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Students, Activists Rally For Floridita

BY MAGGIE ASTOR
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

More than 150 people packed inside Manhattanville's Floridita Tapas Bar & Restaurant Saturday afternoon to make their voices heard over the clatter of the 1 train rumbling along the elevated subway trestle outside.

The crowd at Floridita, a Cuban restaurant on 125th Street and Broadway, included Columbia students, local activists, and casual drop-ins. The restaurant, whose seating capacity is 174, was standing-room only.

The event was organized by Floridita owner Ramon Diaz and members of Columbia's Student Coalition on Expansion and Gentrification. SCEG is best known for the hunger strike it organized in November 2007 to draw administrative attention to a series of demands, including that the University rethink its Manhattanville campus expansion plan. Saturday's protest came after several months of limited visibility for the coalition.

"Activism at Columbia tends to be very theoretical and abstract, and this is a very material issue," Paco Martin del Campo, CC '11 and a member of SCEG and Lucha, said. "I really believe it's an important thing for Columbia students to be aware of and to take on."

According to organizers, Floridita's popularity among students could make the broader issue of Manhattanville hit closer to home. "A lot of people from Columbia know this restaurant," Margo Kulkarni, SEAS '10, said. "It's a really concrete way to get people to realize what will be changing."

Attendees gave various reasons for sacrificing part of Valentine's Day to turn out on behalf of Floridita.

"People believe you're for it [the expansion] because you go to Columbia," Samantha Jackson, GS and a member of the Columbia University College Democrats, said. "I want to put my face to this forum to show the people I'm fighting this oppression."

Fellow CU Dems member Greer Feick, CC '11, said she wasn't familiar with

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Sophomore Housing Yields Mixed Reactions

BY HANNAH LAYMON
Spectator Staff Writer

In response to first years concerned with the grim state of sophomore housing, Columbia Housing Services has initiated some changes. These include a new Sophomore Pair-Up plan and renovated parts of Wien Hall.

Columbia's housing lottery system ensures that the least sought-after rooms on campus will be occupied by sophomores, since their grade designation has them select residences after juniors and seniors.

Many schools assign housing by means of a seniority system that gives students greater advantage in the lottery the higher their class year. But Columbia does not subscribe to that concept entirely. Instead, in addition to prioritizing seniors over juniors and juniors over sophomores, Columbia reserves certain predetermined buildings on central campus to incoming first years, blocking out these options to the sophomores at the bottom of the barrel. Rising sophomores' low lottery numbers, coupled with the buildings pre-reserved for first-years, compound the situation.

Michael Novielli, chief of administration of student auxiliary and business services, explained the decision to reserve certain buildings for first-years, saying "We wanted to create a very vibrant first-year community so that the transition from high school to college would be as seamless as possible."

Though a handful of lucky sophomores usually emerge victorious from the housing lottery with singles in Fernald or suites in 47 Claremont, the majority live in doubles in McBain or Schapiro. Other options for sophomores include Wien and the Living Learning Center.

Joyce Jackson, executive director of Housing and Accommodation Services, attributed sophomores' discontent with their housing to the scarcity of single rooms. "That fact alone, aside from the building, aside from anything else, is going to make people unhappy," she said.

Columbia Completes Weekend Sweep of Dartmouth, Harvard



Ajit Pillai / Senior Staff Photographer

LAST POSSIBLE SECOND | An unexpected one-handed floater by Kevin Bulger with 4.2 seconds left to go saved the game for the Lions in their matchup with Harvard on Saturday.

Bulger's Shot Launches Lions to Third in Ivy League

BY MAX PURO
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

On a weekend when it seemed likely that the Columbia men's basketball team was going to settle for a split, Kevin Bulger's high arching, one-handed floater dropped with only 4.2 seconds left and the Lions earned an impressive home sweep against Harvard and Dartmouth.

"I knew the clock was running down, and I just tried to get in the lane and make a play," Bulger said. "I was fortunate enough that it worked out."

Before the last-second heroics, the Lions (10-12, 5-3 Ivy) struggled out of the gate on Friday night against Dartmouth (6-16, 4-4), as they saw themselves trail for the final 16:14 of the first half.

Despite the poor shooting (37 percent from the field) and six costly first-half turnovers, a K.J. Matsui pump-fake three-pointer from the corner fell as time expired, giving Columbia a 29-27 halftime lead—one it would not relinquish.

A halftime adjustment saw Asenso Ampim and Patrick Foley enter the lineup alongside Jason Miller, Noruwa Agho, and Bulger. This change allowed the Light Blue to go on a 17-2 run over the first seven minutes of the second half, which culminated in a 30-5 run over a nearly 18-minute stretch.

"I thought we had the best team on the floor at that time," head coach Joe Jones said of the second-half run. "We hadn't been able to practice with that group so I felt we were able to play with our best team, the best defensive team and the best offensive team, and once we did that we were able to go on a little run."

Yet, following the Light Blue's run, the Big Green mounted an impressive 11-0 run of its own with a flurry of three pointers, forcing Columbia to call a time out and regroup, which is exactly what the Lions did.

Over the final 10 minutes of the game, balance on the offensive end and a stifling defense allowed the Lions to end the game strong, pulling out the 65-52 victory. Agho played a phenomenal

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Man Attempts Escape Through Ceiling of Columbia Presbyterian Hospital

A man arrested by the Port Authority Police Department and checked into the New York-Presbyterian Hospital Emergency Room for monitoring attempted to escape police by climbing into the ceiling of the building Sunday morning.

Estaban Gutierrez, 36, of the Bronx, was apprehended Saturday evening near the George Washington Bridge by officers of the PAPD.

Gutierrez was arrested "on charges of possession of stolen property and also a controlled substance," Ron Marsico, a Port Authority spokesman, said on Sunday.

On the Saturday night following his arrest, PAPD officers transported Gutierrez to the emergency room area of New York-Presbyterian Hospital for observation.

Gutierrez spent Saturday night at the New York-Presbyterian Hospital and was in a bathroom in the Emergency Room area at 11:50 a.m. Sunday, when he reportedly decided to climb into the ceiling of the facility.

He subsequently trapped himself inside a wall of the structure.

Port Authority security officers and the officers from the New York Police Department's 33rd Precinct soon arrived to thwart Gutierrez's escape attempt.

"He went up into the ceiling, and it was searched for an hour and 15 minutes or so," Marsico said Sunday. "He was eventually determined to be on the other side of a sheetrock wall, so they knocked down the wall and there he was."

A Public Affairs representative for the hospital referred callers to the NYPD's 33rd Precinct, a representative of which confirmed police involvement in the arrest.

Gutierrez is currently being held for possession of stolen property and possession of a controlled substance, as well as an additional escape charge, Marsico said Saturday.

Calls placed to the Gutierrez household were not answered, and messages were not returned.

-James Tyson

FOOD OVER PHYSICS



Haley Vecchiarelli / Staff Photographer

E-WEEK BEGINS | The Engineering Student Council kicked off a week of celebrating engineering on Sunday night with dinner and registration for CUAssassins.

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ESC Open House & Study Break
Meet with representatives of the Engineering Student Council to discuss concerns pertaining to topics such as housing policies, or ways to improve and enrich students' experiences at SEAS.

309 Havemeyer, 10 p.m.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Let's start a poking campaign of LaVerna Fountain. Facebook friend her and then poke her like crazy."

—Victoria Ruiz, CC '09

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LGBT Groups Discuss Leadership, Community

BY MADINA TOURE
Spectator Staff Writer

A group of Columbia LGBT students, allies, and administrators traveled upstate for several days of discussion and community-building last weekend.

Participants in this year's LGBTQ Leadership Retreat, held at Frost Valley camping grounds in Claryville, N.Y. from Feb. 7 to Feb. 8, focused on evaluating interactions within the queer community and with their allies. The trip was organized by Lea Robinson, assistant director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Will Simpkins of Barnard's Office of Career Development, and Joyce Lewandowski of the College Activities Office, as well as student leaders.

"The goal of the retreat was to get all of the student leaders together with some of our advisers and sort of learn more about leadership and about ways that we can improve the queer community on Columbia's campus," Anna Steffens, BC '10, said.

Groups that had members in attendance included Columbia Urban Experience, Queer Awareness Month, Columbia Queer Alliance, Everyone Allied Against Homophobia, Gayava, Proud Colors, and GendeRevolution. According to Steffens, around 25 students and several advisors from both Columbia and Barnard were present.

A team began conceptualizing the weekend's activities last semester.

The goals of the retreat included the promotion of queer empowerment, exploring diversity within the LGBT community, working on leadership skills, and offering an environment to discuss participants' individual identities.

"We really tried to focus on just talking about our identity," Bryan Reid, a board member of the Columbia Queer Alliance and CC '10, said.

While the discussion did touch on individual experiences, it primarily emphasized ways to improve leadership skills and bring the University's queer communities together.

"We talked more generally about making sure that we're all good, accountable leaders," Steffens said. "Ways that we can improve our programming and to be better allies to other groups and communities."

According to Anna Ziering, CC '11 and a board member of Everyone Allied Against Homophobia, students came to represent their individual views as well as the groups they belonged to. She added that the participants in the discourse emphasized the importance of making queer students more comfortable on campus.

Ziering said she hopes to compile a Columbia and Barnard queer resource guide that would be distribute by next fall's new student orientation. She said the guide would include "queer-related questions like 'What's your favorite queer TV show? Queer-themed class? Queer event on campus?'" and more general questions about campus and academic life.

While there have been other retreats in the past, this year's was the first one in several years.

"We talked a lot about institutional memory, making sure that the stuff we do will be carried on in the future," Steffens said. "We talked about all the stuff we are doing now and passing it down."

Reid also highlighted the significance of a continuing legacy. "We definitely energized a lot of people," he said.

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FLORIDITA PROTEST | Clockwise from top left: Columbia students gathered in protest in front of the Floridita restaurant, following a free lunch and speeches by anti-expansion activists; Vicky Gholson, a member of the West Harlem Local Development Corporation, gave Columbia students, led among others by Andrew Lyubarsky, CC '09, a tour of Manhattanville that highlighted the issues concerning the university's expansion in the area; Amrik Singh, manager at the Singh family gas station in Manhattanville, addressed students, speaking against the Columbia expansion.

Students Band Together to Raise Voices About Floridita

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Floridita's history, and had come "for educational purposes."

Lindsey Cornum, CC '11, echoed Feick's sentiment. "I've been concerned about Columbia's expansion, and the promise of free Cuban food didn't hurt," she said.

Organizers gave brief speeches during the meal and then about 50 people joined West Harlem Local Development Corporation member Vicky Gholson and Harlem Tenants Council president Nellie Bailey for a walking tour of Manhattanville.

As the group wound its way past the Singh family gas stations, the Cotton Club, Dinosaur Bar-B-Que, and other neighborhood staples, organizers held up banners reading "Columbia is in Harlem—Harlem is not in Columbia," "Hasta La Floridita

Siempre," and "Platanos + Harlem not CU + Bulldozers."

"It's really important that Columbia knows where students stand," Jamie Chen, CC '09 and a former SCEG member, said.

Last winter, University officials touted Diaz as a model business owner in terms of Manhattanville property negotiations. But last spring's dispute over thousands of dollars in rent and other charges that Columbia claimed Diaz owed led to a temporary suspension of negotiations. Talks resumed in October but tensions remain.

The buildings are owned by Columbia, but Diaz's lease on the restaurant property does not expire until 2015. The tapas bar next door operates under a separate lease, which must be renewed yearly. In December, the Empire State Development Corporation released a "statement of determinations and

findings" that designated the Floridita properties as candidates for eminent domain, which could effectively terminate Diaz's lease early.

University officials maintain that negotiations with Diaz are ongoing.

"We have met with Mr. Diaz on numerous occasions since October 2008," University spokesperson Victoria Benitez wrote in an e-mail. "When the long-term plan for this former industrial area requires the space we will engage in discussions regarding relocations. ... That conversation seems premature at this stage, but we are certainly prepared to have that conversation in time as well."

According to Columbia's Manhattanville planning Web site, Diaz's properties are included in Phase I of the expansion plan, which is expected to be completed by 2015.

Many criticized protesters' efforts as ineffective because Columbia has

obtained all necessary approvals and the Empire State Development Corporation approved the use of eminent domain in the project zone in December. Yet SCEG member Victoria Ruiz, CC '09, insisted that such actions are not futile, alluding to student efforts that halted Columbia's attempts to build a gym in Morningside Park in 1968. "They had that shovel in the ground, and it wasn't built," Ruiz said. "Keep those hopes up."

Ruiz suggested a more novel approach to getting the University's attention, in addition to traditional methods such as a petition addressed to University officials LaVerna Fountain and Phil Silverman.

"Let's start a poking campaign of LaVerna Fountain," Ruiz said, referring to Columbia's associate vice president of facilities. "Facebook friend her and then poke her like crazy."

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Rachel Roy Hits Fashion Week Runway



JAZZ WALK | Rachel Roy's fall 2009 collection features her signature silhouettes and dramatic designs.

FILM

Horror Film Remake Gets Unlucky on Friday Release Date

BY ISAIAH COOPER
Columbia Daily Spectator

Nothing makes a romantic Valentine's weekend better than watching other couples get hacked up by everyone's favorite hockey player. Jason Voorhees returned to the big screen last Friday (the 13th) in a reboot of the 1980 horror classic, *Friday the 13th*.

On perhaps the most ironic sequence of days in the year, Friday the 13th followed by Valentine's Day, Jason's chronicle of mindless slaughtering began again, regardless of the fact that the film's date and title—poking fun at some people's *para-skavedekatriaphobia* (fear of the 13th day of the month landing on a Friday)—are entirely unrelated to its content.

Despite the release date's pertinence, one might get the impression that movie-goers are pretty indifferent to such marketing schemes. Not only have these "clever" release dates been present with four of the twelve movies in the Friday series, but we also see them every year in congruence with holidays of cheer, fear, and romance. Normally films are released on Fridays, but every year this schedule is disrupted in order to release certain movies on holidays like Christmas, Valentine's Day, and the 4th of July.

Friday the 13th is the only day lucky (or unlucky) enough to fit into the Hollywood tradition of releasing films on Friday. Aside from that, we've seen releases take advantage of the fear of the apocalypse with *The Omen* remake released on 6/6/06 (and possibly produced only because that date existing), and movies released for a more commercial reason with the promotion of JJ Abrams' *Cloverfield* based solely around the date of January 18, 2008.

Pairing a movie's release with a holiday is no doubt a ploy to take advantage of people's open pockets on America's days of commercial binging,

TV

Physics Nerds Find Resonance in *The Big Bang Theory*

BY CAITLYN MCGINN
Columbia Daily Spectator

As a Barnard College sophomore, major declaration is swiftly sneaking up on me. Will I fulfill my spirit, and choose English? My wallet, and choose economics? My brain, and choose biology?

I can't answer that question for myself, so I certainly can't answer it for you, but I can show you the pop-culture equivalent of your choice. Over the next couple of weeks, I'll be analyzing-criticizing-mocking a major and its network television equivalent. Hopefully I will provide a few laughs amid the angst of declaration.

"Rock, Paper, Scissors, Lizard, Spock!" cry the hilariously awkward geniuses of the CBS sophomore hit, *The Big Bang Theory*. You might wonder how or why lizards and Spock made their way into your favorite childhood pastime, but imagine this: you are a socially inept physics prodigy living in the epicenter of all unattainable women, Los Angeles. You have only three friends who are just as nerdy as you. You work in a lab all day. And

you most certainly have never had a girlfriend. Rock, Paper, Scissors might get a little boring, would it not?

It is quite amazing that a group of geniuses have found themselves on network television, and especially on CBS—the network known for its bevy of procedurals. *The Big Bang Theory* was their leap of faith for a different audience, perhaps younger and more learned. Well, maybe not more learned. Sure, the show centers on young scientists and makes jokes about Schrödinger's cat, but it is essentially a nerdy-boy-meets-pretty-girl-and-must-wait-until-end-of-series-to-get-girl kind of show. If it wasn't for the adorable acting of Johnny Galecki and Jim Parsons as they navigate the odd-couple conundrum of living next door to *Charmed*'s Kaley Cuoco, the show would have a much harder time finding an audience willing to sift through all that physics blabber to find a traditional sitcom.

But alas, physics, too, is a character of its own. It permeates insults, excuses, compliments, and, of course, joins in on all the Rock, Paper, Scissors fun. Although I rarely take the time



PHYSICAL ATTRACTION | *The Big Bang Theory* blends comedy, romance, and physics—and offers prospective majors a lighthearted look at the discipline.

to understand the jokes instead of just laughing at their delivery, I do wonder if real physicists are like these geeks. Can they not separate their work from their personal lives? Do they *have* personal lives? Do they care that this

BY REBECCA PATTIZ
Spectator Staff Writer

More like a museum exhibition than a traditional fashion show, Rachel Roy's fall presentation showcased mannequin-still models, feminine fabrics, and recurring silhouettes.

On pedestals in the glass-walled InterActiveCorp building, Roy's models were lined up in color-coded outfits, all wearing uniform bobbed wigs and purple-black lipstick. Four rows featured looks in the same color groups: pastel pink, yellow, blue and black. This unusual—not to mention uncanny—presentation allowed guests to scrutinize Roy's clothing without rushing to get a glimpse of fast-moving models.

"I feel like I'm at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in the Costume Institute," said ABC News Correspondent and Rachel Roy devotee Deborah Roberts. "But it's great—I can do it at my own pace without missing a detail."

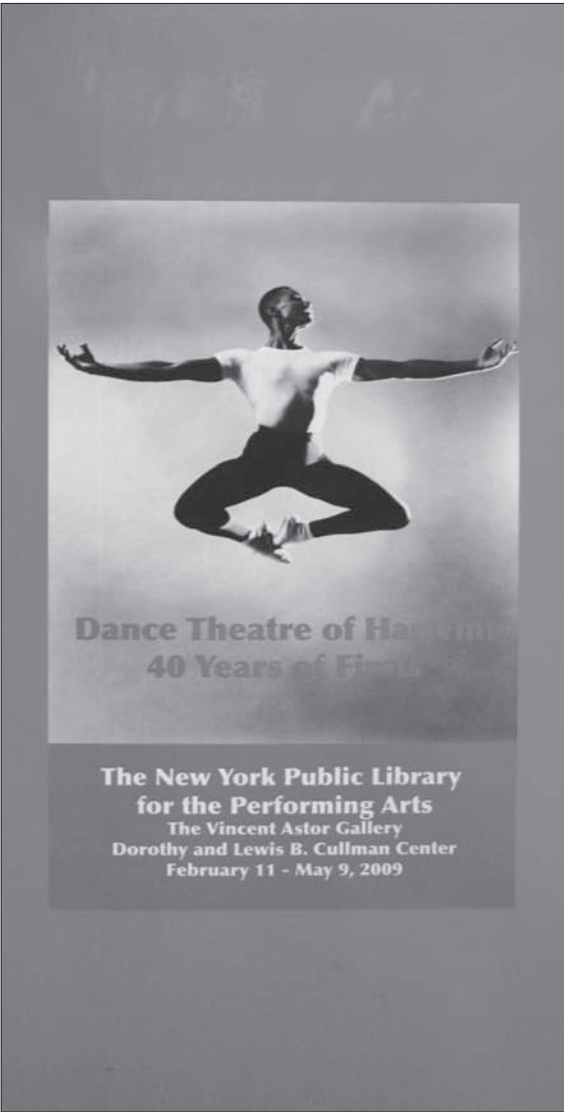
The looks were all decidedly Rachel Roy, with their flattering silhouettes and rich fabrics. Roy may not be the most avant-garde designer, but she knows how to design clothes that women want to wear. Model Helena Christensen said that she is consistently taken by Roy's silhouettes every season. "She's just so good!" Christensen raved.

Though the shapes were reminiscent of Roy's pre-fall collection—wide-legged pants, nip-waisted dresses, and oversized blazers—the fall collection evokes a new, *Great Gatsby*-era luxury. With perfectly fitting trousers, dramatic lace cut-outs, and art-deco sequins on several of the draped dresses, Roy's collection brings us back to more glamorous, jubilant times.

Perhaps the biggest indicator of Roy's jazz-age inspiration was the details. Because of the presentation's format, visitors had a chance to notice the accessories—this is difficult to do at traditional fashion shows. Tiny pastel gloves and square-shaped deco bracelets lent Roy's classic collection a distinct point of view.

Though fashion can serve many functions, sometimes customers just want to feel good, and that's where Rachel Roy comes in. Whether transporting the wearer to better economic times or just making her look and feel put together, Roy's clothes are nothing if not uplifting.

DANCE



DANCING EN L'AIR | *Dance Theater of Harlem* is a magnificent multimedia exhibit featuring classical ballet.

A Gallery of Pirouettes in Harlem

BY CAROLINE WALTHALL
Columbia Daily Spectator

Entering the Vincent Astor Gallery at Lincoln Center's New York Pubic Library for the Performing Arts feels like diving into an Arabian treasure trove of memorabilia, stunning photography, and revitalized moving images with sound. Only this is an American treasure trove, one that comes from a vault of 40 years of experience and creativity in Harlem.

The wonderfully rich exhibit, entitled *Dance Theater of Harlem: 40 Years of Firsts*, opened at the Vincent Astor Gallery on Feb. 11 and will be open for viewing through May 9. Such a comprehensive multimedia exhibit on dance is rare because archival materials in the art form tend to be either tenuous or far too restricted by the owners or artists.

However, for a company that began its mission under the premise of catering to the community and offering some of the first dance arts education workshops to schools, such generosity is not surprising. A 25-minute tour of the medium-sized gallery will give the viewer not only a basic background of company founder and artistic director Arthur Mitchell, but will also transmit a sense of the Dance Theater of Harlem's personality and varied repertoire.

Original costumes, props, and set pieces from Firebird, Douglas, and other ballets crown the four corners of the room, while its walls serve as a picture timeline of the company. The exhibit begins with Arthur Mitchell's personal triumph as the first African American ballet dancer in the New York City Ballet under master choreographer George Balanchine in 1955. It chronicles the founding of the Dance Theater of Harlem school and company in January of 1969 as a source of hope for the Harlem community following the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (it was the first classic ballet company and school for African American dancers).

The Dance Theater of Harlem and Mitchell have always remained true to their local roots. The exhibition features personal correspondences between Mitchell and Balanchine, Dame Margot Fonteyn, and American choreographer Jerome Robbins, among others. It also features a unique viewing station of interviews with Mitchell and co-founder ballet master Karel Shook. You can see elementary school children in a New York public school in the 1980s, doing the shuffling "penguin" dance at the request of Mitchell, followed by Mitchell's explanation of the metatarsals and arch of the foot. Or you might sit down next to the monitor as Mitchell explains to his company, "I want each you of to believe and understand that you are somebody who matters. Once you construct that kind of positive image of yourself and what you're doing, only then is it possible to project true beauty."

The room spins with celebratory colors and sounds of past art and inspiration and still holds a living promise. Perhaps a few more video monitors would have provided an even greater integrated experience, and perhaps more visitors would have helped elevate the energy of the exhibit—but overall, *Dance Theater of Harlem: 40 Years of Firsts* is a wildly informative experience. It echoes the legacy of American ballet, as it stems from Balanchine, Robbins, and Agnes de Mille, and also the legacy of African American progress, as it stems from Dr. King.

Photographs of Mitchell shaking hands with Jacqueline Kennedy, Richard Nixon, Queen Elizabeth II, and Nelson Mandela attest to the company's successes and contributions at home and abroad. Yet one has to wonder—given the fact that this is the 40th anniversary commemoration of the first African American ballet company inspired by Dr. King, and that it is opening during Black History Month, where is the portrait of Mitchell and President Obama?

TIMEZONES

Every year, many Columbia students spend a semester abroad, choosing to enhance their undergraduate experience with six months spent outside New York. This Monday, *Spectator Opinion* asked four students to offer perspectives on Columbia and other centers of higher learning around the world. Jordan Fraade writes about shedding his New York skin for a European identity in Madrid, Spain, Sarah Weiss recounts the story of her departure to Quito, Ecuador, Jonah Liben discusses his time in Be'er-Sheva, Israel, and Tamar Newman writes of her passionate love and hatred for Hyderabad, India.

Coexistence in Israel

BY JONAH LIBEN

A couple of Saturdays ago, I was traveling from Tel Aviv to Be'er Sheva, on one of the most crowded trains I had ever sat on in Israel. It was a direct, and as I got on at the final of four Tel Aviv stops, the seats were long gone and even the aisles were, for the most, part packed. No one wants to stand for that hour and 15 minute train ride, and I wasn't going to be stuck in an uncomfortable position for the duration—I started wiggling my way through people, bags, seats, boots, you name it. And if you don't know Israel, you would not believe the incredible diversity of the denizens on this mid-evening express. While making my way through the seats, I saw friends on my overseas Ben-Gurion University program already seated. I saw kids of our age in Israeli army uniforms complete with M16 rifles, weekend papers, MP3 players and books by Kafka, seated next to Muslim women with hijabs and university notebooks containing my host university's insignia. I stopped for a moment to digest what I was witnessing, and I could not help but grin to myself while thinking what my classmates back at Columbia would say. I could just imagine the look of shock as they exclaimed, "What?! An Israeli soldier and a Muslim student sitting together on a train? Sounds like a bad joke to me!" I continued by the passengers and saw French tourists freshly tanned from the Tel Aviv beaches and a Christian Arab mother taking care of her young child and religious Jewish teens in jeans. I thought to myself, "In fact, this is not a bad joke. It is reality for many Israelis and it is called coexistence."

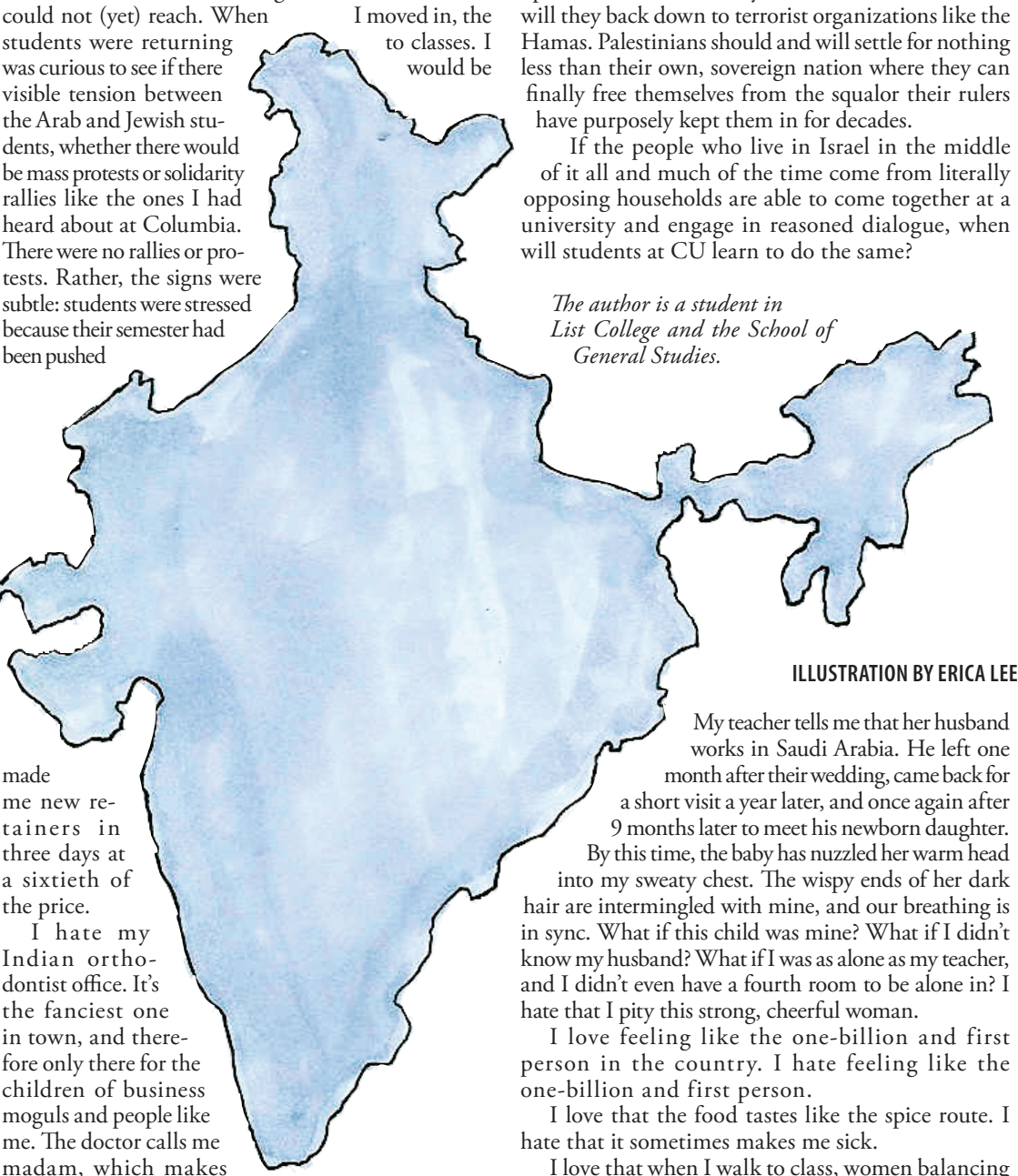
And All of a Sudden, I Was Somewhere Else

BY TAMAR NEWMAN

All of a sudden, I was somewhere else—wedged between complete fear and utter enthrallment, stuck between my own sweaty shirt and one billion others. Here, I cannot hear my thoughts, and when I do, I don't want to. I want to turn off my heart, my head, and just "observe." But I can't. I couldn't. It's too late. I have fallen in love, and in hate with India. I love the bus. Venturing away from my suburban campus into the city, the bus brings me immediate immersion. With gravity-defying grace women in vibrant saris glide regally into the mosh pit aisle and young students gaze dreamily out the window at the glistening Hitec towers. Elderly riders disdainfully demand seats with a slant of the eyebrow, and children climb from lap to lap, claiming the throne of mother and stranger with equal assertiveness. I hate the bus. It takes almost two hours to get somewhere that would take 30 minutes in a car. And though I am hidden under layers of loose gauzy clothing, men from all corners fixate on my whiteness, thinking God knows what, intently waiting for this strange thing to do something. Stops are not announced and I'm lucky if I can see out the window. By the time I wearily reach my destination, I have had enough of a cultural experience to justify the value of my day—and yet, I still have to brave the street. I love my Indian orthodontist office. When I lost my retainers, I scoured the streets for the most characterless white and chrome office I could find. When I found it, I walked right in and immediately got impressions of my teeth done. The doctor was friendly, inquisitive, and blunt. She called me a "ridiculous perfectionist" when I told her "I swear my teeth moved already." They

This story is essentially a microcosm of my experience so far here at Ben-Gurion University in Be'er Sheva, Israel. For example, I live in the dormitories, and the apartments are mixed. Jews live in the same apartments as or next door to Palestinian-Israeli Christians and Muslims, Palestinian Muslims, Israeli-Bedouin Muslims, and Israeli-Druze. On Ben-Gurion's campus, things are no different. Everyone takes classes together. People of all religions and languages sit next to each other in the computer labs and at cafés, and share the same grass outside during breaks. As an ardent Zionist who is concerned about every issue involving Israel, it gives me much hope to see non-Jewish citizens of the country receiving the same education and benefits as the Jewish citizens.

For just this reason I chose to spend my semester abroad at Ben-Gurion U. I knew that it had a diverse student population, that it represented all peoples in Israel, that everybody here had a voice. In my weeks here so far, campus has been both recovering and vibrant. First, school was closed down because it, like the rest of Be'er Sheva and other areas in southern Israel, had come under rocket fire from Hamas terrorists in Gaza and was deemed unsafe by the university. As a result, I spent my first week in Israel in a secluded field school in the middle of the Negev desert where rockets could not (yet) reach. When I moved in, the students were returning to classes. I would be visible tension between the Arab and Jewish students, whether there would be mass protests or solidarity rallies like the ones I had heard about at Columbia. There were no rallies or protests. Rather, the signs were subtle: students were stressed because their semester had been pushed



back and lengthened. People called up for military reserve duty were particularly harried because they had to make up the class work they had missed from the time they were called up to the time the university shut down. I thought I might see something when, for a week and a half straight, students representing various political parties set up tables on campus to hand out pamphlets and information to try to sway the student vote. But I saw nothing there—tables from the Arab Nationalist party, Balad (a Hebrew acronym meaning National Democratic Assembly) were set up next to the Jewish, right-wing party, Yisrael Beiteinu (meaning Israel is Our Home). Students representing the far right, the far left, and everything in between stood side-by-side and engaged in passionate and sophisticated conversation and debate. I stood watching all of this and once again thought about my classmates at Columbia—only this time, I didn't smile as much. When I hear about rallies being set up on college walk and Low Steps to call for peace, the honoring of innocent victims dying on both sides, and a two-state solution, I am optimistic. When I hear about a vigil for innocent Gazans recently killed, I am also optimistic. However, what our campus is sorely missing is the acceptance of historical fact and present situation. Jews will not give up their homeland as many Muslim rulers demand, nor will they back down to terrorist organizations like the Hamas. Palestinians should and will settle for nothing less than their own, sovereign nation where they can finally free themselves from the squalor their rulers have purposely kept them in for decades.

If the people who live in Israel in the middle of it all and much of the time come from literally opposing households are able to come together at a university and engage in reasoned dialogue, when will students at CU learn to do the same?

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My teacher tells me that her husband works in Saudi Arabia. He left one month after their wedding, came back for a short visit a year later, and once again after 9 months later to meet his newborn daughter. By this time, the baby has nuzzled her warm head into my sweaty chest. The wispy ends of her dark hair are intermingled with mine, and our breathing is in sync. What if this child was mine? What if I didn't know my husband? What if I was as alone as my teacher, and I didn't even have a fourth room to be alone in? I hate that I pity this strong, cheerful woman. I love feeling like the one-billion and first person in the country. I hate feeling like the one-billion and first person. I love that the food tastes like the spice route. I hate that it sometimes makes me sick. I love that when I walk to class, women balancing jugs of water on their heads walk alongside me. I hate that while I walk to class, those women's barefoot children are walking to work—ironically, they are building something new for the university. I love that crossing the street is an artful gamble with chance and milliseconds. I hate that each time I do it I forget my caution and watch my life flash before my eyes. In situations like these—at each unimaginable beauty, horrible deformity, brand-new BMW, shoeless child, amazing meal or unexpected kindness—in bouts of laughter, tears, or usually both, I can do little but surrender to confusion, to being somewhere else... and I exhale empty, "That's India!"

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I can vividly recall my first cross-country journey to begin Columbia in August 2006. My dad had armed me with a whistle, and my mom with a week worth of food, god forbid New York City went on citywide hunger strike. I was certainly frightened—of the long plane ride, of the taxi ride to the then abstract address of 116th and Broadway, and of the quick and jarring pace of the New York footstep that was certain to greet me. Most of all, I was scared of getting there. Of actually arriving and beginning this new part of life, away from my Los Angeles roots. Arriving appeared more daunting than departing.

After that initial departure and faithful arrival, I arrived and departed several times more. With each trip the shimmer and glow of the cross-country trek seemed to fade. It became common practice to travel from east to west, and west to east, loaded with Zabar's ruggulach and Magnolia cupcakes for my West Coast family.

However, this most recent exit tale was not like the others. I would not be returning for Thanksgiving, or Spring Break, nor would I grab a taxi when I landed. Instead I found myself handing over my passport and addressing the airline associate in Spanish. Custom officers confiscated my California clementine oranges. This was surely, again, unfamiliar territory. At that moment, I realized that indeed I was traveling and would be living abroad in Quito, Ecuador for the next semester.

I knew, in some sense, of what would meet me on my first arrival to New York—tall buildings, an island of some sort, and a good hot dog. What would greet me in Quito, I was clueless. With the top of my forehead glued to the window as we descended into Quito, I tried to grasp what my final destination would look like. Traveling through the Andes, a city seemed to naturally spill into the rolling hills and deep crevasses of my mountainous new home.

The landscape was painted green and the peaks and valleys of the mountains were perfectly intact. It was as if the mountains had stubbornly refused to change their form when contractors and architects approached them with their plans for housing development. This was certainly not Manhattan.

The past two weeks have been, as were the beginning of my college experience, the start of adjustment. Quito is not Manhattan. But I found that it effuses a fairy tale feeling, unique yet oddly similar to the magic of the big apple that struck me two and a half years ago. Here, the buses zip down the cobblestone roads. They slow down only slightly to allow travelers to hop on via an extended hand or to jump off into the bustling street. Fruit stands boast vivid colors and impeccable smells of produce unknown to the United States. And introductions and good-byes are made not with an outstretched hand, but rather with a light kiss on the cheek and a courteous, "Con mucho gusto." Each part of the day is filled with new vocabulary, new manners of thinking and acting, and new opportunities to be truly immersed in a culture completely distinct and incomparable to that of the United States.

It would be convenient to propose that each departure story has the same ending, of an arrival to some longed for destination. We plan, and pack, and re-plan for the moment until we finally depart and hopefully later arrive. Yet each time we depart anew, we arrive—even if the destination is the same—somewhere new. And while arriving is the projected end, sometimes the departure story is worth the trip. That was certainly the case in Quito.

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Alone in the Crowd

BY JORDAN FRAADE

About ten days ago, I was called "tío" for the first time. I had just slipped a five-euro bill over the counter, which somehow managed to pay for four beers and two large plates of tortilla española and jamón serrano, and the bartender nodded in my direction and said, "Gracias, tío." The word, which literally means "uncle," is Madrid's most ubiquitous greeting, since it manages to cover "bro," "dude," "man," and "guy" all in one word. (Women are not exempt—they get called "tía," or "aunt.") And after nearly a month in Spain, I suppose that was the first time I actually felt like I lived here. The Spaniards who flock to the capital from all over the country have told me that the broad avenues, stately government buildings, and frenetic nightlife bowled them over when they first came to this city, the third largest in the European Union. But for a New Yorker, Madrid is almost disarming in its friendliness and intimacy (much to my shock, constantly trying to one-up your friends' misery is not part of the civic culture). The sight of the streets filled at 3 a.m. and the knowledge that the night has just begun are the only things that come close to matching the energy of home. And so while most people come here to kick their lifestyle into high gear, I'm being forced to learn the virtues of a quieter life—cozy medieval roads, subways that close at 1:30 a.m., taking an hour to eat instead of sprinting from my room to HamDel to Fayerweather in five minutes.

Since the city seems like a large village, the feelings of disorientation are understated, but they're still intense. Slowly and awkwardly, I'm finding my way. My Spanish has doubled in speed since I got here, and my accent has quickly picked up the Castilian lisp (no, really, it's pronounced grathias). The people at the café near my apartment—where I go because it reminds me of the Hungarian—know who I am now, since I can usually be found there every third night with a glass of Rioja wine and a Philip Roth book (I'm unwilling to give up novels in my quest for linguistic immersion). But there's one thing that I'm still clinging to and don't plan to ever give up, because it's something I take for granted at home: the right to keep to myself.

The sense of independence that I worked for two-and-a-half years to cultivate while in New York came, in large part, through learning how and when to take leave of others and set aside time for myself. The city provides a sense of anonymity that renders solitude perfectly acceptable: You can go out to eat, to the movies or the theater, or even to a bar alone, and no one will bat an eye. No such luxury exists in Madrid. To truly experience the city, you have to be constantly surrounded by others. The concept of saying "I can't go out tonight" is strange at best and antisocial at worst.

Nowhere is this more evident than during meals, when the streets empty and the entire city can be found in taverns, bars, and cafés chattering at full volume. I eat with my host family twice a day, and I've gotten into the habit of spending at least an hour over dinner with them, often finishing dessert and then continuing to talk for 20 minutes. The unusual times at which Spaniards take their meals—2 or 3 p.m. for lunch, 9:30 or 10 p.m. for dinner—don't even strike me as abnormal anymore. But on those days when I'm left to find a meal for myself, there's nothing I'd rather do than wander through the surrounding neighborhoods until I find something cheap and filling.

Invariably, when I find a seat at the bar, everyone in the room is juggling several conversations at once, gossiping with three or four friends in one direction and cracking a joke with the bartender in the other. The sight of someone eating alone, even a young foreigner, is enough to garner stares of bewilderment. The idea that one might prefer to be alone from time to time, especially in a public space, is one that doesn't even register. In part, this is due to the sacred privacy with which madrileños treat their homes—an invitation to a friend's apartment basically means that you've become family—but the city's countless bars and close-knit barrios ensure to its residents that life is nearly worthless if it's not spent in the constant company of friends and family.

When madrileños greet newcomers to their city, they're fond of using the phrase "Si estás en Madrid, eres de Madrid"—If you're in Madrid, you're from Madrid—and even after five increasingly jaded and weary semesters in New York, I found myself unable to doubt their earnestness. And yet it's this same intimacy that still manages to unsettle me most, even more than the rapid-fire speech of my professors, unapologetic hedonism of the nightlife, or nonchalant racism that one hears occasionally in everyday conversation. I have yet to adjust to the fact that reserve and independence are no longer virtues but rather impediments to my immersion, and I probably never fully will. Still, after five weeks, four nights of staying out until 6 a.m., countless cups of café con leche, and one birthday paella, I concede defeat: Life beyond the Hudson does indeed have its perks.

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Now Departing...

BY SARA WEISS

The concept of studying abroad had seemed so distant during the months preceding my departure from the United States. Countless hours passed at the consulate and endless nights spent earmarking my guidebook had oddly failed to signal that I would not be in New York City, or the United States for that matter, for the next six months. The final telephone calls and e-mails and long goodbyes to friends and family seemed part of some magical game that would surely come to an end on the long-awaited and engrained departure date of January 24.

That midnight departure, and the entire process of leaving that led up to going abroad had an eerily familiar feeling. Here I was, again, at the Los Angeles International Airport, flanked with baggage and a small brown paper bag lunch (trading fodder, my mom advised me), hoping that my 2 pieces of luggage would slide under the fifty-pound weight limit. I stood in line with my younger sister plastered to my arm, waiting to check in as my dad lugged my bags to the check-in counter. Looking down at my bags and then up at the tear-filled eyes of my mom, I knew this feeling of leaving home all too well. Again I was packed up and ready to begin anew, like when I first left for Columbia and New York City, over two and a half years ago.

FOOD & DRINK



FAST food for thought

Ramen Noodles to Warm the Heart

BY KELICIA HOLLIS
Spectator Staff Writer

Up and down, up and down—from day to day I can’t figure out the weather. As an Arkansas native, I won’t complain about the unusual warm days that we have had, but just as I’m ready to take my Ben & Jerry’s Chunky Monkey ice cream outside and enjoy the sun, it turns frigid again. Just my luck. Regardless, it is winter and considering that almost half of the people I’ve come into contact with are sick, I’ve decided that a no-fuss comfort soup may be just what we all need.

Who doesn’t have a package of Ramen Noodles sitting around? Exactly—but how often do we spice up this college kid diet staple? With the help of my beloved cousin Quincy, I brought together something that’s sure to keep you warm and satisfied on the days when you really need it. Add some saltine crackers on the side, and prepare to get comfortable.

Dessert Bonus: Considering that Valentine’s Day just passed, I know that there are plenty of you who

have a surplus of chocolate candy sitting around (especially if you’re like me and you buy yourself a bag of heart candy on the 15th, when it goes on sale). Of course you can eat your candy plain, but if you’re looking for a way to use it all, try making your own ice cream twist. First, freeze your candy for 15-20 minutes. This will make candy with fillings easier to break apart. Next, pick out a pint of vanilla ice cream (or whatever you like), and let it sit out just enough for it to get soft, but not melt. While the ice cream is sitting out, take the candy and break it apart roughly either by hand or with a knife. Mix it in your ice cream, and voila! Sure, it’s easy to find Snickers or Butterfinger ice cream, but this time, the combination of flavors is up to you.

With that, I leave you to go back to your study sessions, PowerPoint presentations, and midterm preparation (but don’t worry, that’s not for a little while, right?). Whatever it is that you have going on right now, don’t forget, the luxury of cooking is always yours for the taking.

Hearty Ramen Soup

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup of frozen or canned mixed vegetables
- 1/2 small can of tomato sauce
- 1/4 cup of chopped onion
- 1 package of Ramen Noodles (any flavor)
- 1 can of chicken chunks (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions

If you are using frozen vegetables, cook over medium heat in a sauce pan for about 10 minutes until tender. If you are using canned vegetables, cook for about 5 minutes. Add onion, Ramen, and tomato sauce. If chicken is desired, add it at this point along with salt and pepper. Add more water until you achieve your desired consistency, and bring it down to a simmer to make sure that the noodles are soft. Serve immediately. Enjoy!

MUSIC

A Valentine’s Weekend Display of Percussion Performances

BY MIA JOHNSON
Columbia Daily Spectator

Valentine’s Day is typically celebrated with a romantic candle-lit dinner, a box of indulgent dark chocolates, and a night of seducing your paramour.

For those present at the Manhattan Percussion Project this past weekend, however, the days were filled with progressive percussion performances and elaborate lectures by world-famous composers.

Organized to unite the community of Morningside Heights as well as to showcase talent from NYU, the Manhattan School of Music, Queens College, Julliard, Mannes College, SUNY Purchase, and William Patterson University, the free event featured four concerts of the works of composers Gustavo Aguilar, David Lang, and Alberto Ginastera. It culminated with the much-anticipated world premiere of Aguilar’s composition, *Not Knowing the Cart Got in Front*.

This world premiere clearly stood out as the weekend highlight. The full stage, equipped with drums of different sizes and rare percussion instruments from around the world, was soon filled with student performers who managed to create a unique, resonating sound that boomed throughout the concert hall.

Percussionists began to walk down aisles, using bows to glide against drum cymbals, and producing a shrill, booming, space-like sound. “Aguilar produced a revolutionary piece which was able to create an innovative sound unparalleled to any percussion piece right now,” said Manhattan School of Music student Kyle Ritenauer, a percussionist in Alberto Ginastera’s ensemble.

Like Aguilar’s piece, David Lang’s *The So-Called Laws of Nature* focused on improvisation. But rather than featuring a large ensemble, Lang’s piece featured four Manhattan School of Music students dressed in pastels. Another difference between the two performances was that while Aguilar’s use of

improvisation created eccentric, new ways of producing music, Lang’s lacked fluidity and cohesion.

Although Ritenauer explained that the music was structured so that “the composer verbally told them [the musicians] where to go and minute details were up to the players,” the musicians generally reproduced the same sound and rarely improvised. Lang’s work shone through at the end of the composition when the performers decided to add their own embellishments.

The Manhattan School of Music continued to host its weekly discussions with famous composers for the public this weekend. Yet because of the percussion project event, the audience was much larger than normal. “There was an overwhelming amount of new people listening, many of them famous percussionists themselves. The room was filled with famous percussionists from sixty years ago when the [percussion] repertoire wasn’t established. They talked about how it started to advance to a level of playing that started a new music movement, untouched in the music area and is totally contemporary,” said Ritenauer.

Overall, Ritenauer’s experience, as well as the experience of those in attendance, was shaped by the musical contribution of each of the participating schools. “Each school’s percussion varied. [At Manhattan School of Music] we focus on orchestral music, but at NYU for example, they are more well-rounded, but not as sculpted in orchestral music. It brought together the community of students and ultimately resulted in a great performance,” he said.

As couples sweet-talked each other and went out for romantic dinners, the Manhattan Percussion Project provided a different, albeit eclectic Valentine’s Day alternative for the community (and single people) to enjoy themselves—as well as get the same return as receiving a box of chocolates on this love-filled holiday, without all of the calories.

Physics Geeks Get the Girls

TV from page 3

the caring part. I contacted some professors in the physics departments and although several responded to my questions, only one had ever seen the show—Professor Laura Kay of the Barnard College department of physics and astronomy. She is also part of the women’s studies department, and her answer reflected that: “I do think it’s

funny, but it’s not about physics. It’s about physics geeks. And it’s kind of annoying that it is still all male geeks—they still haven’t managed to get a girl geek into the regular mix.”

The other professors had little to add about the show. Professor Reshmi Mukherjee of the Barnard Physics Department responded, “I am sorry, I don’t watch the show. Is it a series?” Professor Emlyn Hughes also replied via e-mail,

writing, “I am sorry to report that I do not own a TV.”

The Big Bang Theory probably misleads the occasional TV-viewer into thinking that physics has something at all to do with the show. And although it would be nice to think that our majors have something to do with the real world, we won’t be seeing it on this show. But for some physics fluff, it doesn’t get much better than this.

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5 London lavs, initially
8 Popular tourist areas
14 The slightest bit
15 "Go, team!"
16 Highway entrance
17 Jazzy 1940 standard that begins "I love coffee"
19 Carpenter, at times
20 Rebuttal to "Am so!"
21 Away from the prow
23 Adriatic seaport
24 Studied secondarily, with "in"
26 Thanksgiving veggie
28 60 secs.
29 Barnyard brayer
30 Conditioning exercise
33 Like a visit from Benedict XVI
34 Unconcerned with right and wrong
35 Bullets and such
38 Quick punch
40 Berlin article
41 Scottish landowners
44 Hole for sorting
47 Cheap earrings, etc.
49 Proofs of age, briefly
52 Word before "Blastoff!"
53 Like a wee bairn
54 Concise
56 Phyllis's TV husband
58 State E of Wash.
60 Attempts, with "at"

61 Apply haphazardly
63 747, e.g.
65 Yves's "Wow!"
66 Letters before an alias
67 Tenth out of ten
68 Egyptian leader for whom a lake is named

69 Toon dog
70 CPR experts

DOWN

1 ___ party: sleeper
2 Pioneering game systems
3 Baltimore NFLers
4 Hersey's "A Bell for ___"
5 Cite for speeding
6 Sixer's opponent for 45 seasons
7 Queens ballpark for 45 seasons
8 Florida-largest state
9 Bambi's aunt
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12 Made in the States
13 Drizzle
18 "CSI" actress Fox
22 "Just so you know," on a memo
25 Key with two sharps: Abbr.
27 Leo's studio
31 "Peyton ___"
32 Kangaroo kid
33 Sausage meat

35 "The Jazz Singer" singer
36 Hawaiian volcano
37 Jade and quartz, e.g.
39 Market optimist
42 Radio CD players
43 Advanced study group
45 Hindu priest
46 One way to get to the airport
48 Gum glob

49 Stuck during rush hour, say
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Swimming Downs Dartmouth, 205-95, to Close Out Regular Season

BY SARA SALZBANK
Spectator Staff Writer

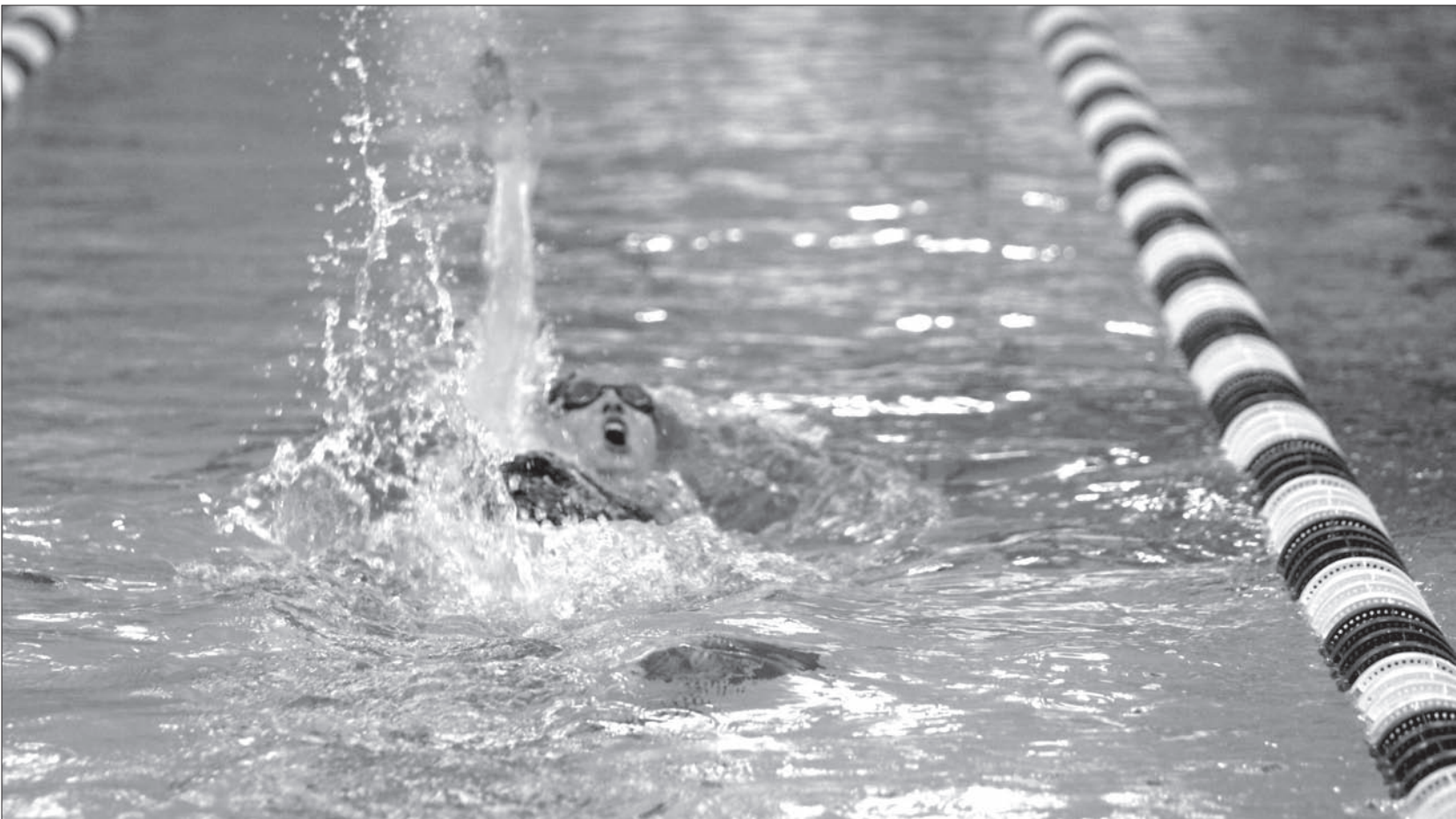
Matching its best record in program history, the Columbia women's swimming and diving team dominated Dartmouth this weekend in their final dual-meet competition of the year. With the win, 205-95, the Lions advanced to 9-2 (5-2 Ivy) to close out the regular season.

Once again, senior Shannon Hosey started off the meet on the right foot for the Lions. In the first event, the three-meter dive she totaled 263.18 points, outscoring her opponent by 20.18 points. Hosey later went on to take the one-meter dive, as well, with a score of 272.77.

The Light Blue continued to build momentum in the 200-medley relay—an event that has been a strong suit all season. The team of Lauren Fraley, Marielle Dunn, Allison Hobbs, and Hannah Galey finished in a combined time of 1:48.50, outpacing their Dartmouth opponents by over one second.

The Lions powered ahead with a 1-2-3 sweep in the 1,000-yard freestyle. Isabelle Vandembroucke touched the wall first in 10:31.51 and was followed soon after by Paige Endsley and Abby Reilly. During the 200-yard freestyle the Light Blue almost saw their streak end, but Galey pulled out a win in 10:54.82, completing the event .03 seconds before the Big Green's Maddie Steiner.

With two more 1-2-3 finishes, in the 100-yard backstroke and 100-yard breaststroke, Columbia established itself as clearly better than its competition. After senior captain Bridgette McCabe picked up a win in the 200-yard butterfly, in 2:09.58, the Lions suffered their first loss of the competition in the 50-yard freestyle. Dartmouth's Heather Jenkins picked up the win for her team, completing the event in 24.60, just .15 before Hobbs. Steiner then returned to the pool with a vengeance for the 100-yard freestyle, this time outpacing Galey, in 52.33.



Brian Chan / Staff Photographer

SWIMMING THE LAST LEG | Senior Hannah Galey swam in the 200-yard medley relay, one of Columbia's strongest events, along with Lauren Fraley, Marielle Dunn and Allison Hobbs for a combined time of 1:48.50. Galey swam the last leg of the team event before picking up a individual win in the 200-yard freestyle with a time 1:54.82.

To complete the fourth sweep of the meet, Delghir Urubshurow, McCabe, and Vandembroucke finished 1-2-3 during the 200-yard backstroke. Dunn, Endsley, and Hobbs added three more first-place finishes to the Lion total in the 200-yard breaststroke, 500-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly, respectively.

Adding one more sweep to Columbia's record, Emily Brown, Vandembroucke, and Amanda Stewart took the top three spots in the 200-yard individual medley in 2:12.76, 2:16.56 and 2:18.04, respectively. To finish off their excellent final meet, the Lions picked up the last event, the 400-yard freestyle with the team of Dunn, Hobbs, Urubshurow and Galey touching

the wall first in a combined time of 3:36.18. With the blowout of Dartmouth fresh in their memories, the Lions will enter a short training period before hosting the 2009 Ivy League Championships at the Nassau County Aquatic Center in East Meadow, N.Y., beginning on Feb. 26 and continuing through Feb. 28.

Women's Tennis Falls in Round One

BY KUNAL GUPTA
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

The women's tennis team lost in the first round of the ECAC Championships and was defeated again in the first round of the consolation draw, marking a tough weekend for the team. The championships featured seven of the eight Ivy League schools, with Penn as the only exception. Columbia was seeded seventh in the tournament, which ended with the No. 1 and 2 seeds, Yale and Princeton, respectively, scheduled to meet in the final on Monday.

"I thought Natasha [Makarova] had a very good weekend at No. 1 singles," said head coach Ilene Weintraub, "as she played against two of the top players in the league."

The women drew the No. 1 seed Princeton—ranked No. 52 nationally—in the first round, which the Lions knew would be a tough test coming in. The Lions were defeated thoroughly in the doubles matches, as Princeton won all three contests handily. The closest match for the Lions was in the third doubles, where freshman Nicole Stanzola and senior co-captain Nina Suda were defeated 8-3. The Tigers continued their domination in the singles matches as they won the top four matches easily. At No. 5 singles,

Suda pushed Sarah Huah losing in a close match 6-3, 6-4. Columbia notched its only win of the match at No. 6 singles, during which senior Marlena Hall continued her great play this spring and defeated Kelly Stewart, 6-7 (6-8), 7-5, (10-6).

The loss put the Lions into the consolation bracket, where they were slated to face Cornell on Saturday afternoon. The doubles matches started off much better for Columbia against Cornell, as Stephanie Zilberman and Hall defeated the Big Red's No. 2 doubles team in a tight match, 8-6. The win put the duo at 4-1 on the season as a doubles pairing, with their only loss coming at the hands of Princeton. The other two doubles teams were defeated, however, giving Cornell the doubles point and the early 1-0 lead in the match.

Three of the singles matches went to three sets, but Cornell managed to win them all. At No. 1 singles, sophomore Makarova took the first set 6-2, but dropped the next two, 3-6, 3-6. Zilberman, at No. 2 singles, was defeated in a close match, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4. At No. 3 singles, Stanzola managed to take the second set, but dropped the first and last in a 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 loss. At No. 5 singles, freshman Eliza Matache fought back after dropping the first set,

but was eventually felled in three sets, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3. Senior Hall once again provided the lone win for Columbia, winning her match at No. 6 singles in straight sets 6-4, 6-1.

"The Cornell match was a very close match," said Weintraub, "and again I thought that the doubles point was so crucial for the momentum of the match."

"It was a little one-sided and it was disappointing, but again I think that if we could have pulled out one of the doubles, either first or third, it could have been much different, so we are thinking about changing up some of the doubles squads so next time we will be ready for Cornell."

Hall provided the highlight of the weekend for Columbia, going 3-1 in her singles and doubles matches this weekend, and the Lions will continue to look for strong play from Hall and the rest of the squad as they continue this spring season and on into Ivy play.

"I think we just have to keep on working hard and work hard on our fitness and our doubles play in practice," said the head coach. "We are in a small and strong conference so we have to play matches and practice sets."

Columbia will next be in action on Feb. 21 against Long Island at the Dick Savitt Tennis Center, at 6 p.m.



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KEEPING HER COOL | Despite Princeton's No.1 seed, Marlena Hall remained calm under pressure and continued her great play this season, earning Columbia its only win against the Tigers. Hall went on to compete in doubles against Cornell with her partner Stephanie Zilberman and won 8-6.

Wrestling Captures First Conference Win vs. Tigers

BY MICHAEL SHAPIRO
Spectator Staff Writer

The Columbia wrestling team competed in three matches this weekend at University Gym, but emerged with only one win. The Lions suffered losses to both Penn and Drexel, but were able to vanquish Princeton in between the dropped matches.

On Saturday, the Lions (2-11, 1-2 Ivy) suffered a painful 6-32 loss to Penn (11-5, 4-0 Ivy) in their homecoming match. The Quakers, who currently rank first in the Ivy League, made winning look easy as they won six of eight matches.

The day began with honoring Columbia seniors Kenji Porter and Sal Tirico. However, the joyful ceremonial occasion didn't match the event's upsetting outcome.

Columbia realized its opponent's tremendous strength and agility as soon as the first match between the Lions' Kevin Tao and the Quakers' Rollie Peterkin commenced. Peterkin, who is ranked 11th nationwide, shutout Tao 15-0 to earn his team five points.

From there, the Lions' efforts proved futile until sophomore Eren Civan was able to break the losing stretch by defeating Quaker Andrew Coles at 165 pounds. The matchup almost ended in Penn's favor as Coles

took a 2-1 lead into the third period. However, the resilient Civan managed to knot the score at two and force overtime on an escape. With a mere 16 seconds left in overtime, Civan pummeled Coles for a take-down and the win.

Only heavyweight sophomore Ryan Flores experienced the same success as Civan. Flores wrestled

senior Trey McLean and, despite a sizeable height and weight disadvantage, Flores was unfazed and won the match 9-6. The tight contest stood at a score of 7-6 in Flores' advantage well into the third as McLean stalled for a point. Nevertheless, Flores engineered a powerful takedown with one second remaining in regulation time for the win. Though Flores improved his win streak to 15, Columbia dropped the contest for its third consecutive loss.

Entering their first competition against Princeton on Sunday, the Lions remained composed despite their loss to Penn. The Tigers have not fared well this season and traveled to the Empire State looking to break a nine-game losing streak. Most recently, Princeton was annihilated by Cornell, 0-54 and Brown, 3-41.

Columbia's Kyle Gilchrist started his team off on the right track by defeating Princeton's Robert Benitez 17-1 on a technical fall. Lions Andrew



Matt Sherman / Staff Photographer

PINNED TO THE MAT | Only Eren Civan and Ryan Flores were able to record wins for the Lions against the Quakers, who are ranked first in the Ancient Eight.

Grabfelder and Shane Strumwasser, at 133 and 144 pounds respectively, proceeded to force their opponents to forfeit. Princeton regained some composure by winning the following two matches, making the score 17-6 Columbia.

The Lions' confidence never wavered as they continued to pick up wins from Civan and Mike Wolfer. Though Kenji Porter lost in a decision to Princeton's Kirt Brendel, 4-7, at 184 pounds, Lou Miller beat Tiger Zach Morse 10-3 and heavyweight Ryan Flores once again dominated, pinning Stephen Turner in 1:33.

Columbia won its first match of the day's double-header with a final score of 32-9, marking its first Ivy victory of the season.

The Lions, however, were unable to maintain their momentum against Drexel (8-14-1) as they dropped the

competition 14-21. The Dragons came out of the gate with a bang as Michael Gomez's late take-down of Tao gave him a 6-4 lead and the win. But Columbia's Andrew Grabfelder also earned a major decision defeating Frank Cimato, 15-2, to put his team on the board.

The two teams seemed evenly matched as they traded outcomes until midway through the match. Drexel's Scott Hunter's sudden death victory over Civan was the start of a four-match win streak for the Dragons. In the day's final match, heavyweights Ryan Flores and Kyle Frey faced off and, once again, Flores conquered his competitor, pinning him in 2:55.

The Lions will continue conference play on the road this weekend against Harvard on Friday and Brown on Saturday.

Moriarty Runs Ivy League Season Best at 800m

BY NINA LUKINA
Columbia Daily Spectator

The Columbia track and field team participated in the University of Virginia Invitational this weekend at the team's de facto home field, the New York City Armory. This was the last chance for the Lions to scope out the competition before they head to the Ivy League Heptagonal Championships in Cambridge on Feb. 28.

Sophomore Jeff Moriarty impressed with his win in the 800-meter run, finishing in 1:50.60—the fastest time yet in the Ivy League this season. He finished four seconds in front of Cornell's Andrew Levy. Junior Stefan Vutescu earned another victory for the men's side, finishing the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.91 seconds. The men came in third in the distance medley with a time of 10:12.89, outpacing Penn with a time of 10:16.64 but falling to Brown with a time of 10:09.07.

On the women's side, senior Megan Lessard won the 3,000-meter run with a time of 9:29.92, qualifying for the NCAA provisional. Freshman Kyra Caldwell finished second behind Wake Forest's Caroline Vaughn in the 60-meter hurdles in 8.75 seconds.

Judging from this weekend's results, the Light Blue's toughest opponents in the Ivy League Heptagonal Championships will be Penn and Cornell. Kinjal Parikh of Penn came in first in the women's one-mile-run A heat with a time of 5:00.22, while Caroline Heidt of Cornell came in first in the B heat with a time of 4:59.47. Both finished faster times than Columbia's Julie Quinn, who placed fourth in the B heat, with a time of 5:03.79.

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GOING SWIMMINGLY | In the final regular-season meet of his career, Cedric Cheung-Lau finished second in the 1,000-yard freestyle before touching the wall first in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 1:54.32. Columbia rebounded after a tough loss to Princeton with a hard fought victory on the road.

Lions Finish Regular Season With Dual-Meet Split

BY BART LOPEZ
Spectator Staff Writer

The Columbia men's swimming and diving team competed in two meets this weekend, one at home against Princeton and one on the road against Dartmouth. Columbia split the two meets, falling to Princeton, 119-178 and defeating Dartmouth, 182-117.

The home meet against the Tigers was the last chance for Columbia seniors Cedric Cheun-Lau, David Collier, John Dragelin, Zach Glassman, Avi Harari, Jeff Hull, Steve Ko, and Kevin Wakefield to compete in front of their home crowd.

Princeton's Yarden Fraiman started off the meet by winning the three-meter diving competition, while Columbia's Jeff Hull took fourth. However, the Lions quickly regrouped, touching the wall first in the 200-yard medley relay. The team of Darren Pagan, Glassman, Ko, and Adam

Powell outpaced their Princeton opponents by two seconds, completing the race in a time of 1:33.63.

The Lions next picked up a win in the 100-yard breaststroke with Ko and Eric Tang finishing 1-2. Ko also went on to win the 100-yard butterfly in 50.93. Adam Powell had another terrific day for the Lions, picking up two individual events, the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle. Yet despite these solid individual efforts, the Lions fell short.

Columbia rebounded from the loss to Princeton, however, with a big win to cap off the regular season. David Levkoff and Hull took second and fourth respectively in the three-meter diving competition to lead off the meet against Dartmouth. Then in the 200-yard medley relay, Columbia took first and second, with both relay teams finishing within .55 seconds of each other and two seconds ahead of the third-place Dartmouth team.

The Lions also finished 1-2 in the 1,000-yard freestyle with freshman Alex Smith and Cheun-Lau finishing in 9:51.41 and 9:58.43, respectively.

Despite some big first-place finishes by Dartmouth in the 100-yard backstroke and one-meter dive, Columbia kept on rolling. Tang finished first in the 100-yard breaststroke, and in the 200-yard butterfly, Cheun-Lau, Josh Brown, and Ko swept the top three spots. The Lions also swept the 50-yard freestyle event with Powell, Wakefield, and Yang, finishing 1-2-3. Columbia finished off the meet on a high, winning the 200-yard freestyle event by just over three seconds.

With the regular season ending with the win over Dartmouth, the Columbia men's swimming and diving team advanced to a 5-6 overall record (3-4 Ivy). However, the team's record means very little in the ECAC championships, which begin on February 27 and are followed by the Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming League championships, which begin on March 5.

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the field before the final shot, got into the lane, and put up a floater from eight feet out that dropped. Before he even got the shot off, though, the rest of the Lions did a quality job of opening up the middle of the lane for Bulger by putting bodies on Harvard's defenders and setting screens. Bulger was also probably the least likely player on the court to take the final shot as Agho, Matsui, Miller, and junior Patrick Foley all had been playing at a higher level throughout the course of the game.

If anything, Bulger taking Saturday's final shot represents an apropos microcosm of the team this year. The team's success in Ivy play has been unexpected, but the Lions have displayed confidence throughout games and have shown that the program is moving in a direction that we all hoped it would for sometime.

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Improved Rebounding Leads Lions to Win Close Match-Up

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points in the opening half of the game, letting the Big Green head into the locker room with a 20-14 lead.

The beginning of the second half started just as the first had, with the Lions coming out flat and the Big Green taking advantage, eventually going up by 17. Columbia then decided to change its defensive plan and used a pressure defense to throw off Dartmouth's offense. Through various pressures and traps, the Light Blue was able to fight its way back into the game and cut the deficit to just six points with 10 minutes left.

However, Columbia was never able to finish the comeback and was once again out-rebounded by Dartmouth, 23-16, in the second half. While the Lions were able to obtain some second chance baskets in the later half of the game, their production could not compare to Dartmouth's as the Big Green scored 18 points on second-chance opportunities.

Friday marked the first time this season that the Lions had been out-rebounded by a conference opponent. But it was the Light Blue pressure defense that effectively cut into the lead against Dartmouth, and proved to be even more successful against Harvard, earning Columbia the win on Saturday.

At the start of the game, Columbia came out aggressively on the defensive side of the ball and forced Harvard to make mistakes. In the first half of play, the Lions were able to turnover the Crimson 14 times, leading to 21 points. Additionally, the Lions' rebounding,

an aspect of their game that had struggled against Dartmouth, was back to its usual success and helped in second-chance points. In the first half alone, Columbia had 14 points from second-chance opportunities. Columbia went into the locker room leading Harvard by four points, 40-36.

The second half would prove to be a back-and-forth affair as the lead transitioned between Harvard and Columbia throughout the final 20 minutes of the contest. In addition to the Lions' strong and productive defense, the team's perimeter shooting saw great success, especially from senior co-captain Katrina Cragg. Cragg made five three-pointers that were essential to keeping Columbia in the game and eventually putting the Light Blue ahead of Harvard.

The keys to the Lions' success later in the game were their ability to make critical plays when they needed them most and to remain aggressive underneath the boards. Lomax recorded her seventh consecutive double-double and junior co-captain Sara Yee also proved to be an important contributor to the game. Towards the end of the game Yee got her own rebound, leading to a foul that put Columbia on the line and allowed it to extend its lead to two. On the ensuing drive up the court by Harvard, the Crimson missed the shot and Lomax recorded her last rebound of the game and was fouled. Lomax's trip to the line ensured Columbia's victory.

The Lions will be back in action this weekend when they face off against Brown on Friday night at Levien Gymnasium.

2008-2009 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time / Result	Record
Nov. 14	at Fordham	65-62, W	1-0
Nov. 16	at Seton Hall	50-71, L	1-1
Nov. 21	vs. Bryant	70-54, W	2-1
Nov. 22	vs. UMBC	52-66, L	2-2
Nov. 25	vs. Albany	49-66, L	2-3
Nov. 29	vs. Stony Brook	60-62, L	2-4
Dec. 3	vs. Wagner	84-69, W	3-4
Dec. 9	at St. Francis	57-59, L	3-5
Dec. 20	at Virginia Tech	52-64, L	3-6
Dec. 21	at Marist	63-58, W	4-6
Dec. 29	vs. Sacred Heart	79-84 (OT), L	4-7
Jan. 2	at Lehigh	59-73, L	4-8
Jan. 5	at American	50-62, L	4-9
Jan. 9	vs. NJIT	73-50, W	5-9
Jan. 17	vs. Cornell	59-71, L	5-10 (0-1 Ivy)
Jan. 24	at Cornell	72-83, L	5-11 (0-2 Ivy)
Jan. 30	vs. Yale	53-42, W	6-11 (1-2 Ivy)
Jan. 31	vs. Brown	65-59, W	7-11 (2-2 Ivy)
Feb. 6	at Penn	74-63, W	8-11 (3-2 Ivy)
Feb. 7	at Princeton	35-63, L	8-12 (3-3 Ivy)
Feb. 13	vs. Dartmouth	65-52, W	9-12 (4-3 Ivy)
Feb. 14	vs. Harvard	60-59, W	10-12 (5-3 Ivy)
Feb. 20	at Brown	7 p.m.	
Feb. 21	at Yale	7 p.m.	
Feb. 27	at Harvard	7 p.m.	
Feb. 28	at Dartmouth	7 p.m.	
Mar. 6	vs. Princeton	7 p.m.	
Mar. 7	vs. Penn	7 p.m.	

GAME BALL

Columbia earned a weekend sweep over Dartmouth and Harvard this past weekend, and while Jason Miller and Noruwa Agho may have had more points and rebounds, it was junior Kevin Bulger who secured Saturday's win with a floater in the lane with four seconds left. The shot lifted Columbia to sole possession of third place in the Ivy League at 5-3.

HOT FROM THE ARC

The Lions have developed a strong inside-outside game over the course of the season and it was evident over the weekend at Levien. Columbia shot a combined 13-24 from beyond the three-point line against Harvard and Dartmouth, a staggering 54.1 percent. K.J. Matsui also began Saturday's game 5-6 from behind the arc in the first half alone.

INJURY REPORT

Senior forward Joe Bova and freshman forward Asenso Ampim both returned from injury this past weekend to bolster Columbia's line-up. Ampim started against the Big Green, but it was Bova who got the nod against Harvard. Junior guard Niko Scott was not with the team on Friday due to the flu, but came off the bench on Saturday against the Crimson.



CRUNCH-TIME D

On Saturday night against Harvard, the Lions allowed the Crimson to begin the second half on a 14-3 run, falling behind by 10 points. In the final 6:21 of the game, Columbia allowed only two points to the Crimson to get the win. The Lions rotated well off Harvard's screens and when the Crimson became too patient, Columbia rebounded well and left Levien with a weekend sweep.

BY THE NUMBERS

13 Columbia's total number of three-pointers recorded against Dartmouth and Harvard en route to a weekend sweep at Levien Gym.

20 Noruwa Agho's points against Dartmouth in the team's 13-point win. Agho was fearless in driving the lane to pick up fouls.

36 The combined number of fouls committed by both Harvard and Columbia on Saturday, leading to 39 total free-throw attempts.

2 The total amount of points scored by Harvard in the final 6:21 of Saturday night's comeback against the Harvard Crimson.

IVY LEAGUE STANDINGS

	IVY LEAGUE			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Cornell	7	1	.875	17	7	.708
Princeton	4	2	.667	9	10	.474
Columbia	5	3	.625	10	12	.455
Yale	4	4	.500	9	13	.409
Dartmouth	4	4	.500	6	16	.273
Penn	3	3	.500	7	13	.350
Harvard	2	6	.250	10	12	.455
Brown	1	7	.125	7	15	.318

SPECTATOR PIXBOX STANDINGS: WEEK THREE

1	Lisa "That's What She Said" Lewis	23-9
2	Matt "The X-Factor" Velazquez	22-10
2	Max "Pure Overtime" Puro	22-10
4	Jelani "Can't Knock the Hustle" Johnson	21-11
5	Jonathan "You're With Me Leather" Tayler	19-13
5	Jonathan "Full Court Press" August	19-13
7	Michael "Bad Newz, Mike" Shannon	17-15
8	Jacob "Put It On the Board" Shapiro	16-16
8	Charles "Charles in Charge" Young	16-16

Singles Success Drives Tennis to ECAC Finals

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third to serve for the set. But by that point, the match was clinched, and Wong was given the win with him serving at 5-4. Sophomore Sho Matsumoto split sets at No. 5 singles, and had his match called as well since the outcome had already been decided. Freshman Haig Schneiderman, playing at No. 4 singles, dropped the first set in a tiebreak, but then stormed back to win the next two, 6-4, 6-0.

In the semifinals, the Lions played Brown, who came in seeded third, right behind the Lions. Last season, the Bears handed the Lions one of their toughest losses, a 5-2 defeat which all but ruled out Columbia's chances of winning the Ivy title.

Columbia got off to a slow start, losing the doubles point, although each of the three matches was close and hard fought. At No. 1 doubles, Borta and Nichifor were defeated 8-6, and the No. 3 team of Sezgen and Urban was defeated by the same score. Schneiderman and Wong, playing at No. 5, were tied 7-7 when the match was called because Brown had won the point to go up 1-0.

That would be the only point the Lions would surrender however, as the team roared back to win four singles matches to move on to the final round.

"It was tough in the beginning, they played really well in the doubles," said Goswami of the Bears. "But we came back and played great in the singles and we won all of the first sets, and then we finished it off pretty handily. That was the best I've seen them play in the first set, and hopefully we will keep playing this well tomorrow."

Jon Wong, playing at No. 1, cruised 6-3, 6-1, and Borta, at No. 2, led 7-6, 3-0 before his match was called. Nichifor was tested early but improved in the second set, winning 7-5, 6-1. The two freshmen, Sezgen and Schneiderman both won their matches in straight sets as well. Kung was down in the second set after losing the first, when his match was also called because the outcome had already been set in the Lions favor.

"I think it showed a lot about our team," said Goswami, "I was happy because I hate to lose the doubles point, but I liked the way

they all fought in the singles. All of the first sets were tight but we won all of them."

Columbia will face Harvard, which squeaked past Penn in the semifinals, in the championship round. Harvard jumped out to a 3-0 lead, after winning the doubles point, but the Quakers came back to tie it at 3-3. The match came down to the No. 1 singles position as Harvard's Alexei Chijoff-Evans went head-to-head with Penn junior Hicham Laalej. Laalej won the first set 6-3, but dropped the second in a tiebreak. The third set was locked on serve all set, forcing a deciding tiebreak for the entire match. Laalej stayed ahead in the game, and even had a match point but was unable to convert, and Chijoff-Evans stormed back to win the tiebreak and give the Crimson a dramatic 4-3 win.

Given that the final takes place on a class day, special accommodations had to be made for the team. "I want to thank all the professors for helping out the men's tennis team," Goswami said referring to the team's ability to receive excused absences for players competing against the Crimson.

The final will take place at the Murr Center tennis courts at Harvard on Monday at 2 p.m.

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Surprising Season Makes A Believer



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On Saturday, the Columbia men's basketball team did something that not even UCLA could do—come back and win. The Bruins fell down by 25 in the second half against Arizona on the road and even though they fought back to bring the deficit into single digits, they could not complete the comeback and earn a much-needed Pac-10 victory. UCLA fell behind early because of turnovers and a lack of consistently tough defense down in the post against Arizona's athletic forwards and center. Had the Bruins caught more passes and rotated better off screens, it isn't impossible to think that they could have won the game. That recipe was what Columbia used to come back and pull off one of the team's most exciting wins in recent history.

With just over 15 minutes remaining in Saturday's contest, Columbia fell down by 10 points after allowing Harvard to open the second half on a 14-3 run. I turned to a friend of mine and declared the game over, as there was no way in my mind that the Lions could find a way to stem Harvard's momentum and win the game. Columbia, however, proved me wrong and in doing so made me a believer that the program is finally moving in the right direction.

The Lions' comeback wasn't one of those comebacks spurred on by a run of three-pointers late in the game. It was a methodical comeback that took the entire 15 minutes left in the contest, built around solid defense and quality offensive possessions. Columbia drove the lane, hit key three-pointers, made its free throws down the stretch, and, most importantly, clamped down on a Harvard team that went into the bonus with 13 minutes left in the game.

After giving up 14 points in the first four minutes of the second half, Columbia held the Crimson to 12 points the rest of the way. Not to say that Harvard did not have a few chances that they should have converted, but when a team begins to ratchet up the defensive intensity, rotate screens, put hands in the faces of shooters, and holds the opposition to passing around the perimeter, those easy shots become far more difficult.

The Crimson got complacent with its lead in the last five minutes and actively attempted to run down the shot clock to choke off Columbia's late surge by giving them as few offensive possessions as possible. This strategy, however, has many flaws, as it significantly decreases one's own offensive productivity and gives the opposition confidence through defensive stops.

One of the criticisms of Columbia in the past has been the team's continual inability to run a consistent offense that goes inside, runs high screens to free up three-point shooters, and drives the lane to pick up fouls. This year, and especially during the Ivy season, the Lions have found that offensive identity which has enabled them to win games both running away and coming from behind.

Freshman Noruwa Agho has displayed his ability to penetrate Ivy defenses, a key component in Saturday night's comeback at Levien, as Agho made a lay-up and three of four free throws in the final three minutes of the contest. Agho also scored 22 against Dartmouth on Friday, his second-highest total in league play this year. Senior K.J. Matsui saw a resurgence of his three-point shot this weekend, going 8-16 and scoring a total of 26 in the two contests. The rapid rise of senior center Jason Miller has filled in a gap that was expected to exist with the graduation of John Baumann after last season. Miller scored 19 points and grabbed eight rebounds in both games this weekend, consistent with his productivity in the second half of his final season.

With the Lions down one and having an inbound play underneath their own basket with only seven seconds left, Columbia did exactly what it had to do in a pressure situation—find a way to get a good look at the basket anyway possible. Junior guard Kevin Bulger, who had gone 1-for-10 from

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DUNKING TO VICTORY | After suffering an ankle injury during the Princeton matchup, sophomore forward Asenso Ampim returned to the court after half-time this Friday with a dunk against Dartmouth. The Lions won a dramatic contest on Saturday against Harvard to move into sole possession of third place in the Ivy League with six games to go.



Ajit Pillai / Senior Staff Photographer

Columbia Completes Weekend Sweep

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all-around game, scoring 20 points on 8-for-16 shooting, grabbing nine rebounds, forcing two steals, and blocking two shots.

"[Agho's] a machine," Foley commented. "When he comes out like he did tonight it gives us a tremendous boost. We've got all the confidence in the world in him. I'm throwing the ball knowing he's going to get a good shot and score."

Miller also had a solid evening, scoring 19 points and grabbing eight rebounds, while having a career-high four assists. But it was Miller's ability to establish position down low that allowed the offense to truly flow against the Big Green.

Despite playing without fourth-leading scorer Niko Scott (out with the flu), Columbia got Ampim back after he hurt his ankle against Princeton and Joe Bova after he missed five games due to a back injury. Despite their inability to practice

with all their parts, Columbia was still able to stick to its game plan of maintaining the pace and keeping Alex Barnett from single-handedly beating them. Barnett did finish with 20 points on 8-for-17 shooting and nine rebounds in the defeat.

After the grueling second half against Dartmouth, a let-down could have been expected against the very talented but young Crimson (10-12, 2-6). But the final stretches on Saturday proved that the Lions had the wherewithal to handle it.

Trailing 57-49 with 6:21 to go, Columbia controlled Harvard down the stretch, holding the Crimson to no field goals (only two free throws) and four turnovers as they ground out a 60-59 victory.

"I thought they really picked us apart in the zone early on," Jones said.



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COLUMBIA 60

"We got spread out, and I thought that really hurt us. We were able to play some zone and got them out of rhythm a little bit offensively."

After a missed Bulger jump with nine seconds to go, the Lions were fortunate to get one last opportunity underneath their own basket with no timeouts. That was when Bulger redeemed himself (and his 2-for-11 night) with the game-winner.

"We tried to run a back screen and lob it up for [Jason]. Kevin was actually supposed to screen for Pat and forgot and popped out," Jones commented. "Kevin is very good at driving and spinning back. That's kind of his shot and he nailed it."

The second-half heroics followed a seesaw battle in the first half that saw

Matsui sink five three-pointers en route to 15 points, as the senior guard nearly carried the Lions by himself to a one-point halftime lead.

"Jason sets great screens for me and then Kevin and Pat gave me great passes," Matsui remarked. "So I just let it fly when I was open. I made the first shot and it felt good so I just kept shooting and they went in, get the momentum."

Miller again had a great game, scoring 19 points on 7-for-9 shooting, including seven after picking up his third foul with 17:46 remaining. The center also finished with eight rebounds. Agho also scored in double figures, finishing with 11 points and five assists.

With the two victories, the Lions pulled into a mathematical tie for second place with Princeton, only two games behind Cornell for the Ivy lead. With consecutive road trips on tap, Columbia will learn their fate fairly soon.

Women's Basketball Loses to Big Green, Triumphs Over Crimson

BY MICAH MILLER
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This past weekend the women's basketball team went on the road with the hopes of returning to New York with two more victories. However, as has been the result for several series this year the Lions were only able to win one of their two matchups. The Light Blue fell to conference leader Dartmouth on Friday night, 55-43, but bounced back on Saturday with a 74-71 victory over Harvard.

Columbia struggled against Dartmouth and fell behind quickly, spotting the Big Green a six-point lead in the opening minutes of the game—a performance reminiscent of their game last weekend against Princeton. The Light Blue however, battled back to take the lead with just over 10 minutes remaining in the first half.



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However, the Lions were unable to prevent Dartmouth from going on runs and the Big Green pulled ahead again as the first half dwindled down. Despite the Big Green's lead, there was a clear difference in the way the Lions were playing against Dartmouth when compared with previous performance this year. One of the team's strengths this year has been its team rebounding led by sophomore Judie Lomax, who recorded another double-double against Dartmouth with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

But during the first half something was missing and the Lions were out-rebounded, 20-14. The poor rebounding had an adverse affect on the Columbia defense, as Dartmouth was able to put missed shots in to score crucial points. The Light Blue, in comparison, did not have any second-chance

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SECOND CHANCE POINTS | Judie Lomax recorded her seventh consecutive double-double in the win against Harvard.

M. Tennis Advances to Final Round of Championships

BY KUNAL GUPTA
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The men's tennis team continued its stellar play this spring season by advancing to the final round of the ECAC Championships against Harvard on Monday. The Lions entered the tournament seeded second behind Harvard, which began the tournament ranked 49th in the country.

"As the No. 2 seed, we have done our job up until now," head coach Bid Goswami said.

In the quarterfinals, the Lions defeated Boston College 5-0, while the Crimson defeated St. John's. The

Lions swept the doubles point against BC, including a tight win at No. 3 doubles which saw freshmen Ekin Sezgen and senior Dan Urban defeat the Boston College duo 9-7 to put Columbia up 1-0.

Columbia also got off to a fast start in the singles, as Bogdan Borta, Mihai Nichifor, and Kevin Kung all won their matches in straight sets to put Columbia up 4-0. At No. 1 singles, junior Jon Wong was entrenched in a close battle against BC junior Thomas Nolan. Wong cruised through the first set 6-1, dropped the second 2-6, and then broke at 4-4 in the

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SINGLES AND DOUBLES | Despite dropping his first set in a tiebreak, Haig Schneiderman at No. 4 singles came back to beat BC before competing at No. 2 doubles against Brown.



FIRST IVY VICTORY

Despite suffering two home losses, the wrestling team picked up its first conference win against Princeton on Sunday.

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SEASON FINALE

The men's swimming team failed to best Princeton, but rebounded to defeat Dartmouth in its final dual meet.

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PROGRAM-BEST RECORD

With a win over the Big Green, the women's swimming team matched its program-best record of 9-2 (5-2 Ivy).

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