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**HELPFUL HACKING** | Application Development Initiative member Justin Hines, CC '13 (bottom right), helped organize HackColumbia this weekend.

## Annual CU Assassins game kicks off, expands to include BC

BY HALLIE NELL SWANSON  
*Spectator Staff Writer*

On Saturday at 11:42 p.m., a team called Brocahantus shot its target.

In their kill report, one of the team members wrote, “Upon opening the door we saw his sleeping body across the room, nestled beneath his covers. I crept stealthily through his room to his bed, where he lay in

a protective sleeping position.

“I momentarily paused when seeing the peaceful, unsuspecting look on his face,” the testimony confessed. “But alas, all good dreams must come to an end; he was shot dead in his own bed.”

Brocahantus is one of 39 teams competing in the annual CU Assassins game. Battling for \$700 in prize money, participants form teams of four, are

armed with water pistols, and are assigned another team as targets. When they have killed all the members of that team, they are then assigned to the targets of the now-dead team.

The game lasts four weeks, during which time assassins must develop increasingly stealthy tactics to avoid the squirt of water to the back that signifies a death and, thus, a loss in the game.

Organized every year by the Engineering Student Council as part of Engineering Week, CU Assassins started at midnight on Saturday.

For the first time this year, the game is open to Barnard students. Siddhant Bhatt, SEAS '14 and ESC Vice President of Finance said that ESC opened the game to Barnard students because the council wanted to generate more attention and

expand the number of teams playing.

“We didn’t have Barnard students participate because CC and SEAS students have to be signed in to their dorms and vice-versa,” Bhatt said, “but we basically thought, whatever, if it’s tougher it’s tougher. Big deal.” He estimates that about 50 percent of participants in CU

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## Forum talks potential for African businesses

BY CAMILLE BAPTISTA  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

Today’s professionals are afraid to start businesses in Africa, panelists said at Columbia’s 10th Annual African Economic Forum on Saturday.

Yet more than 500 young entrepreneurs came out to the two-day conference, organized almost entirely by Columbia graduate students, to hear 46 speakers from different backgrounds discuss the continent’s potential for entrepreneurship.

“The question that’s been given is, can Africa compete?” Chris Cleverly, founder and CEO of Made in Africa, a non-profit that finances African businesses, said. “It’s not really a question—I think it’s purely rhetorical. Africa must compete.”

Cleverly noted that Africa has an abundance of natural resources and low wage rates in comparison to China, which has a successful business community.

“We have certain advantages in Africa that don’t exist in China,” Cleverly said. “We must seek to exploit those.”

In the same panel, Tim

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## USenate considers banning smoking on M’side campus

BY CECILIA REYES  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

At its latest plenary, the University Senate discussed a proposed resolution from the Task Force on Smoking Policy, which, if passed, would effectively ban smoking from the Morningside campus but is still subject to change.

The senate also discussed the push for the creation of more and better cessation programs. Although University Senator Brendan O’Flaherty, an economics professor, stressed that the proposal was a “rezoning,” many audience members contended the placement of the designated smoking areas.

“We can call it anything we want,” University Senator Jessica Angelson, a student in the School of Nursing, said, “but this amounts to a full ban.”

The task force unanimously supports the draft, and the senate will vote on the recommendation during the next plenary meeting.

Additionally, the senate discussed sequestration and how the cuts would affect the University.

University President Lee Bollinger began the meeting by addressing the email from Executive Vice President for Research Michael Purdy that was sent to all faculty members the night before, in which the effects that sequestrations would have on the University were evaluated, concluding that the effects would eventually be felt

over the long term. “It’s not trivial by any means,” Bollinger said. “We’re like everyone else in the country, trying to think this through.”

In response to an audience member’s concern that faculty members would begin to be fired on March 31 without proper funding, Provost John Coatsworth said that while the short-term outlook did not look grim, “the real problem is going to come when federal grants run out and new grants are funded in different ways.”

The Student Affairs Committee presented a short report on the status of open course evaluations since the resolution to implement them passed by a vote of 44-12 in April 2012. The resolution suggested creating a two-year rollout period and making new instructors and TAs exempt from the open evaluations.

“Early on, I became accustomed to really severe criticism from students, and I’ve survived and I’ve improved,” Bollinger said. “These are not easy to do, but I think it’s extremely important to the culture of the place that we’re very open about this.”

University Senator Matthew Chou, CC ’14, noted that “a lot of schools have been looking to find a model,” and this has made taking the first steps difficult because schools are not willing to lead the way.

Three schools that have taken steps toward open course

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## Mayoral candidates spar at forum in Harlem

BY CHRIS MEYER  
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Mayoral candidates clashed at a public forum in Harlem focusing on low-income New Yorkers last Thursday, prompting a series of exchanges over sensitive political issues ranging from stop-and-frisk to City Council Speaker Christine Quinn’s decision to block a vote on paid sick leave for city workers.

Michael Walrond, senior pastor of the First Corinthian Baptist Church, which hosted the debate, was quick to set the stage for the event, hailing it as an example to city leaders

that “you cannot lead this city and turn a blind eye to pain.” Candidates took a populist approach to the night, often taking shots at “the elite” and “corporate interests” in New York.

“This is the wealthiest city in the world, where people have been kept in poverty by the people who are in control,” Comptroller John Liu said.

The job performance of Mayor Michael Bloomberg came under even heavier scrutiny, and a chorus of boos greeted an initial question from moderator Brian Lehrer about the mayor’s record thus far.

Former Bronx Borough President and candidate Adolfo

Carrión was among those who praised Bloomberg’s work in the tourism and high-tech industries.

The issues of wealth disparities and economic growth, or what former Comptroller and mayoral candidate Bill Thompson called “economic justice,” defined the opening exchanges of the forum. David Jones, president of the Community Service Society of New York, called the city’s income gap a “spiral that, if left unchecked, will make our lives a living hell.”

Quinn faced a lukewarm

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**ON THE ISSUES** | Candidates in New York City’s mayoral race debated contested political issues from stop-and-frisk to paid sick leave at a forum in Harlem on Thursday night.

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Columbia’s investments defy our global duty to reduce fossil fuel use.

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WTF Columbia helps students communicate their problems.



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#### Lions split final home weekend

Men’s basketball handily won its game over Yale on Friday, but lost to Brown on a buzzer-beating try Saturday night.

### EVENTS

#### Feminist to the Core

A talk by Professor Jean Howard exploring feminist approaches to King Lear. 754 Schermerhorn Extension, 12 p.m.

#### Screening of ‘The Iran Job’

The Iranian Students Association hosts a screening and Q&A with the director. Roone Arledge Cinema, 6:30 p.m.

### WEATHER

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#### Tomorrow



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**GREAT DEBATE** | Mayoral candidates, including City Comptroller John Liu (l.) and City Council Speaker Christine Quinn (third from l.), disagreed over the impact of paid sick leave on Thursday.

Candidates highlight wealth gap as major issue

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reception throughout the event, and often chose to focus on her legislative experience when arguing a point. She was challenged on her opposition to paid sick leave by almost every candidate.

Lehrer intervened after the first round of questioning to ask Quinn how she would determine when the economy would be ready for sick leave or minimum wage legislation, prompting her to reply that she and her colleagues were “evaluating that, but we could not say now.”

Liu was quick to respond. “There is no research to suggest that paid sick leave is bad for the economy,” he said.

Liu was also at the center of the evening’s next major confrontation, which focused on the recent proposal from President Barack Obama, CC ’83, to raise the minimum wage to \$9 per hour. When Liu proposed an increase to \$11.50 per hour, he

received some of the loudest applause of the night.

“I would rather have my teenage son frisked than out there with guns on the street.”

—Tom Allon, newspaper publisher and mayoral candidate

However, the proposal received little endorsement from the other members of the panel. Thompson suggested “pegging the minimum wage to the cost of living and being done with it,” while former City Council candidate Sal Albanese argued that such a large increase in the cost of labor would harm the growth

of small businesses.

A debate over the police’s controversial stop-and-frisk policy brought out the last major differences of the evening. Though most candidates called for reforms to the program, and the audience responded enthusiastically after Liu proposed abolishing it entirely, newspaper publisher and candidate Tom Allon drew the most negative reaction of the evening when he called officials like New York City Police Commissioner Ray Kelly “heroes to the city.”

“I would rather have my teenage son frisked than out there with guns on the street,” Allon said.

Although candidates touched a number of themes in their closing statements, many returned to economic equality and the importance of education, with Quinn saying she wanted to make New York “synonymous with literacy.”

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**OUT OF AFRICA** | From left, Hinh Dinh, Tim McCollum, Chid Liberty, and Chris Cleverly discuss the future of Africa’s manufacturing sector at an economics forum on Saturday.

Panelists advocate tapping into Africa’s resources

**AFRICAN BUSINESS from front page**

McCollum, a former Peace Corps volunteer and founder of Madécasse, a Madagascar-based chocolate company, said that better utilizing available resources could promote economic growth.

McCollum said that Africa produces 70 percent of the world’s cocoa, but “the statistical equivalent of zero percent” of its chocolate.

“The global cocoa industry, it’s worth \$5 billion,” McCollum said. “The global chocolate industry is worth \$105 billion. You see where I’m going with this.”

Other panelists said that collaboration between new businesses and African governments would be necessary to help address the specific needs of these countries.

“You’ve got to work through the existing system,” said Michelle Inkley, associate director of education, health, and community development at the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

Hinh Dinh, chief economist of the World Bank, agreed. “Success would require seamless cooperation between the two sectors,” he said.

The conference was organized by students from the Business School, the Law School, the Mailman School of Public Health, and the School of International Public Affairs, with help from prominent African culture groups on campus. Along with the panel on entrepreneurship, it featured panels on urbanization, health care, and social media.

Bodunde Onemola, Public Health ’13, was responsible for coordinating the speakers for the health care panel, in addition to overseeing the coordination of the other eight panels.

“Everyone was doing, I think, something slightly different in the field of public health care,” Onemola said.

For the entrepreneurs in the audience, the panels provided insight into the growing business scene in the continent.

“It was a chance for me to get educated about some of the big trends and big changes, and the issues that are facing the African continent,” said Dhruv Jaggia, a software solutions agent at IBM.

Jaggia added that IBM is looking to invest more in Africa, and as a new employee, he hoped that attending the conference would equip

him with the knowledge to contribute.

Eyerusalem Zewdie, a designer whose company has a manufacturing base in Ethiopia, was inspired by the business owners who spoke at the panel on manufacturing, as they were entrepreneurs much like herself.

“Hearing everything, you know, they were saying, and how they started and where it is now, gives me a lot more courage to continue the work that I’m doing,” Zewdie said.

“I’ve been to panels like this a lot,” she added. “It’s always good to know what’s going on.”

Nathan Kwadade, GS ’10 and a current entrepreneur, appreciated that the conference highlighted that both American and African businesses were working to solve these economic problems.

“We have foreign-based innovators from U.S.-backed sources, and then you have local people from Ghana and Nigeria who are also from the inside, solving the same problem,” Kwadade said. “So that gave a very unique perspective.”

Dinh agreed, saying that “these are precious words from people directly involved in the field.”

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ATHENA POWER TALKS

WITH SHEILA NEVINS '60

7 PM

Event Oval, The Diana Center

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EYE PIECE

3 PM (Saturday) & 8 PM

Minor Latham Playhouse, 118 Milbank Hall

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FRANCIS POULENC'S GLORIA

8 PM

Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, Broadway at West 66th Street

03/13

A CONVERSATION WITH

CHRISTINE QUINN

6:30 PM

Event Oval, The Diana Center

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THATCamp FEMINISMS EAST

10 AM–5 PM

Registration in Barnard Hall

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AFRICA IN BRAZIL

6 PM

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

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DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP & THE PUBLIC GOOD

6:30 PM

James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

MARY GORDON, RICHARD PANEK & MAGGIE POUNCEY

7 PM

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ON HUMAN BONDAGE IN ANCIENT EGYPT

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# Divestment, power, and social justice

BY DANIELA LAPIDOUS

What is “student power”? It took me a long time to begin to understand what that means, despite being surrounded by people who invoke it often. When we work on divestment, demanding that Columbia and Barnard stop investing our endowments in the fossil fuel industry, we discuss that it is only one of many important tools in the broader movement for climate justice and student power. (Power. It sounds funny when you say it a few times.)

I believe power means that students have the ability to identify problems and solve them in the face of bureaucratic and institutional obstacles. It means setting a goal and having the communication network, the strategy, the physical numbers, and the commitment to achieve it. It means the fair representation of students in political and social issues. It means building the society we want rather than simply accepting the society into which we were born.

Right now, Barnard Columbia Divest and 255 other college divestment campaigns across the country are building student power through work on one goal: destruction of the fossil fuel industry. More than the nebulous concept of “our planet,” it is our people who will not survive the continued action of an industry whose business plan directly pollutes air, dirties water, sickens and kills life, displaces entire countries, and maintains a stranglehold on U.S. and global politics.

It is easy to understand intellectually the industry’s connection to the climate chaos that looms over us. Google and the oft-cited 97 percent of climate scientists who agree on the matter will tell you all you need to know. People who live in frontline communities can tell the personal stories, from the residents of the disappearing Maldives to the residents of Butler County in Pennsylvania, who literally have to ration donations of bottled water each week because their tap water has been poisoned by hydrofracking.

It is easy to learn, but much harder to accept, that the fossil fuel industry is, indeed, destroying the planet, because it obligates each of us to speak out against an institution that pervades our society from the Senate floor to the streets. It’s scary as hell, I know. I’m scared.

Fortunately, we have each other and infinite reasons to unite for this fight. I was at the student divestment convergence of more than 77 schools at Swarthmore College last weekend, where environmental justice activist Lilian Molina said: “We don’t have the luxury to focus on just one issue.” Divestment is a tool to bring us one step closer to climate justice, the concept that the color of your skin, the money you have, your gender, your birthplace, or any other part of your human identity should not affect your access to clean air, clean water, clean food, and your potential to be happy and healthy. It is very obviously not just about “environmentalism.” Divestment and climate justice are equally about fighting racism, sexism, clas-

sism, and all kinds of socioeconomic injustices. Global climate change’s natural phenomena affect most those who have contributed the least to the problem, and the problem’s factories spew their toxic gases disproportionately into marginalized communities, even in the United States. The Earth Institute hosted an “Adapting to a Changing Climate” panel last Tuesday night. I asked about the University divesting investments in fossil fuels and felt the moderator disliked my question. I would have liked those present to reflect on the fact that Hurricane Sandy left thousands of New York City’s poorest people homeless, while the Earth Institute stood unshaken and continued to be funded by an organization invested in fossil fuels. In the words of anti-mountaintop removal activist Dustin Steele, “When you fight oppression anywhere, you fight oppression everywhere.” This means there’s a place at the climate justice table for everyone, from the low-income resident of a coal-mining town, to the student who wants to go to school without immense debt, to the Wall Street investor tired of an 80-hour workweek that supports our existing economic structure. It means that our battles are intertwined, from fighting the Keystone XL pipeline to making sure that underrepresented voices get heard in an organizing workshop. It means the erasure of “your” win and “my” win.

So, with climate justice in mind, Barnard Columbia Divest calls upon the student body to recognize the intersectionalities of our lives, passions, and frustrations, and to join the fight for divestment from fossil fuels as an ethically and financially sound decision. And we call upon the Board of Trustees and the administrations of Columbia University and Barnard College either to engage in winning a collaborative victory for the climate justice movement with Barnard Columbia Divest, or to get out of the way. This is student power.

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# Democratic problem-solving

BY JARED ODESSKY

Communication is a nebulous term, but it lies at the heart of what prevents Columbia from being an easy place to navigate. Resources are always available somewhere on Columbia’s many websites, but they are impossible to find in a crunch. Offices point us to other offices, which direct us to more offices, until we simply give up on trying to drop a class or plan an event. Email responses can be sporadic, jaded students delete emails anyway, and none of us has time to fill out campuswide surveys or feedback forms for every service or department we use. With such tremendous hurdles in place, how can we fix Columbia?

As vice president for communications of the Columbia College Student Council, it has been my committee’s task to devise ways to gather feedback and connect students to the administration, to the council, and to one another in an effort to correct Columbia’s pressing issues. Traditionally, this role has been executed by hosting dinners with administrators, collecting grievances in the dining halls and on the ramps, and waiting for emails to arrive in the CCSC inbox. Inevitably, this provided the council with a skewed vision of what students really want to see happen on campus. Without a data-driven means to gauge needs and concerns, council members and administrators have often just taken on issues that they find personally compelling.

What To Fix Columbia revolutionizes the way that Columbia’s councils operate. Released by the Communications Committee on Feb. 24, WTF Columbia functions as a crowdsourcing website where students can post issues and ideas they have to improve life on campus. By creating an account using a Columbia or Barnard email address, other students can then upvote, downvote, discuss, and subscribe to issues that they care about. This creates an active priority list for the councils and the administration, providing a snapshot of not only what should be investigated, but also what should be tackled first. Once an issue gets enough support, our moderators will move it to the “In Review” section while the council weighs options. After the councils choose a solution, it will be moved to “In Progress.” At the end of the process,

it will be marked as “Complete.” In this way, WTF allows students, professors, and administrators to stay abreast of the council’s progress and also preserves institutional memory by allowing students to look through past issues and see what steps were taken to solve them.

Of course, there is the issue of anonymity. Every post on WTF Columbia is attached to the author’s UNI, which is important for moderation as well as for collaboration. As students work to plan events and change policies, WTF can connect them by showing who else is interested in their ideas. However, for sensitive issues, students have the option to submit an anonymous post using the “Talk to CCSC” button on yourCCSC.com. If students indicate in the box that they want to see the idea go up on WTF Columbia, we will post it using the Communications Committee account.

## WTF allows students, professors, and administrators to stay abreast of the council’s progress.

We have also paired WTF with a second platform, the how-to guides on WikiCU.com, accessible via the WikiCU homepage. Many complaints that council members hear stem not from major policy faults, but rather processes that can be communicated more effectively. For instance, if you want to figure out how to obtain a guest pass, add Dining Dollars, and configure LionMail for your phone, you would currently have to go to three different websites, relying on Google to help you find them. The guides on WikiCU.com will provide helpful, step-by-step information on Columbia’s idiosyncratic mysteries. We hope that these how-to guides will flourish as students and administrators add and edit pages so others do not have to reinvent the wheel.

These two platforms cannot solve everything. Some issues that permeate our campus culture extend beyond the scope of simple fixes and what student councils can feasibly tackle. However, small steps can go a long way in making student life easier and helping everyone navigate life inside Columbia’s gates. If nothing else, it’s a good way to start the conversation.

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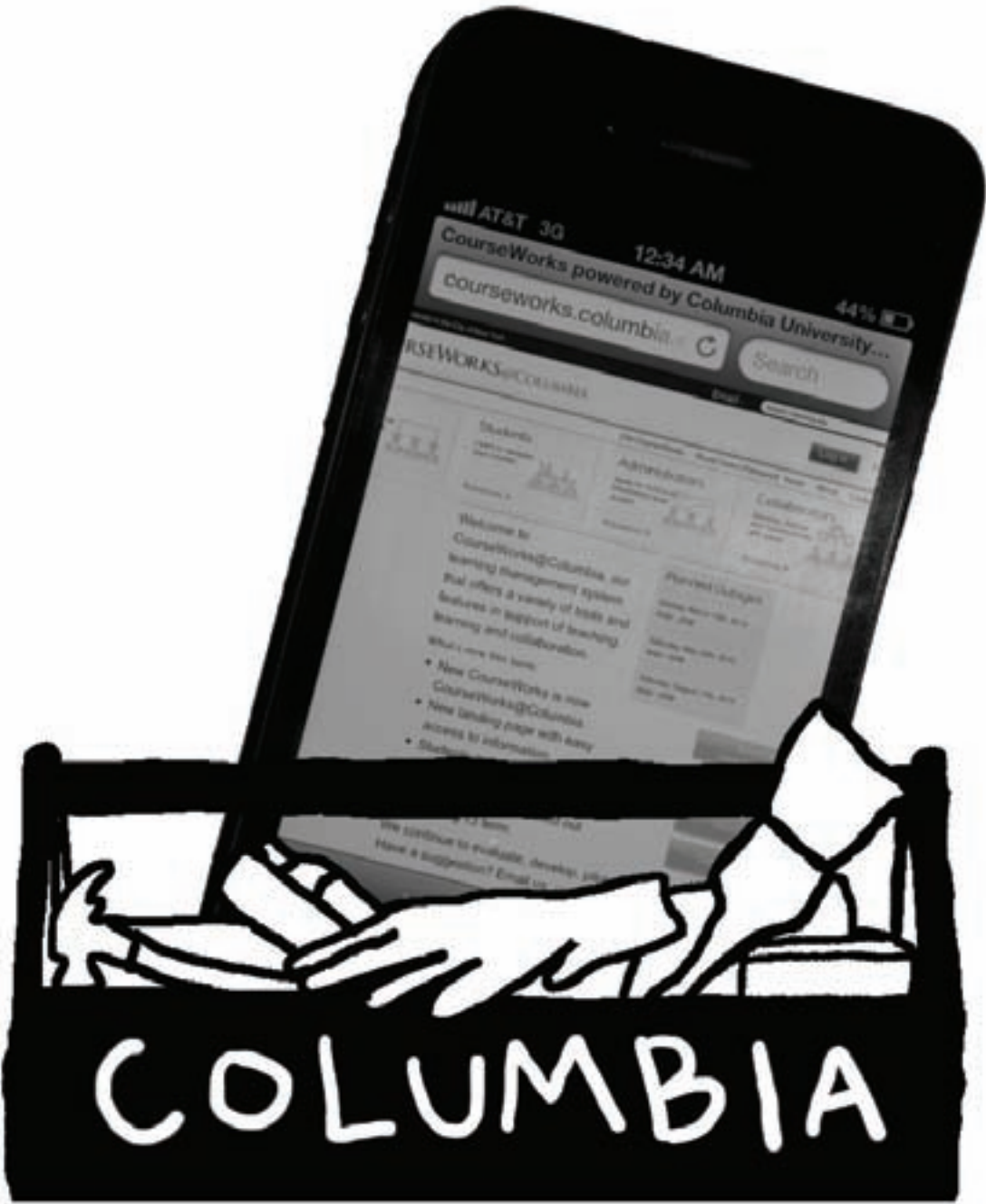


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STAFF EDITORIAL

# Reading religion into the Core

The purpose of the Core Curriculum is to spark meaningful discussion and debate among peers. “Symposium” inspires us to think seriously about love and education, “The Social Contract” about our role within the state, and “The Republic” about the very essence of knowledge. Just as these texts are integral aspects of the Core experience, so, too, are foundational religious texts—the Gospels, the Hebrew Bible, and the Quran—that provide us with insight into some of the roots of Western civilization. Wednesday night’s Veritas Forum created a much-needed opportunity for students to speak about the role of these texts in Literature Humanities and Contemporary Civilization, and this dialogue should inspire instructors and administrators to better integrate these religious texts into the Core experience.

The Core currently attempts to differentiate the religious, literary, and philosophical dimensions of these works, allowing us to focus solely on the literary and philosophical. However, this separation is unattainable. The very reason these texts are on our syllabuses is that they have had profound, lasting impacts upon the modern world—and without their religious meaning, the full extent of this influence disappears. Thus, instructors and students must be prepared to grapple with issues of religion during discussion, even if it is not the primary focus. Rather than attempting to wholly secularize these texts, students and professors should recognize their original religious contexts and be prepared to approach the texts respectfully while taking context into consideration.

Of course, bringing up issues of faith in the classroom may risk making certain students uncomfortable. And yet, the purpose of scholarly inquiry—and particularly, of the Core Curriculum—necessitates such an experience, in which our basic assumptions and beliefs will come under scrutiny. Rather than shying away from these important discussions, we should embrace

them and be prepared to have our beliefs challenged.

This process necessarily involves everyone in the classroom. For instructors, this means framing the discussion in a respectful and comprehensive manner so that it does not deteriorate into an inquisition. For students who have previously studied the texts in a religious context or who ascribe to the faiths of the works, this includes tolerating other perspectives and being willing to listen to others’ thoughts without immediately taking offense. And for all students, this means not letting the religious context of these texts impede thoughtful conversation. Discussions in the classroom should not devolve into awkward silences or violent disagreements simply because we are too afraid of offending someone to speak or too stubborn to examine our own values.

According to the mission of the Core, the selected texts are meant to help students in “the pursuit and the fulfillment of meaningful lives.” As long as faith remains a tenet of this pursuit for some students, religion merits sincere and open discussion in Core classrooms.

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# Women win first road game in 2 years

BY LAURA ALLEN  
*Spectator Staff Writer*

Brown guard Ellise Sharpe had one second left to save the game for the Bears (9-17, 3-9 Ivy) when she let go of a shot behind the arc. But instead of sending the game to overtime, the shot was off, and left her senior teammates winless in their last game at home. The Light Blue (4-21, 2-9 Ivy) defeated the Bears 58-55 on Saturday night.

The game stands as the team's first road victory in two years, a nice consolation for its 66-49 fall at Yale (12-14, 7-5 Ivy) on Friday.

During the Yale game, an assist from guard Janna Graf to Megan Vasquez put the first points of the game on the scoreboard. Graf ultimately tallied 19 points, six rebounds, and three assists to lead her team.

The first half jolted back and forth until guard Allie Messimer hit a trey with 7:35 to put the Elis up, 20-17. From then on, Yale never lost the lead, capitalizing on Columbia's 34.6 percent shooting performance.

"I thought we did a very, very poor job just as a team collectively of finishing our short shots around the rim," Light Blue head coach Paul Nixon said. "I thought offensively we did a really good job of executing the plays to the point where we were getting the layups that we should've been getting when we were on offense, but we just did not hit those."

The scoreless possessions allowed Yale to push the ball out faster than the Lions could keep up in transition defense. With fewer than 13 minutes left in the second half, the Bulldogs began an 18-6 run to seal the victory and improve its Ivy record to above .500.

But fortunately for the Lions, the next day's contest was a different story.

"I thought our energy was tremendous. We talked about the fact that it was Brown's Senior Night, and that they were going to come out with a ton of



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**TERIFFIC TYLER** | Tyler Simpson led her team in Providence, scoring 26 points en route to the Lions' first road win.

emotion," Nixon said. "We knew especially that their best player, Sheila Dixon, would really come out of the gate super strong."

And Dixon did, scoring 16 of her 20 points in the first 20 minutes. But senior guard Tyler Simpson outlasted her, sinking 26 points as the night's top scorer.

A suspenseful first half opened the meeting, enduring eight lead changes and six ties. The last knot came with a minute left, when Simpson dropped a jumper in the paint to match Brown, 27-27.

Brown guard Lauren Clarke responded with a layup 15 seconds later. Dixon followed with her own drive to put the Bears ahead 31-27 at halftime. The pair had combined for 27, matching the Lions by the time the buzzer sounded.

"We talked about that at halftime and really challenged everyone. And, you know, we were able to hold them to a combined nine points in the second half. I

think that's what allowed us to come back and take the win," Nixon said.

Columbia indeed came back in the back end of the game, after falling behind by nine points. Though junior Taylor Ward tied it up to 31 two minutes into the second half, Brown held Columbia scoreless for four minutes thereafter.

Simpson finally broke the spell with a jump shot at the 14:30 mark. The Light Blue chipped away for five more minutes until sophomore Caitlyn Unsworth put the team within four points of the opponent.

"We really felt like we'd got a chance to not just stay competitive, but to come back and really win this game when Caitlyn Unsworth came in off the bench and hit those two three-pointers for us in the second half," Nixon said.

Simpson then added two foul shots to put the squad ahead for good.

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# CU enjoys success around East Coast

BY MELISSA CHEUNG  
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The men's and women's indoor track and field teams split up and competed in a trio of meets this weekend around the East Coast. It was the athletes' final tune-up before the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Arkansas next Friday. Three athletes participated in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference IC4A Championships in Boston, Mass.; three jumpers competed in the Virginia Tech Final Qualifier; and multiple Lions stayed home for the Columbia Final Qualifying Meet, in which two school records were broken.

In Boston, junior Marvelous Iheukwumere raced in the 60-meter and 200-meter dashes and finished in seventh and sixth places, respectively. Joining Iheukwumere in the ECAC/IC4A Championships were freshmen Iris Chijioke and Nnenna Okwara on the women's side, and junior Duncan

Dickerson on the men's side. Chijioke took 18th place in the preliminary heat of the 60-meter hurdles, while Okwara and Dickerson both competed in the weight throw. Dickerson took 17th place.

The trio of Light Blue jumpers at the Virginia Tech Final Qualifier had the chance to improve on their best performances of the season and better their chance of earning a spot in Arkansas. In the long jump, senior Uju Ofoche claimed 13th place. In the triple jump, senior QueenDenise Okeke and sophomore Nadia Eke finished in third and sixth places, respectively, a testament to their consistently impressive showings in the event.

For many athletes who did not make a trip this weekend, the competition stayed in New York for the Columbia Final Qualifier Meet. In a field of high-level squads, the Lions had many dominant showings in a variety of events on both the men's and women's sides.

On the men's side, senior Mark Feigen came in second place in the 3,000-meter race, breaking a school record with a time of 8:04.12. Feigen raced

alongside seven teammates, including seniors Leighton Spencer and Mike Murphy and junior Nico Composto, who claimed third, ninth, and 10th places, respectively. The Columbia men were particularly strong in other distance events as well, namely the 800-meter run and the mile. Junior Harrison McFann and sophomores Connor Clafin and Brendon Fish went 1-2-3 in the 800-meter run, while sophomore Daniel Everett reached the podium with a second-place finish in the mile run. In the short-distance events, freshman Yelnats Calvin finished seventh in the 200-meter dash and sophomore Sahir Raoof taking ninth in the 400-meter dash.

The women broke another school record with junior Trina Bills' 2:07.59 finish in the 800-meter run, landing her in ninth place. The women had five top-10 finishes in total, with particular strength in the mile race, where senior Erin Gillingham finished in sixth place.

The Light Blue will compete in its final meet of the season at the indoor NCAA Nationals on Friday in Arkansas.

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**RUNNING WILD** | Connor Clafin and Harrison McFann finished at the top in the men's 800.

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# Women’s swimming takes third place at Ivies

BY CHARLOTTE MURTISHAW  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

PRINCETON, N.J.—Headed into the final night of the 2013 Ivy League Championships, women’s swimming and diving knew what to expect. Based on point-scoring potentials, the Lions were solidly embanked in third place. They had the lead in front of a straggling Yale that had little chance of catching up, and they were trailing Princeton and Harvard, both fighting for first.

Still, that did little to put a damper on the team’s spirits. The women had yet another night of record-breaking swims to finish the meet in third, improving upon the team’s fourth-place finish from last year and racked up the most points Columbia has ever scored at the meet.

“There are lots of things that can change very quickly at the meet. So I think until the end, we’re fighting like we were chasing the teams ahead of us,” assistant coach Michael Sabala said. “We also wanted to prove Columbia swimming is obviously better than it’s ever been, and we’re also closer to Harvard and Princeton than we’ve ever been before. We’re closer to the top than we’ve ever been.”

Ten school records were broken over the course of the weekend as all four relay teams dominated. Junior Alena Kluge and seniors Katie Meili and Kristina Parsons also each swam new personal bests.

Parsons improved her 100 fly record

to 53.89 in prelims, later swimming a 54.13 to tie for third place, while Kluge broke her own record in the 200 backstroke with a time of 1:58.89. Leading the 400 medley relay, she also set a new 100 back record to pave the way for the program’s fastest-ever performance in the event, and she participated in the record-setting 800 free relay.

Her phenomenal performance didn’t end with school records, but also included personal bests and NCAA B-cuts, as Kluge took second in the 200 individual medley, becoming just the fourth Ivy woman to break the two-minute barrier in the event. She was crowned the 400 I.M. champion with a close win over Harvard’s defending champion, Courtney Otto.

“Once the season started, she wanted to get that win. She wanted that championship, and she worked really hard for it,” Sabala said. “She had an incredible race, she capitalized on the opportunity and the momentum she had built, and she was fantastic.”

Predictably, it was program standout Meili who headlined for the Lions, ultimately earning both the Swimmer of the Meet and Career High Point scorer awards. She shattered three of her own school records and two of her conference records over three successive nights. Her 200 I.M. performance, at 1:55.09, broke Olympian Natalie Coughlin’s old pool record and currently clocks in as the sixth-fastest in the country. Additionally, her 100 breast mark of 58.44 gave her a three-second victory over sophomore teammate and runner-up Mikaila Gaffey, and currently stands as the fourth fastest

in the nation. In the 200 breaststroke, she finished just .04 off the Ivy record. Already an All-American, Meili will head to the NCAA at the end of the month to compete on an even larger scale.

“Katie is so hardworking and so good at the right moments. She’s practiced that. She’s practiced being the best at challenging times, and she was incredible,” Sabala said. Because of her participation in all four relays, Meili ended the championship with her name as a part of seven new school records.

“It was a total success. It was fun, it was fast, and the women were tremendously impressive,” Sabala said. “It was incredibly successful and incredibly fun, and it’s also the most competitive the meet has ever been.”

Sabala also pointed to the program’s success as an agent of change in their philosophy.

“Our focus as a team is national,” he said. “That’s our goal. That’s a shift in culture for us. Several years ago, the thought was that the team completed its season at Ivy. But actually, because everyone’s still training, everyone’s still in the water, everyone is still there every day through NCAAs, our team season ends then.

“Our final ranking, our final finish is determined by how we do at NCAAs and whether that’s one athlete or five athletes or 10 athletes,” he said.

Parson’s and Kluge’s B-cuts give them the hope of joining Meili in Indianapolis after the NCAA committee determines the cutoffs.

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**THEY’RE JUST BEIN’ MEILI** | Senior Katie Meili (bottom) broke three school records and two conference records over the weekend at Ivies. The performance earned the senior the Swimmer of the Meet and Career High Point scorer awards.

# Lions finish home season with a heartbreaker

**MEN’S BASKETBALL**  
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blocks, and two steals in his 29 minutes. He and the other Lions guards had a lot of success driving to the rim.

“Penetration just worked,” he said. “Once I made my first points, I just gained more confidence.”

Lo and sophomore forward Alex Rosenberg added that the team’s other points of focus, though, were the keys to the 59-46 win, which came just 13 days after a 75-56 loss in New Haven.

“They got us bad last time, so we had to switch up our mentality and be more focused on defense, rebounding, and taking care of the ball, and it worked out,” Rosenberg said.

Those three keys helped Columbia continue its strong play through 20 minutes against Brown the following night and carry a 31-20 lead into half-time. The defense, though, failed the team in the second half, allowing 41 points. Brown shot 14 of 22 from the field, made 17 trips to the free-throw

line, and won 61-58.

Although there were many possessions in which the Lions failed to get a defensive stop, the final one sealed the game. On the previous possession, with the Lions down by two and under five seconds left, Rosenberg attempted a tough shot that missed, but drew a foul. He hit both free throws, and with just 3.2 seconds left, it looked like the game would head to overtime, tied at 58.

But Brown called a timeout, and an inbounds play from the left side of mid-court found Bears forward Tucker Halpern briefly open on the right side. He hit the long three as the clock expired.

Smith said he thought the Bears would run that play for Halpern, since they used the same one to beat Providence earlier this year. Thus, he put Daniels, who he called the team’s “toughest guy,” on Halpern for the final play.

“I said, ‘Don’t switch or anything, fight through everything,’” Smith said.

“J.D. [Daniels] kind of lost sight of the ball.”

Although Bears guard Matt Sullivan was not the one connecting for the game-winning trey this time, he was again key in his team’s comeback. He scored 11 points in the second half and 17 overall while playing all 40 minutes, and added six steals as well.

“Everyone had good energy before,” Barbour said. “We just gotta find a way to be tougher. You can’t teach toughness. You just have to do it.”

“We really did it to ourselves. We didn’t guard,” Smith said. He added that Brown head coach Mike Martin likely played a key role, as the Bears were able to get to the rim during the second half. They drew 15 fouls on Columbia and outrebounded the hosts, 17-11—canceling the efforts of Barbour, who scored a game-high 18 points and added five steals.

Columbia finishes its season next weekend at Harvard and Dartmouth.

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# Lack of results indicates a new voice needed

**ANDREWS** from back page

continue to float on previous successes, leading his team to increasingly poor records with nothing but past memories to keep the fans amused.

I believe that we are at this point with Paul Nixon, head coach of Columbia’s women’s basketball team. There is little doubt that Nixon is a wonderful person and a popular leader for his team. He did guide the program to its winningest season in history four years ago behind the remarkably talented Judie Lomax. And, having attended at least 25 women’s games in the last three years, I can tell you that the effort of our student-athletes on the team is not to be questioned. I do not relish calling for a change in leadership.

But the stats don’t lie—for the last three years, the Lions have simply not produced on the court. This year, the team is 4-21, which means that they are just marginally set to improve on last year’s abysmal 3-25 mark. Over the last three years, the team has posted a .206 winning percentage. For comparison’s sake, the much-maligned football team has a .363 winning percentage of its games over the same time span.

This year’s team is getting beaten in every facet of the game. They are outscored, on average, by 14 points every game. They manage seven fewer rebounds than their opponents every game. They are not very good at shooting threes (26 percent) or frees (59 percent).

Most unpleasantly, Nixon’s Lions are simply getting blown out in some of these games. On Feb. 22, Princeton scored 98 points against CU, a full 62 more than the Lions were able to score. Last year, they suffered a similar 94-35 loss to the Tigers on the road. Defeats of this nature are simply unacceptable—no team should ever lose by 60 points to a division rival unless the sport is bowling or cricket. Alexander Hamilton would be rolling in his grave if he saw these results. (He also might be confused by what basketball is, but that’s irrelevant.)

Nixon’s public comments suggest that he consistently overestimates his team. This week, he told Spectator that his use of timeouts was making a big difference in their ability to stop runs, describing the team as suffering from “an overall lack of confidence.” But in his preseason interview, Nixon said that this year’s team would be “more experienced” than last year’s and already had “great chemistry.” (Not to mention that blaming the team’s struggles on timeout usage is like if Norries Wilson had tried to save his job by saying the Lions just needed to get better at punting.)

Every week, we are told that the team is just one little tweak or improvement away from contending for an Ivy title. But the facts seem pretty clear—Nixon has not brought enough talent to Morningside Heights, and over the last few years he has not been able to get even a modicum of success out of the talent he does have.

With the opening of the Campbell Sports Center and the promising hires of Pete Mangurian and Kyle Smith, Athletic Director M. Dianne Murphy has repeatedly declared this the beginning of a “new era” in Columbia athletics. And hopefully we’ll soon see the clearest evidence of a new era—Ivy League championships. But a new era of success also means holding coaches accountable for their failures and refusing to accept disastrous seasons, much less two of them.

It is time for a new coach for women’s basketball. It is time for Paul Nixon to go.

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Went 0-4 against Lamar



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### SOFTBALL

Lehigh	3
Columbia	2



### SOFTBALL

Iona	1
Columbia	2



### SOFTBALL

Towson	3
Columbia	0



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Nearly 20 top-10 finishes in ECAC/IC4A, VA Tech, and CU Final Qualifier



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Second place for men and women at Ivies



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### SQUASH

Five players competed in CSA Individual Nationals.

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OUTTA HERE | Seniors Mike Fischer and Alex Black had a home run each in a winless weekend.

## Lions get thrashed for rough weekend

BY ELI SCHULTZ  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

The baseball season got off to a rocky start this weekend for the Lions, as Columbia (0-4) suffered a four-game sweep at the hands of Lamar (11-2).



Columbia struggled offensively in games 1 and 4, managing just one run between the two contests, and though the bats got going in games 2 and 3, the Light Blue pitching staff was unable to keep the Cardinal bats in check.

Junior lefty David Speer got the nod in the Lions' season opener on Friday and posted a solid line, giving up just three earned runs in seven innings of work. But Speer did not get any support from his offense, as Lamar's Eric

Harrington threw a complete game and allowed just one run. Columbia ultimately fell 5-1 with the lone score coming off an RBI single by senior designated hitter Eric Williams.

Columbia's lineup came to life the next day, as the Light Blue offense plated five runs in each game of Saturday's doubleheader. Senior first baseman Alex Black led the way for Columbia in the first contest of the day, reaching base four times and tallying a homer and a double in a 2-2 performance at the dish.

But junior righty Joey Donino, who started for the Lions, struggled on the hill and allowed Lamar to jump out to an early lead. Donino was pulled in the second inning after allowing four earned runs in just one inning of work, and Columbia ultimately fell 7-5.

The Lions scored five runs in the nightcap as well, but once

again were unable to come away with a win.

After junior lefty Joey Gandolfo gave up five runs in five innings, Zack Tax came in to relieve, but he was unable to stop the bleeding. The junior righty gave up three more runs in two innings on the hill, as the Light Blue ended up on the losing end of a 9-5 decision.

Sunday's game was the most lopsided, as Columbia was unable to score in support of a solid outing by senior righty, Tim Giel. The Lions' ace gave up three runs in six innings and struck out four Cardinals, but Lamar's David Carver did even better, tossing six shutout innings.

With the Lions' bats silent, the Cardinals cruised to a 6-0 victory, and Columbia left Beaumont, Texas empty-handed.

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### SPORTS BRIEFLY

#### LACROSSE

After starting the game down 5-0, Columbia lacrosse found a way to climb out of the deficit, only to fall in a triple-overtime thriller to Brown (2-0, 1-0 Ivy), 11-10.

Though the Lions (1-2, 0-1) played a lackadaisical first half, they emerged after the break playing with renewed conviction, racking up goals on a 4-0 run to keep the game competitive. With just 1:15 left in regulation, goals by senior Kelly Buechel and junior Paige Cuscovitch managed to tie up the score and send the game into overtime.

With goals by Brown's Bre Hudgins and Lions senior Kacie Johnson, the score remained knotted up after the first overtime. Junior goalie Skylar Dabbar, who had eight saves on the day, made another major stop to keep the game even. The score remained tied until just two seconds left in the third overtime period, when the Bears' Lindsay Minges scored off an assist by Tara Rooke to escape with their first win in Ivy play.

The Lions, having lost two straight games, will next take the field on Saturday against Cornell for their first Ivy home game.

—Robert Mitchell

#### SQUASH

The men's and women's squash programs sent five players to the College Squash Association Individual Nationals competition in Hartford, Conn. over the weekend. Though three players won their first matches of competition, no Lion made it out of a second.

For the men, fourth-seeded sophomore Ramit Tandon took his first two matches to advance in the A Division, but could not make it past Bates' Khalek Abdel in his quest for the Pool Trophy. Sophomore Mohamed AbdelMaksoud received a bye for the first round of the B Division and won his first match to get to the round of 16. But Noah Browne of Amherst took him out the next day in four games. Though senior Tony Zou lost his first match, he finished runner-up in the consolation bracket.

For women, freshman Reyna Pacheco won three rounds to advance in the Holleran Cup, but ultimately dropped her match on Saturday. On Friday morning, Pacheco swept Tufts' Jessica Rubine and then went on to defeat Penn's Chloe Blacker in four sets. But on Saturday, Princeton's Alexis Saunders sent Pacheco home, after what was still an impressive outing for a freshman. Sophomore Alisha Maity was defeated in her first match on Friday against Cornell's Lindsay Seginson.

—Mollie Galchus

#### WOMEN'S TENNIS

On Saturday, women's tennis earned its third consecutive victory with a 6-1 blowout of Stony Brook at the Dick Savitt Tennis Center. The Lions, now 5-3, are No. 46 in the country—the program's highest ranking in history. Against the Seawolves, the Light Blue continued to perform like a top-50 team, taking the doubles point and five out of six singles matches. In first doubles, the duo of junior Bianca Sanon and freshman Kanika Vaidya, ranked No. 29 in the country, topped Polina Movchan and Jackie Altansarnai by a score of 8-3. The Seawolves earned their sole point in the first singles match, as Stony Brook's Nini Lagvilava topped Columbia senior Nicole Bartnik in a tight 4-6, 6-4, 10-8 contest. This Friday, the Lions will return to the Dick Savitt Tennis Center to face Fordham.

—Ike Clemente Kitman

#### MEN'S TENNIS

Fresh from receiving its new No. 33 ranking, the men's tennis team hosted George Washington this past Friday in what became a closely contested matchup. Although Columbia had handily defeated No. 50 George Washington by a 4-2 margin just a few weeks ago at the ECAC Team Championships in Ithaca, the story of Friday's match was quite different. The Colonials would not go down without a fight this time as they came out of the gate swinging, winning two out of the three doubles matches to secure the first point. An 8-1 victory by the No. 22 tandem of Ashok Narayana and Max Schnur was quickly undermined by the subpar performances of the other doubles pairs, Winston Lin and Nathaniel Gerry, and Dragos Ignat and Eric Rubin, who both lost their doubles matches 8-4. Facing an 0-1 hole, the Lions had to rely on singles play to avoid the upset.

Rubin quickly closed the gap, avenging his doubles defeat to Leonardo Lapentti, with a 6-0, 6-1 win in the No. 5 match. Rubin's fellow freshman and doubles teammate Ignat was not able to follow suit as he fell to Nikita Fomin 6-3, 6-2. The back-and-forth match continued as Lions sophomore Bert Vancura tied the score at 2-2, winning the No. 6 match 7-5, 6-4.

With the momentum on their side, the Lions never looked back, as Lin and Max Schnur secured the victory with a pair of straight set wins, prevailing in the No. 1 and No. 4 matches, respectively, 7-6(4), 7-5 and 7-6(9), 6-4.

After a grind-it-out win, the Lions will welcome St. John's to the Dick Savitt Tennis Center on Friday.

—Alexander Bernstein

# MONDAY MORNING POINT GUARD

## week #5

### GAME 1

#### GAME BALL

The first game ball goes to the Light Blue's Maodo Lo. The freshman guard was electric against Yale, putting up 20 points on 9/15 shooting from the field, including 2/5 from behind the arc. In his 29 minutes of work, Lo showed his court vision with pinpoint passes to total three assists, along with strong defensive work with two steals and three blocks.



## GAME 2

### GAME BALL

The second game ball of the weekend goes to Brown forward Tucker Halpern.

With 1.1 seconds left and the game tied at 58, Halpern received a cross-court pass, evaded Columbia's John Daniels, and hit a shot from behind the arc that silenced Levien and ended the contest. Though Halpern only had eight points in his 30 minutes of work, he made the shot when his team needed it the most.

### TURNING POINT

After tying the game up at 36 with 12:53 to go in the second half, the Lions went on a 16-2 run to take control of the game. Maodo Lo put the exclamation point on the run with his shot from behind the arc, assisted by senior guard Brian Barbour.

### TURNING POINT

The Lions held an 11-point lead going into the half, but allowed Brown to get back into the game with sloppy play and fouls. Brown's Matt Sullivan tied the game at 49 with 6:41 to go, and from there, the Light Blue could never regain its strong grip on the contest.

### TOP PERFORMER

#### ALEX ROSENBERG

Rosenberg had a strong game on the boards, as he took down 10 rebounds in the win over Yale. He also had nine points and an assist in his 33 minutes on the court.

### TOP PERFORMER

#### BRIAN BARBOUR

The senior had a game-high 18 points in 33 minutes of work on Senior Night, going 5/8 from the field, including 3/4 from behind the arc. He added five steals and two assists in the effort.

### IVY STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT
Princeton	9	2	0.818
Harvard	9	3	0.750
Brown	6	6	.500
Yale	6	6	.500
Penn	5	6	.455
Cornell	5	7	.417
Columbia	4	8	.333
Dartmouth	3	9	.250

### IVY SCOREBOARD

Princeton	58
Harvard	53
Brown	84
Cornell	65
Dartmouth	69
Penn	64
Penn	75
Harvard	72
Princeton	68
Dartmouth	63
Yale	79
Cornell	70

### PIXBOX STANDINGS: WEEK 5

1	Rebeka Cohan	18-12
1	Sam Tydings	18-12
3	Peter Andrews	16-14
3	Melissa Cheung	16-14
5	Minnia Feng	15-15
6	Alexander Bernstein	14-16
6	Eric Wong	14-16
8	Muneeb Alam	13-17
9	Tyler Benedict	11-19

### IVY SCHEDULE

 GAME ONE AT CORNELL W 67-58	 GAME TWO VS. CORNELL L 66-63
 GAME THREE AT PENN L 62-58	 GAME FOUR AT PRINCETON L 72-66
 GAME FIVE VS. DARTMOUTH L 60-57	 GAME SIX VS. HARVARD W 78-63
 GAME SEVEN AT BROWN L 58-55	 GAME EIGHT AT YALE L 75-56
 GAME NINE VS. PRINCETON L 65-40	 GAME TEN VS. PENN W 58-41
 GAME ELEVEN VS. YALE W 59-46	 GAME TWELVE VS. BROWN L 61-58
 GAME THIRTEEN AT HARVARD 3/8, 7 P.M.	 GAME FOURTEEN AT DARTMOUTH 3/9, 7 P.M.



It's time: Fire Paul Nixon

Every evening, heading back to my “flat” on the “tube” here in “London,” I grab a copy of the Evening Standard, the widely read free newspaper. I flip to the back, where about six pages are dedicated to the most recent dramas in football.



PETER ANDREWS  
Lion in London

There are two managers in the hot seat right now. One is Chelsea's Rafa Benitez—hired in November, it's possible he won't even make it out of his fourth month on the job. The manager before him (Roberto De Matteo, himself a midseason replacement) hadn't accomplished anything other than winning the European Champions League, allowing Chelsea to claim the title of best team in Europe. But the standard for success at Chelsea is impossibly high—both from the oligarch owner and the ferocious fans.

On the other hand is Arsenal's Arsène Wenger. Hired in 1996, Wenger revolutionized English football, bringing an attacking mentality to the Gunners that culminated with an undefeated season in the 2004-05 Premier League. Since then, however, Arsenal hasn't won a trophy, as star player after star player moves on to greener pastures. Despite the team finishing in the top four every year Wenger has been at the club, some fans are wondering whether it's time for a new voice at Arsenal.

I mention these two men to point out how difficult it is to evaluate when a new coach is needed. Sometimes you can be too quick with the hook, like a jumpy manager in Game 7 who pulls his starter after four batters. Alexander Bernstein rightly warned against this mentality in his column last week. But it can be just as dangerous to let a coach

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Men's basketball splits final home contests of season



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DEAN'S LIST | Senior Dean Kowalski drives it to the hoop as Columbia out-hustles Yale for a 59-46 victory.

BY MUNEEB ALAM  
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Just as it did two weeks ago, the men's basketball team (12-14, 4-8 Ivy) held an 11-point lead over Brown (12-14, 6-6 Ivy) at halftime after an impressive win in its previous game. Just as they did two weeks ago, the Bears made a comeback thanks to Columbia's weak defense and Brown's strong shooting. And just as they did two weeks ago, the Lions lost on a three-ball in the game's final seconds.

YALE	46
COLUMBIA	59
BROWN	61
COLUMBIA	58

What made this loss more painful, head coach Kyle Smith said, was that it happened on Senior Night—the final home game for seniors Brian Barbour, Dean Kowalski, Mark Cisco, and John Daniels.

The weekend started relatively well. Although the team had some issues with fouls in the first half against Yale (12-17, 6-6 Ivy) on Friday—the Bulldogs held a 10-point edge in free throws made at the break—Columbia otherwise held even or outplayed the visitors. This was especially apparent at the defensive end, as the Light Blue forced Yale to take several low-percentage, awkward shots.

In the second half, the Lions were more disciplined, keeping the foul count down while getting fired up on the field. Columbia shot 65 percent in the final 20 minutes, turning a five-point deficit into a 19-point edge before a couple of late threes from Yale cut it to 13.

Freshman guard Maodo Lo was key in this performance, scoring 16 of his game-high 20 points in the second half. He also added three assists, three

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