

Grad students lament lack of day care

BY ELIZABETH VANCE
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One of the reasons that Theresa Graif, a student in Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, decided to take this academic year off in the wake of her son's birth, is that she cannot afford day care.

"Financially, it didn't make sense for me to look into day care," Graif, who is already struggling with student loans, said.

Graif is not alone in her worries. It is no secret that child care is expensive in New York City, but for graduate students like Graif, the expenses can be particularly difficult. And there is increasing evidence on campus that some parents are feeling the pressure.

According to the Graduate Student Advisory Council's Quality of Life Survey, which was compiled in the spring of 2009, 91 percent of graduate students with children, classified Columbia's support of student-parents as average to poor. Fifty-eight percent of parent respondents gave it the lowest two ratings possible.

The survey is conducted every two years, and asks students a broad range of questions about their quality of life, ranging from housing and family, to academics and library space. In 2009, it reached 19 percent of the graduate student body, and of the respondents, 6 percent indicated they had children.

Stefanie Pleschinger, a GSAS student, and chair of the Quality of Life Committee, believes that the cost and inconvenient location of outside child care are two of the biggest concerns for student-parents, along with housing and insurance, which she said contribute to the poor rating for student-parent support.

"What you always have to consider is the fact that we're in a big city with very little space, and that's very expensive," Pleschinger said.

The University does not provide day care for its affiliates, but its Office of Work/Life provides a search service for parents to help them find child care that suits their family situation.

Carol Hoffman, associate provost and director of the Office of Work/Life, agreed that most local day care centers are



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FINDING CARE | Changgu Lee, a post-doctoral research scientist in the mechanical engineering department, is a graduate student and parent who uses a child care center run out of Teacher's College.

extremely costly.

The University works to help its students meet these prices by providing funding for affiliated child care centers, to give University affiliates with children

scholarships and financial aid. "They [child care centers] offer financial aid, but even with that, it's not always affordable for graduate students," Hoffman said.

For students, financial aid

can become a critical issue. Eliza Miller, a student in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, applied to the Medical Center Nursery

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Daniel O'Donnell hosts Manhattan Valley forum

BY WILLIAM JACOBS
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For State Assembly member Daniel O'Donnell, Manhattan Valley is a neighborhood that does not get enough attention. O'Donnell, at a local forum on Saturday, said that it is a unique area, where residents grow attached to the community, but due to high rents, cannot always stay.

O'Donnell, who represents Manhattan Valley and other sections of the Upper West Side, hosted a public forum on this specific area—which extends from 110th to 96th streets, bordered by Central Park and Broadway. The forum, which

"People get raised here and succeed here, but they won't be able to stay ..."

—Assembly member Daniel O'Donnell

aimed to solicit feedback about the neighborhood's problems and strengths, focused heavily on affordable housing and small businesses.

Held at the Red Oak Apartments on 106th Street, the event was part of a series sponsored by the Pratt Institute—which has done research on the social issues of the area.

Addressing a crowd of neighborhood residents, O'Donnell first lamented the fact that the neighborhood was "so often overlooked" compared to adjoining areas.

"We have a rich history, and we have people who have a long-

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HPV vaccine price disparities at CC, Barnard

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Though Katie Brinn, CC '12, received the Gardasil vaccine during her senior year of high school, she said she would not have paid almost \$400 to get the vaccine at Columbia Health Services.

Across Broadway at Barnard, it's a different story.

The vaccination, which protects against strains of HPV, a sexually-transmitted infection that can lead to cervical cancer, is administered in three injections and is usually not covered by health insurance. With each shot costing \$130, those seeking the vaccine at Columbia Health Services will pay a total of nearly \$400 for the full vaccine dosage.

At Barnard Student Health Services though, students can receive all three shots for free.

Columbia Health Services explained these cost disparities in

a statement, saying that Barnard can afford to tailor its services to its female population.

"Columbia (Morningside), like all schools around the country including Barnard College, seeks to provide services in a cost-effective manner to benefit as many students as possible. The vaccinations provided free of charge at Columbia are appropriate for our entire student body, while Barnard is a separate college for women and has structured its student health service in accordance with their population," the statement read.

But for students like Brinn, issues of cost can speak to larger problems with the system.

Some experts in the health care field argue that the biggest impediment to those wishing to receive the vaccine, and thereby help prevent cervical cancer, is its cost.

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Uncertainty over Rangel's career

Amid investigation, congressman endorsed for re-election

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Though Congressman Charles Rangel is under investigation for several ethics violations—including accepting a corporate-sponsored Caribbean vacation—the New York County Democratic Committee announced on Sunday that it is unanimously endorsing his 2010 bid for re-election.

Amid ongoing allegations, Rangel, who represents northern Manhattan, said on Wednesday that he was temporarily stepping down from his powerful post as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

His departure from the committee came nearly two years after the House Ethics Committee first began its investigation.

But some experts say that the expected vote of confidence on Sunday from the Democratic Committee, which is typical for incumbents, does not mean this longtime Harlem politician will stand for re-election, or even finish out the remainder of his 20th term.

Rangel faces accusations that include failing to pay federal income taxes on vacation property, falsely disclosing his personal assets, and accepting a deal from a Manhattan developer on four rent-controlled apartments in Harlem.

As Republican calls for his removal grew louder in recent weeks, Rangel said that his leave of absence as chairman could remove a potential liability for fellow Democrats, as his party enters a difficult midterm election year.

"It takes scandal off the table," Columbia political science professor David Eisenbach said.

No local elected official has come forward yet to challenge Rangel in the congressional race. Rangel is a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus, and Eisenbach predicted that Rangel would win re-election if he decided to remain in Congress. "The New York State Democratic Party is a very tight club," Eisenbach said. "State senators and assemblymen are intimidated by taking on someone who

has the loyalty of huge numbers of Democrats. He will win unless something more egregious comes out." He added, "An indictment or another serious allegation could change things, though."

One local officeholder, State Assembly member Daniel O'Donnell, a Democrat whose West Harlem and Morningside Heights district encompasses the Columbia campus, has been mentioned as a possible successor to Rangel.

O'Donnell has already declared he will not challenge Rangel if he were to run for re-election.

"There is a lot of uncertainty about what is going to happen," he said in an interview on Sunday. "I take him at his word that he will, in fact, run for re-election. It is my hope that he stays on the ballot."

Kathleen Knight, Barnard professor of political science, said that despite the growing allegations, it will be a loss to the neighborhood if Rangel's political career ends here. "From the standpoint of what he brings back to the community, he will be sorely missed."

Other area Democrats, such as State Senator Bill Perkins and State Assembly member Keith Wright, might be more inclined to run against Rangel. But only a former Rangel staffer, Vince Morgan, has come forward and openly declared a challenge to the 40-year incumbent.

Morgan, SIPA '06, noted that Rangel's resignation is just the latest incident in a recent spate of scandals troubling New York Democrats. "People are overwhelmed by bad news, and they just want to talk about issues," he said.

For some local residents, the current scandals are familiar.

"It is all too common for New York politicians to abuse the system," Joel Kniaz, who lives at Claremont Avenue and 116th Street, said.

Others expressed similar frustrations with what they deem to be Rangel's abuse of the system. "All elected officials seem to feel that they are entitled to these

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UNSTOPPABLE



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20-20 | Lomax posted two 20-20 games this weekend. For the second straight year, she will finish as the nation's leading rebounder.

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Postcrypt show has students seeing red

The latest Postcrypt Art Gallery event, "Scarlet Fever: The Red Show," featured snacks, drinks, decorations, and artworks in the titular fiery hue. Many of the art pieces on display invited student interaction.



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Seniors triumph in basketball's final games

Thanks in part to Judie Lomax's Columbia record 27 rebounds, women's basketball sent its seniors off on a high note with wins over Yale and Brown. Against Brown, Columbia allowed a season-low 41 points in a 54-41 victory.

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Not neutral on housing

Janelle Batta discusses the importance of gender-neutral housing at Barnard.

Gender bender

Sarah Leonard and Kate Redburn wish Columbia were man, or woman, enough to implement gender-neutral housing.

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Gendered impact of HIV

C. Virginia Fields speaks on the impact of HIV/AIDS in communities of color. Sulzberger Parlor, Barnard Hall, 7 p.m.

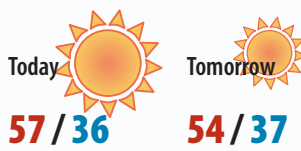
Jewish Identity

Prof Susan Suleiman speaks about the "Jewish Question" in France. Common room, 2nd floor, Heyman Center 6:15 p.m.

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IDEAS | On Saturday, Daniel O'Donnell invited the neighborhood to prioritize social concerns, based on a Pratt Study on the region. Local residents discussed housing costs and rising rents for small businesses.

Assembly member O'Donnell hosts Manhattan Valley forum, solicits local feedback

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term connection to the community," he said.

"And you have, obviously, housing needs, because the housing stock is old, and many people have a difficult time staying. People get raised here and succeed here, but they won't be able to stay in this location," O'Donnell added.

He said the purpose of the event was to identify the best way interested neighborhood

residents can collaborate and identify the important issues that plague the area—so that the government in turn can effectively address these local concerns.

"We have a great number of social service providers, but oftentimes those providers don't interact and interconnect with one another in the most efficient way," he said.

In the first phase of the event, groups of residents made lists of the area's assets and challenges.



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Complaints were widespread and wide-ranging, from wanting to see more youth programs, to increasing Spanish-language outreach to adding more public space.

"We need rent control," resident Steve Max said. "We need strength in small business rent control."

Ken Coughlin, a member of Community Board 7, said that he wanted to "repurpose the streets," which he felt were being thought of "too much as parking space and not enough as a public area."

On issues of housing, he added, "Landlords have been chasing people out of their houses because developers and the city are giving them more money."

When residents ranked the issues they raised from most to least pressing in phase two of the event, protecting rent-controlled and affordable housing came out as the most important.

A related issue, which also scored highly, was the need to support small businesses and

stop outside developers from overrunning the area.

The third portion of the event, which brought the discussion tables together for a debate, brought the two topics together.

Glory Ann Kerstein, president of the Duke Ellington Boulevard Neighborhood Association, spoke at length about problems of rent hikes.

"A major, major problem here in Manhattan Valley is affordable rents. If you look at the Pratt report, two out of every three

people in the community are renters. But still, rents are going sky high. ... We have to make our representatives in Albany responsive and pass housing legislation," she said.

Kerstein in an interview said that though these neighborhood forums are important stepping stones, they are not ends in themselves.

"If we don't do anything after we close this meeting, we're the big failures. It's up to us."

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USenate talks academic calendar, career services

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The academic calendar, socially responsible investing, and departmental identities were the topics of discussion for the Columbia University Senate monthly meeting on Friday—the first of the decade for University President Lee Bollinger. This was the rescheduled February meeting, after the original was snowed out.

Bollinger, who was unable to attend the January meeting due to a conflict in scheduling, was present. He has attended three of the six meetings this academic year.

The President reported fundraising for the past academic year to be placed around \$413 million, sixth in the country in terms of dollars raised. This is a dip from the University's all time high a year before at \$490 million.

The academic calendar—a contentious issue for students—was discussed briefly. Students have protested the scheduling of the calendar, which pushed final exams to Dec. 23 last semester, and students and faculty have both submitted proposals to the Senate for consideration.

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CARING | Graduate students say that finding affordable day care for children is a real challenge in the city, and on campus, options are minimal.

Amid ethics investigation, Rangel secures endorsement

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amenities," Michael Haviken, who lives on Riverside Drive, said. "Term limits is the solution. Rangel was a good congressman." But, Haviken said, "He's not going to run for re-election. I think it's over. He was a bootstrap kind of guy who really achieved a lot.

He added, "To lose his reputation over trivial things is unfortunate—tragic."

Morgan said that he expects several candidates with different

levels of experience to join the fray. "I believe after 40 years with one representative, people need to decide what qualifications and values they need in the next representative," he said. "The more choices, the better. Bring 'em on. Then we can whittle it down to see who is truly the best representative for the district."

Representatives from Rangel's office could not be reached for comment.

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FILE PHOTO

RE-ELECTION? | After stepping down as Ways and Means chair, it is uncertain whether Charles Rangel will be re-elected as congressman.

Graduate students struggle to find affordable child care

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School for her youngest son. But even though Miller's son was accepted and her family was offered financial aid, she still cannot afford the school.

"We only got an afternoon slot," she said. "It works out to about \$10,000 for 36 weeks of care. We can't do it, and even if we could, I'd rather take that money and invest it." The child care would cost about \$280 a week.

In comparison, when Miller attended the City College of New York for her post-baccalaureate pre-med studies, she paid \$55 a week for each of her two elder children to attend a full-day child

care program at a center affiliated with the school.

Miller said she understands that child care is expensive in New York City, and does not blame Columbia for the prices. She believes the problem lies not in the prices themselves, but in the fact that graduate students usually don't have high incomes.

The Office of Work/Life is working to help graduate students find cheaper alternatives to day care. According to Hoffman, officials are currently looking into group family care options, among other initiatives, in which a parent or another University affiliate could offer to host day care services in their home. These

alternatives would be less expensive than center-based day care.

But some students argue that more could still be done to help graduate student-parents.

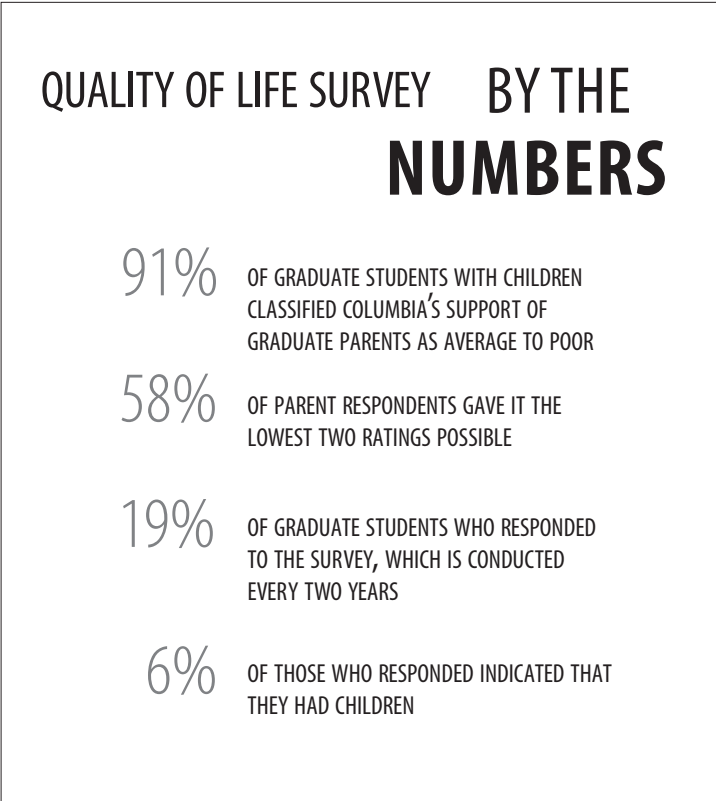
"It goes without saying that more could be done in terms of supportive services for graduate students," said Ryan Close, a student in the College of Physicians and Surgeons and a member of the University Senate's Commission on the Status of Women, which researches campus issues relevant to women.

Valentine Edgar, a student in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and also a member of the Commission, said the issue extends beyond the graduate

population. "Lack of affordable child care is a big frustration not only for Masters and Ph.D. students, but also for GS students and younger Faculty," she wrote in an email.

Maya Tolstoy, chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, said that while the commission has reviewed child care in the past, it is not currently working on the issue. Still, Tolstoy—who uses Columbia's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory on-site child care service—said that this kind of option is good for parents. "If your child is sick or you need to breast-feed, it's nearby."

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Disparities in HPV vaccine prices at Columbia, Barnard

VACCINE from front page

"This is a very expensive vaccine," said Shobha Krishnan, a gynecologist at Barnard Primary Care Health Services, whose book, "The HPV Vaccine Controversy: Sex Cancer, God, and Politics" was released in June 2006.

Krishnan, a member of the Medical Advisory Board of the National Cervical Cancer and International HPV Cancer Coalition, said, "At the moment, the vaccine is free to us, but this depends on insurance and how each health services [clinic] negotiates with insurance systems. Insurance companies do cost-analysis, and it is hard to translate what we do here at Barnard across to other practices. At Columbia, the scenario is very different."

That's because the vaccine is still recommended only for

"permissive use" in men, she said, and schools have to negotiate with insurance companies to get vaccines that are important to all of its student population.

In October 2009, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended a permissive-use policy for the HPV vaccine in men.

"Essentially this is saying that yes, men will get benefits [from the vaccine], but at this time it isn't cost effective to vaccinate males because they aren't as affected, and so the CDC cannot make a public policy recommendation," Krishnan said.

The CDC web site says that while HPV is very common in men and women, most men with HPV will never develop health problems from it.

But even if the cost-effective benefit is not there now,

Krishnan said that men should still be targeted equally in HPV-awareness campaigns. "We cannot put the stigma of this STI on women alone," she said.

Although "students are definitely taking advantage" of the free vaccine, Krishnan said, "we are seeing more and more students over the last three years who have already had the vaccine before they come into Health Services after entering college."

In the future, cost might not be as great a hurdle to the wider use of the vaccine. "As with anything else that's new, the price is really high," she said.

Cost, though, is not the only concern. "It really comes down to education and awareness," Krishnan said, adding that students at Barnard with free access to the vaccine as well as other related services are not

likely to take advantage if they are not aware of the surrounding issues.

For some students, the price discrepancy between Barnard and Columbia is surprising.

"I think it's kind of shocking that it's \$400," Jennifer Stepanyk, BC '11, said of Columbia's fees. "It's really prevalent. ... Most people desire to get that."

Others felt more strongly about the divide.

Kate Husband, a student in the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, said, "For Barnard to offer it free and Columbia to not step up to the plate and do the same is not really looking out for women's health."

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Postcrypt turns up the heat with one-night ‘Scarlet Fever’ show



CATCHING A ‘FEVER’| Students mingled and viewed artwork by their peers on Friday night at Postcrypt Art Gallery’s latest event, “Scarlet Fever: The Red Show.” The event focused on exploring the varied dimensions of the color red.

BY HELEN WERBE
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Seeing red took on several new meanings at Postcrypt Art Gallery’s first exhibit of the semester, “Scarlet Fever: The Red Show.” The event, co-curated by Rachel Valinsky, CC ’12 and Spectator deputy photo editor, and Sarah Lipman, BC ’11 and visuals editor for The Eye, was held in the basement of St. Paul’s Chapel on Friday night.

“We wanted to have a Red Show ... exploring the connotations of the color red,” Valinsky said. The artists, all of whom were Columbia students, conveyed this concept through a range of mediums, from a photograph of a mermaid with a red filter, titled “Dreaming of Agent Cooper” by Atira Main, GS, to a T-shirt screen print titled “Cheer the Great Victory of the Korean People’s Army’s Triumphant Troops” by Simon Herzog, CC ’12.

But the show was about more than the works themselves. “We wanted to create a red environment,” Valinsky said.

For Lipman, that meant making use of the multi-sensory element of the color. The show was about “not just being red like the color,” she said, “but what red makes you feel, what you think about when you see red.”

To create the red environment, red drinks and snacks were served under red paper lanterns. While Twizzlers, strawberries, and Kit Kat bars were quickly eaten up, an unconventional bowl of red bell peppers and cherry tomatoes remained mostly untouched, as if a work of art itself. Guests added to the red atmosphere by incorporating the color into their outfits, from red nail polish to full-on red cocktail dresses.

The Facebook event page—the main means of publicity for the show—promised guests an interactive experience. “Red in and of itself is kind of an interactive color because it’s so intense that when you look at it you kind of have an emotional reaction... but we have video, we have the food, everything is supposed to be a part of the show,” Valinsky said.

Indeed, several elements of the show were interactive. Of the 20 or so works on display, a life-size sketch of Oscar Wilde’s tombstone accompanied by red lipsticks and pens encouraged guests to smooch the drawing. Also drawing audience participation was a formal dinner table complete with a red sateen table cloth, roses, and place tags for Scarlett Johansson, George W. Bush, Little Red Riding Hood, and Mao Zedong—“a last supper thing,” according to Lipman, who put the piece together. Guests took bites out of the red apples on each plate—a gesture that Lipman had hoped for, but not planned.

The event, which was a one-night production, had been postponed a week due to bad weather. “We were kind of ready for it last week and it was kind of annoying to have to mentally prepare ourselves for it again,” Valinsky said.

A lot of work went into the show, but the extra week allowed more time to find artists. “We reached out in pretty much every direction. We talked to them [artists], like how would you express red, how would you show that feeling, that color,” Lipman said.

Some last-minute additions included Samuel Draxler, CC ’12, who juxtaposed photographs of bloody animal carcasses with photographs of his friend in a red onesie, all of which were pulled from his personal collection.

Other artists made their works specifically for the event. Charles Fletcher, GS, described “Crush,” his dreamlike oil painting of a girl in lingerie whose face is covered by a medical mask, as “heavy narrative ... about a lot of things going on like globalization.”

The show, Fletcher’s first at Columbia, gave him the chance to express his feelings about red. “Red is passion, anger, and impulsiveness, all the good things in life, all the extremes... red is honesty.”

The way Fletcher summed up his work seemed to drive home the message of the entire show—he said it was “pretty much a unification of things we cannot understand.”

Documentary highlights struggles of living gluten-free in gluten-filled world

BY VICTOR CHANG
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Most students do not usually stop to think before eating wheat and gluten products. If they want hot dogs, they grab buns along with them. A sandwich is clearly incomplete without two slices of bread.

However, there exists a small group of people who struggle with these eating choices every day because they have Celiac disease, meaning they are allergic to gluten. In the film “Generation Gluten-Free,” Susan Cohen, BC ’08, follows the lives of a small group of New York City Celiac patients who have formed a new gluten-free generation. They have

survived with the help of small-but-strong support networks that reach as far as the Westchester suburbs.

Cohen—a Celiac patient herself—uses her film to showcase the current widespread awareness of the disease among the food community. Yet she herself faced many more difficulties growing up with the disease—as recently as 2000, resources were very limited and Celiac patients had to specifically request gluten-free foods.

“There were not as many books on Celiac, resources on the Internet were much slimmer, very few restaurants had separate gluten-free menus, and a lot of mainstream companies were not on the gluten-free bandwagon yet,” Cohen said.

Slowly, support groups gained steam, and Cohen was introduced to the Westchester Celiac Sprue Support Group, where she was fortunate enough to learn about the disease from many knowledgeable Celiacs.

As a result of her experiences, Cohen has the first-hand knowledge to document the hardships of Celiac patients, and how they try to live normal lives in a country where wheat products are virtually all around them. She shows that many people are willing to make things better for this new generation.

For example, Joseph Pace, owner of the New York City restaurant Risotteria, challenges himself with the daunting task of running a gluten-free eatery. Through taste experiments with pizza crusts, beer,

and fudge cookies, he was able to perfect delicious foodstuffs that Celiac patients could enjoy. Many other restaurant owners advertise their gluten-free products to the Celiac community throughout the city, clearly proud to serve these special foods.

Other people mentioned in the film, such as Beth Hillson and the Rosenthal family, faced enormous obstacles due to the disease, including doctor misdiagnoses, absurd diets, and relapses. Hillson’s Celiac disease actually returned once it had been deemed “removed.”

Cohen wanted to share the stories of each Celiac patient and the dynamics of the developing Celiac community. “I realized that ‘Generation Gluten-Free’ can also be used as a tool of awareness and

education without being overbearing ... as the film is very casual, upbeat, and fun,” she said.

Since Cohen was young, she wanted to be a filmmaker, particularly a screenwriter, and once she reached the Columbia campus, she immediately pursued film. She believes that the courses offered at Barnard and Columbia allowed her to pursue documentaries. “Documentaries are a very special form of storytelling. They have the ability to bring you inside a world you may never have experienced, had the filmmaker not pursued this topic,” she said.

Cohen hopes that by documenting the lives of Celiacs in such a way, more eateries will embrace the gluten-free generation.

Diana’s dull dining options fail to please discerning students

BY JASON BELL
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All bare, minimalist lines and pulsating red space, the new Diana Center café strives for modernism but feels akin to a hospital cafeteria. If only the food tasted better than institutional, Columbia students might still find a reason to drift over from Ferris Booth. Unfortunately, the Diana Center’s awkwardly quasi-fresh options consistently underwhelm, making this food court an utter waste of dining dollars.

Within the strangely sanitized and claustrophobic café, different stations offer salads, grilled items, macaroni and cheese, hot sandwiches, and thin-crust pizza. Overall, the culinary theme bends toward Italian, with background influences from American diner cuisine and Aunt Sally’s stale casserole that no one ever wants to eat.

Not surprisingly, the salad bar appears the only non-prefabricated choice. A collection of mundane greens and uninspired toppings, the salad bar seems almost a sideways joke, something to distract the eye and chuckle at momentarily while reaching for a just-grilled burger.

With regard to that grill, the Barnard Dining Services website asks students, “Hear that sizzling?” Actually, no. Because dozens of pre-cooked sandwiches lie festering under heat lamps, the sole sound reaching students’ ears is a disturbing quiet.

Similarly, macaroni and cheese comes already scooped into foil dishes, a quick and easy selection for diners anxious to escape the café’s operating-room atmosphere. Setting

into a gluey conglomerate of damp noodles and sodden cheese, each individual portion looks barely enough to sate the average collegiate appetite, let alone the ravenous surgeons the café’s architects clearly expect.

Following an obvious trend, sandwiches rest stacked behind glass awaiting a finishing trip to the panini press. Honestly, these sandwiches taste absolutely acceptable, however dull and dated the panini concept feels in 2010.

Thin-crust pizza seems like the café’s biggest risk—a brick oven has been installed, complete with dancing flames. Yet, the café constructs each pie ahead of time, dozens of disks already covered with a set list of toppings slid into metal racks. When a student orders a particular variety—ranging from tomato basil to barbecue chicken to Mediterranean—the cook simply locates the correct version and slides it into the furnace’s gaping jaws.

Mediterranean pizzas feature kalamata olives, tomatoes, onions, and mozzarella atop vibrant green pesto sauce. While a crisp crust holds up well against such a vegetable overload, oil leaks freely from the pesto, coating fingers and pizza alike in a smeary mess. The olives provide a delectable saltiness to the pale pink and watery tomato hunks that float sadly in their own bland juices.

Although the Diana Center café tries to bring Barnard dining into a new decade, the cafeteria remains mired in a recession mindset, complete with cheap comfort eats and an economically designed food service system. For such a modern space, students might expect more forward-thinking food.



ARTS AND SMARTS| Barnard alumna Claudia Altman-Siegel shows pieces from her gallery Altman Siegel at this year’s Armory Show. During college, Altman-Siegel gained valuable insight into the workings of the art world that helped launch her career.

Artsy alumna brings gallery to Armory Show

BY ASHTON COOPER
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Switching coasts, opening a gallery, and showing at the Armory Show all in one year seems an impossible task, but not for Claudia Altman-Siegel, BC ’95.

Altman-Siegel moved from New York to San Francisco last year and opened her eponymous gallery Altman Siegel. Altman-Siegel is participating in this year’s Armory Show—no small feat for the owner of a one-year-old establishment. “There’s a limited number of spaces here, and it’s very competitive to get in. So basically, galleries apply from all over the world, and then they want to be here for this week because people really make a lot of money here,” she said.

Altman-Siegel emphasized that her time at Barnard, particularly her interactions with the city, were critical in

furthering her career. “I interned for an artist when I was at Barnard. ... I went to see galleries all the time and I had a subscription to Artforum, and I feel like I was sort of immersed in the art world from maybe my sophomore year.”

After she graduated, Altman-Siegel couldn’t find a job right away, so she worked as a security guard until a better position opened up. She then spent 10 years at Lühring Augustine gallery in New York, until she started Altman Siegel in San Francisco.

Altman-Siegel focuses on bringing the work of a specific category of young artists to her gallery. “They’re [the artists] probably in their early 30s, and they’re showing in the biennials in various cities, and they’re starting museum shows but they’re not household names yet. ... They’re still kind of at the beginning of their careers,” she said.

One such artist is Matt Keegan, who

received a Master of Fine Arts degree from Columbia’s School of the Arts in 2004. “I’ve known Matt for a long time as a friend, and when I opened the gallery, I wanted to work with him as an artist because I think he’s very promising,” Altman-Siegel said.

Altman-Siegel’s career path is an example of how early immersion in the art world can pay off. Her advice for students who want to get involved in the art scene is, “intern, intern, intern.”

She stresses that students should not let the resources that New York offers pass them by. “It’s probably obvious, but go to galleries and go get involved. You guys are lucky enough to have the resources of the whole art world right at your fingertips, and so go to Chelsea and see every single show,” she said. “Start learning what’s out there, and you’ll be so far ahead of anyone else from school anywhere else, just because you have that right there.”



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Perspectives on gender-neutral housing

BY JANELLE BATTA

A lot has been said about gender-neutral housing at Columbia. We've heard about the sudden red light given by the deans, students scrambling to change the housing plans they had made with a friend of a different sex, disappointed reactions from student leaders, and a petition. What's left to say? As tempted as I am to spend 800 words echoing the disappointment of other supporters of the policy, I'll instead try to get back to the basics of this initiative, particularly to explain why gender-neutral housing is such an important issue for Barnard and then look ahead to how we can move forward. The push for gender-neutral housing started last spring as an initiative of



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the Barnard Student Government Association's Diversity Committee. SGA moved quickly on the issue, unanimously passing a resolution in favor of the policy. While this event was not marked by the flurry of media attention that we saw last fall at Columbia, proposed gender-neutral housing at Barnard is actually the more interesting question. The SGA resolution calls for a policy change not only to grant more student choice, but to correct an institutional assumption that all Barnard students identify as female and that all females are best suited to living with a member of the same sex.

I imagine that for many people affiliated with Barnard, the idea that not all students identify as female seems contradictory, and perhaps even inconceivable. However, I also believe that deviation from the gender binary is not a new idea for the majority. It seems natural that one day we would use the analytical perspectives on gender theory that are taught in our women's studies departments and take action to apply them to our college. However, deconstructing the importance of gender in an institution defined by gender is dangerous territory. It calls for debate far beyond the scope of this article.

On a practical level, gender-neutral housing would not compromise Barnard's integrity as

a women's college, because we already have a housing exchange that allows for male-identified CC and SEAS students to live in mixed-gender Barnard suites. As significant as the move from suitemate to roommate could be for students' personal comfort, it does not threaten to change the college's identity.

As complex and significant as gender-neutral housing is for Barnard alone, it is nonetheless diminished by the fact that we can't do much on our side of the street until changes are implemented at Columbia. There is something to be said for a gender-neutral policy at a women's college that serves to acknowledge evolving ideas about identity. Unfortunately, this change still wouldn't serve the needs of many students who feel they are best suited to live with men. Even if a policy change at Barnard could happen without Columbia taking the first step (which Barnard administrators have indicated is relatively unlikely), CC and SEAS students would still be subject to Columbia's policy even if they lived in Barnard housing.

Before we can approach these complexities, change needs to come to Columbia. What can we take from these recent events to help us move forward? One response from administrators that stuck with me was that the need for gender-neutral housing is not pressing due to the fact that Columbia already has mixed-gender floors. I can understand how an administrator might believe this. However, for students who aren't comfortable living with a roommate of their same legal sex, having roommates whom they would feel uncomfortable changing in front of doesn't do much good. Students living in the dorms know that there is a big difference in requisite intimacy between a roommate and a roommate. Some administrators, for whom college roommates are a distant memory, don't share this perspective.

It's undeniable that there are plenty of logistical difficulties to which administrators may not be motivated to find solutions, and which serve as convenient scapegoats for rejection of the proposal. In the next year, the most important element of this policy initiative will be demonstrations of student support to put pressure on administrators and to keep these logistical details from preventing the passage of this progressive policy.

Big changes in housing policies at Columbia and Barnard have always been student-driven. In contrast to the radical protests and scandal that framed the transition from single- to mixed-gender dorms, the road to gender-neutral housing has been very cooperative so far. We've seen strong leadership from the Columbia College Student Council, the Engineering Student Council, SGA, and several student groups. This very sudden and unexpected decision from the deans is undeniably disappointing. However, given the amount and quality of work that has gone into this initiative, I know that this setback will only strengthen the efforts to pass this important expansion of our freedom of choice.

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A beginner's guide to Israeli Apartheid Week

BY JON HOLLANDER

Last Monday marked the beginning of what has become a yearly tradition on Western college campuses: Israeli Apartheid Week. If you have walked by the competing pro- and anti-Israel protests on College Walk, you can appreciate that labeling Israel as an apartheid state is a hotly contested issue. Who is right here? The only way to properly address this question is to look at the facts that underlie claims of Israeli apartheid, and to judge both their validity, and whether or not the apartheid label constitutes an unfair demonization of the Jewish State of Israel.

Before examining the claim that Israel is an apartheid state, it is important to make the critical distinction between Israeli-Arabs and Palestinians. In 1947, the United Nations General Assembly voted to adopt the U.N. Partition Plan for the former British Mandate of Palestine, dividing the land into two states—one Jewish and the other Arab. The Jewish Agency (the de facto government for Jews in Palestine) accepted the plan, while the Arab states of Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Iraq rejected the proposal and invaded Israel. By 1949, Israel had managed to defeat the Arab armies and signed an armistice that set the borders of what are today the West Bank and Gaza. Those territories that Israel conquered, other than the West Bank and Gaza, have been incorporated into the internationally accepted boundaries of Israel. The Arabs who resided in these areas are known as Israeli-Arabs.

Israeli-Arabs are citizens of Israel, and have full political rights. There are Arab political parties in Israel's Parliament, high-ranking Arab bureaucrats and cabinet ministers, and Arab members of the Israeli Supreme Court. Moreover, Druze-Arabs are conscripted into the Israeli Defense Forces just like Israeli Jews, and several top IDF commanders are Druze-Arabs. More important than this small list of examples, however, is the fact that, unlike the blacks of South Africa, Israeli-Arabs are not denied basic political or economic rights. Economic, social, and political disparities between Arabs and Jews continue to exist in Israel, but these are more along the lines of those that exist here in the United States, not in pre-1994 South Africa.

Based on the realities of the situation, it is clear that the apartheid label cannot be justified by the conditions faced by Arab citizens of Israel. Yet, if this is the case, then to whom are pro-Palestinian groups referring? The answer is the Palestinians—those who reside in the West Bank and Gaza, territories that came under the control of

Israel following its defeat of the invading Jordanian, Syrian, and Egyptian armies in the 1967 Six-Day War. Unlike the territory taken in 1949, the West Bank and Gaza are not recognized as parts of Israel—they are territories that have been occupied since 1949 (first by the Egyptians and Jordanians, and now by the Israelis), which ideally would compose an eventual Palestinian state.

Looking at apartheid as it was practiced in South Africa, it is clear that the policy was meant to maintain the racial superiority of whites over blacks within the same country. The situation in Israel is completely different, because Israel and Palestine are not part of the same country, but rather are two distinct political bodies. Moreover, it is paradoxical for Palestinian supporters to demand that Palestinians have the rights of Israeli citizenship if they are actually committed to a Palestinian state peacefully coexisting with a Jewish state of Israel.

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If you are confused at this point, I don't blame you. Sadly, the logical fallacy that I just illustrated is not a problem for the organizers of Israeli Apartheid Week. That is because the apartheid label is not compatible with the desire for a two-state solution, but rather with the destruction of the Jewish State of Israel, and the creation of a single state in the territory formerly composing the British Mandate of Palestine. Aside from the fact that such a plan would undoubtedly lead to horrific levels of civil strife and bloodshed (think of the hypothetical consequences of uniting India and Pakistan as a means of solving that conflict), it also runs counter to the expressed wishes of both Israelis and Palestinians for separate, independent states.

Thinking about Israeli Apartheid Week in a critical fashion, it is clear that its proponents are little more than extremists seeking to demonize the State of Israel. In no way is the apartheid label apt unless you take the view that Israelis and Palestinians should be part of a single state, which violates the right to self-determination of both groups. Ultimately, spectacles like Israeli Apartheid Week accomplish nothing other than feeding the cycle of violence through radical ideology. If the organizers of Israeli Apartheid Week are truly interested in the well-being of Palestinians, they should work toward the goal of a two-state solution, rather than making characterizations that implicitly support the destruction of the State of Israel.

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In defense of fandom

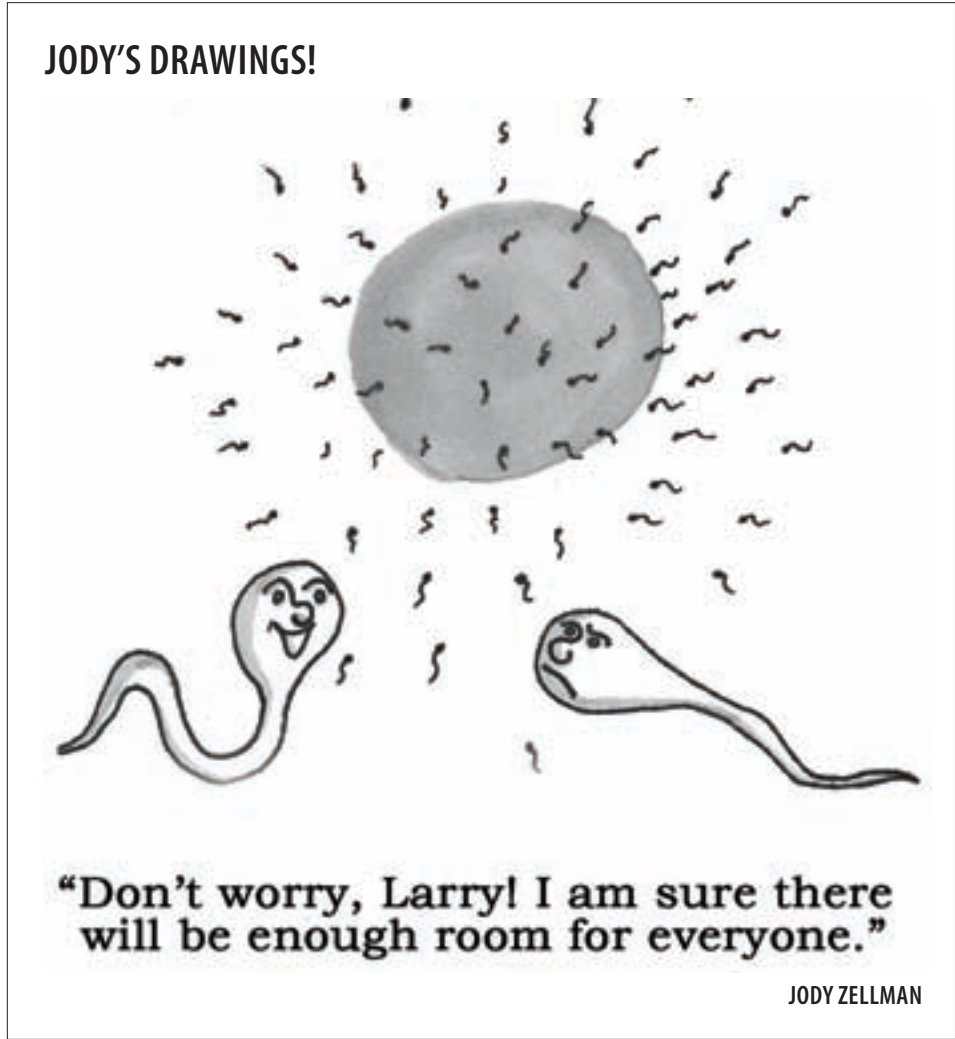
This weekend was a momentous one in the world of Columbia sports. A sophomore ran a sub-four-minute mile. The men's swimming team placed third at the Ivy Championships, and one junior on the team won the Ivy title. The women's basketball team set a record for most wins in a season. Yes, it was a momentous weekend—but how many Columbia students shared in that moment? Columbia is not known for its school spirit. But that's not to say that, this coming season, it can't be.

Team spirit doesn't magically manifest itself overnight. It can, however, slowly grow over the course of a season. For the players, the game means more, win or lose, if there's a non-parental crowd to support it. And for students, the act of repeatedly showing up with a group of friends and getting to know the players over time builds investment and enjoyment regardless of whether the team ends up doing well—though the bonus of having witnessed a team triumph over an

extended period of time certainly doesn't hurt.

The teams that did exceptionally well this season weren't necessarily the ones that most students generally head out to watch. However, had a group of students decided at the beginning of the season that they were going to support women's basketball, they would have, in a way, been a part of a historically good season. That's the chance that students have moving forward into this coming season, too. Pick a team and head out to support it.

For those students who complain about decentralization at all different levels at Columbia, we don't seem to recognize that this is a relatively easy way to build a cohesive community. Going out to support teams—even the less visible ones—gives strength not only to the players, but to the ties that bind together the campus as a whole. And, if nothing else, there's the chance to see somebody run a mile in under four minutes. Who wouldn't want to be a part of that?



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45 Tire layer
46 Rodeo event with obstacles
49 Really bugs
50 "... ain't broke ..."
51 "Hardball" ainer
53 Gridiron five-yard penalty
57 "You ... to know!"
61 Nothing at all
62 Without prior inspection
66 Ill temper
67 Vigilant against attack
68 Greenwich Village sch.
69 Divs. on some rulers
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49 Closely monitored hosp. areas
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CURVE BALL | Baseball only won one game against UNLV. However, it is still early in the season and UNLV is traditionally a strong nonconference opponent. Columbia next plays against Richmond.

Baseball takes one of four games in Vegas

BY VICTORIA JONES
Spectator Staff Writer

This weekend, Columbia's baseball team had a tough time against the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, but was able to finish on top. The men lost their first three games to the Rebels, but finished off an 8-6 finish last night to collect their first win of the year.

In the season opener, the Lions jumped out to an early lead. Lead-off hitter Jon Eisen's single was the first of three to start the game. Eisen was later brought across the plate by Jason Banos. The Light Blue put a second run on the board off an error by UNLV.

The Rebels responded quickly, posting a total of four runs in the bottom of the first, to take a 4-2 lead. Light Blue starter Pat Lowery was responsible for giving up two of those runs in the first but settled down in the second inning and retired the first three Rebels to approach the plate.

In the bottom of the third, UNLV struck again and increased its lead to 6-2 but Columbia didn't go down easily, reciprocating with two runs of its own in the top of the fourth with Nick Ferraresi and Alex Ferrera making it around the bases.

















The rest of the game saw the Rebels expand its lead, scoring runs in the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh that brought the score up to 14-4.

Ferrera was able to slug one out of the park in the ninth to add one to the Lions' score, but the UNLV held onto the 14-5 win.

The first half of Saturday's doubleheader told much of the same story as the Rebels pounded the Light Blue 11-4. Lions' starter Dan Bracey put the Rebels down one by one in the first inning.

Columbia collected the first point of the day in the bottom of the second, as Nick Cox made his way around the diamond, but UNLV quickly tied the game back up at one and proceeded to take the lead 4-1 in the third.

The Lions' bats were busy in the fourth, as a double by Dario Pizzano moved Ferraresi over to third after being walked, putting him in

	COLUMBIA	5	
	UNLV	14	
	COLUMBIA	4	
	UNLV	11	
	COLUMBIA	12	
	UNLV	13	
	COLUMBIA	8	
	UNLV	6	

perfect position to score on a wild pitch. Pizzano then capitalized on a squeeze bunt by Alex Goodshall, bringing Pizzano home and landing Goodshall on first base. Goodshall was subsequently picked off and Crucet's and Williams' singles later in the inning were all for not when the third out was struck, leaving the score 4-3.

Yet again, the Rebels used the rest of the game to run up the score. UNLV posted points in the fourth, sixth, seventh, and eight to drive the score to 11-4.

The Lions' final run was scored off a solo home run by Ferraresi in the eighth inning.

For a while, the second game on Saturday looked like it was going to turn the tides in favor of the Light Blue.

Once again Columbia drew first blood as Eisen ran the bases, but in the bottom of the first, Light Blue starter Stefan Olson let up two runs before striking out Rebel Craig Shul.

The Lions' bats got hot in the top of the second as Jon Eisen and Nick Cox each had an RBI single. Banos popped a sacrifice fly to the outfield that scored one more. With Cox still on base, Alexander Aurricchio stepped up to the plate and drove him home with a double before scoring himself from a single by Ferraresi. UNLV starter Andrew Beresford then loaded the bases full of Lions and walked Dean Forthun, bringing in the final run of the inning with a score of 7-2.

In the bottom of the third, Columbia starter Olson let up a two-run home run but he buckled down afterwards, and proceeded to shut the Rebels down through the sixth inning.

Quite oppositely, the Lions continued to run up the score, with Ferraresi, Pizzano, Godshall, Eisen, and Cox all crossing home to increase the Light Blue lead to eight.

Heading into the bottom of the eighth inning, the score remained 12-4 with Columbia on top. The Lions luck turned though as UNLV posted a remarkable eight runs in just two outs against relief pitcher Clay Bartlett. The inning finally ended with the scored a depleted 12-12.

Columbia's bats had turned cold, and the Lions weren't able to score even one run in their final at-bats. In the end, it was Rebel Cash Thomas who would score the winning run for UNLV, 13-12.

It wasn't until Sunday that the Lions achieved their desired outcome.

The Light Blue put up three runs in the second inning off of the bats of Ferraresi, Pizzano, Williams to start the scoring run.

After denying UNLV the chance to score in the second inning, the men posted another two runs in the third and three in the fourth. The fourth inning saw the likes of Crucet, Eisen and Banos crossing the plate off several walks and stolen bases.

Four and a half innings into the game, the score was 8-0 but Columbia had seen the Rebels respond to such imbalance before. Sure enough, in the bottom of the fifth UNLV cranked up the intensity and popped out five runs to narrow the margin to three.

While the Lions didn't score any more runs that evening, they were able to shutout the Rebels in the sixth, seventh, and eighth innings. With three outs left in the game, UNLV tried to stage a comeback, but relief pitcher Tim Giel held them to one run, and the Lions departed Vegas with an 8-6 victory.

Though splitting a series 1-3 isn't ideal, the Lions are just warming up their bats for the long season to come. Tough nonconference opponents like UNLV give the Light Blue the necessary tough competition it takes to start their conference schedule with adequate experience.

Tennis defeats GWU despite absence to key players









BY LAUREN SEAMAN
Spectator Staff Writer

Hoping to mirror its success in recent home matches, the women's tennis team trekked to College Park, Md. this weekend to face two out-of-state opponents, George Washington and Maryland. The Lions endured some setbacks, as the dynamic No. 1 doubles team of freshman Nicole Bartnik and senior co-captain Carling Donovan did not play in either match. Despite their absences from the court this weekend, the Lions notched an exciting 4-3 win over George Washington University. This win would be the high point of the weekend, though, as Columbia could not maintain its momentum during the second match, falling to Maryland 6-1. This weekend's mixed results left the Lions with a 5-6 record.

Having not faced GWU in more than four seasons, Columbia wasn't fully sure what to expect. But despite the challenges of facing a new competitor, the Lions played an outstanding match. Their success was foreshadowed by superb play in doubles, as they claimed an early lead, winning in the No. 2 and 3 spots.

Along with the new opponent came a new strategy in doubles. At No. 2, sophomore Eliza Matache and freshman Katarina Kovacevic paired up in the No. 2 spot for the first time. The duo was an instant hit, and notched a dominant 8-2 win over GWU's Jacqueline Corba and Dorota Lysenia. At No. 3 doubles, Columbia's Natalia Christenson and Diana Shapoval also saw success, snagging an 8-5 win over Sasha Gluck and Jennifer Hirsh. Replacing Bartnik and Donovan in the No. 1 spot, Natasha Makarova and Chelsea Davis competed well, but could not take the win, falling 8-5. Two out of three wins, however, was enough to earn the Lions the point.

In singles play, the Lions saw mixed results. Columbia endured losses at the end of the bracket, as underclassmen fell in the Nos. 4 though 6 singles matches. Sophomore transfer

	COLUMBIA	4	
	GWU	3	
	COLUMBIA	1	
	MARYLAND	6	

Caroline Constable saw a 6-1, 6-1 loss in the No. 6 spot, while freshman Kovacevic played a persistent first set, but ultimately lost 7-6(1), 6-3. At No. 5, freshman Shapoval won impressively in the first set, 6-4, but lost 7-6(1) in a hard-fought second set, only to drop the super tiebreaker 1-0(9).

These disappointing losses were countered by commanding wins in the Nos. 1 through 3 spots. Clinching a 7-6(3) first-set win, sophomore Matache continued her determined play at No. 3 and defeated her opponent 6-3 in the second set. Freshman Davis stole a 6-4, 6-2 win, beating Mimi Hamling handily at No. 2. Co-captain Makarova then defeated GWU's No. 1 Corba, winning 7-6(3), 6-2.

The Lions looked to build on the momentum from first victory to their second match of the weekend against the Maryland Terps. But despite the momentum gained on Friday, Columbia was not expecting an easy match against Maryland, a team with a relatively strong program. Last season, the Terps swept the Lions in a 7-0 match. This time, with the absence of two key players, the Lions lost 6-1, with the lone win coming at No. 1 singles by Makarova.

Maryland claimed three strong victories over Columbia, giving them an early lead. Replacing Bartnik and Donovan at No. 1 doubles, Davis and Makarova took on Lisa Miller and Maggie MacKeever, but fell 8-1. Hoping to continue their success as a doubles team, Matache and Kovacevic played in the No. 2 spot in a difficult match. Despite its efforts, the Light Blue duo could not hold up against Maryland, and lost 8-2. Maryland stole its final doubles victory at No. 3, as Shapoval and co-captain Christenson were swept 8-0.

Falling into a 1-0 hole early on, the Lions had a difficult time in their efforts to bounce back.



JOSE GIRALT / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SLICED | CU split its weekend matches, defeating GWU before losing to Maryland. Sophomore Matache played well against GWU.

At No. 6, Christenson was the first to fall, losing to Lexi Brand 6-1, 6-0. And after her successful play in the George Washington match, Kovacevic played at No. 4 but did not maintain her momentum from her performance on Friday, losing 6-2, 6-1 to Jordan Hansbrough.

Putting the Lions on the board, Makarova claimed a win in the No. 1 singles spot, crushing Miller 6-3, 6-2. Despite determined play in the Nos. 2 and 3 spots, Makarova's win would be the only one of the afternoon. Matache pushed her way through two tough sets but could not rise above her opponent at No. 3, as she lost 6-4,

6-4. In the No. 2 singles spot, Davis would not go down without a fight. After falling 7-5 in a close first set, she rallied back in the second to win 6-4. Battling for the victory, Davis played a tough tiebreaker, but lost 11-9.

Next week, the Lions head for warmer weather as they travel to Boca Raton, Fla. for spring training. There, they will face four different opponents, including NJIT, Clemson, Florida Atlantic, and Nova Southeastern. Columbia will not return home until Friday, March 26 for a 4 p.m. match against nonconference foe Fordham.

USenate talks academic calendar, career services

USENATE from page 2

Committee is responsible for reviewing the academic calendar every decade, with input from the student councils. Any changes to the calendar must be proposed by the committee, and may or may not be voted on by the full University Senate. The Senate is not attempting to change this fall's calendar, but rather looking to enact a long term solution that would plan for fall semesters for upcoming years.

James Applegate, co-chair of the Education Committee, anticipated that a formal proposal would be decided upon at the committee's March 12th meeting.

Among the recommendations being considered are a student proposal to start the fall semester the first Monday of September. This would eliminate the late finish, and change Columbia's current policy of starting after Labor Day.

The faculty proposal recommendation is to eliminate the Election Day break and hold finals over the weekend. The proposal created by the Education Committee will be presented during the Senate's April 2nd plenary for discussion.

"I would hope we have a consensus on how to go forward," Applegate said of the upcoming meeting.

Rushed holidays aren't the only things on students minds.

Student senator Rajat Roy, SEAS '10, raised concern over the success of the Center for Career Education in helping students secure jobs.

Bollinger said that the University is working to enhance funding for career services.

In serving seven schools, student senator Tao Tan, Business '11, questioned the policy

whereby CCE reports only to the dean of Columbia College. Bollinger said in response, "Everything at Columbia is history. ... Whether or not it's an ideal system, whether it's the best we can have at this point, I'm not really prepared to say."

The Senate also passed two resolutions to change the name of the Department of Middle Eastern and Asian Languages and Cultures to the Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies and the Department of Spanish and Portuguese to the Department of Latin American and Iberian Studies. These changes were proposed to better reflect the curricular expansion of both departments, both in terms of geographic area and discipline, senators said.

Another concern of the meeting was the University's investments, and the Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Investing, founded in 2000 to advise trustees on ethical and social issues, made an appearance to share a new resolution.

On behalf of the Committee, Anna Couturier, CC '10, announced a resolution recommending a non-investment screen in companies that create cluster munitions, which are explosive weapons that eject smaller munitions, with a high risk to civilians.

But Roy raised the issue that divestment might have a negative impact on the University endowment. Courtier acknowledged his point, responding, "It's a draw. With the issue of arms manufacture there is money to be made there. The question is whether or not the University feels that it should be actively engaging in investment in these companies."

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LAST HURRAH! The senior class of Danielle Browne, Caitlin Stachon, and Sara Yee became women basketball’s winningest class with last weekend’s victories over Brown and Yale. CU finishes 18-10, 9-5 Ivy.

Softball swept in season opener in Virginia tourney

BY CHRISTOPHER BROWN
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

After taking an early lead against Delaware State, the Columbia softball team (0-4) looked as though it would win the season opener. Instead, the Hornets rallied back and won, while the Lions dropped their first four games of the season in the UVA Cavalier Classic.







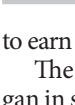
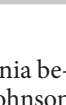
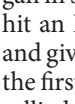
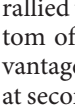
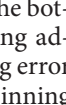
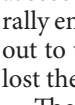
Columbia jumped out to an early lead with six first-inning runs. After leading off the game with a strike-out, Allison Lam started reached base on an error by Hornets first baseman Janelle Lukens. Third baseman Karen Tulig, doubled to center field to put runners on the corners and after Dani Pineda was hit by a pitch to load the bases with no outs, Maggie Johnson hit a sacrifice fly to center to score Lam for the first run of the game.

Tulig scored on a wild pitch and Kayla Lechler walked to put runners at first and second, with one out before outfielder Christie Taylor singled to left to make it 3-0. Shortstop Jennifer Bergeron hit an infield single to load the bases again, before junior outfielder Anne Marie Skylis singled to left field to knock in two more runs to chase starter Andrea Waters out of the game after just 1/3 of an inning. Delaware State answered with two runs in the bottom of the inning to make the score 6-2, but Pineda scratched out in the second after a walk, a steal, and a fielding error to score Columbia’s final run of the game. Delaware State scored seven runs in the bottom of the third and kept the Lions scoreless through the final four innings



FILE PHOTO

AWAY FROM HOME | Softball began nonconference play at Charlottesville.

	COLUMBIA	7	
	DELAWARE ST.	15	
	COLUMBIA	4	
	VIRGINIA	9	
	COLUMBIA	8	
	DELAWARE ST.	12	
	COLUMBIA	0	
	VIRGINIA	8	

to earn a 15-7 win.

The game against Virginia began in similar fashion, as Johnson hit an RBI single to score Tulig, and give her team an early lead in the first inning. But the Cavaliers rallied to tie things up in the bottom of the frame by taking advantage of Pineda’s fielding error at second base. A seventh inning rally ended with Johnson fouling out to the catcher and the Lions lost their second game, 9-3.

The Light Blue did not fare much better on Sunday, losing to Delaware State 12-8. Bergeron and Skylis each went 3-4, with a run scored and an RBI while Johnson hit 2-4 with 2 RBI. But Maureen O’Kane took the loss in her first collegiate start, surrendering 12 earned runs on 15 hits in seven innings of work.

Virginia took the final game of the tournament, as freshman Melanie Mitchell tossed five innings of shutout ball, before the mercy rule was called to end the game.

Columbia will try to bounce back during the Rebel Spring Games tournament next week in Central Florida.

Seniors end college careers with split at Brown, Yale



JASPER L. CLYATT / SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BIG FUTURE | Max Craig scored 10 points in 15 minutes off the bench.

Women’s 4x400 relay smashes Ivy League record

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Buffalo hit the provisional standard for the men’s weight throw with a 20.41m hurl. Adam Bergo of Rutgers just made the provisional height of 2.14m in the men’s high jump. Sophomore Monique Roberts failed to better her season best and school record 1.82m leap, a mark that has her tied at 13th nationally in the women’s high jump. The pole vault saw one provisional standard reached with Tiffany Maskulinski of Buffalo clearing 4.15m.

Columbia’s Sharay Hale, Kyra Caldwell, Kristen Houpp, and Yamira Bell ran a superb relay, lowering their school record 3:41.19 4x400m to a new Ivy best, 3:38.04. The time stands just a second over the NCAA automatic 3:37.00, but bodes well for future seasons as all women are underclassmen. Hale will travel to Fayetteville to represent Columbia in the 400m, individually.

For both men and women, the 1 mile run was the most successful event. There were fifteen

Lions finish year with record 18 wins

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story, with a Barry trey two minutes into the half expanding Columbia’s lead to 18.

Columbia never trailed in its 64-47 victory, and convincingly broke its third-place tie with Yale.

Vasquez led the Yale team with 13 points. As a team, Yale shot just 34 percent on the court, and committed 24 turnovers.

Columbia all-Ivy forward Judie Lomax was spectacular the entire game, posting 21 points and 21 rebounds. The nation’s leading rebounder had eight offensive rebounds, which equaled the number of offensive boards the entire Bulldogs team grabbed.

The next game versus Brown (8-20, 5-9 Ivy) began by recognizing the team’s seniors. On Senior Night, Browne, Yee, and Caitlin Stachon were recognized for their commitment to the team.

“It was amazing,” Yee said of the attendance. “The energy in the gym—it was just a great way to go out, with friends and family all in the crowd.”

“I really want to thank every single person that came out tonight to support these seniors. The energy was tremendous from the opening, when we first announced the three seniors,” Nixon said. “It was so, so clear how much everyone that was there was really into the game and wanted to see the seniors go out on a high note with the win.”

Right after tip-off, the seniors immediately established themselves early in the game, with Browne and Stachon scoring the team’s first seven points to take a 7-3 lead.

Lomax carried the load from there, besting her strong performance from the day before. The Ivy League’s leading scorer dominated the first half, pouring 12 points over the next 10 minutes of play to give the Light Blue a 27-14 advantage over the Bears.

Not to be flustered, the Brown squad responded with an 11-0 run to trim the lead to two.

“I’d like to give Brown a lot of credit. ... They’ve made tremendous strides with their program,” Nixon said. “They withstood our emotional tidal wave from Senior Night that started the game, and made a nice run there in the first half to really make it competitive.”

However, Lomax responded again, connecting on a baseline jumper to give Columbia a 29-25 halftime lead.

Following intermission, Columbia and Brown both came out swinging. But at the 10-minute mark, with the Lions clinging to a 39-31 lead, Browne delivered the knockout blow, going on a 7-0 run by herself, to give the Light Blue a 46-31 advantage with eight minutes to play, and removing any doubt as to the outcome of the game.

At the 41-second mark, the Columbia seniors were taken out of the game, receiving strong applause from the boisterous crowd.

“We have a lot of good support. A lot of people came out,” Stachon said on what made Senior Night so special. “Just a feeling that this was it.”

The seniors all finished the game with solid performances. Browne scored 15 points and recorded a resounding second-half block on Brown’s Aileen Daniels. Stachon, as has been the case her entire collegiate career, displayed great hustle and recorded a team-high three steals. Yee, the first-ever Ivy League Defensive Player of the Year, helped hold Brown’s three starting guards to just 11 points. In addition, Yee was a key contributor to Columbia limiting Brown to 41 points, setting Columbia’s season mark for points allowed by the opposition.

However, Lomax was the story of the night, finishing with her second straight 20-20 performance, recording 20 points and a program-record 27 rebounds. With her efforts, she concludes the season with a nation-best 14.2 rebounds-per-game average.

MEN’S BASKETBALL from back page

meeting and we said, ‘he’s going to play good,’ Jones said.

But Scott refused to take credit for his impressive performance.

“Credit goes to my teammates and the coaches for looking for me in the offense,” Scott said. “You get so many opportunities and you just have to take advantage of them.”

The offense definitely was clicking for the Lions, thanks in large part to Bulger, who had four assists.

“The past three or four games we’ve played really well,” Bulger said. “We haven’t gotten it done every game, but tonight everybody really bought in to what we were trying to do, and it worked out for us, so it [the win] is really special.”

Foley, who started the game, but only played two minutes due to a shoulder injury, was still appreciative of the victory.

“It’s nice to be able to look back and have your last memory be a win,” Foley said. “It’s indescribable.”

It wasn’t only the seniors that put forth strong performances though, as Cisco had 10 rebounds and six points. Staab contributed

“For Judie Lomax to lead the nation in rebounding for two consecutive seasons is unprecedented in Division I women’s basketball. ... When she did it last year, we didn’t win as many games, we didn’t play as tough a schedule,” Nixon said. “But when you look at what we’ve done this year in terms of how strong the Ivy League is, in terms of the nonconference teams that we’ve played... You look at the schedule that we’ve played, and this record for her is legitimate. She has played the highest level of Division I competition.”

Lomax also broke Columbia’s all-time steals mark at the Brown game, finishing the season with a conference-best 72 steals.

Browne broke Columbia’s record for most games played, despite often playing injured. The Brown game was indicative of her resolve, as she played through a first-half ankle injury to complete her Senior Night. Browne also finishes her career second in Columbia history in steals and fourth in assists.

“It’s kind of sad because it’s the last game possibly of my career,” Browne said. “But I was happy about my performance and representing Columbia one last time.”

With the weekend sweep, women’s basketball completes its season with an 18-10 record, 9-5 in conference play. Columbia as a program completes its most successful season ever, ending the year in clear third in the Ivy League standings, which is women’s basketball’s highest-ever finish. The team also achieved a school-record 18 wins.

“Coach Nixon and his staff have done a fabulous job. We had great leadership from our three seniors—we’re going to miss them terribly,” Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Physical Education M. Dianne Murphy said. “I’m just really, really, really proud of what this Columbia women’s basketball team has accomplished, and our entire University community should be proud as well.”

eight boards and six points—a good sign for next season.

“I think the future is bright if these guys work hard in the off-season and keep listening to coach,” Bulger said.

“It’s never too soon to start thinking about next year,” Foley added. “It’s nice that we could go in and get some contributions from guys like Blaise who surprised us, who got his opportunity and really took advantage of it. He brought tremendous energy. Max has really played solid the last two games, so I think that bodes well for the future.”

Jones also spoke about the positive signs for next year.

“Overall, the season on the whole, obviously it wasn’t what we expected from ourselves,” Jones said. “We expected a lot coming to the year and I felt like for whatever reason we just struggled to come together. But tonight was great for us because I thought it showed for the future that we have some good pieces here.”

The Light Blue has eight months to figure out how all those pieces will fit together, and how to fill the void that will be left by Bulger, Foley, and Scott.



COURTESY OF DAN GROSSMAN

PASSED | CU’s 4x400 became the first Ivy team ever to clock below 3:40.



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SETTING THE MARK | Men’s swimming had a tremendous tourney, achieving its highest placing in the Ivy Championships in over four years.

Powell outswims competition in Ivy Championships

BY VICTORIA JONES
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For three days, the men’s swimming and diving team duked it out with the rest of the Ancient Eight, at the Ivy League Championships. Though the Lions may not have taken the top spot, they did manage to rise above their fifth place finish in the standings from the regular season, to take third in the league.

Princeton and Harvard have finished first and second in the championships for the last 38 years, and this year was no exception. It’s almost as if there is a secondary competition between the remaining six teams. As head coach Jim Bolster says, “If you get third, it’s almost like you’ve won the meet.”

“The Ivy Championships is our focus and we make sure that is the meet that we try to peak for emotionally, psychologically, physically,” Coach Bolster said. “This is when we’ve really got to put it all together. And they did just that, that’s for sure.”

Right from the start the men began to supersede expectations. Thursday evening, in the first final of the weekend, the Light Blue relay team seeded fifth, jumped ahead to finish in second place. Junior Adam Powell, seniors Darren Pagan and Jordan Kobb, and freshman Patrick Dougherty combined to post the 1:21.55 effort that was second only to Princeton.

Pagan hit the deck a second time Thursday night, this time tackling the 200 individual medley. Pagan’s time of 1:48.11 placed him fourth behind two Tigers and a Penn swimmer.

Junior Adam Powell topped

the charts for the Lions and won the 50 freestyle in 19.72 seconds—the 18th fastest time in the nation, and a time that makes the NCAA “B” cut. Powell faced tough competition, with five Princeton swimmers in the top heat alone, but at the end of the day Columbia stood atop the podium.

Coach Bolster said, “At the moment, being 18th, he has a pretty good shot of being invited [to the NCAA championship meet].”

Columbia’s trio of divers also competed on the first night. Freshman Jason Collazo took the top prize for the Lions with his fourth place finish, while fellow freshman Michaelangelo Borghi, and junior David Levkoff took 12th and 20th respectively.

The 400 medley relay team comprised of Johnny Bailey, Eric Tang, Bruno Esquen, and Powell finished second in 3:18.01 to close out the first day of competition with the Lions seeded fifth.

Coach Bolster recalls, “After the 1650 on Friday night we were down by 154 points. Penn was in third and we were actually in fifth. I can’t say I was saying to myself or the team: ‘Hey look, third place is still within our grasp.’”

But the same relay crew opened up the finals on Friday night in the 200 medley, adding another set of second place points to Columbia’s total with a time of 1:29.81. The time not only makes the NCAA “B” cut but is also a new school record, and will earn each of the men second-team All-Ivy honors.

Freshman Sean MacKenzie raked in another 24 points for the Lions with a 15:55.43 finish in the 1650 freestyle, that was good enough for sixth place. Also in

the event was sophomore Alex Smith nearby in ninth in 16:30.21. With the conclusion of the 1650 free, Columbia overtook Cornell in the points tally and slid into fourth place.

The Lions were well represented in the 400 individual medley finals thanks to senior Ross Ramone, and sophomores Robert Eyckmans, and Chester Dols. Ramone finished ninth in 4:00.53, with Eyckmans close behind at 4:00.68 in 11th, and Dols in 13th in 4:01.49.

The A-final of the 100 butterfly was home to Esquen and Pagan, who finished fourth and eighth in 48.74 and 48.98 respectively. Tang, Erik Mai, and Ramone handled the 100 breaststroke as Tang took sixth in 56.19 seconds. Mai led the B-final with a ninth place finish in 56.54, with Ramone close behind in 12th in 57.07.

Powell hit the pool again, this time taking third with a 49.11 finish in the 100 backstroke. Also in the final were Bailey and Dougherty, who took sixth and eighth respectively.

Pagan, Mitchell Phillips, Mackenzie, and Dougherty worked together to complete the 800 freestyle relay in 6:45.06 at the end of the second day.

The third day began with the Lions still in fourth place behind Princeton, Harvard, and Penn. In the 1000 freestyle, the usual trio of distance swimmers teamed up to represent the Light Blue. Smith took twelfth in 9:25.01, MacKenzie finished thirteenth in 9:25.49, and Dols ended in fifteenth in 9:30.71.

Pagan put points on the board once again for Columbia with his fifth place finish in the 200

backstroke in 1:48.19.

Winning his second league title of the weekend, Powell took first in the 100 freestyle in 43.92, his second swim within the NCAA “B” cut standards. Powell claimed the first spot ahead of a string of five straight Princeton swimmers.

Seniors Ramone and Tang nearly tied at the wall, finishing in sixth and seventh place at 2:02.23 and 2:02.34 respectively in the 200 breaststroke. With the points pouring in as a result of this event, the Lions picked off yet another opponent, and slid into third with just three events to go.

After Esquen took ninth in the 200 fly, and Levkoff grabbed 11th in the 1-meter dive, the Ancient Eight headed into the final event of the championships—the 400 freestyle relay. Pagan, Dougherty, Phillips and Powell improved greatly upon the Light Blue’s sixth place seed to take third in 3:00.52.

The Lions were able to hold onto their position and end the meet in third place with 996.5 points but Penn was close behind at 959.5.

“The Penn kids swam well so it wasn’t like they handed it to us. But our guys just kept stepping up one race after the other and we sort of clawed our way back one race at a time,” coach Bolster said.

Of the team, Bolster noted “they were wonderful, phenomenal all weekend. They paid attention to the task at hand, they didn’t get discouraged, they didn’t get intimidated, they just came out each day and just set a tone that ‘We’re here, the boys from New York City’ as they like to say and ‘we’re ready, we’re going to show you what we got.’”

CU Baseball: a breakdown of the Lions’ new look

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is just as compelling, as freshman Eric Williams, sophomore Alexander Auricchio, and Jason Banos all got starts in Vegas. Banos, who batted third this weekend, is returning from a knee injury that ended his season last year, and split time between first base and his old position, left field against UNLV. Where he ends up landing for the remainder of the year will depend on his health and the play of Auricchio, and freshman left fielder Dario Pizzano. As of now, Pizzano has done more to earn a spot in the starting nine, which is why Banos finished the weekend at first.

Dean Forthun returns as the vocal leader and catcher of the team. After batting third last season, the supremely defensively talented Forthun will probably bat sixth this year, a spot that will highlight his clutch hitting and decrease his responsibility to hit for power.

OUTFIELD

Probably the most new-looking of all the areas of this Columbia team, the Lions’ outfield saw two fresh faces for most of the weekend. Freshman Nick Ferraresi had a breakout series in right, with seven hits (four for

extra bases including a triple on Sunday) and six runs batted in. He is also a defensive standout, probably the reason he won the starting job this winter. Dario Pizzano also impressed, hitting his way into playing time with three doubles and four runs batted in for the series. Watch-list candidate for Ivy League Player of the Year Nick Cox had only three hits on the weekend, but still scored four runs while holding down center field.

It looks as though sophomore Bill Rumpke will serve as the “fourth outfielder,” with the defensive ability to play all three outfield positions and the speed to figure as Boretti’s first-choice pinch runner. Strangely out of the mix is junior right fielder Bobby O’Brien, who broke out during Ivy League play last season and finished the year with the team’s best batting average. Ferraresi’s phenomenal weekend might make it hard for O’Brien to break back into the lineup for the time being, but he could become a very useful weapon for the Lions in about a month when Ivy play begins to heat up.

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Wrestling finishes eighth in EIWA championships

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In a bleak weekend for the Columbia wrestling team, a few wrestlers shined. The Lions, 8-10-1 overall and 2-3 Ivy, competed in the EIWA championships over the last two days. Columbia finished with 65 points, tying with Army for eighth place.

Junior Eren Civan was the star of the weekend for the Light Blue, finishing in fourth place at 165 pounds. His fourth-place finish qualifies him for the NCAA championships. Civan won his first match 5-2 and led the entire way. His next bout came against Cornell’s Justin Kerber, who entered the competition with a 10-7 overall record. The back-and-

forth match ended in Kerber’s favor, as he took the victory as well as the third place finish.

While Civan’s finish was the best of the weekend for the Lions, he was not the only success story. Sophomore Andrew Grabfelder finished in sixth place, after falling to Penn’s Bryan Ortenzio at 133 pounds. Freshman Steve Santos finished sixth, at 149 pounds in his first-ever EIWA tournament. Also, the more experienced sophomore Kevin Lester took fifth place at 285 pounds.

While the season for the Columbia wrestling team has come to an end, Civan’s season continues. He will have a few weeks to prepare for the NCAA tournament that takes place March 18-20.



MATTHEW SHERMAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

LONG LOCK | Although Columbia concluded its season, Civan’s fourth place finish last weekend earned him a spot in the NCAA tournament.

Columbia men’s tennis team opens Ivy League play with road win over Cornell

BY KUNAL GUPTA
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

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losing a serve the entire match, Wong and Nichifor lost the No. 1 doubles match in a tiebreak. At No. 2 doubles, sophomore Haig Schneiderman and freshman Nate Gery lost another tight match 8-6, giving Cornell the doubles point. At No. 3 doubles, sophomore Rajeev Deb-Sen and junior Kevin Kung were locked in a tight battle in the tiebreak when the doubles point was decided, and ultimately ended up losing the tiebreak as well, giving Cornell a sweep of the doubles point.

“The doubles was spectacular. Even though we played good doubles, sometimes on an away court you miss one or two shots, and that’s what happened in the two tiebreaks,” Goswami said. “I thought Nate and Haig played really well—they had a lot of break points in their match, also.”

The Lions regrouped quickly in singles play, with freshman Cyril Bucher leading the way. Bucher, from Switzerland, lost in the Lions’ previous match to Cornell, but came out as a different player this time. Bucher routed his opponent Mirza Klis 6-1, 6-1, tying

the match at 1-1.

“They were so jacked when they won the doubles point. Good thing for us that Cyril came out and just started hitting winners. I’ve never seen Cyril do that,” Goswami said. “This was the same guy that Rajeev beat 7-5 in the third last time. And you know, even though we fought so hard in the doubles point, Cyril wins and it’s 1-1.”

Next off the court was Jon Wong at No. 1 singles, who avenged a three-set loss to Jon Jaklitsch last season with a 6-4, 7-6 straight-sets win. At No. 6 singles, Gery won a close first set in a tiebreak and continued his solid play in the second, winning that 6-4 and giving Columbia a 3-1 lead. At No. 5 singles, Deb-Sen was locked in a dogfight against Jonathan Fife. Deb-Sen lost the first set in a tiebreak, despite saving nine set points, and held two set points of his own to take the set.

Nichifor, at No. 2 singles, also dropped his first set, but rebounded to win the second set 6-4. Nichifor jumped out to an early break in the second, but was broken back and twice forced to serve to stay in the match. Holding each time, Nichifor forced a tiebreak, which he won 7-4, giving Columbia an insurmountable

4-1 lead. Schneiderman, at No. 3 singles, split his first two sets in tiebreaks, winning the first and losing the second.

“It was a sigh of relief after we were up 4-1,” Goswami said.

Since the outcome of the overall competition was already decided, Schneiderman and Feldman played a super tiebreak to decide the outcome of their match, which Schneiderman won 10-4. Deb-Sen responded by taking his second set 6-2, and winning a third-set super tiebreak 12-10.

“I thought Haig played really, really well. I mean, I watched the super tiebreak, and I thought I was watching the U.S. Open,” Goswami said. “He was playing like [Roger] Federer. He was serving big and he came in to volley—I just said, man, I’m happy he’s playing for us for another two years. For a long stretch, I’ve never seen Haig play better.”

“I think we were very focused and determined,” Goswami added. “It bodes well for us to win 11 out of 12 singles matches against Cornell in the two matches.”

The Lions will next be in action during spring break, when they take their annual training trip to Texas. Their next Ivy match will be against No. 53 Harvard on April 2.



ALYSON GOULDEN FOR SPECTATOR

ACE | Freshman Cyril Bucher flattened his opponent 6-1, 6-1.

An early look at Light Blue baseball



TOM DI BENEDETTO

The Mouth that Roared

I was looking forward to pre-viewing the Columbia baseball team all winter, but I just couldn't do it in my last column. Question marks at several starting positions made it difficult to definitively flesh out a starting lineup or rotation, and I ultimately decided to wait until opening weekend to see who head coach Brett Boretti had in his plans.

That was probably a good idea, as Columbia debuted a brand new look in Las Vegas, for their four game set with University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Here's my better-informed breakdown:

PITCHING

The Lions pitching staff allowed 44 runs on the weekend as the team went 1-3 in the desert. While this does not reflect too well on the staff as a whole, there is actually cause for optimism, specifically in the starting rotation. Sophomore Pat Lowery struggled in game one in the shoes of the graduated Joe Scarlata, but the Lions got solid outings out of junior Dan Bracey, freshman Stefan Olson, and junior Geoff Whitaker in games two, three, and four.

Olson's performance stood out, as he allowed 4 runs in his first 6 collegiate innings while striking out 6 in game two on Saturday. A surprise in the three spot in the rotation, Olson's 6' 5" frame gives him a big upside in the Ivy League where freshmen often contribute.

Whitaker was also solid through the first four innings on Sunday before being chased from the game in the fifth. It was not a performance he'll hang his hat on, but his presence at the back end of the rotation highlights the potential depth of this starting group. Probably the most consistent strike-thrower on the staff, Whitaker will be as solid a fourth starter as you will come by in the Ancient Eight this year.

The bullpen, on the other hand, is a different story. Senior Clay Bartlett was stellar as the sophomore closer of the '08 Ivy League Championship team but has struggled ever since. After struggling with control last season, Bartlett once again went wild in the ninth inning of game two on Saturday, allowing the winning run to score in the bottom of the ninth on a wild pitch with the game knotted at 12. Freshman Tim Giel was preferred in the ninth inning on Sunday, and got the last two outs to save Columbia's first win of the season. It was his second solid outing of the weekend, and he is likely to be the new favorite for the closer spot.

Eric Williams, Harrison Slutsky, and Brian Valero all struggled in their relief debuts, but Roger Aquino was fantastic in relief of Geoff Whitaker on Sunday. After a great summer, Aquino looks primed to become Brett Boretti's go-to man in middle relief, a role he steadily improved in last season. Junior Max Lautmann is also one to watch as the bullpen's best left-hander, but he did not make an appearance in the weekend series.

INFIELD

I anticipated a major change on the left side of the infield for the Lions this season and was not let down, as transfer Alex Godshall took over the shortstop duties from Alex Ferrera this past weekend, moving Ferrera to third base. Godshall gives the Lions more range defensively and will function as a double-leadoff man in the ninth spot in the batting order.

Sophomore Jon Eisen returns as the starting second baseman, but Boretti is high on freshman Nick Crucet. Crucet started at second and batted leadoff, going 2-4 with 2 runs in the Lions' Sunday victory, while Eisen DH'ed and batted second.

The situation at first base

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JASPER L. CLYATT / SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BANG | Senior Niko Scott concluded his outstanding collegiate career at Brown, tallying 22 points and 5 steals.

Basketball ends year with win over Brown

BY MICHELE CLEARY
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Down 46-45 against Brown, Columbia senior guard Niko Scott hit his sixth and final 3-pointer of the game, giving the Light Bluea 48-46 lead with 6:40 left to play. The Bears would never lead again, and Scott, along with fellow seniors Kevin Bulger, and Patrick Foley, ended their collegiate careers with a win.

That was Saturday night though, and the Lions (11-17, 5-9 Ivy) were not as fortunate Friday, as they fell to Yale 65-48.

After jumping out to a 15-10 lead, Columbia allowed Yale to go on a 12-0 run, and the Bulldogs eventually took a 29-26 lead into the half.

Just over five minutes into the second stanza, a layup by sophomore guard Noruwa Agho gave Columbia its first lead of the half. Another layup, this time by sophomore forward Blaise Staab, gave the Lions a three-point cushion but they weren't able to maintain it, as Yale scored 14 unanswered points to take a 47-36 lead with under 10 minutes to play.

The Bulldogs would go on to win 65-48, despite several comeback attempts by the Light Blue.

The game was not as one-sided as the score indicates. Columbia excelled on the boards—something it has struggled to do all season—out-rebounding Yale 42-34.

Leading the Lions on the glass were freshman center Mark Cisco and junior center Max Craig. Cisco pulled down eight boards, in addition to contributing 10 points. Craig had nine rebounds and tallied eight points.

“Coach really put an emphasis on rebounding, so we went out

	COLUMBIA	48	
	YALE	65	

there really trying to rebound and even the guards were getting a lot of rebounds,” Cisco said.

In addition to out-rebounding its opponent, Columbia also moved the ball well, but a lot of its open shots didn't fall, resulting in 31.1 percent shooting.

“I think we just missed some makeable shots, myself included,” Agho said. “I shot terribly. I think that was the difference.”

Though Agho led the team with 14 points, he was only 5-of-17 from the floor. However, he did contribute six rebounds.

“We out-rebounded them, we had 18 offensive rebounds, I just felt like we just couldn't finish some plays,” head coach Joe Jones said. “We tried to play the right way, we tried to move the ball, but we just couldn't make enough baskets to win.”

While the Bulldogs did shoot at a higher percentage than the Lions, making 42.5 percent of their shots, they also went to the foul line a lot more. Yale made 26 of its 35 free throw attempts, but Columbia was only able to convert seven of its 15 shots from the charity stripe.

Though the loss at Yale was a disappointing one, as it meant that the Light Blue would not finish in the top half of the league, the Lions still had one more chance to close out their somewhat lackluster season on a high note. And they did just that.

In a game that was close until the final minutes, Columbia

was able to finish on top, defeating Brown 65-56, sending seniors Bulger, Foley, and Scott out with a victory.

The Light Blue jumped out to an early 9-4 lead on a 3-pointer by Scott, with 14:49 still to go in the first half. Two lead changes later and the score was tied at 17 with 4:19 remaining, but back-to-back treys by Scott gave Columbia a six-point lead with under two minutes to go.

A 3-pointer by Brown's junior guard Garrett Leffelman cut the Lions' lead to just three at the half though, 26-23.

The Lions maintained their lead throughout the beginning of the second half, but a three-point play by Brown's freshman forward Andrew McCarthy gave the Bears a 38-37 lead with 12:30 to play. Unlike in the Yale game, the Light Blue was able to hang tough, and keep the score close for the rest of the half.

There were four lead changes between the three-point play and the 6:40 mark, when Scott hit his final shot from downtown to give Columbia the 48-46 lead.

Up by only five with 1:09 to play, Bulger stole the ball from Brown's senior forward Matt Mullery, sealing the win for the Light Blue.

“He's been doing that his whole career,” Jones said of Bulger. “Coming up big defensively and he did it again tonight. A great play by a terrific player.”

In his final performance as a Lion, Scott had a game-high 22 points on 6-for-8 3-point shooting and five steals, something Jones and the other coaches predicted before tip-off.

“It's funny, we had a coaches'

SEE MEN'S BASKETBALL, page 8

Lomax's 27 boards propel CU to third

Seniors Browne, Stachon, Yee end careers with weekend sweep

BY MICHAEL ZHONG
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Women's basketball completed its best season ever, sweeping its doubleheader against Yale and Brown to place clear third in the Ivy League.

In Columbia's matchup with Yale (13-15, 8-6 Ivy) earlier in the year, the Bulldogs overwhelmed the Lions with 47 first-half points, on their way to an 81-74 win over Columbia. This time, with the inside track to third place at stake, the Light Blue defense smothered the Bulldog's offense, holding the team to 47 points for the entire game in a 64-47 win.

In the opening minutes, it was immediately clear that the tone of this game was different. The Lions forced eight turnovers in the first 10 minutes of play, which allowed them to jump ahead 28-12 with eight minutes remaining in the half.

Senior Sara Yee, the reigning Ivy League Defensive Player of the Year, was the key cog in the Lions' defensive dominance. Yee relentlessly hounded Yale guard Yoyo Greenfield—who went off for 20 points in the two teams' first matchup—for the entire game, limiting her to two points this time around. She finished with a game-high four steals in 34 minutes of play.

This wasn't possible in the first game because Kathleen Barry, Columbia's other ace perimeter defender, missed the first meeting with a knee injury. With Barry

	YALE	47	
	COLUMBIA	64	

	BROWN	41	
	COLUMBIA	54	

available to guard Yale freshman Megan Vasquez—who scored 19 for Yale last time—the Light Blue defense was significantly more effective.

Offensively, reserve guard Melissa Browne connected on a contested layup at the buzzer to give Columbia a 33-21 halftime lead.

In recent weeks, Browne has been on a scoring barrage. She was no different this week, lighting up the scoreboard with 17 points, most of which came on an array of spectacular drives to the basket.

“She's among the Ivy League leaders in assists. As we went through the second round of league play, people have started to play her for the pass and not necessarily respect her as a player capable of scoring,” head coach Paul Nixon said. “And I think she's taken advantage of the way teams have been trying to defend her.”

Her penetration contributed to Columbia outscoring Yale 36-10 for points scored in the paint. Browne also dished out a game-high five assists.

The second half was the same

SEE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, page 8

Sophomore Merber breaks Ivy record with 3:58 mile

BY GREGORY KREMLER
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On Friday, the Columbia Lions hosted a last chance meet at the New York Armory, for athletes throughout the Eastern Seaboard seeking to attain qualifying standards for the NCAA championships this coming weekend in Fayetteville, Ark. Various provisional standards were met, and school and Ivy records were set in the women's 4x400m relay, and the marquee event, the men's one-mile.

The women's 3k saw four provisional marks, though none from Columbia women. In the men's races, John Martinez of North Carolina led the way with an 8:04.56 to hit the provisional standard, while freshmen Lions Ben Veilleux and Mark Feigen

were sixth and seventh in 8:18 and 8:21—solid times for a debut season.

In the 800m, two women satisfied the provisional standard of 2:09. Senior Lion Serita Lachesis missed by a hair, taking third in 2:09.01. For the men, winner Brian Hill of Harvard was the sole provisional qualifier. Columbia senior and junior Mike Mark and Matthew Stewart were third and fourth in 1:51.40 and 1:53.17.

One man and women each—Chelsea Carrier of West Virginia and Chris Kinney of Georgetown—met the provisional standard in the 60m hurdles. The sprints 60m through 200m didn't have anyprovisional or automatic marks on either side.

On the field, Matthew Gac of

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COURTESY OF DAN GROSSMAN

HE'S FAST | Merber's run was the ninth fastest in the nation this year.

BY THE NUMBERS



6 Number of 3-pointers Niko Scott made in his final contest as a Lion, giving him a game-high 22 points in the win over Brown.

87 The number of rebounds Columbia had this weekend. Freshman Mark Cisco had 18 boards over the two games.

MONDAY MORNING POINT GUARD

IVY LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Cornell	13	1	.929	27	4	.871
Princeton	10	3	.769	19	8	.704
Harvard	10	4	.714	21	7	.750
Yale	6	8	.429	12	19	.387
Penn	5	8	.385	6	21	.222
Columbia	5	9	.357	11	18	.393
Brown	5	9	.357	11	20	.355
Dartmouth	1	13	.071	5	23	.179

SPECTATOR PIXBOX STANDINGS: FINAL

1	Kunal "Moving the Chains" Gupta	37-27
2	Bart "The Tailgating Tales" Lopez	37-27
3	Tom "The Mouth That Roared" Di Benedetto	36-28
3	Jelani "Can't Knock the Hustle" Johnson	36-28
5	Lisa "That's What She Said" Lewis	32-32
6	Holly "The Eyes of Texas" MacDonald	30-34
6	Matt "The X-Factor" Velazquez	30-34
8	Jacob "Put it on the Board" Shapiro	25-39