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OPEN FORUM | State Senator Adriano Espaillat, left, and City Council member Robert Jackson spoke at meetings about Baker Field.

CU officials field questions on M’ville pest control

BY ABBY MITCHELL
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At a meeting with Manhattanville residents on March 17, Columbia officials heard familiar pushback to their construction plans—and made a few concessions of their own.

Over 75 local residents showed up to hear about pest control practices around the main construction site at Broadway and 129th Street and a program to provide air-conditioning units for some residents of 3333 Broadway.

Philip Pitruzzello, Columbia’s vice president of facilities, and Manny Guzman, owner of the firm handling Columbia’s pest management in Manhattanville, gave presentations at the general meeting of Community Board 9—a setting where the University’s expansion plans are more often criticized than explained.

Residents were skeptical of both the construction plan and the pest control system, which Guzman explained as a “common-sense approach to pest control ... with minimal impact on the environment.” The pest control project includes non-pesticide measures such as baiting and trapping, tracking movement in the project area, and monitoring sanitation practices on the construction site.

Despite residents’ assertions that the neighborhood is dealing with a new rodent problem, Guzman said the Columbia construction has not impacted rodent levels in Manhattanville.

“We monitored the surrounding areas and the site and we didn’t see any increase in activity in rodents before and after any disturbance was made,” Guzman said, attributing any increase in rodents to garbage or weather changes.

“There’s a lot of things that can contribute to an increase in rodents,” said Guzman. “It’s one of those things you have to evaluate a little bit more.”

Georgiette Morgan-Thomas, CB9 health committee chair, was still concerned about the limited pesticide use, and demanded that Guzman provide the community board with a full list of pesticides used on site.

Community members had even stronger views when it came to the air conditioning program at 3333 Broadway, which led to Pitruzzello committing the University to a meeting with the tenants association at a later date.

Recently, the University announced that any tenants of 3333 Broadway with windows facing 133rd Street can apply for an air conditioner and free installation from the University, following a study that showed that 3333 apartments “may experience

increases in noise levels,” according to Pitruzzello.

Though Pitruzzello claimed the units are free of charge, the University will not be covering any increases in electric bills, repairs, or filter changes—provoking outrage from the members of the audience, which was larger than those of the previous community meetings where the proposal had been presented.

“To give me an air conditioner if I’m already struggling to pay an electric bill every month puts me at a great hardship if now I cannot open my windows,” Morgan-Thomas said. “To just say that’s not part of the plan, it’s not acceptable.”

Gricel Thompson, the representative for the 3333 Broadway Tenants Association, said, “Frankly, the tenants at 3333 are, to put it mildly, very angry at Columbia University and the

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Politicians call for more benefits before Baker Field vote

City Council to decide on plans for Campbell Sports Ctr. in April

BY CHELSEA LO
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Two weeks before the City Council is scheduled to vote on Columbia’s construction plans for its Baker Athletics Complex, Inwood residents gathered at two public meetings to address what locals called a lack of transparency from the University.

The University’s plans for its athletic facilities at 218th Street include the 48,000-square-foot Campbell Sports Center and a public waterfront park known as Boathouse Marsh. But the meetings showed that north Manhattan’s public officials have diverging ideas about the pace of the approval process, and how much more the University should do to meet the neighborhood’s needs.

Sunday’s meeting, sponsored by State Senator Adriano Espaillat and City Council member Ydanis Rodriguez, followed a similar meeting Friday evening sponsored by City Council member Robert Jackson. Espaillat said the public meetings, which included Columbia officials, were necessary in light of City Council’s vote on April 6, which could give Columbia the approval it needs to start construction on the project.

“We will not support any fast track effort—you will have a say,” Espaillat said to at least 200 people who packed into an Inwood school auditorium Sunday afternoon.

But residents and local officials don’t have a lot of time, Jackson’s Chief of Staff Susan Russell said on Saturday.

“We’re on a hard and firm clock,” she said, explaining that April 6 is the latest date by which the City Council can legally vote

on the issue. “They say ‘we ought to slow this down,’ but there’s no way to do it, they know there’s no way to do that.”

The City Council will vote on whether Columbia will be allowed to partially bypass waterfront zoning laws that require it to devote 15 percent of its land to public waterfront access—something the University has maintained it cannot do because of the topography of the land.

That vote is one of the last stages in a process that has spanned months and involved reviews by Community Board 12 and the city’s Department of City Planning. The University also says it has been involved with at least 19 community meetings about the project.

“We’re going to take the next two-and-a-half weeks and figure it out in a way that hopefully makes most people feel at least satisfied.”

—Susan Russell,
chief of staff for City
Councilmember Robert
Jackson

Though the City Council vote deals with the waiver, residents and local politicians say

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Sophomore’s blizzard rescue work earns NYPD honors

BY CONSTANCE BOOZER
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As a huge storm hit New York City in late December, stranding ambulances in snowbanks across five boroughs, one Columbia student was lending a hand.

Almost three months later, Rafael Castellanos, CC ’13, was honored by the Central Park Precinct Community Council and the New York Police Department on March 14 for his work with the Central Park Medical Unit during the “Christmas blizzard” of 2010.

While many ambulances were stranded or disabled due to the snow, the volunteers with CPMU, including Castellanos, provided ambulance service in Central Park and other parts of the city.

“Everything was shut down—it was like going into a disaster. Everyone was standing outside. It was a scene right out of the apocalypse,” Castellanos said of the storm, which hit the city Dec. 26-27. “When we were going to Coney Island, there was not a single car on the highway all the way from Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to Coney Island on our side.”

Freddy Cheng, assistant to the dean and chief of staff of the Mailman School of Public Health, and Dr. Michael Jones, CC ’03, were also honored for

their volunteer work with the CPMU.

“The blizzard presented a whole picture of the city coming together and volunteers getting together and helping the greater city as opposed to just where we work,” Jones said.

The storm presented a host of challenges for the volunteers, who had to deal with all of the problems that got many of the city’s other ambulances stuck and unable to transport those in need.

“The huge blizzard was just frustration after frustration,” Castellanos said, citing snowplow trucks buried in the snow and traffic jams. “At one point, we hadn’t eaten in 14 hours.”

The medical director at CPMU, Jones has been with the unit for almost 15 years, since his pre-med days at Columbia.

Castellanos is majoring in computer science and said he plans to start a business after college. He and Cheng both said that volunteering their EMT services is something they had wanted to do since they were kids.

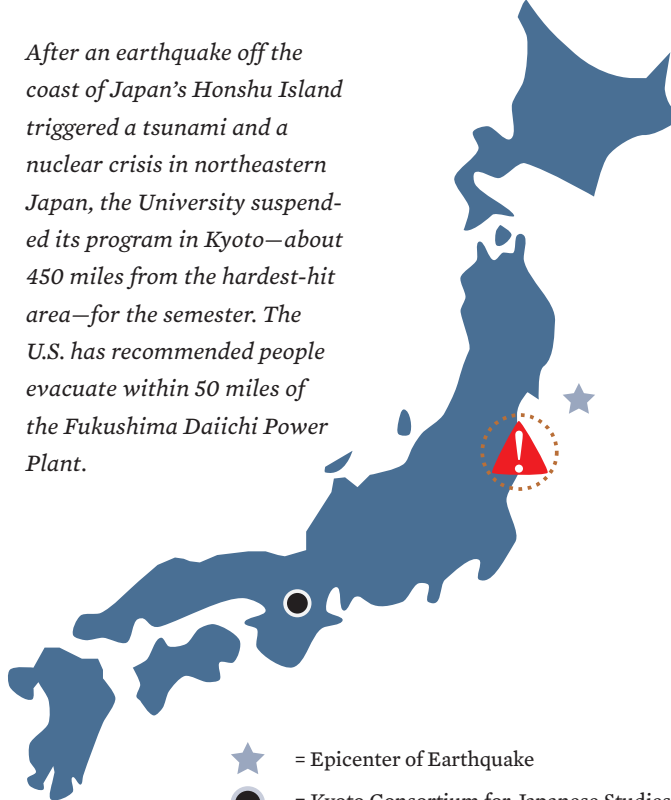
“I used to go to the park and see the ambulances, and I always wanted to be one of them,” said Cheng, who has been involved with CPMU for five years.

“When I turned 18, I took the 150-hour class and got my

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EVACUATION ZONE

After an earthquake off the coast of Japan’s Honshu Island triggered a tsunami and a nuclear crisis in northeastern Japan, the University suspended its program in Kyoto—about 450 miles from the hardest-hit area—for the semester. The U.S. has recommended people evacuate within 50 miles of the Fukushima Daiichi Power Plant.



- ★ = Epicenter of Earthquake
- = Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies
- ! = Fukushima Daiichi Power Plant
- = U.S. Recommended Area of Evacuation

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Kyoto program suspended for spring after earthquake

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Columbia’s Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies is suspending its on-site program for the spring semester following the March 11 earthquake, a University official confirmed Sunday.

KCJS Director Henry Smith said in an email that courses will continue to be offered remotely online.

A number of universities send students to study in Kyoto through KCJS, which is a Columbia-administered program. Brandeis University’s Director of Study Abroad J. Scott Van Der Meid was quoted in the Brandeis Hoot on March 18 saying that the program was being suspended for concerns about the future safety of students.

“After much debate and despite the fact that our students

are quite safe at the moment, KCJS felt they could not guarantee safety moving forward and reluctantly decided to suspend the program,” Van Der Meid said.

“We believe it is prudent for students to make arrangements to leave Japan at this time.”

—University statement,
March 18

On March 18, Columbia said that its 35 affiliates still in country, including 33 at KCJS, were

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Less is more

It’s time to demystify the allure of the Swimsuit Edition.

The ethics question

We should recognize the moral value of the PETA debate.



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Light Blue goes .500 on trip to the south

The Columbia baseball team proved itself a force to be reckoned with, competing in all of its games against a strong group of southern teams.

EVENTS

Procrastination workshop

The first in a series of workshops to curb procrastination, held by Counseling and Psychological Services.

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COURTESY OF THE CENTRAL PARK MEDICAL UNIT

WHITEOUT | Rafael Castellanos, CC '13, worked with the Central Park Medical Unit after the “Christmas blizzard” of 2010 to get stranded city residents to hospitals over blocked roads.

Student worked on ambulance crew after storm

CASTELLANOS
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certification, sponsored by CAVA. I joined CPMU right when I had my certification,” Castellanos said. “I prefer CPMU because there is a lot more action and

you get better calls. There is also a great diversity of people you get to interact with.”

The blizzard wasn’t the first time CPMU has helped out with disasters outside of the Park. Jones said that he and Castellanos’ father (who is also

named Rafael and is president of the CPMU) were both on an ambulance on Sept. 11, 2001.

“We’re always there to help, what’s really to me, the greatest part of our mission,” Jones said. *constance.boozer@columbiaspectator.com*

City Council to vote on Baker plans in two weeks

BAKER FIELD
from front page

Columbia’s community involvement has become just as big a concern as the zoning details, with much of the discussion centering around benefits that residents want from Columbia in light of its request to provide only 10 percent of what current zoning laws require.

Espaillat and Rodriguez said they’ll try their best to secure a community benefits agreement before the Council vote.

“We would like to see a meeting with Columbia with all elected officials involved,” said Rodriguez, who said he plans to form a committee of residents and elected officials to oversee the Baker Field project’s development.

“It’s about time,” local resident David Brodherson, a member of the community group Advocates for Inwood, said of Sunday’s meeting. “I think our local politicians now understand the gravity, the anger, the disappointment of residents in Columbia’s plan.”

Resident Roger Myers, who founded the New York Outrigger

canoe club, agreed that Columbia has yet to provide sufficient benefits for locals who use the area around Baker Field. Columbia plans to deed its dock to the city’s Department of Parks and Recreation, but Myers said that gesture is meaningless without facilities like parking lots and a boathouse—which he feels the community deserves since the dock is technically already on city land.

“Docks in New York City are good for seagulls and ducks unless you plan around it,” he said. “And because Columbia has enjoyed access for 90 years without compensating the public and without giving money to the city, it’s reasonable and fair that the Boathouse Marsh plan address what it takes for the community to get on the water.”

Still, the City Council cannot legally require Columbia to provide certain amenities that residents are asking for, such as dock infrastructure, Russell said.

“If we could talk Columbia into spending additional money to do that, that’d be great,” she said, adding that Councilmember Jackson’s office is working on increasing public

access to facilities. “Those are the kinds of things we’re going to figure out, so we’re going to take the next two-and-a-half weeks and figure it out in a way that hopefully makes most people feel at least satisfied.”

Jackson said Sunday afternoon that he’s glad the second meeting occurred, since it gave more residents a chance to voice their concerns and hear from Columbia.

“We’ve heard Senator Espaillat say and Councilmember Jackson say this is not the end of the conversation, this is very much the beginning of the conversation, and we agree with that,” Columbia’s Executive Vice President of Facilities Joe Ienuso said, noting that Columbia has appointed a community liaison.

But with the vote approaching, residents voiced their apprehension that there would not be time to amend the plans.

“If the community wants to make a convincing case of where it falls short, it’s difficult to address all the facts given the amount of time and the forum,” Myers said. “It’s coming too late.”

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M’ville residents question CU’s plans for A/C units, pest control

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impact we are being forced to endure.”

“Columbia University is a very large, very resourceful institution—somewhere they can find the funding,” she added.

Thompson said that the tenants feel “disrespected” because Columbia has not consulted or

met with them on this issue.

“It would be very helpful if Columbia sat down with the residents of those buildings and had a specific discussion with them,” CB9 chair Larry English said.

Other residents wondered why 3333 had been singled out for this program.

Ex-CB9 chair Maritta Dunn, who lives directly across from the construction on 130th Street, said

that she thinks the University unfairly bypassed her building in its noise study.

“My community is very much impacted and inconvenienced ... by the noise,” she said. “I think because they don’t actually come on site themselves they miss what the people who live here actually experience every day.”

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Quake forces students to return from Kyoto Cosortium program

JAPAN from front page

safe and accounted for, but that they asked them to leave the country.

“Given the ongoing uncertainty about how events will unfold as Japan responds to the situation in the affected areas, or whether the potential health risk may increase elsewhere, we believe it is prudent for students to make arrangements to leave Japan at this time,” the statement said.

A Columbia spokesperson could not comment about the future of KCJS on Sunday night,

but the University has said it is currently providing travel assistance to those who request it.

The 8.9-magnitude quake flattened buildings, triggered tsunamis, and damaged nuclear power plants in northern Japan.

KCJS is located at the Imadegawa campus of Doshisha University, about 300 miles from Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant, one of the nuclear power plants that suffered explosions in its reactors as a result of damage from the quake.

Following the earthquake, the University released a

statement expressing sympathy for the victims of the tsunami and earthquake.

“Our thoughts and concerns are with the people of Japan. At this time, we have accounted for 126 students and faculty who are in Japan, including one in Sendai,” the statement said.

The disaster at Fukushima is currently categorized as a level six nuclear accident. According to Reuters, level seven has only been used for the Chernobyl disaster in 1986, and the 1979 accident at Three Mile Island was classified as a level five.

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LACROSSE

Columbia continues to struggle, goes 1-2 over break

Spring has finally sprung, but the Light Blue lacrosse team is still looking for luck to turn its way. Over spring break, Columbia (1-4, 0-2 Ivy) went 1-2 in its matches, winning its first game of the season. The Lions' two losses this past week saw Columbia at the wrong end of close matchups.

In the first game of the break, Columbia was victorious over Iona last Friday. The Gaels took an early 2-0 lead, scoring the first goal after only about two minutes. Junior midfielder Taylor Gattinella scored the first goal for the Lions, but Columbia soon found itself losing 1-4. The Light Blue scored three in a row—two goals thanks to sophomore midfielder Olivia Mann—and

went into halftime trailing 5-4. A second-half surge featuring four unanswered goals helped the Lions pull ahead. Columbia won 12-8, and Mann and Gattinella contributed four goals apiece.

The Lions then went on to face off against conference foe Cornell last Sunday. Cornell scored first, but Gattinella found the net to tie the game. The Big Red then seemed to pull away from the Lions, leading 6-2 with nine minutes remaining in the first half. The Lions responded by scoring two goals in the final minute before halftime. Early in the second half, Columbia was within one of Cornell thanks to a goal by sophomore attacker Kacie Johnson. However, the Lions were never able to

overcome the Big Red, and fell 9-7.

The final game of spring break saw Columbia lose to George Mason in a heart-breaking triple overtime matchup. Mason led 6-1 midway through the first half, but Columbia surged back and only trailed by one going into halftime. After back-and-forth scoring throughout the second half, the score stood at 13-13 at the end of regulation. Unfortunately for the Lions, George Mason found the net during the third overtime period. Junior goalkeeper Karlee Blank recorded five saves for the Lions.

The Lions next take on Princeton this Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Princeton, N.J.

—Rebeka Cohan

ARCHERY

Light Blue archers earn gold at Indoor Nationals

The Columbia archery team competed in the U.S. Indoor Nationals Championships at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. over spring break. The team put forth a strong showing, especially in the recurve division, where the Light Blue took five of the top six places individually and won gold in the team competition. In the tournament, the archers shot in two rounds and the sum of both rounds was their final score. Three archers in their respective recurve and compound divisions then combine their score for the team score.

In the recurve division, junior Sarah Chai took first place individually, besting

teammate junior Anna Harrington by the slimmest of margins—one point. Sophomore Maya Inamura, freshman Sara Lavenhar, and sophomore Donju Min ranked third, fourth, and sixth, respectively, rounding out Columbia's top ranking spots.

To make up the team score, Chai, Lavenhar, and Harrington's totals were combined and the trio received first place in their region, surpassing the runner-up, Atlantic Cape Community College, by nearly 600 points.

In the compound division, junior Sydney Shaefer was top among her teammates, receiving fourth place in the tournament and finished just one point from

making the top three. Other notable shooters from the compound division include senior Gillian Kemmerer and freshman Mary Quien, who both had a combined score of over 1000 for their two rounds.

This tournament was not only important for the team to see where they rank nationally, but the scores from this and the United States Intercollegiate Archery Championships later in the spring will be combined in order to decide which individuals will be All-Americans. With the indoor season finished, Columbia's first outdoor competition will be April 8 at the Nanook of the North tournament in Manchester, Conn.

—Myles Simmons

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Lions suffer tough losses, prepare for start of Ivy play

The Columbia women's tennis team went 1-3 over its spring break trip to California, beating Colorado State but falling to Long Beach State, Loyola Marymount, and Cal State Northridge. The Lions' record now sits at 8-6 this spring, as the team prepares for Ivy play at the start of April. The trip started with a 7-0 loss to Long Beach State, in which the Lions lost every match, including the three doubles matches. Sophomore Nicole Bartnik fell 6-2, 7-5 at No. 1 singles, and freshman Bianca Sanon fell 6-3, 1-6, 12-10 in her match at No. 2. Senior Natasha Makarova also fell in a third set supertiebreak at No. 3 singles, and the rest of the team fell in straight sets.

Colorado State was a completely different story, as the Lions won all but one of the

doubles matches with relative ease. Bartnik didn't play in this match, but Sanon won easily 6-2, 6-1 at No. 1 and Makarova won 10-7 in a third set supertiebreak. Sophomore Katarina Kovacevic won 10-4 in a supertiebreak at No. 5, and the rest of the singles matches were won in straight sets.

The closest match of the trip was a 4-3 loss to Loyola Marymount. The Lions swept the doubles point with ease, but struggled at the bottom of the lineup in singles. With Bartnik out, Sanon once again played No. 1 and won in three sets 1-6, 6-4, 6-2, but four of the other five players would lose their matches. Makarova fell in straight sets at No. 2 and the only other singles winner for Columbia was freshman Ioana Alecsiu at No. 5, where she won

7-5, 6-2. Sophomore Chelsea Davis had to retire down 1-6, 4-2 in her match at No. 4.

Columbia's final match of spring break was a 5-2 loss to Cal State Northridge. The Lions were once again swept in the doubles point, with the only close match coming at No. 3 doubles, in which Alecsiu and freshman Tiana Takenaga lost 9-8. The bottom of the lineup produced the only wins, as Bartnik (playing again at No. 1 after being out for two matches), Makarova, Sanon, and Takenaga all lost. The only two winners for Columbia were Kovacevic and Alecsiu at No. 5 and 6, respectively. The women will host Long Island University in their final non-conference match of the season on Friday at 4 p.m.

—Kunal Gupta

GOLF

Men and women both have individual standouts

The Columbia men's and women's golf teams headed west for spring break.

The men took part in a two-day, 54-hole tournament at Pauma Valley Golf Club, near San Diego, C.A. As a team, the Lions finished tied for fifth place with Longwood. The top performer for the Light Blue was sophomore standout Michael Yiu, who finished in third place overall after an impressive four-under par round of 67—just one stroke off of the best round of the tournament. Yiu began the round with an even front nine, and began the back nine with a double-bogey. At the par-5 11th, Yiu began to turn it up, negating the double-bogey with an eagle. Beginning the day tied in 21st

place, Yiu had work to do to move up the standings. The sophomore finished the day with a 54-hole aggregate of four-over par. The 67 was the best performance of Yiu's young collegiate golfing career. Senior Clark Granum struggled in the final round, posting a score of 79—eight-over par. Despite the tough final outing, Granum still took 13th place thanks to his performance in the preceding rounds. The next competition for the men will be the Towson Invitational on March 26-27.

The women were off the mainland this past week, taking advantage of the long break to tee up in Hawaii. Freshman Michelle Piyapattrra competed individually against some of the

nation's best at the Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational in Hawaii. Piyapattrra asserted herself as a young star for the Lions, finishing tied for 24th in a field consisting of 108 of the nation's top collegiate woman golfers. She then joined the rest of the women's team in Oahu, Hawaii, to take part in the one-day Paradise Desert Classic at the Luana Hills Golf Course. Piyapattrra led the Lions—who finished tied for third place overall—shooting three-over par 75, good for a share of top honors. Fellow freshman Jane Dong finished tied for 13th place with an 87. The women will be competing again in the Hoya Invitational on April 4-5.

—Jeremiah Sharf

PRE-CALENDARING FOR LERNER HALL

Columbia & Barnard Undergraduate & Graduate Student Clubs & Organizations...

Pre-Calendaring for Fall 2011 begins Monday, March 21st at 9:00 am

Recognized student groups who would like to reserve space in Lerner Hall for the period Tuesday, September 6th through Monday, December 12th must submit completed space use applications, signed by their student activities advisor, in person to UEM on the 7th floor of Lerner Hall or on-line, at www.columbia.edu/cu/lernerhall by 12:00 PM, April 4th.

Applications for recurring meetings and rehearsals cannot exceed one per week and will be handled on a “first come first served” basis beginning on March 21st.

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Enhancing Columbia's role in the military

BY ELIOT GOLDMAN

As a Columbia College graduate, I wish I had been at last month's forum debating ROTC. But I was at an Army course studying the Geneva Conventions and listening to guest speakers from the International Federation of the Red Cross whose positions are more robust than those of the US government. The discussion reminded me of the lightning quick classes of our own Core Curriculum.

As a reservist on active duty, I stand a bit taller knowing my commander in chief and I went to the same school. The USS New York, commissioned last year, is skipped by an MIT graduate. The opportunities for the finest education in our land need to be available to future service members. The ability of future leaders to see people on a daily basis in uniform as people, and not as a sub-species, should be part of a Columbia education. As George Santayana said, "Only the dead have seen the end of war." It behooves us to make those future conflicts as brief as possible, assure success, and minimize collateral damage. I for one would prefer to have Columbia graduates part of the group making, implementing, and leading us as warfare and peace-keeping become ever more complex.

In World War II, Columbia commissioned more ensigns than Annapolis. From 1917-1918, in "The War to End All Wars," 21 Columbia Law Review editors dropped out to enlist. Poet Joyce Kilmer, a 1908 alumnus, wrote about the beauty of trees. His bullet-ridden body lies beneath one in a military cemetery in France. On Dec. 7, 1941, College graduate Herbert Jones earned the Medal of Honor on what started out as a peaceful Sunday in Hawaii. Before writing the Federalist papers, our Alexander Hamilton was George Washington's captain and colonel. Bullets coming at you do not distinguish between those who went to Columbia or those who dropped out of high school. Their sacrifices humble us. We walk on a campus not just in the shadow of great minds, but in the footsteps of heroic individuals.

We have all stood at 116th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, looked left and right, and understood the strategic importance of Morningside Heights when Washington camped here and cannons dominated battlefields. Who would have thought that in 2001, war would again come to our city? How many of us felt the greatness of America when we looked out the windows of the World Trade Center to try and see buildings at Columbia? How many of us still feel their loss? As the 10th anniversary of that attack approaches, I am sure there are 44 other people who would have liked to participate in the current debate over ROTC: They are the 44 University graduates from nine different schools killed on Sept. 11, 2001. They probably also wish our government was populated by more Columbia graduates who might have been able to prevent the aggression against us and would have been able to commence the fight against it better.

Like generations before us, nobody expected that sunny morning to end with the stench of death in the air. If we want to make sure the future is guided by people who have not been exposed to the diversity of Columbia, the complexity of our city, or learned how to adapt to ever changing circumstances in our vertical metropolis, then we can't continue acting in an un-Columbian bigoted way rife with a denial of reality. If we want to regain our right to say one of the nation's oldest schools remains committed to the future, to America, to training and placing graduates as diversely as possible, then the University Senate should support ROTC's return and call for the President Obama Class of '83 Unit to stand up its first graduate while a Columbia graduate is commander in chief.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Distasteful behavior

A day before a scheduled event hosted by the Parliamentary Debate Team, Columbia officials barred Bruce Friedrich, vice president of PETA, from speaking on campus. This action disrespected students and stands in contradiction to Columbia's values of free speech.

Friedrich was banned from Columbia's campus for his behavior at a 2004 Commencement ceremony, when he walked up to the microphone and made claims about Columbia's mistreatment of animals in research laboratories.

Though it was within the jurisdiction of the administration and public safety to ban Friedrich from returning to campus, they acted in an unprofessional manner by reversing the initial decision to allow the event to proceed as planned. The administration's last-minute re-evaluation marks an embarrassing lack of professionalism on the part of the administration.

The University claimed that the event was canceled due to "security concerns" and that Friedrich was a "persona non grata" on Columbia's campus. The two justifications for barring Friedrich—one that relies on specific security concerns and another that emphasizes his status as a persona non grata—are in contradiction and show a lack of consideration for the student interest garnered by the event.

To consider Friedrich a threat to Columbia's security is ludicrous. Friedrich, though having comported himself in an improper way in 2004, does not pose a security concern to Columbia. After considering the numerous controversial figures that have spoken at Columbia despite security concerns, a debate event in Lerner hardly seems to compare in gravity. Furthermore, if the administration had raised the persona non grata issue in advance, another representative from PETA could have attended the debate.

Though the University claimed to be unaware that Friedrich was planning on attending the event, the restriction of the event to only debate members suggests otherwise.

Even if the University was unaware of Friedrich's participation in the scheduled debate, due diligence should have revealed that relevant information.

In mishandling of the event planning, the administration disappointed and disrespected the students who had been planning this event for weeks. Though the University acted in contradiction to the values of free speech and open debate, the effects of their actions were tangible to the students who worked to bring an important discussion to campus.

Columbia takes pride in the fact that our campus provides a forum for debate and exchange of ideas that are often unwelcome at other institutions. Regardless of Friedrich's misconduct, the mishandling of the debate event violates the University's principles by preventing the dissemination of ideas. In the future, if there are concerns over safety or persona non grata, the administration must deal with them in a timely manner, giving students ample time to alter their plans. Columbia should demonstrate more respect toward its students, particularly when we strive to uphold the values that Columbia holds dear.

A debate aborted

Though we may not have noticed due to the blinding anxiety of midterms and the irresistible appeal of Spring Break, a controversy cropped up two weeks ago when the administration canceled a debate between PETA vice president Bruce Friedrich and Columbia's Parliamentary Debate team. Less than five hours before the event, the University told the organizers of the event—who were expecting to draw attendance in the hundreds—that the debate would not be allowed on campus. The ethics of meat-eating would have to be discussed elsewhere.

Amid the furor and confusion of this sudden and unwelcome development, the University released a statement explaining that Mr. Friedrich's 2004 disruption of a commencement address had earned him the title of persona non grata and thus would not be welcome to come to campus at all. This revelation brought some sense into the conversation and silenced the critics arguing that Columbia simply didn't want the debate to take place.

However, I question the administration's decision to stop the event because of an issue with a participant. The cancelation of the event marks a loss much larger than just a debate—it represents the continued repression of certain topics in our community's sphere of dialogue. More specifically, it exemplifies the reluctance of this campus to explore issues of ethics and morality in a public setting.

A glance at other events happening during the same week reveals the typical fare on campus: a presentation by the "Ground Zero Mosque Imam" and a debate with the College Republicans and College Democrats about gun control. While both events served the community well by starting or fuelling dialogue, they are representative of the sorts of programming that dominate campus events. Such events focus primarily on questions of society, politics, and issues external to the individual. The PETA debate, on the other hand, would have raised issues of personal morality and ethics.

Unlike arguments about politics and socio-cultural issues, debates concerning the development of an individual's concept of morality have especially significant impact in undergraduate spheres. During our time as students, we often busy ourselves with personal development, aware that what we do here will impact the rest of our lives. Under the umbrella of "personal development," ethics and morality stand at the center. One need not have read Aristotle's works or Rousseau's treatises to know that.

We, as people, are concerned with how to make decisions in a way that is as beneficial as possible. To whom the benefit goes may be up to debate, but morality cannot and should not be sidelined as an auxiliary interest. Our understanding of right and wrong is possibly the single most



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Closing Remarks

important aspect of that development. Nothing else will stay with us for so long or affect more of our life decisions.

And yet, even in light of the gravity of these topics, our investigation into personal morality is extraordinarily limited. The Core does a good job of exposing us to the greatest moral thinkers in history, but the classroom risks disconnection between readings and application. Kant's categorical imperative rarely makes it off the page and into our serious consideration. St. Augustine's pleas for a righteous life never escape the fifth century. Still, the Core deserves credit for making it further than the rest of campus life in addressing this critical part of life. There is precious little moral exploration in the space between CC classrooms and our own heads. Where is the public debate about these issues? Why does it disappear as soon as it isn't required in our homework?

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The PETA debate represented a unique opportunity for such critical exploration beyond the recesses of our minds or the echoing halls of Hamilton. From its description, the debate had the goal of coming to a conclusion about a very real ethical question that arises in our everyday lives. It could have been an event that, if we had engaged with it, might have made a real difference in the way we live our lives.

While the University is entirely within its rights to deny entrance to individuals who have a history of disrupting campus life, the administration should ask itself whether or not the individual in question has something important to offer the student body. In this instance, Friedrich's appearance on campus was going to be one that promoted an ethical debate critical in the moral development of each one of us. Given that the academy puts a premium on the development of its members, it seems to me foolishness to prioritize one person's negative status over the promotion of meaningful conversation in an area that has precious few venues.

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Notions on the nearly nude

BY WALKER HARRISON

Considering that this week marks many Columbia students' returns from the likes of Cancun and Cabo as well as (with any luck) the onset of warmer weather, it might be an appropriate time to review the topic of beachwear—or more specifically, the female bathing suit. This subject's sacred text is undoubtedly the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition, the 2011 version of which recently came out, featuring, as always, the most beautiful women in the world dressed in itty-bitty bikinis. Its annual publication is an event highly anticipated by males in their teens and onward who proudly fish the magazine out of their mailboxes as if they have earned the right to lay their eyes on these astonishing photographs. On my floor alone, four copies of the issue have circulated, accompanied often by arguments over which model was more mind-bogglingly gorgeous: Brooklyn Decker, star of last month's comedy "Just Go With It," or Irina Shayk, this year's curvy cover girl.

The Swimsuit Edition, which first came out in 1964, is as popular as ever, especially among college students who gladly use it as replacement "reading" for Homer and Dante or cut out their favorite pictures and pin them to their walls, hoping that the presence of two-dimensional women might fill the void left by actual ones.

However, despite our undeniable interest, it seems curious that the Swimsuit Edition has retained such prominence on college campuses, given the age we live in. Much more explicit images are readily available through several clicks of a mouse, and with an ounce of charm and a few drinks at Campo, you might even get the real thing. With less and less left to the imagination, you would expect the yearly issue to lose its appeal, if not fall completely into oblivion.

There are several potential explanations. Sports Illustrated tries to keep up with the times by making the issue available online and by branching out from simply featuring models, as recent editions have included athletes such as Maria Sharapova and musicians such as Beyonce. Additionally, the magazine has allowed for more full-page advertisements for products such as Axe Shower Gel and Muscle Milk, transforming the issue from a simple exposé of stunning women into a handbook on

how to woo them. Yet the answer might lie in the notion that we college boys, while continuously urging women to reveal themselves, actually appreciate the forbidden mystery of the bathing suit. Perhaps letting our minds run independently is refreshing, considering the growing frequency of naked lap dances, casual sex, and illicit texts on college campuses, Columbia certainly included.

In fact, our Core Curriculum might unintentionally promote such a counterintuitive attitude. First-years in the class Frontiers of Science recently learned in a quantum physics lecture that images that literally occur only within our minds might prove far more intriguing than those in our fully revealed physical world. The same idea could apply to the Swimsuit Edition which, for several reasons, has never displayed full nudity.

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Recent changes to the issue support this thought. About a decade ago, the magazine began photographing women wearing not bikinis but body paint, while only five years ago models started covering themselves even more precariously, using jewelry, seashells, and in one shot, a precisely placed iPod. These controversial developments drew cries from several feminist groups, who, quite reasonably, have demoted the issue since its founding. But more remarkable was the discontent of many male oglers, who felt that featuring completely unclothed women was too great of a deviation from the almost-but-not-quite theme of the magazine.

So as we leave behind this icy winter and as the steps to Low Library become littered with lunching undergrads, our collective apparel will inevitably become smaller and scantier. But maybe we should interrupt our attempts to exhibit our devotion to Dodge and take a lesson from Sports Illustrated. If our fixed appreciation for the Swimsuit Edition tells us anything, it's that when it comes to showing skin, sometimes less is more.

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KUNG-FU KEVIN | Senior Kevin Kung was the only Lion to emerge victorious from the Texas Christian singles matches.

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Best season start since 1988 for CU baseball

BASEBALL from back page

junior reliever-turned-starter Harrison Slutsky, who allowed no earned runs and only three hits and a walk over seven full innings of work in Columbia's 3-1 victory.

Columbia built on the sweep of Florida Gulf Coast by edging Rollins in a tight 8-7 encounter.

The Lions couldn't capitalize on that momentum in the following series against a strong University of Central Florida team, falling three times by three or fewer runs. Columbia had a 4-2 lead through four-and-a-half innings in game one, but last year's Ivy League Pitcher of the Year Pat Lowery fell apart in the bottom of the fifth, giving up five runs on three singles, a hit batsman, two wild pitches, and a bases-loaded walk. Not all news from the game was bad for the Lions, though; some of the team's offensive spark came from the bat of freshman catcher Mike Fischer, who drove home two on a 2-3 night. Fischer is, at least thus far, Coach Boretti's choice as the replacement for Dean Forthun, last year's all-Ivy catcher for the Lions. Although Fischer hasn't succeeded in matching Forthun's numbers at the plate, both Boretti and the pitching staff are happy with how Fischer has performed behind it.

"Fischer's been doing a real good job controlling the running game and working real well with our pitchers," Williams said. "He didn't have many freshman jitters at the beginning of the season, which is good to see, and he's only gonna grow from where he's at. I know from talking with the other pitchers that we're all comfortable working with him—it's been nice to see him step up."

"I think Mike's done a great job," Boretti agreed. "He's been doing a great job holding runners. It's something we work on a lot, and Mike has been very consistent with his throws, and it's really helped take away a part of the game that a lot of teams like to use."

UCF, for example, came into the series with an 88 percent success rate on stolen bases, and Fischer managed to hold it to only 57 percent, gunning down three runners over the three games. Freshman Enmanuel Cabreja also impressed in his two starts at catcher.

The Lions now return home for a three-game series against Holy Cross, and have high hopes for a veteran squad punctuated by strong freshman talent.

"Last year, we had a good chemistry among the guys and I think that, being that pretty much everyone is coming back, we're just building on that chemistry," said senior outfielder Nick Cox. "I think the team is really, really strong together. We really play well together, and I think that shows on the field. Whether it's hitting, defense, or pitching, everyone's really flowing."

Columbia goes winless, losing to three nationally-ranked teams

BY KUNAL GUPTA
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The men's tennis team went into its annual spring break training trip to Texas on the back of three straight wins, including its biggest success of the year: a 4-3 win over No. 68 Binghamton. All of the momentum that the team gathered beforehand, however, was lost during the trip, as the Lions went 0-4 in Texas. This included three losses to nationally-ranked squads. Columbia now stands at 6-8 this spring.

The team started off the trip with a match against No. 58 Southern Methodist University. The Mustangs swept the doubles point, although each of the three matches was close. Senior Kevin Kung and sophomore Nate Gery fell 8-6 at No. 1, and brothers Cyril and Tizian Bucher also lost,

defeated 8-6 at No. 2. Juniors Haig Schneiderman and Rajeev Deb-Sen fell 9-8 in a tiebreak at No. 3.

Columbia had a better showing in the singles matches. Cyril Bucher lost 6-3, 6-1 at No. 2 singles, and his brother Tizian fell 6-2, 6-2 at No. 5 singles. Kung lost at No. 3 in straight sets as well to give the Mustangs the win. The rest of the singles matches went the distance. Schneiderman lost at No. 1 to Artem Baradach, No. 38 in the nation, 5-7, 6-0, 11-9, while Gery fell 5-7, 6-3, 10-8 at No. 4. Deb-Sen was the lone winner on the day, as he won at No. 6 singles, 5-7, 6-1, 10-8.

No. 61 Texas Christian was next up for Columbia, but the Lions were swept in doubles once again. Gery and Kung lost 8-6, as did the Bucher brothers, and Deb-Sen and Schneiderman fell 8-3. Schneiderman lost 6-2, 6-1 to No. 74 Emanuel Brighiu at No. 1

singles, and Bucher and Gery both fell in straight sets as well. The bottom of the lineup was slightly changed against TCU, with senior Sho Matsumoto playing No. 5 and Tizian Bucher at No.6, but both lost in straight sets. The only winner against TCU was Kung, who won when his opponent retired in the second set, with Kung leading 7-6, 1-0.

UT-Arlington would be the closest match of the trip, but Columbia would lose 4-3 to the Mavericks. For the only time during the trip, Columbia would win the doubles point, taking victories at No. 1 and 2 doubles by scores of 8-5, and 8-6, respectively. Deb-Sen and Schneiderman fell 8-3.

In the singles, Schneiderman lost at No. 1 6-1, 6-3. Both Bucher and Kung also fell in straight sets, and Gery lost in three sets 5-7, 6-4, 6-2. Tizian Bucher won 6-0, 2-6, 6-4 at No. 5

singles, and Deb-Sen won in straight sets at No. 6, but the four singles losses would doom the Lions.

The final match on the trip was against New Mexico State, which was ranked No. 69 in the nation. The match was only played until one team reached the necessary four points. New Mexico got those four points quickly. The Aztecs won the doubles point, winning 8-6 at both No. 1 and 3 doubles. The Aztecs got three quick singles victories to win the match, as Schneiderman lost in straight sets 6-4, 6-4 to No. 67 Arthur Surreaux. Cyril Bucher lost 6-2, 6-0 at No. 2 and his brother fell 7-5, 6-4 at No. 5 singles. The rest of the matches were suspended once New Mexico got a 4-0 lead.

The Lions will next be in action when they host Illinois State on Friday at 2 p.m. at the Dick Savitt Tennis Center.

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Basketball guru takes all with Pixbox win

As the only columnist who frequently insults the Spec when not asked to, I was probably the last person everyone wanted to win Pixbox. Sure enough, I got an email asking me to turn this column in early, in which our very own Zach Glubiak wrote: “I know, this seems like the section is just freaking out because now you have free reign to bash on all of us, and to an extent that’s true.”

See, it’s like CBS telling Charlie Sheen he can have a 30-minute spot to bash the network, only without the crack rocks. I can’t speak to the hookers, but I can say that Vegas trips always have a happy ending.

Yet what my editors fail to realize is that this winner’s column has always seemed like a pretty stupid idea to me, and probably anyone else who has ever read it. Student journalists devote entire articles to insulting their peers—and often their friends—without any rhyme or reason. What kind of insecurities do these people have?

If I can remember those that have cast aspersions on me, Victoria said she didn’t know me well, just that I seemed mean and angry. I guess she’s a



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FILE PHOTO

SUPER DARIO | Sophomore Dario Pizzano was one of the many Lions who excelled at the plate with runners in scoring position.

CU heads south for spring break, goes 5-5

BY TREVOR COHEN
Spectator Staff Writer

“It’s been a while since we ended our spring break trip with a record above .500,” said sophomore pitcher/utility man Eric Williams as the 7-6 Lions prepared to board their flight back to New York after their 10-game southern road trip. In fact, one would have to look back 23 years to find the last time Columbia had a better record at this point in the season. Perhaps it is a testament to the team’s high expectations for the season. However, head coach Brett Boretti isn’t popping any champagne.

“For us to have a 7-6 record after our first 13 games is overall positive, but at the same time I think it could have been better, and we found some things we need to work on to continue to get better each game,” Boretti said.

Coming into the season with championship aspirations after falling only a game short of the goal last year, the team has ended their spring trip as the only Ivy League team with a winning record thus far into the de facto spring training schedule. Over in the Rolfe Division, last year’s Ivy Champion, Dartmouth, has gone .500 in its first eight games.

The Light Blue started the road trip slowly, as it was shut out 3-0 in the first game of a four-game set against South Alabama. The bats picked up in game two, sending seven men across the plate, but couldn’t make up an early 8-1 deficit, largely compiled in a five-run fourth inning by the Jaguars. Columbia’s first win came the next afternoon on the back of a stellar seven-inning, one-run start from senior right-hander Dan Bracey, followed by

an offensive explosion that plated 17 for the Lions. Williams and senior leftfielder Jason Banos each had five RBIs, while the pitching staff combined to hold South Alabama to five runs.

Boretti posed an explanation for the team’s success at the tail end of the series with South Alabama.

“Some of the teams down here are not as pitching-deep as some of the opponents that we’ll play up north, because they’re not used to playing four-game sets, where you need four quality starters and a bullpen to go along with that,” Boretti said.

The team went on to take two straight from Florida Gulf Coast, which went 25-5 last

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—Brett Boretti,
head coach

season in the Atlantic Sun Conference. Strong starts came from freshman southpaw David Speer, who pitched five scoreless innings after a two-run first to keep the game tight, and

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