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No sanctions for IRC after full review

BY SARAH DARVILLE
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The Intercultural Resource Center will face no sanctions in the wake of a University review following the December drug bust, a University spokesperson announced on Friday.

Of the five students arrested in December for selling drugs on campus, four of them were members of Pi Kappa Alpha, Psi Upsilon, or Alpha Epsilon Pi. The fifth, Chris Coles, CC '12, allegedly sold marijuana from the IRC, where he lived.

The IRC, which operates out of a brownstone on 114th Street, will be permitted to function as it has in the past—a much different result than that of the investigation into the fraternities, which will lose their brownstones. The fraternities will also have only probationary recognition from the University for the next three years, in addition to facing social probation until fall 2011 and required three-year improvement plans.

“These events have certainly shaken our community. However, they have allowed us to examine and reevaluate the interpersonal communication within our walls,” IRC residents said in a joint statement on Saturday.

The two reviews were conducted by Terry Martinez, dean of community development and multicultural affairs, who focused



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REVIEW RESULTS | The IRC, unlike three of the fraternities, will keep its 114th Street brownstone.

Man shot to death at NoCo Lounge on Columbus and 109th

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A man was fatally shot early Sunday morning in front of NoCo Lounge on Columbus Avenue near 109th Street.

Floyd Miller, 25, was shot in front of the club (formerly known as La Negrita) around 3:30 a.m. He then walked into Harlem Hospital with a bullet wound in the torso, an NYPD spokesperson said. Miller died shortly afterward.

According to the Daily News, the shooting happened after an argument in the club led to a fistfight, prompting onlookers to call 911 just as Miller was shot.

The Daily News reported that investigators believe the gunman left the scene in a car, heading uptown.

Police said there have been no arrests thus far and no one else was wounded in the incident.

“My son was a loving, caring, outgoing person,” Miller’s mother told the Daily News. “He was killed for no reason.”

A NoCo employee refused to comment on the events. On Sunday afternoon, the area was quiet, with local businesses claiming nothing seemed unusual.

“We didn’t know about it until somebody earlier came in and told us,” said an employee from Hunan Chen’s Kitchen, a Chinese restaurant next to NoCo.

Similarly, an employee from Mirror Image Unisex Salon said when she arrived at 10 a.m. Sunday morning, she only saw the investigators leaving the scene.

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NIGHTTIME CHAOS | A man was shot outside NoCo, a club on Columbus Avenue and 109th Street, early on Sunday morning.

Statistics show shootings in public housing increase

BY DANIELLE GRIERSON AND DAPHNE CHEN
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When Naomi Nowelle goes to visit her two daughters living in the Grant Houses, she is careful to always be aware of her surroundings.

“No matter where you go, you don’t feel safe,” she said.

Despite having lived in the public housing development, located on Amsterdam Avenue around 125th Street, until six years ago, she is frightened by the crime that surrounds it—a problem that statistics show is increasing.

According to data from the New York Police Department, there were 48 shooting incidents in the city’s public housing in 2010, a 55 percent increase from the 31 shootings in 2009.

Those statistics led State Senator Bill Perkins to hold an emergency meeting with the New York City Housing Authority and Tenants Association presidents in February.

“This is a threat to residents and to the surrounding area, especially to the public schools adjacent to public housing,” Perkins said, adding that communication among residents, public housing leadership, and the police will help solve the problem.

James Harper, the community affairs officer for the 26th precinct, said that statistics indicating an increase in public housing crime may reflect a displacement of crime from other locations, since he hasn’t noticed an overall increase.

“Crime in general is down,” Harper said of the 26th precinct, which includes parts of Morningside Heights and West Harlem.

Harper said that arbitrarily increasing stop and frisk

practices isn’t an appropriate response to the statistics, but increasing the police force’s numbers might help.

Perkins has agreed, calling for more security cameras and more police.

But Tula Rivera, a resident of Manhattanville Houses—a block of public housing bounded by Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue between 126th and 133rd streets—said that solution would only be temporary.

“More police would help, but at the same time, how long are they going to stick around to help us?” Rivera said.

Grant Houses Tenants Association President Sara Martin said that the city is going to have to do more than just increase security measures to make a true impact on crime in public housing.

“The point is people are accustomed to living in a certain way—you give them a place to live, they’re still going to live that way,” Martin said. “Cleaning up the homeless, streaming them into public housing, causes increased crime.”

Residents agreed that the crime problem is a complicated one.

“We’re in a highly populated area, and it’s a place where you don’t know your neighbors, who’s coming to visit who,” Nowelle said. “People have no respect for the safety of residents, like keeping the doors locked. I’ve seen people just pull them open. There’s a lack of respect for authority.”

George Holden, who has lived at the Grant Houses for about 50 years, agreed that a minimal sense of community and low engagement between officers and residents is at the

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Schools’ support for ROTC return varies

Survey shows an overall 60-40 split in favor of program’s return

BY SAMMY ROTH
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A clear majority of students who answered a University Senate survey support ROTC’s return to Columbia, but numbers released Friday paint a more complex picture of student opinion—showing significant differences between schools and concern about discrimination in the military.

Sixty percent of students who filled out the eight-question survey said they would support a return of the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps to Columbia. GS, SIPA, and SEAS students overwhelmingly favored ROTC’s return, by margins of 71-23, 66-28, and 70-23, respectively. A majority of CC students supported ROTC as well, but by a narrower margin of 59 percent in support to 35 percent in opposition.

The survey was sent to students in Columbia College, the School of Engineering and Applied Science, the School of General Studies, Barnard College, and the School of International and Public Affairs.

Barnard was the only school to oppose ROTC. Forty-seven percent of Barnard students said they would disapprove of ROTC’s return, while 42 percent said they would approve of it.

Astronomy professor James Applegate, an ROTC supporter and a member of the senate task force that conducted the survey, said he had thought the survey would show majority approval of ROTC, although he expected it to garner more than 60 percent support.

“I lost a sandwich on a bet, I thought it [ROTC support] would be a bit bigger,” he said. “My guess was 75 percent.”

The survey also asked respondents whether they support military practices in light of Columbia’s nondiscrimination policy. Many have said that ROTC would violate Columbia’s nondiscrimination policy because the military bars transgendered individuals from serving.

Thirty-nine percent of those surveyed were either unsupportive or somewhat unsupportive of the military in the context of Columbia’s nondiscrimination policy, compared to 37 percent who were supportive or somewhat supportive. Thirteen percent said they were neither supportive nor unsupportive, and 11 percent had no opinion.

Avi Edelman, CC ’11 and president of Everyone Allied Against Homophobia, who has spoken

out against ROTC’s return on the grounds that the program is discriminatory, said he was encouraged by these results.

“There is a recognition on campus that there are some fundamental incompatibilities with our nondiscrimination policy,” Edelman said.

These results, too, were divided by school, with pluralities of students in SEAS, SIPA, and GS supportive or somewhat supportive, and pluralities of students in CC and Barnard unsupportive or somewhat unsupportive.

PARTICIPATION AND IDENTITY

The survey had a 19 percent participation rate overall, but this number varied from school to school. CC had the highest participation rate at 25 percent, and SIPA had the lowest participation rate at 11 percent.

Columbia Queer Alliance president Sean Udell, president of the class of 2011 and an ROTC opponent, said that the poll’s low participation rate renders it meaningless.

“All that says then, is that the survey is entirely irrelevant statistically, and in all other ways,” he said.

Only 307 students in GS—which is home to about 150 military veterans—voted in the survey, for a participation rate of 15 percent. This was the second-lowest participation rate among the five schools surveyed.

Brendan Rooney, GS and the president of Columbia’s Military Veterans group, said it is possible many GS students did not respond to the survey because they did not know about it. Rooney said that he himself did not fill out the survey, because he never saw the email containing the link to it.

“I didn’t see that survey, in all honesty,” Rooney said. “I don’t know, maybe it got put into my spam box, or maybe I just missed it.”

The senate report, released by the task force on Friday, March 4, also included a list of statements which task force members unanimously endorsed, including “Our current relationships with the military enrich the Columbia community.” Several hundred veterans are enrolled at Columbia, and GS participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program, a financial aid program for veterans.

“People felt as though

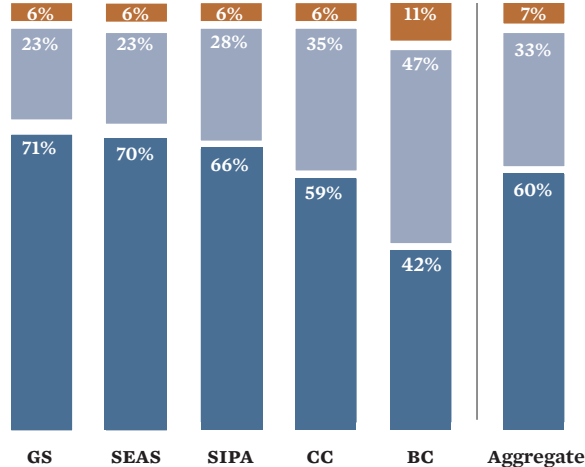
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ROTC SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN

Responses to Survey Question 1:

I _____ of a return of ROTC to Columbia’s campuses.

■ Approve
■ Disapprove
■ Don’t know/No opinion



*Data provided did not add up to 100 percent

DATA COURTESY OF TASK FORCE ON MILITARY ENGAGEMENT / GRAPHIC BY REBECCA SCHWARZ

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My big frat Greek party

By rendering Frat Row frat-less, we are losing a key aspect of Columbia’s social life.

Benefits of ROTC

Bringing ROTC to campus would bring fresh opinions to the military.



SPORTS, BACK PAGE

Lions finish third at champs, break records

The Columbia men’s swimming team broke four school records this weekend, with seniors Adam Powell and Hyun Lee awarded with special tournament recognition.

EVENTS

The Future of North Korea

Learn more about North Korea from the director of the Center for Korean Research—plus Dinosaur BBQ.

Lerner Hall, Satow Room, 6:30-8 p.m.

Lunchtime Concert

A string quartet will perform music by Charles Ives and Virgil Thomson.

Philosophy Hall, 12:30 p.m.

WEATHER

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Tomorrow



48°/32°

Despite last term’s censure, 80-year-old Rangel shows no signs of slowing down, let alone retirement

BY DAPHNE CHEN
Spectator Staff Writer

Democratic Representative Charles Rangel definitely hasn't given up on his political career, even after ethics inquiries plagued his last term in Congress. In recent weeks, he has spoken on behalf of health care reform, given opening remarks to the Ways & Means Committee hearing on President Obama's 2012 budget, and encouraged constituents to use the IRS's free tax filing programs. And despite his House censure last December, the 80-year-old Congressman, who represents northern Manhattan, filed a statement of candidacy for 2012 with the Federal Election Commission on Feb. 14. This has come as a surprise to many who took Rangel's recent remarks to media about his age and potential successors as hints of impending retirement. "He's never insinuated that he's retiring anytime soon," spokesperson Elbert Garcia said. "I think it's more that some people just naturally figure he should be retiring."

Rangel was found guilty of 11 ethics violations last year, including failure to report income from his Dominican villa and improper use of several Harlem apartments he was renting at below-market rates. The censure resulted in his resignation as the chair of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee. In an effort to raise money for his legal fees, Rangel also announced the creation of the Charles B. Rangel Legal Expense Trust, which was approved by the House Ethics Committee in December. "This is all going to be properly reported and properly recorded," said Bob Liff, a spokesperson for Rangel's campaign. "It's as transparent as you can be



FILE PHOTO

CELEBRATION | Representative Charlie Rangel celebrates after winning the Democratic primary election last September 14. He has filed to run for another term.

in this business. There are outstanding issues that require him to be prepared to respond to, and that is precisely what this is set up to do." Liff may be referring to the conservative watchdog group, the National Legal and Policy Center, which has filed many complaints against Rangel with the FEC, IRS, and House Ethics Committee. NLPC President Peter Flaherty called Rangel "a shadow of his former self" "We will continue to monitor and research his corrupt finances and relationships and we do expect to have more on him, which we'll make public at the appropriate time," Flaherty said. "We

believe there's corruption that's not been exposed, and we intend to expose it." Rangel's filing comes a year ahead of the deadline, which has prompted speculation about his intentions. "People might think that he'll have serious rivals this time, but I suspect that the early filing is a way to preempt them and say, 'I'm running again,'" political science professor Robert Erickson said. However, others say that this is nothing new. "He's always filed as early as he did," Garcia said. "That's par for the course." So far, Rangel has not publicly announced his intent to run for

his twenty-second term, but has all but confirmed it to several media outlets. On Feb. 23, the Congressman gave an interview to Inside City Hall in which he said, "When it's time to file, they say, 'Are you in or out?' I am in." *daphne.chen@columbiaspectator.com*



FILE PHOTO

CRIME ALERT | A rise in shootings in New York's public housing system, including Grant Houses on Broadway near 125th Street, has politicians calling for additional police officers and cameras.

Cutting crime in public housing complicated, residents say

HOUSING from front page

heart of the problem. "The police are not community police anymore," Holden said. "When I was a kid, the police used to know the neighborhood and whose kids were whose, how to handle different people differently. Now none of them know us. Better community patrolling is the solution to crime, because right now they have no idea what this community is like." Public housing complexes, which can include dozens of buildings, have historically been hot spots for crime, and not everyone sees it as an increasing problem. Martin said she hasn't noticed anything out of the ordinary. "It goes up and down," she said. Gloria Allen, another tenants association president at Grant Houses, also said she hasn't noticed an increase in crime. *news@columbiaspectator.com*

IRC will retain 114th Street brownstone

IRC from front page

on the fraternities' and the IRC's operations over the last four years. The spokesperson said in an email that because IRC residents are chosen based on yearly applications, not membership in an organization, "We [Student Affairs] made a greater distinction between the actions of one individual and the activities of the organization. Furthermore, our review revealed that the IRC's contributions to the Columbia community over the past several years have been overwhelmingly positive."

"The IRC provides a space for students from marginalized communities."

—IRC residents

Following task force’s report, final USenate debates on ROTC return likely in April

ROTC from front page

generally Columbia's relationship with the military is one that is positive, and one that we would not want to change," task force co-chair Ron Mazor, CC '09, Law '12, said. Forty percent of survey respondents said that Columbia's current relationship with the military supports or somewhat supports Columbia's identity, and 24 percent said it neither supports nor detracts from Columbia's identity. Thirty-five percent said the relationship detracts or somewhat detracts from Columbia's identity. The task force also received 113 emails about ROTC, 65 from students, 28 from faculty and staff, and 20 from alumni. Eighty-eight of the emails expressed support for ROTC, and 25 expressed opposition.

CONTINUED DEBATE

The University Senate began debating the question of whether to invite ROTC back to Columbia at its full body meeting Friday afternoon. The co-chairs of the task force, which also hosted three town hall meetings on ROTC, summarized their findings and then took questions. Several faculty members expressed concern that the task force had not provided details of how an ROTC program at Columbia would be structured, saying it was unclear who would be responsible for creating an ROTC curriculum and how professors for an ROTC program would be appointed. Task force co-chair Roosevelt Montas, CC '95, MA '96, PhD '04, and associate dean for the core curriculum, told concerned senators that Columbia would control the structure of the program, a statement echoed in the task force's report. "Academic appointment and course credit must remain under complete control of the faculty of Columbia, and never under ROTC or the military," Montas said. "So every subsequent discussion of the issue has had that as an assumption, as a premise." At one point during the meeting, MilVets President Rooney—who is not a senator—attempted to speak, at which point several senators objected. Senate rules require unanimous consent for a non-senator to be allowed to speak. Applegate said he was very surprised that Rooney was denied unanimous consent. "That's the first time in 15

years in the senate I've ever seen someone denied unanimous consent," Applegate said. "That is unusual." Rooney said later that not being allowed to speak was "a little disturbing." He said he might have understood being denied unanimous consent if he had previously expressed a strong point of view on ROTC, but he noted that MilVets has declined to take a stance on the issue. University senator Tim Qin, SEAS '13, said he was one of the senators who did not give consent for Rooney to speak. He explained that in his mind, allowing one non-senator to speak might have led to many non-senators speaking. There were more observers than usual present at the meeting. "If you let one person speak, it would be unfair to not let other people speak," Qin said. "And that just brings a whole host of problems." Applegate noted that in 2005, each University Senate debate on ROTC began with an agreement of unanimous consent to let non-senators speak. He plans to suggest that this policy be followed in future University Senate ROTC debates, he said.

FUTURE VOTE

Those final debates will

weight, it is not the only important part of this debate." Udell said that regardless of the results of the poll, Columbia's nondiscrimination policy should prevent ROTC from coming back. He noted that when a 2003 poll of CC students showed 65 percent favored ROTC's return, the administration chose not to follow the results because the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which prevented gays from serving openly, was still in place. "Nothing had changed in my mind, because the military still discriminates," Udell said. "So I would hope that the administration uses that same judgment." Applegate, too, said the survey numbers should not be the determining factors in senators' decisions. While the survey results and the balance of emails largely supported his pro-ROTC point of view, he said it's up to every senator to look at the evidence and make up his or her own mind. "I don't think the senate has the obligation ... to vote the way a survey goes, or vote the way an email goes," Applegate said. "This is something with which one votes one's conscience." *sammy.roth@columbiaspectator.com*

In a prior statement from Student Affairs, the review of the fraternities was described as including "history of service and philanthropic activities, evidence of contributions to the greater community, Greek Judicial Board records, academic and judicial records, and prior incident reports." In a later statement, a spokesperson said that the IRC had been given the same considerations. Last week, Martinez said she found during her reviews that residents of the IRC had cleaner records than members of the three fraternities. "There were far fewer judicial issues with members of the IRC—significantly less—and significantly fewer issues with academic probation," she said. IRC residents credited their history of programming with the University's decision to allow the center to remain open. "On a weekly basis, we coordinate events such as community discussions, performances, art galleries, and service opportunities. The IRC provides a space for students from marginalized communities to feel safe, valued, and empowered on this campus. The loss of such a space would have been a detriment to Columbia," residents said in the statement. *sarah.darville@columbiaspectator.com*

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Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

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On ROTC

BY JAGDISH BHAGWATI

The Senate has already reported in favor of reinstating ROTC at Columbia. Yet, as I look through the transcript of the hearings, I cannot help feeling that many objections reflect fears that are not justified. In support, and in the hope that those who lost may still be converted rather than remain aggrieved, I can do no better than to draw on my personal experience with the issues at hand.

Our only daughter, Anu, studied English Literature at Yale, and, after one semester at Columbia, chose to join the Marine Corps (under the Officer Candidate Program, which draws in graduates). After five years, she left as Captain. She then joined Kennedy School at Harvard and studied Human Rights for two years with Michael Ignatieff and others. She then founded her own NGO, titled SWAN (Service Women's Action Network), to assist military women, having witnessed first hand the acute problems afflicting women in the armed forces. She has been doing great work, testifying occasionally in the Congress, helping draft legislation, fighting against Don't Ask Don't Tell, writing op-eds, appearing on TV shows, and much more.

Some weeks ago, she reached a different level, when SWAN brought a class action lawsuit against the Department of Defense and Secretaries Gates and Rumsfeld on behalf of 16 assaulted women (and two men). She gave a powerful press conference at the National Press Club, followed by appearances on CNN with Wolf Blitzer, Kyra Phillips etc., National News on NBC with Isikoff, and even Piers Morgan for over half an hour. She also made it to New York Times and Washington Post print editions and to shows worldwide with an extensive AP interview. SWAN has additionally brought a lawsuit with the ACLU, asking for the release of information by the DOD on assaults against women in the military—she should win.

I say this not only because we are proud of her accomplishments—particularly since they are based on social engagement

that characterized our own parents almost 100 years ago, and are the jewel in the crown of the State of Gujarat from which we come, as did Mahatma Gandhi—but because it shows that none of what Anu has accomplished would have happened if she had not joined the Marines in the first place.

The strongest argument for ROTC, now that DADT has been defeated and will go within a year for sure, is that ROTC is one more, and indeed an important, way people like Anu are brought into the military. We need a first-rate military, where the diverse undergraduates and graduates of our universities enroll and bring open and lively minds, and the habit of seeking virtue as they see it to their chosen vocations.

I should add that familiarity breeds contempt, but contempt does not breed familiarity. In my experience, schools like West Point are staffed by faculty with some of the finest degrees—one economics professor is a former MIT student of mine. The splendid students there are also exposed to a lively exchange of views on our foreign policy issues and dilemmas, and to human rights questions. Anu just lectured there. So did the Human Rights professor Peter Rosenblum of the Law School.

Unfortunately, few critics of our military on campus, who are among the most militant critics of ROTC, are aware of these realities, and proceed from the stereotypes that the military trains brutal men programmed only to kill, and that our military is an enforcing instrument in the service of our “imperialistic” ambitions. The fact is that the American empire is an amalgam of three varieties: empire by example (think of Tiananmen Square and Middle East in the last month); empire by invitation (think of World War II); and empire by stealth (think of CIA-led sedition). The last is indeed deplorable. But if we are to fight its incidence successfully, we better get more of our young like Anu into the military where they can put their shoulders to the wheel, alongside ours, to counter it.

The author is University Professor of Economics and Law. He signed the letter circulated by the Faculty in favor of reinstating ROTC and circulated a personal letter as well, on which this op-ed is based.



ILLUSTRATION BY STEPHANIE MANNHEIM

Columbia social life

BY JESSE MICHELS

As I anxiously surf the web, putting off my impending eight-page History of the Modern Middle East midterm, I came upon the headline “Columbia Ranked Second in Daily Beast’s Top 50 Most Stressful Schools.” The midterm, and my own procrastination, aren’t the only source of my Columbia-induced stress, though. It’s the lack of anything to do on campus past 9 p.m. Cue the elephant in the room and the other source of my disconsolation: “The Decision,” Dean Kevin Schollenberger’s choice to revoke Alpha Epsilon Pi, Pike, and Psi Upsilon’s housing for at least the next two years. This decision is final and cannot be appealed. So no, I am not writing this as a first-year member of Alpha Epsilon Pi trying to regain the rights to my 150 square foot, second floor, campus-facing, sophomore single. I am writing this as a Columbia student concerned about the future of our social life.

Whether the administration was capitulating to a board of trustees and media pressure or was more concerned with appearances than the moral appropriateness of their actions, I will leave up to you to decide. We can also question why the frats seemed to be the single group affiliated with the drug dealers that was reprimanded. Also, is it right to punish the first-year members of the fraternity, even when they are in no way culpable for the actions of juniors and seniors in their fraternity, and having pledged last semester, will not receive the benefits of being in that fraternity? These questions are of another debate though, and at this point, a fruitless one.

Instead, lets go over the definite—the repercussions of having a “fratless” frat-row. Due to suspension for violations as small as noise complaints, all three of these fraternities, along with others like Delta Sigma, haven’t been able to throw parties all semester.

Let’s face it: Since the drug bust, Columbia’s on-campus social life has been a sad reminder of past semesters that were downright embarrassing compared to your typical state school friends’ experiences.

Now, I’m not proposing Columbia become Penn State,

nor am I complaining about the lack of cultural outings or nightlife opportunities in New York City. But in terms of partying as a campus—on campus with the entire Columbia campus community—the 2011 spring semester hasn’t allowed us any opportunity. So what are the repercussions of a quiet, neighborhood-friendly 114th street?

You might not believe in frats, and you may accept the stigmas that are associated with their members—that they are all “bro-d out,” beer-shotgunning preppers. And admittedly, these stereotypes are somewhat grounded in reality. But at least consider these premises—that NSOP week was one of the most fun, wild, and joyfully reckless weeks of your life, and that the frats, especially the “frat row” fraternities, facilitated that. Even as supposedly well-mannered, constantly composed Ivy League kids, frats are our guilty pleasures—outlets for our animal selves. They make the difference between being second or 20th on any “Most Stressful Schools List.”

As a result—assuming the decision’s irreversibility—if Columbia wants to save itself from being cast as a University of Chicago style, “Where fun goes to die” university, the administration must provide us with a viable alternative, a viable context in which, yes, we can party! Let’s not kid ourselves here—fraternities are not primarily philanthropic organizations, nor are they at any school, but they serve a demonstrable purpose for students whose GPA, homework, and career are constantly on their minds and who need a place to let loose. In fact, if students aren’t provided this alternative—this practical escape from the pressures of school—I predict they will resort to chemical escapes, namely, recreational drug use, the most immediate impetus for the administration’s new strictness.

Post-drug bust, post-media frenzy, the administration felt as if it needed to take action to repair its tainted image. If the student body demonstrates how much they want their fun campus back, in a way just as visible, Bollinger and Co. may just capitulate again. After all, we Columbia students don’t have a bad track record when it comes to causing a ruckus.

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Zionist speak

Last week marked Columbia Students for Justice in Palestine’s one-year anniversary. This past year, C-SJP has worked to convey that the Zionist project was, from its inception, a colonial one. A Zionist leader once stated that “Zionist colonization ... must be ... carried out in defiance of ... the native population. To formulate it any other way would ... be hypocrisy.” In the 1930s, F.H. Kisch recommended that Zionists remove the word “colonise” from the names of their organizations (for instance, “The Palestine Jewish Colonisation Association”) since it “is associated with ... aggressiveness.” Despite this cosmetic tweaking, however, a colonial reality remains. In 2010, for instance, Israel invoked a British colonial military law in order to expel a Palestinian activist from Jerusalem. Indeed, the apartheid system in Israel-Palestine speaks to Israel’s colonial founding and concomitant disregard for the rights of its indigenous population. For instance, while illegal Israeli settlers enjoy all rights associated with Israeli civil law, Palestinians in the West Bank, who are subject to Israeli military law, have no such rights (and are thus subject to detention without charge, etc.).

In defending this system, some of Columbia’s Zionist students employ arguments that betray the extent to which they have internalized the colonial attitudes upon which Israeli apartheid is based. In honor of C-SJP’s one-year anniversary, I offer you some of the gems of Zionist-speak that we have been privileged to hear since 2010.

“Palestinians don’t exist anymore. You’re a dinosaur! You’re uncivilized!” In this incident, a male Israeli student was harassing a C-SJP member so relentlessly that nearby security guards insisted she file a police report. His assertion that Palestinians are dinosaurs stems from his understanding that Palestinians are extinct. Palestinian existence is an uncomfortable reality for proponents of Israeli colonialism, who often employ the “land without people for a people without land” argument in justifying Israeli settlement.

“My Arab friends in Israel are ... grateful that it didn’t expel them in 1948.” This Zionist at least acknowledges that Israel’s foundation brought the forcible displacement of 750,000 Palestinians (a refugee population that has since ballooned to 4.8 million). The “Arabs” to which he refers are Palestinians who remained (less than 25 percent of the Palestinian population). The U.N. has condemned Israel’s treatment of its Palestinian citizens, citing systematic discriminatory practices in education, employment, and criminal procedures. I suppose this is where Palestinians ought to say “thank you”—too bad most are too uncivilized to understand basic etiquette.

“It makes me feel safer around black men.” A Zionist student said this in reference to racial profiling in the U.S., which a C-SJP member was comparing to checkpoints in the West Bank. This Zionist student was in favor of both. Her comments reveal the extent to which the logic that underlies support for racial profiling in the U.S., which rests on the demonization of black men, also underlies support for checkpoints in the West Bank.

“If the indigenous population is harboring terrorists, it’s okay to cut off their water supply.” This student was responding to the fact that Israel expropriates 83 percent of West Bank water for use both within its legally recognized borders and in illegal settlements. That this student would promote such collective punishment is apt, given that he served in the Israeli army during the Gaza Massacre (see below).

“We want peace. The Palestinians brought it on themselves.” A Zionist said this in reference to the Gaza Massacre, during which, according to Israeli sources, 1,387 Palestinians (77 percent of whom were civilians) were killed. Palestinian civilian deaths included 320 children. According to the U.N., Israel deliberately targeted civilians during the operation. Though Israel, and not Hamas, broke the cease-fire that precipitated the massacre, it was, according to this student, caused by Palestinians. This claim that as a colonizer you are victim to the violent habits of your savage subjects, who force you into harshly disciplining them, is an age-old colonial line of reasoning.

“Kahane was right.” Some may believe that I have selectively quoted “extreme” Zionists, excluding those who see Palestinians as alienated brethren. These groups are not mutually exclusive. For instance, during a C-SJP talk on BDS, an Israeli student said to the audience: “Aren’t we all brothers?” This same student is a fan of the page “Kahane was right” on Facebook. Kahane was an Israeli-American politician who founded a party that openly supported ethnic cleansing. His party is considered a terrorist organization by the U.S.

C-SJP routinely quotes a number of impartial authorities in our condemnations of Israel. For instance, both Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu have characterized Israel as an apartheid state, and the International Court of Justice has issued numerous condemnations of illegal Israeli practices. That being said, sometimes it is best to sit back, relax, and let Zionist students show their true colors. It may not be pretty, but it is certainly instructive.

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Color in Colonial College

On brownstone decisions, more transparency

Though the “drug bust” remains an unresolved issue both at Columbia and in the courts, students have anticipated the administration’s official response. Thursday’s decision to revoke the housing of the three fraternities whose members allegedly sold drugs—Pi Kappa Alpha, Psi Upsilon, and Alpha Epsilon Pi—was met with a combination of shock, indifference, and approval.

Though the University’s decision to revoke the fraternities’ housing comes as the first step in addressing an ongoing and divisive issue, it by no means offers a clear resolution.

After the decision was made public, questions and criticism regarding the methodology behind the University’s decision have flourished. One of the major points of contention is the lack of sanctions against the Intercultural Resource Center, where one of the students who allegedly sold drugs lived.

In reviewing the fraternities and IRC, the division of Student Affairs based their decisions in part on the contributions that each group gave to the community. The IRC, which holds numerous cultural events, speakers, and discussions, was cited as a positive contributor to Columbia—more so than the fraternities in question.

Since fraternities and the IRC serve different functions, it seems unfair to judge them against the same standard. Fraternities provide social opportunities and cohesion to many on campus, while the IRC focuses on creating a comfortable environment for diverse students—both of which are valuable to Columbia.

That being said, we agree that the IRC offers more positive contributions to the community in its active and engaged role on campus, but we wonder if this criterion—however indefinite it may be—is appropriate given the situation at hand.

Academic and judicial issues were also taken into account. The good academic standing and few judicial incidents of students in the IRC in comparison to those in the fraternities were part of the reason why the IRC emerged unscathed.

Other than imprecise references to students’ academic and judicial standing and an attempt to weigh the community impact of the fraternities against that of the IRC, however, the University shed little light on the process that led to the decision.

The University has made it clear that its decisions have not been based on the level of complicity or knowledge that the members had of their brothers’ actions—but perhaps they

should have been.

This indicates a large disconnect between the reason for the investigation and the rationale given for revoking the fraternities’ housing. The fraternities and IRC came under investigation because their members were accused of selling drugs—not because they failed to contribute to Columbia in a worthwhile way. By claiming that the drug bust offered the opportunity to evaluate these student groups and then basing their recommendations on an unrelated set of standards, the administration imparts conflicting messages. Students are left with the image of an administrator weighing the IRC and fraternities on a golden scale whose calibration is a total mystery.

Since we question the procedure by which the decision to revoke the fraternities’ housing was made, we cannot stand behind or against the decision. We hope, however, that the division of Student Affairs’ method was more impartial and systematized than their imprecise statements. Only then can we know if their actions were just.

The administration must be held to a higher standard in their process of adjudicating—and illuminating—matters of this magnitude.

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5 Like drive-thru orders

9 Cash alternative

14 Come ___ end: conclude

15 Most eligible for the draft

16 Popular branch of yoga

17 Small-time

19 Have ___ with: talk

20 Like strictly religious Jews

21 Invite to enter

22 Fawn's mother

23 Family folk

24 Simple to apply, in adpeak

25 Approx. leaving hour

26 Some Ga. Tech grads

27 Pass along softly, as a secret

29 Coin flip call: Abbr.

30 Yuletide spiced ales

31 Numero after sieve

34 Fellows

35 Stage group

36 Occur together

39 '60s atty. general who served under his brother

41 Elephants, e.g.

42 End of a giggle

43 Angel dust, briefly

46 Completely stump

47 "May ___ excused?"

48 Significant period

49 Handy bags

50 Rodin or Michelangelo

52 Evita's married name

53 Fortunate one

54 Put on a coat?

55 Color of suede shoes, in song

56 ___-Saltzer

57 Hockey disks

58 Dines

59 Mouth off to

DOWN

1 Walked decisively

2 Christie sleuth

3 On a slant

4 Pharaoh's cross

5 Hot alcoholic drinks

6 Burger tappers

7 Group with thirtysomethings, briefly

8 "Mighty" tree

9 Vehicle's framework

10 Wham-O footbag

11 Adds Ababa's country

12 Television watcher's choices

13 Kit ___ bar

19 Teamed, as oxen

21 Massage reactions

24 McGregor of "Moulin Rouge!"

28 Q-U connection

29 Cheap dance hall

30 Like small ladders

31 Halloween mo.

32 "Underside World" explorer Jacques

33 Mornertous

34 Warehouse gds.

37 Joins, as stones in a wall

38 Colored part of the eye

39 Expresses stern disapproval of

40 Touchy—

42 Diaphragm spasm that may be cured by holding one's breath

43 "Downtown" singer Clark

44 Onion soup holders

45 Hooded coats

50 "Star Trek" helmsman

51 Palmtop computers: Abbr.

52 Very quietly, to Beethoven

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Returners will aid the Lions in years to come

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starts bringing in his own players.

THE IVY LEAGUE IS CRAZY

Without a clear, dominant force like the 2010 edition of Cornell, every Ivy League game has become a toss-up. The sixth-place Big Red defeated Penn in overtime on Feb. 11, just after the Quakers had taken Princeton and Harvard—the two best teams in the league—into overtime. Just over a week later, Brown—who had only beaten Dartmouth and Columbia at that point—stunned Princeton by handing the Tigers their first league loss of the year. Even our own Light Blue managed to scare the Tigers at home. With Princeton graduating two of its best players, Dan Mavraides and Kareem Maddox, it seems likely that the league will only open up further next season, leaving more space for middle-of-the-pack teams like Columbia to break through into the top three.

BRIAN BARBOUR IS THE MAN

One of the biggest question marks at the start of this season was who would run the point. The graduation of Pat Foley and Kevin Bulger left a hole in the backcourt, and until the season began, it wasn't clear who would be able to fill it. But then, in the first game this year, sophomore Brian Barbour put up 10 points and five assists while turning the ball over just once, and the Light Blue faithful breathed a collective sigh of relief. Not only had Columbia found a point guard who could play just as well as (if not better than) Foley, but they also found one who could stay healthy for a whole season.

In addition to putting up solid numbers—13.3 points, 3.2 assists, and just 1.6 turnovers a game—Barbour is just fun to watch. He pretty much single-handedly engineered the Lions' near-comeback against Yale on Friday with a series of insane circus shots. He runs all over the place and he's not afraid to dive for the ball. Against Cornell, in an attempt to grab the ball before it went out of bounds, Barbour rushed toward the press table, and instead of diving over it or crashing into it, he jumped onto it. He jumped onto the table!

So, in addition to having one of the best floor generals in the league for the next two years, the Lions will also have the most entertaining one.

WE STILL HAVE NORUWA

The leading scorer in the Ivy League, Columbia's own Noruwa Agho, is only a junior, which means he will be back on the court for the Lions' next season. Though he struggled at times this year, he is without a doubt the Light Blue's best player. This was evident on Saturday when Agho dropped a career-high 31 points and pulled down seven rebounds. In addition to his league-best 16.8 points per game, Agho is also fifth in the league in assists (4.3), eighth in assist-to-turnover ratio (1.3), and 10th in rebounding (4.9). If Agho can continue to improve at the same rate and work on his consistency, he could be the best player in the league next year.

This season may not have been what Columbia fans were hoping for, but it was necessary to lay the groundwork for future success.

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Lions lose to Yale in double OT, trounce Brown

MEN'S BASKETBALL from back page

had to carry the offensive load all season, were silent for most of regulation. While Zack Crimmins and Meiko Lyles kept the Lions in it with 27 points collectively, Agho and Barbour combined for just nine in the first 37 minutes and change.

Barbour saw fit to change that, taking over the game by attacking the rim and getting to the free throw line. As he is the third-best free throw shooter in the country, that strategy proved effective. He scored 10 of the game's next 11 points to bring the Lions within one.

Then it was Agho's turn. Trailing 65-62 with 14 seconds remaining, Agho sank a deep three to send the game into overtime. After Barbour fouled out with 3:47 left in the extra period, Agho scored the Light Blue's next nine points to force another overtime.

In the final frame, the Lions had endless opportunities around the basket, but could not convert any of them,

missing their first four shots from the field. That was all the Bulldogs needed.

"We had that stretch where we were down one for about two or three minutes," Agho said. "I might have missed a layup, that one to Zack got blocked, one to Asenso got blocked, and those three layups, before they took a three-point lead, I think that was the big difference."

Smith said he had no idea what to expect after such a loss, but what he got the next night was a transcendent performance from Agho and an all-around offensive explosion.

Agho scored 24 points in the first half, making 10 of 11 field goal attempts and four three-pointers. He finished with 31 points, a career high.

"You know when he's in a zone," Smith said. "When he just gets going it's get out of the way and let him operate. It was fun to watch."

Agho's hot start helped the Lions to a 51-31 lead at the half, and the game would never again get closer than 15.

Like Agho, both Barbour and Lyles carried over their scoring from

Friday, finishing with 15 and 16 points, respectively.

"At least now a few people understand why we play Meiko," Smith said. "He's been struggling, I mean, he's a freshman so... he's a good defender, he can hit threes, he can stretch the floor, and he's easy to play with, so that's good."

Lyles emerged from a quartet of freshman guards as the starter alongside Agho and Barbour by the season's end. All four of them—Lyles, Steve Frankoski, Dyami Starks, and Van Green—will need to improve even more by next year, given the graduation of Ampim, Crimmins, Max Craig, and Brian Grimes from the front court.

Sophomores Mark Cisco and John Daniels are sure bets to take the seniors' spots, but the list after that is pretty thin.

Yet before moving on to next year, the team is still basking in the glory of this one. Picked to finish seventh in the league by the media, the Lions finished tied for fifth in the Ivy League and overall one game over .500—both improvements over last year.

For the seniors, Smith said he sees them as "part of hopefully what was the genesis of a program that's going to be a consistent winner."

"That's our hope, that's our goal and they can hold their heads high. They had a big part in that," he added.

With the league's profile rising and schools around the Ivies loading up on talent, now it's just up to Smith and company to deliver.

Records broken, senior Lions win awards

MEN'S SWIMMING from back page

was perhaps the most exciting of the weekend, one in which the Lions captured their first relay title of the meet. The 400-relay team of Lee, Wright, Dougherty, and Powell combined their efforts to end the competition on a high note for Columbia. Lee gave the Lions an early lead, and when Powell hit the water, the competition didn't have a chance. The Light Blue crushed the previous school record by four seconds.

Powell and Lee's success did not go unnoticed. Even though Columbia only captured third place in the championships, both seniors were recognized as the top talent in the competition. Powell was awarded the Harold Ulen Career High Point Swimmer Award for achieving the highest point total of an overall career. Lee received the Phil Moriarty Award as the High Point Swimmer of the Meet for scoring the most points at the Championships—he had titles in four different events.

This year's Ivy Championship helped Columbia seniors leave their mark on Ancient Eight swimming history. Powell and Lee will graduate as some of the most decorated swimmers in Columbia history, as members of one of the best teams that Columbia has ever produced.

AGHO WATCH			Week of 3/7/11
All-time individual leaders for scoring in Columbia basketball history.			
RANK	PLAYER NAME (YEARS ACTIVE)	POINTS	
No. 13	Matt Shannon (1985-89)	1203	
No. 14	Noruwa Agho (2008-present)	1179	
No. 15	Darren Burnett (1979-1983)	1159	

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Seniors Barry and Dwyer both in double figures for last game

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL from back page

layup over a Yale player and missed, and the Lions entered halftime down 24-21.

With 1:24 left in the second half, Orlich drove for another transition layup. This time, she had a clearer path to the basket, and this time, she made her shot. That layup gave Columbia a 43-42 advantage, the Lions' first lead in more than nine minutes.

Orlich's shot was part of the 12-2 run with which the Lions finished the contest. That run began when junior guard Melissa Shafer hit a three-pointer with three minutes left, putting Columbia within one point of Yale.

After Vasquez answered with a jumper for the Bulldogs, freshman point guard Taylor Ward hit a contested layup for Columbia with 2:23 left. Her shot made the score 42-41 in Yale's favor, setting the stage for Orlich's lead-changing layup.

Orlich ended the night with a game-high 11 points, going 4-for-9 from the field and 3-for-7 from the foul line. Shafer also scored in double figures, contributing 10 points.

The following night, Columbia jumped out to a 16-8 lead at Brown (10-18, 6-8) only to trail by three points at halftime. Orlich hit a three-pointer in the first minute of the second half to tie the game at 25-25, but the Bears soon answered when freshman guard Lauren Clarke hit a trey of her own. Clarke's shot was the first of three Brown three-pointers in the opening six minutes of the second half. With 14:07 left, Brown held a 40-31 lead.

Later in the half, the Bears had a 50-39 advantage. Columbia then went on an 8-2 run, with all eight of the Lions' points coming from sophomore forward Tyler Simpson. Then, a three-pointer from Shafer with 4:05 to play made the score 54-50 in Brown's favor. But Clarke

hit a layup on Brown's next possession, and sophomore guard Lindsay Nickel hit one with three minutes left to put Brown ahead 58-50.

"We gave up those two layups, and all of a sudden we're back down eight," Nixon said after the game. "That was really the ballgame there."

Simpson answered with two free throws for Columbia, and after junior forward Aileen Daniels made another layup for Brown, senior guard Kathleen Barry completed a three-point play with 1:19 left to shrink the Bears' lead to 60-55. Columbia did not score again, however, and Brown made five free throws in the final 1:04 to earn the 10-point win.

"We thought the win last night [at Yale] was definitely a sign that we were going to be a new road team, and just come in here and just do what we had to do," Simpson said. "We didn't pull through the way we thought we would."

Simpson finished the night with 10 points, six of which came at the foul line. She was one of three Columbia players to score in double figures. Senior forward Lauren Dwyer had 11 points, while Barry scored a team-high 13 points and grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds for her seventh double-double of the year.

Nixon took Dwyer and Barry, Columbia's two seniors, out of the game with 22 seconds left. In his postgame interview, Nixon noted that Dwyer and Barry ended their careers as one of the few classes to have beaten every Ivy opponent at least once. With the loss to Brown, he said, Dwyer and Barry also have been defeated by every Ivy team.

"It's a little bit ironic," Nixon said. "But the biggest thing for me is, before their arrival, Columbia had never finished above fifth in the league. And since they've been in the program, we've never finished lower than fourth. So they've definitely made a positive impact."



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BARRY ON THE BOARDS | In her last game as a Columbia Lion, senior Kathleen Barry had a game-high 13 points and a team-high 10 rebounds.

DWYER WATCH			Week of 3/7/11
All-time individual leaders for scoring in Columbia basketball history.			
RANK	PLAYER NAME (YEARS ACTIVE)	POINTS	
No. 6	Megan Griffith (2003-07)	1061	
No. 7	Lauren Dwyer (2007-present)	1051	
No. 8	Jennifer Beubis (1987-91)	1039	

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FILE PHOTO

WHITAKER AT WORK | Senior pitcher Geoff Whitaker dominated Central Michigan, conceding only one run in seven innings of work.

Lions go 2-1 in opening weekend in Florida

BY RYAN YOUNG
Spectator Staff Writer

A week before many worn-out students will head for the relieving weather of the south, the Columbia baseball team traveled to Florida for the weekend to compete in the Bright House Stetson Invitational. The Lions (2-1) opened their season with a difficult loss to the host, Stetson (9-1), but rebounded with a pair of wins over Central Michigan (4-7) and Illinois (3-6).

In the season opener on Friday night, the Lions took a 6-3 lead over Stetson with a four-run sixth inning, but would blow the lead after the Hatters tied the game with three runs in the eighth. Stetson proceeded to win it in the tenth by a score of 7-6.

Senior outfielder Nick Cox's two-run single turned a one-run deficit into a 4-3 lead in the sixth inning. However, after extending the lead to three in the sixth, Columbia's bats were quieted the rest of the way.

Junior pitcher Pat Lowery allowed two earned runs in his first start of the season. He allowed only one hit—which was a home run—and struggled with his control, walking six and hitting two batters. A pair of double plays helped the Lions through the middle innings,

but three errors would lead to four unearned runs, including the game-tying run in the eighth and the game-winning run in the tenth for Stetson.

After the disappointing loss, the Lions bounced back with an impressive 3-1 win against Central Michigan on Saturday afternoon. The star of the game was senior pitcher Geoff Whitaker, who allowed just one run in seven innings of work. Sophomore Stefan Olson came in to relieve Whitaker with two scoreless innings. Olson struck out the side in the ninth to secure his first collegiate save.

"I think our pitching staff did a really good job—top to bottom," head coach Brett Boretti said. "Statistically speaking, the number of hits that we gave up was pretty minimal and each one of the guys who took the mound did a good job."

Sophomore outfielder Nick Ferraresi hit Columbia's first home run of the season (and only long ball of the weekend), a solo shot in the fourth inning to give the Lions a 2-1 lead. The Lions would never relinquish the lead as they pitched their way to their first win of the season.

The Lions were able to make it a winning opening weekend with a 9-3 victory over Illinois on Sunday morning.

Columbia jumped out early with a four-run first inning. Ferraresi came through again with a two-run single that put the Lions on the board first. The offense would keep rolling for Columbia, as every Lion in the starting lineup either scored or drove in a run.

Meanwhile, on the mound, senior Dan Bracey only allowed one run on two hits and struck out four batters in his six innings of work.

"We limited the free bases, be it walks, errors, or hit batters," Boretti said. "We talk about winning the free-base battle a lot and in the two games we won, we did win that battle and I think the results stand for themselves."

Columbia showed promise by beginning its difficult stretch of nonconference competition with a winning weekend. It was an especially great weekend for Lions outfielders Cox, Ferraresi, and sophomore Dario Pizzano, who all put up batting averages of .333 or better and made large contributions to the wins. Cox went 6-16 with six RBIs in the lead-off spot in the three games.

The Lions will head south again, when they begin a ten-game spring break road trip to Alabama and Florida. Their first game will pit them against South Alabama in Mobile, Ala. on Friday at 7 p.m.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SQUASH

Squash ends inaugural season with a bang at Nationals

Columbia squash finished its inaugural season as a varsity team on a high note, with each Lions squash player advancing to the second round at the National Individual Championships in Hanover, N.H. this weekend.

Sophomore Tony Zou, seeded at No. 41, recorded a big upset for Columbia, defeating No. 25 Trevor McGuinness from Penn in a surprisingly quick three-set match. The win gave Columbia its first-ever victory against an Ivy opponent in varsity program history. Zou faced another opponent from an Ivy school in the next round with the prospect

of making it to the Round of 16. However, after climbing ahead two sets to none against No. 8 Ryan Dowd from Yale, Zou dropped the next three sets to end his season.

Another Columbia sophomore, Graham Miao, also notched a big win, defeating No. 18 Allan Lutz from Navy in a five-set match. Miao advanced to the second round after earning a 12-10 victory in the fifth set. In the next round, Miao lost in four sets to No. 15 Omar Sobhy.

On the women's side, Columbia junior Liz Chu, seeded No. 25, made it to the second round, winning her

first match by default. In the second round, she lost in three sets to No. 24 Shara Robertson from Mount Holyoke.

No. 36 freshman Katie Quan cruised past No. 29 Virginia Shannon from Middlebury in four sets. Quan also played Shannon earlier in the season, winning in a tougher five-set contest back in January.

Quan lost in the second round to No. 4 Emery Holton from Trinity.

With the conclusion of this weekend's tournament, Columbia squash has completed its first season as a varsity team.

—Mikey Zhong

MEN'S TENNIS

CU continues strong doubles play with win over Stony Brook

After suffering a spring of ups and downs, the Columbia men's tennis team finally seems to be back on track. Coming off its biggest win of the season, the No. 75 men's team extended its winning streak to three matches, beating Stony Brook 6-1.

Columbia started the match strongly, sweeping the doubles point. Leading the way was the duo of senior Kevin Kung and sophomore Nate Gery, who were ranked No. 69 in the nation last week. They won easily at No. 1 doubles, 8-1. Brothers Tizian and Cyril Bucher continued their strong play in doubles as well, winning 8-2 at the No. 2 spot. The brothers have played much better this spring after struggling to find consistency in the fall. Juniors Rajeev Deb-Sen and Haig Schneiderman won easily at No. 3 doubles, triumphing 8-2

to give the Lions a sweep and a 1-0 lead in the match.

Columbia would dominate the singles as well, winning five out of the six matches in straight sets. Sophomore Cyril Bucher, playing at No. 2, won convincingly, 6-2, 6-2, against Ivan Rummel. Kung won 6-0, 6-4 at No. 3, and Gery won in straight sets at the No. 4 spot, 6-2, 7-5.

Sophomore John Yetimoglu, who typically plays at No. 5 singles, sat out the match because of a leg injury. Tizian Bucher moved up to take his spot and filled in well, winning 6-3, 7-5. Deb-Sen, who played No. 6 singles earlier in the season when Kung was hurt, moved into No. 6 singles and won 6-2, 6-4. Deb-Sen put an end to a losing streak in singles that had continued since spring break. His most recent victory came in a crucial match against No. 42

Texas Christian University at No. 6 singles. Deb-Sen lost all of his singles matches in the fall as well, most in heartbreaking third-set tiebreakers. The only Columbia player to lose his singles match was Schneiderman at No. 1 singles. Schneiderman, who has hit a rough patch of late and lost his last three singles matches, fell to freshman Nikita Fomin 7-5, 6-1.

In addition to the win over SB, the men's tennis team also held its annual Varsity Alumni/Friends outing, in which all former team members are invited to meet the current team and play some friendly matches.

The Lions will next be in action when they travel to Texas for their annual spring break training trip. They will face No. 64 Southern Methodist University on March 15.

—Kunal Gupta

LACROSSE

Light Blue soundly defeated by Brown in Ivy League opener

The Columbia women's lacrosse team (0-2, 0-1 Ivy) got off to a shaky start in Ivy League play this weekend, as it was soundly defeated by Brown (2-1, 1-0 Ivy) 14-6 on Saturday. Only three minutes into the game, Brown scored two goals in a row to quickly make it 2-0. The Light Blue didn't make it onto the board until 24:47, when sophomore Gabrielle Geronimos scored an unassisted goal. Brown responded quickly, however, scoring four goals consecutively.

At intermission, the game stood at 10-3 in the Bears'

favor, with Columbia's two other goals coming from another sophomore, Olivia Mann, who had three for the day. Sophomore Kacie Johnson and junior Taylor Gattinella were other contributors for the Lions on Saturday. Brown's offense was overpowering, as the Bears outshot the Lions 20-3.

Although Columbia only took three shots in the first half, they were able to convert all of them into goals. Brown continued to dominate the second period. The Bears went on a three-goal run to create their largest lead of the game, 13-3. After this

point, both offenses stagnated, with neither team finding the back of the net for 15 minutes.

Although the Light Blue was not able to bounce back from the early deficit, it still outshot the Bears 18-9 in the second half. The Lions had the advantage in ground balls for the day, whereas the Bears had the advantage in shooting. Columbia's goaltender junior Karlee Blank recorded nine saves in the outing.

The Lions are back in action on Friday, March 11, as they go on the road to Iona.

—Molly Tow

WRESTLING

Columbia places seventh in weekend's EIWA Championships

The Columbia wrestling team finished its season this weekend at the EIWA Championships at Bucknell, placing seventh out of 13 teams. Going into the tournament with four wrestlers ranked in the top six, they left with three wrestlers placing in the top six, and another two in the top eight. 165-pounder Eren Civan and heavyweight Kevin Lester earned automatic qualifying bids to the NCAA tournament, while 184-pounder Nick Mills could receive a wildcard bid, which will be announced next week.

Perhaps the most exciting moment of the tournament was Civan upsetting the top seed, Brandon Hatchett from Lehigh, in order to qualify for the finals. There, Civan fell 3-2 to No. 3 Scott Winston from Rutgers in double overtime to place second overall. Junior co-captain Lester won his first two matches on Saturday, but dropped down into the consolation bracket after he lost to Zach Rey from Lehigh, who is ranked No. 1 in the country. Lester then pinned Cornell's Stryker Lane on Sunday, earning himself a trip to NAAs.

Mills won his first match, but dropped down into the consolations after losing to Rutgers's No. 4 ranked Daniel Rinaldi. Mills then pinned No. 7 ranked Rob Waltko from Bucknell in 5:09 to place fifth. 149-pounder Steven Santos and 174-pounder Stephen West placed seventh, while 197-pounder Michael Pushpack finished at eighth. While most of the Lions' seasons are finished, Lester, Civan and possibly Mills will compete at the NCAA tournament in Philadelphia on March 17-19.

—Meredith Mead

SOFTBALL

Light Blue emerges winless from first Florida tournament

The Columbia softball team put forth a valiant effort this weekend as they traveled to Florida to take part in the University of South Florida's Under Armour Invitational.

Despite several close contests, the team returned to Morningside Heights with an 0-5 record after dropping each of their games.

Friday marked the first day of play for the Lions, as they took on East Tennessee State University and College of Charleston.

Columbia fell in its opening contest against ETSU 4-1. After giving up three runs in as many innings, freshman pitcher Prophet Gaspard was replaced by senior Maggie Johnson, who threw a respectable three innings, striking out three while allowing only one

run. Senior Karen Tulig went 1-for-2 with two walks and an RBI, accounting for the only Light Blue run of the day. Bucs pitcher Jessica Duncan threw a complete game in the process.

The next game proved to be more trouble for the Lions as they were only able to garner five hits for zero runs. They were shut out, 4-0. This time, they were victims of the complete game by Cougar pitcher Alexa Datko. Tulig was again the bright spot for the Light Blue, as she managed to go 2-for-3.

There was continued difficulty for the Lions on Saturday, as they failed to score a run in two contests. Against Central Michigan, the Light Blue was held to one hit, and it fell 8-0 in five innings.

The Florida International contest was much more

competitive, but the Lions still lost, 1-0. The Panthers broke the 0-0 tie in the fifth inning, while Columbia's score remained constant throughout. Johnson still managed to go 2-for-3 despite the team's collective hitting troubles.

Sunday—despite another loss—produced the other run scored by the Lions over the weekend. Three early runs by Radford undid the Lions as they slipped to a 3-1 defeat. Johnson still pitched a solid game—only one of those runs was earned. She went on to retire the next 11 batters to complete the game. Tulig was again the player that drove in the lone run.

The Lions hope to turn things around at the Rebel Spring Games, which begin on March 11.

—Jeremiah Sharf

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GAME BALL

The game ball collectively goes to the Light Blue senior squad. All seniors made appearances this weekend. The standout senior was Zack Crimmins, who had a career-high 14 points and eight rebounds on Friday night against Yale. Asenso Ampim also contributed, with nine points and nine rebounds against Brown.



TURNING POINT

The Lions did not lead once against Yale. That being said, there was no lack of Columbia momentum. Sophomore guard Brian Barbour led the Lions on a late-game surge, and although Columbia ended up losing to the Bulldogs, it ensured that the Lions came out firing on all cylinders against Brown. The Light Blue pulled out to an early lead on Saturday night, and led by double figures for the majority of the game.

INJURY REPORT

All missing faces were back this weekend, as Light Blue fans once again saw forwards Mark Cisco and John Daniels, and even senior center Brian Grimes. Grimes, who has been injury-plagued all season, scored a basket in Columbia's final game.

SATISFYING ENDING

The Lions may not have been one of the top contenders this year, but they gave it a valiant effort. In a doubleheader against a pair of teams that collectively swept Columbia in a weekend earlier this season, the Lions forced Yale into double OT and scored an astounding 91 points to defeat Brown.

PIXBOX STANDINGS: FINAL

1	Lucas "In the Refrigerator" Shaw	36-28
2	Myles "A Second Opinion" Simmons	34-30
3	Zach "Boom Goes the Dynamite" Glubiak	33-31
3	Kunal "The Phanatic" Gupta	33-31
5	Jacob "Eye On the Ball" Levenfeld	31-33
6	Michele "I Can See Cleary Now" Cleary	28-36
6	Mrinal "Word On the Street" Mohanka	28-36
6	Michael "Turn Up the Mike" Shapiro	28-36
9	Jim "On the Couch" Pagels	27-37
10	Bart "The Tailgating Tails" Lopez	24-40



LUCAS SHAW

IVY STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT
Harvard	12	2	.857
Princeton	11	2	.846
Yale	8	6	.517
Penn	7	6	.538
Columbia	6	8	.429
Cornell	6	8	.429
Brown	4	10	.286
Dartmouth	1	13	.071

IVY SCOREBOARD

Dartmouth.....	58
Penn.....	70
Dartmouth	55
Princeton.....	77
Princeton.....	67
Harvard.....	79
Brown.....	74
Columbia.....	91
Columbia	81
Yale	87
Brown.....	66
Cornell	75
Yale	55
Cornell.....	68
Penn.....	64
Harvard.....	79

IVY SCHEDULE

 GAME ONE VS. CORNELL W 79-75	 GAME TWO AT CORNELL W 70-66	 GAME THREE AT HARVARD L 66-77	 GAME FOUR AT DARTMOUTH W 66-45	 GAME FIVE AT BROWN L 79-87	 GAME SIX AT YALE L 67-72	 GAME SEVEN VS. PRINCETON L 46-76
 GAME EIGHT VS. PENN W 75-62	 GAME NINE VS. DARTMOUTH W 67-60	 GAME TEN VS. HARVARD L 42-61	 GAME ELEVEN AT PENN L 54-64	 GAME TWELVE AT PRINCETON L 61-66	 GAME THIRTEEN VS. YALE L 81-87	 GAME FOURTEEN VS. BROWN W 91-74

Men’s basketball on the rise

Saturday night marked the end of the 2010-2011 men’s basketball season, Kyle Smith’s first year at the helm, and the collegiate careers of Asenso Ampim, Zack Crimmins, Max Craig, and Brian Grimes. To some, this season may seem unremarkable overall—the team didn’t win an Ivy title, or even earn a winning record in the league. There were some terrible losses (the home games against Harvard and Princeton spring to mind), but there were some bright spots, too—for instance, the team actually did better than they were expected to (they were picked to finish seventh in the league). Still, a fifth-place finish isn’t something that gets the Columbia fan base too excited. And though I can’t blame it for that, this season was an important one for several developments that will become key to future successes:



MICHELE CLEARY

I Can See Cleary Now

SMITH IS A BETTER BENCH COACH
A lot has been written on the sports page about the strengths and weaknesses of former head coach Joe Jones, the essential points boiling down to: great guy, solid recruiter, not the best in-game coach. Smith is just as friendly as Jones, and the talent he brought in at St. Mary’s is a solid indicator of decent recruiting, though it’s too early to tell how well he’ll do in the Ivy League. The one area where Smith outshines Jones is his decision-making from the bench. Smith has proven that he knows the importance of timing; when and who to sub, when to use timeouts, and when to switch things up if the original plan isn’t working. This will become even more apparent as he gets to know the team and the league better, and

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SCOREBOARD



MEN’S BASKETBALL

Yale	87
Columbia	81
Brown	74
Columbia	91



WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Columbia	48
Yale	42
Columbia	55
Brown	65



MEN’S TENNIS

Columbia	6
Stony Brook	1



MEN’S SWIMMING & DIVING

Third place in Ivy League Championships



BASEBALL

Columbia	3
Central Michigan	1
Columbia	9
Illinois	3
Columbia	6
Stetson	7



SOFTBALL

Columbia	1
East Tennessee State	4
Columbia	0
College of Charleston	3
Columbia	0
Central Michigan	8
Columbia	0
Florida International	1
Columbia	1
Radford	3



LACROSSE

Columbia	6
Brown	14



SQUASH

Individual men and women advance to second round at National Individual Championships



WRESTLING

7th out of 13 in EIWA



JASPER L. CLYATT / SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

UNBE-LEE-VABLE | Senior swimmer Hyun Lee won the Phil Moriarty Award as the High Point Swimmer of the Meet with most points scored at Ivies.

Light Blue takes third at Ivy League Championships

BY REBEKA COHAN
Spectator Staff Writer

The blockbuster battle for first place might have been between Harvard and Princeton this weekend, but it was two Columbia seniors who stole the show. (And no, this isn’t referring to basketball.)

The Columbia men’s swimming team traveled to Cambridge, M.A., to partake in the most important meet of the year, the Ivy League Championships. Going in, the squad knew that it would most likely be in the thick of the skirmish for third place.

It was right. Princeton barely pulled away with its fifth consecutive Championship, finishing only 5.5 points ahead of Harvard, while the Lions easily finished in third—exactly 200 points ahead of fourth-place finisher Yale. Seniors Adam Powell and Hyun Lee did their part by breaking records and creating a legacy for themselves both in the conference and Columbia swimming history. The two made an impact at the very beginning, each one earning an individual championship not only on the first day of competition, but within the first three individual races.

Powell was certainly pleased with his team’s results. “This year’s Ivy Championship meet was by far the most exciting and rewarding meet that I have ever been privileged to participate in. Obviously, I was pleased with my performance, but I was even more

pleased with the tremendous performances by my teammates. The camaraderie has been amazing and I believe that our team unity played a large role in our success,” he wrote in an email.

The Light Blue’s first night of the championships began with a bang. The 200 free relay team—consisting of Powell, freshman Kai Schultz, and sophomores John Wright and Patrick Dougherty—set a new program record while earning itself a second-place finish in a nail-biter. The four swimmers were only five-tenths of a second behind the first-place finisher, Princeton, which managed to come from behind during the final 100 yards.

Wins continued to come Columbia’s way. Lee earned himself the distinction of 500-free champion, blowing his competition out of the water by finishing a full four seconds in front of the second-place finisher. Powell defended his 50-free title and won the event easily in 19.74 seconds, only two-hundredths of a second away from his personal best.

The Light Blue seemed to have a flair for drama. The final event of the night, the 400-medley relay, almost saw Columbia overtake Princeton, but ultimately resulted in a second place finish. Still, the team of Powell, Lee, freshman Matthew Swallow, and junior Johnny Bailey notched a new school record: 3:14.27.

The Lions weren’t done yet. Columbia’s high score certainly wasn’t only due to its super seniors. The Light

Blue had a strong showing of swimmers in many finals events, as there was at least one Columbia swimmer in every finals event the second night of competition.

Friday night again opened with an exciting relay race. The 200-medley team of Bailey, Swallow, Lee, and Powell broke yet another school record and secured third place. Junior Robert Eyckmans continued to add to Columbia’s point total after he finished fourth in the 400-IM. The night ended with another impressive relay effort in the 800-free that resulted in a Light Blue third-place finish. But it was Lee and Powell who continued to astound.

Powell was one of three swimmers to qualify for the 100-backstroke finals, and he broke yet another school record while earning himself a second-place finish.

Lee earned his second individual championship during the 200 free. The competition almost caught up after Lee took an early lead, but the

senior managed to hold on to secure the top-place finish.

On swimming with Lee, fellow teammate Powell had plenty of praise. “His presence added enormously to the team. When the team saw him swim races back-to-back with less than 5 minutes in between and win both races, as he did against Cornell, it inspired us,” he wrote. Lee has only just returned to Columbia swimming this semester after a two-year stint in the South Korean military.

The last day of the championships saw the Lions continue to win as they earned another three titles. Powell defended his 100-free title from 2010 and won the event in 43.26. Fellow teammate Wright added to Columbia’s point total after finishing fourth. Lee earned an astounding third individual title after capturing first place and the school record in the 200-fly.

The final event of the competition

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MEN’S SWIMMING RECORDS BROKEN

	OLD SCHOOL RECORD			NEW SCHOOL RECORD		
50 FREE	Adam Powell	0:19.72	2010	Adam Powell	0:19.62	2011
100 FREE	Adam Powell	0:43.91	2010	Adam Powell	0:43.26	2011
200 FLY	Hyun-Seung Lee	1:47.36	2007	Hyun-Seung Lee	1:46.36	2011
400 FREE RELAY	Dragelin, Lee, Wakefield, White	2:58.96	2007	Dougherty, Lee, Powell, Wright	2:54.83	2011

GRAPHIC BY REBECCA SCHWARZ

Columbia ends season with surge of momentum

BY LUCAS SHAW
Spectator Senior Staff Writer



ALYSON GOULDEN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

NORUWA’S NUMBER ONE | Junior guard Noruwa Agho had a career-high 31 points against Brown, and his clutch three sent Friday’s game into the first OT.

With less than three minutes to play on Friday night, it looked as if the Lions were going to close the season with another weekend of offensive futility. Despite it being the conclusion to Kyle Smith’s first season and the end of the line for four contributing seniors, the Lions were punchless, having scored just 50 points on 35 percent shooting. Worse, they were 1-for-6 from the charity stripe.

Yet in a matter of seconds, Columbia emerged from a weeks-long slump, forcing two overtimes against Yale before falling 87-81, and then dominating Brown 91-74 on Saturday.

The two performances rank as the Light Blue’s best offensive showings in league play and secured the program’s third winning season in 28 years.

“It’s great ‘cause it’s what I’m going to remember,” senior Asenso Ampim said. “I’m not going to remember the earlier games, I’m not going to remember games from two years ago. This is what I’m going to remember.”

A winning record seemed almost preordained after a 9-5 nonconference record and a 3-1 opening to the league season, but losing streaks of three and four games in Ivy play left the Lions in a precarious position. They needed a weekend split both to lock up a winning record and to avoid falling into sixth in the league standings.

For much of Friday night, it seemed like the Lions might continue their downward spiral. They fell behind 12-0 and trailed the whole way, even without a strong performance from Yale’s star, forward Greg Mangano.

“It’s upsetting,” Noruwa Agho said on Friday night. “We feel like we’re a better team and we just let guys get ahead.”

Brian Barbour and Agho, who have

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Columbia splits final weekend of the season

BY SARAH SOMMER
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A season of ups and downs ended with a weekend of ups and downs for the Columbia women’s basketball team. The Lions earned a 48-42 win at Yale on Friday before dropping a 65-55 decision at Brown on Saturday. Columbia finished the year in fourth place in the Ivy League standings.

With the victory at Yale, Columbia (7-21, 6-8 Ivy) achieved a sweep of the Bulldogs and also earned their first road win.

“It’s not about style when you’re on the road—it’s about results,” head coach Paul Nixon said in a postgame interview. “We were fortunate enough that Yale missed enough shots—and we made just enough—to come out with a low-scoring win.”

Columbia’s defense suffocated a Yale team that was coming off a 78-64 road win against Harvard. The Lions held sophomore point guard Megan Vasquez, who had 23 points at Harvard, to just eight points on 3-for-12 shooting.

“We did a really great job of working together as a unit defensively,” Nixon said. “We just never really wanted them to be able to feel comfortable, that they could just attack us one-on-one and beat us to the basket for any easy scores.”

Columbia opened the game with a 12-2 run, and Yale (14-14, 10-4) responded with an 11-1 run. After that, the contest was a back-and-forth affair. With the last seconds of the first half winding down, freshman guard Brianna Orlich drove to the hoop. She forced a wild

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