

Chaplain hosts town hall on police surveillance

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Students and administrators gathered at Earl Hall on Tuesday night for the latest public meeting to discuss Columbia's response to police surveillance of Muslim students.

University President Lee Bollinger held a fireside chat Monday evening to discuss the University's response, following a Muslim Students Association town hall meeting last week at which Bollinger's response to the surveillance was strongly criticized. On Tuesday, University Chaplain Jewelnel Davis moderated a panel, which included Provost John Coatsworth, and students had the opportunity to speak to panelists about their concerns.

The biggest issue of the night remained Bollinger's reaction to an Associated Press report that the New York Police Department regularly monitored MSA's website as recently as 2007. Some town hall attendees said they were disappointed that Bollinger has yet to make a public statement to either Mayor Michael Bloomberg or NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly, both of whom have defended the monitoring of Muslim students at Columbia and other universities.

Bollinger issued a statement to student leaders on Tuesday, Feb. 21, and followed up with a statement sent to all students on Friday.

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BACK HOME | Political journalist George Stephanopoulos, CC '82, answers questions at a Columbia International Relations Council and Association event. See story below the fold.

Barnard planning major renovations

Admins plan to revamp Lehman, Milbank, and Barnard halls

BY EMMA GOSS
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Barnard is gearing up for a major campus renovation that could involve adding floors to Lehman Hall—or tearing it down.

Just two years after the opening of the Diana Center, administrators are planning substantial changes for Barnard's three main buildings: Barnard Hall, Milbank Hall, and Lehman. According to Barnard Chief Operating Officer Greg Brown, these buildings have not been structurally renovated since they were built, and administrators think that they need to be upgraded so that Barnard can make the best possible use of its academic space.

Earlier this month, 10 architecture firms submitted proposals for renovating the three buildings. Brown said that there are three main options on the table: improving the teaching and learning spaces in the three buildings while maintaining their current square footage; adding floors to Lehman Hall; and "doing the wild thing and taking down Lehman and starting over again."

Brown said that administrators are examining how the buildings are currently used, and how, in their current condition, they will serve the college for the next 10 to 20 years. Over the next few months, administrators will review the architecture firms' proposals and establish a steering committee of faculty and students that will be involved in interviewing the firms.

"This is one of those key issues where if only non-students plan it, it's probably not going to work well in the long run," Brown said. "It's going to be really crucial to have student input."

Brown anticipates that construction won't begin for at least two or three years.

Milbank was built in 1896, and Barnard Hall was built in 1916. Technological improvements have been made to the buildings over the years, but Brown said that technology from a decade ago is already obsolete.

"The way technology was 10 years ago is very different from what it is now. And how you use technology in the classroom is very different now than it was 10 years ago," Brown said. "We really need to stay current with that, so that's a big part of this project."

A significant piece of the construction project will be the redesign of Lehman, which houses several classrooms, faculty offices, and Wollman Library. Lehman opened in 1959.

"That was probably good in 1959 for the way students studied," Brown said. "It's not good in 2012."

For instance, many students no longer use the library for its original purpose—checking out books. Andrea Barrientos, BC '14, said that she goes to Wollman weekly to use the computers and printers but hasn't checked out a book all year.

"I use the library primarily

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Carbon Squeeze unveils competition

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A new environmental organization is trying to channel Upper West Siders' competitive spirit into reducing the neighborhood's carbon footprint, and it's starting out with the backing of several prominent local leaders.

At an event at the Jewish Community Center on Amsterdam Avenue and 76th Street Monday night, the organization Carbon Squeeze unveiled a neighborhood-wide competition that encourages residents to calculate and then reduce their carbon footprints. The organization was founded by former Community Board 7 chair Mel Wymore, a City Council candidate, and Transportation Alternatives organizer Lisa Sladkus, among others.

Sladkus said that Carbon Squeeze would love to get more students involved.

"These are the issues college students are going to have to care about," Sladkus said. "The younger generation usually has better answers."

"This is the beginning of a movement," she added.

Wymore said that the competition has three components: awareness, tools, and community support.

Locals start by determining their carbon footprints—a measurement of how much carbon they use—with an online calculator. The calculation is based on data including home energy usage and transportation methods.

Then they calculate their "squeeze scores" based on their footprints, with a larger footprint meaning a lower score. They can improve their scores with "squeeze points," which they can earn by attending a Carbon Squeeze event, writing to elected officials about climate change,

or planting a tree, among other methods.

Participants can then submit their squeeze scores online, and a leaderboard tracks the highest scores. Sladkus said that specific neighborhoods could compete against each other for smaller footprints.

"The Upper West Side is uniquely positioned to take the lead," Wymore said. "If we act as a community there is so much power. That's the way to start a revolution."

"New York City has the lowest per capita carbon footprint. That's something we can be proud of," said Paul Reale, an environmentalist with the Climate Reality Project. "But we have a long way to go."

Reale spoke Monday night about what he called the realities of climate change. He showed

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City council members: Give CU AppSci campus funds

BY JILLIAN KUMAGAI AND GINA LEE
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Twenty-one City Council members sent Mayor Michael Bloomberg a letter on Monday asking him to include Columbia and City College in his plans to bring applied science and engineering schools to New York.

The letter comes after Bloomberg's December announcement that a partnership between Cornell University and the Technion—Israel Institute of Technology had won \$100 million to build an applied sciences campus in the city, beating out Columbia and a few other finalists. The city has continued to negotiate with the other finalist schools, including Columbia, about possible financial assistance.

Council member Gale Brewer, a candidate for Manhattan borough president, signed the letter. She said that while she doesn't know if it will help, "it doesn't do any harm."

"I think it's always good to advocate for two good engineering schools," Brewer said, adding that she talked to both Columbia and City College before signing the letter.

Columbia originally proposed building the Institute for Data Sciences and Engineering, which would occupy 1.1 million square feet and three buildings on the Manhattanville campus, even though the city requested proposals for new campuses on

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ADD OR SUBTRACT? | Barnard COO Greg Brown said Lehman Hall might have floors added to it—or it might be torn down.

Stephanopoulos talks Republican primaries at CIRCA event

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"Good Morning America" anchor George Stephanopoulos, CC '82, touched on issues ranging from the Republican presidential primaries to the media's role in politics at a question-and-answer session hosted by the Columbia International Relations Council and Association on Tuesday afternoon.

Stephanopoulos, speaking with approximately 40 students over lunch, said he believes that the race for the Republican nomination will be decided both by the economy and by how much the candidates attack each other over the next few months.

President Barack Obama, CC '84, is currently on the threshold of winning or losing the election, Stephanopoulos said.

He called Obama a "slight favorite," but added that "to win, it takes an awful lot of luck." He said that a winning

candidate has to "match temperament and policy to the moment."

Stephanopoulos also addressed the way the Internet has shaped journalism, arguing that while it serves as a "tremendous tool for political and civic engagement and action," it also has its downsides.

"The most pernicious thing is that it does encourage cooing—basically seeking out people who only agree with what you already believe in and reinforcing those beliefs," Stephanopoulos said.

Students asked Stephanopoulos about his work as a political journalist. Some asked about the Jan. 7 Republican presidential primary debate in New Hampshire, during which Stephanopoulos asked former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney about his views on contraception.

William Prasifka, CC '12, said that Stephanopoulos posed the contraception

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Senior struggles

Why you shouldn't ask people what they're doing next year

First comes truth

Discussion begins with understanding Israeli apartheid.



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New problem arises for struggling Lions

The Light Blue has had more than its fair share of second-half miseries, but lately it has fallen prey to pre-half-time woes in the form of early deficits, making comebacks difficult.

EVENTS

Science at a daily

New York Times science writer David Corcoran discusses NYT's Science Times section.

825 Mudd Hall, 7 p.m.

Gender-based misconduct

Discuss revisions to Columbia's sexual assault policy with Take Back the Night.

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OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE | Researchers from Columbia and other universities discuss the importance of open access to research at a Tuesday afternoon panel held in Columbia’s Faculty House.

At Faculty House panel, academics discuss ways to give public more access to scholarly research

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Researchers discussed how to make their work more accessible at a panel held at Faculty House on Tuesday.

The panel, which was called “Protests, Petitions and Publishing: Widening Access to Research in 2012” featured speakers from both publishing and academia. Gail Drakes, a doctoral student at New York University and associate professor at NYU’s Gallatin School of Individualized Study, discussed the importance of having a “cultural commons” for information, citing the Occupy Wall Street

library as an example.

“It started out as a couple books on a bench,” she said. “And it went from there to a much larger collection—they basically created a people’s library.”

For several years, Columbia has been working on initiatives to give the public more access to University research. Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian James Neal told Spectator that the costs for access to research articles are “substantial,” and that he has encouraged faculty to make their work openly available through Columbia’s Academic Commons website.

“There’s been increased effort to make more and more of that content openly available,” he said. “We’re seeing some growth in open access journals, but authors pay to have their research published in other journals.”

The Tuesday panel was the third event in the series “Research Without Borders,” which addresses issues of copyright, research access, and scholarly publishing. Kathryn Pope, the head of the Scholarly Communication Program at Columbia’s Center for Digital Research and Scholarship, said that the goal of the panel was to “talk about the ideals and values of higher education” in

conjunction with issues about information access.

“It seemed that a lot had been brought up and this had a lot of resonance in higher education,” she said.

Panelists discussed an online petition signed by over 6,000 researchers and scholars that calls for a boycott of the research publisher Elsevier. Elsevier supports the Research Works Act, a bill being considered by Congress—although it has little chance of passing—that would eliminate federally funded research and prohibit efforts to mandate that research be made publicly accessible.

Columbia math professor

Peter Woit, who was one of the panelists, said it was a mathematician who started the boycott of Elsevier.

“Mathematicians, on the whole, are unhappy about Elsevier,” he said. “These are very expensive journals. They feel that they aren’t getting their money’s worth and there are problems with the quality of these journals.”

Neal delivered a presentation to the University Senate about open access to scholarly research articles earlier this month. He said that the panel helped to advance the discussion about research access.

“The panel made clear the

diversity of debates that have taken place at universities in the scholarly community over the last decade around how we can more effectively make the research that comes out of the university more widely available,” he said.

Neal added that he hopes to see these types of conversations happen at other schools. He’s also interested in expanding Academic Commons outside of Columbia.

“We are in conversation with a large number of schools who are considering moving in that direction,” he said.

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Several local council members sign letter to Bloomberg

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other sites.

According to School of Engineering and Applied Science Dean Feniosky Peña-Mora, the University is now negotiating for funding for a revised proposal, which includes just one building. He guessed that the city will make an announcement in March, adding that the University is still working to fundraise independently of the city.

The letter to Bloomberg was signed by three local council members: Brewer, who represents the Upper West Side; Robert Jackson, who represents West Harlem; and Inez Dickens, who represents Central Harlem. Council member Ydanis Rodriguez, chair of the higher education committee, led the effort.

Bloomberg previously indicated that more than one school might receive grant money. His office was originally scheduled to announce a second round of winners at the end of January.

“We’re continuing to talk to the remaining respondents and are hopeful to make an announcement in the near future,” said

Patrick Muncie, a spokesperson for the New York City Economic Development Corporation.

Lynette Velasco, a spokesperson for Dickens, said that Dickens signed the letter because she wants to make sure that local schools “have the same and equitable access to all of the resources that our city dollars can garner.”

Bloomberg spokesperson Julie Wood said in an email that the mayor’s office is “continuing to explore the possibility of additional partnerships as part of our Applied Sciences NYC initiative.”

“In addition, we work closely with both Columbia and CUNY—two of our City’s great higher education institutions—on a regular basis,” Wood said.

University President Lee Bollinger said in a recent interview that discussions with the city were going “interestingly,” and that the city is looking for ways to help Columbia in Manhattanville.

The actual negotiations between the city and Columbia, Peña-Mora said, are being handled by the offices of Provost John Coatsworth and Senior Executive Vice President Robert Kasdin.

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Activists hopeful carbon footprints on their way down

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slides depicting devastating weather disasters that have occurred in the last year.

“One of the biggest threats to national security is climate change,” Reale said. “It is real, it is happening, it’s a fact.”

Reale emphasized that in recent years, world leaders have started to recognize global warming as a pressing issue.

“Living green can be overwhelming,” Reale said. “We have to figure out a way to do it in the context of the million other things you have to do in your life.”

And Reale believes that progress is being made. He noted that starting in 2013, all New York City buildings 50,000 square feet or larger will need to have energy audits.

The meeting was attended by Upper West Side residents as well as city officials and politicians, including State Senator Tom Duane. Duane, who is working on several

sustainability initiatives—including putting green roofs on schools and implementing penalties for toxic runoff—said he supported the project.

“I hope this happens all over New York City,” he said.

Meeting attendees seemed excited about the project and about going green. Dan Reiber, who works to reduce energy costs and increase sustainable energy accessibility to low-income households, plans to participate in the competition with his wife Dee.

“Clean energy is a selling point, and something you should be really concerned about,” Dee Reiber said.

Carbon Squeeze’s next event will take place on April 2 at 7:00 p.m., at the Goddard Riverside Community Center on Columbus Avenue and 88th Street. The event will feature “no impact man” Colin Beavan, whose family lived a zero-waste lifestyle in New York for a year.

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QUESTION, ANSWER | Journalist and former Clinton adviser George Stephanopoulos answers students’ questions on Tuesday.

Students laud Stephanopoulos’ candor, show interest in his story

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question either because he knew that “the Obama administration would propose the controversial new rule on contraception,” or because the White House had asked him to pose the question. Stephanopoulos responded that this theory was “crazy.”

Stephanie Bradford, CC ’12, said she wished she could have heard more about

Stephanopoulos’ story. He was an adviser to President Bill Clinton before becoming a prominent political journalist.

“While I wish he could have given more of his own personal opinion with his history, as a political adviser ... I thought he was very diplomatic and bipartisan,” Bradford said.

Charles Stam, CC ’12, said he appreciated Stephanopoulos’ candor.

“It was good to hear someone

you see on TV speak directly to individual concerns, and I thought he answered very honestly,” Stam said. “He spoke his mind.”

Grace Rosen, CC ’14, echoed this sentiment, comparing Stephanopoulos to “West Wing” character Sam Seaborn—who was modeled after Stephanopoulos.

“He walked the line between being political and talking about politics, which is an interesting

impression because we wanted him to be all Sam Seaborn about it,” Rosen said. “He’s a good speaker.”

Stephanopoulos said his interest in politics was sparked by his encounters with political science professors at Columbia. He said that his time at Columbia was “one of the highlights in my life,” and that it felt good to “be back home” on Tuesday.

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Barnard admin hopes campus renovations spur fundraising

BARNARD from front page

for its technological resources,” Barrientos said. “I wish there were more computers because there’s a rush hour in the morning.”

Many students study in Wollman, but Brown noted that the Diana Center’s second floor café and Lewis Parlor in Brooks Hall are more popular study spaces than the library. Jenny Senior, BC ’14, said that last week was her first time going to Wollman, except for when she toured the library with her first-year English class.

“I just need to print something because the Diana’s printers are broken,” Senior said, adding that she prefers to study in the Diana because it’s brighter than Wollman.

Elizabeth Ferzacca, BC ’13, works at the library’s media services department, but she only studies at Wollman during finals week. But even though she doesn’t use the library very often, she likes it the way it is.

“I don’t see any reason to improve it,” she said. “This space is good.”

In 2001, Barnard conducted a space study that became the impetus to build the Diana. The Diana met the college’s need for more student activity spaces and performing arts spaces, Brown said.

The building opened in 2010, allowing Barnard to do some significant reorganization. Last summer, the college built a new dance studio on the third floor of Barnard Hall—in space that was previously occupied by the architecture and art departments, which moved to the Diana—and new conference and seminar rooms were constructed on the second floor of Barnard Hall. Chemistry labs in Altschul Hall were also completely redone.

But administrators always knew the Diana wouldn’t be enough, Brown said.

“We identified things that we absolutely had to do to meet those present needs,” Brown said.

“We knew that down the road we were still going to have some challenges.”

Brown isn’t sure how much the project is going to cost. The Diana Center cost about \$70 million, so Brown estimated that the new project could cost upwards of tens of millions of dollars, depending on which plan administrators choose.

Another reason that Barnard is pushing to renovate its campus right now, Brown added, is because administrators are preparing to launch a new capital campaign.

“By having plans in front of donors, it’s a lot easier to raise money when you say, ‘Here’s our exciting vision of where we’re going,’” Brown said. “By doing this work we expect that we’re going to attract some key donors.”

Sarah Phillips, BC ’15, said she is glad students will be consulted on the new renovations. But she isn’t sure that students will have the expertise to improve the planning process.

“I think if the students know what to do, it can be a great thing,” she said. “But I don’t know if students know the information they’d need to tell the administration.”

The three buildings that are going to be renovated are long-time fixtures on Barnard’s campus, and Brown said that their outward appearance probably will not change.

“My assumption is because these are historic buildings and they’re kind of iconic to the campus that the outside of those buildings is not going to change,” Brown said. “What happens inside, I think, needs to change.”

Phillips said that while she is excited to see a more state-of-the-art campus, she is glad that Barnard will still look the same.

“Our campus is really beautiful already,” Phillips said. “So if they can keep the beauty of the campus, then I’m all for progress.”

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PANEL | At a town hall Tuesday, five panelists, including Provost John Coatsworth (far left) discuss monitoring of Muslim students.

Provost: Students ‘will see more’ from Bollinger on surveillance

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“I think that Bollinger was entirely right to wait and assemble information. It made his response all the more powerful,” Coatsworth said. “You will see more from him in the coming days.”

Muslim Religious Life Adviser Khalil Abdur-Rashid, who was on the panel, said he is satisfied with the recent interactions between the administration and students.

“The leadership has risen to the occasion,” Abdur-Rashid said. “This issue is being dealt with and handled in a mature fashion and is being taken extremely seriously.”

Still, many students wondered what Bollinger’s next step would be. When asked if the University

has made any attempts to contact Bloomberg or Kelly, Coatsworth replied, “My only response to that is, ‘Stay tuned.’ Which is essentially, ‘No comment.’”

Coatsworth also assured town hall attendees that the University is only aware of police monitoring of MSA’s website, despite the AP report that the NYPD sent undercover officers to several other schools.

“As an academic and as a human being, I think the surveillance of ordinary citizens is a violation that is deeply troubling and a violation of all of the values that this University holds dear,” Coatsworth said. “We are as troubled and disturbed by the news as you are.”

Coatsworth did, however, say that in 2003, police officers came to campus and expressed

an interest in “connecting with Columbia students.” He said the officers checked in with campus security twice during that investigation, but that, as far as he knows, there has been no direct police monitoring of Columbia’s Muslim students since then.

Coatsworth also told students that the University is doing everything it can to gather all of the facts and determine its next move. Student Governing Board chair Barry Weinberg, CC ’12, who attended the town hall, stressed that administrators need to share with students what they learn in their investigation.

Several Muslim students expressed to the panel that they have felt like second-class citizens on campus since news of the surveillance broke last week, emphasizing that the Muslim

community has been criminalized and marginalized and that the University has not done enough to respond. Dean of Students Kevin Shollenberger, who was one of the panelists, assured students that he and other deans are continuing to have conversations and to reach out to the city to gather information.

Chaplain’s Council member Daniel Bonner, CC ’13, who was also on the panel, said that “in terms of our campus community, the issues have been brought to light, in some ways.”

“President Bollinger said he was listening, heard loud and clear what everyone had to say,” Bonner said. “And the onus is now on him ... to make this a comfortable place for students.”

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DEFEATING THE DEFICIT | Junior guard Brian Barbour understands the hardships the Lions have created for themselves in the past three games falling flat early on.

Student-athlete, emphasis on student

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has tried to absorb as much information as possible. He loves discussing American culture, and always has questions for his teammates—who he sees as optimistic and hungry to achieve. As the team heads into the Ivy League Championships, Koll believes that its confident and positive mindset will be the key to its success. Beyond the obvious talent that he and the rest of the team bring to the pool, Koll thinks that believing in themselves will translate into results at the Ivy League Championships.

Men’s swimming and diving head coach Jim Bolster thinks that the flexibility and freedom of being a student-athlete and having to prioritize for himself has held great appeal for Koll.

“Koll is allowed to be who he is,” Bolster said. “He can think

for himself, ‘How does this make me feel?’ as opposed to not having any input. Here, I like to hear from my athletes. I want to know how they’re doing, how they’re responding to the workouts. If kids are going to swim, I believe they have to enjoy what they’re doing, know what they’re doing, and believe what they’re doing.”

Koll has had to make a number of adjustments: swimming without the luxury of weekly massages and a physical therapist at his beck and call, along with dealing with the shorter 25-yard pool. His willingness to adjust speaks volumes about his determination to succeed as a student-athlete.

Above all, Koll seems to value and prioritize the academic experience of being a student at Columbia, where he is currently studying to be a film major. Barnard College sophomore Mahum Jamal, a fellow film major and friend, notes Koll’s constant

desire to find ways of achieving his goals and willingness to embrace change in order to reach these goals.

“It’s incredible to see him still be level headed,” Jamal said. “He’ll be there with his friends. He puts such a high priority on being a friend and I appreciate that, especially knowing he’s such a great athlete. In fact, I don’t know Dom as ‘the athlete,’ but rather as someone that loves to do film.”

In the classroom, Koll knows his priorities and always finds a way to meet the professor’s expectations, despite his busy swim schedule. He maintains a rational mindset, even when burdened with large amounts of work, because he always has one goal at the forefront of his mind—becoming a multifaceted student immersed in film.

As Jamal puts it, “He’s super excited about life, and he just wants to maximize all of his opportunities.”

Early shortcomings prove problematic for Lions

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sophomore Sean McGonagill started a 22-6 run that opened the game up for Brown. The Bears went into the locker room with a 43-26 lead.

“It really starts to wear on you, especially in a game like this when we’re down by a lot at halftime,” junior center Mark Cisco said on Saturday. “It’s pretty rough but we need to figure out a way to win these next two games.”

The Light Blue was able to cut the deficit to 11 twice in the second half, but that was the closest it would get, despite outscoring Brown 52-51. The Bears won the game on Saturday 94-78.

“We can’t put ourselves in a hole like that,” freshman forward Alex Rosenberg said on Saturday. “We’re good enough to even it up—even last night we had a chance to win. We almost got back in this one, but we

should never put ourselves in a hole in the first place. We need to come out stronger and not dig ourselves a deep hole.”

Going into the last weekend of the season, Smith emphasized the importance of starting strong—something he believes his squad has generally been very good at. Even though the Lions have clawed their way back into many conference games, Smith acknowledges that falling behind early is problematic.

“We’ve shown the ability to come back, but I don’t think that’s our best chance to win,” Smith said.

One reason he cited for the early deficits this weekend was the absence of junior forward John Daniels. Daniels, who is out with a shoulder injury, is one of the Light Blue’s strongest defensive players. Smith said there’s a 50 percent chance Daniels will play this weekend against Harvard and Dartmouth.

LACROSSE

Columbia looks to pick up first win of season in home opener

Coming off a 14-7 loss to American in its season opener, the Light Blue will look to rebound today, when it goes up against Mount St. Mary’s for the first time in program history. The Mountaineers (0-2) feature two first-team All-NEC honorees in senior attacker Jen Semler and senior midfielder Esther Rufolo. On the Columbia side, senior midfielder Taylor Gattinella is coming off a game in which she became the Lions’ all-time leader in draw controls. The game will take place at 7 p.m. tonight at Robert K. Kraft Field and will be the team’s final tuneup before Saturday’s Ivy opener against Brown.

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5 Otherwise
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14 Certain
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16 Agitate
17 Member of Hock's band
18 Ear-related
19 Time-half link
20 Shooter of soft confections
23 Gp. that issues canine pedigrees
24 Blue wearer, usually
25 In reserve
26 Satchel ... aptly named dog in the comic "Get Fuzzy"
28 Make fun of
31 Beauty of "Deliverance"
32 Formal coil, perhaps
33 More sleazy
36 Minor motoring mishaps
40 Exercise popularized by Jim Fleece
41 Tennis do-overs
43 JFK alternative in NYC
46 Certain stove filler
47 In a convincing way
48 Palmer with an army
50 Show about Capote
52 Avenues of access
53 Strains credulity
58 Rock's partner
59 "... never see ... lovely as ..."
60 Build a tree house
62 Chevy subcompact
63 ... Irma
64 Motley ...
65 Greenhorn
66 Overwhelm, or a relative of the first syllable of 20-, 36-, or 53-Across

DOWN
1 Obstinate beast
2 Dolt
3 Alaska's 907, e.g.
4 Clairvoyant
5 Where Moscow is
6 Dowdy dresser
7 Author Ephron
8 Race-track
9 Tatle
10 Sketched
11 Welcome, as a new year
12 Monster for Mussolini
13 Hit with a pitch, in a way
21 Academic inst.
22 Seeped
23 Kwik-E-Mart proprietor on "The Simpsons"
27 "And" or "or," e.g.: Abbr.
28 Overly enthusiastic
29 "I'm all for that!"
30 Pizzazz

33 Bell-shaped lily
34 Therefore
35 Depend (on)
37 Fastening pin
38 Oil plant
39 Gets to one's feet
42 Jun. grade
43 Maze runner
44 Old-style "Cool"
45 Rod-and-reel welder

47 Mocha, as a smoke
49 Domed home
50 Heat unit
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By Donna S. Lewis
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There’s more to a game than just the athletes

Over a week ago I received an email from “Columbia Athletics—The Roar” with the subject line “Columbia Men’s Basketball v. Harvard SOLD-OUT! Go to Senior Days!” I doubt I was the only recipient of this notice and so I assume it was a mass email sent to the entire student body. This probably caused several different reactions. Most students might say, “Really? How? It’s a shame I have midterms next week or I might have gone.” Those students who take any sort of liking to basketball might say, “Sweet, here’s a chance to see a team that’s likely to play in March Madness.” Loyal Columbia basketball fans might say, “I have to make sure I don’t miss the chance to see our Lions knock off the evil Harvard.”

I had a different reaction. It was something along the lines of, “Damn, that’s going to be tough to work.” That thought process is a result of four years of employment with the Columbia Athletics event staff. Don’t get me wrong—I actually enjoy working these events. I wouldn’t have stayed on the staff for this long if I didn’t. In fact, I would argue that it’s the best work-study job on campus.

The benefits are obvious. While you are at work you get to watch sports, you experience what Columbia Athletics is all about from the inside, you get to spend time with friends and make new ones. Over the past four years, I’ve had four different bosses and have had a great relationship with each of them—not to mention all of the other Columbia Athletics employees I’ve met through work. Hell, I’ve even helped one of my bosses move out of his apartment.

Working is no piece of cake, though (even if you get to take home extra food after some events). On a few occasions, nearly 3,000 people have attended an Ivy League game in Levien, a stadium with a seating capacity of only 2,700—and as an event staffer, you are responsible for politely moving people who are determined to sit in a seat that’s different from the one they’ve paid for. Away teams are put in locker rooms where they have to scale more than one set of stairs—and as an event staffer you are there to take any complaints and abuse they dish out. Sometimes you accidentally tell an opposing coach’s mother to wait outside the gym, which you should never do.

These are just a few examples of the numerous duties the event staffers have. They work at nearly every single sport Columbia Athletics has to offer, but there is no doubt that Ivy League basketball games are where they showcase their skills. Yes, skills. Whether it’s a poorly attended midweek game or a sold-out zoo like it will be this Friday, the event staff is expected to set up, maintain, and break down the gym to perfection. That sort of consistency is appreciated by some, but unnoticed by most. Little things like putting on table skirts, sweeping sweat, and stamping hands are essential for the presentation of each event and are executed every time. The event staff is not fazed by anything and still completes its duties even though tools break, fans crowd the lobby, and members of the media get in its way. I dare you to try to walk across the baseline during a game—you will be stopped and politely asked to walk around through the lobby.

In my four years on the event staff I have given a lot to the job, and received a lot from it. My proudest accomplishments include being part of a 25-minute breakdown of Levien before Brownout and being awarded Student Worker of the Month for November 2011 (on the back of my unprecedented sweeping performance at a volleyball game). Apart from the many paychecks (and the free burger I earned by being awarded SWOTM), I’ve gained some valuable experience and fun memories.

Friday will be my last time working an Ivy League Basketball game as a part of the event staff. It may be the hardest event I’ll ever work, with rumors swirling around of Jeremy being “Lin” attendance. The least I can do is show my appreciation by calling all of my fellow staffers’ hard work to attention. So if you are one of those students who want to be a part of the sold-out crowd this weekend, be sure to show your appreciation to the event staff as well.

Happy Leap Year!

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Squeaky Bum Time



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MISSING OUT | CU has struggled defensively with the absence of junior forward John Daniels, who may return this week.

Light Blue finds newest problem in early deficits

BY MICHELE CLEARY
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

In a conference season plagued by second-half collapses, a new trend has emerged for the men’s basketball team (14-14, 3-9 Ivy). The Light Blue has found itself down early in the last three games, and has been unable to complete the comeback effort.

On Feb. 18, the Lions lost in overtime to Penn 61-59 after falling behind 10-0 in the opening minutes. The Light Blue’s first points in that game did not come until 16:52, when senior forward Blaise Staab hit a jumper in the paint.

Things got off to an even worse start for Columbia in Friday’s game

at Yale. With just over 11 minutes left to play in the first half, freshman forward Brandon Sherrod hit a jumper to put the Bulldogs up 20-5. The Lions were able to close the gap to 30-22 by halftime and tied it up twice in the second half, but closing that early deficit took a lot of effort.

“We dug ourselves too big of a hole to get back from early on,” junior point guard Brian Barbour said. “We can’t afford to give a good team a 20-5 lead and then try to fight back—even though we tied it up. It still hurts exerting so much energy trying to get back into it and then having to fight at the end.”

With five minutes remaining in the game at New Haven, Conn., the

Light Blue tied it at 58 with a jumper by freshman center Cory Osetkowski off an assist from Barbour. The Lions kept it close over the next few minutes, but the Bulldogs went on to win 75-67.

“We didn’t play well to start the game,” head coach Kyle Smith said after the game. “Down 20-5, you can’t dig yourself a hole and expect a chance to win.”

The next night at Brown, with the game tied at 10 with 14:25 to go in the first half, it seemed like the Lions had put their slow start behind them. But then back-to-back threes by the Bears’ guards senior Jean Harris and

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Two-time Olympian adjusts to college life

BY ERIC WONG
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When first-year swimmer sophomore Dominik Koll first walked into the General Studies admissions office, he knew that getting into Columbia would be an uphill battle. The application period for matriculation in January of 2011 had long closed, but Koll insisted that he be considered.

“I remember Cathy, from the GS office. I walked into the office, and I said, ‘Hi, I’ll be interested in going to school,’ Koll said. “She said, ‘Oh, the application for March?’ I said, ‘No, no, no, for January.’”

Even though the admissions committee had already begun looking through potential candidates, Koll was able to strike a deal and convince Cathy Li to accept his application, so long as he could turn it in within a day. The following day, Koll walked into the office and handed a completed application with all required test scores to an incredulous Li. A few weeks later, he stepped onto campus a Columbia Lion.

Hailing from Austria, Koll began swimming at the age of seven. At first, the commitment was nothing serious, but the coaches at his club noted his talent and suggested that he pursue swimming further. His decision paid off. After spending five years in a special high school program where he trained every morning, Koll had the opportunity to represent Austria at the 2004 Olympics in Athens.

After the Olympics came mandatory military service, coupled with more swim training, which led to a second appearance at the Beijing Olympics in 2008. Koll’s eventual decision to become a college student in the United States was met with skepticism by his family.

“I told my parents and grandparents about Columbia—especially since college in Europe is free,” Koll said. “They thought I lost my mind.”

As a walk-on to the men’s swimming and diving team, Koll enjoys being part of the team and brings a humble attitude. The biggest difference for Koll is how the sport fits in with the rest of his life.

“Before, I saw swimming as something I had to do,” Koll said. “Since I started at Columbia, I do it for fun. Especially in Los Angeles, when I was swimming with people who live on their swimming, they needed to do well or they would lose their contract. They need to swim at a high level. Here, if you screw up a meet, you get another one. Mainly, I get to be a student here.”

Around his new teammates, Koll

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Harvard falling at wrong time with Penn closing in

BY MUNEEB ALAM
Spectator Staff Writer

BROWN

The Bears played the Big Red to a virtual standstill, but Brown made four fewer field goals than Cornell, and that was the difference in the game. Sophomore forward Dockery Walker was outstanding off the bench, scoring 23 points and grabbing 17 rebounds, both career highs. Brown’s offense was potent against Columbia, boosting the Bears to a 94-78 win.

CORNELL

Extended offensive difficulties in the second half nearly cost the Big Red at Brown and prevented a comeback at Yale. Cornell shot only 36 percent in the second half in Providence, R.I., and was outscored 32-27, but was saved by an even poorer shooting performance by its hosts. Senior guard Chris Wroblewski scored 24 points and had 11 rebounds in the 69-63 win. Saturday night in Connecticut, the Big Red had an even tougher shooting performance, converting on only 25.8 percent of its shot attempts in the first half and only 19.3 percent in the second, leading to a 71-40 loss.

DARTMOUTH

After snapping a 20-game Ivy winless skid last weekend, the Big Green almost attained a second Ivy win over Penn, but poor free-throw shooting—Dartmouth

made only 15 of its 28 free-throw attempts—and an inability to defend senior guard Zack Rosen sank Dartmouth. On a night after one of its best games of the season, the Big Green was torched defensively by Princeton. Although the game was within five points for the first 10 minutes, Dartmouth could not keep pace with the Tigers, who raced away late in the first and early in the second, leading by as many as 29 points.

HARVARD

With a chance to clinch at least a share of the Ivy title, the once-dominant Harvard nearly dropped both of its weekend games. Friday night, the Crimson topped Princeton 67-64 after holding on to a one point lead, thanks in large part to perfect free-throw shooting. Despite an impressive frontcourt led by junior forward Kyle Casey, who had 20 points and eight rebounds, Harvard could not muster a significant advantage in either rebounds or points in the paint, and its biggest saving grace was its +7 turnover differential. On its senior night, Harvard fell to Penn 55-54 after failing to defend its one-point lead with under a minute to play. Senior forward Keith Wright became Harvard’s all-time leader in blocks, but his dominance inside could not extend Harvard’s 28-game home winning streak, which was the second longest in the country.

PENN

Penn went 2-0 this past weekend, notching wins against the Big Green and the Crimson. Down 39-38 on Friday night, senior guard Rob Belcore completed a

three-point play—assisted by senior guard Zack Rosen—to put Penn ahead for good. Rosen scored the Quakers’ next 16 points, and a missed potential game-tying free throw by Dartmouth with only 11.6 seconds remaining iced the game for Penn 57-54. The following night, Rosen ruined the final home game for Harvard’s seniors as he scored his team’s final nine points and the game-winning free throws with just over 20 seconds left.

PRINCETON

Hot shooting lifted Princeton to its strong weekend, pushing league-leading Harvard to the final minute and convincingly topping Dartmouth. The Tigers carried a one-point lead into halftime at Lavietes Pavilion behind 48 percent shooting from the field, including 5-of-8 from beyond the arc, but Harvard’s advantage in free throws proved to be the biggest difference. In Hanover, N.H., the Tigers put together a true team effort in a 85-61 win, shooting 65.4 percent from the field—their highest shooting percentage in nearly seven years—including over 70 percent from downtown.

YALE

After defeating Columbia, Yale put together perhaps its best performance of the season on its senior night against Cornell, winning 71-40. Senior center Greg Mangano posted 16 points and 10 rebounds, and senior guard Reggie Willhite fell just shy of a triple-double. Willhite also had four steals, tying the single-season school record of 59, and head coach James Jones became the fifth coach in Ivy history to reach 100 conference wins.

RK (IVY)	TEAM
1 17-11 (9-2)	PENN QUAKERS The Quakers went 2-0 this weekend, upsetting Harvard. If they win their last three games, they will clinch a share of the Ivy crown.
2 24-4 (10-2)	HARVARD CRIMSON Harvard may again have to participate in a one-game playoff for the Ivy League's single automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.
3 19-7 (9-3)	YALE BULLDOGS With a solid win over Columbia and an emphatic win over Cornell, Yale is still within striking distance of the Ivy title.
4 16-11 (7-4)	PRINCETON TIGERS The Tigers matched their play at Harvard the next night at Dartmouth and have now won five of six.
5 11-15 (6-6)	CORNELL BIG RED A close win over the seventh-place team and a blowout loss do not bode well for the Big Red moving forward.
6 14-14 (3-9)	COLUMBIA LIONS Columbia has lost by an average of 9.25 points in its last four games.
7 8-21 (2-10)	BROWN BEARS The Bears nearly beat Cornell before defeating Columbia handily.
8 5-23 (1-11)	DARTMOUTH BIG GREEN Dartmouth may be able to capture one or even two more Ivy wins with contests at Cornell and Columbia on the slate.