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**DADT DEBATE** | Matt Swagler, GSAS, speaks out at a panel discussion organized by the Coalition Against ROTC on Tuesday night.

## Harlem residents want art, retail in former Citarella

**BY CONSTANCE BOOZER**  
*Spectator Staff Writer*

Harlem has 16 options for the former Citarella development on 125th and 126th streets—but choosing between them is, so far, a complicated process.

New York City’s Economic Development Corporation met with Harlem’s Community Board 9 on Tuesday night to hear locals’ preferred ideas for the site, which varied from affordable housing to manufacturing and artistic space.

The project will occupy the former Taystee Bakery site, which includes five vacant buildings and one that contained Citarella, offices, and storage. The grocery store was evicted in June 2009 after its developer failed to keep its promises to fill office and retail space in the surrounding buildings, and control of the property’s future was passed to the EDC, which accepted the 16 proposals in late January.

“We were very pleased with what we received,” said Carolee Fink, vice president of government and community relations at EDC and project manager of the Taystee Development site.

“People are very interested in this part of the city and the market is coming back. It also showed us the different types of uses that would be useful to this community,” she said.

According to Fink, only five of the proposals were fully non-residential, which became a point of contention for local residents who said housing wouldn’t do enough to create jobs in the area.

“While we remain committed to affordable housing and housing in general, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to create a unique development project,” said Larry English, chair of CB9.

“When you come to West Harlem, there is no commercial activity. While I believe it is important to always look at the opportunity to provide affordable housing, there are only a few aspects where we focus on commercial activity and this is one of those areas,” he said.

Javier Carcamo, assistant chair of the CB9 Land Use and Zoning committee, agreed that the focus should be on projects with offices and manufacturing uses.

“We need the mixing of these

uses as a way to maintain foot traffic a long portion of the day. A lot of retail fails because it is a predominately residential community,” he said.

CB9 members also stressed that their main goal was to transform the relatively dead area near Amsterdam Avenue into a more active neighborhood around the clock.

“Culture is the oil of Harlem. Any project on that site has to have that component.”

—Larry English,  
CB9 chair

“When you have a community who has artists, they don’t work for 9-5 p.m. and that creates a new atmosphere,” said Christa Giesecke, chair of the Land Use and Zoning Committee. “Don’t forget that we lost a lot due to Columbia’s development. We need to make sure that we get space back, maybe housing for artists, studios, cafés, and restaurants.”

“Most people are gone during the day. Retail won’t survive without manufacturing and offices to help fuel business during the day,” Carcamo said.

English emphasized his desire for the project to have an artistic aspect as well.

“Culture is the oil of Harlem. Any project on that site has to have that component because that is what West Harlem and Harlem is about,” said English.

Toward the close of the meeting, both CB9 members and EDC representative stressed that they want to do this process properly—no matter the land’s eventual use—so they do not have to do this again in five years.

“At the end of the day, we are going to have answer to a future generation on that property. CB9 is assuming that responsibility. This is a valuable asset that ought to maximize the community,” English said.

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## Postcrypt will return to Chapel, without security guards

**BY KARLA JIMENEZ**  
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It’s celebration time for Postcrypt Coffeehouse.

After a year and a half of tension with the administration, Postcrypt, the student-run music venue that hosts weekly folk concerts, will return to its home in the basement of St. Paul’s Chapel—without security guards. Friday and Saturday night concerts will resume on campus in March, board members announced Tuesday night.

“We’ve won, we’re safe! And we’re ready to get back to our home in St. Paul’s Chapel,” Galen Boone, BC ’12 and manager of Postcrypt, wrote in an email to Postcrypt members.

Following a long period of a stressful relations, the Postcrypt board has come to form a stable relationship with Jewelnel Davis, the University chaplain and director of Earl Hall , Boone said in



FILE PHOTO

**POUR MORE** | Postcrypt Coffeehouse had to stop selling beer in early 2010 after allegations of underage drinking during concerts.

an interview Tuesday.

“The chaplain’s really gracious,” Boone said. “She wants to support us because we are

special to the chapel.”

The chaplain’s office sanctioned the group last year following anonymous reports

about underage drinking at the venue.

Since then, Postcrypt has abided by the administration’s ban on selling organic microbrew beer, coffee, and popcorn, which removed their main source of revenue. The group was also required to hire a security guard for concerts, at a cost of \$1,600 a month.

Without funds to pay for the security, the group, which began 46 years ago, needed to borrow emergency funds twice, Boone said.

The coffeehouse’s board held numerous meetings with Davis, starting in early 2010. But when they began speaking about alcohol issues, conversations turned into talks about the group’s end.

“Now we were fighting for survival,” Boone described.

Moving forward, the concerts will no longer require security guards, though the

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## IvyQ conference brings together modern activism, history

**BY KARLA JIMENEZ**  
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At last weekend’s IvyQ conference, featured workshops ranged from “Oscar Wilde” to “Trans 101”—but a modern role model may have gotten the most attention.

Columbia hosted the second IvyQ conference for LGBTQ students and their straight allies at Ivy League schools, who heard from speakers like Amanda Simpson, senior technical adviser to the United States undersecretary of commerce and the first openly transgender female presidential appointee.

“Her address truly set the tone in terms of the high level of trans advocacy and awareness that this year’s conference promoted,” Sean Udell, CC ’11, senior class president, and co-founder of the IvyQ network, said.

“She even kept the attention of hundreds of college students at nine in the morning—no easy feat,” said Ben Bernard, an IvyQ leader from Yale University.

About 300 students attended the conference, and organizers raised nearly \$30,000

in corporate sponsorships for the event, which brought together a number of campus leaders.

Although the 43 workshops spanned a variety of issues and interests, the event focused on issues of health, queer studies, and education, said J.T. Ramseur, CC ’13 and the conference’s hospitality director.

“Our mission is to empower campus LGBTQA leaders,” Udell said.

The workshops were also a starting point for conversations about campus life and student activism, said Avi Edelman, CC ’11 and president of Everyone Allied Against Homophobia, who led four workshops.

“It led to productive conversations,” Edelman said of the workshops. He added that ROTC, a hot topic on Columbia’s campus, played a role in many discussions.

Some LGBTQ groups have been involved in the debates about ROTC’s potential recognition on campus, and members have spoken out at the town halls sponsored by the University’s task force on military engagement.

“It was an interesting chance to talk about these issues with students from other Ivies who are engaging in similar discussions,” Edelman said.

One of the main goals of the conference was to build an LGBTQ network, Karen Woodin, CC’11, the chair for IvyQ, said.

“Our mission is to empower campus leaders.”

—Sean Udell,  
CC ’11, senior class president, co-founder of IvyQ network

Organizers also hoped to allow participants to explore the history of the gay rights movement, and other speakers included George Chauncy, professor at Yale and well-known author on LGBTQ issues.

“Hopefully, it will lead to some good connections,”

Edelman said.

The first IvyQ conference was held last year at the University of Pennsylvania. Woodin said they wanted the second conference to be similar to Penn’s, while improving the conference experience through improved communication with other LGBTQ groups and more opportunities to network.

Organizers said they also tried to add more workshops on intersections of identities, like gender with ethnic or religious affiliations.

“We want to represent as many identities as possible,” Woodin said.

After the event, students like Matt Martinez, CC ’13, said that the second annual event was a significant moment for their organizing efforts.

“It paid off in the satisfaction I felt knowing that IvyQ 2011 was a step forward for the LGBTQIA community, and that yes, though the conference has a lot of kinks to be worked out and many changes to be made, every step forward counts,” he said.

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Yasmeen Ar-Rayani takes issue with CU Republicans’ advertising.

#### Sit down and speak up

Amanda Gutterman thinks Justice Clarence Thomas needs to say something.



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#### Lacrosse starts season with fresh new attitude

New coach Liz Kittleman will try to turn the Columbia lacrosse program around this season. The Lions have only won two games in their history, but Kittleman is bringing a new look.

### EVENTS

#### CU jazz ensembles’ winter concert

Students in the Columbia Jazz Program perform standards and their own compositions.

Miller Theatre, 8-9 p.m.

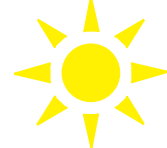
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Roone Arledge Auditorium, 7-9 p.m.

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**PANEL PROFS** | Dr. Rosalind Morris, with Sumayya Kassamali and Elizabeth Blackmar, were members of the panel that spoke before about 100 people on Tuesday night against ROTC’s return.

Profs, students speak out at anti-ROTC hearing

**ROTC from front page**

“We had a snowball thrown at us,” she said, noting that people asking her why she doesn’t support the military are asking the wrong questions.

“There’s a difference between military and militarism,” she said. “I don’t think any of the people I’m working with are advocating getting rid of the military at this time.”

Panelists also expressed concerns with the way the campus discussion has unfolded, claiming that the University Senate is trying to hurry the process, and that members have not been transparent about their decision-making.

Rosalind Morris, professor of anthropology and a panelist, said that students could benefit from more specifics on the ROTC program, and that having a military program on campus would signify a “symbolic transformation of the university.”

“Research and education—that is what a university is for,” Morris said. “The logic of the military should be pursued by the military, but not on campus. I am happy to have veterans in class. I am happy to have members of the military in the class when they are there as students, that is, not as soldiers.”

Fellow panelist Elizabeth Blackmar, a professor of history,

agreed, saying that the anti-ROTC position is based on an aversion to institutionalizing the military at an independent university.

“I think there’s been this really big push to separate the issue of war and ROTC, which I don’t personally understand because the ROTC is a recruiting arm of the military,” Garcia said, disagreeing with a Spectator editorial that portrayed the return of ROTC as separate from ideological objections to war and the military.

“They show it as a neutral educational program, when obviously the main educational program of ROTC is to train soldiers to wage war,” she said.

Kassamali noted that Columbia already has ties to the military, such as labs for defense research and West Point lecturers with visiting professorships.

“I am fully aware of their entrenchment at Columbia,” she said, calling the debate a way to open up the issue of Columbia’s overall association to the military.

Blackmar also said she took particular offense at suggestions in the Spectator editorial that inviting ROTC back will increase the economic diversity on campus and give students an opportunity to foster tolerance in the military.

“The military does not exist

to foster tolerance to people of different lifestyles, it serves to defend the nation,” Blackmar said, adding that increasing economic diversity in the student body is the role of the administration and the idea that Columbia students could increase tolerance within the military is “condescending.”

Advocates for ROTC’s return also attended the discussion, including Learned Foote, CC ’11 and Columbia College Student Council president, who said he enjoyed hearing the arguments.

“I think what’s essential to note is that students who participate in ROTC are not barred in their participation from the Columbia educational experience, so I don’t think that there is a conflict between the ROTC education and the Columbia education,” Foote said.

The panel “highlights how little both sides know about each other and how much more dialogue is needed about what it means to have an ROTC program outside of the Senate hearings,” said University senator and veteran Jose Robledo, GS, in an email.

The third and final University Senate hearing will take place tonight.

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No guards, beer for Postcrypt’s return in March



**OPEN LATE** | Postcrypt Coffeehouse will be allowed to play in St. Paul’s Chapel again starting in March, but it still can’t sell beer.

**POSTCRYPT from front page**

group will still not be allowed to sell beer.

The resolution is a success for the group, whose members had been anxious to resolve the situation before many in the managing board graduated.

Boone credited support from faculty with helping Postcrypt managers bring about the changes.

“From the University administrators and employees who worked with us and vouched for us, and the students who heard about our plight and joined us, to the musicians and bands who keep coming back to play, and our Postcrypt regulars, who’ve been coming for years and decades and didn’t give up on us—thank you so much,” Boone wrote in the email.

The coffeehouse has been under a month-long suspension from the chaplain’s office due to overbooking one weekend last year, and has been playing at a downtown venue.

While Boone said the downtown venue had been great after the long-standing tensions at the chapel, she said they look forward to returning to their old home.

“We’re proud to be in the chapel as one of the student groups,” Boone said. “It will be a return to the old Postcrypt.”

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**CORRECTION**

A photo caption for a story (“Latino politicians gaining ground in Upper Manhattan”) that appeared in the Feb. 22 edition of Spectator misidentified Edwin Marciel as Elbert Garcia. Spectator regrets the error.

# What you might want to know about ROTC and the Military...

## Who serves in the Military?

According to a study by the National Priorities Project most Army recruits come from the broad middle of the U.S. income distribution. The lowest and highest income strata are under represented among recruits to the military. Data for the Navy and Air Force are not available but is believed to be similar. <sup>1</sup>

## ROTC Supplies the Largest percentage of Active Duty Officers to the Military

Source of Commission	Percentage
ROTC .....	37%
Officer Candidate School .....	23%
Service Academies .....	18%
Direct Appointment.....	14%
Other/Unknown.....	8% <sup>2</sup>

## ROTC students on campus are like all other students

ROTC students have all the rights and obligations of other students. They are free to express opinions in the classroom and on campus. They do not fall under the authority of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) until they graduate and are commissioned as military officers.

## Students may try ROTC without Obligation

In exchange for their commitment to serve in the military after graduation, some ROTC cadets receive up to \$180,000 in scholarships to help cover the costs for tuition, fees, and textbooks for four years of college, plus a monthly stipend for personal expenses. Nevertheless, these students are permitted to drop ROTC at any point during their first year if they decide it’s not for them. Additionally, not all cadets apply for or receive scholarships. Such students can try the program for up to two years without any service obligation.

## Other Ivy League Universities have ROTC

Princeton, Cornell and Pennsylvania host on-campus ROTC programs. Dartmouth hosts an on-campus extension program from Norwich University. Yale, Harvard, Columbia and Brown do not have on campus programs. The presidents of Yale and Harvard are actively in favor of ROTC programs. Although not Ivy League but of similar academic standing, MIT hosts an on-campus Army, Navy and Air Force Program.

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**REJECTED** | Sophomore guard Brian Barbour and the rest of the Lions’ offense were held in check by Harvard’s defense on Saturday at Levien Gymnasium, part of a continuing trend of shooting struggles for the Light Blue.

## Better play from post would alleviate pressure on Lions’ guards

**LOPEZ from back page**

However, once that consistency is reached, a quick pass out of the post will lead to open threes and more W’s.

**3. Size matters.** Fellow columnist Kunal Gupta mentioned this in a Spectrum blog post this past weekend, and it deserves to be repeated. The Lions, in general, are too small down low. Obviously, this is a long term issue that needs to be addressed by the coaches during the recruiting process. However, the players share some of the blame, because while you can’t change your height you can definitely change your weight. A few post players would benefit greatly from an additional 10 to 15 pounds of muscle. There’s a reason short power forwards like DeJuan Blair, listed at 6-foot-7, have success against taller opponents in the NBA. It’s because he has the muscle and weight—265 pounds—to hold his ground. I’m not saying Columbia’s big men are capable of getting that big, but a few pounds would help enormously.

There’s more to post play than what is listed in these three points, and therefore the points brought up in this column aren’t an overnight cure. But if Columbia wants to compete on the same level as Princeton and Harvard, it will have to do everything mentioned here and probably a fair bit more.

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## Kittleman’s experience at Penn included national championship appearance

**LACROSSE from back page**

However, when asked about the team’s past struggles, Kittleman disregarded them.

“It’s not as much changing what was done in the past, but giving everything a brand new look,” she said. “I have not focused at all on what they used to do, but really just made my focus on what I can do.”

Her disregard for the past has certainly been noticed this year. Kittleman’s rigorous practice schedule has taken its toll on the team. According to the coach, they practice three hours per week Monday through Friday along with individual lifting regimens. The schedule is not unusual for most Columbia athletics programs, but the rigor of the training has caused distress among team members.

“Nobody here came onto this team knowing the time commitment that I would expect from them,” Kittleman said. “They just weren’t planning on putting this much time into lacrosse.”

An anonymous source from the team confirmed that the practices were more intense and physically demanding than the team was expecting coming into the season.

Even before a single game has been played, three freshmen—Michelle Worthington, Molly O’Brien, and Hilary Szot—have already quit the team because of issues with training and the intensity of practices.

All three could not be reached for comment.

“We certainly all parted on good terms. They decided that this program was not something they had planned on in terms of time commitment,” Kittleman said. “Nobody had planned

on this. Their decisions were very fair. We now have the 22 players that are committed to being here and winning.”

Those 22 players will certainly have their hands full this season, which unofficially begins tonight with a scrimmage against the NYAC/Wales National Team at Baker Field. The team plays its first official game this Saturday at Monmouth, and Ivy play begins next weekend when the Lions travel to Brown.

**“Nobody here came onto this team knowing the time commitment I would expect for them.”**

*—Liz Kittleman, lacrosse coach*

Despite the struggles on the field and within the team, Kittleman believes the team is on its way to turning things around.

“One of our main goals is to take some strides within this conference, specifically within the Ivy League. In order to do that, we’re focusing on one game at a time,” she said. “You can’t start taking huge strides until you’ve taken the little steps, and our first goal is really to break into this conference. We know that will come.”

One thing appears promising. Columbia’s final Ivy game on April 23 is at its favorite site—Harvard’s Jordan Field. The Lions certainly hope the band of 587 witnesses will have grown by then.

## Shooting troubles play significant role in Light Blue’s recent downfall

**BASKETBALL from back page**

were 3-1, with a loss at Harvard as the lone blemish.

Then, the following weekend, things began to unravel, starting with Brown’s Sean McGonagill single-handedly carrying the Bears to a come-from-behind victory.

Smith deemed the performance an anomaly, but Yale’s Greg Mangano scored 19 points in a half the next night and Princeton’s Ian Hummer notched 25 points and 12 rebounds a week later.

Including that Brown loss, the Lions are 2-4 over their past six games. They still sit at 5-5 overall—good for a fourth-place tie—and a top-half league finish is well-within reach.

Still, there was a time this season when that would have seemed like a worst-case scenario. Back when the Lions held a substantial lead at Brown, a 4-1 record seemed close at hand, meaning the Lions would need just four wins in nine tries to lock down a winning Ivy record. Six of those nine would be at home.

Now it will take three wins in four games, two of which come at Penn and Princeton, and three of which come against teams that beat Columbia the first time around.

Moreover, a closer look at the Lions’ 5-5 mark reveals that four of their five wins came against Cornell and Dartmouth, teams with a combined four league wins.

“We’re limping in a little bit,” Smith said yesterday.

There remains plenty to take away from this season—the emergence of Brian Barbour, the recent assertiveness of Asenso Ampim and the potential of Mark Cisco.

Yet once again Columbia finds itself unable register the breakthrough that eluded Smith’s predecessor, Joe Jones.

It is early in a new era and coach Kyle Smith has yet to place his full imprint on the program, but it is not yet clear what that imprint will be.

In terms of playing style, Smith’s attack thrives on offensive rebounding, taking care of the ball and knocking down outside shots. Indeed, Smith points to two major developments that

signal what he has tried to accomplish—better rebounding and fewer turnovers.

Still, what about the high-scoring offense that characterizes St. Mary’s, the program Smith comes from? Though the Lions’ rebounding numbers are up and turnovers are down, the Lions’ shooting is the worst in the Ivy League. The result is an offense that has looked stagnant for much of Ivy play, especially against the better teams.

As with McGonagill, Smith sees less of a trend and more just a few bad games.

“This weekend, it was like putting for a golfer,” he said. “When they are making putts, they make everything. There is a little bit of a mojo, a confidence. When that gets shaken you start missing, like with short putts.”

**“I think there was a little bit of shell shock.”**

*—Kyle Smith, men’s basketball coach*

Still, the Lions’ offensive struggles are not isolated to this past weekend.

In two games against Harvard, the Lions shot 36 percent and averaged 54 points. Princeton held them to 46 points at home, and even Dartmouth held them under 35 percent from the field in Levien.

Few doubt that if the Lions are going to ascend to the next level and make that breakthrough, they will need to be able to play with the best in the league. Winning is the end goal, but being competitive is the start. The Lions have yet to do that against Harvard or Princeton.

And so one returns to Saturday’s press conference.

The Lions’ size seemed to give them an advantage against Keith Wright, and indeed they slowed him in the first half. How then did he end up with 16 points and 12 rebounds?

Six second of silence, and then, “He’s a good player.”



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**SHORT MEMORY** | The Lions will look to erase memories of their 2-85 record in Ivy League play this season as a new era under coach Liz Kittleman begins.



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# Right-wing prejudice

At the beginning of this month, the CU Republicans plastered campus with a flyer publicizing a discussion on the Second Amendment, or the right to bear arms. The top of the flyer read “Security Alert—Robbery.” Below this heading was a picture showing three men, apparently of color, wearing baggy clothes. The image was pulled from a security alert issued by Columbia’s Office of Public Safety after an assault and robbery on October 27th, 2010. Below the image on the Republicans’ flyer was text that read: “They have guns, why don’t you?” According to the Office of Public Safety alert, no firearm was involved in the crime to which the flyer alludes. This then raises the question: What is it about these three individuals that made them look like apt gun-holders to the CU Republicans?

The fact that all three men appeared to be men of color, perhaps local residents, may have something to do with it. Some have claimed that this is merely a “natural association,” particularly given the recent string of robberies in Columbia’s vicinity. Yet, as most are aware, our “neighbors” are not the only source of criminality in our area. The Columbia community itself is no stranger to criminal behavior—in addition to Operation Ivy League, which saw the arrest of five Columbia students, two faculty members were indicted on criminal charges last semester. Moreover, according to the last report issued by the Office for Public Safety, Columbia students, too, commit violent crimes: In 2009, for instance, Columbia recorded eight forcible sex offenses in its residence halls. So why not post the picture of a Caucasian frat boy with the tagline, “He has a gun, why don’t you?”

First, it is likely that, from the designer’s perspective, the man of color from the criminalized space “beyond the gates” embodies danger while a familiar white peer does not. Second, it is altogether possible that this flyer was not an inadvertent manifestation of the designer’s prejudices, but rather a conscious play on widely held discriminatory attitudes within the student body. From the club’s perspective, this play on prejudice is beneficial in two ways. First, it resonates with those who already subscribe to this concept that men of color wearing baggy clothes are likely to be armed. Second, because this play on prejudice perpetuates the discriminatory conceptions that it appeals to, it outrages students of color on campus, generating publicity for the group. In other words, the flyer is designed to provoke the type of article I’m writing.



YASMEEN AR-RAYANI

## Color in Colonial College

Such reasoning is typical of the CU Republicans. Indeed, it appears that this was the rationale behind their 2009 event with Geert Wilders, a far-right Dutch politician who has advocated for the banning of the Qur’an in the Netherlands. Recently, when I complained about this event in Columbia’s advising office, an administrator responded that the Republicans did not invite Wilders because they endorsed his platform, but because they wished to stir up discussion and controversy. Rather than take comfort in this, however, I emerged from the exchange all the more perturbed.

It would be one thing if Republicans invited a bigot to this campus because they felt that the speaker reflected their principles. There is, at least, some integrity to that position. Rather than take an honest stance, however, Republican students consciously attempted to offend a sector of Columbia’s population. They deliberately manipulated and hijacked (no pun intended) the persecution of Muslims and the emotional response it invokes for the sake of notoriety.

This flyer has evoked a similarly emotional response from communities of color within Columbia, outrage that I suspect would not be assuaged even if the flyer merely represented, not “sincere racism,” but a “grab for attention.” Carlos Blanco, a member of Proud Colors and Lucha, said of the flyer: “This teaches people to be afraid of me.” Indeed, the flyer not only criminalizes men of color like Carlos, but it also effectively excludes him from the CU Republicans’ discussion on the Second Amendment. The flyer works by playing on a sense of otherness—it immediately sets up a “they” and “you” dichotomy, and if you immediately identify with the “they,” as did Carlos, then you are by default not in the CU Republicans target audience.

Despite my conjecture that the flyer was intended by CU Republicans to offend and produce the kind of article I’m writing, I have no qualms about playing into their hands, because it’s a losing strategy. It only speaks to the disregard this group has for the comfort of students of color, particularly those who might come from neighborhoods that are criminalized the way Harlem is. It jives perfectly with the political agenda of a party that has, for instance, spearheaded the development of the prison-industrial complex and relied on the criminalization of men of color in that endeavor. If the flyer itself does not reflect the beliefs of whoever designed it, then, it certainly provides a mirror image of the party that it represents.

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# He has a gun.



# Why don't you?

STAFF EDITORIAL

# Come heckle or high water

It’s no secret that there are media outlets that tend to mischaracterize and overflow events for the sake of a story. The New York Post, Fox News, and the Huffington Post, in their recent reporting and editorializing, have done just this, painting Columbia as a disrespectful, anti-military institution based on a brief outburst in last week’s town hall meeting on ROTC.

The news outlets who have covered the heckling of GS student and veteran Anthony Maschek have taken this unfortunate attack entirely out of context. The ROTC debate at Columbia has been, on the whole, civil and nuanced—a rare and noteworthy occurrence in an age of abusive Internet comments. Professors and students alike have provided thoughtful, engaging arguments for and against the return of ROTC through panels, articles, and University Senate forums. It’s inaccurate to see the name-calling against Maschek as representative of the entire debate on ROTC.

Furthermore, Columbia has the largest veteran enrollment of all the Ivy League schools, so the claim that Columbia as an institution is hostile to the military is untrue. We do not condemn the students who spoke out against the student veteran, and the views that were expressed do not represent the entire student body, or anyone else’s but their own, for that matter.

# Koch got your tongue?

Last week commemorated the anniversary of five years of silence from Supreme Court Associate Justice Clarence Thomas. Clearly, the Justice believes he is exempt from any sort of marks for participation, though surprising new evidence may be able to explain his passive behavior in court.

Even in classes where “participation” counts for a whopping 30 or so percent of the grade, I am forced to marvel at the constituent of the student body who chooses to remain silent at the back—or even the front—of the classroom for an entire semester. I have heard the theory that participation grades exist to give professors “wiggle room” to inflate or diminish grades according to personal preference. However, professors have extolled the importance of actively engaging in classes as a vital component of education—in order to truly grasp the material in question, we have to activate our verbal centers.

Last semester, my CC professor started the year with a self-deprecating story about how he was so shy in college that he never spoke in classes. Now, decades and a tenured position later, he regrets missing the opportunity to participate in class. Indeed, in that section, some more timid students who might not otherwise have spoken tenuously raised their hands to add their two cents. And yet, many still did not. The culprits, overwhelmingly, sat at the back of the classroom, an engorged row of boys clad in light blue Columbia Lions apparel with baseball caps pushed down low over their faces. Sometimes I glanced to that corner of the classroom, more fascinated than anything else by their Gandhi-like determination never to emit a single syllable. Granted, it was nine in the morning, but when the most fundamental questions of our lives as human beings are at stake, not to mention a quarter of the class grade, how can you just say nothing?

Justice Thomas can. Every year, the Supreme Court hears roughly 100 cases, which, after the writ of certiorari and the other official business goes through, are debated at length on the floor of the Court in Washington, D.C., which is open to the public. Court reporters for the New York Times have observed Thomas “leaning back in his chair, staring at the ceiling, ... whispering to Associate Justice Stephen G. Breyer, consulting papers and looking a little irritated and a little bored.” Essentially, he might as well have a baseball cap pushed down over his face.

Though I tremble to admit it, a lot more is directly at stake in the U.S. Supreme Court than in CC. For instance, Thomas provided a key vote in the recent Citizens United decision. Now, as a result, political campaigns legally can conceal the sources of their funding. In the months following the decision, campaign donations from American Crossroads and its affiliate Crossroads GPS (run by Karl Rove) have taken off as if by magic. The billionaire Koch brothers, who were the subjects of the scandal that Jane Mayer of “The New Yorker” broke over the summer, have begun their own powerful funds to support a radically right-wing political agenda—from behind closed doors. Mayer had exposed these reclusive patrons of the New York art scene as the secret sponsors of the Tea Party, and I wrote in Spectator about their plot to manipulate environmental research at important universities at the service of frightening corporate interests.

An entire body of legal scholarship has been devoted to explaining Thomas’ prolonged silence, including Supreme Court expert Jeffrey Toobin’s article “Unforgiven: Why is Clarence Thomas So Angry?” Perhaps Thomas, as Toobin suggested in 2007, is angry with the “liberal establishment” for furnishing him with the benefits of affirmative action—or else, like my college-aged CC professor, shy. My explanation is that he has been paid off. Though the man maintained his silence for five years in one of the highest offices in the land, it turns out that he gave a speech at an event in Palm Springs sponsored by none other than the Koch brothers. He was generously reimbursed “an undisclosed amount for four days of ‘transportation, meals, and accommodations.’” Disturbingly, Thomas’ speech, his silence, and possibly his vote seem to be available for purchase by radical right-wing elites. Justices participate, addressing questions to lawyers and defendants, for almost the same reason we participate in classes: to engage and learn more about the material. There is every reason for us to “participate”—and to expect the same from Thomas. After all, his job is to uphold the very standards of justice that we study in CC.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editors,  
I take issue with Stephen Wu’s opinion piece on the study of human rights. While I am personally skeptical about rights, I feel that Wu was shooting from the hip here. From a superficial conversation with a student and a photo on a brochure he jumps to the conclusion that in all the courses under the umbrella of the new department the notion of human rights is “politicized and broadened beyond recognition.” His article seems to imply that the professors of those courses are conspiring to manipulate the students into radical leftist activists. Has he taken or even audited any of those courses? Has he met any of the instructors? How does he know that there is no critical thinking going on?

His language betrays a personal disdain for the issue of human rights, as well as profound ignorance of the topic. For example, he equates an article in the UN Declaration of Human Rights listing “leisure and holidays” with “subsidized trips to Disneyland.” What’s at issue here are sweat shop conditions, where people work 12-hour days, seven days a week. In the same breath, he mentions “clean water,” something one billion people in the world do not have access to, causing thousands of deaths a year. If some people think this situation should be remedied, it does not mean they would rally for free swimming pools for all. Nobody thinks that granting people “suddenly” a “panoply of rights” would turn the world “to sunshine and roses.” Instead, serious people are discussing how we could improve conditions, so that people will be able to lead their lives with a minimum of dignity.

I am no rights activist, but if faced with a choice, I would rather try to help those who live without clean water to drink, food to feed their babies, sanitation, decent shelter, etc., than defend an “old boy’s club” from accusations of bigotry (which Wu apparently imagines must be made on a daily basis in any social justice course).

Sincerely,  
*Tobias Fuchs, GS ’12*  
*Feb. 23, 2011*



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- Zoo barriers
- Sourdough's ground breaker
- Quint's boat in "Jaws"
- Polite
- Yemen seaport
- Country singer with the 1961 hit "Crazy"
- Trickery
- ...no replay
- Vicinity
- Submerge while sitting poolside, as one's feet
- Australian folk hero Kelly
- Mine entrance
- 49th state
- Like the son in a parable of Jesus
- Bills of fare
- Sudden ache
- Heal
- Old Norse mariner
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- Retain
- Cranny relative
- Russia's ... Mountains
- "Beau ..." 43 Kitchen areas, perhaps
- Fastening pin
- Cereal grain
- Also
- Sponge for grunge
- Play a round
- Timing lead-in
- "The Time Machine" race
- Shameful emblem in Genesis
- Puppy bites
- Mindy, to Mark?
- Teen bane
- Reggae musician
- Pfeifer
- Doofus
- Hammer or sickle

**DOWN**

- Dandies
- Shouted, say
- Septi- plus one
- Vegas opener
- Joel who was the first actor to portray Dr. Kildare
- No longer squeaky
- Adidas rival
- Badge material
- Snow pack?
- Hockshop receipt
- Beatnik's "Got it"
- Calaboose compartment
- Paris part
- 2009 Series winners
- Lend a hand
- 25 Synthetic fiber
- Congressional change
- The King of France?
- Atom with a negative charge
- Remora
- Marnas' mates
- Hotel client
- Sharp ridge
- 33 With 45-Down, Middle Ages quarantine area
- Put through a sieve
- "The Flying ..." Wagner opera
- Explode
- Padre's hermana
- See 33-Down
- Memorize
- Pre-Easter period
- 49 Hodgepodge
- "Uh-oh, I dropped it"
- Big smile
- Crisp, filled tortilla
- Sot
- First-year law student
- Ring icon
- Sylvester, e.g.

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Light Blue needs more from big men

Ah, Columbia men's basketball team, how I love you and hate you at the same time. Every year the team shows great promise but falls short for a variety of reasons. In the past, injuries were a constant concern (Patrick Foley) along with the team's sorry excuse for an offense. This year, I am quite happy with what Coach Smith has done for this team. Overall, the Light Blue looks better than the year before, but there's still one problem with the team that I believe is truly holding it back: the play of the Lions' big men.

If you went to the game against Harvard, you'll probably agree with me, although you'd be more likely to focus on how poorly the Lions shot that day. In fact, Columbia has had shooting issues for a few games now, but that doesn't bother me because the team has talented shooters. Although, if shooting is an issue, it wouldn't hurt to look up and down the bench for players that can provide a spark offensively (cough—practice squad—cough). I focus on the play of the team's big men because of how important they are to the success of a team.



**BART LOPEZ**

**The Tailgating Tales**

While the Columbia big men have shown glimpses of greatness they are lacking in a variety of ways that need to be addressed if the team wants to succeed.

Centers and power forwards have an enormous effect on the game, both offensively and defensively. They can form the focal point of an offense, drawing double teams to create open shots for spot-up shooters, and they can control the paint on the defensive end, making it that much more difficult for the opposing team to score. While the Columbia big men have shown glimpses of greatness in both areas, they are lacking in a variety of ways that need to be addressed if the team wants to succeed. These three points are not directed at anyone in particular, but are things that the team, players, and coaches need to address.

**1. Instill fear.** A few years ago, Shaquille O'Neal summed up how big men should behave in a way that I find truly inspiring. His statement came after a game where he leveled a guard that had the audacity to drive into the paint. I don't remember what he said word for word, but the gist was that players on the other team should be afraid to drive the ball into the key. That sound you hear is the nail being hit directly on the head. The easiest shots in the game are the ones closest to the basket (go figure), and when a team takes away those opportunities for the opposing team, their chances of winning the game skyrocket. The most efficient way of accomplishing this goal is by playing tough, banging bodies, and dishing out hard fouls—by doing so, the opposing team becomes reluctant to attack the basket. The Lions have not been able to instill fear in their opponents. Of course, contesting shots and playing solid defense are top priority, and help accomplish this goal, but it's the intangibles that can't be measured in the box score that separate good teams from great teams.

**2. Better post moves.** The Light Blue has several players that are more than capable of knocking down the open three, even though their recent shooting struggles speak to the contrary. While the Lions are hitting about 5.7 threes per game, slightly more than their opponents, they could hit many more and at a higher percentage with some improved post play. Everything starts with developing good post moves that lead to easy buckets in the paint. Max Craig and Asenso Ampim have shown on multiple occasions that they can score one-on-one in the key, but they lack the type of consistency that forces the opponent to send a help defender.

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LOOKING FORWARD | Junior tri-captain Taylor Gattinella and teammates are hoping a tougher training regimen will lead to more success in Ivy League play.

New lacrosse coach brings heightened expectations

BY JIM PAGELS  
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Five hundred eighty-seven people. That is the total number of people who can say they've ever witnessed the Columbia women's lacrosse team win a conference game. Sitting in the sparsely filled seats of Harvard's Jordan Field, they probably didn't even recognize the significance of the events at the time.

Two road wins—an 11-9 defeat of

Harvard in 2005 and an 11-10 nail-biter over the Crimson two years ago—are all the team has during its 14-year history. In fact, since its inaugural season in 1997, the Light Blue has gone a remarkable 2-85 over the course of Ancient Eight play.

This year's squad tries not to concern itself with that, though. New coach Liz Kittleman's history is quite the opposite story.

An assistant at Penn for the last four years, Kittleman's Quakers only

lost 11 games over the course of her tenure—all against teams ranked within the national top four. In its past four seasons, Penn reached the NCAA quarterfinals once, the semi-finals twice, and the championship game once, taking home four consecutive Ivy League championships along the way.

During that time, far below her in the standings, Columbia was meandering its way to a starkly different feat—extending its last-place streak

to 14 straight seasons. Why make the leap down the standings chart?

"It [the team] is a lot of fun and an exciting time for the program," Kittleman said. "I definitely saw a ton of potential in this team, which is why I took the job. It's a good time for everybody here."

Implementing a new style of offense and defense, the Lions should have an entirely new look this season.

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After promising start, Lions struggling lately

BY LUCAS SHAW  
Spectator Senior Staff Writer



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STILL LOOKING | Head coach Kyle Smith has been searching for a fix for the Light Blue's recent shooting woes.

As junior captain Noruwa Agho joined seniors Zack Crimmins and Max Craig at the table for the post-game press conference, the trio of upperclassmen was notably silent. They offered little explanation for a devastating 61-42 loss at the hands of the Harvard Crimson.

The first question asked was what went wrong in round two when the Lions had been so confident they could win after losing in Boston.

Five seconds of silence transpired until Crimmins murmured, "We just played a little stagnantly on offense and they're a good defensive team. We just didn't really get it going against them offensively, I think."



Forty-two points on 34 percent shooting would suggest as much.

A few minutes later, a question was asked about Harvard's commanding 36-18 advantage on the glass.

Shrugs. Head-shaking. More silence.

Then: "Harvard has good big guys. They have a good front court and rebound really well."

Does that mean that the Lions do not?

The one question that drew an immediate response was where the Lions stood in the league, as Craig talked about finishing strong, ending 9-5, and hoping for a miracle at the top of the standings.

While optimism is what one would hope to see, when coach Kyle Smith took over the microphone, he said the Lions are far from being an elite team.

"I think your question to them—where do we stand in the league—we've

got work to do to catch those guys," Smith said of Harvard and Princeton.

What about the ugly loss?





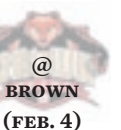


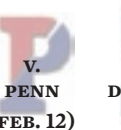
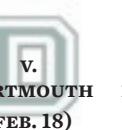
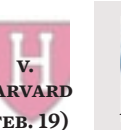

"I think there was a little bit of shell shock."

Such a statement would have surprised no one at the beginning of the season when the media picked Columbia to finish seventh in the Ivy League.

However, at various points in the year the Lions had a chance to make a major leap forward. They went 9-5 in non-conference play, the program's best start since the 2006-2007 season. That was the first of three 7-7 Ivy seasons, the year that made everyone think Columbia was making its move.

Four games into league play this year, and some felt the same way. Having already swept three-time-defending champs Cornell, the Lions

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GOING COLD <i>Despite shooting nearly 47 percent on the year, the Lions have shot less than 34 percent from the field three of the past four games, all Light Blue losses.</i>											
	 V. CORNELL (JAN. 15)	 @ CORNELL (JAN. 22)	 @ HARVARD (JAN. 28)	 @ DARTMOUTH (JAN. 29)	 @ BROWN (FEB. 4)	 @ YALE (FEB. 5)	 V. PRINCETON (FEB. 11)	 V. PENN (FEB. 12)	 V. DARTMOUTH (FEB. 18)	 V. HARVARD (FEB. 19)	 SEASON AVERAGE
SHOOTING PERCENTAGE	47.2	43.1	37.5	38.5	43.7	46.0	27.6	49.1	33.8	27.6	46.4
POINTS SCORED	79	70	66	66	79	67	46	75	67	42	70.7

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