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FIRST IMPRESSIONS | New Barnard Dean Avis Hinkson talks to Michal Schwartz, BC '14, at a meet-and-greet event last week.

CCSC to vote on proposal to consolidate group funds

BY KARLA JIMENEZ AND MELANIE BRODER
Columbia Daily Spectator

Student groups may soon be able to get more money with less red tape.

Columbia College Student Council will vote today on the formation of a joint co-sponsorship committee, which would change how Columbia's student councils decide to distribute money for club events.

The resolution will allow all of the undergraduate councils to consolidate their co-sponsorship funds, used for events throughout the year, into one committee. That would make the process more efficient for groups, said Narayan Subramanian, SEAS '13 and vice president of the finance intergroup of ESC.

The potential committee was discussed at Sunday night's CCSC meeting by CCSC and treasurers from the three other student councils—Barnard's Student Government Association, Engineering Student Council, and General Studies Student Council—which have already approved the resolution.

Since student groups currently ask for funding from each council separately, "Attaining a co-sponsorship is a rigorous process," said Brandon Christophe, CC '12 and vice president of funding for CCSC.

Groups also tend to ask for event funding from the council corresponding to the college that is most represented by the group's members, though that isn't a mandatory system. That means that ESC might not be approached for funding from a theater group, which would traditionally attract fewer engineers, and as a result of this precedent some councils have ended up with surplus money.

Subramanian said that this proposal would "do away with discrimination" by eliminating the question of the composition of the group and creating a sense

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Clubs look to cut Saigon from vendor list

BY KARLA JIMENEZ
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Spurred on by accusations of illegal labor practices at a local Vietnamese restaurant, two student groups are campaigning to reform campus vendor lists.

Members of Students for Environmental and Economic Justice are working to remove Saigon Grill, which has been picketed by employees and Columbia students in recent months, from the Student Governing Board's vendor list of local businesses that have agreed to give discounts to Columbia affiliates.

Lucha, a student activist group focused on protecting immigrant and labor rights, has also expressed interest in removing Saigon from the University's vendor lists, though its main effort has been picketing outside the restaurant.

"We're trying to keep Upper West Side restaurants sweatshop free," Daniela Garcia, CC '11 and a member of Lucha, said. "On campus, this is keeping the vendor list sweatshop free."

Saigon Grill has been dealing with labor disputes since 2007, when employees of the restaurant, located on 90th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, said that former owner Simon Nget was stealing tips from delivery workers, discriminating

against older employees, and paying employees less than minimum wage. Nget was arrested in January after employees won their lawsuit, and new owners have been in place since October 2010.

"We're trying to keep Upper West Side restaurants sweatshop free."

—Daniela Garcia, CC '11 and Lucha member

Now, despite Saigon's claims that labor practices have changed, local activists have been protesting the restaurant for operating like a "sweatshop."

Katherine Robinson, CC '13 and a member of SEEJ, said it's important to remove Saigon Grill from the SGB list to ensure that student groups—which are recognized and funded by SGB—are not helping to finance unethical businesses.

"We're working with the University Purchasing Department," Robinson said, adding that she hopes that the University will require that all

vendors on their list maintain high labor standards.

But Honey Sue Fishman, Columbia's executive director of business services, said that Saigon Grill is not on Columbia's general preferred vendor list.

The list that SEEJ and Lucha refer to is "not a list that was published by Columbia's University Purchasing Department," Fishman said.

Amirah Sequeira, CC '12 and SGB secretary, said that the group has been discussing the issue but hasn't yet heard from SEEJ or Lucha.

"We know nothing about this Lucha protest or their problems with the Saigon Grill. We have no knowledge of this whatsoever, so we've been trying to find out what's happening," Sequeira said, adding that SGB's vendor list comes from the Office of Student Affairs Central Business Office.

Although Lucha has not spoken with SGB about its list, its members have gone with SEEJ to protest the restaurant.

Paco Martin del Campo, CC '11 and a member of Lucha, said an important part of their campaign against Saigon Grill has been regularly picketing the restaurant.

"Some people walking out of the restaurant said if they

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LABOR PROTEST | Upper West Side residents have been protesting employee discrimination at Saigon Grill, a Vietnamese restaurant at 90th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, since last October.

New dean back in familiar territory

Hinkson was Barnard RA, tour guide, rep to Board of Trustees

BY JESSICA STALLONE
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Twenty-six years after graduating, Barnard's new dean, Avis Hinkson, still has a soft spot for Elliot Hall.

Hinkson lived on Elliot's fifth floor and became an RA in the building, and has stopped by on visits to campus ever since.

In an interview on Thursday, Hinkson said she plans to visit Elliot again this week—this time walking in as the dean, with new goals ranging from rethinking Barnard's library spaces to creating more small communities within the school.

Her connections to the school formed early. As a high-achieving high school student in Brooklyn, Hinkson first learned about Barnard College from the grandmother of a childhood friend.

"It was a battle from my high school counselor and my parents to even get me to apply to other places. I was convinced that Barnard was the place for me. And I was absolutely right," Hinkson said.

During her time as a Barnard student, Hinkson worked as a student representative to the Board of Trustees, a tour guide, and a work-study student in the Office of Admissions.

She also may be uniquely qualified to judge Barnard's sense of community, since she took part in the debate about whether or not Barnard should merge with Columbia when it was transitioning to a co-ed university.

"I was very supportive of the notion that Barnard needed to remain a women's college," she said.

Though she said that in these initial weeks she is "just trying to get myself settled in," she is looking toward larger projects, such as the reconsideration of Barnard's library spaces.

According to Lisa Norberg, the Dean of the Library and Academic Information Services, she, Hinkson, President Deborah Spar, and various student groups will be working closely to reorganize and determine the best possible use for the space available.

"We have two planning groups made up of faculty, students, and administrators that will be meeting over the course of the spring semester to review spaces in the library that we believe could be re-purposed to better serve the College," Norberg said in an email.

Though Norberg has not yet met with Dean Hinkson, she said that they have been working with a representative from her office and "plan to work very closely with her on all of our plans."

The other top-priority project is the division of Barnard residential life into smaller communities. Hinkson will be meeting with the student government representative next week to begin preliminary discussions.

"It's really a matter of looking at our orientation model," Hinkson said. "From orientation to graduation, students should feel as if they're part of a close-knit community."

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Politicians revive protest over GSAPP's new space

BY ABBY MITCHELL
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Five months after the University announced that the first floor of the School of Social Work building would become academic space, local politicians are up in arms—again.

Last Thursday, Community Board 9 passed a resolution calling on Columbia to lease the ground-floor space, located on Amsterdam between 121st Street and Morningside Drive, to a retail tenant in order to bring business activity to the area. New York State Assembly member Daniel O'Donnell also issued a statement on Friday supporting the resolution.

"There were a number of promises made for that site to the community," said CB9 member Brad Taylor, who drafted the resolution. "We want Columbia to retain this space for community use and not for academic purposes."

In January, the University said that the space would become an academic center for the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. Renovations for the new Center for Global Design and Development should begin this summer, according to University spokesperson Victoria Benitez.

The space was initially—but unofficially—slated to become retail space, and University spokesperson Dan Held said in a September statement that the University had tried renting it out for more than five years before deciding to use the 7,000 square feet for academic space.

The CB9 resolution maintains

that the University gave up too soon on prospective tenants, and put them at a disadvantage with artificially high rents.

"Local merchants who were interested in the space were quoted rents far above the going rate for this kind of space in the neighborhood," the resolution says. The University declined to comment on its asking rents.

The resolution passed 29-1.

"There were a number of promises made for that site to the community."

—Brad Taylor, Community Board 9 member

Tom Kappner, a member of the Coalition to Preserve Community, a neighborhood activist group that opposes the Manhattanville expansion, spoke in support of the resolution Thursday.

Kappner, who lives across the street from the School of Social Work building, urged community members to confront the University on this issue.

"They promised us retail space at the School of Social Work," he said. "Let them know we will not trust any of their promises about the future of Manhattanville if they continually ignore commitments made

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Let ROTC on campus

Presenting cases for uniforms on College Walk.

Keep ROTC out

Why Columbia still won't get along with the military.



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Columbia can't find shooting touch at home

The Light Blue hosted another pair of Ivy competitors this weekend, and despite cold shooting and an injury, splits its contests and remains tied for fourth place in the league.

EVENTS

The jazz composer

Discussion by Graham Collier about the works of Ellington, Mingus, and Evans, and the meaning of composition.

Dodge Hall, Room 622, 8-9:30 p.m.

Civil Rights Today

Panel discussion on contemporary civil rights issues, such as education and criminal justice.

Jerome Greene Hall, Room 105, 12:10-1:10 p.m.

WEATHER

Today



39°/17°

Tomorrow



34°/18°



FILE PHOTO

NEW LOOK | Despite protest from politicians, the space on the ground floor of the School of Social Work, seen here last September, will be occupied by a GSAPP lab after sitting empty for five years.

Community Board asks for Amsterdam retail space

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in the past.”

When the site of the Social Work building was being debated 2000 and 2001, ground-floor retail space was one recommendation that came from a community task force. The University has maintained that it made good-faith efforts to rent the space, and O’Donnell

acknowledged last year that the retail space was never part of a legal contract.

But the Assembly member said that this was “merely the most recent example in a long string of broken promises to the community.”

“I applaud the Community Board for taking this stand,” O’Donnell said in a statement Friday.

Taylor said that the resolution

has been given to the University trustees.

“This is a matter of trust between the community and the University,” Taylor said. “Lots of agreements are being reached and have been reached on Manhattanville and we have to know ... whether the community can trust what they’re being told by Columbia or not.”

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CCSC to vote today on joint committee for co-sponsorships

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of cohesion among the councils.

“It will benefit students in that they’d have a one-stop shop,” Subramanian said.

“It would be great for groups, it would be one presentation and one application.”

—*Aki Terasaki, CC ’12 and class president*

But council members raised concerns about pooling all the councils’ money, and about the potential effects of decreasing conversation within individual councils about what they fund.

“We were concerned that by pooling we would lose a lot of the discussion that CCSC members hold about co-sponsorships,” said Alexandra Coromilas, CC ’11 and class vice president,

even after a discussion with the council treasurers who drafted the proposal.

Aki Terasaki, CC ’12 and class president, also held reservations about the joint committee creating less autonomy for groups and less discussion among the councils, but ultimately said there is no reason for students to be concerned.

“It would be great for groups, it would be one presentation and one application,” he said. “I have faith that the committee would still be fair and still do the best job that they could with the student life fees.”

Councils have been pursuing this proposal for three to four years, and it now depends on CCSC’s vote.

But whether CCSC votes in favor or not, the other three councils will continue with plans to have the joint co-sponsorship, if only within their councils.

If passed, Christophe said the program will go into effect immediately, although it will start as a pilot program.

“I’m not going to sit here and say this program is going to be perfect, right off the bat,” Christophe said.

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had known it was a sweatshop they wouldn’t have gone there,” Campo said.

After Saigon Grill was first sued for its labor practices, the Upper West Side saw a wave of restaurant workers speaking out against sweatshop conditions. Robinson said Saigon Grill employees were some of the first to do so.

Eric Su, the restaurant’s lawyer, said that litigation is ongoing, but insisted that the restaurant is no longer in violation of any labor laws and that any workers fired recently were fired because they were “horrible staff.”

“The new owners are being unfairly associated with the old owners,” Su said.

But Emily Sorensen, BC ’12, who picketed as a member of SEEJ, added that workers fired by the restaurant this year now appear more prepared to fight for fair management practices.

“Employees are now more conscious of their rights,” Sorensen said.

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9 AM–5 PM

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03/01

VIOLATING PERFORMANCE

Women, Law, and the State of Exception

Noon

BCRW, 101 Barnard Hall

03/03–03/05

THEATRE THESIS FESTIVAL I

8 PM & 9 PM

Minor Latham Playhouse, 118 Milbank Hall

03/04

TOSCA

The Concert Version

8 PM

Union Theological Seminary, James Chapel

03/08

THE LABOR OF CARE

Rethinking Gender, Work, and Rights in the American Welfare State

6:30 PM

James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

03/10

FUGITIVES & MATRIARCHS

Slavery in the Atlantic and Indian Ocean Worlds

6 PM

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

03/22

DIVERSITY & DISEASE ECOLOGY

IN PLANT COMMUNITIES

5:30 PM

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

03/25

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Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

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Faculty for a Reserve Officers Training Corps Program

- The affirmative case for an ROTC program at Columbia has been crowded out by debate over legislation prohibiting military service by open homosexuals. The repeal of that legislation makes it possible to clearly state that case, which can be briefly summarized:
- It is damaging to democratic ideals of equality that graduates of highly selective, private universities are so underrepresented in the nation’s officer corps.
 - That the officer corps is drawn disproportionately from non-urban settings and other regions of the nation creates an imbalance that benefits neither American society nor its military.
 - At Columbia, military service should be recognized as a form of public service as is service in civil society.
 - Our students’ prevailing experience is of great personal distance from military service, limiting preparation for citizenship.
 - Reciprocally, military leaders are often uncomprehending of the values for which Columbia and its peer institutions stand. A civil-military gap caused by mutual incomprehension is undesirable.
 - Diversity in the student body including students preparing for military service would help alleviate this situation.
 - The university should not put obstacles in the way of students who wish to serve as commissioned officers and, in so doing, help finance their educations.
 - These propositions are independent of judgments as individual citizens of policies involving the armed forces, and about which the university is institutionally neutral.

Faculty signing this statement may not agree fully with all its features but all agree with the following:

Provided that ROTC is subject to the same academic procedures as govern other programs, we support the establishment of an ROTC program.

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COLUMBIA AND BARNARD FACULTY OPPOSED TO ROTC’S RETURN

We, the undersigned faculty members of Columbia University and Barnard College, wish to state our unequivocal opposition to the reinstatement of ROTC at Columbia. We hold it to be a matter of the most profound principle and educational philosophy that the idea of a university and the ethos of the military are incompatible. We believe that the militarization of the campus represented by ROTC’s uniformed presence is at odds with what we, as educators, hold sacrosanct.

Advocates for ROTC’s return to campus claim that it would democratize Columbia, while enabling financially disadvantaged individuals to access the excellent opportunities of the Ivy League. We agree that poorer Americans should be given better opportunities, but we do not believe that upward social mobility should be ransomed for military service. Other forms of service, from planting trees to compensate for environmental destruction, to rebuilding communities ravaged by natural disasters, or tutoring disadvantaged youth, are not provided with systematic scholarship opportunities, and we do not believe that poor people should have to embrace militarism to obtain an education. By contrast, we would gladly endorse a more expansive and robust federal financial aid system open to all, with no strings attached. And we believe that many resources spent on funding war would be better spent on education.

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We do not oppose veterans on our campus but we do not believe that the presence of non-uniformed soldiers has the same impact on the university as ROTC would. Columbia has a long tradition of welcoming veterans. Those who are soldiers or ex-soldiers and seeking education can and do attend classes, at all levels. But they are present to others as students and not as the symbolic incarnations of the military. In uniform, individuals are representatives of the military before all else, and their presence constitutes a symbolic militarization of campus.

Columbia aspires to be a global university. In the classrooms of our remarkably internationalized institution, students from countries that are otherwise at war speak to each other and forge the basis of mutual understanding and peace. This possibility is threatened by the presence of the uniformed military.

It is often said that it is the right of all to pursue their chosen paths and that exclusion of the ROTC constitutes discrimination against those who wish to participate in ROTC. Similarly, the drive to re-instate ROTC has gathered momentum in the aftermath of the repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” on the grounds that its discriminatory powers have now been overcome. In fact, Columbia students are already able to partake in ROTC at other New York area campuses where ROTC exists. Equally important is the fact that ROTC will remain a

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discriminatory institution even after DADT has become a relic of history. There are many reasons—from physical disability to age—for which people are disqualified from admission. This fact is clearly contrary to Columbia’s policy, which prohibits discrimination against “any person in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs.”

Many soldiers who advocate ROTC’s return to Columbia rightly note that it is not the military that generates policies which are then implemented by soldiers, but Congress. The military merely implements those policies. But here is the most profound point of opposition between the military and the university as institutions: ROTC, and the military in general, trains people for obedience to the chain of command, whereas the university cultivates a critical and constantly questioning consciousness. This is the essence of the university’s contribution to a democratic society. Although the military may play a defensive role to uphold that same democracy, it does so by means that are antithetical to those of the university, where speech and dialogue, rather than the bearing of arms and the use of force, are primary. For this reason, we believe that the ideas and ideals to which our university has been and should be devoted are undermined by the presence of ROTC on campus.

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ROTC: Against

Reject ROTC, not the military

BY AMIEL MELNICK AND NATACHA NSABIMANA

The recent repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell has led Columbia to consider reintroducing the Reserve Officers Training Corps on campus.

Should ROTC be on campus? We think not. Should there be veterans and persons with an interest in military careers on campus? Of course there should be, and there are. But these two questions have been conflated in our debate thus far over ROTC.

Students with military interests and backgrounds add to the vitality and diversity of our academic community, and many vets are already receiving support from the government for their studies at Columbia. There is a world of difference, however, between the presence of such students and the establishment of an ROTC program. We affirm the welcoming of all students as individuals but believe that ROTC will institutionalize military separateness.

No student left behind

BY NOAH BARON

Those who have been following the debate about the possible return of the Reserve Officers Training Corps to Columbia will note the strong parallels between the debate now to that of 2008. The main difference is that many now seem to have the sadly false impression that the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell has brought with it the end of discrimination in the ROTC program, and that ROTC is now in compliance with our non-discrimination policy. Others, those of us who objected to the return of ROTC in 2008 because of DADT, may feel an obligation to support it now.

Yet to assume that this should necessarily translate into support for ROTC on campus, or acceptance of the idea that the Congressional repeal of DADT brought with it an end to discrimination in the ROTC program, would be a mistake. Instead, we must consider for ourselves what such a change would mean for our campus and our community.

Let us ask ourselves these questions: What statement would allowing ROTC back on campus when it continues to discriminate say to the LGBT individuals it discriminates against? Has our anti-discrimination policy simply become too much work to bother to enforce? Or does it still apply, but not if the group discriminated against is small enough?

Just as in 2008, those in favor of the return of ROTC are urging us to ignore these important questions. Instead, they offer the platitude that if it were only the case that liberal people from Columbia would enroll in ROTC, then all of these problems would magically disappear. The reality is so much to the contrary. Rather, the military has always operated top-down; officers and soldiers are not asked if policy hurts their delicate sensibilities. As noted succinctly in the Constitution (Article I, Section 8): "The Congress shall have Power...To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces." To expect "engagement" with the military to produce better outcomes is unrealistic, because that is not how those outcomes are achieved. Nor indeed has this historically been the case. It was, for example, President Truman who integrated the armed forces in 1950—this was most assuredly not the product of Columbia's "engagement" with the military as an institution.

The 2008 College Democrats' statement summarized the problems best: "[ROTC] directly violates our university nondiscrimination code and defies the principles of free speech, privacy, and equal protection that are at the core of both Columbia's academic mission and the United States Constitution." Again, little has changed. First, DADT remains in effect, and will continue to until an unspecified time in the future; second, ROTC continues to ban physical relationships between same-sex individuals; third, the military continues to discriminate against transgender individuals.

Moreover, a return of ROTC would entail the creation of an academic department over which the military would have control; the professors of the department would not be able to be openly gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender; the professors of that department would not be permitted to be in a same-sex marriage, even secretly. In short: it would entail the creation of a department that would result in wholesale discrimination against sexual and gender-identifying minorities.

Like many students, I wish to someday see the return of the ROTC program to campus. Yet doing so immediately would be hurtful and harmful to Columbia students. It is my hope that those in favor of immediately bringing ROTC to campus will reconsider their position. We cannot permit gaping exceptions to our non-discrimination policies simply because we happen to like the institution involved.

Respectfully,
Noah Baron

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The repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell has reopened the debate over ROTC on Columbia's campus. Noah Baron, Sumayya Kassamali, Amiel Melnick, and Natacha Nsabimana write against inviting ROTC back on campus.

However, given the lack of a concrete proposal from the University, it's difficult even to know what we are debating. Will students come to class in uniform? What does this program mean for the University in terms of funding, public presence, credit structures, and curriculum changes? We don't know. Rather than having a discussion about actual policy, our conversation so far has been abstract and full of partisan rancor.

In the heated discourse swirling around this absence of information, concerns about and opposition to ROTC are being read as discrimination against veterans and those currently serving in the military. These must be distinguished. We see a vast difference between engaging in conversation with students who are or have been in the military and the institutional affiliation of Columbia with the US military.

Barring ROTC from Columbia is not discrimination against those who serve in the military. Furthermore, a presumed ineligibility of foreign students and the military's

THOUGHTS ON ROTC BY ANNE PARK



ROTC has no place at Columbia

BY SUMAYYA KASSAMALI

As someone who has attended both the Task Force hearings and carefully followed this conversation since the rumors of ROTC's return first surfaced on campus, below I attempt to briefly address some of the arguments being made in support of ROTC.

First: Not allowing ROTC on campus discriminates against those who choose to enlist. The notion of specialized education is not discriminatory, for as there are other professional schools, there are military academies. Those who want a Columbia education while in ROTC can join the consortium with Fordham University or Manhattan College, as students do. But above all, the University has a right to decide what types of classes, professors, and pedagogies it wishes to include on its campus. It is not "discriminatory" to say that Columbia does not want its students getting course credit for weapons training.

Second: Columbia is uniquely positioned to produce future military leaders. A civilian institution must not be made to bear the responsibility of educating the nation's military in how to do its job better. The military is not an institution that exists to explore diverse cultures and expand its members' critical thinking. It does not enter Afghanistan with the intellectual curiosity of a researcher. If the military truly wanted its officers to study philosophy and political theory, it would create or expand opportunities for this within its own structure.

Third: Bringing ROTC will help make an Ivy League education more accessible to poor Americans. One of the greatest procedural flaws of the Task Force has been its complete failure to distribute information about ROTC to the campus community. When ROTC pays for a student's tuition—note some scholarships cover only partial tuition—their monthly stipend ranges from \$250-500/month. How many of you live on that much money? ROTC will extend the same predatory practices that the military is notorious for, taking advantage of those who cannot afford Columbia otherwise while they

discriminatory policies against transgender individuals present serious implications for Columbia's anti-discrimination policy and its positioning of itself as a global institution. These are all matters which need to be discussed fully, with adequate information.

Despite the absence of basic facts, the opinions of a portion of the student body are being solicited in a survey—and it's hard to see how anyone is to come to an informed opinion. But furthermore, and inexplicably, given that this decision will affect everyone at the University, faculty and most graduate students (other than those in SIPA) are being excluded from the survey. We protest the process by which this decision is being made and reject any effort to paint our opposition to ROTC as opposition to the presence of students with a military background or career interests.

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ransom their lives for far less than anyone can live on in New York. If Columbia really wants its education to be more accessible, it should offer more unconditional financial aid for students.

Fourth: Everyone at Columbia is sheltered from the military, and ROTC will solve this. It is an insult to the student body to argue that we all live in a bubble. Apart from veterans, many students on campus have friends or family who have served or currently serve in either the US or other militaries. Many more students have grown up in countries whose dictators and police were trained by the US military, come from countries that have been invaded and occupied by the US military, or come from countries with their own military dictatorships where the daily realities of violence are an urgent reminder as to why the civilian and the military must be kept separate. And every one of us reads the news. Our opposition to ROTC is because we understand what the military represents at a time when it is engaged in two highly unpopular, expensive wars that have cost horrifying numbers of Afghani, Iraqi, and American lives.

Fifth: Refusing to interact with the military is not a solution to people's criticisms. We need to differentiate between the military as individuals with whom you can interact, and as an institution with which Columbia should enter into partnership. No one who opposes ROTC is opposed to discussion with the military and its supporters—a space that is already provided by the university. Many of us are actively engaged in anti-war and social justice organizing, and our criticisms of the military do not come from rigid ideologies but rather an ethical engagement with the world we live in. To suggest that ROTC should not return to Columbia is not to reject "interaction" but to argue that military training and academic education must be kept fundamentally separate—perhaps now more than ever.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

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As the official voice of the Spectator, the Editorial Board offers its opinions on issues relevant to Columbia.

As Columbia students, we tend to extend our philosophical outlook to all issues on campus. Simple chats wind up being rants about imperialism, Valentine's Day an argument over gender identity, and Manhattanville a case study of gentrification.

Therefore, we shouldn't be surprised that ideology has rested at the heart of the debate over Columbia's relationship with the military. But this is one discussion that should not be rooted only in intellectual justification.

The strictly ideological approach to the return of ROTC has proven unproductive and short sighted. By framing the debate over ROTC's return to Columbia in rigidly philosophical terms, we overlook more important arguments. In addition to an analysis based on ethical maxims, a realistic evaluation of the costs and benefits of military involvement proves that ROTC should be invited back to Columbia.

Whether or not they choose to enroll in ROTC, Columbia students stand to benefit from its return. Just as a need-blind financial aid policy has opened Columbia up to many students,

ROTC would make Columbia accessible to an underrepresented part of America's population. Many students who join ROTC are prompted by financial concerns, indicating that ROTC could increase economic diversity on campus—a major criticism leveled against Columbia that has proven difficult to combat. Students who seek ROTC membership would also increase the diversity of outlook and experience in a sometimes homogeneous student body.

We agree with our ideologically unyielding peers who point out that the military has flawed policies. Women experience unacceptably high levels of sexual violence and abuse, and the repeal of DADT will not end discrimination against transgender individuals. We strongly oppose these remnants of military discrimination—but propose a different way of dealing with them.

Student groups who oppose the return of ROTC have taken an approach of passive resistance through non-participation in military programs. But is this the most effective way to agitate for change? Instead, by engaging the military through ROTC programs, open-minded Columbia students could reform the system from within. If we remain isolated from the military, we will have no influence over their policies. Engagement—not self-imposed segregation—is the way to reform. The military is not a company that we can boycott or a country from which we can divest—it is a vital part of our nation's identity that cannot be ignored.

This type of uncompromising opposition also breeds misinformation. Few students know—because non-engagement makes this information nonessential—that ROTC has never been banned at Columbia. Instead, the administration pursued a de facto ban, putting limits on military participation that made operating a program here impossible. These facts, among many others, are critical for students who are voting in the online poll to know.

Our hope is that engagement with the military will create a more open, tolerant military culture that will mobilize to reverse remaining discriminatory policies. We assume that Columbia students, due to their open-mindedness and tolerance towards people with different views and lifestyles, will acquire leadership positions in the military that will allow them to implement such changes. These reforms won't be immediate, but ROTC is the best chance we have to make the military an institution more in accordance with our principles of equality. Our academic experience at Columbia that instills us with values of honesty, justice, mercy, and truth can be practically applied in military service.

To deny students who seek ROTC membership the chance to pursue military service, regardless of their reasons, is itself ideologically flawed.

So Columbia students, we urge you to peek your heads out of our ivory tower and consider what ROTC has to offer. Vote yes to ROTC.

ROTC: For

Matthew Arciniega, Nico Barragán, John Cabot, Allan Silver, and the Editorial Board write in support of inviting ROTC back on campus.

Fact and judgement about ROTC

BY ALLAN SILVER

The quality of discussion about ROTC is improved if factual errors do not obscure serious issues. We are told, for example, that ROTC is unacceptable at Columbia because the military recruits among the poor. Instances of predatory recruiting do occur but no institution, including universities, is without scandal. In fact, the military recruits from the broad middle of the population, screening out those with criminal records and certain health problems, and those lacking a high school diploma. Relatively few recruits come from the lowest 20 percent of the income distribution. Blacks are recruited in proportion to their presence in the population, Hispanics at lower levels. Citations to relevant research are available on request.

More immediately relevant for Columbia, the officer corps is drawn disproportionately from southern, lower Midwestern, and mountain states, from large, less selective institutions, and from smaller colleges with a marked military culture. It is to such places that the military withdrew after ROTC left Columbia and its peer institution in the 1960s and in the drawdown after the Cold War. It is in such locations that the military feels comfortable and unchallenged. However, America needs a military drawn from the whole nation, including its most selective institutions of higher learning, where its future leaders are exposed to the critical edge that Columbia and its sister institutions offer. We don't want a military comfortable only in its own cultural skin and future civilian leaders with little sense of fellow citizens who serve in it.

We've been told that ROTC would militarize the University and its curriculum. However, students in ROTC have all the rights and obligations of all other students—they become officers only when commissioned after graduation. ROTC students would take the same courses, major in the same subjects as other students. That's part of ROTC's worth, as distinct from the service academies like West Point. The faculty would have total control of the curriculum and, as at MIT and Princeton, award no credit for courses that do not meet academic standards. Forty years ago, ROTC programs were ended at Columbia and peer institutions because faculties were spurred by the crisis of Vietnam to insist on this point. That requirement stands today. True, the culture of the military does not conform to academic standards, but neither does that of business and finance, among other settings that students enter. The University should not unduly constrain choices that students make about their lives after leaving it.

Repeal of legislation prohibiting service by open homosexuals leaves in place regulations prohibiting service by transgendered individuals. Here we face a difficult choice requiring a sense of history. In 1869, the great black leader Frederick Douglass, and the great feminists Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton split because Douglass, who advocated for women's rights, accepted the 15th Amendment, though it excluded women. When blacks were integrated into the military in the pressures of the Korean War, women were not. When the new voluntary military of the 1970s drove the integration of women, open homosexuals were excluded, to be included 35 years later. The painful logic of progress is that each inclusion, earlier unimaginable, creates an exclusion defining a future goal. At each stage, we consolidate a victory while lamenting its incomplete character.

We are told that ROTC is incompatible with the University's character because the military applies violence in the service of imperialism. Here we are not in the domain of fact but of judgment. If one is seriously—not opportunistically—against violence on pacifist grounds, the discussion is closed. Not all accept the judgment that American policies involving the armed forces since the end of World War II are categorically wicked. The University is open to a wide variety of perspectives, many highly critical of prevailing conditions, others at ease with them—in either case often with great passion. No one perspective can capture the University on its own behalf. Within its broad institutional neutrality, the University must be open to all. At the least, ROTC has a place in Columbia's many-roomed mansion. At the most, ROTC would make a distinctive contribution to Columbia's educational experience and the quality of citizenship, both among those who bear arms and those who do not.

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BY JAMES CABOT

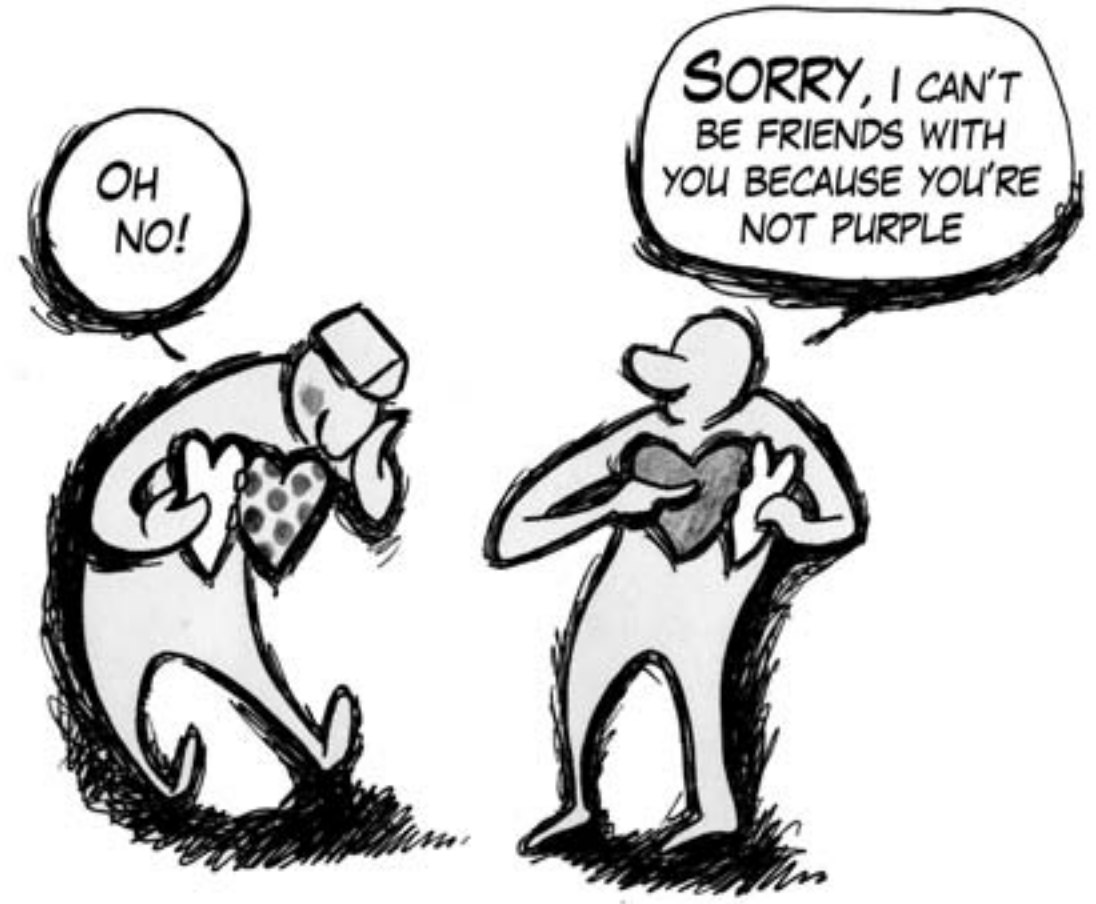
To the Members of the University Senate Task Force on Military Engagement,

As a Columbia graduate student without a military background, I believe that reinstituting ROTC at Columbia will be good for the military, good for Columbia and—most importantly—good for the University's students. The military is an important institution in American life. It should have access to the most intelligent, mature, courageous, and selfless young men and women in America—young men and women of integrity and capable of leadership and high achievement. The Columbia community is filled with students who match this description. It is because they match this description that they have been selected to attend Columbia. The military will undoubtedly benefit from a reinstatement of ROTC at Columbia and other Ivy League campuses through access to a new pool of high quality officer candidates.

Reinstating ROTC will also be good for the University. ROTC teaches essential and timeless values such as loyalty, duty, respect, service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. These same values are vital to the Columbia community. The community will benefit from the presence of more students who are exposed to these values through ROTC training. ROTC cadets will bring their experiences and their learning to the classroom, to Columbia's athletic teams, to student clubs, to residences, to the campus as a whole, and to their communities at home.

Finally, reinstating ROTC will be of tremendous benefit to Columbia students who have an interest in serving in the military. Many students across the United States choose to join the military after college. They do this to serve our country, to challenge themselves, and to gain some of the best leadership training in the world. It is clear that America's top graduate schools recognize the value of military service—the business, law, and other schools at Columbia and at top universities across the country are filled with military veterans. These graduate schools recruit veterans because they recognize and value the leadership development, the discipline, the ethics, and the achievement that come with military service. By permitting ROTC to return to the Columbia campus, the University will

THOUGHTS ON ROTC BY ANNE PARK



Reinstate ROTC to reform the military

BY MATTHEW ARCINIEGA

At this point, two main issues with bringing ROTC back to Columbia's campus are the notion that the military recruits or “preys” on people in low-income areas, and that the military still discriminates in its policies against transgender soldiers. I disagree with the first of these claims, but the latter shows that there are real problems with America's military. Fixing those issues is one of the main reasons Columbia should allow its students to join the military by bringing ROTC back to campus.

As for the claim that the military “preys” on low-income students, this is very true in one sense. The military does recruit in low-income areas. However, as someone who grew up in a low-income neighborhood with one of the highest homicide rates in the country, I can tell you that the military is the best place for many of these kids. Some students, like many in my old school district, will never graduate. Some of my friends made it out on their own, but the rest are mostly mixed up in gangs and drugs, in jail, or have passed away—like a junior at my high school

who was killed in a shooting over winter break. The military gives some individuals the opportunity to get out and go to college and live steady lives. In my experience, the kids that have really turned their lives around are the ones that have gone through the military. There is the risk that they may not make it through the military. But if they do, I know from experience that they almost never go back to lives of crime or drugs.

Another more contentious issue surrounding the Columbia ROTC debate is the transgender issue. Recently, the military repealed Don't Ask Don't Tell, a discriminatory policy that prevented homosexual soldiers from disclosing their sexuality. However, despite the change in DADT policy, the military has decided not to include transgender individuals in the repeal. There are practical reasons for this decision, but I believe it is wrong to discriminate in the military and that anyone who is willing to fight should be able to defend America.

That being said, while I agree with most on the immorality of the transgender issue, I do not agree with the way many Columbia students want to fix

the problem. They advocate for abstaining from any military involvement whatsoever, but there is no way that this will change the military's policies. The military will get its officers either way, and one liberal arts college abstaining from participation is not going to be enough to make the military change its policies.

Whether or not we want to protect members of our transgender community, we are still part of and have a responsibility to protect a larger American community.

The people that change policy are the people like Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and Commander-in-Chief Barack Obama, two champions of repealing

In defense of ROTC

BY NICO BARRAGÁN

Being a straight ally to the LGBT community as well as a cadet in the ROTC, I have been on both sides of the Don't Ask Don't Tell debate. Although I strongly believe in public service, I also knew that DADT was a backwards policy that had to go. Its repeal was a victory of tolerance and equality.

I believed that it was an important moment for Columbia, as we could re-engage with our nation's military and close the deleterious gap between our military and the civilian leaders who decide their fate. However, there were also those who fought off ROTC for ideological reasons. These people believed that counter-terrorism is the creation of some abstract military-industrial complex, the bloody caprice of a capitalist nation. They called our service-members immoral, uneducated, and malicious killers. They believed that the attacks on 9/11 were a justified response perpetrated by freedom fighters. Now that DADT has been repealed, those who oppose our nation's Armed Forces have found another issue to legitimize their objection to our fighting men and women: the American Psychiatric Association's categorization of transgender individuals.

They are disguising their true feelings about the U.S. military under the pretense of their push for equality.

How does this render ROTC inherently immoral? Well, if it appears there is a disconnect, it's because there is. The American Psychiatric Association is the premiere professional psychiatric and psychological association in the United States, and its Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders unfortunately still categorizes transgender individuals as suffering from Gender Identity Disorder. Health professionals in the military are also required to refer to this manual. As such, transgender individuals are often incorrectly classified as having GID and therefore disqualified from military service, along with 75 percent of American youth today. If this is an issue that the opponents of ROTC are really passionate about, why are they not lobbying the APA instead of fighting against our peers' right to join the nation's officer corps? Why are they not protesting the Columbia University School of Social Work, which is professionally associated with the APA? It is because they are disguising their true feelings about the U.S. military under the pretense of their push for equality, for fear of being labeled as radical liberals or pacifists and losing credibility in this debate.

As a transgender ally, I may strongly disagree with the APA's classification of transgender individuals, but this has nothing to do with my desire to serve my country and put my life on the line for my fellow airmen. I devote a large amount of my free time between classes and ROTC to advocating for LGBT students. However, I realize that neither the ROTC nor the US military can be blamed for the decisions of the APA or civilian policy makers. I have been called malevolent, ignorant, and mercenary by those who oppose the program for my participation in the ROTC, but never has anyone attacked me because of my stance on transgender rights. I'm not personally familiar with the utopian “safe space” that my opponents believe will be shattered by the arrival of ROTC. Whatever sense of safe space I felt at the beginning of the year was destroyed when I first “came out” as an ROTC cadet, and I am constantly reminded of this fact every time I am attacked in class because of my choice to serve. By actively excluding the ROTC, the administration is tacitly endorsing this harassment and stripping opportunities for scholarships, professional development, and public service away from our students. They are saying that we, a University renowned for our open debates, our progressive activism, and our desire to change our nation for the better, would rather shrink away from such debate and retreat into our academic bubble. By banning ROTC, we are simultaneously preventing our peers from answering our nation's call to service and ceding our opportunity to influence the military, diversify the officer corps, and challenge those policies that we disagree with.

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Men beat BC, fall to two Ivies

MEN’S TENNIS
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Cornell, with only Kung and Gery getting a win at No. 1. Singles was a continued struggle for Columbia, as Schneiderman lost in straight sets at the top and Cyril Bucher was beaten 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2. Kung lost in straight sets to give Cornell the necessary four points. Yetimoglu lost in two tight sets and Tizian Bucher lost 6-2, 6-4. Gery was the only winner for the afternoon, beating Jeremy Feldman 6-2, 6-1.

“I think maybe we were a little tired after beating BC, they were fresh, they had the bye,” Goswami said, “but that shouldn’t have been a difference, it was the second match.”

“I thought we played good doubles, I think we had chances,” Goswami said. “Singles was too one sided for my taste. They lost to us the last two times [in ECAC and Ivy play last year], and their team is good.”

The Light Blue lost 5-2 to Brown on Sunday, with the only two wins coming from Kung and Schneiderman.

“I thought we played much better [against Brown],” said Goswami. “Brown barely lost to Harvard.”

Cornell beat Harvard 5-2 on Sunday to advance to the finals against Binghamton.

“I think maybe we were a little tired after beating BC.”

—Bid Goswami,
head coach

Columbia lost the doubles point against Brown, as Gery and Kung lost their first match this spring. Cyril Bucher was also injured in the doubles point when playing with his brother



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COURT STRUGGLES | Sophomore Nate Gery was one of the few successful Lions in this weekend’s matches.

Tizian. The Bucher brothers were up 5-1 and a double break when Cyril was injured.

“I thought we were a bit unlucky not to win that,” Goswami acknowledged.

Brown, who struggled in Ivy play last year but has a new coach this year, dominated Columbia in singles, winning four of the six matches to give them a convincing 5-2

win over the two-time defending champs.

Columbia’s next match will be a test as well, as No. 59 Binghamton comes to the Dick Savitt Tennis Center on

Friday. Last year, Columbia was the only Ivy team to beat Binghamton. The Bearcats also made the NCAA Tournament, and feature the region’s top singles player Sven Vloedgraven.

Injury curse targets centers

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it was happening again.

I was wrong, though—Barbour was fine and Columbia beat Cornell for the first time in years, 79-75. In fact, up to that point in the season, the Lions hadn’t suffered any catastrophic injuries. There was a stomach flu at the beginning of the nonconference slate and a few bumps and bruises along the way, but for the most part, the Light Blue was healthy.

But then-sophomore forward John Daniels hurt his left foot in Columbia’s 87-79 defeat at Brown. As Spectator’s men’s basketball beat writer Lucas Shaw pointed out last week (“Daniels’ defense, work rate prove irreplaceable in absence,” Feb. 15), Daniels’ absence has hurt the Light Blue significantly. Daniels is just one player, though, and the Lions were able to defeat Penn and Dartmouth without him, so it seemed as if they had righted the ship.

The injury bug struck again, though, this time taking down sophomore center Mark Cisco. Friday night in Columbia’s 67-60 win over Dartmouth, Cisco had five rebounds and two points in just nine minutes of play, but he sat out the whole second half after hitting his head, and did not dress for the game against Harvard due to concussion-like symptoms.

Without Cisco and Daniels, the Light Blue really had no chance against the Crimson, which has one of the best frontcourts in the league. Not only did Kyle Casey and Keith Wright combine for 26 of Harvard’s 61 points, but they also destroyed the Lions on the glass, pulling down a combined 21 rebounds. As a team, Columbia only had 18 boards.

While it is unlikely that the Lions would have won even if Cisco and Daniels were healthy, their average of 4.9 and 4.4 rebounds per game, respectively, would have helped the team avoid a 61-42 blowout. Columbia could have also benefited from Cisco’s accuracy around the basket—he leads the team with a field goal percentage of 59.8. Ampim, Craig, and freshman Danny Feldmann got the majority of the minutes up front and combined to go 7-for-19 from the floor.

Cisco will probably be back next weekend, but Daniels is not likely to play. With the Lions heading back on the road to face the Killer P’s, it’s entirely possible that the Light Blue faithful will once again have its spirits crushed by injuries to key players.

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THE MILITARY ON CAMPUS? UNIVERSITY SENATE HEARINGS ON ROTC

The Task Force on Military Engagement of the University Senate cordially invites you to participate in our spring deliberations on the Reserve Officers Training Corps. The goal of this process is to provide the Senate with adequate information and context to issue recommendations regarding Columbia’s relationship with the U.S. military, particularly the issue of formal participation in ROTC.

The Task Force has been holding a series of University-wide public hearings. These are forums for open and constructive discussion of the issues. They are open to all Columbia University ID holders, but also endeavor to address specific segments of our community. Hearings have been held focusing on the general university community and on the undergraduate population. The remaining hearing is:

Wednesday, February 23, 2011, 8 – 10 PM
Focused on faculty and graduate students
Opening remarks by Claude M. Steele,
Provost and Dean of Faculties
417 IAB (Altschul Auditorium)

The Task Force has established a web site with information about Columbia’s relations with the military and ROTC at www.columbia.edu/cu/senate/militaryengagement/.

The Task Force is also soliciting opinions from the Columbia community and has established the rotc-taskforce@columbia.edu e-mail address to collect feedback, statements, and other reactions. We encourage you to use this resource.

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BOARD BLUES | Lacking post presence on Saturday, the Lions were significantly outrebounded.

Lions remain at .500 after weekend split

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paint along with tight defense kept the home team ahead.

"I think we had more of a defensive concentration as a unit. We had little sticks here and there but we picked each other up and we stuck with it for 40 minutes," Noruwa Agho said.

Although he went 9-22 from the field and only 1-6 from the foul line, Agho did not let his determination down at any point in the game, and ended the night with 19 points, five assists, and nine rebounds against a Dartmouth side lacking height.

Columbia's bench had a successful night as well, and not only from Craig. Freshman guard Meiko Lyles scored 11 points in 27 minutes, and junior guard Matt Johnson, who has not seen much time this season, contributed five boards and hit two big threes for the Lions when the shots just weren't falling for anyone else.

"Matt had his opportunity and took advantage of it. The two threes were good shots out of the offensive. We needed someone to make them and he hit them both," said Smith.

At the end of the night, the Lions were lucky to come away victorious when their shots refused to fall.

Unfortunately, the Lions could not get away with miss after miss two nights in a row, facing an all-around stronger Harvard lineup on Saturday. With Cisco absent, Columbia needed to find their stride from the field if they wanted to compete. Not only did Harvard shoot 51.3 percent from the field to Columbia's 34 percent, the Lions only made one trey in the entire 40 minutes.

The first four minutes of the game foreshadowed the rest of

the night, as the Crimson went on a 9-0 run and never looked back. Columbia did not score its first points until six minutes into the game, and at that point the Crimson were dialed in, forcing the Light Blue to play Harvard's game.

"We're missing some shots that we might normally make ... It takes a toll on you."

—Noruwa Agho,
junior guard

"They're a good team in that if they get on top of you, they're going to milk the clock and they are going to be very patient. They're sound, so if they're in control, they are just going to shorten the game up, and on the road that's a pretty shrewd way to play," Smith said.

The Light Blue was still in the game at the intermission, only down by nine. The second 20 minutes proved to be just as unsuccessful as the first, however, as the Crimson increased its lead while Columbia remained plagued by poor shooting percentage.

"We're missing some shots that we might normally make... For 40 minutes it takes a toll on you," Agho said.

Since shots weren't falling, the loss cannot be pinned on one thing in particular, but Cisco's absence played a definite role in Columbia's stagnation on offense. Smith agreed that the loss of Cisco had a great impact on the team's performance, but it was only one of the many

factors. "They pressure you and they lock up and not let us get the three, and I think that's what everyone in the league has gone to: Trying to wipe us out on the perimeter and force us to make our posts score. Cisco's a pretty good scorer who we didn't have, and Max and Zack [Crimmins] did a pretty god job, but we have got to have a little more trust in each other that way," Smith said.

The second-half minutes slowly ran down like the first: Harvard paired patience on offense with solid coverage on defense, and Columbia heard the echoes of rubber on metal with each subsequent shot it took. No Lion broke double figures for the night, as with eight points each Barbour and Craig were the team's high scorers. In comparison, four Crimson players achieved double figures: forwards Keith Wright and Kyle Casey, and guards Brandyn Curry and Oliver McNally. Boards were scarce for the Light Blue as well, as it was outrebounded 36-18, only racking up seven offensive rebounds compared to the previous night's 22.

"They gave us problems up there. They're long, they're bigger and they do a good job around the rim and we get drives and 30s [Casey] looming," said Smith.

Columbia still has a chance to be over .500 for the season, but none of its last four contests will be easy matchups. Next weekend, the Light Blue goes on the road to face Penn and Princeton, two teams that are especially difficult to beat in their home gyms. Between now and then, the Lions will focus on fixing their shooting woes and boosting their boards in order to compete with a pair of teams who both boast impressive post strength.

AGHO WATCH

Week of 2/21/11

All-time individual leaders for scoring in Columbia basketball history.

RANK

No. 15

No. 16

No. 17

PLAYER NAME (YEARS ACTIVE)

Walt Budko (1942-44, 1946-48)

Noruwa Agho (2008-present)

Russ Steward (1988-92)

POINTS

1151

1087

1071

GRAPHIC BY ANN CHOU

WRESTLING

Light Blue sweeps the weekend, soundly defeats two Ivy competitors

The Columbia wrestling team successfully ended its dual season this past weekend with a pair of wins against Harvard and Brown. On Friday night, the Lions traveled to Cambridge, Mass. to face the Crimson, defeating them 32-7. Columbia won eight out of 10 matches, improving their overall record to 8-6 and their Ivy record to 2-2. The 125-pound match went to Harvard, but then 133-pounder Kyle Gilchrist pinned Harvard's Fermin Martinez in 3:48, starting a winning streak for the Lions. Columbia wasn't defeated again until the 157-pound class, in which Harvard's Walter Peppelman, ranked No. 6 nationally, narrowly defeated Jake O'Hara 1-0. The winning streak for the Light Blue continued, with the remainder of the Lions coming out of their matches on top. On Saturday, Columbia traveled to Providence for the last dual of the season

and defeated Brown with a final score of 24-9. Columbia won seven out of ten matches, starting off the meet with victories in the 125- and 133-pound classes. After a loss at 141, the Lions proceeded to regain momentum and won the next three. Brown, however, started their own winning streak with a slew of victories in the upper weights. The 174- and 184-pound matches went to the Bears, but Columbia ended the match strongly, with 197-pounder Michael Pushpak besting Brandon Shull 20-9 and heavyweight Kevin Lester winning a major decision over Tyler Cowman, 12-3. Lester's undefeated Ivy League record will gain him all-Ivy honors and a No. 4 seed in the EIWA tournament. The Lions have two weeks to train for their postseason tournament, which starts Saturday, March 5 at Lehigh.

—Meredith Mead



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PUSHPAK POWER | The Lions were dominant on the mat this weekend in their dual meets against Harvard and Brown.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Columbia women go 1-2 for the weekend, surprise by upsetting Cornell for the first time since 2006 in five-hour thriller

The women's tennis team recorded a huge upset against Cornell in the backdraw of the ECAC Championships after falling to Yale 6-1 in the opening round. The marathon 4-3 win over Cornell lasted for over five hours, and was Columbia's first win over Cornell since 2006. Columbia closed out the weekend with a 4-2 loss at the

hands of Dartmouth.

Columbia, seeded seventh out of eight teams, was beaten thoroughly by No. 40 Yale. The Bulldogs swept the doubling point, with sophomore Nicole Bartnik and freshman Bianca Sanon putting up the best fight. The duo lost 8-7 at the No. 1 spot. Bartnik, playing No. 1 singles, put up the best

performance for Columbia in singles as well, beating Vicky Brook 1-6, 6-2, 1-0 (7-1). Sanon lost in three sets at No. 2 to No. 101 Elizabeth Epstein, and the rest of the team was defeated in straight sets. The loss was Columbia's first of the season.

The highlight of the weekend was the match against Cornell on Saturday. Cornell

won the doubles point, winning at No. 1 and 2 doubles to grab a 1-0 lead. Freshman Ioana Alecsiu quickly tied up the score at 1-1 with a straight set win. Sanon lost 7-5, 6-2, but Bartnik evened up the match with a three set win over Christine Ordway at No. 1. Senior captain Natasha Makarova rallied from a 3-0

deficit in the third set, and won her match 6-3 in the third set, but after sophomore Chelsea Davis lost, the match came down to No. 5 singles, where freshman Tiana Takenaga was down 5-2 in the third. Takenaga rallied to force a tiebreak, winning 7-4 to give Columbia a 4-3 victory.

Columbia played Dartmouth

for their final match, in a contest that only had six singles matches. Takenaga continued her strong play, winning her match at No. 6. Bartnik won her third straight match, beating Molly Scott in three sets, but Columbia lost Nos. 2 through 5 singles for an overall defeat in the match.

—Kunal Gupta



MIKE DISCENZA / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ROUGH REPEAT | The Light Blue endured its second sweep in a row on the road.

Lions lose on consecutive nights

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first Columbia basket, though—the Lions weren’t able to turn the tide until the final two minutes of the first half when, down 18 points, the team went on a 11-3 run, capped by a contested fast-break layup from junior guard Melissa Shafer as time expired.

The buzzer beater, reminiscent of sophomore guard Taylor Ball’s similar play against Yale to put Columbia up by three at half time, didn’t manage to have the same effect on the second half of play. The momentum from Ball’s score carried clear to the final buzzer on Feb. 5, which ended in a double-digit Lions win—their last victory to date. On Friday, the second half instead started much as the first did. Nine shots missed their mark and five minutes passed before, again, Orlich was able to end the streak with 3 to cut the 15-point deficit to 12. It proved too much to overcome, though, and ended as the final margin of victory for Dartmouth.

According to Coach Nixon, the difference between those two last-second plays laid in what preceded them.

“That layup we hit at the end of the Yale game extended our lead. In this particular game, all that layup did was to cut it to 10,” Nixon said. “While it was certainly a great play by her, it didn’t erase the fact that we had played really, really poorly for the rest of the half, and Dartmouth had a pretty good amount of confidence going into the locker room ... and we didn’t do anything in the first three or four minutes of the second half to really deter that confidence.”

The Harvard game on Saturday, Columbia’s fourth

straight loss, displayed failures on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball for the Light Blue. Its third lowest point total in Ivy play this year came along with a year-high in points allowed. Columbia was able to stay even with Harvard for much of the first half, down only a point halfway through the first period. The Crimson went on a run, though, stimulated by a trey from sophomore guard Jasmine Evans, and outscored the Lions 17-9 up to the game’s midpoint. Harvard then scored six straight to open the second half, aided by two missed shots from Orlich and a turnover by senior forward Lauren Dwyer. Columbia shot under 30 percent for the rest of the game, including 0-5 from beyond the arc, while Harvard couldn’t miss, sinking over 65 percent from the floor in the second half.

“Everyone that we play seems to be playing well on their home courts, and we want to do the same thing.”

—Paul Nixon,
head coach

Harvard, now 7-2 in the conference, remains undefeated at home in Ivy play. Its two losses came in its only away weekend as it fell to Yale and Brown, two teams Columbia defeated by double digits in a home sweep a week earlier. The home-road discrepancy has been even

broader for the Lions, who were 4-2 in the Ancient Eight following their home stand to begin league play, but have put up their lowest point totals since leaving their home turf. The losses this past week followed another road sweep at the hands of Princeton and Penn, against whom Columbia scored 35 and 40 points, respectively.

“I think we’re definitely in our comfort zone at home,” said Dwyer. “We’ve had some great fans turn out for the Ivy League season this year, and we’ve really appreciated that. With that inspiration and support, we can’t help but play a little harder for them as well as for ourselves.”

The Lions now prepare for a home weekend and another shot to prove their worth against Penn and Princeton. The key, according to Nixon, is to keep their eyes squarely on the future.

“The biggest thing that we’re going to focus on is that we’re done with those teams,” Nixon said of last weekend’s matchups. “We had our two shots at them. Now our focus has to go back on the fact that we’ve got two more meetings with Penn and Princeton. Everyone that we play seems to be playing well on their home courts, and we want to do the same thing.”

While the wounds from two crushing weekends away from home may not be so quick to heal, Dwyer is confident that the homecoming will be enough to turn the tides back in Columbia’s favor. “It hurts, but we are still going to work hard for the last four games this season,” she said. “We’re excited to come back home, where we were playing with a lot of confidence before this road stand, and we’re definitely going to look to continue that.”

MONDAY MORNING POINT GUARD

GAME BALL

The game ball goes to Max Craig, who had two strong games for the Lions this weekend after not seeing much time off the bench thus far in the season. With the team's shooting percentage averaging around 30 percent between the two games, Craig was 8-12 with 17 points and 11 rebounds for the weekend.



week 6 TURNING POINT

The Lions appeared to still be in Saturday’s contest after pulling within 10 of Harvard with 13:21 left in the game. The Crimson took a timeout after this point, and then proceeded to go on an 8-2 run to make Columbia’s deficit 16. From this point on, the Light Blue appeared to be defeated.

SHOOTING SLIP

Shots were not falling for the Lions this weekend, which was their downfall in their contest against Harvard. The looks were good, but the rim was not amiable to the Light Blue during either game. Free throws were down as well for Columbia as it went 25-39 from the line in both games combined.

INJURY REPORT

The Lions were still without sophomore forward John Daniels, and his classmate, center Mark Cisco, suffered concussion-like symptoms against Dartmouth and was unable to suit up against the Crimson.

PIXBOX STANDINGS: WEEK 6

1	Zach “Boom Goes the Dynamite” Glubiak	21-19
1	Kunal “The Phanatic” Gupta	21-19
1	Jacob “Eye On the Ball” Levenfeld	21-19
1	Lucas “In the Refrigerator” Shaw	21-19
5	Myles “A Second Opinion” Simmons	20-20
6	Michael “Turn Up the Mike” Shapiro	18-22
7	Michele “I Can See Cleary Now” Cleary	17-23
8	Bart “The Tailgating Tales” Lopez	16-24
8	Mrinal “Word on the Street” Mohanka	16-24
10	Jim “On the Couch” Pagels	14-26

IVY STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT
Harvard	9	1	.900
Princeton	8	1	.889
Penn	5	4	.556
Columbia	5	5	.500
Yale	5	5	.500
Brown	3	7	.300
Cornell	3	7	.300
Dartmouth	1	9	.100

IVY SCOREBOARD

Princeton	65
Brown	75
Dartmouth	60
Columbia	67
Cornell	60
Harvard	73
Brown.....	62
Penn	70
Columbia	42
Harvard	61
Dartmouth.....	76
Cornell.....	97
Yale	51
Princeton.....	58
Yale	58
Penn	60

IVY SCHEDULE

 GAME ONE VS. CORNELL W 79-75	 GAME TWO AT CORNELL W 70-66	 GAME THREE AT HARVARD L 66-77	 GAME FOUR AT DARTMOUTH W 66-45	 GAME FIVE AT BROWN L 79-87	 GAME SIX AT YALE L 67-72	 GAME SEVEN VS. PRINCETON L 46-76
 GAME EIGHT VS. PENN W 75-62	 GAME NINE VS. DARTMOUTH W 67-60	 GAME TEN VS. HARVARD L 42-61	 GAME ELEVEN AT PENN 2/25, 7 P.M.	 GAME TWELVE AT PRINCETON 2/26, 6 P.M.	 GAME THIRTEEN VS. YALE 3/4, 7 P.M.	 GAME FOURTEEN VS. BROWN 3/5, 7 P.M.

DWYER WATCH

All-time individual leaders for scoring in Columbia basketball history.

Week of 2/21/11

RANK	PLAYER NAME (YEARS ACTIVE)	POINTS
No. 7	Jennifer Beubis (1987-91)	1039
No. 8	Lauren Dwyer (2007-present)	1019
No. 9	Charlene Schuessler (1986-90)	1002

Injuries remain a common Lions theme

For two and a half seasons, I've been following the men's basketball team. In this time, I have learned a lot about the team, but the most important thing I've gleaned is that they are very unlucky when it comes to injuries.

My freshman year, the 2008-09 season, then-junior point guard Pat Foley led the team with 18 points and six assists for a home victory over Wagner, only to sit out the next seven games with a foot injury. He was arguably the best player on the team at the time, and undoubtedly the most fun to watch, so that seven-game stretch was pretty painful for the Light Blue: it went 2-5. Injuries were more than common for Foley, who played in only 69 games for Columbia, but there were other Lions who sat on the bench for at least part of that season.

I learned to expect injuries to key players at inconvenient times.

Current senior Brian Grimes missed the whole year because of a knee injury sustained in the first practice—an injury that he is still hampered by today. His classmate Asenso Ampim spent a significant amount of time recovering from injuries the past two seasons. Max Craig, Niko Scott, and Joe Bova were also hampered by injuries during either the 2008-09 or 2009-10 seasons.

By the time the current season began in November, I had learned to expect injuries to key players at inconvenient times. I winced every time a player rolled his ankle or took a half-second too long to get up after a hard foul. I almost burst a blood vessel yelling at Coach Smith to take Brian Barbour out of the first Cornell game after it appeared he had sprained his ankle. I had seen our starting point guard go down many times before, and I was terrified that



MICHELE CLEARY

I Can See Cleary Now

Lions plagued by poor shooting percentage at home



JASPER L. CLYATT / SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

IN AND OUT | Despite countless drives to the basket, the rim refused to be a friend to the Lions in their home gym.

Light Blue splits the weekend's contests

BY MOLLY TOW
Spectator Staff Writer

This weekend, the Lions responded to a warm, home-gym atmosphere with two nights of cold shooting.

The Columbia men's basketball team (14-10, 5-5 Ivy) split their contests this weekend, eking out a win against Dartmouth (5-19, 1-9 Ivy) 69-60 on Friday night, but getting trounced 61-42 on Saturday by an overpowering Harvard team (20-4, 9-1 Ivy). This was the Light Blue's second split weekend in a row, and the team has not seen an above-.500 record since the first few weeks of the season.

Dartmouth shot 42 percent from the field to Columbia's 33.8 percent, but thanks to a multitude of rebounds, especially on the offensive end, the Lions were able to pull out a victory.

"You shouldn't win the game shooting 33 percent. Ever. So that's tremendous," head coach Kyle Smith said.

Columbia was prepared to face a smaller, scrappier team, knowing that boards were key for a win. In the first half alone, the Lions had 17 second-chance points, more than half of their total for the first 20 minutes. Missed jumpers and layups alike, big men seniors Asenso Ampim and Max Craig, and sophomore Mark Cisco, were ready to lay the ball back in at any moment.

"Our big guys were beastly on the boards tonight. They got us second chance threes, Matty [Craig], Asenso, Mark, all doing a great job rebounding, and that's what kept us in the game," sophomore guard Brian Barbour said.

Although the first half started out slowly, Columbia was able to pick it up eventually, going on a 9-0 run with 12 minutes until the intermission and ending the half up by nine. The Lions had gone 13-38 from the field, but they had already racked up 27 rebounds. Even more impressive, they had completely shut out the Big Green on the offensive glass. The momentum was in Columbia's direction as it entered the second half, but it had to continue without Cisco, who took a hard fall on his head with 1:56 left and was immediately taken out.

The Light Blue still couldn't find the shooting touch as the second half commenced, but consistent power in the

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SCOREBOARD	
	MEN'S BASKETBALL
	Dartmouth 60
	Columbia 67
	Harvard 61
	Columbia 42
	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
	Columbia 51
	Dartmouth 63
	Columbia 46
	Harvard 77
	MEN'S TENNIS
	Columbia 4
	Boston College 3
	Columbia 1 Columbia 2
	Cornell 6 Brown 5
	WOMEN'S TENNIS
	Columbia 1
	Yale 6
	Columbia 2 Columbia 2
	Cornell 6 Dartmouth 4
	WOMEN'S SQUASH
	Columbia 3
	Middlebury 6
	Columbia 3
	Williams 6
	WRESTLING
	Columbia 24
	Brown 9
	Columbia 32
	Harvard 7

Lions swept on the road, evened to .500

BY TREVOR COHEN
Spectator Staff Writer

The road carried more trials for the women's basketball team this weekend, as its second straight pair of games away from Leven ended with the Lions on the wrong side of a decisive sweep. The Big Green of Dartmouth (7-16, 3-6 Ivy) secured its vengeance on Friday, beating Columbia 63-51 on its court after the Light Blue (5-19, 4-6 Ivy) had bested them in their first meeting in New York. On Saturday, Harvard (15-8, 7-2 Ivy), which narrowly came away with a one-point victory three weeks ago, scored 77 to topple the Lions by 32 points.

"It was a discouraging trip, because we were one shot away from sweeping those teams at home about three weeks ago," head coach Paul Nixon said. "To go up and really have two very poor performances was certainly not what we were looking for."

A series sweep of Dartmouth was foremost in the team's mind coming into the weekend, but chances of a repeat fell with each of Columbia's 14 straight missed shots to open the game. Dartmouth got out to a 7-0 lead before a point went on the board for the visitors, on a made free throw from sophomore guard/forward Tyler Simpson. The Big Green was up 14-1 when Columbia's first shot fell from the floor—a jumper by freshman guard Brianna Orlich coming almost half way through the period and nine-and-a-half minutes after the Big Green's first score.

The bleeding didn't stop with that

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MIKE DISCENZA / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

NO REST | Junior guard Melissa Shafer scored a game-high 18 points.

Columbia has rough weekend at ECACs

BY KUNAL GUPTA
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

The No. 45 men's tennis team was stunned by Cornell in the second round of the ECAC Championships, losing 6-1 to the top seeds after beating Boston College 4-3 in a tight match in the opening round. The rough weekend continued for the team on Sunday, as it was beaten 5-2 by Brown in the consolation match.

"I don't think we played well yesterday [against Cornell]," said head coach Bid Goswami. "I think the guys realize we need a little more work."

The weekend started out strong for Columbia as it beat Boston College for the second time this season. Columbia won 4-3, in a match tighter than its 5-2 triumph over the Eagles in January. Led by a strong performance at No. 1 from senior co-captain Kevin Kung and sophomore Nate Gery, who came in ranked No. 69 in the nation, Columbia won the doubles point. Kung and Gery won 8-4, and a win at No. 2 gave Columbia a 1-0 lead.

The Light Blue struggled in singles, however. Kung was playing his first singles match of the spring after battling an ankle injury earlier, and lost 6-4, 6-4 at No. 3. Junior Haig Schneiderman lost at No. 1 and sophomore Cyril Bucher lost at No. 2. Columbia got three-set wins from the bottom of the lineup to win the match, however, as Gery won at No. 4 6-2 in the third set, sophomore John Yetimoglu won at No. 5 6-4 in the third set, and freshman Tizian Bucher won 6-2 in the third to close out the match.

Columbia lost the doubles point to

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