

## HAIL HALE



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**SUPER STRIDER** | Junior Sharay Hale earned the Most Outstanding Performer award for her efforts at Ivy Heps. See page 3.

## Student groups avoid taking official stand on ROTC

BY KARLA JIMENEZ  
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As the debate over ROTC’s return has captured student attention, many student groups have decided to stay out of the fray—at least officially.

The Columbia University Democrats, Keshner: Reform Jews on Campus, and the Columbia Queer Alliance, among other groups, have taken a neutral position on ROTC, though individual members have spoken out during the debate.

Kaley Hanenkrat, BC ’11 and president of the CU Dems, said the group didn’t want to have an official stance, but instead hoped to spur debate among students.

“We really didn’t want to be a voice that said, ‘You must support ROTC,’” Hanenkrat said.

Other groups haven’t taken an official position on the general question of whether ROTC should return, but released statements on the specific issue of discrimination against transgender students that came up during discussions about ROTC.

With differing opinions among its members, the Columbia Queer Alliance decided to remain neutral so as not to appear to disrespect those views.

Since members of CQA had served in the military, members



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**TOWN HALL** | Sean Udell, CC ’11 and president of Columbia Queer Alliance, speaks out at one of the forums on ROTC’s return.

of the group decided to focus their efforts on supporting transgender students rather than opposing or supporting ROTC, said Sean Udell, CC ’11

and president of CQA.

Udell and Hanenkrat both said that individuals, not organizations, should take activist roles on the issue.

“The student leaders should contribute to the discussion,” Hanenkrat said. “We should think more as members of the community rather than as members of a group.”

Keshner also elected not to generally support or oppose the return of ROTC, with Noah Baron, CC ’11 and president of Keshner, saying only that members want to support transgender students.

“The repeal of ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ is an important step forward in our passage through the wilderness together; it is not the last,” says Keshner’s official statement.

However, the Columbia University College Republicans, who support the return of ROTC, have not hesitated in making their stance known.

Lauren Salz, BC ’11 and president of the Republicans, said that the group’s position—that ROTC would be another “American institution that people at Columbia would have available to join”—hasn’t changed in the past few years.

Salz added that the organization recently held a discussion about what members feel have been misconceptions on campus about the military.

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## Insecticides may lower IQs, Mailman researchers report

BY HENRY WILLSON  
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Household insecticides don’t just smell bad—they may cause adverse developmental effects in young children, according to a new study by researchers with the Mailman School of Public Health.

**Research**

IQ scores of children at age three were approximately four points lower than average among children who had high exposure during pregnancy to piperonyl butoxide (PBO), an additive used in pyrethroids, a common class of insecticides.

“It is a very significant drop when you think about it in terms of shifting the distribution of IQ scores in a community,” Dr. Megan Horton, the lead researcher on the study, said.

Horton compared the effect

to low-level lead exposure, and noted that it could be sufficient to shift the lower end of IQ scores into “an IQ category that may need special services.”

According to Dr. Robin Whyatt, one of the study’s authors and a deputy director of the Columbia Center for Children’s Environmental Health, studying these effects is important because pyrethroid insecticides are increasingly used as replacements for organophosphates, a class of insecticides that was regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency in 2001 following similar evidence of risks from prenatal exposure.

Although the results of the study are preliminary, the researchers recommend that pregnant women and those with young children avoid the use of spray pesticides.

“It’s prudent to avoid these

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## Levain Bakery to bring its cookies to Harlem Tuesday

BY GINA LEE  
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Cookies are almost ready to go into the new ovens at Levain Bakery in Harlem.

Levain’s famous six-ounce cookies will officially debut in Harlem on Tuesday, March 1, one week after its original projected opening date of Feb. 22.

The bakery will open on Frederick Douglass Boulevard between 116th and 117th streets, where the only place selling baked goods nearby is a Dunkin’ Donuts.

That meant an opportunity for co-owner Connie McDonald, who along with two other co-owners has been working on the project for two years. The one-week delay was simply to avoid complications, she said.

“We want to make sure that when we do open, it’ll be everything that we’ve anticipated,” McDonald said. “We want it to be great.”

Levain Bakery has been baking for 15 years and has two other locations, one on West 74th Street and one in the Hamptons. And although its cookies are well-known on the Upper West Side, most Harlem residents have yet to taste or even hear about Levain’s products.

“This is a different crowd up here,” local resident Shruti Rajan said. “I don’t know if everyone knows about it.”

McDonald hopes that Levain’s reputation will carry them through to success in Harlem, but she feels the pressure of the opening as well.

“We’re really proud to say that it’s a worldwide thing,” she said. “It’s a big reputation to keep upholding, which is why we don’t want to disappoint anyone,” adding that the delay would help the bakery open

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## Committee report advises earlier classes, more Friday seminars

### To alleviate lack of classroom space, changes possible in 2012

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The Columbia student’s Friday routine of heading downtown for an internship—or just sleeping in—may look a bit different starting in fall 2012.

That’s when more seminar classes will be held on Friday and more classes will start at 8:40 a.m., if recommendations from a recent faculty report are implemented.

According to the report, only four percent of seminar classes are currently offered on Fridays, an imbalance that has caused serious scheduling issues. Starting some classes at 8:40 a.m. would allow for the establishment of two new lecture periods on Mondays through Thursdays—enabling the same number of classrooms to serve more students.

The recommendations were released last week by the University’s Classroom Committee, a group charged with assessing scarcity of classroom space on the Morningside campus.

“Our use is far outpacing our ability to build classrooms,” said English professor Jean Howard, chair of the Classroom Committee, which includes representatives from Columbia College, the School of Engineering and Applied Science, Barnard College, the School of International and Political Affairs, and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

The University’s overall enrollment has grown by 20,000 students since 1998, when the last major review on classroom space was conducted.

“For 12 years our basic stock of classrooms has grown static while the campus population kept growing,” Howard said.

“We have to try everything because the situation will only get worse over the next three to four years until Manhattanville opens up, at least,” Howard said, referring to the campus expansion that will open up some buildings on the Morningside campus as departments and graduate schools move north.

Currently, foreign language departments hold the most Friday classes, because many foreign language classes meet three times per week.

But the proposed solutions have some students anxious, since Friday classes have

traditionally been kept to a minimum to accommodate internships and jobs.

“Columbia sells itself on the fact that students will have internships and a chance to explore the city on Fridays,” Rebecca Clark, CC ’11, said. “Putting more seminars on Fridays will cut the opportunities that a school in New York City offers.”

Kasia Kokoszka, BC ’11, said that she is concerned holding more classes on Friday will hurt students looking for work in a competitive job market.

“We’re told we need work experience and there’s an expectation we’ll get internships and jobs,” she said. “How do we do that with more seminar classes on Fridays?”

Peter Robertson, CC ’12, said that he’s already used to taking Friday classes.

“The students who don’t want classes on Friday just won’t take them,” he said. “I’ve taken Friday classes and they’ve been some of the best I’ve taken.”

But Robertson acknowledged that for some students, Fridays are religious holidays or time to earn money to pay for books.

“It’s not just a question of ‘wanting more free time’ on Fridays,” Robertson said in an email.

Howard said she realizes that many students will feel uneasy about more Friday classes, adding that the number of departments involved in scheduling—including Columbia University Information Technology, the Office of Registration and Financial Services and the Registrar’s Office—cause many difficulties in decision-making.

But it is not just students who are concerned about the changes.

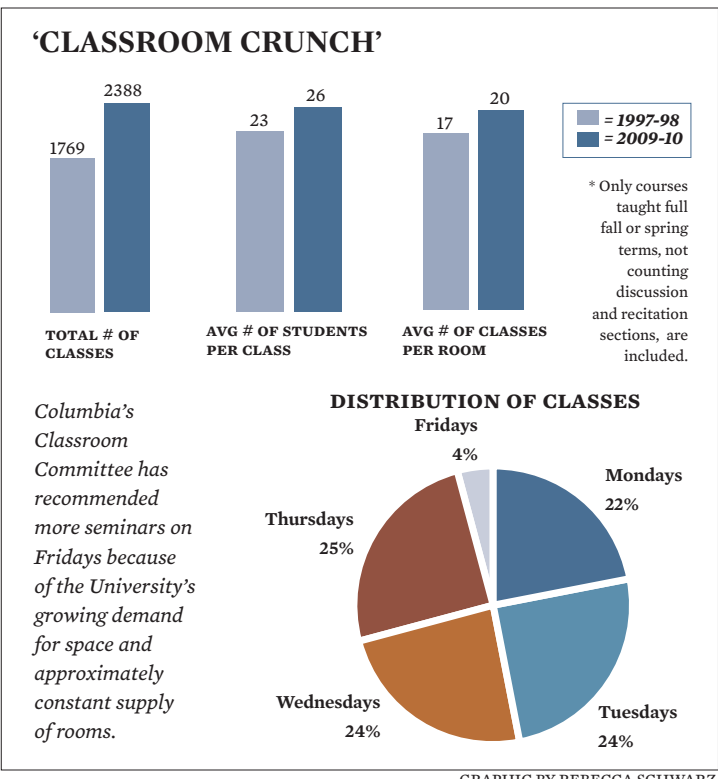
Pascale Hubert-Leibler, the director of the French Language Program, recalled a year when she had to persuade faculty in the French Department to draw lots for who would teach a Friday class.

“It was a real battle because nobody wanted to teach on Friday, especially in the morning,” Hubert-Leibler said.

Some faculty members, though, remain unfazed.

“Frankly, I consider Friday a weekday,” said Graciela Montaldo, a professor in the department of Latin American

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#### Motown Madness

Detroit is the next big city for newly-grads to hit.

#### Work together, not apart

Demonizing Israel only impedes the dialogue towards peace.



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#### Lions swept on season’s final road trip

The Columbia men’s basketball team lost on consecutive nights this weekend, but almost completed a huge upset of Princeton.

#### EVENTS

#### Program Planning for Barnard Sophomores

Dean Kuan Tsu will talk major declaration, summer classes, and study abroad opportunities.

304 Barnard Hall, 5 p.m.

#### GenNext: Religious Leadership 40 and Under

Young Sikh, Muslim, Jewish, and Christian religious leaders gather for a panel discussion.

JTS, 3080 Broadway at 122nd Street, 7:30 p.m.

#### WEATHER

#### Today



56°/ 32°

#### Tomorrow



44°/ 32°





COOKIE CRISP | Employee Ann Marie Stachewycz works with a batch of chocolate cookies inside Levain Bakery’s new location on Frederick Douglass Boulevard between 116th and 117th streets.

Famous bakery to open Harlem location this week

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smoothly.

Harlem residents said they are open to businesses expanding from downtown to their neighborhood.

“This neighborhood is changing, so this is definitely a good spot,” local Doris Martinez said.

Resident David Charles added that locals would be eager to have access to fresh baked products.

“I think it’s a good thing that there’s a bakery opening around here,” Charles said, noting that businesses surrounding the new bakery hope that it will bring them more customers as well.

“It’s probably going to give me more business,” Rashwed Abdel, an employee at A&Z Convenience Store across the street from Levain, said. “I don’t see any negative aspects about it.”

“We want to make sure that when we do open, it’ll be everything that we’ve anticipated.”

—Connie McDonald, co-owner of Levain Bakery

Any local pushback to the famed Upper West Side bakery does not worry McDonald, a Harlem resident herself.

“I think that what’s

happening in Harlem is really amazing. I live there, I love it,” she said. “I like that it’s incorporating the existing neighborhood ... bettering the environment for everyone.”

Levain’s baked goods range from \$1 to \$7, making them compatible with strict budgets, McDonald said.

“Levain is an affordable luxury for everybody,” she said. “There’s not a lot of options up there [in Harlem] for fresh, fun things.”

Local resident Ruthie Gerson said that she hopes the new bakery will bring more business to some of her favorite neighborhood stores.

“In general, cookies are a good thing,” she said.

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As members speak out, clubs stay neutral on ROTC

ROTC from front page

“A lot of things that have been said on campus about the military have been exaggerated,” Salz said. “Most students don’t know anyone who has served in the military,” adding that groups who oppose ROTC on the basis of transgender issues should focus on lobbying Congress.

But Avi Edelman, CC ’11 and president of Everyone Allied Against Homophobia, which has officially opposed the return of ROTC to campus, said lobbying Congress shouldn’t be the extent of student action.

“The overriding issue is how we protect our community members and values,” Edelman said.

Dina Omar, GSAS, and member of Columbia Students for Justice in Palestine, has overtly

opposed the return of ROTC, and said groups should make their opinions heard.

“These words like dialogue and negotiation and normalization are all just buzz words for authority to do whatever they want,” she said. “I think that’s the problem with our generation. We’re too passive.”

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Study shows prenatal exposure to pesticides may damage kids’ IQs

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exposures to the extent possible, if there’s any possibility that they may be causing harm,” Whyatt said.

The study, published in the March issue of the journal “Pediatrics,” was conducted by equipping a group of pregnant mothers from upper Manhattan and the South Bronx with backpack air monitors that detect traces of PBO in the surrounding air. It was the first study to examine potential adverse effects of pyrethroid insecticides in humans.

According to Horton, this type of insecticide is found in all household sprays, including those which kill ants or cockroaches, as well as in compounds used by professional exterminators.

Horton noted that the greatest density of spray insecticide use has been found in highly urban areas, especially in poorer areas with lower-quality housing which tend to experience more severe insect problems.

“We’ve actually worked with

the New York City Housing Authority to try to move away from spraying,” Horton said.

Instead, researchers are focusing on using different pest-management techniques in city-owned buildings, such as sealing cracks, keeping trash contained, and employing traps, gels, and other lower-toxicity insecticides.

“It’s hard to just leave women with the message that using pesticides is bad, so you have to live with cockroaches,” Horton said. “That’s not very fair to say, and so it’s very nice that we have some clear research showing that integrated pest management can be effective.”

Horton and Whyatt both emphasized the need for further research in order to determine if the neurological effects persist in children beyond three years, and to discover whether the adverse effects come from the insecticides themselves or just the proxy compound used in the study.

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More Friday classes, earlier starts proposed for fall 2012

CLASSES from front page

and Iberian Cultures. “The main question is not whether we teach on Fridays, but how to devise creative options to deal with the busiest semesters.”

The committee also stressed that its recommendation to add more seminars on Fridays is still relatively modest.

“It is a tiny proportion of those classes that [currently] meet Monday through Thursday” which would be affected, Howard said.

Kathryn Yatrakis, the dean of academic affairs at Columbia College, stressed that there is still time to discuss the changes before they are implemented.

“It is good that these changes are not coming until the fall of 2012,” Yatrakis said. “It gives us time to think everything through.”

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

MARCH						
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03/01

VIOLATING PERFORMANCE

Women, Law, and the State of Exception

Noon

BCRW, 101 Barnard Hall

KATHLEEN PEIRCE & JEAN VALENTINE

7 PM

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor 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

SIMPLE GIFTS

A Workshop and Concert

Noon

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

03/28

THE NEW WOMAN

Representations in Photography and Film

6:30 PM

James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

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THE LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE FOR WOMEN IN NEW YORK CITY



# The Oscars for Columbia athletics reward more than just sporting prowess

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Henning Sauerbier – Men’s Soccer

Sauerbier: “Germany in da house! What! What! Ziegen sie mir etwas liebe! Just wanna thank my boy Bayo Adafin for giving me that sweet assist with a minute left against Dartmouth to win our first Ivy game. How did that not win best original score too????”

Best Costume Design: Men’s Swimming and Diving

Adam Powell: “Ok, this is the thirty-seventh straight year the men’s swimming team has won this award. This is getting embarrassing. Can we please change up the all-women’s voting panel for next year?”

Best Sound Editing: Sean Brackett - “That’s the biggest thing about this program, winning.”

Brackett: “Wow, it’s so great to be up here for the second time tonight! Major props to my editors on that quote that I

said before the season started. I meant to say that our program hasn’t had a winning Ivy season since 1996. The athletics department must have some incredible technology to change that up so much!”

Best Actress: Women’s Basketball – winless team

(The entire team shuffles to the stage.) Lauren Dwyer: “Bet you didn’t expect to see us up here at this time two months ago! We’re really a competitive team in the Ivies, but when we

were offered the role of playing a winless team for the first two months of the season, we had to see if we could pull it off. I’m just glad Coach Nixon let us quit playing the role once conference play started.”

Best Actor: Asenso Ampim - three point shooter

Ampim: (tearing up) “Sorry... Just speechless. Wasn’t expecting this at all. I’m only making 18 percent of those threes, so I gotta admit that I don’t have anything prepared. Wow...

when Coach Smitty told me before the Yale game last month that he wanted me to play the role of one of our team’s three-point shooters, I was like, ‘You gotta be kidding me K-Smitty.’ I mean, I hadn’t shot one in two years, and I figured he’d cast a much smaller, lankier guy for that role. But I kept fighting and running out there, even when the entire gym was screaming for me not to. I looked like Ray Allen out there! You know how much courage it takes for

a six-foot-six low post player to wander out to that three point line and jack up threes?”

And that pretty much wraps up this year’s awards! Unfortunately, the ceremony had to be cut short when the custodial staff had to kick everyone out so they could set up the laser tag arena for PrezBo’s weekly game among the deans.

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## Light Blue faced with more road woes

**MEN’S BASKETBALL from back page**

finally tied the game up at 15 with six minutes remaining in the first half, and the trend of low-scoring first halves for the Light Blue’s games continued. Princeton pulled ahead a few minutes before the interval, but Columbia responded with a 7-2 run to end the half in its favor. At the intermission, the Lions were up by one point, the score 24-23.

The second half was a nail-biter for the entire 20 minutes. Neither team was able to hold a secure lead, and fouls were abundant as a result. Princeton was first to go on a run, but it was short-lived. The biggest lead by either team during the half was only six points, and there was no way to determine a winner until the final seconds ran off the clock. With a little over six minutes to play, Columbia held the advantage at 50-46. Princeton senior guard Dan Mavraides subsequently scored the next four points, tying the game at 50 at what seemed to the final

AGHO WATCH			Week of 2/28/11
<i>All-time individual leaders for scoring in Columbia basketball history.</i>			
RANK	PLAYER NAME (YEARS ACTIVE)	POINTS	
No. 15	Walt Budko (1942-44, 1946-48)	1151	
<b>No. 16</b>	<b>Noruwa Agho (2008-present)</b>	<b>1128</b>	
No. 17	Russ Steward (1988-92)	1071	

GRAPHIC BY ANN CHOU

momentum change of the game. Although there were still leads to be traded in the final minutes, Mavraides led his team to victory as the buzzer sounded.

Leading scorers for the Lions were Agho and Barbour, again, with 21 and 18 points, respectively. Ampim stepped up to lead Columbia’s big men with an impressive 15 rebounds for the night. Shooting percentage still plagued the Light Blue, but 40.4 percent from the field was a significant improvement from last weekend’s number hovering in the low 30s. A change in matchups was definitely a factor in Columbia’s ability to compete for the entire 40 minutes. In their last clash with Princeton,

the Light Blue put Agho on sophomore Ian Hummer. This time around, Smith put Ampim on the scoring threat, and as a result, Hummer was held to just 11 points, 14 fewer than he scored at Leven. It was seniors Mavraides and Kareem Maddox who led the Tigers for the night, with 14 and 20 points, respectively. Columbia, despite missing key post players, had the edge on the boards, 35-33. The Lions appear to have recovered some of their shooting touch, and adapted to playing without Cisco and Daniels.

The Lions look to finish their season out on a high note at home when they welcome Brown and Yale to Leven Gymnasium.

BARBOUR AMONG NATION’S BEST FROM CHARITY STRIPE		
<i>Sophomore point guard Brian Barbour’s free throw percentage is the fourth best in the NCAA.</i>		
PLAYERS	TEAM	FT%
1. Chris Warren	Mississippi	.937
2. Zamal Nixon	Houston	.923
2. Trent Hutchin	Southeastern Louisiana	.923
4. Brian Barbour	Columbia	.918
5. Oliver McNally	Harvard	.914

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**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL from back page**

Melissa Shafer guarded Baron for most of the second half due to Barry and Orlich’s foul trouble, helping to hold Baron to only three points after she scored 15 in the first 22 minutes.

Shafer also made her mark on the offensive end, scoring a team-high 15 points. With 15:07 left in the second half, she hit a three-pointer to give Columbia a 33-30 lead. Penn then went on a 7-0 run to take a 37-33 advantage. Columbia took a timeout with 12:29 remaining and came out of it on fire, outscoring the Quakers 21-4 in a span of just over seven minutes. With 5:20 remaining, the Lions held a 54-41 lead.

But Penn was not finished. The Quakers scored five unanswered points to cut the Lions’ lead to eight points. With 3:39 left, sophomore forward Tyler Simpson made a layup to push Columbia’s advantage out to 10. Penn responded with sophomore guard Brianna Bradford hitting a three-pointer, senior forward Erin Power completing a three-point play, and Baron sinking a jumper.

That jumper, with 1:53 left, got the Quakers within two points of the Lions. Baron did not score again, though, and neither did any of her teammates. Bradford missed a three-pointer with 1:09 left, and Baron missed one with 7.5 seconds remaining.

Shafer came through with a jumper with 28 seconds left to extend Columbia’s lead to four points. She then got fouled with

16 seconds left and made both free throws of a one-and-one to give Columbia a 60-54 advantage.

“The basket that she hit in the end was huge,” Nixon said. “I mean, that was obviously a monster hoop for us. And then she stepped up and hit those clutch free throws...so there’s no way I could be happier with her performance.”

With the win, Columbia climbed above Penn in the conference standings, moving from fifth place into fourth. The victory also made Barry and senior forward Lauren Dwyer the senior class with the most Ivy wins in Columbia history.

But Barry and Dwyer could not get a win on their Senior Night. Columbia was more competitive against Princeton (21-4, 10-1) than it had been when the two teams first met this year, but the Lions—like most Ivy squads for the past two seasons—fell to the league-leading Tigers.

“There’s a reason that Princeton has won 24 of the last 25 Ivy games that they’ve played,” Nixon said. “They’re extremely talented.”

With 7:58 left in the first half, Orlich hit two free throws to cut

Princeton’s lead to 17-14. The Tigers responded with consecutive three-pointers to take a 23-14 lead. At halftime, Princeton held a 32-24 advantage.

The Tigers gradually extended their lead in the second half. With 7:29 left in the game, a three-pointer by junior guard Laura Johnson gave the Tigers a 56-36 lead. Columbia answered with a 7-0 run, but it was not enough.

Senior guard Addie Micir led all scorers with 17 points for Princeton, while sophomore forward Kate Miller added 13 for the Tigers. Dwyer scored a team-high 12 points, Barry scored 11, and Shafer had 10 for Columbia.

The Lions finish their season at Yale and Brown this coming weekend. Columbia beat both of those teams when they came to Leven in early February, but the Lions have yet to win a road game this year. Still, the momentum from a competitive weekend at home could carry over into Columbia’s next contests.

“We’re just focusing on the opponents, really,” Dwyer said. “We like playing Brown and Yale, and we like beating Brown and Yale. So we’re going to do our best to do that.”

DWYER WATCH			Week of 2/28/11
<i>All-time individual leaders for scoring in Columbia basketball history.</i>			
RANK	PLAYER NAME (YEARS ACTIVE)	POINTS	
No. 7	Jennifer Beubis (1987-91)	1039	
<b>No. 8</b>	<b>Lauren Dwyer (2007-present)</b>	<b>1037</b>	
No. 9	Charlene Schuessler (1986-90)	1002	

GRAPHIC BY REBECCA SCHWARZ

## Individuals stand out at indoor Ivy League Heptagonal Championships

**BY JEREMIAH SHARF**  
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At the indoor Ivy League Heptagonal Championships this weekend, the track and field team performed outstandingly in individual competition, and the women fell just five points short of claiming their first league title.

The men’s and women’s titles were taken by Princeton for the second year in a row. On the men’s side, Princeton’s 215 points set a new mark for the Heps. The

women’s side was more competitive, as the Tigers finished with 128 points, followed by the Lions’ 123 points. Cornell’s women rounded out the top three.

The men’s Most Outstanding Performer was Princeton junior All-American distance star Donn Cabral, who said he was humbled by the award.

For the women, the award was brought back to Morningside Heights by junior Sharay Hale, who earned the honor for the second year in a row. Hale viewed this

award as a testament to the team, and how hard they work everyday in practice. Hale also made sure to credit the coaches for their dedication day in and day out.

The women’s sprinters—headlined by Hale—performed exceptionally, with a number of top finishers. The Light Blue scored 43 of their points in only three sprinting events.

Freshman Marvellous Iheukwumere finished third in the 60m dash with a time of 7.64 seconds. In the 200m dash—the

Lions’ most successful event—Hale took first, torching her previous meet record by finishing in 23.81 seconds. Iheukwumere took second with 24.34, and junior Kyra Caldwell rounded out the top six, clocking 24.73 seconds. Hale and freshman Miata Morlu placed first and second in the 400m dash. Hale finished in 53.43 seconds and Morlu finished in 55.15.

The women’s middle distance and distance teams struggled as they combined for only one point.

Sophomore Emily Lanois scored the lone point with her 16:43.05 finish in the 5000m run.

The jumpers and hurdlers were at full force, as they also produced several top finishers.

Even with the team outcome already decided, two Lions finished in the top three in the high jump. Junior Monique Roberts won, clearing a height of 1.76m, and teammate Tara Richmond, a freshman, took third by clearing 1.70m.

Junior Sarah Engle took third

in the pole vault by clearing 3.80m. Sophomores Uju Ofoche and Dora Vegvari took first and third, respectively, in the long jump. Ofoche, who in exhilarating fashion won on her last jump, leaped a distance of 5.97m, while Vegvari jumped 5.87m.

Sophomore QueenDenise Okeke easily broke her own school record in the triple jump by going 12.77m—good enough to take home the title. Richmond jumped

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## Women fencers obtain gold, silver medals

**BY SPENCER GYORY**  
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At the United States Collegiate Fencing Squad Championships, held at NYU’s Jerome Cole Center on Sunday, the Columbia women’s fencing team came home with a gold and silver medal, while the men’s team continued to struggle in what is their rebuilding season.

It was an exciting day of fencing that featured some of the nation’s best teams. The format of the meet, a relay where fencing squads in each of the three weapons fence to 45 touches, also added to the tension in the Cole Center. In one of Columbia’s most exhilarating bouts of the day, the women’s epee squad of junior Neely Brandfield-Harvey, sophomore Lydia Kopecky, and freshmen Katya English and Gabby Strass defeated Penn 34-31 in the gold medal contest. On their way to face Penn, the Lions defeated Haverford 45-18 and NYU 45-31.

Against the Quakers, the score was very tight throughout the contest and came down to the final matchup which pitted Kopecky against Amrit Bhinder, her New York Athletic Club teammate. Bhinder tied the score up with thirty seconds left, but Kopecky stepped up to the challenge. She got the critical touch that allowed her to fence defensively, which she was well

prepared for, and lead her squad to victory.

**“We knew it would be close but we didn’t think it was going to be this close.”**

—Sammy Roberts junior sabre

One of the Light Blue’s strongest performances came from the women’s sabre squad. The team of juniors Sammy Roberts and Stephanie Aiuto and sophomore twins Essane and Lowey Diedro finished second. The Lions defeated Ivy League rival Penn 45-23 in their first bout of the day, and narrowly lost to No.1 Notre Dame in the gold medal bout 45-42.

Roberts said of the contest against Notre Dame, “We fought for every touch. We fought back and forth. We knew it would be close but we didn’t think it was going to be this close. It was really good to have a competitive match against them because we’ll see them at NCAAAs.”

Without No. 1 ranked freshman Nzingha Prescod, who was in Poland for a World Cup event, the women’s foil squad finished

in 6th place. They lost to UNC 45-32 and NYU 45-29.

Men’s epee defeated UNC 45-41, but lost to Haverford 45-42 and NYU 45-39. They went on to finish 6th as well. Men’s foil got a 45-15 victory over Yeshiva, but lost to Yale 45-24 and to UNC 45-33 en route to a 7th place finish. The Lions had great performances from several freshmen, including epeeists Magnus Ferguson and Alen Hadzic, foilists Bo Charles and Alex Pensler, and sabre Mel Rodriguez.

The Lions gained much knowledge about their team from this meet. Sammy Roberts said, “This day was more about having fun and having something that is more team-oriented. It’s a lot more fun than having to put all the pressure on you.”

Lydia Kopecky saw the meet as a chance for redemption. She said, “We lost to Penn at Ivies so this was our redemption. It was really hard for us not to win Ivy’s because we had fenced so well. This was our last chance to pick our spirits from Ivies before Regionals.”

“This is a great event to have in preparation for [NCAA Regionals]. This is just a great opportunity. This is great tune-up stuff. I think everybody is ready and working very hard. We should have fun two weeks from now at NCAA Regionals up at Vassar,” said head coach George Kolombatovich.

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# To the frontier!

As many of us quickly approach graduation with a dismaying lack of career options, it may help to get some inspiration from previous Columbia classes. Take, for example, the class of 1889. There were probably standard opportunities for graduates, but that year brought a unique opportunity. The federal government opened up a large chunk of Oklahoma to settlement, prompting the famed Oklahoma Land Run and the homesteading of the center of the state. I imagine there were a handful of students who saw a future in that unveiled land of opportunity and took the road less traveled.

Granted, it's been more than 100 years since the days of Manifest Destiny and the Frontier Thesis. Since then, "frontiers" have cropped up in science and technology, but no longer as tangible spaces of adventure and innovation—or at least not in the form of a horizon of the unknown. But do not despair, upcoming Columbia graduate! There still exist instances of this physical Frontier. There are yet outposts waiting to become the home of innovation, creation, and groundbreaking ideas. The most tangible of these new Frontiers is the city of Detroit.

In some respects, Detroit may be the opposite of a Frontier town. If anything, it seems like a place that was once fresh and prosperous but has utterly exhausted its potential. It has seen success—an incredible amount of it—and



DEREK TURNER

## Opening Remarks

its time is over. But with a slight shift of perspective, Detroit reveals itself to be as close to a Frontier as it gets for our generation. Thinking back to the original Frontier, which was characterized by one primary attribute—it was a place where new roots grew free and fast, no ambition was too great, and opportunities were as boundless as the horizon. By these metrics, Detroit as it exists today would inspire even the ragtag masses of the 1800s, not to mention the audacious members of the senior class.

I was recently talking with a friend of mine who visited Detroit with an urban studies program. She recounted captivating stories of a city with vacant skyscrapers, abandoned neighborhoods, and empty streets. Coupled with recent news stories about the city offering houses to public employees for a couple thousand dollars and the emergence of an "urban prairie" of grassy open lots amassing into incongruous fields in the city, her stories got me thinking. What could the future hold for Motown? What would happen if Columbia students were to apply their ambition and education to the city?

Eminem-featuring Super Bowl commercials aside, I find Detroit's recent history to be less of a miserable decline (though there are elements of that) and more of a dramatic prelude to an unprecedented rebirth. I see those empty skyscrapers as monuments to the innovation that they could house. Those abandoned neighborhoods? They're an invitation to the bold-hearted among us. Do we have what it takes to rev the engine of renovation and new beginnings?

Forgive me if I sound overly optimistic, but I have been overcome with a pioneer's spirit. These tales of Detroit have

# Against intellectual boycott

BY MATTHEW JACOBS

Today begins a week of frustration, a week of confrontation in place of collaboration, and a week when a short-sighted argument conquers productive goals. Today begins Columbia Students for Justice in Palestine's "Israeli Apartheid Week."

Apartheid, a set of discriminatory policies in 20th century South Africa, is just one of the antiquated labels C-SJP has applied to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict—last month, the group hosted an event that deemed the situation a modern Holocaust. These names not only conflict with each other, but also evade the actual issue at hand.

Social inequalities in Israel right now certainly exist and denying them would be as unproductive as deeming them apartheid. A constructive view of the future must recognize these problems and solve them, but the apartheid metaphor implies untruths, misdirects responsibilities, and in the end moves us further from actually addressing the issues that it aims to address. C-SJP's labeling only serves to isolate a huge group of students on campus who want to see change. Support for Israel, like the support for any state, does not imply unconditional support for each of its laws and social norms.

"Apartheid Week" represents a dangerous trend on campus and in the world. The campaign itself is an arm of the larger Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions National Committee, which aims to fix Israel's problems by demonizing the state. It twists a very complex situation into a simple dichotomy, and blames Israel for not coming up with a quick solution.

Beyond presenting the apartheid metaphor to our campus, C-SJP applies BDS to our community, refusing to collaborate with any organization that supports Israel. A university is a place of learning, not a battlefield. It goes without saying that any person wanting to be truly informed about any conflict must examine all sides of the situation and determine his or her own personal opinion on the matter. Intellectual boycott of any one perspective breeds ignorance and radicalism and has no place at Columbia.

Hillel openly welcomes discussion on this issue, as communication is the only way toward mutual understanding, compassion, and peace—presumably everyone's goal. Pro-Israel and Pro-Palestine are not mutually exclusive. Just last week, Hillel hosted Ghaith Al-Omari, former advisor to Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, for a lecture alongside Israeli journalist David Makovsky. Representing a

# Israel practices apartheid

BY RANDA WAHBE AND TANYA KEILANI

Feb. 28 to March 11 marks the second annual Israeli Apartheid Week (IAW), held by Columbia Students for Justice in Palestine as part of the international week of solidarity with the Palestinian people. The information presented in our IAW programming is not conjured by C-SJP or other Palestine solidarity groups, but confirmed by figures who have pointed to Israel an apartheid state, including Jimmy Carter, Nelson Mandela, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Arun Gandhi, and Israel's Minister of Defense Ehud Barak. The concept of "apartheid" was created as a response to the systematic discrimination in South Africa, but was not intended to be exclusive to this case. According to Article II of the United Nations International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid, the term "apartheid" applies to "inhuman acts committed for the purpose of establishing and maintaining domination by one racial group of persons over any other racial group of persons and systematically oppressing them." According to the provisions of Article II, Israel is guilty of executing a multitude of these acts, including: infringement of freedom or dignity, arbitrary arrest, the creation of living conditions that would cause the destruction of part or entire racial communities, legislation which prevents full racial participation, division of racial population into ghettos, expropriation of property belonging to racial groups, and persecution of organizations and persons because they oppose apartheid.

A critical examination of Israeli policy is necessary but impossible in a short editorial piece—which is why C-SJP hosts Israel Apartheid Week to highlight the state's discriminatory policies. In the interest of brevity, Israel's apartheid policies can best be exemplified by its treatment of the Palestinians living within Israel proper. Israel discriminates against its Palestinian minority—20 percent of the total population—by corralling them in ghettos, tying social benefits to military service in the Israel Defense Force, denying jobs to those without military ID, allowing landlords to rent to Jews only, effecting unequal marriage laws, and denying certain purchasing rights of property in the country to non-Jews. Furthermore, municipal services such as street lighting and trash collection are only provided in Jewish areas, and Jewish schools receive four times as much federal funding as Arab schools, which are often kept segregated. According to Amnesty International, 8,000 Palestinians are held in Israeli jails, which is made possible by Israel's 1979 Emergency Law that states individuals can be held without charge "if the Israeli police or army find that 'reasons of state security or public security require that a particular person be detained.'" Even Israel's identification card system is



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segregated, as markers are used to distinguish Jewish citizens of Israel from Palestinian, Christian, or Muslim citizens. Most recently, Israeli legislators are working to remove Arabic as one of its official national languages, even though it is the native language of the land. They are also trying to pass a law that criminalizes Israeli citizens for supporting the Palestinian Civil Society call for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions against Israel and speaking out against apartheid.

Israel is an apartheid state according to legal definition, but it doesn't take legal expertise of international law to understand that what is happening to the Palestinians is anything but apartheid—it just takes a simple examination of the situation. Hoping to blur the lines of ethics, some might like to call the conditions complicated. But Columbia students must be more

awakened what small piece of that old American ideal resides in my heart. Every mention of an abandoned house or unused storefront renders not an image of dilapidation, but rather one of potential. Detroit is, to be frank, a blank slate. It's a slate that may be well worn, used to centuries of activity, but it is currently unmarked.

Besides bringing up a contemporary application to an antiquated idea, what is my point? It is that this blank slate, this tract of opportunity, is ours for the taking. There may not be a federal program distributing free houses or business grants in Detroit (are you listening, Mr. President?), but that does not negate the fact that the city represents the rawest chance for entrepreneurship and social pioneering today. Sure, the prospect of moving to an unfamiliar city with a higher crime rate and a whole lot of unknowns may be riskier than the cushiness of that fabulous cubicle job downtown, but it certainly satisfies our desire for the adventure that unknowns bring.

So, consider Detroit. Think about the opportunities and let the endless possibilities wash over you. Take a bold step—we're young and the world is supposedly our oyster. Think of it as Teach for America without the application process, bureaucracy, and rigidity. In its place is risk, toil, and a wonderful void waiting to be filled. Start a business, establish a community, and make a difference. You could be one of the first.

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Palestinian voice in the conversation, Al-Omari stated that moderate, mainstream Palestinian opinion looks forward to a two-state solution that keeps Palestinians' best interests in mind and will be accomplished through diplomacy. Students genuinely want to hear Palestinian perspectives—presented calmly and rationally with time for questioning—and the event garnered overwhelmingly positive reviews. We would be thrilled to work directly with C-SJP and not against them, but as long as they hold public displays of bias, we will continue to respond.

I ask C-SJP once again to engage in a dialogue. Together we can explore issues and inform students. We will both develop an attainable vision for the future, and nobody's voice will get lost in the banter. For the sake of the entire Columbia community, I can only hope that this week and in the future, C-SJP will open not only their mouths, but also their minds.

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critical. Racism, colonialism, and settler-states are not complicated and in fact have existed systematically for many years.

C-SJP's objective in hosting international Israeli Apartheid Week is not to debate whether Israel is practicing apartheid, as this is a fact already substantiated by the international community, but rather to expose Israel's deeply discriminatory policies. We hope to give our community not only the opportunity for knowledge, but encourage critical engagement with the world as we work together to dismantle the systems of oppression that our tax and tuition dollars fund.

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supports the liberal arts, values education for the sake of knowledge and learning rather than for the sake of turning a profit. While there are for-profit universities with ethical approaches to learning and running a business, Kaplan is not one of them. It is a contradiction that Bollinger is on the board of both the Washington Post Company and a university that, even when charging high prices from its students, uses those funds for research or for improvement.

Being on the board of an organization is a tacit endorsement of that organization's practices. As Bollinger is the president of Columbia, we should hold him to a high standard and expect him to make decisions that are in line with the values of the university. We ask that President Bollinger reconsider his connection to the Washington Post Company and to Kaplan, and either resign from his position or work for reform.

*Sam Klug recused himself from writing this editorial because he is a member of the Columbia University Democrats.*

STAFF EDITORIAL

# Higher standards for higher education

This month, the Columbia University Democrats started a petition calling for President Bollinger to either resign from his position on the board of the Washington Post Company, which claims Kaplan, Inc. as its largest subsidiary, or to use his position to change the practices of the company. The CU Dems have hit the nail on the head in their criticism of the situation—Bollinger should not be affiliated with an organization that exploits any group of people, and his position on the

board of such a company is fundamentally in conflict with the values of our University.

That Bollinger should not be on the board of the Washington Post Company is, on one hand, a matter of ethics. Kaplan, a for-profit corporation that provides online and in-classroom degrees as well as test preparation services, has been consistently charged with taking advantage of people who are in some way insecure about enrolling in higher education, according to the New York Times. Targeting people who are mentally, physically, or financially disabled, Kaplan offers false promises of success. More than 50 percent of their students do not graduate, and students who do graduate still end up with massive debts that cripple them for years.

Columbia, both as an institution and as a body of individuals, should stand against such exploitation. For one, the University is need-blind in its admissions and so selects its students based on the likelihood of their success rather than on their ability to pay. Furthermore, Columbia, as a not-for-profit school that



# Black History Month

## Hope must spring eternal

BY JENNIFER ALZATE

Shocking news: This February, most Morningside Heights residents were too wrapped up in their winter coats and midterms to celebrate—or even notice—Black History Month. Its irrelevance on campus makes you wonder why we should celebrate Black History Month at all. The question’s first key controversy centers on what I’ll call the Valentine’s Day debate. Why, V-day critics ask, should we celebrate love on just one day? Love should be cherished all 365 days of the year! Critics, you’re missing the point: Couples who celebrate Valentine’s Day don’t ignore each other the rest of the year. Setting aside one day for love does not forbid it from being practiced year-round, but it does encourage us to step back and appreciate our loved ones for a day. The same goes for Black History Month, whose critics contend that relegating black history to one month encourages America to ignore it for the other 11. That’s not, of course,

## Sharing black culture

BY YOACHIM HAYNES

Before coming to America, the concept of a month in which the history of black people would be recognized and duly appreciated was almost unheard of to me. Apart from the occasional advertisement on Black Entertainment Television or a chance reading of an article on the matter, Black History Month commanded no attention in my homeland of Trinidad and Tobago. I wish I could honestly report that my time at Columbia has changed my feelings about the month, but lamentably, this is not the case. It is now almost the end of February, and I am yet to experience the overwhelming sensation of pride in the struggles and tribulations of black people in America. I am certainly not saying that their contribution to history is unremarkable—as a black student, my enrollment in this prestigious university is testament to the fruit of their labor—but that Black History Month seems to have passed Columbia by unnoticed. The story of the black man and woman in America is one that seems to embody the American dream—that toil and perseverance can overcome all boundaries. Yet, the month that has been designated for their recognition has come and gone, and Columbia has apparently forgotten about it. Since there was no assistance coming from the University, I took it upon myself to learn about the origins of this foreign notion. It turns out that a Dr. Carter Woodson, the second black person to receive a degree from a fellow Ivy League institution—Harvard—co-founded an organization called the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History to promote the crucial role black people played in American and world history. Together with this association, he encouraged the Omega Psi Phi fraternity to create a Negro History Week with the intention of preserving the heritage of black people, educating them about their cultural background, and instilling them with a sense of pride in their history. Woodson published images of influential black people, produced plays that depicted black history, and provided learning materials to teachers and black history clubs. In 1976, well after Woodson’s death, the week was extended to the month now known as Black History Month.

## While I do not share American black culture, I do share a similar history.

The major purposes of the month, therefore, are to promote education of the accomplishments of black people both locally and abroad, and to instill pride in the hearts of black people everywhere for the accomplishments of their forefathers. One dinner in John Jay Dining Hall with sweet potato pie, collard greens, and the adornment of various national flags hardly embodies the spirit of the month. It seems like Black History Month, Valentine’s Day, and Halloween each gets the same level of respect. What message does this send to international black students like myself? While I agree that the responsibility of the month’s observance does not rest entirely on the shoulders of the Columbia administrative staff, they could have done a bit more in observance of the month. As far as the contributions from the black organizations on campus (Black Student Organization, National Society of Black Engineers, etc.), I do not know what internal struggles you have had with the Columbia administration with regard to having greater awareness on campus for the month, but it seems like more needs to be done by you as well. The story of black people in America and the rest of the world may vary from place to place, but black people everywhere have all endured hardships and tribulations for the liberties they now possess. While I do not share American black culture, I do share a similar history. None of what has been accomplished by black people should be taken for granted. Black History Month is the perfect opportunity to educate the ignorant and remind the forgetful of how far we as a people have come.

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the point—February commemorations of black history have no bearing on commemorations any other time of year. By pinpointing February, we provide an impetus, however arbitrary, to have important conversations about racial inequality, resistance, and activism, among other issues. The second and more complex controversy revolves around the means to eradicating inequality. Black History Month’s proponents argue that it encourages an exploration of black history beyond the celebrity activists that textbooks already acknowledge. Its detractors, however, claim that this perpetuates an erroneous distinction between black history and American history. America needs to integrate, not separate, both histories. We must remember that black history is American history and that black experiences are human experiences, relatable to all people. Black history only loses vitality through its particularization. Both arguments presuppose that Black History Month’s only purpose is to make up

for something—whether that is underrepresentation in textbooks or discrimination in the present day. Both sides assume that one day, today or in the future, Black History Month will become obsolete. But is the fulfillment of a political agenda really the commemoration’s only purpose? The success of the civil rights movement is one of the most beautiful, inspirational narratives in American history. To learn about black history in America is to learn about the power of cooperation and activism, of determination in the face of overwhelming skepticism and violent assault, and of a passionate and unyielding commitment to justice and equality. By celebrating these stories, we ensure that America never unlearns these hard-won lessons. Of course, black history does not hold a monopoly on inspirational tales—we could turn to countless other movements or activists and learn the same lessons. But it is black history, in particular, that has fundamentally shaped the birth

and development of our nation. As such, it’s our responsibility to honor black history’s stories, not just as a means of fighting inequality, but also as a way to commemorate their sheer improbability, beauty, and courage. In our age of political apathy and powerlessness at the hands of big government and bigger business, these stories have become absolutely essential. They narrate the successful rise of a people against oppression and tyranny—their fundamental belief in a cause and, most importantly, in their own ability to effect real and lasting change. Unlike many activists before us, including Columbia’s 1968 student protesters, there are no armed police officers standing between us and political action. It’s about time that we, as a university and a people, regain that kind of unmitigated faith in our own political power.

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## Evaluating diversity

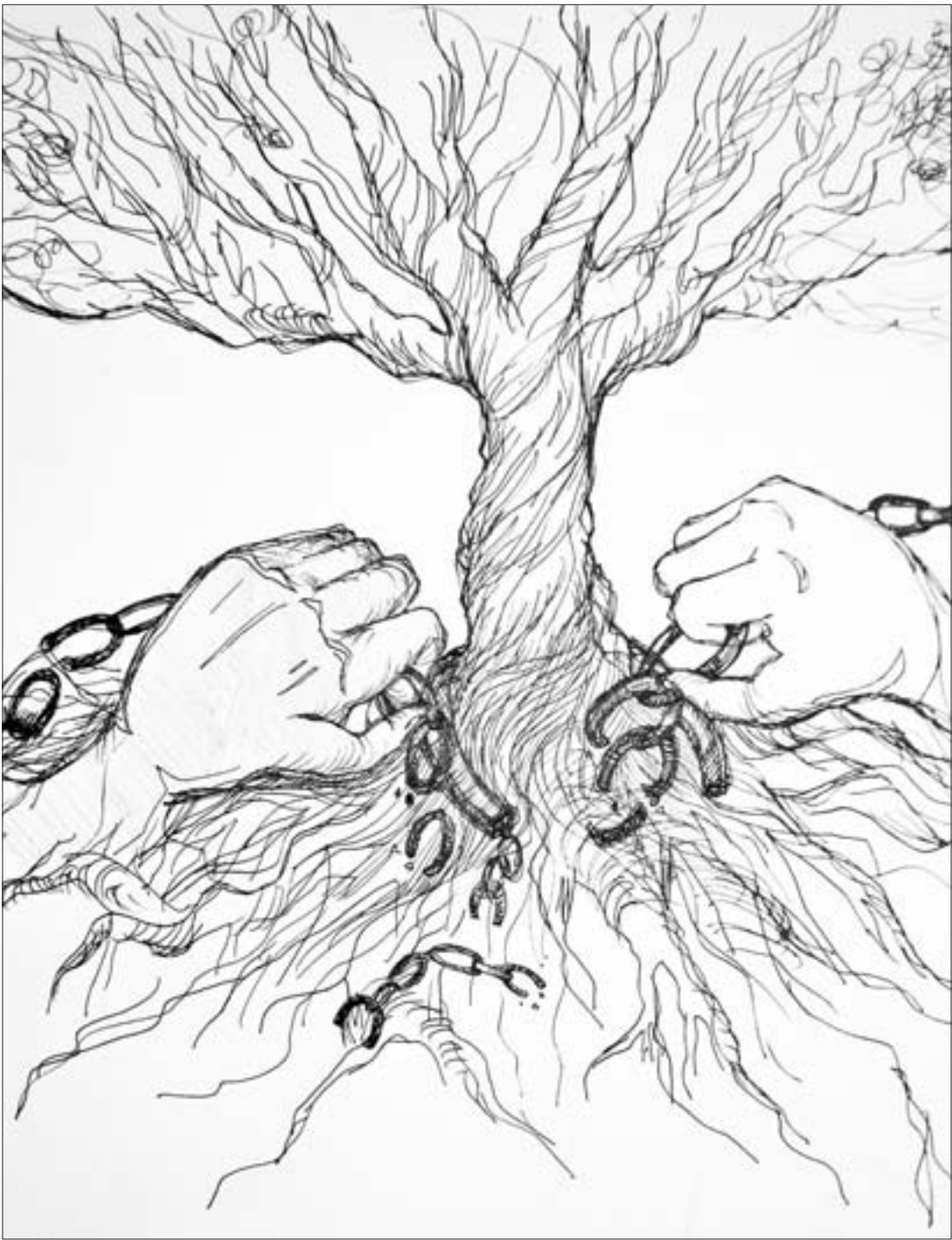
BY YOHANA BEYENE

The constant quest for racial, religious, ethnic, gender, and ideological diversity can be seen in all of Columbia’s recent endeavors to make the “ideal” school. We’re quickly introduced to their efforts, even prior to applying, when we read those blue pamphlets that illustrate the infinite number of journeys that can characterize the Columbia experience. We eat it up. We’re drawn to students’ diversity of talents, views, and backgrounds. However, something is missing—a lost puzzle piece in our community’s student demography. We don’t have enough black American students at Columbia. In light of Black History Month, we are reminded of some of the greatest achievements of black Americans and their contributions to America as we know it. The essence of Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech rings through our minds, and the works of black authors such as Toni Morrison and James Baldwin are commended within American literature time and time again. The efforts of these intellectual activists and all of the courageous individuals participating in the civil rights movement are recognized during Black History Month. The creation of this honorary month, however, was a step toward a larger, more comprehensive goal, a goal that paved a way for the success of disenfranchised black Americans for years and years to come.

## The very students that the civil rights movement fought for are not being represented at elite institutions.

In the spirit of Black History Month, I decided to take a good look at Columbia’s black community, and I began to feel that there was a lack of diversity among black students. Many of my friends agree that students whom we view as racially black at Columbia are children of direct African and Caribbean descent. If the very students that the civil rights movement fought for are not being represented at elite institutions, we have a real problem on our hands. Black Americans are at a political, economic, and sociological disadvantage. The fact that black Americans and many other people of color are consistently underrepresented within the realm of higher education is not a random or infrequent occurrence. With this in mind, I believe that Columbia should focus on the parts of a student’s application that are not so heavily dictated by wealth or class, such as extracurricular activities, community service, letters of recommendation, and college essays. The SAT, for example, can negatively affect the application of a promising student simply due to the lack of resources he or she may have received. If our school is so diverse, why do I continue to feel a lack of black Americans at Columbia? Black Americans are systematically oppressed—low-income neighborhoods mean low-income schools, which lead to fewer opportunities for success. Columbia admissions statistics already show that African Americans make up 14 percent of our class’s population, which is a feat for any elite institution in itself. But the question I wish to raise is how many of those students are not of African or Caribbean descent—my hypothesis, unfortunately, is very few. As President Bollinger states, “Connecting with people very—or even slightly—different from ourselves stimulates the imagination, and when we learn to see the world through a multiplicity of eyes, we only make ourselves more nimble in mastering and integrating the diverse fields of knowledge awaiting us.” As a university, we can only benefit from increasing the diversity of our student body, and in the spirit of Black History Month, a small effort to reach out to a historically disadvantaged group only makes us that much more keen on eliminating the social injustices we are surrounded by each day. Coming to Columbia has been one of the greatest things to ever happen to me, simply because I have done things I told myself I would never do and met people I would have otherwise never met.

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## Hanging nooses

BY FELICIA BISHOP

I write this article with slight reservation. Quite literally crunched in between the seams of the Black Students’ Organization’s Youth Leadership Conference and the Black Heritage Month’s Fashion/Cultural Show, it’s a rather raw and impulsive reflection on the tail end of a month of programming. Perhaps I’m being symbolically melodramatic, but the idea of a Black Heritage Month spread represents the most dangerous and often perplexing element of race relations in America today—the suggestion that racial discourse is something to be triggered, something that demands social impetus. As the requests to write poems, narratives, and editorials on Black Heritage Month accumulated in the BSO’s inbox, I was at once pleased and terribly disappointed—perhaps it’s that eternal dichotomy, the constant duality that Du Bois was so eloquently able to capture in words. On the one hand, this month is dedicated to bringing to light that which has so often been forced to the margins. In a sense, the duty of dragging the margins into the narrative rather uncomfortably rests on my shoulders. At the same time, though, my contributing to this spread reifies the comforting idea that race is something to be contained within a delineated and socially acceptable space. Our conversations about race begin and end with what anthropologist John Hartigan Jr. calls “flash bulb” events. We only begin dialogues when we have the searing pain of overt racism, the symbols of enslavement, a dash of hurt feelings, and embittered confusion. We need these raw materials to facilitate a discussion because they make race neat—they make it an issue of morality, of right and wrong. And who doesn’t love the simplicity that moral binaries offer? Race, though, simply isn’t neat. It’s long past the days where morality can be a galvanizing cry. Our rhetoric needs to be based on the realities of the everyday. Educational inequality, highly correlative with race, happens every day. With every child that slips one grade behind reading level, with each student that skips one more day of school, with each teacher that resigns in defeat, with each abused text book written

generations before the kids reading it, racial injustice is at work. In a word, race issues aren’t simply hanging nooses. This isn’t to say that the use of charged symbols is less important or permissible. It is to say, however, that the intentions behind a flash bulb event are clear: They pull on a historical narrative in which we are well versed, and they generate a particular response from particular people that never fails. While it is essential for communities to contest symbols of hate, I think these flash bulb events are a distraction. They’re a distraction from the message behind being asked to write, speak, engage, and explore race only in February. They’re a distraction from the glances, stares, and silent judgments that float across College Walk, across Broadway, and across the country. I’m unsure if by writing this piece, I too am contributing to the distraction. Am I quietly accepting that my words are relevant in February, when a noose is hung, or when six boys in Louisiana are unfairly sentenced? Should I have declined, in a moment of heroic brilliance, the opportunity to write this? I surely took long enough to sit down and write it between all our programming. But in the end, perhaps this can be the first step. Perhaps you were drawn in by my deceptively intriguing title, and perhaps you now understand why. We have packaged race into digestible portions. A noose is fine dialogue material, but the fact that the Black Students’ Organization has the Malcolm X Lounge is not. The white supremacy of the Core Curriculum is an issue discussed ad nauseam, but the idea that some people do not believe that a BSO should exist is not. This February, March, April, May, and June, I challenge Columbia students to think of race as more than hanging nooses. I challenge the Columbia community to think about race in everyday lived experiences—the classroom, John Jay, Ferris, the Lerner Party Space. It’s in these seemingly innocuous spaces that race and racism thrive. Let’s free ourselves from the distraction of hanging nooses.

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1 One with a degree

5 Double reed instrument

9 Bit of campaign nastiness

14 Assistant

15 Course of action

16 Croatian-born physicist Nikola

17 "1968 sci-fi classic remade in 2001

20 Jewish

21 Rotten

22 Conference including Duke and UNC

23 "Chill competitions

26 Liver secretion

30 "What's up, \_\_\_?"

31 Clean the floor

32 Was victorious

33 Dissertations

36 It can be alright or waterproof

37 Fishing pole

38 Flank that goes with the first parts of the answers to starred clues

40 Support garment

41 Signify

43 Jump (on) suddenly

44 Tennis call

45 Keg party attire

47 Band-Aid and Barbie, e.g.: Abbr.

48 Like much wine and cheese

50 "Reason for rhinoplasty

52 Flower's warning

53 Corn unit

54 Inexpensive brand

56 "1980 Disney comedy about an all-night puzzle-solving race

63 Overindulge, as kids

64 Wrinkle remover

65 Fight for air

66 Wedding dresses

67 Fey of "30 Rock"

68 School attended by many princes and prime ministers

DOWN

1 Spaces

2 Annoy

3 TV Batman West

4 "I did not!" is one

5 \_\_\_ nerve

6 Voting group

7 Pollock's

8 Tolkien's

9 Texas

10 Roadhouse fare

11 Grass fields

12 Sixth sense, briefly

13 Pub pick

14 Supervisors: Abbr.

15 "And so on and so forth," for short

16 "True Blood" star

17 Party disguise

18 Indian and Arctic

19 Lacking strength

20 Dressed

21 Bug-hitting windshield sound

22 Owls

23 Spectrum color between blue and violet

24 Train stations

32 Ice

34 Occurrence

35 Start of a guard

36 "Monday Night Football" channel

42 Deceived

45 Slow mollusks

49 Farm

51 Norproff's URL ending

52 The Gold Coast, since 1967

55 \_\_\_ moss

56 "This \_\_\_ silly"

57 "Monday Night Football" channel

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By Jeffrey Lane

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MEN'S SQUASH

Light Blue goes 2-1 for the weekend at men's nationals

The Columbia men's squash team rebounded from a 6-3 loss to No. 22 Wesleyan by winning its next two matches against No. 24 Hamilton and No. 21 Colby to conclude the season. With its 2-1 run at men's nationals, Columbia will finish the year ranked in the nation's top 25 .

For the opening round, the Lions faced Wesleyan—a familiar foe, as the Light Blue has already played them twice this season. In their first match, Columbia won 5-4, but Wesleyan prevailed by the same scoreline in the second. In both contests

earlier this season, Columbia's individual match wins came mainly from the lower end of the ladder. However, this time around Columbia's higher seeds won their matches. Although No. 1 seed Tony Zou dropped a tough five-set match, the Lions did record wins at the No. 2 and No. 3 positions. The Light Blue couldn't notch wins from its lower ladder, though, and lost its opening match at nationals 6-3.

The rest of the weekend went smoothly for the Lions. Columbia handily defeated Hamilton 7-2 the next day,

and ended the tournament with a narrow 5-4 victory over Colby. The Lions won the Most Improved Team award at the competition.

Top-seeded George Washington University, a team that defeated Columbia 7-2 earlier in the season, ended up clinching the division with wins over Hamilton, Wesleyan, and Bowdoin.

Next weekend, Columbia will compete in the Individual National Championships in Hanover, N.H.

—Mikey Zhong

LACROSSE

Columbia narrowly defeatd by Monmouth in season opener

The Columbia lacrosse team almost had a victory, but instead fell just short.

The Light Blue narrowly lost its first match of the season 9-8 this weekend in an away game against Monmouth.

Columbia took an early lead and was up by three goals six minutes into the first half. Sophomore midfielder Olivia Mann, who recorded two goals for the Light Blue, opened the scoring for the

away side. However, the game soon got out of hand. Despite leading 4-1 thanks to Mann's second goal, the Lions went into half time tied at 5 with the Hawks.

Barely a minute into the second period, Columbia regained the lead due to an unassisted shot by freshman midfielder Paige Cuscovitch—her second goal of the game. The visitors eventually went ahead 7-5, but three consecutive

goals by the Hawks left the Light Blue trailing. Columbia sophomore attacker Kacie Johnson tied the game up 8-8 with two minutes to go, but Monmouth responded with a goal of its own 17 seconds later to hand the Light Blue a loss.

The Lions return to action this Saturday to face off against conference rival Brown. The match is set to begin at 1 p.m.

—Rebeka Cohan

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Columbia falls to Maryland, redeems itself at Temple

After a strong showing at the Eastern Conference Athletic Championships in which the women's tennis team beat Cornell in a five-hour match, the squad split its weekend road matchups against No. 58 Maryland and Temple. Columbia lost 5-2 to Maryland, but rebounded to beat Temple 4-3 the next day.

The Lions suffered their first nonconference loss of the season to Maryland. The match also saw sophomore Nicole Bartnik lose her first match of the year at No. 1 singles.

Bartnik played with freshman Bianca Sanon at No. 1 doubles, and the duo, who played well in the fall (reaching the ITA Regional semi-finals), struggled mightily and lost 8-0. Sophomore Katarina Kovacevic and senior Natasha Makarova lost 8-5 at No. 2 doubles, and

freshman Tiana Takenaga and sophomore Chelsea Davis lost 8-2 at No. 3.

Bartnik, who played tremendously last weekend, beating the No. 1 players from Yale, Cornell, and Dartmouth, struggled this time around and lost 6-1, 6-4. Sanon lost 6-2, 6-0 at No. 2 singles and Makarova lost 6-0, 6-1 at No. 3. Despite being overpowered at the top of the lineup, Columbia got strong play from the bottom of the lineup. Davis fell in the third set of a super tiebreaker at No. 4, and Takenaga won at No. 5 6-2, 6-2. Kovacevic, playing at No. 6, won in three sets to give the Lions two points from the bottom of the singles squad.

The women traveled to Philadelphia right afterwards to play Temple. Columbia played much better in the doubles round, but still came up short.

The Light Blue fell at No. 2 8-2, but won at No. 3, making No. 1 the deciding match. Bartnik and Sanon faced seniors Theresa Stangl and Christine Clermont, but were barely edged out, losing 9-7 to give Temple a 1-0 lead.

Takenaga, who was the hero against Cornell, made it 1-1 by winning easily at No. 4 6-1, 6-1. Columbia would continue its strong play from the bottom, winning at No. 5 and No. 6 in straight sets. Bartnik rebounded from her rough outing the day before to recapture some of her early season form. Bartnik won in three sets, coming back from a defeat in the second to clinch the win at 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. Columbia would end up losing the matches at No. 2 and 3 after the outcome of the match was already decided, giving the Lions a 4-3 win.

—Kunal Gupta

## Women's track narrowly misses first place

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far enough to finish in fifth place.

The only Light Blue athlete to participate in a throwing event was sophomore Nnenna Okwara, who finished fourth in the weight throw, hurling a distance of 17.18m.

The women's 4x400m relay team of Caldwell, Morlu, Ofoche, and Hale shattered the previous meet record (3:45.47), finishing in 3:39.46.

Nearly all of the men's points were won in the middle distance, distance, and relay categories, with the only other point scored off of Jason Marks' sixth place finish in the pole vault.

Senior Jeff Moriarty finished third in the 800m run with

1:50.93, finishing behind two runners who each broke the previous meet record. Junior Matt Stewart finished sixth in the 1000m run with 2:26.10. Sophomore Mark Feigen finished the mile in 4:12.78, giving him fourth, and his classmate Ben Veilleux finished fifth in the 3000m run. Another sophomore, Mike Murphy took sixth in the 5000m.

The men also achieved success in the relay portion—arguably the most exciting part of the weekend.

The distance medley team finished in fifth place with a time of 9:56.02, and the 4x400m relay team finished in fourth (3:17.08).

In what was the highlight of the weekend for the men's team, the 4x800m relay team took home

first place (7:28.64). The race was closely contested between the Lions and the Tigers until the last lap. At that point, senior Jeff Moriarty—the anchor—began to pull away. With a burst of speed and a look of determination on his face, Moriarty helped the men to their only first-place finish.

This weekend was a testament to the toughness—both physical and mental—of these Lions teams. With a wealth of young talent, the Light Blue can look to be a force in the Ivies in the upcoming outdoor season, and in the future.

Although the league competition has ended, Columbia will return to the Armory next weekend to challenge the top teams in the nation at the NCAA Last Chance Meet.

## Columbia boosts record over .500

**MEN'S TENNIS from back page**

at No. 3 doubles and they won easily 8-2. Columbia was stunned at No. 1 doubles as senior Kevin Kung and sophomore Nate Gery, ranked No. 69 in the nation, lost 8-5. The point would come down to No. 2 doubles, where sophomore Cyril Bucher teamed up with his brother Tizian. Their match would go down to the wire, and the Bucher brothers broke at 7-6 to win 8-6 after some great returns.

Columbia started slowly in singles, and quickly found itself down 3-1. Cyril Bucher lost at No. 2 singles 6-0, 7-5, despite trying to mount a comeback after losing the first set at love. Schneiderman lost to Sven Vloedgraven at No. 1 singles, the No. 81 player in the nation (and top player in the Northeast), 6-4, 6-1. Kung lost at No. 2, 6-2, 6-2, and the Lions were suddenly

one point from losing. But Gery won his match at No. 4 singles in straight sets with a gutsy effort after being sick all week, and Tizian Bucher won his match in three sets. Bucher won 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, and with the match tied 3-3, all eyes turned to sophomore John Yetimoglu at No. 5 singles. Yetimoglu won his first set easily 6-1, but lost the second 7-5 despite fighting hard to come back in the second. Yetimoglu got an early break in the third, but gave it up right away, and finally managed to break at 4-3 with everyone watching. Yetimoglu faced multiple break points in the final game, but his big serve bailed him out again. He eventually closed it out with a strong forehand to give Columbia a 4-3 win.

Columbia played more skillfully against a much weaker Army team. Columbia swept the doubles point, with close matches at No. 2 and 3 doubles. No. 2 doubles

won 9-8 and No. 3 doubles won 8-5. Columbia got great play from the bottom of the singles. Gery won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 4 and Tizian Bucher won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 6. Yetimoglu won 6-0, 7-5 at No. 5 to give Columbia the four points necessary for the win. Kung won 6-2, 6-2 at No. 3, and Cyril won his match in three sets. The only player to lose was Schneiderman, who lost 6-4, 6-2 to Army freshman Asika Isoh.

“We'll get better a little bit and hopefully it will fall our way,” Goswami said, looking forward to Ivy play. “On paper we may not look as good, but I really think we are.”

“But look if we don't play well, we could lose all seven matches,” Goswami said of Ivy season. “We need to pick it up a bit.”

Columbia will next be in action when it hosts Stony Brook on Friday at 2 p.m. at the Dick Savitt Tennis Center.


MONDAY MORNING POINT GUARD

week 7

TURNING POINT

The game ball goes to Noruwa Agho, who scored 41 points between the two games this weekend. His shooting percentage has not been optimal, but he demonstrated determination and aggressiveness in driving to the basket and consistently found good looks for jumpers.

On Friday night at Penn, Columbia was still very much in contention at the intermission. With 18 minutes left, the Light Blue was only down by three after an Agho basket, but the Quakers proceeded to go on a 9-0 run, taming the Lions for the night.



CLOSE BUT NO CIGAR

The Light Blue nearly pulled off an upset at Princeton on Saturday night, as it stayed in the game until the final minute. The Lions shot almost 10 percent better from the field than the previous night and slightly edged out the Tigers on the boards, but a few clutch Princeton shots in the final minutes completed the sweep of Columbia.

INJURY REPORT

No updates as far as injuries are concerned. Sophomore big men Mark Cisco and John Daniels were both still benched this weekend, and their presence was missed on the court during both games.

### PIXBOX STANDINGS: WEEK 7

1	Kunal “The Phanatic” Gupta	27-21
2	Jacob “Eye On the Ball” Levenfeld	25-23
2	Lucas “In the Refrigerator” Shaw	25-23
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4	Myles “A Second Opinion” Simmons	24-24
6	Michael “Turn Up the Mike” Shapiro	21-27
7	Michele “I Can See Cleary Now” Cleary	20-28
7	Mrinal “Word On the Street” Mohanka	20-28
9	Jim “On the Couch” Pagels	19-29
10	Bart “The Tailgating Tales” Lopez	18-30

### IVY STANDINGS

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Princeton	10	1	.909
Harvard	10	2	.833
Yale	7	5	.583
Penn	6	5	.545
Columbia	5	7	.417
Brown	4	8	.333
Cornell	4	8	.333
Dartmouth	1	11	.083

### IVY SCOREBOARD

Dartmouth.....	76
Brown .....	100
Columbia .....	61
Princeton .....	66
Harvard.....	69
Yale.....	70
Penn .....	72
Cornell.....	74
Dartmouth .....	75
Yale .....	79
Columbia.....	54
Penn.....	64
Brown.....	68
Harvard.....	74
Cornell.....	66
Princeton .....	84

### 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
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And the CU athletics award goes to

In honor of the Oscars, the Columbia athletic department hosted their own awards ceremony in Low Library last night. All the coaches and athletes were in attendance, and like the ceremonies in LA, it was hosted by Columbia's (formerly) own James Franco. Gift bag swag included sweaty game-used towels from Mark Cisco, luxury box tickets to the next women's fencing event, and a sweet mix CD burned from coach Norries Wilson's iTunes library.

I was honored to be invited to the event, and I wanted to fill you in on some of the highlights.

Best Original Screenplay: Sean Brackett - touchdown run to win the Empire State Bowl

Brackett: "No surprise here. I mean, who else could have scripted that last-minute finish to beat those Cornell sheep farmers? Did you see me dive into the end zone with thirty-seven seconds left? Straight up clutch dawg! I dare anyone else to even try writing up an ending like that."

Best Director: Coach Kelsey Engman - Women's Squash

Engman: "I really can't believe I'm up here after only one season of existence. Most coaches have to at least complete a full Ivy season before they win these things. Anyway, thanks to my players for getting us to a 12-6 record, and I can't wait to play a full Ancient Eight slate next year and kick some pompous squash ass!"

Best Original Score: Alex Gross - 69-yard interception return

Gross: "Usually, I hate scoring. Hate it. Hate it. Hate it. But of course I don't mind it when I'm the one doing it! First off, I gotta thank Lafayette's quarterback Ryan O'Neil for hitting me on that open route. What a pass! Yo Nick, (points to running back Nick Gerst) I hit paydirt more often than you did that day! What ya think about that?" (Gross then picked up the podium and smashed it on his head, causing a twenty-minute delay while a replacement podium could be located.)

Best Foreign Language Film:



JIM PAGELS  
On the Couch



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BACK TO ATTACK | Junior guard Noruwa Agho never hesitated to drive.

Light Blue splits weekend at Levien

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It was a weekend of mixed emotions and mixed results for the Columbia women's basketball team, which went 1-1 in its final two home games of the season. The Lions achieved a 61-54 victory over Penn on Friday before suffering a 65-52 loss to Princeton on Saturday.

On Friday, Columbia (6-20, 5-7 Ivy) dominated a stretch of the second half and weathered a furious Penn rally in the final minutes. With the victory, the Lions split their season series with the Quakers (10-15, 4-7). Columbia also ended a four-game losing streak that included a 77-46 loss at Harvard on Feb. 19.

"It's no fun to get beat [by] 30 any time in life, but obviously we did a good job of putting that game [at Harvard] behind us," head coach Paul Nixon said. "I'm just really proud of our team."

Columbia entered halftime on Friday with a 24-23 lead but ended the first half on a sour note, as senior guard Kathleen Barry picked up three fouls in the final three minutes. Freshman guard Brianna Orlich, who had one foul at halftime, then picked up her second and third fouls early in the second half.

All of Barry and Orlich's fouls to that point came from defending against freshman guard Alyssa Baron, the Ivy League's leading scorer. Junior guard

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FLYING HIGH | The Lions exhausted Penn to achieve Friday night's victory.

Lions take third in Ivy League Swimming and Diving Championships

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The women's swimming and diving team recorded their best-ever performance this weekend at the Ivy League Championships. The Light Blue, having earned a 3-4 record in the league for the season, came out strong at the championships to take third place overall with 894 points, while Princeton took the title with 1,562 points and Harvard took second with 1,496. Leading the Lions was sophomore Katie Meili, who won her first Ivy League Championship title in the 200 IM on the first day of the competition. Many Lions swam personal best times in their events, and gained significant points for Columbia through their efforts.

In the final heats of the opening day, the 200 free relay squad of Meili, senior Ashley MacLean, sophomore Lacey

Harris-Coble, and freshman Alena Kluge finished sixth overall with a time of 1:34.04, while the 400 medley relay team of Meili, senior Annie Perrizzolo, sophomore Caroline Lukins, and senior Mariele Dunn took fifth in 3:45.66.

Meili swam the 200 IM in 1:59.75 in the preliminary heats that morning. It was the first time she had finished in less than two minutes, and it proved to be the fastest in the Ancient Eight this season. The time also qualified for an NCAA "B" cut. Swimming the event again that evening for the finals, Meili cut half a second off her time to finish in 1:59.20, one second in front of the second-place finisher from Princeton.

At the end of the first day, the Lions stood in sixth place overall, but had two days remaining to improve their standing. On the beginning of day two, the Lions performed well in another relay,

Men's basketball nearly edge out Princeton, get swept on road

BY MOLLY TOW  
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One thing can be certain of the Light Blue men's basketball team: Road trips are not its cup of tea.

The Light Blue (14-12, 5-7 Ivy) fell to Penn (12-13, 6-5 Ivy) at the Palestra 64-54 on Friday, and then lost to Princeton (22-5, 10-1 Ivy) 66-61 at Jadwin Gymnasium on Saturday.

Although Columbia did not have a lead even once over the course of the game against the Quakers, the first half was closely contested. After Penn junior guard Zack Rosen hit a three just six seconds into the game, the teams were back and forth for the entire half. A major factor that held the Lions back in the first period was the multitude of Penn offensive rebounds. The Lions were without Mark Cisco once again, and his absence was constantly felt on the court. At the intermission, the Quakers led by five, with the score just 23-18. Penn had 21 rebounds total, 10 of them offensive, and seven second-chance points as a result of those boards. Columbia had 15 rebounds, only four of them offensive. Scoring leaders at the half were Columbia junior guard Noruwa Agho with nine points and Penn's Rosen with 11. The low score at the half was due to very unremarkable shooting percentages from both teams: 34.8 percent from Columbia and 27.6 percent from Penn.

As the second half commenced, Columbia was quick to pull within three, but the Quakers subsequently went on a 9-0 run to make the score 34-22 with 15:28 remaining. From that point on, it appeared to be Penn's game. Rosen was on a tear the entire night, and although Light Blue guards Agho and sophomore Brian Barbour finished with 20 and 19 points, respectively, it was not enough to clinch a victory for the travelling side. At the end of the

game, it nearly looked like Columbia was going to pull back into contention when Barbour hit a three with less than a minute left, but it was not enough. For the Quakers, Rosen was the leading scorer with 17 points, and also added nine assists.

"They get a miss, somehow we get lost, and we leave Rosen open. That's a big play," head coach Kyle Smith said. "Points are valuable. We give him two threes: one to start the game, where we screwed up, and one to end the half, where we screwed up. First possession, last possession: the difference in the game."

Penn freshman guard Miles Cartwright ended the night with 13 points, and senior guard Tyler Bernardini had 11, further aiding the Quakers offense. Senior forward Asenso Ampim had 10 points for the Light Blue, the sixth time in the last eight games where he has scored in double figures. Both teams had nearly identical shooting percentages for the night, with Penn at 38.5 percent and Columbia at 38.6 percent.

"They did a job defensively, and we're just struggling to score," Smith said.

"I thought we competed hard, better than we have," he continued. "I know there are only seven days left in the season, but you get in these situations and you have to just keep fighting, and we did. That second half, we just couldn't get over the hump."

Princeton, expected to be the more difficult contest of the weekend, was more closely contested. Although the Lions were handed their second loss of the weekend, they were in the running until the final seconds.

The game started off with the momentum in the Lions' direction, as they pulled out to a quick seven-point lead in the first six minutes. The Tigers

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Columbia bounces back from ECACs

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Maybe the men's tennis team got written off too fast.

The No. 45 ranked squad was coming off a disappointing showing at the Eastern Conference Athletic Championships last weekend, in which it lost to Cornell and Brown. This weekend, the Lions won their biggest match of the season so far, beating No. 68 Binghamton 4-3 in a come-from-behind win. The team followed that up with a 6-1 win over Army on Saturday to boost its record to 5-4.

"I think this was good for us to win that match against Binghamton," said head coach Bid Goswami. "It shows there is not that much difference, Binghamton lost a close match to Cornell after playing Princeton close at the ECAC's."

Binghamton came in riding high after reaching the finals of the ECAC's, losing in the finals to Cornell in a tight match that came down to the third set of the last singles match. Along the way, Binghamton also beat Princeton and Yale, two certain contenders for this year's Ivy title.

"Home court will matter a little bit this season and that's what I take from it," Goswami said.

Columbia got off to a strong start against Binghamton, winning the doubles point, which would be a foreshadowing of the match. Columbia played juniors Rajeev Deb-Sen and Haig Schneiderman

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	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	
	Penn 54 Columbia 61	Princeton 65 Columbia 52
	MEN'S TENNIS	
	Binghamton 3 Columbia 4	Army 1 Columbia 6
	WOMEN'S TENNIS	
	Columbia 4 Temple 3	Columbia 2 Maryland 5
	MEN'S SQUASH	
	Columbia 5 Colby 4	Columbia 7 Hamilton 2
	Columbia 3 Wesleyan 6	
	LACROSSE	
	Columbia 8 Monmouth 9	
	WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING	
	Finished third at Ivy Championships	
	TRACK AND FIELD	
	Women finished second, Men finished sixth at the Ivy League Heptagonal Championships	