/Rider Winter Games Invitational. Select athletes ran in these meets, but they performed just as dominantly as their fellow Lions at the Millrose Collegiate Invitational. In Boston, freshman Waverly Neer came in second in the 3,000, breaking a school record and establishing the best time among Ivy runners this year.

—Melissa Cheung

SCOREBOARD

MEN’S BASKETBALL		
	Columbia	86
	Brown	60
	Columbia	58
	Yale	59


WOMEN’S BASKETBALL		
	Columbia	63
	Brown	72 (OT)
	Columbia	59
	Yale	73


MEN’S FENCING	
	Placed third at Ivy League Championship


WOMEN’S FENCING	
	Placed second at Ivy League Championship


MEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING		
	Columbia	120
	Princeton	172
	Columbia	174
	Dartmouth	123


WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING		
	Columbia	183
	Dartmouth	117
	Columbia	173
	Princeton	127

WRESTLING	
	Columbia Penn
	18 19
	Columbia Princeton
	28 6
	Columbia Rider
	31 10


MEN’S SQUASH		
	Columbia Penn	2 7
	Columbia Princeton	1 8

WOMEN’S SQUASH		
	Columbia Binghamton	7 0

MEN’S TENNIS		
	Columbia George Washington	5 2
	Columbia Marist	7 0

MEN’S TRACK AND FIELD	
	Finished seventh at New Balance Collegiate Invitational

WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD	
	Finished third at Millrose Collegiate Invitational

WOMEN’S SQUASH		
	Columbia Penn	0 9
	Columbia Princeton	0 9

Columbia misses chance to even Ivy League record

MEN’S BASKETBALL from back page

“It’s the toughest thing in the world, letting one slip like that, but all you can do is try to stay positive right now,” Barbour said.

If the Lions want to think positive, they can look at Friday’s game against Brown (7-18, 1-7 Ivy). Even though the Bears’ starting point guard Sean McGonagill didn’t make the trip to New York, the Lions’ play was still impressive.

“We obviously played really well tonight,” Smith said on Friday. Columbia made 54.2 percent of its shots and 55.2 percent

of its threes, turned over the ball just six times, out-rebounded Brown 37-33, and held the Bears to 38.7 percent shooting.

The breakout star of the game was Crockett, who led the Light Blue with a career-high 18 points on 6-of-10 shooting, all from downtown.

“Shots went in, I don’t know. My guys found me,” Crockett said after the game. “We pretty much played within the offense—it was perfect. There wasn’t a lot of one-on-one, there was a lot of ball movement.”

Cisco, Barbour, and Lyles all scored in double figures as well, and 10 different Lions contributed to the 86-point total.



ALYSON GOULDEN/SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**CROCKED AND LOADED** | Senior guard Chris Crockett scored a career-best 18 points off of six three-pointers versus Brown.

Columbia women outswim Princeton for first time

**BY CHARLOTTE MURTISHAW**  
*Spectator Staff Writer*

Going into last Friday’s meet against Princeton, the Columbia women’s swimming and diving team was well aware that it was up against the Goliath of Ivy League swimming. The Tigers, last year’s Ivy League champions, had groomed a meticulous record that included a 43-meet win streak dating back to 2006-2007 that ended two weekends ago against Harvard.

The teams kicked off the meet, and the 200-yard medley relay A team of junior Katie Meili and freshmen Mikaila Gaffey, Lisa Zhang, and Stella Zhao powered to a first-place finish only to be disqualified later, allowing Princeton to take first- and second-place points in the event.

“But we were the underdogs,” said head coach Diana Caskey. “So we said, ‘Whatever, let’s fight back.’”

Stowing the less-than-encouraging start in the backs of their minds, the Lions fought back, eventually picking up an incredible win that marked the first time in its history that Princeton had been beaten on its home turf at DeNunzio Pool in a dual meet.

Meili led the charge, blazing to first-place finishes in the 50 freestyle, 200 breaststroke, and 200 individual medley. Meanwhile, freshman teammates Chacha Bugatti and Salena Huang dominated the

freestyle events. Bugatti took first in the 500 and 1,000, while Huang won the 200 and touched second in the 100 and 500.

The Lions would ultimately take the top spot in 10 of the 13 individual events. Gaffey, sophomore Laney Kluge, and junior Kristina Parsons all contributed wins. Co-captain senior Dorothy Baker and junior Caroline Lukins also helped to fuel the 173-127 victory.

“This meet has been a goal of ours all season ... To be able to go into anyone’s home territory and beat them is huge, but Princeton is perennially the best team in the League,” Caskey said of the victory over her alma mater. With the win, Caskey was able to beat her old swimming coach for the first time in the Columbia swimming coach’s career.

“It felt awesome. This team has worked so hard.”

The next day, the team jumped back into the pool, this time at home, and claimed an easy victory over Dartmouth in its final dual meet of the season. The win boosted the Lions’ conference record to 6-1, which was good enough to earn them second place behind Harvard in conference dual-meet standings.

The team will travel to Cambridge on Feb. 23 for the invitational-style Ivy League Championships. The Lions finished in third place last year behind swimming powerhouses Princeton and Harvard.

“We’re excited for Ivies,” Bugatti said. “It’s only up from here.”

Fencing finishes in top of Ivy League

FENCING from back page

an 11-4 record along his way to making first team All-Ivy. Leahy and sophomore sabrist Melvin Rodriguez both earned second team All-Ivy with respective records of 9-7 and 10-5.

The Lions’ young fencers, especially on the men’s side, were the strength of the team.

“At a lot of these competitions, the results come out because of experience,” Leahy said. “Our freshmen and sophomores stepped up more than I thought they would. I am incredibly proud, impressed, and excited about that. This is unreal from freshmen and sophomores. The future for them is unlimited.”

Aufrechtig agreed. “The men’s

team became the men’s team here at Ivy Championships,” he said.

“There was a lot of cheering and a lot of support. If someone messed up, they didn’t get upset with themselves. They came right back and cheered their teammates on. There were a lot of bouts that people might not have expected us to win that came through that spirit.”

On the women’s side, Roberts, junior sabrist Loweye Diedro, and freshman epeeist Diana Tsinis earned first-team All-Ivy honors with records of 15-3, 15-3, and 11-4, respectively. Junior sabrist Essane Diedro finished 14-4 on her way to second-team All-Ivy.

This weekend marked the final Ivy League Championships for Roberts, who has posted a


record of 15-3 at the tournament in her four years at Columbia.

“It feels great to go 15-3,” Roberts said. “I am really happy with my record. I fenced some really amazing bouts. I won two bouts that felt like the best fencing I’ve done in a long time. It’s really good because it was against fencers that I will see in the future.”

Although disappointed they were unable to knock off Princeton, Roberts believes that this women’s team will be even better next year.

“It’s hard,” Roberts said. “I’ve put a lot of time and effort into this team. I love this team. I love this program, [but] the team has a lot of promise for the future, and I know they’ll be able to get a ring.”






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# MONDAY MORNING POINT GUARD

GAME BALL

Yale's Reggie Willhite kept his team in the game in the first half and ended up scoring the game-winning layup with 13 seconds left on the clock. The senior guard/forward led all players with 24 points and was 11-of-19 from the field.

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CONSISTENT CISCO

While the team has yet to play consistently, junior center Mark Cisco recorded his fifth double-double—four of which have come in league play—of the season on Saturday against Yale. He leads the league in rebounds, with 8.8 boards per conference game.

INJURY REPORT

The Light Blue is fortunate to be still healthy more than halfway into the Ivy season.

FROM DOWNTOWN

The Lions have rediscovered their form from beyond the arc, as they shot a combined 23-of-46 from three-point territory this weekend. Sophomore guard Meiko Lyles was 10-of-16 this weekend.



### BOX SCORE

PLAYER	MIN	REB	AST	PTS	MIN	REB	AST	PTS
BARBOUR	25	2	9	16	36	3	7	10
LYLES	24	4	4	17	36	3	1	17
DANIELS	22	10	2	0	8	2	1	2
CISCO	18	5	1	10	34	12	1	12
ROSENBERG	21	5	1	7	29	3	2	6
CROCKETT	19	1	1	18	18	0	2	5
GREEN	16	0	1	5	11	2	2	4
OSETKOWSKI	15	1	0	4	6	1	0	0
STAAB	8	3	1	4	22	2	2	4
KOWALSKI	8	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
JOHNSON	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

### IVY STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT
Harvard	7	1	.875
Yale	6	2	.750
Penn	5	2	.714
Cornell	5	3	.625
Princeton	4	3	.571
Columbia	3	5	.375
Brown	1	7	.125
Dartmouth	0	8	.000

### IVY SCOREBOARD

Harvard.....	56
Penn.....	50
Princeton.....	70
Harvard.....	62
Princeton.....	59
Dartmouth.....	47
Cornell.....	85
Yale .....	84
Cornell.....	72
Brown.....	63
Penn.....	58
Dartmouth.....	55

### IVY SCHEDULE

 GAME ONE VS. PENN L 66-64	 GAME TWO VS. PRINCETON L 62-58	 GAME THREE VS. CORNELL W 61-56	 GAME FOUR AT CORNELL L 65-60	 GAME FIVE AT DARTMOUTH W 64-62	 GAME SIX AT HARVARD L 57-52	 GAME SEVEN VS. BROWN W 86-60
 GAME EIGHT VS. YALE L 59-58	 GAME NINE AT PRINCETON 2/17, 7 P.M.	 GAME TEN AT PENN 2/18, 7 P.M.	 GAME ELEVEN AT YALE 2/24, 7 P.M.	 GAME TWELVE AT BROWN 2/25, 6 P.M.	 GAME THIRTEEN VS. HARVARD 3/2, 7 P.M.	 GAME FOURTEEN VS. DARTMOUTH 3/3, 7 P.M.



## Sportsmanship in pros not up to NCAA standard

Randy Moss pretending to moon the fans at Lambeau Field. A-Rod slapping the baseball out of Bronson Arroyo's glove. LeBron James and Dwyane Wade making fun of Dirk Nowitzki for being sick.



**TOM CARUSO**  
**For the Record**

In November, *Spectator* ran two pieces about heckling and how far is too far. While it is important to understand how fans interact with players, coaches, and referees, it's just as important to consider how people on the field interact with each other—because it's not always pretty.

Unsportsmanlike behavior is a common occurrence in all sports and on all levels of competition, and it comes in many forms. Some types of conduct, like fighting and taunting, are pretty obviously unsportsmanlike, but sometimes it's not so clear-cut, like when teams run up the score in football or players guarantee a victory before a game.

To many, such behavior indicates a lack of maturity (like A-Rod) or professionalism (like LeBron and D-Wade) on the part of some athletes, and they may be right. If it's such a problem, though, why do we see so much debate on *Around the Horn* and *Pardon the Interruption* about unacceptable player conduct and so few measures taken to curb the indecency?

For one, the viewing public seems to have a fascination with showings of bad sportsmanship. Take, for instance, the bench-clearing brawl between the Yankees and Red Sox in the 2003 ALCS. After the incident, I remember seeing clips of it everywhere. Even as an 11-year-old, I wondered what the big deal was—what was there to say except, “We should try to make sure that this doesn't happen again”? Outside of the vilification of Pedro Martinez, all that came out of that brawl was confirmation that the public (or, at the very least, the media) is interested by athletes behaving badly.

Additionally, there is an interest in continuing sports traditions. Baseball would never ban brushback pitches—the source of many shouting matches and most baseball brawls—because of their strategic value. In all major sports, some actions that can devolve into unsportsmanlike behavior are so ingrained that any attempt to curb them would lead to a fundamental change in the game. In hockey, for instance, a ban on checking and fighting would take away two of the sport's proudest—and most violent—occurrences.

To that end, some debatably unsportsmanlike practices will forever remain. Barring some tragedy, like Ray Chapman's 1920 death-by-beanball that led to the widespread use of helmets, most sports and their practices are so well-established that nothing could really change the way that they work.

Note, however, that professional sports provide the media with far more examples of poor sportsmanship than college sports do. Why is this the case? In college sports, there is more room for punishment than in the big four professional sports. In December's game-ending brawl between the men's basketball teams of Cincinnati and Xavier, for instance, the two schools suspended eight players for as many as six games. Schools also have the option to kick students off of the team, and they also seem more likely than professional teams to adjust playing time as a result of a bad attitude.

Because of unions and power structures, long suspensions, high fines, or—at the extreme—kicking players off of a team are not viable options in the pros. And professional sports teams have a lot more to lose—their revenue streams are based on a certain number of people attending their games, many of whom show up to see the A-Rods and Lebrons, regardless of their on-court behavior. While every college team replaces players with new talent on an annual basis, professional organizations have to keep their franchise players happy.

None of this is to say that I want to change how the NBA, NFL, MLB, or NHL play games—rather, it's to say that, from a perspective of sportsmanship, I prefer the way that college athletes play the game. Take the Light Blue's loss to Yale on Saturday night. Despite dropping a 21-point lead in the second half, the Columbia players were still gracious after their loss and shook hands with the Yale players. That's the kind of attitude I prefer to see on the court.

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## Lions trounce Brown, fall to Yale in heartbreaker



MICHAEL DISCENZA / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**STAAB OF ANGUISH** | Senior forward Blaise Staab missed two critical free throws that would have put the Lions on top.

## Strong showing from both fencing squads at Ivies

**BY SPENCER GYORY**  
*Spectator Staff Writer*

At the 2012 Ivy League Championships this past weekend at Yale, the Columbia women's fencing team was unable to win its first Ivy title since 2008. However, a strong second-place finish by the women, the best finish by the men since 2009, and a number of excellent individual performances served as significant consolation prizes for the Lions.

Heading into their fifth match of the tournament, the women were 4-0 and due to face No. 2 Princeton in a match whose winner was guaranteed a share of the Ivy League title. The Lions were unable to maintain their early lead and were forced to watch reigning back-to-back champion Princeton rally to an 18-9 victory.

“We were really positive going into Princeton,” senior sabrist and captain Sammy Roberts said. “We were all fighting. Sabre was able to start it out strong. We tried to set a pace for everyone, and everyone tried to feed off of it, but in the end, we came up short, but not for a lack of effort.”

“They are a very strong team,” head coach Michael Aufrichtig said. “We were winning the close ones at the beginning, and they were winning the close ones in the middle and end.”

The women finished second in the tournament with a record of 4-1, posting victories over Cornell, No. 9 Penn, No. 7 Harvard, and Yale.

On the men's side, the Lions had beaten Brown 19-8 and had fallen to No. 7 Penn 12-15 on Saturday. On Sunday, the Lions fell to No. 3 Harvard 12-15, and not too many expected the Lions to go toe-to-toe with No. 2 Princeton.

However, after 26 bouts, the Lions and Tigers were tied 13-13 heading into the final bout between Columbia sophomore epeeist Alen Hadzic and Princeton junior epeeist Jonathan Yergler. Hadzic went up 2-1 but was unable to complete what would have been a stunning upset.

Not only was the performance encouraging for coaches and fencers alike, but it helped propel them to an 18-9 victory over No. 10 Yale and an overall tournament record of 2-3.

“We were winning bouts we shouldn't have,” senior epeeist Sean

Leahy said. “I think that is because our mentality in the huddle against Princeton was, ‘Let's ruin these guys' day.’ We were gunning for Princeton really hard. I think we caught them off guard. After Princeton, I knew we were going to beat Yale because everyone was so fired up and fencing so well. It gave us a tremendous amount of confidence.”

Freshman sabrist Will Spear walked away from the Coxe Cage with a 13-2 record and first-team All-Ivy recognition and was awarded both the Most Outstanding Rookie and Most Outstanding Performer Awards for the overall meet.

Heading into the meet, Spear had gone 22-10 as he adjusted to the collegiate five-touch bout. This weekend, he put it all together.

“Will Spear, throughout the season, has been getting into the groove of these five-touch bouts,” Aufrichtig said. “At Ivies, he found it.”

Another strong performance from the men's squad came from sophomore foilist Alex Pensler, who posted

**SEE FENCING, page 6**



KATE SCARBROUGH / SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**FALLING SHORT** | Despite junior epeeist Lydia Kopecky's underperformance at Ivies, the team took second place.

**BY MICHELE CLEARY**  
*Spectator Staff Writer*

The men's basketball team opened its weekend by blowing out Brown 86-60 behind a surprising 18-point performance by senior guard Chris Crockett. The next night, with 9:36 remaining in the second half, Crockett made a layup to put his team up by 20 points over Yale. It seemed like a packed Levien Gym was going to witness another lopsided victory for a Columbia team that had, after dropping several close games in Ivy play, finally hit its stride.

Instead, the 2,442 people in attendance saw the Light Blue's most spectacular second-half collapse of the season. The Lions (14-10, 3-5 Ivy), who led by as many as 21 points in the second half, fell to the Bulldogs (16-6, 6-2 Ivy) 59-58.

“Evidently so,” head coach Kyle Smith said when asked if his team still needed to learn how to win. “I thought we were in good shape—up 20 or 21, I don't even know what it was.”

Yale switched to a zone defense and started using a full-court press midway through the second half, both of which seemed to bother the Light Blue. But the Lions, who had been strong both offensively and defensively the whole game, seemed to lose focus after pulling so far ahead.

“We stopped guarding at the end there,” Smith said. “We relaxed, we got comfortable. I think we were up 20. Yale, somewhat desperately, went zone. I think we got some good looks against the zone, and we just didn't make them.”

The Bulldogs struggled offensively for most of the game. In the first half, Yale made only 36 percent of its shots. The Bulldogs missed their first 12 three-pointers before junior guard Austin Morgan hit one with 8:24 remaining in the game to cut the deficit to 15.

“I think we got a little complacent and let them make the run where we weren't attacking anymore,” junior point guard Brian Barbour said. “We just kind of sat back and quickly it turned into 14, then eight, and then it just keeps going down, and by then they have all the momentum swinging back their way.”

Morgan's trey came towards the beginning of a 17-2 run that shrank Columbia's lead to five with four and a half minutes to play. Since Crockett's layup, which had given the Lions a 20-point lead, the Lions had missed five of their six field goals and turned the ball over three times. But then, with 4:20 remaining, sophomore guard Meiko Lyles stepped up and hit his fifth three-pointer of the night, putting the Light Blue up by what seemed like a comfortable amount, 58-50.

That was the last field goal the Lions would score that night. As Yale continued to chip away, the Light Blue missed open shots and turned the ball over under intense defensive pressure. With 13 seconds remaining, senior guard Reggie Willhite, who had been the Bulldogs' hero the whole night, made a layup to give his team its first lead since midway through the first half.

Despite how poorly the Lions played in the last nine minutes, they still had a chance to take the lead back. Yale's senior center Greg Mangano fouled Blaise Staab with three seconds remaining. Staab stepped to the free-throw line as the crowd fell silent, still hoping to see the home team pull out the victory.

Staab missed both shots, and the Light Blue was forced to foul. Even though Mangano missed the first shot of a one-and-one, the Lions couldn't get another shot off.

“Nothing defines a game. One play doesn't. Two foul shots—sometimes those go, sometimes they don't,” Barbour said. “We should have never let it get to that situation in the first place.”

Once again, the Light Blue had a hard time handling the press—it had 21 turnovers the whole game, five of which came in the last six minutes.

“When they pressed, they forced us into a lot of turnovers that we shouldn't really have done,” junior center Mark Cisco said. Columbia has yet to figure out how to handle full-court pressure, despite seeing it several times in Ivy play. “It's really been our Achilles' heel,” Smith said.

Of the Light Blue's five conference losses, this was the closest one so far. “Every game we've lost in the Ivy League has been by five points or less, so we're right there,” Cisco said. “We really just need to take the next step and win these games that are so close.”

Cisco had a game-high 12 rebounds, in addition to 12 points, giving him his fifth double-double of the season. Lyles led Columbia with 17 points. With 10 points and seven assists, Barbour was the only other Lion to score in double figures. Willhite led all players with 24 points, and Mangano added 11 points and six rebounds for the Bulldogs.

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