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**BIG MONEY** | The French-Mediterranean restaurant sits atop the University-owned Butler Hall and is a popular choice for graduation dinner.

## Terrace in the Sky declares bankruptcy, owes CU \$87,000

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

Terrace in the Sky has its finances in the gutter. The French-Mediterranean restaurant, located on University property atop Butler Hall at 400 W. 119th St., has recently filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. According to the filing to the New York Bankruptcy Court, the restaurant owes Columbia, one of its largest creditors and its landlord, \$87,000. The filing also shows that The Trustees of Columbia University have been suing the restaurant for the past year in civil court for failure to pay for occupancy of the space. In addition, the restaurant owes

\$50,000 to the Internal Revenue Service and \$100,000 to the New York State Department of Tax and Finance. An initial case conference is planned for March 24, 2011. Dan Held, director of communications for Columbia Facilities, wrote in an email that it is against University policy to disclose information about legal action with its tenants. “I can confirm that Terrace in the Sky is a tenant of the University, but cannot comment beyond that. Any questions about the restaurant’s finances should be directed to them.” The owner of Terrace in the Sky was not available for comment at the time of publication.

Lawrence F. Morrison, the lawyer representing the debtor, did not respond to Spectator’s inquiries. Although it has been a week since the filing, some residents were caught off guard. “At first hearing this news is surprising, but then again not that much when you consider the state of the economy,” said Cynthia Breneman, a resident of 400 W. 119th. “Times have been hard and we’re still in fall-back. I’ve never gone, but I’ve wanted to go.” Though many residents were concerned about the restaurant closing, Chapter 11 bankruptcy filings allow the restaurant to remain open during

reorganization. “I was planning to go there in a month or two,” said Zhiran Zhou, a second-year Columbia Business School student and resident of Butler Hall. “I was thinking of going there for graduation or when I have something to celebrate. It’s a great place to take people to impress them.” Others said Morningside Heights is a tough neighborhood for local businesses. “It is difficult to have business in this area because it is seasonal. Not as many students are here in the off-seasons, such as summer,” said Grace Chu, a resident in the area. *constance.boozer@columbiaspectator.com*

## Arrested students to appear again in court

### The hearing will introduce evidence found during search

**BY SAMMY ROTH AND SONALEE RAU**  
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The five Columbia students arrested in December for dealing drugs are scheduled to appear in Manhattan Supreme Court this morning. A spokesperson for the New York City Special Narcotics Prosecutor’s Office said that superseding indictments—additional charges reflecting conclusions from search warrants—could be brought against the students today. No new evidence will be called up in the hearing, which will deal directly with the evidence raised at January’s initial hearing. “There’s no new evidence, [just] superseding indictments,” the spokesperson said. “It’s basically everything they were arrested for—what was in their dorm rooms.” After a six-month undercover

investigation during which officers allegedly bought drugs from the five students, New York Police Department investigators searched the students’ fraternities and dorm rooms in December, finding marijuana, cocaine, Adderall, LSD, MDMA, bong, a pipe, and large sums of money. One of the accused students, Harrison David, CC ’12, faces charges for a Class A2 felony for selling cocaine, while the other defendants face less serious charges. The spokesperson from the Special Narcotics Prosecutor’s Office said that the hearing is scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m., when court typically begins, adding that it is impossible to predict exactly when the court proceedings will begin. “A lot of things happen in court,” the spokesperson said. “It all depends on when the parties

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**HEARING** | Stephen Vincenzo and his attorney leave the courtroom after a hearing last month at Manhattan Supreme Court.

## Dining tells 4local to stop serving food on ramps

**BY KARLA JIMENEZ**  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

A drizzly afternoon set the tone for members of 4local as they served food outside of Lerner Hall on Monday, after they were asked to leave their usual post on the ramps. Scott Wright, vice president of student and administrative services, said the group, which sells homemade lunches, needed to meet New York City Department of Health food handling requirements to continue legally selling food. “Unfortunately, they were not in compliance with those requirements today and therefore were not allowed to operate,” Wright wrote in an email yesterday. Josh Arky, CC ’13 and a member of 4local, said the group was unaware that they would not be allowed to sell healthy lunches until they set up shop. “It was a surprise to be told we couldn’t serve food on the ramps,” Arky said. Gelseigh Karl-Cannon, CC ’11

and a member of 4local, said they were told to leave immediately when they started operations. “It was very upsetting to show up and to be told to pack up immediately,” Karl-Cannon said. She added that since they were outside they charged a discounted price and lost sales. The group met with Honey Sue Fishman, executive director of Lerner Hall, and Victoria Dunn, director of dining, last Wednesday when they were informed of the health code concerns, Wright said. Last week members of 4local said they were optimistic about presenting a plan for a student-run co-op café on campus, but these health concerns may stand in the way. Arky said that the conversation the group had with Dunn and Fishman was focused on a plan to serve food in a more permanent setting on campus and they didn’t realize they would have to cease operations immediately. “We are not entirely clear on what the proper rules are to

serve food on Columbia’s campus,” Arky said. Karl-Cannon said she felt there was a lack of transparency. “I wished I’d been told in a more clear way. It would have worked better,” Karl-Cannon said. Wright said one of the many requirements to serve food on campus is a one-day permit to operate “off-site” or outside of designated Dining Services locations. “The students are in possession of a document that outlines all the requirements, so most importantly, the students know what needs to be done.” Karl-Cannon said working around red tape hasn’t been easy for the group, which is currently seeking recognition from the Student Governing Board. “It’s upsetting that we can’t have a better relationship with administration,” she said, adding they hope to improve communications. “We’re even further away from the ideal of having a café.” Although 4local sold outside of Lerner on Monday, they still plan to continue conversations with administrators about pursuing a permanent eatery that might operate like Core Foods, a student-run organic mini-mart, and Feel Good, a group that sells grilled cheese for charity. The group’s return to Lerner ramps depends on “whether the health department requirements are realistic for them to meet or not,” Wright said. Arky said the group does plan to meet food handling requirements, although they’ll continue operating outside of Lerner if needed. “We’ll make sure to continue serving food to Columbia’s campus,” Arky said. *karla.jimenez@columbiaspectator.com*



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**NOM ’3** | Zak Accuardi, SEAS ’11, dishes up a slice of cake on the ramps. The group hopes to find a permanent space on campus.

## Lamont-Doherty to offer open access to research

**BY DANIELLE GRIERSON**  
*Spectator Staff Writer*

Starting today, Columbia’s Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory will join a growing movement of scientists who make their research available online to the general public, a concept known as open access. Researchers will now be required to put their work online for free, when it is feasible. Going open access at the Earth Observatory, which is located in Palisades, just north of New York City, is an idea that has been developing for the last 20 years. Lamont-Doherty’s Executive Committee unanimously approved the move to open access in December. Kenneth Crews, the founding director of the Copyright Advisory Office at the Columbia University Libraries, proposed the open access resolution last year. He said that the resolution will make Earth Observatory research more accessible to the public. “People around the world have Internet access, but no money to buy articles that are available through databases that usually are expensive,” Crews said. “The resolution offers more content available without restrictions.” The move to make research more accessible has been gaining steam in recent years, with open access resolutions adopted in Harvard, Stanford, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and other universities. Crews said that this movement has grown more prominent in recent years because going open access is now easier, mainly due to the growth of technology. “The concept, at its core ... [is] how do we make more of

our content that we create more available, openly, for other people to see, to read, to learn from, to enjoy, without restrictions on access?” Crews said. But even though the open access resolution takes effect today, many Earth Observatory researchers said they either did not know about it, or do not know much about what it means for them. Those familiar with the open access resolution expressed support for it. Marine Geology and Geophysics researcher Suzanne Carbotte said she “would be happy to” publish her research online. “[Open access] makes the results of research available to everybody,” Corbette said. “Right now, you have to have a library subscription to get to the scientific journals.” Research professor Andrew Juhl said that, since most research is paid for by the public, it makes sense to make the results available to the public for free. But he said the he is worried that implementing the open access resolution might make more administrative work for already-busy researchers. “Conceptually, it seems like the right thing to do,” Juhl said. “In practice, it means more work.” Crews said that there were meetings held with faculty to answer their questions and convince them that going open access was a good move. “Ultimately, this was a faculty decision,” Crews said. Arthur Lerner-Lam, the Earth Observatory’s interim director, said faculty were the main contributors to the decision to go open access. He added that while the Earth Observatory suggested some changes to

Crews’ original proposal, the approval process went smoothly. “There were no real concerns [from faculty]. We all believed in the ideals and goals of open access and the only concerns were practical,” Lerner-Lam said. One practical concern, Lerner-Lam said, was the issue of who would negotiate with publishers. Crews explained that in the past, faculty members have only made their research available through research publications. Some publishers require the researcher to transfer the copyright to them, a principle directly opposed to open access. “We need to help faculty authors better understand what they are managing,” Crews said. “They are owners of copyrights in their own work, and there is danger in giving away these copyrights.” Crews added that some researchers “want to work with ... publishers who may be against open access,” which he said might become a challenge in some cases. Additionally, some researchers did not want their work to become openly available immediately, Crews said, noting that his office would work with these researchers and give them some time. Crews said that the Earth Observatory is the first program in the University to take up an open access resolution because it is particularly important for scientific research to reach a wider audience. “The real value is achieved by [scientific] research being tested, probed, reused, and adapted,” Crews said. “And in that, real value is gained.” *danielle.grierson@columbiaspectator.com*

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#### Citrus is in season and oh-so-delicious

Whether in a tangy popcorn vinaigrette, a dense tangerine cake, or grapefruit-infused ceviche, citrus produce brightens up dorm cooking with fresh, zesty flavor.



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#### Soviet State of Mind

Emily Tamkin observes that she didn’t appreciate New York until she left for Russia.

#### Unfair representation

The professors in opposition to ROTC are being discriminatory.

### SPORTS, PAGE 6

#### Princeton moves ahead in Ivy League

Harvard put forth a weak effort this weekend as Princeton won, thrusting forward to first place in the Ivy League with one week remaining in play.

### EVENTS

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Attorneys say the students hope for no jail time

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appear.”

Michael Bachner, the attorney for Michael Wymbs, SEAS ’11, said Monday that his client had applied to the District Attorney’s Office to have his case diverted to drug court, where he would be sentenced to a formal treatment program.

Bachner said that because the DA’s office has not yet responded to Wymbs’ application, Wymbs’ court appearance will be adjourned without much action. Bachner added that he expects the DA’s office will give Wymbs an answer by the end of March.

Meanwhile, attorneys for the other accused students have formulated their own legal strategies. Matthew Myers, the attorney for David, said in January that his client would seek a jail-free plea bargain.

Attorney Marc Agnifilo, who is representing Chris Coles, CC ’12, said in January that Coles would ask Judge Michael Sonberg to sentence him to a treatment facility without going through drug courts. This option was made possible for non-violent drug offenders in 2009, when New York’s strict Rockefeller Drug Laws were partially repealed.

Agnifilo acknowledged at the time that Coles was already undergoing treatment for a drug abuse problem. Bachner said Wymbs, too, has been going through rehabilitation for addictions to “a variety of substances.”

“Michael has been spending an enormous amount of time dealing with his addiction problems,” Bachner said.

Bachner expressed optimism that Wymbs’ request for diversion to drug court will be granted, saying that he is a “perfect candidate” for the program because Wymbs has no criminal history, has done charity work in the past, and also conducted research related to cancer treatment.

“Michael is better off helping society and being treated for his problems than being incarcerated and treated as a pariah,” Bachner said.

Bachner also noted that even though Wymbs has been suspended from Columbia, he has “been keeping up with his studies as much as possible on his own.”

“He is praying every day that the courts and the District Attorney’s Office recognize that his conduct was an aberration and that he will be able to continue in his studies,” Bachner said.

The attorneys for David and Coles both said in January that the media attention surrounding the drug bust—which police called “Operation Ivy League”—would make it harder for their clients to receive more lenient treatment. Bachner said that he has worked on many high-profile cases, and that media attention can change a case’s outcome.

If Wymbs’ case is not diverted to drug court, Bachner said, it has “everything to do with who he is” and “nothing to do with the facts of the case.”

“There’s a general misconception that people whose cases are in the papers get treated better,” Bachner said. “They often get treated worse.”

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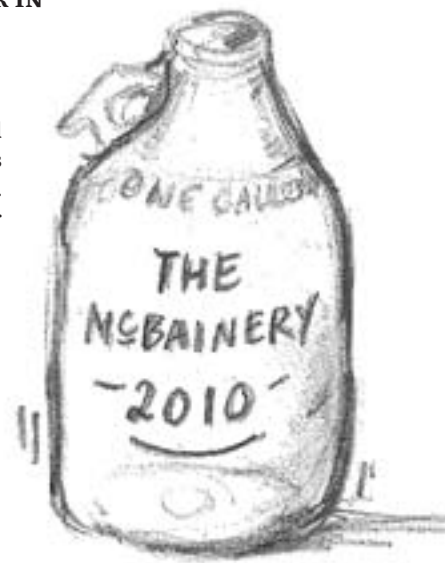
# SPECTRUM TOP 10

IN HONOR OF THE FIRST BIRTHDAY OF SPECTATOR'S RE-LAUNCHED BLOG, THE A&E STAFF CHOSE THEIR 10 FAVORITE POSTS FROM THE YEAR.

## 1. THE MCBAINERY: BREWING BEER IN COLUMBIA'S GROSSEST KITCHEN

April 19 to May 19, 2010

This epic four-part series followed the brewing of Brooklyn Brew Shop's Grapefruit Honey Ale in a McBain Kitchen. Discarded pots, beer pencils, and minor burns included.



## 2. OF MONTREAL, GHOSTFACE KILLAH, WIZ KHALIFA TO HEAD-LINE BACCHANAL CONCERT

April 5, 2010

It's Columbia's favorite spring event. Former A&E editor Christine Jordan, CC '12, revealed the deets for the show.



## 3. BURGER WARS: MEL'S VS. DELUXE

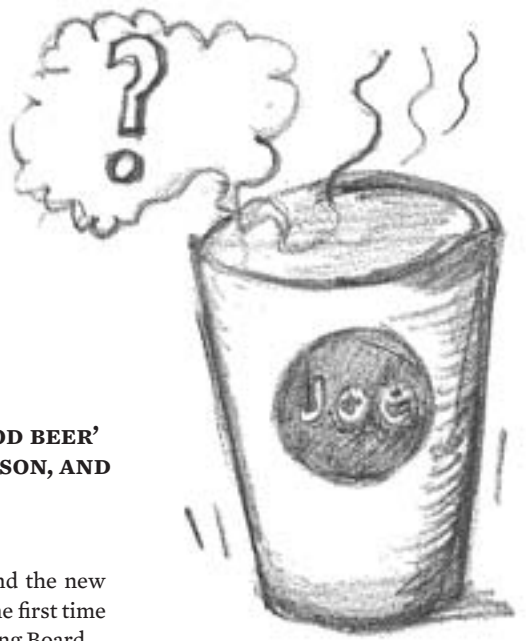
Nov. 6, 2010

This post re-launched A&E's "Plate-to-Plate" series with a whole new graphic face courtesy of Adrienne Penalzoza, BC '12. Mel's took the prize for best beef.

## 4. JOE COFFEE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Jan. 21, 2011

Three days before the new Northwest Corner favorite opened, A&E's Online Deputy Claire Stern, BC '12, gave the low-down on the cup of Joe at Joe, not to mention all its other offerings.



## 5. 'GOOD PEOPLE DRINK GOOD BEER' (SO SAYS HUNTER S. THOMPSON, AND NOW MEL'S)

Aug. 26, 2010

Spiked milkshakes, Disco Fries, and the new scene at Mel's were reviewed for the first time by members of Spectator's Managing Board.



## 6. THURSDAY PREGAME PLAYLIST (FRIDAY EDITION): SPECTATOR'S VERY OWN BEN COTTON AND THOMAS RHIEL

Dec. 10, 2010

Modest Mouse's "The World at Large" and Penguin Cafe Orchestra's "Perpetuum Mobile" were among the numbers to make it into this insider version of A&E's most popular series, closing out the fall semester with music style.

## 7. 'HERMIONE REALLY SEEMS TO LIKE TOAST' EXCLUSIVE HARRY AND THE POTTERS INTERVIEW FOOTAGE

Oct. 19, 2010

Causing possibly the biggest laugh of the fall semester, Harry and the Potters gave a full-on, wizard-worthy show in Lerner. Nicole Bleucl, SEAS '14, caught the band's two main members sans Hogwarts robes and guitars in an interview video.



## 8. THE BRESLIN'S 2011 RESTAURANT WEEK LUNCH MENU RECREATED

Feb. 1, 2011

In this issue of "Recipes Tested," Harry Flager, CC '13, revealed how to whip up The Breslin's Butternut Squash Salad, Sauteed Cod with Lentils and Salsa Verde, and White Chocolate Mousse. Leave it to Flager to get the secret recipes out of one of New York's hottest restaurants, making them dorm-kitchen friendly to boot.

## 9. FAUX LOKO: SPECTRUM'S CURE FOR THE FOUR LOKO DROUGHT

Nov. 22, 2010

After Four Loko became bootleg in the state of New York, A&E tried its hand a second time at the home brew approach, but this time with jolly ranchers instead of hops. Followed by a video-taped testing on Nov. 23.



## 10. REVIEW: COOKIES ON CAMPUS

Sept. 29, 2010

This is what Spectrum A&E is all about—fun, random stuff to make procrastinating in Butler all the more easy. And as former A&E Online Deputy Joe Daly, CC '12, said in his post, "who doesn't love cookies, and what Columbia student doesn't love delivery?"



COURTESY OF CHARLOTTE LANDRUM

TOE-TAPPING | Lewis Nash and his quintet played on campus last Friday, Feb. 25, ending Miller's jazz series on a high note.

# Lewis Nash Quintet jazzes up Miller

BY TAYLOR HARVEY  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

On Feb. 25, Miller Theatre presented the Lewis Nash Quintet as the last installation in its winter jazz series.

Nash, an Arizona native, began his drumming career touring internationally for famous jazz vocalist Betty Carter. With a discography of over 300 recordings, many of which are Grammy-nominated, Nash has performed alongside Bette Midler, Dizzy Gillespie, Natalie Cole, Branford Marsalis, and others. The rest of his quintet consists of pianist Renee Rosnes, bassist Dezron Douglas, saxophonist Jimmy Greene, and trumpet player Jeremy Pelt.

Foregoing any spoken introduction, the show began immediately after the lights dimmed. The members of the quintet assumed their positions while Nash started a musical vibe, shaking his maracas and drum brushes. Other than the colored lighting that changed depending on the mood of the song,

the staging was untheatrical. The organic setup and the beautifully polished instruments helped bring the audience into the world of sophisticated jazz musicians. Even though the pianist's back was turned to the audience, listeners were still drawn in by the music.

Nash spoke briefly at intervals. His conversational tone about the reason for playing each song made the performance intimate and comforting. At one point, Nash also took the microphone and delivered an impressive scat solo. The instrumentalists were just as surprised as the audience was by Nash's successful imitation of the horn sounds.

Despite the quintet's lengthy set, packed with almost two hours of jazz music and a long intermission, the audience got its money's worth with both the quantity and the versatility of the jazz combo. The Lewis Nash Quintet's bossa-nova rendition of "Ellington Strayhorn" was a definite crowd favorite. While the first song casually introduced the musicians, this homage

to Billy Strayhorn and Duke Ellington exhibited the virtuosic nature of each player. Rosnes' inventive piano solo, which combined well with Nash's pulsing drum performance and the horn's beautiful harmonies, made the piece really memorable.

The highlight of the jazz performance was Nash's incredible drum solo in the jazz piece "Y La Quiero." Nash's masterful control over dynamics, tempo, and experimental drum sounds turned the solo into a dramatic spectacle. His intensity was palpable in his facial expressions and in the fervor with which he attacked the cymbals. The way he effortlessly switched drumsticks and put his elbow on the drum to change the sound of the pitch made it clear why he is famous.

The Lewis Nash Quintet's performance entertained spectators with ballads and up-tempo bebop tunes. Although the crowd consisted mostly of elderly people, college jazz enthusiasts would have appreciated the quintet's talented musicianship.

# Seasonal citrus produce zests up dorm cooking

It's the citrus season's peak and supermarkets close to campus like Westside are currently stocking some incredibly delicious produce. Stick to Florida citrus—California may dominate the avocado market with its superior Hass variety, but Florida has the Golden State beat when it comes to lemons, limes, oranges, and grapefruits. Enjoy these winter fruits with extra tangy vinaigrette, ceviche, or even cake. —Harry Flager

## Grapefruit Ceviche

In a bowl, combine the juice of two grapefruits, the segments\* of one grapefruit, 2 tablespoons olive oil, ¼ cup thinly sliced red onion, ½ cup of diced avocado, 1 diced jalapeño, a handful of chopped parsley, and a large pinch of salt and pepper. Chop one fish filet (any white fish will work, as well as shrimp or scallops) into marble-sized pieces and add to grapefruit mixture. Refrigerate for one hour. Serve with tostadas, chips, or best of all, popcorn.

\*To segment a grapefruit, cut off the top and bottom (as for an onion) and cut off the thick peel. Following along each pith line, slice into the center of the grapefruit and remove each segment.



SYDNEY SMALL FOR SPECTATOR

TIME FOR TANG | Fresh grapefruit juice and segments add intrigue to fish ceviche, and lime juice combined into a vinaigrette is perfect over popcorn.

## Lemon-Lime Vinaigrette

In a bowl, whisk together ¼ cup fresh lime juice, ¼ cup fresh lemon juice, ¼ cup vinegar, one bunch of chopped cilantro, 1 tablespoon chopped shallot, 2 tablespoons honey, a large pinch of salt, and a heaping tablespoon of mustard. While whisking, slowly drizzle 1 cup of olive oil into the mixture. Works well as a salad dressing or a sauce for sauteed fish or chicken.

## Tangerine Cake

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl, combine 2 ½ cups flour, 1 ½ cups sugar, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 ½ teaspoons baking soda, and 1 teaspoon salt. Whisk in 3 eggs, 1 cup vegetable oil, 1 cup sour cream, 1 cup tangerine juice, and 2 tablespoons tangerine zest. Bake in one 13" x 9" or two 9" cake pans for 25 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean.

While the cake is in the oven, whip up the frosting. In a bowl, combine ½ cup softened butter, 1 cup of room temperature cream cheese, 1 pound (one box) of confectioners' sugar, ¼ cup tangerine juice, and the zest of one tangerine. Beat until smooth. When cake is cool, top with tangerine frosting.





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# Faculty statement falls short

BY LEARNED FOOTE AND SEAN WILKES

A number of professors recently signed a statement against the return of ROTC under any circumstances. Despite our respect for many of the professors on this list, we were both saddened and disturbed by the prejudicial vision of Columbia described in the statement. Our response begins with their “most profound point of opposition,” an un-nuanced comparison between the institutions of the University and the military: “ROTC, and the military in general, trains people for obedience to the chain of command, whereas the university cultivates a critical and constantly questioning consciousness.”

This view oversimplifies the differences between the institutions, and presumes that the “ethos of the military” is entirely “incompatible” with the University. It ignores the scholastic achievements of students who serve as military officers. That the U.S. Military Academy at West Point has produced three times as many Rhodes Scholars as Columbia illustrates this point. Critical thinking and persistent questioning are central components of both the ROTC curriculum and the daily life of United States military officers. Undoubtedly, students in service academies and ROTC programs across the country could compete intellectually and academically with students in these professors’ courses. Furthermore, Columbia educates many people for futures that differ from the academic setting, and ROTC would simply add to the myriad professional education programs already offered by the University. While ROTC

cadets may be preparing for a specific future, they remain students first and foremost. Students in ROTC programs are like their classmates in preparing for futures in many institutions that differ from the academy.

## Students in service academies and ROTC programs could compete intellectually with students in these professors’ courses.

The statement does not address relevant institutional concerns about ROTC, such as course credit or academic appointments, which are important questions that should be discussed and negotiated with military departments. The statement largely ignores Columbia’s current engagement with the U.S. Armed Forces, which include partnerships like the Eisenhower Leadership Development Program for West Point instructors. These professors interpret the University’s non-discrimination policy to mean that it cannot engage with ROTC, citing physical disability and age as bases for military disqualification. Columbia itself “discriminates” on these bases as well. Surgical residencies in the School of Medicine have

physical requirements, and Columbia College requires its students to fall in a defined age group.

Most importantly, the signatories object to ROTC’s alleged “uniformed presence.” The signatories state that they “do not oppose” veterans in the classroom, opposing only the practice of wearing uniforms on campus, through which student cadets become “symbolic incarnations of the military” and threaten the “basis of mutual understanding and peace.” ROTC students now at Columbia typically do not wear uniforms to class, unless obligated by scheduling constraints imposed by participating in ROTC off-campus. However, current Columbia cadets, visiting professors from federal service academies, and active duty Ph.D. candidates should not be prohibited from wearing uniforms on campus.

ROTC cadets and active service-members may violate the sensibilities of these faculty members, but the University is institutionally neutral with respect to pacifism and its opposite. That neutrality requires tolerance of all faculty and students who are here to teach and learn. The exclusionary vision of Columbia espoused by these professors should be repudiated by the Senate and the community at large.

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# Bargaining for equality

Unless you have spent the month of February under a rock, you know that for the past two weeks, massive protests have sprung up in Wisconsin in response to a component of Gov. Scott Walker’s Budget Repair Bill. The legislation would permanently prohibit public employees in Wisconsin from “collectively bargaining” for wages or benefits beyond the rate of inflation. For a bunch of overworked Columbia students during midterms week, a natural reaction to these protests might be: “I have never given a single thought to Wisconsin or its public-sector employees before, so why should I start now?”

While Gov. Walker’s decision to strip state workers of their right to unionize may help close the budget deficit in Wisconsin in 2011, it also represents an ideological refusal to invest in the public-sector institutions that are necessary for creating a more just and equitable society in the future. If this bill passes, it could set a very dangerous precedent for like-minded governors around the country to take basic bargaining rights away from public employees. This trend would land a damaging blow to the government’s ability to give Americans a level playing field on which to compete, ultimately increasing the ever-growing gap in wealth and income that currently plagues society.

Gov. Walker is proposing the Budget Repair Bill in response to estimates that, should the budget remained unchanged from last year, Wisconsin’s deficit will grow to \$3.6 billion by 2013. In order to help close this deficit, the bill mandates that state employees pay half the cost of their current pensions and twice the amount that they are currently paying for health care premiums. Democrats in the Wisconsin Senate and the leaders of the most visible union in the protest—the teachers union—have said that they would agree to these cuts. Walker, however, insists that they must also forfeit their right to collective bargaining. This means that if in the future a group of teachers wishes to ask for a raise in benefits or wages, it could only petition the school board as individuals. Their right to come together and collectively bargain with the school board as a unit, with the ultimate threat of a strike as a bargaining tool, would be completely stripped. Any noncompliant teachers could be fired.

Despite Walker’s assertion that his priority in cutting funding and bargaining rights from state workers is closing the budget deficit, he has passed a series of corporate tax cuts in order to stimulate economic growth in the state. While tax cuts are perhaps necessary to spur an economy, a functioning, well-compensated group of teachers in the public schools is equally necessary for an educated group of future citizens to maintain the economy into the next generation. So why has Walker chosen the former, while permanently stripping the basic right of negotiation from the latter?

Currently, income inequality is at its highest level in 100 years. Taxes, at least at the federal level, are also the lowest that they have been in almost 100 years. Whether or not you believe that the private sector is the essential driving force behind the American economy, it is clear that a free market and lower taxes do not naturally produce a level playing field upon which any American child can have an equal chance to succeed in the world. On his web site, Gov. Walker says that past governors have “done little to address the long-term financial challenges facing our state,” implying that by stripping state workers of the right to unionize, he is finally doing something to address these challenges. Does he truly believe that by denying the basic rights of public educators—thus making the teaching profession an even more grueling and less financially rewarding field than it already is—he is helping to make the future of Wisconsin brighter? Does he think that by cutting corporate taxes, while eliminating the rights and benefits of teachers and workers, he is helping to give all future Wisconsinites equal opportunity?

The answer to all of these questions is an emphatic no. Gov. Walker’s bill is the fulfillment of an ideology that has forsaken any attempt to create a more egalitarian society through governmental institutions and asserts that the people who create change at the grassroots level of our nation do not even deserve the basic right of collective negotiation. The spread of this dangerously cynical ideology across the nation would make it extremely difficult for even some of our most basic social services, most notably public education, to function effectively. So why should you, as a member of the Columbia community, care about the public sector’s ability to create a more just society? If you plan to use the benefits and education that you receive at this wonderful Ivy League school to help give more people the kind of opportunities that you have had, you must know that the ideology Gov. Walker is advancing in his Budget Repair Bill is going to make your job very difficult.

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# An apology to New York City

Dear New York, I’ve been incredibly unfair to you. It’s not that I didn’t love living with you, because I did. But I took you for granted. If it’s any consolation, nobody regrets how I conducted myself during our time together more than I do.

I’d known that I wanted to be with you for so long. I couldn’t imagine my time at school being kept by any urban metronome but yours. I was right. Being with you was thrilling. I loved your pulse, your cold concrete, your sounds, and your sights. You were mine, and because of that I thought I understood you. I had my favorite places to go, my favorite things to do, and you were a part of all of that.

St. Petersburg is not familiar to me the way you are, but I am trying to get to know and love it as I loved—and still love—you. I cross over its bridges and take an extra moment to stare off across its rivers. I go to museum after museum, follow the footsteps of all the writers I can think of, visit their old apartments, and pore over their personal belongings in the attempt of knowing what they had once known. I take pictures so that I will have something to remember it by. I worry that I have not seen it in every light. I follow St. Petersburg to restaurants and bars and bookshops, and every ride on the metro is a thrill. I wonder why you couldn’t have done this for me.

Then I realize: You could have. I just didn’t think to ask. Granted, we never had the kind of time together that I have with St. Petersburg. I was always so busy with classes and clubs and not sleeping, and you never seemed to mind. But I should have minded. I should have wanted desperately to walk down your every street, stand in front of every stoplight, see every work of art you own, and hear all the music that you play.



**EMILY TAMKIN**  
**Foreign Correspondence**

I know I am not the only one to have wronged my city like this. I was speaking to a woman who works as a program administrator at my school here. She said that she likes to walk across the bridges when it’s warmer out because, even though it takes longer, she can see her pretty city. She takes it for granted, she told me. She knows she does. There was a museum next to her house. She never went because she always could. When the museum closed, she had never been.

There is so much in you, New York, that I have never seen and hope will not close down.

It’s different. Of course it’s different. A few months with a stranger can’t compare to our years together. But if I had pretended that we were only strangers, that our time together was even more impossibly short than it inevitably will be, I probably would have known you better than I do. You know how much I hate feeling like a tourist. I hate that feeling here too, but I give into it because I have to. Maybe I should have done that with you as well. Maybe I should have been less self-conscious and self-aware, and (paradoxically) less self-confident about us.

## I should have wanted desperately to walk down your every street.

I wish I could say that it will never happen again—that I’ll appreciate your every sidewalk, siren, and sky-scraper after we get back together, but that’s probably giving myself more credit than is actually due. The truth is that I already know I’ll forget. I’ll forget how much of you I never got to see, never bothered to get to know.

That’s why I wanted to tell you while I still remember. From Russia with love, Emily

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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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**ACROSS**

- Rolling good time
- "Pipe down!"
- The man's partner, in a Shaw title
- Western neckwear
- Laor at
- "Ties \_\_\_"
- Screw-up
- Fuzzy image
- Jedi guru
- Cop's often-unreliable lead
- Apotrophieless possessive
- Start of a Latin I conjugation
- Snack for a gecko
- Retailer's private label
- Mine hopper
- Caroline Kennedy, to Maria Shriver
- Three-layer snacks
- Clinical robes
- "The Bachelor" network
- Laundry
- Marital arts-influenced workout
- Cried like a boomer
- PRR stop
- Facetious name for a school cafeteria staple
- Checkers demand
- Glutton
- Lic.-issuing bureau
- "The Gong Show" regular with a paper bag on his head, with "the"
- March Madness org.
- Passed with flying colors
- Up front
- Former U.N. leader Waldheim
- Flow of waters
- Dweebish
- Evian et al.
- WWII cameras
- Swap

**DOWN**

- Air gun pellets
- Chaney of horror
- Chicken-king link
- Davenport, e.g.
- West Coast ocean concern
- Mingle (with)
- Like an extremely unpleasant situation
- Inner city blight
- Jane Eyre, e.g.
- Deep fissure
- Tear gas target
- Sawbones
- Shape up
- Harbinger
- Reverse
- Machu Picchu architect
- Home Depot buy
- Cold shoulder
- Right hand: Abbr.
- Mechanical worker
- Circumference part
- Performed in an aquacade
- "Washboard" muscles
- Astounded
- Fabric joint
- Rec room centerpiece
- 1-Down, e.g.
- Cyclone's most dangerous part
- Harsh
- NFLer who used to play in Yankee Stadium
- Striped strikers
- Costner/Russo golf flick
- Anatolian Peninsula capital
- Some Horacio poems
- Pesky fliers
- "JAG" spin-off
- Penny
- "Moonstruck" Oscar winner
- Memorable time
- Total
- Color, in a way

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

GRAD	OBOE	SMEAR
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## Complacent and mediocre

Athletics in the Ivy League are different from those in any other conference in America for many reasons. With the rampant talk about the NCAA men's basketball tournament starting to heat up, I've been hearing analysts talk non-stop about a team's "body of work," referring of course to a team's wins in the nonconference and conference portions of its season. When the tournament committee is looking at a team, or when a fan is, they look at the schedule as a whole.

This is an aspect of Ivy athletics that I think sets the league apart from any other conference. When we judge the success or failure of one of Columbia's sports teams, we shouldn't look at its whole season, we should only look at the Ivy portion of the schedule. Columbia teams should only be judged based on how they do in conference play.

Obviously, some of the better Columbia teams will play tough nonconference schedules and end up doing pretty well and beating some nationally-ranked scholarship schools, while other teams will play a tough schedule and really struggle. But ultimately, the nonconference portion is just a preseason of sorts, where teams prepare for that four- to eight-week stretch of games or matches that will determine their season.

USC doesn't only compete with other Pac-10 schools like Oregon, UCLA, and Stanford. It competes against other top schools like Texas, Florida, and Ohio State. Columbia, and the rest of its Ivy peers, shouldn't care about the non-conference record; the only one that matters for the history books is the Ivy one.

This doesn't make us worse or inferior to other athletic conferences and schools, it just makes us different. It's an unavoidable part of not giving athletic scholarships, placing strict limits on practice time and matches, and emphasizing the student over the athlete in the student-athlete. It's not good, it's not bad, it's just different.

But it is precisely this focus on the Ancient Eight that makes the shortcomings of some Columbia athletics teams so very disappointing. Because at Columbia, as I've said before, you don't have 100 or 50 or even 25 teams that you are chasing, you just have seven others.

That to me is what is so disappointing about teams like women's lacrosse. It is fine if Columbia stinks if the whole conference stinks too. Then, it just becomes a case of the blind leading the blind. But it isn't like that in Ivy women's lacrosse. Women's lacrosse in the Ancient Eight is ... wait for it ... actually really good! At the end of last season, the Ivy League had three teams inside the top 30 nationally, and five teams inside the top 40 in the final NCAA rankings, led by Penn at No. 7. The Ivy League may not be the best women's lacrosse conference in the nation, but it is certainly up there. Why then, can Penn make three straight NCAA Final Four's from 2007-2010, but Columbia struggles to win a conference game? The Lions went four years (2005-2009) between conference wins, and it's certainly not a case of being a new program; the team started in 1997 and has gone 2-85 since then.

But it's not only women's lacrosse. In men's soccer, the Ivy League had three teams in the top 25, and Dartmouth advanced to the third round



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### The Phanatic



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**NO PLACE LIKE HOME** | All six of the Lions' wins have come at Levien Gymnasium; the team has yet to win a road game this season.

of the NCAA Tournament this fall. Columbia hasn't made the NCAA Tournament since 1991, when it finished second in the Ivy League but fell in the first round of the tournament to Hartford.

And then there is swimming and diving. Harvard and Princeton have dominated the Ivy League historically, and so the women's team's third place finish (tied for the best in program history) this weekend is really like first place. But why does this have to be the case? How have we allowed Harvard and Princeton to dominate us so thoroughly for so long in the pool? Why does a program which has sent three swimmers to nationals and one to the Olympics (Christina Teuscher, who won gold in 1996 and bronze in 2000) struggle to be elite?

This isn't meant to be a swipe at the work ethic or talent level of any individual players on any Columbia team. I know that they all work as hard as they can, day in and day out, to be the best that they can be. I know they try to represent Columbia as well as they can on the regional and national stage. Rather, this is a more general question of the Athletic Department's motto, "Achieving Excellence." What is excellence and what is mediocrity?

And for anyone who thinks a stranglehold on the top can't be broken, just look at men's basketball in the Ivy League. Penn and Princeton, the Killer P's, dominated league play, taking all but three outright titles between 1963 and 2007. (Columbia was one of them, winning in 1968.) All of a sudden, in 2008, Cornell burst onto the scene, knocking the Killer P's out of power on its way to three straight titles and a run to the Sweet Sixteen in 2010. Cornell broke through in 2008, and Harvard looks ready to be the next one, if not this season, then certainly in the coming years.

Since when has Columbia ever been satisfied with not being the best?

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### MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

## Light Blue swimmers finish fifth at ECAC Championships

The Lions continued to add to the team's accolades this weekend at the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships.

The swimmers who will not be attending next weekend's meet among the Ancient Eight wrapped up their season this weekend. The Lions found themselves in fifth place at the meet's conclusion. 29 teams competed overall, although only 22 found themselves on the scoreboard. Navy, who beat Columbia in the regular season, was the top finisher.

The Lions had many

impressive finishes that contributed to their overall placing.

The men's 400-yard medley relay team, consisting of freshmen Andrew Wood and William Falk-Wallace, sophomore Karl Meyer, and senior Nate Mormann finished third with a time of 3:26.19. The 200-yard freestyle relay team with freshman Nathan Yueh, Falk-Wallace, his brother junior Richard Falk-Wallace, and Mormann finished sixth.

The Lions also had several notable individual finishes. Wood placed fourth in the

200-yard breaststroke final and sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke final. In the 200-yard butterfly final, junior Shane Tutass touched the wall fourth. Tutass also found himself in fifth place in the 500-yard freestyle final.

The ECAC meet was the conclusion of the season for many on the team. However, the top 17 swimmers, as well as three divers, will be traveling to Princeton next week to compete at the Ivy Championships. This final meet of the year will determine the rankings for the Ancient Eight.

—Rebeka Cohan

## Harvard falters, Princeton reigns again

BY RYAN YOUNG

*Spectator Staff Writer*

Another weekend, another upset to shake up the top of the Ivy League standings. Yale pulled out a thrilling victory over Harvard on Saturday night, handing the Crimson just its second league loss of the season. Princeton took care of business to hop back in to first place, setting up the critical matchup next weekend at Harvard. With the weekend sweep for Yale and split for Penn, the Bulldogs took over third place in the Ivy standings.

### YALE 70, HARVARD 69

Coming off just a three point win over the Bulldogs (14-12, 7-5 Ivy) three weeks ago, it was clear a win at New Haven on Saturday night would be no sure thing for Harvard (21-5, 10-2 Ivy). Indeed the game remained tight until the end. With 41 seconds remaining, freshman forward Jeremiah Kreisberg's layup gave Yale a 70-69 victory, and led to the raucous Yale crowd storming the court.

Sophomore guard Austin Morgan led the way for Yale with 16 points, and junior forward Greg Mangano had a game-high 13 rebounds. Sophomore guard Christian Webster's 22 point performance for Harvard turned out not to be enough. The Bulldogs only turned the ball over three times the entire game.

### HARVARD 74, BROWN 68

The previous night in Providence was not easy for the Crimson either, as they had to overcome an 11-point halftime deficit to beat the Bears (11-15, 4-8 Ivy). Junior guard Oliver McNally led the Harvard charge with 20 points, while his classmate forward Keith Wright added his twelfth double-double of the season. Brown sophomore forward Tucker Halpern scored 29 points in the loss.

### PRINCETON 84, CORNELL 66

The Tigers (22-5, 10-1 Ivy) bounced back from their first loss of the season last weekend with a comfortable victory over the Big Red (8-18, 4-8 Ivy) at Jadwin Gymnasium, where Princeton remain undefeated this year. Princeton shot 33-53 from the field, its best shooting game in six years. Sophomore forward Ian Hummer turned in an impressive performance with 20 points and 9 rebounds for the Tigers. After Princeton's win over Columbia the following evening, the Tigers took over first place from Harvard by a half-game.

### YALE 79, DARTMOUTH 75 (OT)

The Bulldogs played another nail-biter on Friday night against Dartmouth (5-21, 1-11 Ivy). Senior guard Porter Braswell led the Bulldogs with 19 points and went eight-for-eight from the line to contribute to the clutch free throw shooting which won the game for Yale in overtime. Kreisberg put forth another

clutch effort for the Bulldogs, scoring 14 points and earning Ivy Rookie of the Week honors. All 11 of Yale's league games this season have been decided by single digits, seven of them by five points or less. With the pair of tight wins this weekend, the Bulldogs hopped over Penn into third place in the Ivy standings by just half a game.

### CORNELL 74, PENN 72

The Quakers (12-13, 6-5 Ivy) lost possession of third place because of their defeat by the Big Red at the Palestra on Saturday night. Senior forward Mark Coury hit the game-winning jumper with 35 seconds left for the Big Red and scored a game-high 13 points. The Quakers' offensive success was limited to just a few players, as guards freshman Miles Cartwright, junior Zack Rosen, and senior Tyler Bernardini combined to score 59 of the 72 Penn points. With the win, Cornell swept Penn this season.

### BROWN 100, DARTMOUTH 76

No, that is not a typo—the Bears reached triple digits in their final home game of the year, the first time they have scored 100 points in seven years. Senior guard Adrian Williams scored a season-high 26 points and knocked down seven three-pointers in the final home game of his Brown career. Five Bears recorded double-digit point totals on senior night. Dartmouth was not able to win on the road in the Ivy League this year.

## Lions win at home, struggle away

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Home is where the wins are—at least for the Columbia women's basketball team. The Lions (6-20, 5-7 Ivy) have won games only at Levien Gymnasium this year, going 6-2 in their final eight home contests.

On Friday night, Columbia began its final home weekend with a 61-54 victory over Penn. With the win, the Lions ended one streak and extended another. The victory was both Columbia's first since losing four straight games and its fourth in a row at Levien Gymnasium.

"I can't discount that," head coach Paul Nixon said in a post-game interview, when asked about how playing at home factored into the win. "We're obviously good here."

How good is good? Consider that Columbia's first game against Penn, on Feb. 12 in Philadelphia, ended as a 60-40 loss for the Lions. In that contest, Penn opened the second half with a 12-1 run to turn a 25-25 tie into a 37-26 advantage. The Quakers led the rest of the way.

In the rematch, it was Columbia that went on a second-half run—a 21-4 run, to be exact. That gave the Lions a lead that they did not relinquish.

"Coming back home, playing at home, is always an advantage," junior guard Melissa Shafer said after the game. Shafer scored a team-high 15 points after going scoreless against Penn at the Palestra.

The Lions returned to Levien this past weekend after a four-game road swing that included the loss at Penn. The night before that contest, on Feb. 11, Columbia suffered a 57-35 loss at Princeton. The Lions continued to struggle the following weekend, falling 63-51 at Dartmouth on Feb. 18 and 77-46 at Harvard on Feb. 19.

Not only did Columbia lose by 31 points to Harvard, but the Lions did so after coming within one point of a victory against the Crimson at Levien. On Jan. 28, Columbia dropped a 69-68 heartbreaker to Harvard. Three Columbia players scored in double figures, and the Lions hit 40.3 percent of their field goals.

Columbia's 12-point loss at Dartmouth came after the Lions beat the Big Green by six points, 67-61, at home on Jan. 29. At Levien, senior forward Lauren Dwyer led Columbia with 19 points. On the road, she did not score.

Though Columbia split its season series with Penn, the Lions could not do the same with Princeton. On Saturday night, they suffered a 65-52 loss to the Tigers. Still, Columbia was more competitive at home against Princeton than it had been on the road.

"We had a great crowd," Dwyer said after the loss. "We definitely appreciated the energy that was in the gym."

That energy also helped the Lions to a weekend sweep in early February. On Feb. 4, Columbia rolled to a 72-49 win over Brown. The following night, the Lions achieved a 67-57 victory against Yale.

The game against Yale was Columbia's "Pink Zone Night," part of a nationwide program to raise breast cancer awareness and money for breast cancer research. The night is designed to attract fans, and, according to a Feb. 6 press release from Columbia Athletics, 1,248 spectators saw the Lions face the Bulldogs.

Now, the Lions have to try to beat Yale and Brown on the road, away from friendly crowds and confines. Columbia travels to New Haven on Friday and Providence on Saturday for its final two games of the season.

