

Senior, alum win Fulbright scholarships

BY BEN GITTELSON
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Cristian Gonzalez, CC '10, and Emily Tamkin, CC '12, will study in Germany next year as Fulbright Scholarship winners.

Tamkin will research Soviet-era legal dissident projects at the University of Bremen's Research Centre for East European Studies in Bremen, Germany.

"I'm interested in central Europe and eastern Europe and Russia, and I knew that I wanted to do something with rule of law and freedom of press," said Tamkin, a *Spectator* opinion columnist, *Spectrum* blogger, and former *Spectator* editorial page editor.

"I'm interested in journalism. I'm interested in law. I'm interested in the Eastern Bloc and the Soviet timeframe," she said. "But I'm also interested in how that affects today, so I put those things together and found this particular place at which to carry it out."

Tamkin, who plans to go to law school after studying in Bremen, said she wants to apply her research in Germany to her work in international law. Although she studied in St. Petersburg last spring, she called the prospect of living abroad for a year in a country she's never visited "nerve-racking," adding that she's looking forward to it.

"I'm excited to live in Germany and learn more about the German language and culture," Tamkin said. "This is so completely different from anything I've done before."

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NO CONTRACT, NO PEACE | Local 2110 workers and their allies rally at the corner of 120th Street and Broadway on March 7.

Union, CU work on contract in advance of potential strike

BY CASEY TOLAN
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A Columbia employees union hasn't made much progress in negotiations with the administration since a March 7 rally, according to the union's president—and a strike is a real possibility.

United Auto Workers Local 2110, the union that represents University clerical employees throughout the city, is negotiating with the University over health benefits and pensions. The union's president, Maida Rosenstein, said the two sides are not much closer to a new contract than they were two weeks ago.

According to Rosenstein, the

University's current proposal would "provide less benefits and make members pay for part of the cost of those benefits."

Columbia is proposing a new health care plan—a Cigna HMO which, according to Rosenstein, has no out-of-network coverage and would force new employees to pay higher health care costs than longtime employees. The proposal also includes an increase in wages as well as a bonus, but these wouldn't cover increases in the cost of living, Rosenstein said.

Organizers and Columbia representatives will return to the negotiating table on March 29. If no progress is made in that round

of negotiations, Rosenstein said, the union will set a deadline for an agreement, and if that deadline isn't met, the union's roughly 1,000 members will vote on whether to strike.

"Nobody wants to have a strike when you can make an agreement with amicable negotiations, but it's not looking very good, I would say," Rosenstein said in an interview Sunday.

Rosenstein said that the current contract will continue until a new contract is agreed to or there is a strike. She added that a strike by Local 2110 would have a big impact on the Morningside Heights campus.

"Our members often do

day-to-day support work, whether it's in registration or admissions or other offices—answering phones, working at the desk when someone goes into a developmental office," she said.

The University is "nickeling and diming our members, for whom the nickels and dimes are worth a lot," Rosenstein said.

"Even if costs go up, the University has fabulous wealth," she said. "They have an endowment of \$8 billion and the ability to raise billions of dollars to expand into Harlem."

A Columbia spokesperson could not be reached for

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2 parties running for CCSC E-board

Five students running for CC USenate seats

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The Columbia College Student Council Elections Board announced the candidates for CCSC's Executive Board and class councils, as well as Columbia College's University Senate seats, on Sunday night. Only two parties are running for Executive Board, compared to three parties last year, and five students are running for two open senate seats.

Voting will begin on April 2 and end on April 5. Campaigning starts March 26 and lasts through the end of voting.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The two parties running for Executive Board are headed by presidential candidates Karishma Habbu, CC '13, and Alex Jasiulek, CC '13.

Habbu's party, The 212, includes Will Hughes, CC '13, as vice president of policy; Yanyi Luo, CC '13, as vice president of campus life; Jared Odessky, CC '15, as vice president of communications; and Daphne Chen, CC '14 and a *Spectator* associate news editor, as vice president of finance. Habbu is currently CCSC's student services representative.

Habbu said that she wants the council to advocate for students and that she looked for passion when selecting students for her ticket.

"The most important thing is what kind of a go-getter and what kind of a doer is this person, and how passionate are they about this," Habbu said.

Jasiulek is running on the Block Party ticket, alongside Jean Pierre Salendres, CC '14, as vice president of policy; Janice Yoon, CC '14, as vice president of campus life; Lauren Barriere, CC '13, as vice president of communications; and Peyton Bell, CC '13, as vice president of finance.

Jasiulek said his party would focus on protecting the Core, helping select a permanent dean for the college, and resolving space questions created by the Manhattanville campus expansion.

He said that he started putting the party together in December and that he looked for a diverse set of candidates. He is the only member of his party with council experience, having served as class of 2013 president and class of 2013 representative.

"I have the most wide-ranging experiences related to CCSC," Jasiulek said. "I sat on all the committees. I've been on class council in leadership and representative roles, so it seemed natural that somebody with so much CCSC experience could lead the body."

UNIVERSITY SENATE

Five students are running for the two CC University Senate seats being vacated by Alex Frouman, CC '12, and Kenny Durell, CC '12. Incumbent senator Eduardo Santana, CC '13, has another year left in his term.

Senate candidate Chris Canales, CC '14, said in an email that because of the senate's "dynamic agenda," it is difficult to make campaign promises. Still, Canales—who ran for senate unsuccessfully last year—said that he would fight for student space in Uris Hall and Lerner Hall, and

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OPEN AND SHUT | Hungarian Pastry Shop owner Philip Binioris sits by the door to the kitchen.

Hungarian closes, reopens after violations

BY CASEY TOLAN
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

An iconic Morningside Heights eatery saw its doors shuttered last week, but it reopened within days.

The Hungarian Pastry Shop, located on Amsterdam Avenue between 110th and 111th streets, was shut down Wednesday after inspectors from the city's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene found evidence of rodents in the restaurant, as well as improperly stored utensils and improperly cleaned food surfaces. The inspection racked up 48 points for the restaurant—far more than the 28 necessary for a C grade—and the restaurant was temporarily shut down.

But after two more inspections, the city gave Hungarian a clean bill of health and authorized it to reopen on Friday.

Owner Philip Binioris said that after basement renovations on Thursday and Friday, the

restaurant was safe, as reflected by the later inspections. The vast majority of the violations, Binioris said, were in Hungarian's basement, in which no food is stored.

"None of our food ever goes downstairs," he said. "Our food production area was not targeted."

Rodent droppings were found in the basement and in an empty space under the sidewalk that had accumulated debris over the years. That space, which is part of the basement, was walled off during the renovations.

"We built a wall in 24 hours," Binioris said. "And we cleaned out three decades' worth of accumulated junk."

Hungarian, which has been owned by the Binioris family for 36 years and has been in operation for 51 years, is located in a building that was probably built around 1910, according to city data.

"Things deteriorated," Binioris said. "Things that should have been taken care of in the past

hadn't been. We're taking care of it now."

The restaurant also brought in a full-service exterminator and fixed holes in the wall and structural damage in the basement with bricks and concrete.

"Our customers should feel safe," Binioris said.

Hungarian now has a "grade pending" rating, with more inspections to come in the next few months.

"We're going to do the best we can to create a healthy environment for our customers, and hopefully that will be reflected" in the future inspections, Binioris said.

Hungarian has received some bad health ratings in the past—including a 50-point inspection last year—but it had never been shut down before. Getting closed "scared the shit out of us," Binioris said.

Like many other restaurateurs

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Researchers improve techniques for measuring molecular motions

BY JEREMY BUDD
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A team of researchers is making it easier for scientists to measure even the smallest molecular movements.

Jacob Rosenstein, a Ph.D. student in electrical engineering who had been working with researchers on the project for two years, published his findings Sunday on the Nature Methods website.

Researchers from Columbia and the University of Pennsylvania investigated how scientists could measure nanopores—openings in membranes that can sense movements of molecules as small as proteins or DNA—without having to use optics, long a challenge for nanotechnology researchers.

"Probably for about a year, we were discussing things and designing the electronics," Rosenstein said. "Then, for another year, we were making measurements and optimizing the sensors."

The research could help scientists develop faster and cheaper methods of DNA sequencing, but this would require more precise measurements, since nanopore signals are usually quite weak.

"The issue is that the signal you see is quite temporary and weak," Rosenstein said. "Rather than building a nanopore measurement cell and then attaching the electronics, we build everything right on top of the amplifier."

As part of the study, the scientists developed a transducer to measure nanopore signals. Previously, scientists had to rely on light to see nanopores,

making their ability to look at biological organelles and molecules extremely limited.

Electrical engineering professor Kenneth Shepard, who oversaw the research project, said that detecting the movement of such small particles is very difficult and that the design of the electronics was crucial to the researchers' success.

"This is a critically important and growing area of research emphasis among faculty."

—Keren Bergman,
electrical engineering department chair

"There are obstacles in any research project," Shepard said. "The problem involved three principal aspects—the design of these customized electronics, the design of the transducer, but perhaps more importantly, the interfacing of the two components."

Rosenstein said that it wasn't just the weak nanopore signals that challenged the research team, but also the incredibly fast speeds at which molecules move.

"There are a number of applications where you need to measure a very weak current," he said. "Nanoscale sensors tend to produce signals that

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The personal is political

Columnist Andrea Viejo discusses the power of individual action.

Serving ourselves by serving others

CCO co-presidents say students should focus more on service.



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Lions struggle early in season

Sporadic offense left the Lions 3-11 at the close of their 10-game season-opening road trip to California.

EVENTS

Stalin and Israel

Tel Aviv University professor Gabriel Gorodetsky talks about Joseph Stalin and the creation of Israel.

1219 International Affairs Building, 12:15 p.m.

What do data scientists do?

Former Barnard professor Cathy O'Neil discusses finance, data science, and ethics.

412 Schapiro CEPSR, 6 p.m.

WEATHER

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Hungarian owner criticizes city inspections

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around the city, Binioris believes that the health inspection system needs to be reformed. Health department representatives made four trips to Hungarian in three days, Binioris said, and each day the restaurant “racked up a few thousand dollars in fines.”

“The grading system is a horrible system,” Binioris said. “The health department is a revenue source for the city the way it is currently run ... It’s a great way for the city to make fast money.”

“They’re not just looking to provide a safe environment, which is what their main mission should be—without a doubt, they’re out to generate revenue,” he said. “I wouldn’t mind more oversight if I felt their motivation was altruistic.”

Binioris said the system should be changed to have a “regular inspector who’s familiar with the area,” instead of the current “subjective” system.

“Every different inspection has a different inspector, and every different inspector has different criteria they are interested

in,” Binioris said. “Some people are very persistent about food temperature, others about general cleanliness. It depends on who you get.”

Several students said that health inspections grades don’t have a big impact on where they eat.

“Most of the restaurants I eat at have been shut down,” Daniel Carpenter-Gold, CC ’12, said. “It happens.”



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PASTRY SHOP | Hungarian owner Philip Binioris said that most of the health violations were in areas where no food is stored.

Mustafa Hameed, a postbaccalaureate student at the School of Continuing Education, said that Hungarian is a good place to get coffee and study.

“So long as it isn’t visibly gross, it’s not much of an issue,” he said. “I take the health code stuff as a suggestion—it doesn’t deter me from going.”

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Fulbright winner has ‘voracious’ curiosity

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Gonzalez declined to be interviewed for this story.

Maria Lantigua, CC ’12 and one of Tamkin’s suitemates, said that Tamkin’s selection as one of 800 Fulbright Scholars reflects her passion for her studies and her hard work.

“I was not surprised at all,” Lantigua said. “I know that she’s an amazing person and is so diligent, and I knew something like this was going to happen.”

Tamkin said she owes a lot to representatives from the Office of Global Programs and her professors in the Slavic languages and literatures department, who helped her finish her application.

Slavic languages professor Cathy Popkin, who helped Tamkin with her application, said Tamkin’s proposal was unusual enough to make her a good candidate for the Fulbright.

“This was a sort of specific, intellectual motivation and a real fit for that institute, which had expressed interest in having her work there,” Popkin said. “It seemed like it would make perfect sense for Fulbright to fund the project.”

Popkin, who taught Tamkin in a class on Russian writer Anton

Chekhov and in her senior thesis seminar, called Tamkin a “hilarious” and “super-attentive” student.

“She has this kind of associative mind that puts things together from this realm, from that realm, and makes lights go off, makes cymbals crash,” Popkin said. “There’s something very active about her intelligence, and we’re all beneficiaries of it.”

Russian literature professor Rebecca Stanton, who also taught Tamkin in two classes, said she thought Tamkin was a shoo-in for the Fulbright. She added, though, that the Fulbright review committee doesn’t always see eye to eye with Columbia on which applicants to take.

“What it reflects is Emily’s voracious intellectual curiosity,” Stanton said, adding, “She’s always looking for the untold story, so in that sense, it’s a natural next step for her. It’s very adventurous of her.”

Paul Bohlmann, the assistant dean of fellowship programs at the Office of Global Programs, said in an email that current Columbia students must go through an on-campus evaluation before submitting their applications to the national competition. He explained that prospective applicants

typically start the process in early April of junior year and submit their applications the following October.

Tamkin said that while the application process took a long time, it was intellectually stimulating.

“The process itself is interesting more than difficult, because it does help you frame your research interests, and I do think I found out more about myself through the application process,” she said.

Writing a thesis this year helped her figure out what she wanted to pursue with the Fulbright, she added.

According to the Fulbright website, the grants are designed to “increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries” by funding research, teaching, and academic study abroad. Columbia led the Ivy League with 30 Fulbright recipients between 2006 and 2011, compared to 16 students at Harvard University, which had the second-most.

Bohlmann said that other Fulbrights applicants are still waiting on decisions, although he was unsure if his office’s policies allowed him to say the exact number.

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Several groups running for class councils

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that it is important to secure the safety of the Core.

Senate candidate and current CCSC Vice President for Policy Ryan Cho, CC ’13, said he wants to advocate for students and would focus on Manhattanville-related space issues and undergraduate education.

Matthew Chou, CC ’14, is also running for senate for a second consecutive year. He said that he would use his position as senator to “create a culture of dialogue” by holding a speaker series on peace and mutual respect, and that he would work to make sure that minority voices, especially women’s, are heard in the senate. For the second year in a row, all of the candidates for CC’s senate seats are male.

Derrick Fu, CC ’13, and Richard Sun, CC ’13 and chief of staff for the senate’s Student Affairs Committee, are also running for senate. They did not respond to requests for comment Sunday night.

CLASS OF 2013 COUNCIL

Ryan Mandelbaum is running for re-election as president of the class of 2013, but his current vice president, Eleanor Stein, is challenging him for the presidency.

Stein said that while she had originally wanted to run with Mandelbaum, the two of them had some communication issues this year.

“Ryan didn’t take any real initiative to do any kind of programming outside of party or study break programming,” Stein said. “I know we’re a team, but we got elected separately, so there was a little bit of a disconnect.”

She added that Mandelbaum would sometimes make decisions without telling her.

Mandelbaum’s PREMI3R PARTY includes Elizabeth Angeles as vice president and Adebayo Adesomo, Maggie Brommer, and Eugene Wu as representatives. He said that his party would start looking at policy issues next year because individual council members tend to push for particular policy issues themselves, although he added that he would like to work with the Center for Career Education more next year.

“For senior year, it’s very rigid what you’re supposed to do,” Mandelbaum said. “There’s Lerner Pub, there’s Homecoming. For us, we’re trying to make senior year as fun and as great as we can, some more diverse programming.”

Stein is running with the Senior Citizens Party, which includes Justin Yang as vice president and Jide Adebayo, Zachariah Reitano, and Adrienne Suazo as representatives. Stein said that her party would also focus on working with CCE and would look at reforming the Class Day speaker selection process.

CLASS OF 2014 COUNCIL

Conan Cassidy is looking to get re-elected as president of the class of 2014, although he’s being challenged by Ben Xue, who also ran for class of 2014 council last year.

Cassidy’s Kiwi Krew party consists of Joanna Kelly as vice president and Spector columnist Arvin Ahmadi, Alexander Andresian, and Sarita Patankar as representatives.

Cassidy said his party would focus on doing what the class of 2014 wants rather than setting out specific policy goals.

“It’s hard to look at one issue that’s important to the whole class,” Cassidy said. “It’s not just one homogeneous group of people with one idea of what we

should change. The outlook is to do what they want, and the needs constantly change.”

Xue said his Take5 party would build on its platform from last year and would send a weekly or biweekly council email. Alex Donnelly, who is running for vice president on Xue’s ticket, said that the Take5 party wants to create events that reach a broad demographic, adding that he’d like to help rising juniors with internships and housing.

The Take5 party also includes Dana Benami, Evan Munro, and Zach Vargas-Sullivan as representatives.

CLASS OF 2015 COUNCIL

Current class of 2015 representative Loxley Bennett is the only candidate for class of 2015 president. Bennett’s Lion Kings party also includes Julia Jarrett as vice president and current class of 2015 representative Liam Bland, Chris Godshall, and Mary Joseph as representatives.

There are four candidates running independently for class of 2015 representative: Matthew Chupack, Tammuz Huberman, Benjamin Schechner, and Merry Sun.

AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES

Steven Castellano, CC ’13, and Grace McCarty, CC ’13, are running for CCSC academic affairs representative. Caroline Lisankie, CC ’13, is running unopposed for pre-professional representative.

Christina Fan, CC ’13, is running for re-election as student services representative. She is being challenged by Blaire Harper, CC ’13, and current class of 2015 vice president Erin Bilir.

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ECOLOGY**
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Teams in Argentina and Chile**
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WRESTLING

Three Lions competed at the National Championships last week, and all three made it to the second day of competition. Penn State captured the championship for the second straight year. Junior Steve Santos had the deepest run of the Columbia trio, going 3-2 at 149 pounds, highlighting what was a big step forward for the Light Blue program. Senior heavyweight Kevin Lester and 157-pound junior Jake O'Hara each went 2-2. "It's definitely the best performance we've had out here in a really long time," Lions head coach Carl Fronhofer said. Santos and Lester both picked up wins over Missouri, this season's Big 12 champions, while O'Hara notched a victory over a wrestler from Oklahoma State, historically the nation's strongest program. With O'Hara and Santos both returning next season with invaluable tournament experience, Columbia is in position to make an even bigger splash next year.

—Eli Schultz



SOFTBALL

The Lions (3-14) went south over spring break, heading to Maryland and Florida to take on opponents from across the country. In Towson, they struggled to assert themselves offensively and were shut out in all three games against the Towson Tigers. In the three games, the Tigers outscored the Light Blue 27-0. Columbia then went down to Kissimmee, Fla., and after falling short to Fairfield earlier on Monday, the team found its second victory of the season, beating New York state rival Wagner 9-0 in an afternoon game. The success was short-lived, though, as the Lions went on to drop the next seven games, driving in a total of just 12 runs in that stretch. The Lions finished off their 10-game road trip in Florida with a 4-2 win Saturday morning against Lafayette, with a strong first inning leading the Lions to victory. The Lions come back to take on St. Peter's in Jersey City for a doubleheader on Saturday.

—Hahn Chang



WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Light Blue routed Southern Mississippi in a 6-0 win last Thursday to start off its spring break trip in Boca Raton, Fla. The Lions won every matchup in straight sets with the exception of the No. 6 singles match, which was unfinished due to inclement weather. Sophomores Bianca Sanon and Tiana Takenaga easily defeated their opponents at the No. 1 doubles position with an 8-1 win. The Light Blue ended its week in Florida on Sunday with a 5-2 win over Florida International University in Miami. Junior and No. 1 singles player Nicole Bartnik defeated FIU's Sarah McLean in a convincing 6-3, 6-4 victory. After their success over break, the Lions currently stand with a 7-3 season record.

—Caroline Bowman



MEN'S GOLF

The Lions' final-round surge helped them achieve a sixth-place finish in the USF Triumph at Pauma Valley. The Lions' third-round score of 298 was a 12-stroke improvement on their second-round score of 310 and a seven-stroke improvement over their first-round score of 305. Host San Francisco dominated the tournament, winning by 26 strokes with the first-, fourth-, and fifth-best individual scorers. The Lions were led by junior Michael Yiu, who finished in a tie for 15th place, and senior Brendan Doyle, who tied for 20th place. Freshman Brandon Jowers competed as an individual, scoring 228 and finishing in a tie for 15th place. Sophomores Andrew Kim and Jordan Lee tied for 32nd place, while senior Sam Mysock finished in a tie for 45th.

—Josh Shenkar



WOMEN'S GOLF

The Light Blue holds fifth place following Monday's rainy first round of the Del Monte Invitational in Monterey Bay. Sophomore Jane Dong tied for 11th place with a 6-over 78 on the par 72 course. Dong tied for 53rd last Tuesday at the Fresno State Lexus Classic last week after shooting 7-over 79. Classmate Michelle Piyapattrra tied for third at the classic, firing 1-over 73. Despite Piyapattrra's performance, the team finished last overall, a placing head coach Kari Williams hopes to improve upon in the invitational. The team opens up the second round this morning.

—Laura Allen



TRACK AND FIELD

While the rest of Columbia's athletes continued to gear up for the outdoor season, freshman Waverly Neer competed in the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Division I Championship over break, finishing in 15th place in the 3,000m against the nation's best distance runners. She maintained her position within the top eight runners of the pack for the majority of the race before breaking her stride and falling back with four laps to go. Neer qualified for the meet back in February, at the Boston University Valentine Invitational. With the indoor season in the books, Neer and her teammates will look to carry their momentum into the outdoor season.

—Melissa Cheung



ROWING

The Light Blue women's, men's lightweight, and men's heavyweight teams nearly swept their races at the Governor's Cup Regatta on Canal 54 in Melbourne, Fla., last Saturday. The women dominated, winning all four races by at least 16.5 seconds and taking three by over 30 seconds. The men's heavyweight varsity four won by the largest margin of the regatta, finishing 37.8 seconds ahead of the Florida Institute of Technology's heavyweight eights. FIT handed the Light Blue its only loss, finishing 2.2 seconds ahead of Columbia's lightweight varsity eights. The women's rowing team next competes on Saturday against Yale and Penn in the Connell Cup, while the heavyweight team will compete that weekend at Rutgers for the Collins Cup. The lightweight team will not be in action next weekend.

—Muneeb Alam



ALYSON GOULDEN / SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

OH MEILI | Junior Katie Meili earned fifth in breaststroke and 13th in the individual medley at NCAAs.

Meili shines at NCAA Championships

BY CHARLOTTE MURTISHAW
Spectator Staff Writer

Though the majority of the women's swim team hung up its goggles for the season several weeks ago after its championship meets, junior Katie Meili just kept swimming.

Meili, whose outstanding performance at the Ivy League Championships at the end of February earned her "Swimmer of the Meet" recognition, was invited to participate in this year's collegiate championship representing Columbia, where she achieved NCAA cut times.

The meet, an annual collection

of the nation's top collegiate swimmers, kicked off March 15 in Auburn, Ala.

Meili's best finish came Friday in the 100-meter breaststroke, where her preliminary time of 59.44 seconds set an Ivy League record and propelled her into the A final. There, she finished fifth overall and earned All-American honors, awarded to the top five finishers in each event.

On Thursday, the junior also clinched an All-American mention with a 13th-place finish in the 200 IM. Her time of 1:56.73 bettered the conference record of 1:57.38 that she set in the Ivy League Championships last month.

"It always feels great to break records," Meili wrote via email earlier this year. "Accomplishing goals you set for yourself is rewarding because it makes all of your hard work worth it."

Meili wrapped up her program with a showing in the 200 breaststroke, taking 40th overall.

Meili's debut this past week marked the first time a Light Blue woman has scored an All-American Honorable Mention at NCAAs since legendary Lion and Olympian Cristina Teuscher in 2000. A multi-event qualifier for the 2012 Olympic Trials, Meili also remains the only Ivy League woman to ever swim a sub-minute 100 breaststroke.

Columbia struggles on West Coast road trip

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with five runs, all it would need to get its third win of the season.

The Light Blue didn't fare so well in the second nightcap. The Lions scored first on a Pizzano RBI groundout, but the Toreros came right back in the bottom of the first to score three runs of their own. Columbia then chipped away at San Diego's lead, scoring a run in both the second and third to tie the game at three. After the Lions went up 5-3 in the sixth, the Toreros scored five times in the bottom of the frame to go up 8-5 and then plated another three in the ninth to beat Columbia by a final score of 11-5.

After a rainout on Saturday, the Lions and Toreros faced off in their final contest on Sunday, a game that went back and forth

until the end. Things started out well for the Light Blue, who scored three in the second inning and added one each in the third and fourth to make it 6-0, but the Toreros came back with four runs of their own in the fourth and added one in the fifth to make the game a tight 6-5. With the score tied at seven in the bottom of the eighth, San Diego's Andrew Daniel came up with an RBI single just past the glove of third baseman Jon Eisen, and then Bryant delivered the dagger with a three-run homer to make it 11-7.

The Lions didn't give up, scoring three runs in the ninth to make it 11-10, but it was too little too late in their eleventh loss of the season.

Columbia's tough trip to California began in a similar

fashion, as it won just one of their four games in the Jack Gifford Memorial Tournament in Northern California starting on March 9. In those four games, the offense struggled to put anything together, only scoring a total of four runs. Columbia's contest against Lehigh was an offensive revelation, though, as the Light Blue downed the Mountain Hawks by a score of 14-2. The Lions also faced off against Pepperdine this past Wednesday with little offensive success, losing 3-1. After playing games on the road since the beginning of March, the Lions will at long last have their home opener with a doubleheader against Stony Brook at Robertson Field on Friday, with the first game beginning at 12:30 p.m.



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MAKING A STATEMENT | Between 600 and 700 people attended the March 7 rally.

Union workers rally against benefit cuts

UNION from front page

comment Sunday. The University released a statement after the March 7 rally, which read, "We respect our employees and value the relationships with all of our unions. We have more bargaining sessions scheduled with 2110 UAW and are continuing to engage in negotiations. We expect that these discussions will result in a fair and reasonable new contract."

During the rally, about 600 or 700 union members and supporters demonstrated at the Columbia, Barnard College, and Teachers College gates and then marched to 120th Street and Broadway, where several people made speeches. Many union members at the rally said that the University has its priorities wrong.

"They're putting a lot of money in ... the Manhattanville project, and that's money that should be used for workers,"

said Ulysses Grant, who works in Print Services and has been at Columbia for 21 years.

Michelle Hill, who works in Teachers College's curriculum and teaching department, said that TC is "slapping us in the face."

"Not only do they want to cut our health benefits—a basic human right—they want to cut our pensions," she said. "We don't make a lot of money. We stay because we love our jobs, we love the college ... and our pensions let us retire with dignity."

Representatives from other unions around the city also came to the protest, including New York City Central Labor Council President Vincent Alvarez, whose organization represents 300 local unions and 1.3 million workers. Alvarez said that his organization supports Local 2110.

"Institutions of higher learning should always be

doing the right thing," Alvarez said. "Attacks on health care, attacks on wages, attacks on pensions is not doing the right thing."

"We will be with you as long as it takes to get a fair contract," he told the crowd.

Chants of "What do we want? A contract! When do we want it? Now!" and "No contract? No peace!" echoed through Broadway during the rally. The Rude Mechanical Orchestra band, which specializes in rallies, marches, and demonstrations, played music, and employees made noise with bongos, whistles, and tambourines.

Dale Nelson, who works in Health Services at Columbia, said the University would have to listen to its employees.

"They have no choice," he said. "Hear all this noise? They'll listen."

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The recurve team won gold in team competition at East Regional.

WOMEN'S TENNIS



Went 2-0 over spring break.

MEN'S TENNIS



Went 5-0 over spring break.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING



Junior Katie Meili finished 13th in IM, fifth in breaststroke at NCAA Championships.

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MEN'S GOLF



Took sixth at USF Triumph.

WOMEN'S GOLF



13th at Fresno State Lexus Classic

TRACK AND FIELD



Freshman Waverly Neer finished 15th at NCAA Division I Indoor Championships

ROWING



Competed in Governor's Cup Regatta

Researchers look to apply findings in other areas

RESEARCH from front page

are both very weak and very fast—it makes them challenging to measure."

Both Shepard and Rosenstein said that they hoped to apply their findings to other areas of research in addition to expanding on their initial research.

"The next thing is to try to apply these same principles to look at other systems at very high bandwidths," Shepard said. "We are also looking at studying channel proteins—there are a lot of single molecule things that you can look at at very high bandwidths that this will enable us to do."

Electrical engineering department chair Keren Bergman said in an email that the research shows how "mainstream circuit technology can be applied in unconventional ways, outside the traditional realms of communications and computation." While research on how best to measure nanopore movement had been conducted before, Bergman said that this study demonstrates the intersection of several scientific disciplines.

"Such interfaces to the life sciences are an important new direction for electronics," she said. "This is a critically important and growing area of research emphasis among faculty."

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Learning by serving

BY ANOUSHKA VASWANI AND AMANDA SCHIFF

What does it mean to be part of a community? How does an individual live a meaningful life? We have all tackled these questions, debating these topics in our Core classes, on our Carman floors, or while studying in Butler 209. As outlined in its mission statement, Columbia's Core—and perhaps even Columbia at large—prides itself on cultivating “a critical and creative intellectual capacity” that assists students in “the pursuit and the fulfillment of meaningful lives.”

In our Core classes, we discuss topics such as morality, humanity, and community in the abstract. While many of us have learned a great deal within the wood-paneled classrooms of Hamilton, perhaps one component under-emphasized in Columbia's curriculum is the importance of service. Columbia affords us with a number of skills, but beyond midterms, finals, and problem sets, students may not apply these skills. There is value to learning about the meaning of belonging to a community through Hobbes' “Leviathan” and about moral behavior through Kant's texts. There is also significance in venturing beyond the gates of College Walk and devoting some time to a community service organization.

Community service hours are a mandatory component in the curriculums of many high schools perhaps because school administrators believe that service affords students a learning experience that cannot be gained in the classroom. We agree. They were mandatory in both of our high schools, yet many students regarded this requirement as an annoyance. We do not propose making community service a mandatory part of Columbia's Core—Columbia students should select and participate in service projects at their own volition. To instill an interest in service that hopefully continues past graduation, community service should be emphasized more clearly on campus. Furthermore, students lead busy lives and may not know about the many service projects in New York that do not require year-long commitments. Although there are several campus groups, ranging from Youth for Debate to One-to-One Tutoring, and many dedicated students who volunteer to improve the world around them, there are few efforts to stress the importance of service and encourage participation on a campus-wide level.

Service affords students a learning experience that cannot be gained in the classroom.

As the leaders of Columbia Community Outreach, we try to fulfill this goal by raising awareness about doing service and engaging members across the University, ranging from administrators at the Earth Institute to athletes on the football team. This year, students, administrators, and faculty members will spend March 31 participating in service projects across New York. CCO, however, is only one student group at Columbia. Especially during recent years with a tighter budget, funding for the event has steadily declined. There should be a larger administrative effort to fund events such as CCO and engage students in service activities. One interesting component of a SEAS education, which Columbia College does not have, is a concept such as Gateway, in which first-years attempt to use their knowledge to produce a project to improve the community. It may be hard to get students as excited about cleaning Morningside Park as they are about attending Bacchanal—an event that we wholeheartedly commend for its tremendous ability to draw the Columbia community together. Yet, we believe that community service should be an integral aspect of a Columbia education. Learning how to pursue and fulfill a meaningful life should also include developing an understanding about how to give back to one's community, enact social change, and interact with people outside of one's immediate environment.

We learn by reading, thinking, debating, and writing. Yet, we also learn by doing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editors:

According to its playbill, “Birthday Triage” strives to create a new mythology—one borrowed from age-old myths and folklore and informed by the science of today. As a 73-year-old neighbor living in the Columbia area, I had a feeling I should see this play because it would be breaking new ground. It certainly did.

I am astounded that the Columbia Spectator reviewer didn't seem to “get it” (“Birthday Triage,” March 11). You are dealing with the central question all of us must ask: Who am I? And, because we are a new conglomeration of people living together in a scientific age, we need the new mythology to support an ethical and spiritual community. For years I have been reading literary critics asking for a new mythology. Now that we have a credible attempt through this play, let's recognize and celebrate it!

I am a progressive Jew. I belong to a movement called Jewish Renewal, which, while not abandoning our traditions, seeks to gain spiritual wisdom from wherever it can be found. It appeared to me as I watched this play that Adrian, the birthday celebrant/central character, was hearing a voice either from God, an angel, or his higher self. The important thing is he finally confronted human suffering, compassion, self-worth, and love. He listened to the voice.

I was thrilled with the imagery in the speeches the messenger uttered, especially in his instruction to Adrian to lie with his feet on the pollen, which must have been a Native American image. This connected with my personal vision of God as immanence flowing through the material world, including our bodies. I hope to see more plays from these playwrights and I am comforted that they selected such deep and wise subject matter and used so much of theater's potential to engage us. The play was delightful as well as wise.

I feel the world is in good hands when members of the younger generation confront these issues in the theater in a way that is relevant to their current lives.

Rachel Makleff, Ph.D. '72, French and romance philology

Growing a different crop

Back in September, I attended Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa's World Leaders Forum speech. I remember that while President Lee Bollinger criticized the head of state for his media censorship, Bollinger also praised him for bringing stability and reducing inequality. After all, Correa's discourse was deeply socialist. According to Bollinger, he had battled against telecommunication monopolies to grant a voice to the most vulnerable indigenous populations of his country.

Intrigued by this stance, I took the opportunity to witness whether his words corresponded with reality during my Alternative Spring Break trip to Ecuador with GEQUA. To my surprise, the indigenous people of Ecuador are undoubtedly launching a revolution. It does not tie in perfectly with what Correa spoke about, but it does defy the capitalistic status quo. It is a one-of-a-kind revolution, a beautiful manifestation of the power of the individual that enabled me to see how Columbia lacks a proactive culture for reform.

During our trip, we worked hand in hand with the Brethren y Unida Foundation, lodging in their beautiful “hacienda”—ranch estate—with endless fields of crops and farm animals. We worked the land, learning how to plant organic lettuce, milk cows, and identify useful maize. Dr. Alfredo Merino, the leader of the organization that received our student group, constantly reminded us that their foundation used sustainable agriculture to implement gender equality.

I must admit that I was initially confounded. How did getting our hands dirty and learning to plant organic lettuce contribute to women's empowerment in the region? Most of our activities consisted of visiting community leaders in the rural towns around Quito and hearing about how they had started to farm their own organic crops with the help of the foundation. I thought this healthy and economically viable but could not understand how a four-by-four square of beets was granting a voice or political rights to the household-constrained woman.

I finally understood once we met Ximena. Ximena is a young indigenous woman, not older than 35, with a large family of three kids to care for. She owns a personal flower greenhouse with a 60-by-60 plot of plants in which she cultivates thousands of Ecuadorian roses. The male members of her family constructed the structure by hand with the funds of a community microcredit loan system and various personal savings. Ximena's small four-by-four independent crop field is now a massive and fruitful means of personal production. She had the knowledge to make it happen—after all, she had worked in the Ecuadorian rose



ANDREA VIEJO
From Outside In

industry since she was 13. She quit the day she found out her son was born “sick” due to the many chemical fertilizers used on the flowers. Just like Ximena, many other Ecuadorians work in rose factories to escape poverty, but very few take the initiative to escape a degrading lifestyle.

I measured the impact of Ximena's initiative when I went for a hike along the Andean mountain range with my Columbia peers. As we looked down into the outskirts of Quito, we noticed that the majority of our view was obstructed by extensive white plastic covers. Rows and rows of rose greenhouses suffocated the city. Endless foreign capital largely protected by Correa's government had taken advantage of Ecuador's tropical weather to exploit its resources. And along with the rose industry were many indigenous women like Ximena being exposed to deadly chemicals every day.

It is not a revolution of violence or rhetoric. It is a struggle with the land, and for those inhabitants of the land.

What is taking place in Ximena's humble household is a revolution. It isn't the socialist revolution that Correa defended back in September. It is a struggle against the government to obtain some of the most basic resources, like water, to then fight against the capitalistic world that has suppressed the indigenous voice for so long. It is not a revolution of violence or rhetoric. It is a struggle with the land and for those inhabitants of the land. In many ways, it is also a struggle toward the defense of culture in a society in which the field is sacred. It is a beautiful manifestation of the power of the individual.

If every rose company worker followed Ximena's steps, and every consumer embraced their products, then the whole system would topple. Then, there would be a voice for the voiceless that does not have to pass through media censorship.

Every day at Columbia, I witness how our student community is largely shaped by a character of opposition. We protest the system and defy hegemony. However, I had to travel to Ecuador to truly see the fruits of individual enterprise regaining power from the authority.

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Yael Wiesenfeld

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editors:

After reading Judge Cabranes' op-ed (“No to the siren song aimed at Columbia College,” March 6), I've reread Dean Alonso's article in Spectator (“Teaching and research at Columbia,” Feb. 17) and here is my response.

The core passage of the piece is this:

“The ultimate reality is that we are all dependent on one another to thrive, and fostering fantasies of untrammelled autonomy distorts that interdependent reality.”

Let's set aside the unfortunate and insulting rhetoric that describes the concerns of many alums of the college, including this last dean of the faculty of Columbia College who has taught graduate and undergraduate students here for 35 years, as a “fantasy of untrammelled autonomy.” The current Dean of GSAS is correct to say that the reality is one of interdependence. But he is wholly mistaken about the nature of that interdependent reality.

In fact, the current interdependent structure continues to place him, along with the deans of the college and of Continuing Education, as well as the dean of SEAS, at a distance from the funding of the faculty who do teach in the Core. And in their

unstructured, inarticulate interdependent reality, those faculty have every reason to wonder, as I do, whether or not the current fragile and new structure of the Arts and Sciences can and will in fact provide the fiscal and other incentives to convince deans, chairs, and faculty together that the costs of teaching outside their fields of expertise in any interdepartmental curriculum are repaid, not only through the pleasure of such teaching, but also through compensation for the additional effort and recompense for the risk to an academic career that goes with teaching outside of one's field of expertise.

I am deeply impressed by Vice President of Arts and Sciences Nicholas Dirks' decision to teach CC. I look forward to learning how his experience may have led him to a deeper understanding for the need to articulate the fiscal particularities of the current interdependent reality. From there, it would be only a short distance to a Columbia University in which the interdependent reality is one that assures not only the persistence of something called the Core, but the continued quality and quantity of teaching by faculty in that Core.

Professor Robert Pollack, CC '61

Scholarship obstacle not stopping Ivy hoops

CLEARY from back page

Why is it so hard for the Ivy League to produce two teams capable of making (and maybe even doing well in) the tournament? The most obvious reason is the lack of athletic scholarships. As we all know, the cost of attending Columbia is steep. It makes sense that some potential Lions might turn down the chance to don light blue to play and study somewhere for free, or at least at a reduced cost. However, with improving financial aid at all eight Ivies—and particularly Harvard, Princeton, and Yale—more and more potential recruits are able to afford to play in the Ancient Eight. In an article on Dec. 22, the New York Times reported that this improvement puts Ivy League coaches on almost equal footing with coaches who can offer scholarships.

Another obstacle to building multiple Ivy League teams that can compete with powerhouses like Kentucky and UConn is the academic rigor of the member universities. Not everyone can handle the workload at an Ivy League school and relatively few people can play Division I basketball—trying to find men who can do both is a challenge. Because of what's known as the Academic Index, all eight Ivies have to hold their recruits to strict academic standards. However, schools like Stanford and Duke (or, um, Lehigh) have shown that having high academic standards doesn't mean you can't have high basketball ones.

The Ivy League will never be a powerhouse conference—and that's a good thing.

The final barrier to achieving two-bid status is sort of a catch-22. The best high school players want to play for teams that are likely to make the tournament and that have a reputation for being good. College teams can't make the tournament without good players. Fortunately for all eight Ivy schools, the recent and well-publicized successes of Cornell, Princeton, and particularly Harvard have made the Ancient Eight a more attractive option for potential recruits. The opportunity to become part of a Cinderella story combined with a world-class education is drawing more and more talent into the conference.

The Ivy League will never be a powerhouse conference—and that's a good thing, as its underdog quality is part of its charm. But with improved financial aid packages and a rising national profile, it's only a matter of time—and not much time, in my opinion—before there are two Cornells or two Harvards in the league. For the first time ever, there are four teams participating in postseason tournaments this year. Princeton (which should have been in the NIT) and Penn are both competing in the quarterfinals of the College Basketball Invitational tonight and Yale lost to Fairfield in the first round of the CollegeInsider.com Tournament.

This trend is likely to continue next season as well. While all four of those teams will lose key players to graduation, they should all remain pretty strong. Even our very own Lions are on the way up. With Noruwa Agho likely to return as a super-senior and Brian Barbour, John Daniels, and Mark Cisco playing in their final collegiate seasons, Kyle Smith's squad could shock some people next year. Had a few of the Lions' close league losses gone their way, they might have made the CIT this year as well.

So while the glass slipper didn't quite fit on Harvard's foot this year, it won't be long before two Ivy teams get invited to the Dance.

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Light Blue extends winning streak to eight over spring break

BY STEVEN LAU
Spectator Staff Writer

With conference play less than two weeks away, the men's tennis team (12-2) is basking in the success of its five wins during the Light Blue's annual spring break training trip to Texas.

The Lions went undefeated during their weeklong road trip and pushed their winning streak to eight games—in stark contrast to last year's stint in Texas in which Columbia lost all four of its matches to start an eight-game skid.

The week began with a 7-0 sweep of Seminole State College on Sunday, where the Lions dropped only one set. In the No. 3 singles spot, freshman Bert Vancura fell 7-6 in the first set to Trojan freshman Johnathan Taylor, but Vancura dominated in the next two sets 6-2 and 6-0 to give Columbia the shutout.

After a one-day rest, the Light Blue staged a 6-1 upset over Texas Christian. In doubles play, freshman Winston Lin and senior co-captain Haig Schneiderman stole a close 9-7 win in the No. 2 spot, and 9-7 win by juniors John Yetimoglu and Nathaniel Gery in the No. 3 spot clinched the doubles point.

Columbia sealed the victory after Vancura, Gery, and freshman Ashok Narayana won their singles matches. The nationally ranked Horned Frogs' only point came when Schneiderman retired in the third set.

The following day, the Lions pulled out a close 5-2 win over Southern Methodist in which three singles matches went to a third set. Though the Light Blue handily took the doubles point, the Mustangs defeated Schneiderman at the No. 1 spot and Gery at the No. 3 spot. Down 2-1, Columbia battled back to clinch the win thanks to three wins by the bottom half of the singles line-up.

The closest game of the road trip was on Friday, when the Lions took on UT Arlington at the Mavericks' home court. For the only time on the road trip, the Light Blue lost the doubles point, forcing the Lions to take at least four of the six singles matches to earn the win.

With Schneiderman and Gery both losing their matches, Columbia turned to its underclassmen. Sophomore Tizian Bucher started the comeback with a 6-1, 6-4 win in the No. 6 spot. Narayana and Vancura followed up with two wins in the No. 4 and No. 5 spots. Finally, freshman Winston Lin—who was undefeated at the No. 2 spot the entire week—sealed the victory with a 7-6, 6-3 win.

The Light Blue's final match of the road trip was smooth sailing as the Lions earned their second 7-0 sweep of the week, this time against Sacramento State.

With an eight-game winning streak, the Lions head into matches against South Florida and St. John's in the final weekend of nonconference play.

Recurve squad takes first at East Regional of U.S. Indoors

BY MIA PARK
Spectator Staff Writer

The nationally ranked Columbia archery team had a strong showing at the 2012 U.S. National Indoor Championship at James Madison University on March 9 and 10. The recurve team, led by senior Sarah Chai along with freshmen Sarah Bernstein and Grace Kim, won gold in the team competition for the second straight year. Columbia's compound squad of senior Sydney Shaefer, sophomore Mary Quien, and freshman Gladys Velez-Caicedo finished third in the East Region.

The National Indoor Championship is one of two important tournaments for archers vying for an All-American title. The tournament score will be combined with scores at the United States Intercollegiate Archery Championship later in the season for All-American consideration.

With a combined total of 3,219

points, the Lions recurve team defended its title despite steep competition. Chai finished with the No. 1 score in the nation with 1,110 over the two days. Bernstein also found success in her tournament debut, finishing with 1,065 points, good for third in the region and the sixth in the country. Kim had a combined score of 1,044.

Other strong recurve performances came from senior Anna Harrington (1,032), freshman Miryung Yang (961), sophomore Sara Lavenhar (906), and sophomore Marilyn He (951). (He is a finance deputy for Spectator.)

In the compound division, the team—led by Shaefer, who finished third in the region and 13th in the country—finished third overall in the region with 3,221. Shaefer ended the tournament with 1,108 points, Quien had 1,097, and Velez-Caicedo finished with 1,016.

The Lions open their outdoor season this Thursday at the Arizona Cup, which runs until Sunday in Phoenix.

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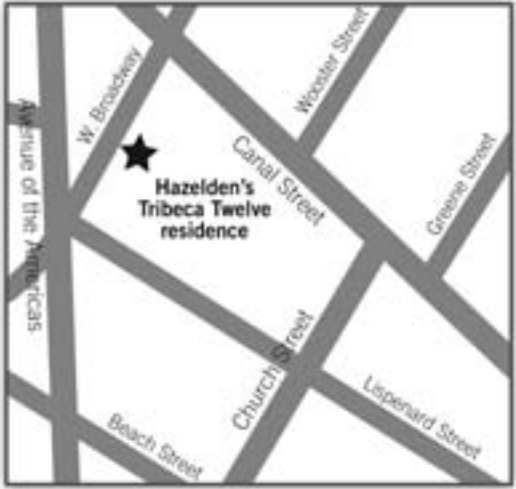
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Ivies ready to send two teams to NCAA

There have never been two Ivy League teams in the NCAA tournament. Never. Not once. Not even back in the '50s, when the Ivy League was the best athletic conference. To put that in perspective, this year alone there were six Big 12 teams, six Big Ten teams, and nine Big East teams in the tournament. That's right—nine Big East teams. Meanwhile, the Ivy League has been unable to send more than one representative at a time in its whole history. Despite Harvard's "second-round" loss to Vanderbilt this year, that should change—soon.

In recent years, a few members of the Ancient Eight have succeeded on the national level. Anyone who takes even a passive interest in college basketball probably heard about Cornell's improbable Sweet 16 run in 2009 and about Harvard cracking the top 25 for the first time ever this season. Last year, Princeton garnered media attention when it beat the Crimson at the buzzer in a one-game playoff to determine who would earn a spot in the tournament. Linsanity may be dead, but the Harvard alum is still putting up solid numbers for the Knicks. And he's not the only Ivy Leaguer in the NBA—former Cornell center Jeff Foote was recently called up from the D-League by the Hornets.

While this kind of success (and the press that comes with it) has been more frequent of late, Cornell, Harvard, and Princeton are still exceptions. The Ivy League has never been able to produce two tournament-caliber teams. Perhaps if Penn had won the Ivy League this year, Harvard would have gotten an at-large bid, but we'll never know.



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Lions drop three of four as road trip comes to an end



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STEFANTASTIC | Junior righty Stefan Olson surrendered only three hits in a complete-game victory over San Diego.

BY MYLES SIMMONS
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The Lions kept busy during spring break, playing right up until Sunday night in California. The team's road trip came to a close with four games against San Diego—a series that saw the Lions go 1-3 against a top-50 team, bringing their season record to 3-11.

The four games followed a common plot: The Lions scored early, gave up the lead, and then battled back toward the end. Another common element was the strong bat of San Diego sophomore Kris Bryant, who hit a whopping five home runs, including two on Sunday night. His final home run in the bottom of the eighth inning proved to be the difference in the ballgame. The Columbia baseball team could not be reached for comment.

In the series opener on Thursday, Columbia took an immediate lead on junior Dario Pizzano's sacrifice fly in the first inning. The advantage was short-lived, though, as San Diego came back with two runs in the bottom of the first. After the Lions tied the game at three, San Diego scored two runs off of starter Pat Lowery in the fifth inning to make it 5-3 and then broke the game open in the sixth, scoring six runs on five hits to take an 11-3 lead. Two runs from the Light Blue in the last inning proved insufficient as the Toreros coasted to a 14-5 win.

The Lions and Toreros played two games on Friday, the first of which resulted in Columbia's lone triumph of the weekend. Junior Stefan Olson pitched a complete game in the seven-inning contest, surrendering two runs on just three hits. Olson walked three and struck out three in the outing, his only mistake coming on a third-inning two-run homer to Bryant.

On the offensive side, the Lions were able to capitalize on San Diego mistakes to take an early lead when senior Jon Eisen singled and eventually scored on a throwing error in the first. In the third, Columbia broke the game open

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