

Colleagues remember Law School dean

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Albert Rosenthal, former dean of Columbia Law School, finished his undergraduate education at age 19, became president of the Harvard Law Review by 21, and had served three years in World War II by 25.

Remembered for his contributions to expanding the diversity at Columbia's law school, Rosenthal—law dean from 1979 to 1984—died Wednesday at age 91 due to complications with Alzheimer's disease, according to Rosenthal's son.

Before becoming dean, Rosenthal built up a lengthy resume. After spending his childhood in the Bronx, he went to City College at age 15, graduated from University of Pennsylvania at 19, and was president of the Harvard Law Review exactly 50 years before Barack Obama.

Rosenthal, most recently the Maurice T. Moore Professor Emeritus of Law, also clerked for Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter and held a private practice for 10 years—specializing in nondiscrimination cases—before he became a Columbia faculty member. While dean, he volunteered for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

At a memorial service on Sunday at Riverside Memorial Chapel, friends, family, and colleagues remembered him for his open-mindedness and commitment to improving the law school.

"Al set the bar very high. As everyone here knows, Al had the rare combination of brilliance, insight, and sense of decency," David Schizer, the current law school dean, said to the crowd. "The Columbia Law School will feel his loss deeply."

He also shared one student's memory of Rosenthal's inspiring speech to the entering class of '82: "Look to your right, look to your left. At this point at some law schools they would say one of you won't make it. Well, I can say with confidence that you and the person on your left and the person on your right will succeed here and will go on to distinction in the practice of law. You wouldn't be here otherwise."

Schizer said Rosenthal will be remembered for his commitment to the school's centers for Japanese and Chinese legal studies as well as many new clinical programs. During his tenure, Rosenthal also boosted the number of female faculty members.

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RAISING THE BAR | Albert Rosenthal served as dean of the Law School for five years.

Administrators wine, dine at Paris opening

BY ALEXA DAVIS
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

PARIS—To celebrate the launch of Columbia's newest Global Center in Paris, University President Lee Bollinger and several dozen Columbia alumni, administrators, and faculty members put on their best attire for a cocktail party at the Hotel Ritz Paris.

The March 15 launch of the Columbia Global Center in Paris marks the third installment of a growing network of international centers that the University is developing to increase its presence abroad. Columbia opened its first two global centers last year in Amman, Jordan and Beijing.

The celebratory cocktail party featured countless glasses of champagne, an array of delicate pastries, and words of welcome from Bollinger, who had just arrived in Paris with his wife four hours earlier. He jokingly warned the crowd that due to his fatigue, "I take no responsibility for anything I say tonight."

Bollinger first addressed Columbia's general state of affairs. "The University is doing extremely well," he said. This well-being, Bollinger stated, is even stronger now because of the new space that will be coming from both the Northwest Corner Building and the Manhattanville expansion.

"For a quarter of a century, Columbia has basically been out of space," Bollinger said. But thanks to the Manhattanville expansion, which Bollinger says is "ready to go," and the construction of the Northwest Corner Building, which "will house the greatest work on the brain anywhere on the planet," the problem seems to be solved—though Bollinger conceded that the Manhattanville expansion has been "controversial."

Bollinger then went on to discuss Columbia's growing role as a "global university" and its place in the international community. He expressed his belief that the Global Centers "will make it possible for students and faculty to reach out to others in the community and become a global university," as well as give students



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BONJOUR | University President Lee Bollinger celebrates the launch of the global center in Paris.

the experiences and tools they need in order to contribute to the world.

In a statement issued on March 15, Vice President for Global Centers Kenneth Prewitt said, "The focus of these Global Centers is establishing a new, interactive network of partnerships abroad and collaborations across traditional academic disciplines to address

complex global challenges that are not as easily addressed by the many bi-lateral partnerships Columbia has long had in many parts of the world."

"I think it's a wonderful and ambitious program that is much needed, and I look forward to seeing what the outcome will be," said Gillian Wachsmann, GS '94, who attended the celebration. "It's

exciting, really, to see the school taking that leap."

The official launch of the Global Center took place the following day at Reid Hall in Paris. Speakers including Bollinger, University Provost Claude Steele, and Prewitt spoke about the role of a "global university" and Columbia's plans for the future.

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CU launches center in Mumbai

Columbia expands global initiatives

BY ALIX PIANIN
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Columbia's South Asian Global Center in Mumbai opened Monday, the fourth in Columbia's growing collection of international bases.

Last week, Columbia launched its European Global Center in Paris. The first two global centers—in Beijing and Amman, Jordan—opened last year.

"Columbia's intellectual history and engagement in South Asia have deep roots and our global center in India will allow us to build on this foundation in new and innovative ways that enhance our knowledge and contribute to society," University President Lee Bollinger said in a press release.

The statement also notes that over 800 Columbia alumni currently live in India.

"The Mumbai center launches with an interdisciplinary research agenda," the press release reads. "With more than 15 years of work in India advising the political leadership and other senior policy-makers, the Columbia's Earth Institute is well placed to help scale-up strategies that have already demonstrated success."

The center will also feature the Studio-X Mumbai program, designed by the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation. It aims to promote "collaborative research, exhibitions, and public dialogue about the future of the built environment," according to the statement.

Vice President of Global Centers Kenneth Prewitt said in an interview that the lead-up to the launch had been encouraging. Feedback on the Studio-X Mumbai program has been positive, he said,

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Prof temporarily released from prison

BY AMBER TUNNELL
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Kian Tajbakhsh will get to enjoy the Iranian New Year outside of prison, with his family.

Tajbakhsh is an Iranian-American scholar who was arrested in Iran during the aftermath of the summer presidential elections there. He received his Ph.D. from Columbia and has been a faculty member at Columbia's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation since September 2009, but he has been unable to assume his position because of his detainment.

The semi-official Iranian Students' New Agency reported that Tehran prosecutor Abbas Jafari Dowlatabadi said Tajbakhsh was released on March 13 for 15 days, the duration of the Iranian New Year, which begins on March 21 and ends on April 4. Iran traditionally releases some prisoners during the New Year, the Associated Press said.

Tajbakhsh had to pay \$800,000 bail and is not allowed to leave Iran during this time.

His lawyer, Masoud Shafiei, said that Tajbakhsh is healthy and plans to stay with his family in Iran during the New Year.

"Kian would like to take this opportunity to extend his heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all his supporters and warm greetings to his many relatives and friends around the world," the advocacy website "Free Kian 2009" stated in a post about Tajbakhsh's release.

"He asks members of the media to kindly respect his privacy as he enjoys a precious reunion with his loving family and some long-awaited rest and respite from this 8-month-long ordeal," the site added.

"I am very happy that he will be able to spend his New Year with his friends and family, and more than that, I hope the global outcry against his incarceration will result in his freedom," Hamid Dabashi, a Columbia professor of Iranian studies, said. Dabashi and other Columbia faculty and administrators have been advocating for his release since his imprisonment began.

"I also hope we will one day have him back amongst us here at Columbia," he added.

Tajbakhsh was in Iran to work on a book when he was arrested last summer. He faces charges of spying and threatening national security. When he was arrested, he was sentenced to 15 years in Iranian prison, but last month, his sentence was reduced to five years by the Iranian Court of Appeals.

"The espionage charges leveled against Dr. Tajbakhsh are groundless," Secretary of State Hillary Clinton wrote in a letter to Columbia faculty last month in response to a letter asking for her help in obtaining Tajbakhsh's release.

Clinton wrote, "The State Department is using every available diplomatic tool to achieve Dr. Tajbakhsh's release. We continue to communicate our concern about his welfare and have asked other governments to urge the Iranian government to release him without further delay."

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TENNIS UPSETS TCU



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GRAND SLAM | Wong led No. 59 Columbia to two wins in Texas.

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Simple ways to prolong the spring break spirit

Spring break may have ended, but New York City offers a range of activities, from bird-watching to museum-hopping to gelato-tasting, perfect for distracting Columbians from their mounting piles of homework.



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Cornell first Ivy team since 1979 in Sweet Sixteen

Cornell's versatile offense sparked the Big Red to two resounding wins over Temple and Wisconsin last week. In Cornell's 87-69 thrashing over Wisconsin, the Big Red's Ryan Wittman scored his 2000th career point to lead the way.

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The sacrilege of silence

Perhaps what Columbia's missing is a Protestant (and Catholic) discussion Reformation.

Hey now, you're an All-Star

As election season draws near, Amin Ghadimi pitches parallels between MLB and CCSC.

Today's Events

Social media and job searches

Learn how to put your Twitter and Facebook skills to good use. Center for Career Education, 5 p.m.

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Activities across the city put spring back in students' steps

Columbians reluctant to see spring break end can preserve the vacation spirit with a variety of things to see and do, both in Morningside Heights and farther downtown. New York City's best bets for springtime entertainment range from serene outdoor plazas to heavily air-conditioned museums and movie theaters.

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WALKIN' ON SUNSHINE | There are many places students can to go to appreciate the post-spring break sun.



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CATCH UP ON SUN AND READING MATERIAL

Spring has sprung, and reading assignments are also catching up. Cure those post-spring break blues by getting a healthy dose of sunshine, whether on-campus or off. Join the flocks of Columbians soaking up the sun on Low Steps. Put on sunglasses and recline with that dog-eared copy of “Don Quixote” or “The Social Contract,” and with a pen in hand for good measure. Also close to home is the courtyard by the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, which has sun-lit benches perfect for an afternoon of reading. Don't forget to grab some coffee from the nearby Hungarian Pastry Shop and ogle at the bizarre Peace Fountain sculpture for a break from reading. For students who are feeling adventurous, head down to Battery Park with a book in hand for a change of scenery. After strolling through the war memorial, relax on the benches in the sand-laden park facing the Statue of Liberty and whip out that required reading assignment. The Hudson waters are soothing, and seagulls abound. It only takes a stretch of imagination for Columbians to rewind back to spring break and envision that they are back at the beach reading a favorite novel.

—Claire Fu

VENTURE INDOORS FOR A FEEL-GOOD FILM

Few students associate spring in New York with a chilly, dark movie theater. However, some recent spring film offerings continue to be full of warm weather. A few choices around the city will keep students wrapped in an air-conditioned cocoon in case of impending April showers. The IFC Center features “Shannon Plumb's The Park,” a series of shorts filmed in Madison Square Park, which expose New Yorkers' complex relationships with one of the few areas of sunny greenery available. Film Forum's “Mid-August Lunch” follows an Italian man who seems to get stuck caring for all of his acquaintances' elderly family members as Italy's biggest summer holiday approaches. As a part of Lincoln Center's New Directors/New Films series, see a summer film set in the arctic where there is around-the-clock sunlight. The film, titled “How I Ended This Summer,” is a thriller about a research intern who gets himself into trouble on the job. And don't forget a spring Columbia tradition: Bacchanal's annual film on the steps, which will be screened on April 1. This year, even if rain prevails, spring and summer are still within reach.

—Rachel Allen

VISIT A MUSEUM FOR A DOSE OF EDGY ART

In the spirit of taking advantage of free art in the city, take the post-midterm lull to visit the museum exhibits that students have been thinking about visiting for months. The Marina Abramovic retrospective at the Museum of Modern Art is sure to shock. To enter the exhibit, visitors must squeeze precariously between two naked people standing on either side of a doorway. If naked people aren't some students' cup of tea, there is always the Tim Burton exhibit to catch before it closes on April 26. Or stop over at Socrates Sculpture Park in Long Island City to revel in the spring weather. While in the neighborhood, visit P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center for a dose of contemporary art. Both venues are free. But even if students feel like they don't quite have time to go to art venues in the city, they can always get their art fixes by stopping by the lobby of Dodge Hall to see Jeffrey Keough's “Skullscapes” at the Neiman Center for Print Studies gallery.

—Ashton Cooper

UNWIND WITH ONLINE TELEVISION CLIPS

Whether students were at home or in a hotel room somewhere exotic this vacation, many were probably watching Hulu. While it's hard to keep up with shows regularly at school, Saturday Night Live, Family Guy, and Modern Family—all available on Hulu—are perfect to watch whenever. Such ease of access makes them easy to watch while school is in session. Hulu offers multiple options for viewing, and relatively few commercials interrupt the programs. New episodes are frequently uploaded to the site the day after airing, so it is easy to remain current. ABC's Modern Family is in its first season and has a relatively simple plot, but it's big on laughs. For students who cannot spend a whole hour—or even 20 minutes—watching Saturday Night Live, Hulu posts clips from the episodes arranged into categories on its website under such headings as “SNL Shorts,” “Commercials,” and “News and Politics.” Hulu also provides excerpts from Family Guy, although watching an entire episode is highly recommended. These 22-minute—or less!—gems can easily help Columbians recuperate before jumping back into the ocean of schoolwork.

—Logan Hofstein

SCREAM FOR CREAMY ITALIAN ICE CREAM

In an attempt to relive the first ice cream cone of spring—the slowly melting licks taken idly on a beach or in a just-blooming park—take the time to seek out a bite of gelato this first week back from break. Grom, at Broadway between 76th and 77th streets, offers surprisingly fresh flavors for gelato-philes and dessert-starved college students alike. Get scoops of pistacchio and mandarin, enjoying the interplay of nutty Syrian pistachios and delicately sweet Sicilian mandarin oranges. The flavor of the month, té verde and cioccolato bianco, combines green tea with white chocolate chips, a refreshing taste that distills March's grassy vibrancy into a frozen treat. For a longer excursion, travel down to Il Laboratorio del Gelato, at 95 Orchard St. on the Lower East Side, a gelateria whose ever-changing selection of 20 flavors lives up to the hype. From avocado to chestnut honey to rose petal, each variety offers a creamy, well-balanced bite. Seasonality and creativity characterize Laboratorio's inventive spring offerings. Although a taste of gelato fails to actually transport students to warmly placid seashores, at Grom and Il Laboratorio del Gelato, the ordinary ice cream cone provides a truly satisfying fantasy.

—Jason Bell

DANCE AWAY THE HOMEWORK BLUES

Students can shake up their routines by waltzing down to one of the Upper West Side's several dance studios for beginner lessons on Saturdays. Add some zest to the post-spring break lifestyle by discovering the sizzling dance moves of Salsa and Mambo. Bridge for Dance, located at 2726 Broadway, holds a beginner Salsa/Mambo class on Saturdays from 3 to 4 p.m., allowing dancers to fuse two Cuban dance forms for \$15 per class. If the rhythms of Salsa prove to be too spicy for students' tastes, try flamenco, a traditional Spanish dance form, from 1 to 2 p.m. Jazz up the dull class schedule by learning a flashy new routine at Steps on Broadway's 11 a.m. Saturday morning jazz class. Located at 2121 Broadway, the company charges \$16.50 for a single class. Dancers can add some drama with Steps of Broadway's beginner theater jazz class, which runs on Saturdays as well. Or, learn about a dance that originated in 1970s New York City: hip-hop. Manhattan Motion on West 76th Street offers basic contemporary hip-hop classes every Saturday from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. for \$17 per class. Become a part of a dance culture that remains locally relevant today. Whether students wish to practice their moves before a trip to a downtown dance club or are just looking for a diversion from end-of-the-year stress, trying a new dance form is an inexpensive way to remain active.

—Melissa von Mayrhauser

DISCOVER LOCAL BIRDS OF A FEATHER

The great thing about spring break is that students don't need an excuse to do nothing. Once time starts ticking on the fourth quarter, though, doing nothing needs at least a disguise. Doing psychology research on friends' Facebook pages sounds plausible. Connecting to Buddha with an extended moment of silence might also be passable. Or—to get creative—bird-watching has its benefits as well. First, it serves to get students, pale from lack of sun exposure, out into the sun. Secondly, it requires no talent except perhaps an intense stare to ward off any potential bird-watching skeptics. Novice bird-watchers can find one of the most vibrant and identifiable species only a block away—the peacock. On any relatively pleasant afternoon at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, this national bird of India can be found strolling the south lawns in modest numbers. One may appear prestigiously preening its creamy feathers atop a pile of leftover dead winter leaves. Although the cathedral is best known for these white peacocks, there are also one or two regular old “pavo muticus” around. One such beauty strutted its stuff up a set of stone steps and posed at the top for a picture. The prized peacock-watching moment, though, is catching one in flight. Hoisting a mass of feathers like a wedding dress train into the air is no small task. Everyone has awkward moments.

—Allison Malecha

SHAKE IT AT OUTDOOR ROLLER DISCO

Believe it or not, carefree people do exist after spring break. Many of them can be found in Central Park every weekend—decked out in head-to-toe stretchy outfits, terrycloth headbands, and roller skates—grooving and shaking to disco music. The Central Park Dance Skaters Association puts on public roller skating parties at a rink near the 72nd Street transverse that promises an incredible people-watching opportunity and a relaxing vibe. Unofficial roller revelry has already begun on sunny days, but starting in early April the CPDSA will be blasting tunes from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday and on major holidays. Watching is as fun as skating, and spectators can picnic and enjoy the sun on nearby lawns and rocks. This weird, only-in-New-York phenomenon is just right for fending off impending final exam anxiety.

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In an interview at the service, Jane Spinak, Edward Ross Aranow Clinical Professor of Law and director of the law school’s Child Advocacy Clinic, said she also appreciated his support in developing new clinical programs. “There are always financial reasons to say no, but he never said no ... He was a gentle, kind person, a brilliant man, but also so open-minded about thinking about how law should be taught and practiced.”

Barnard Dean of Studies Karen Blank said that Rosenthal was known for taking chances and supporting new faculty. “It’s not a given that a brilliant legal scholar (or person, for that

GLOBAL CENTERS from front page

Director Nirupam Bajpai will also be speaking at the opening ceremony.

“By bringing together scholars, students, public officials, private enterprise and innovators from many fields for research and learning that cuts across many regions, we hope to transform our own academic perspective in the years ahead,” Prewitt said in a statement.

Director of the South Asia Institute Janaki Bakhle was also in India to represent the institute at the launch. Bakhle said in an email that while the institute plans on collaborating with the Earth Institute and GSAPP, “we hope to develop both study abroad internship opportunities for undergraduate students

matter) will also be warm, kind, nice, and generous-spirited,” she said in an email, referring to his decision to hire her husband,

“He was one of the most likeable people you could imagine.”

—*Lee Bollinger*

James Milligan, as dean of admissions in 1980.

At the service, Rosenthal’s son, Ned Rosenthal, admired his father’s commitments outside of the school, specifically referencing his volunteer work with the

NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

“I think that tells you something about my dad because even with all those responsibilities of being a teacher, an administrator, he was still doing what he thought was so important,” he said.

University President Lee Bollinger said that beyond Rosenthal’s contributions, he had a commendable personality. “Al was the classic law professor—serious about his field, exhaustive in his knowledge of the law, kind to students, and devoted to the school,” Bollinger said. “He was one of the most likable people you could imagine.”

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Gravity and the Korean highway system

BY SCOTT MANNIS

I had the most frustrating, infuriating and yet simultaneously revealing experiences to date in one of my first classes as an undergraduate college student. My teacher was, let's just say, less-than-inspirational. My teacher (a pure mathematician turned lauded researcher and college physics professor) made it quite clear to the class that a fundamental understanding of “physics 101” can only come when a student's studying and learning conform to the rigors of the subject. He continued by reviewing one of the basic principles that we were going to learn, and said in a sarcastic tone, “Let's pretend that we know what we're talking about.” Wow. I wondered if this was what he really meant by “rigor.” What was he really saying to us? In response to his blatant condescension, I took my frustration out on my pen, flapping it violently in my right hand.

If we don't know what we're talking about, what's the point of learning? Is this what it is to learn science—a “not really, but let's pretend”?

Interfaith tension: the elephant in the room

BY WARREN MCGEE

Allow me to begin with a provocative quote I found while procrastinating on Facebook by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen: “There are not a hundred people in America who hate the Catholic Church. There are millions of people who hate what they wrongly believe to be the Catholic Church—which is, of course, quite a different thing.”

How does this quote strike you? Do you put yourself in the category of the hundred “who hate the Catholic Church”? Do you scratch your head, wondering if your perception of the Catholic Church is the correct one? I think the quote highlights a major issue that ought to be more widely addressed.

I cannot help but feel the tension in considering the contradicting convictions Catholics and Protestants have.

I am in the rare position of being an active member in both the Columbia Catholic Undergraduates group and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, which is one of the many Christian groups on campus whose members have mostly Protestant convictions. Thus, I cannot help but feel the tension in considering the contradicting convictions Catholics and Protestants have. Given the plethora of religious organizations at Columbia, this tension only builds. How does one weigh the claims of Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, and atheists, among others?

There are three main ways you may respond to this tension (I know because I've responded in all these ways). You may hope it never comes up in conversation, you may seek to discover what is common among all religious traditions (an admirable pursuit), or you may jump to conclusions and strike down the strawman that you raised. All of these ways, however, run the high risk of ignoring or underestimating the real differences that exist among perspectives.

Much work has already been done to try and face these differences head-on rather than ignoring them. The Interfaith Collective hosts events geared toward understanding different religions as applied to questions such as social justice, suffering, and the afterlife. ROOTED is a group that promotes honest and open discussion of controversial issues (a recent topic was abortion). The Veritas Forum is a

In light of President Obama's massive new investment in education, I think it is important to incorporate students' perspectives in “teaching teachers” the process of teaching science.

Some educators are misguided in thinking that their teaching methods reach all of their students. Some have used “recipes” based on previously constructed teaching machinery, spitting out methodologies as a collection of standard rules for learning with no wiggle room for creative expression. The Obama initiative would be doomed with such modes of education. Funneling money into an educational system that relies on ineffective, uninspiring teaching is not only a lost cause and a detriment to the current state of our economy, but also, of course, to the students—and, in turn, the future integrity of this country's economy. Conversely, the economy represents the problem in the first place, for it has not provided science teachers with the resources they really need to teach.

As such, some teachers have supplied their students with far-reaching metaphors for understanding. In my experience, they sometimes provide both recipes and metaphors.

These two methodologies can be counter-productive as teaching tools and might ultimately take students nowhere in terms of comprehension of a subject.

It is easy to see how this works with recipes—it's the classic mentality of being forced to do what your teacher or text dictates—learning

group dedicated to addressing “life's hardest questions” in religion, politics, and philosophy, inviting all opinions and perspectives to the table with the understanding that those opinions will be respectfully challenged in the search for the truth.

However, these organizations serve small groups of students, and the fruits of their labor haven't impacted the student body as a whole. Why is that? Is it a lack of interest among most students about this issue? If so, why don't many people feel the tension that I do surrounding these differences? Is it that our overwhelming workload doesn't give us the time to step back and consider the question of which faith, if any, has it right?

Why is this a big deal? Because what we believe has profound implications for our decisions, our identities, and our lives. If the pro-life crowd is correct, we are condoning the mass murder of thousands of human lives every day. If the LGBT community is correct, a huge number of people are being discriminated against. If Jesus actually physically rose from the dead, the eternal state of our souls hangs in the balance. If the atheist is correct in asserting that none of the claims about transcendental entities are true, there are billions of people who are deluded and wasting their time. There is no room for “agree to disagree” because the stakes are too high. Thousands of lives, the civil rights of others, and the eternal states of our souls are all issues of such gravity that it would be unwise to ignore the competing claims that impact them.

Many Christians on campus, myself included until recently, have ignored the tension between Catholicism and Protestantism. That is why I am trying to form a niche within the Catholic leadership to be a sort of “inter-fellowship liaison” wherein I would promote informal and formal dialogue between my peers in each group to truly weigh the differences of our faith traditions (Christians, consider this an open invitation).

My claim here, though, is that most Columbia students are ignoring the tension inherent in these questions, whether such tension arises among Christian sects or among perspectives as different as Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, atheism, etc. If you don't feel the tension, I challenge you to seriously reflect on this now that there's a post-midterms lull. College, especially Columbia, is a great place to acknowledge and attempt to resolve the tension, and I wouldn't want anybody to miss out on this opportunity. Ask your friends about their beliefs. Carefully consider yours and why you believe them. Be open to challenges, and be respectful when you challenge others. Face the tension rather than ignoring it. It isn't a comfortable place to be, but since when has comfort trumped lives, civil rights, our souls' eternal states—in a word, truth?

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in a rote way, requiring mere memorization.

A terrible cook (i.e. myself), for example, won't be able to produce any good dish without following a written recipe to the letter. Take the recipe away, and he or she will be unable to reproduce the dish, let alone learn anything about cooking in general. In education, we need to focus less on the recipes and more on the “cooks.”

And metaphors also can be counterproductive in science education: in seeking to understand a metaphor, some students struggle to comprehend the association of the scientific principle and the subject of the metaphor rather than getting inside the theory itself and learning it perhaps through its application to real-life events. Example. My professor was teaching my class a subject that loosely involved the concepts of gravity and time. To “help,” he cited a method used to calculate traffic flow on the Korean highway system. Travel on the Korean highway system became a metaphor for describing the force of gravity. This metaphor is complex and abstract, and it proves my point. It did nothing to advance my thinking. Ultimately, the Korean highway system has nothing to do with gravity.

When science education, in my experience, has been effective, it has been so because the teachers have inspired me along with their other students to do original research—to look for relevant real-life applications and teach theoretical concepts step-by-step with clarity, not with obliqueness or with simple recipes or

All-Star campus democracy



AMIN GHADIMI

The Way That Can Be Told

I should be excited, then, that it's Columbia College Student Council voting season. But I'm not. In no way is that a tacit criticism of CCSC or its candidates—as far as I can tell, our student government is made up of devoted and talented people who have Columbia's best interests in mind. Instead, the reason I have never participated in a CCSC election lies more in broader philosophical questions I have about campus politics. Does it make sense to have factious parties and antagonistic candidates in a community like Columbia's?

For me, All-Star voting is so exciting because it is so empowering. Nobody tells me whom to vote for. There are no candidates. Or, stated otherwise, everybody who plays Major League Baseball is a candidate, and I have the right to vote for anyone I like. Even if a name doesn't appear on the ballot, I can write it in.

It's as if I'm rewarded for active participation in baseball culture: even if I don't know every single person on every single MLB team, the designers of the ballot assume that I have a comprehensive enough knowledge of baseball to make a fair assessment of the talent pool (assuming I don't vote on team lines).

I have often wondered how this sort of system would work on our campus. Instead of parties and candidates, every college student could vote for any other student. Of course, there would be obvious problems. For one, no matter how hard voters may try, it's impossible to know all 5000-or-so other students on campus, or even the 1000 others in their respective graduating classes.

But in a way, I believe that's a good problem to have. After all, my affinity for this MLB-style democracy may be a natural extension of my religious beliefs. The Bahá'í Faith is a religion without a clergy. Instead of an ecclesiastical establishment, there are elected bodies at the international, national, and local levels. In its voting system, there are no nominated candidates, no political parties, and strictly no electioneering. As a participant in this sort of democracy, then, I have the obligation to be an active member

metaphors.

I believe that science teachers can and should act as coaches (to use a metaphor that works) to put science into the capable hands of their students. They should also fervently believe in their students.

Sir Ken Robinson, Ph.D., internationally recognized expert in the study of human innovation and creativity, said in a speech in 2006 that, “My contention is that all kids have tremendous talents, and we [in education] squander them, pretty ruthlessly.”

As part of being coached, students must ask their teachers questions that they cannot ask their textbooks: i.e. the “mass-produced” and silent professors, if you will (most students, including myself, would agree that reading a textbook is like chewing on a dried leaf).

Referencing a book, listening to a lecture, or learning a concept one way is just the beginning if the student is inspired to cultivate his or her own understanding and application of the subject. Coaches know that, of course.

To be sure, teaching methods involving the techniques of recipe and metaphor learning will work with some students in a classroom (I'm not making any universal claims)—but if even one student is lost in the complexities of the subject being taught, that's one too many.

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of the community. Just as I have to watch a lot of baseball to know whom to vote for on the All-Star ballot, I need to go to community events and make a concerted effort to know as many people as possible in order to cast informed votes. Would having no parties and no candidates for CCSC elections similarly demand a greater sense of community on our campus as well? Perhaps.

Another problem, though, immediately arises. Candidates run for office with specific platforms. They have ideas and issues on which they campaign, and without electioneering, how would the voter know which candidate has the best vision? On TV, you can see who the best baseball player is. It's harder, though, to identify the most brilliant idea or most innovative thought in a body of 5000 opinions.

Perhaps to resolve this problem we can think of leadership in an entirely different way. Daoist and Confucian notions of governance intersect and diverge in complicated ways that I do not claim to understand, but both philosophies seem to agree that the leader must be a quiet paragon of virtue—the sage, the gentleman, the nobleman who all naturally follow because of his (yes, it was gendered back then) personal goodness.

Maybe, then, Daoists and Confucians would be shocked to see our splashy electioneering and self-aggrandizing fliers posted around dorms. “The great ruler speaks little and his words are priceless. He works without self-interest and leaves no trace. When all is finished, the people say, ‘It happened by itself,’” Laozi wrote. And Confucius taught, “Lead them through moral force and keep order through rites, and they will have a sense of shame and will also correct themselves.”

If we accept this model of leadership, and if in some “Lost-ian” alternative philosophical reality we assume that Laozi and Confucius believed in democracy, which they probably wouldn't, then election platforms and constituencies become moot. The voter casts a ballot for the person whom he thinks would, because of personal qualities, do the best job in a position. Voters posit that that person has better judgment and therefore accept his or her decisions even if they aren't readily agreeable. Whether the voted person wants the job or not is irrelevant—leadership is a higher calling to which everyone in society must respond.

Is this too idealistic, too unrealistic a model for CCSC elections? Perhaps. But at the start of another election season, it's worth rethinking our assumptions about campus democracy.

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JODY'S DRAWINGS!



"Don't worry about what God said. You can eat it, if you hit it."

JODY ZELLMAN

STAFF EDITORIAL

Sustaining developments

Beginning next fall, undergraduates in Columbia College and the School of General Studies will have one more way to declare themselves. The latest development of the University's course bulletin is the creation of a sustainable development major. Previously limited to a special concentration (i.e. students had to major in another subject as well) consisting of roughly 20 points, sustainable development will now also be offered as a 47-point major, which will allow students to attempt complex problem-solving and interdisciplinary analysis of the Earth's ecosystems, oceans, and atmosphere. This new major embodies the best kind of change: an emphasis on Columbia's unique strengths in response to student interest.

The prominence of Columbia's Earth Institute and its academic star, Jeffrey Sachs, within the field of sustainable development puts the University at the epicenter of environmental research. Yet, with the exception of its journal Consilience and the special concentration, the

Earth Institute's programs have mostly excluded undergraduates. The new major extends the University's noted excellence in sustainable development to the undergraduate level. Perhaps more notable, however, is the reason given for the change. The Earth Institute attributed the decision to a high level of student interest in the existing concentration. A research institution, largely isolated from the undergraduate population, took students' considerations into account.

Steven Cohen, executive director of the Earth Institute, noted that while bringing the University up to sustainable development standards will take time and money, it is a long-term goal toward which the University can and should work. Similarly, adjusting Columbia's overall academic offerings to be in tune with undergraduate interest and global demand surely will not happen overnight, but the new major is indication that, over time, change can occur. The undergraduate body should look to Columbia to sustain it.

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Sweet Sixteen berth shows Ivy League grit

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exactly? For Cornell, it's another testament to how great a program Coach Donahue has put together over the past 10 years. The year before he arrived, the Big Red went 10-17 overall and 3-11 in the Ancient Eight. Since then, they have gradually improved, going from the bottom of the Ivy League to the Sweet Sixteen (not bad). But this win is also significant for the rest of the Ivy League.

It's been said before—by my fellow columnist Lucas Shaw, for example—but I'll say it again: Ivy League basketball is on the rise. Cornell's national success is getting that message across to more than just the readers of Spec. Each tournament win shows that the Ivies can stand up to the bigger, more sports-orientated schools with the top rankings. I know the natural reaction from basketball fans will be that just because Cornell has won a few games, doesn't mean the Ivies are competitive. That normally stems from the lack of high-flying dunkers and NBA prospects in the Ancient Eight. The naysayers are wrong. Cornell has been winning the way the game was meant to be won: through an

efficient offense, solid shooting, and lock-down defense. All we need are for the other Ivy League teams—wink wink Columbia cough cough—to learn from the best and reach the next level. Until then, we will have to rely on the Big Red to carry the torch.

Cornell's next game, and its next opportunity to represent the Ivies, is this Thursday. It will be facing No. 1-seeded Kentucky. Make no mistake, the Wildcats are much better than the two teams the Big Red has defeated so far in the tourney, so another upset is even less likely. But hell, Cornell has been playing at its best, and the basketball gods—NCAA officials—have the game taking place in Syracuse, an hour outside of Ithaca. The stage is set for another big win for Cornell, and the Ivy League. I don't know about you, but I've thrown Ivy rivalries aside and will be cheering these three words for the first time in my life: GO BIG RED.

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Wittman, Dale lead Big Red past Badgers

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to prepare for another defensive-minded team—the No. 4 seed Wisconsin (24-9, 13-5 Big Ten). And once again, Cornell's offense overpowered its opponent's defense, as the Big Red dismantled the Badgers 87-69.

The Big Red opened the game with an 11-1 run and never looked back. Though Cornell was leading 43-31 at the half, Foote was noticeably absent on offense as he did not attempt a single field goal in the first 20 minutes.

Wisconsin head coach Bo Ryan took the opposite approach that Dunphy took and decided instead to key in on Foote.

"We said [before the game] ... we'll limit Foote's touches in the low post," Ryan said in a post-game press conference.

However, Cornell's versatile offense still found ways to score, knocking down four of its eight 3-pointers.

"That's how good they are," Ryan said. "They can beat you in so many different ways."

Much like the Temple

game, the Big Red never let up in the second half, outscoring the Badgers 44-38.

Cornell finished with a 61.1 percent field goal percentage and went 8-for-1 from beyond the arc. Four of the Big Red's starters finished in double figure, as Jaques finished with nine points.

Dale led all scorers with a career-high 26 points, while Wittman finished with 24. Wittman came into the game with 1,994 career points and became only the fifth Ivy League player ever to eclipse the 2,000 mark. This was an accomplishment that went largely unnoticed, emphasizing the unselfish nature of the team.

"I just think we have so many unselfish guys on this team," Dale said when asked about the key to Cornell's offensive execution. "Nobody really cares how it gets done, and we come out to make plays."

Next up for the Big Red is No. 1 seed Kentucky. Though it'll be a challenge, Cornell has all the pieces—a seven-footer, four strong perimeter shooters, and a team-first attitude—to put up a fight against the Wildcats.



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ARMADA IN ARKANSAS | Columbia's track and field team traveled to Arkansas to compete in the NCAA Indoor Championships over Spring Break.

Merber places 15th in NCAA Championships for mile

BY GREGORY KREMLER
Spectator Staff Writer

The results of the NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships—held March 12-13 in Fayetteville, Ark.—were not all the Lions had hoped, but still served as an important steppingstone to the more significant outdoor season.

Sophomore Kyle Merber ran his first mile this winter that was not a personal best, taking seventh in his preliminary heat in 4:08.69, to finish 15th overall. He had previously run 4:02.60

at the Virginia Duals and an Ivy record 3:58.52 at the Columbia Last Chance Meet to qualify for NCAA. New Mexico senior Lee Emanuel repeated as champion in the event in 3:59.26. Merber will look to the 5k outdoors, an event for which his mile prowess will no doubt be an asset.

It was a repeat heartache for sophomore 400m specialist Sharay Hale, as she was the first short of the final in that event—just as in outdoors last spring. Despite setting a new school record, her second place preliminary heat time

of 53.46 was short of the finals, by just 8/10 of a second. Francena McCororoy of Hampton scored an upset over outdoor champion Joanna Atkins from Auburn and top seed Jessica Beard from Texas A&M to win the event in 50.54. Hale has been on a tear the entire indoor season however, and shows no signs of slowing down in transition to the 400m oval.

A 1.82m jump on Jan. 30 at the NYRR Saturday Night at the Armory II turned out to be sophomore Monique Roberts' season best, though she failed to

advance past 1.70m at nationals. Arizona senior Liz Patterson had the highest leap there at 1.93m. Roberts will aim to better her January mark in quest of the 6'0" barrier in outdoor competition.

The Florida men upended titleholder Oregon on the men's side, while the Duck women were able to secure team victory quite comfortably: 61 points to runner-up Tennessee's 36.

Columbia will make its outdoor debut at the Sam Howell Invitational, Friday, April 2 in Princeton, N.J.

Light Blue's Collazo creates splash off platform

BY VICTORIA JONES
Spectator Staff Writer

Jason Collazo did Columbia proud.

At NCAA Diving Zone last week, freshman Jason Collazo tried his hand at the 1m, 3m, and platform dives with the ultimate goal of qualifying for the NCAA Championships.

While Collazo didn't quite qualify for the championships, he represented himself well among the various divers.

Off the 3m board, Collazo scored 230.60 points in the preliminaries. Though it wasn't enough to earn him a spot in the finals, it was good enough for 29th place out of the 38 participants. Stephen Ferreira from Connecticut led the competition with 349.50 points and Brown's Charles Kambe, a fellow Ivy Leaguer, finished in second with 338.40 points.

Collazo fared similarly on the 1m board, collecting 230.15 points. This time, out of 39 divers, Collazo finished 31st.

The platform was by far Collazo's best finish of the meet.



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FRESHMAN SPLASH | Freshman Collazo placed fifth in the platform event to represent Columbia at the NCAA Diving Zone.



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CU Women’s tennis collects three wins over break, raises record above .500



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GOOD BALANCE | Freshman Nicole Bartnik teamed up with freshman Katarina Kovacevic in doubles against No. 10 Clemson. The duo fought hard but was unable to come away with the victory, losing 8-2.

BY LAUREN SEAMAN
Spectator Staff Writer

Spring break wasn’t much of a break at all for the women’s tennis team. This past week, the girls trekked down to Boca Raton, Fla. to face four competitors. Columbia ended the week 3-1, improving its record to 8-7 overall. Starting off their week on a solid note, the Lions defeated local opponent NJIT but could not hold up against No. 10 Clemson. Columbia rallied back from the loss, picking up wins at the tail end of the week against Florida Atlantic on Thursday and Division II Nova Southeastern 8-1 on Friday.

Securing the doubles point, the Lions only dropped one match against NJIT. The loss came at the No. 2 spot where freshman Katarina Kovacevic and senior Carling Donovan were paired up for the first time. At No. 1, freshman Chelsea Davis and junior Natasha Makarova also played together for the first time and secured an 8-2 win against NJIT’s Ana Lidon and Anine Lovdal. Columbia’s other win came at No. 3 where Natalia Christenson and Eliza Matache crushed their opponents 8-3. The Lions then dominated the singles courts, dropping only one set and defeating the Highlanders 7-0.

With a successful first match, the Lions faced the No. 10 Clemson, the highest-ranked

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opponent Columbia will face this season. The Lions fought hard, but the Tigers were too much to handle and swept doubles and all six singles matches. Notable play came from the No. 1 doubles team of two freshmen, Kovacevic and Nicole Bartnik, who paired up for the first time. Taking on the No. 17 doubles team, the girls played well but lost 8-2. The No. 2 and 3 doubles teams dropped their matches as well, giving the doubles point to the Tigers. In singles, Bartnik faced No. 22 Josipa Bek but lost 6-1, 6-3 in the No. 1 spot. Matache entered a tough contest at No. 3 against No. 73 Nelly Ciolkowski. Matache performed well in her second set but ultimately lost 6-0, 6-3. All of the other matches were dropped, giving Clemson the 7-0 win.

Despite the tough loss, the Lions came back to win their last two matches. First, the Lions faced Florida Atlantic, sweeping the doubles point and winning

five of the six singles spots, earning the victory. The only loss of the match came at the No. 5 singles in which Donovan faced a tough match against Dominique Wimmer. After losing the first set 7-5, Donovan made a strong comeback in the second set, winning 7-5. The tiebreaker was close, but Donovan couldn’t top her opponent, losing 10-6. The close loss would not hurt the Lions though, as they came away with a 6-1 win.

Still carrying momentum from its victory against Florida Atlantic, Columbia faced Division II team Nova Southeastern, its last opponent of the week. In Division II matches, scoring counts each doubles match as one point instead of the Division I rule of awarding one doubles point for the best of three doubles matches. The Lions swept all three doubles matches, earning three points to take an early lead before entering doubles matches. In singles, Columbia won five of the six singles matches, securing the Lions a 8-1 win over the Sharks, who hold a Division II national ranking of 24.

With a successful spring training week, the Lions are ready to wrap up their nonconference play. Returning home to New York City, Columbia will host local rival Fordham, Friday, March 26 at 4 p.m. This is the team’s last match before Ivy League play begins.

CU Baseball stunned by Penn St. rally

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and Forthun who each had four hits in the game.

But the men were not left to dwell as they opened a two-game series against Appalachian State the next day in Boone, N.C.

It looked like Columbia’s luck was going to change as the Light Blue nearly edged out the Mountaineers but a ninth inning rally gave Appalachian State the victory, 10-9.

The Mountaineers took advantage of the Lions’ sore paws, scoring four runs over the first three innings and retiring Columbia’s entire batting order the first time through without a single hit.

The Light Blue snapped out of it in the fourth off the bats of Crucet and Eisen who opened the inning with a pair of doubles and the team’s first run. After each team posted a few runs here and there, the fifth inning closed with the Mountaineers ahead 6-3.

After two scoreless innings, the Lions finally got back on the board with a four-run effort in the top of the eighth. Columbia took the lead 7-6 off the bats of Dario Pizzano, Eric Williams and Billy Rumpke who combined for the four RBI.

Appalachian State countered with a run in the bottom of the inning to tie it up but Columbia got right back into it in the ninth to take back the lead. After Crucet and Banos got on, both stole a base and put themselves in perfect position as Ferraresi came up to the plate. Ferraresi doubled to right center, picked up the two RBI and gave the Lions another glimmer of hope.

In the bottom of the ninth, down by two, it looked like Appalachian State was about to lose its first game in 16 home matchups. But Mountaineer Chris Alessandria singled down the left side, Chris Trappy doubled to tie it up at 9-9 and Tyler Zupcic put the nail in the coffin with a simple double to right center bringing

in the winning 10th run.

The two teams met up again the next day, St. Patrick’s Day, and this time Columbia’s bats were warmed up from the start and the mound was on fire. Starter Geoff Whitaker pitched four straight scoreless innings before the Mountaineers finally got on the board.

On the Lions’ side of things, Eisen smacked his first collegiate home run over the fence to give Columbia the lead 1-0 in the top of the first.

The Light Blue added to the total when Billy Rumpke drove Alex Ferrera around the diamond with a double in the second and Bobby O’Brien hit an RBI single in the fifth. A Mountaineer finally made it around the bases, posting four runs in both the fourth and fifth innings to take an 8-3 lead.

While the Lions would score again in the seventh inning off a double by Banos, it wouldn’t be enough to overtake Appalachian State who took the win 8-4.

The tables finally turned on Thursday as the Lions added one to the W column against Winthrop (12-7) in Rock Hill, S.C. in a game that highlighted the skill of the Light Blue pitching crew.

Lowery started for Columbia and allowed only one run over eight innings. The same was true for Winthrop’s starter as the two teams came into the ninth inning tied 1-1. Finally in the top of the ninth, Eisen cranked out an RBI double to right-center, lighting the spark that brought in two more runs.

Winthrop tried to fight back and put one more run up on the board before relief pitcher Derek Squires came in with two outs left to seal up the 4-2 victory.

Friday marked the final weekend of play and the beginning of the Winthrop University Coca-Cola Classic tournament. The Lions dropped matches to Kent State, Winthrop and Penn State before the final game against Winthrop was canceled.

In the first game on Friday, the Light Blue dropped a 5-2 decision

to Kent State. Starter Dan Bracey held the Golden Flash scoreless through three innings before letting up two runs in the fourth.

Bracey was able to keep Kent State quiet for two more innings after that, before handing the mound over to Roger Aquino who gave up 2 in the seventh. After Aquino, Zach Epstein and Clay Bartlett kept things under wraps on the hill.

From the batters box it was Ferraresi and Aurrichio, in the fourth and eighth innings, who contributed two notches to Columbia’s total.

Later that day, the Lions dropped their second match to Winthrop, 11-5.

The Eagles scored first to make it 2-0 in the second but Columbia tied it up in the fourth, giving Banos and Pizzano another RBI each.

The Eagles posted a rebuttal run in the fourth and pulled away with four runs in the bottom of the fifth.

The sixth inning was busy with both teams adding three more runs to their tallies. For the Lions, Ferrera knocked one out to right field to bring around himself, Banos and Aurrichio.

The final run was scored in the bottom of the eighth to give Winthrop its 11-5 win.

Saturday’s game, which ended up being the last of the southern tour, was a disappointing 6-5 loss to Penn State.

The Lions jumped ahead to a 5-0 lead in the first four innings. But Penn State started to claw its way back, starting with three runs in the bottom of the fourth, another in the fifth and seventh. The final run came in the bottom of the ninth when Joey DeBernardis RBI singled to right center.

In the loss, Eisen led the Lions with three hits while Aurrichio and Pizzano each contributed two.

Next up, the Lions get a quick break from competition, resting until tomorrow afternoon when they’ll face St. Johns in Jamaica, N.Y. at 3 p.m.

Softball scores season-high 13 runs







FILE PHOTO

SWEET SIXTEEN | After completing its 16 game road trip, Columbia (4-12) will host Iona in its first home game of the season.

BY CHRISTOPHER BROWN
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After a rough start to the season, the Columbia softball team (4-12) managed to win four of its last seven games during the Rebel Games in Kissimmee, Fla. as it prepares for the Ivy League portion of the schedule.

Inclement weather forced games against Lehigh and Butler to be canceled before the Lions finally took the field against Sacred Heart, where they suffered their second straight

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	GREEN BAY	0	

shutout in a 7-0 loss. After additional losses to Florida A&M and Manhattan as well as two losses against Rider, the Light Blue picked up its first win of the season against Marist, defeating the Red Foxes 4-3.

Columbia’s offense scored three runs in the second inning

with junior Anne Marie Skylis drawing a leadoff walk and Kayla Lechler driving her in with an RBI single. Infielder Alison Lam hit 4-5 with an RBI and right-hander Maureen O’Kane won her first start by scattering eight hits over seven innings with just two earned runs in the victory.

After a 2-3 loss to Colgate and a 1-9 loss to Maryland, the Lions won back-to-back games against St. Peter’s and Fairleigh Dickinson. Dani Pineda launched three home runs and knocked in eight runs, going 6-for-8 to defeat the Peacocks 7-2. Maggie Johnson pitched seven innings, allowing four hits with no earned runs and one strikeout.

The Lions scored a season-high 13 runs against the Knights with four players recording two or more hits in the 13-4 win. Lam drew three walks and scored three runs at the leadoff spot while Pineda continued her scorching hitting, going 4-for-5 with six RBI. Johnson and Skylis both went 2-for-4 with an RBI and three runs scored between them. O’Kane picked up her second win of the year with two earned runs on five hits along with three strikeouts.

Cleveland State defeated the Light Blue 3-4, scoring a run in the bottom of the seventh inning on the final out off of O’Kane. However, Columbia finished the tournament with a dramatic 1-0 victory over Wisconsin-Green Bay. Outfielder Christie Taylor hammered a walk-off home run off Phoenix pitcher Katie Cooney with two outs in the bottom of the seventh to seal the victory.

After 16 straight road games to start the season, Columbia finally hosts a home game this weekend at Baker Field. The Lions will face Iona in a doubleheader on Saturday, March 27 and Manhattan on Sunday, March 28.

Rowing impressive in season opener

BY NINA LUKINA
Spectator Staff Writer

All three rowing teams opened their spring seasons on Saturday at the Governor’s Cup Regatta in Palm Bay, Fla. on the Canal 54 course. Women’s crew and the heavyweight men started the season off in a very promising fashion.

Following a week of training in Florida, the women’s crew team took home the top spot in all five of its races, beating its numbers from last year’s regatta, in which the women won all three of their races. This year’s opponents included teams from Florida Tech, Philadelphia University, Dowling, Nova Southeastern, and Central Oklahoma.

The first varsity eight boat finished clearly ahead with a

time of 6:47.7 to defeat Florida Tech’s 7:03.9, followed closely by Philadelphia’s 7:04.9. The second varsity eight finished with a solid 6:53.0, followed by Nova Southeastern at 7:07.8, and the sub-varsity eights capped off the eights’ sweep with a time of 7:24.1 to come out in front of Nova Southeastern, which finished with a time of 7:47.4.

Clear victories from the two varsity fours gave the Columbia women a total of five wins at the end of the competition.

The women will travel to Philadelphia this Saturday for their next race against Yale and Penn in the Connell Cup.

The men’s teams were involved in tight contests with host school Florida Tech. The varsity heavyweight eights managed to

post a victory in their first race, finishing with a time of 5:58.8 to rival Florida Tech’s 6:02.8. However, Florida Tech’s varsity team retaliated with a win against the second varsity eight and the lightweight, for whom this was the only race in Palm Bay. FIT scored a narrow victory with a time of 6:00.2, just ahead of second varsity’s 6:02.5 and the lightweight’s 6:05.4. Last year, the heavyweights took first in all three of their races at the Governor’s Cup.

The heavyweights will continue their season this Saturday, March 27, when they host Rutgers on the Harlem River in the Collins Cup. The lightweight will put their Florida training to use next Saturday, April 3, against Princeton and Georgetown in Princeton, N.J.



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NICE SWING | Columbia couldn’t hold onto its lead against Penn State, falling by a final score of 6-5.

Light Blue baseball returns from Southern road trips with mixed results



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SWING AWAY | Captain catcher Dean Forthun went 2-4 with three runs batted in and one run scored against Virginia Tech. Despite his efforts, the Lions would lose big, falling 22-10.

BY VICTORIA JONES
Spectator Staff Writer

While most students spent the week visiting home or lounging on a fabulous beach, the men on Columbia's baseball team kept their bats busy over spring break, playing at least a game each day.









The string of games started right away as the Lions split a pair of games against Richmond (9-8). This first duel began Friday night and the teams got through seven innings before darkness suspended the game until Saturday.

In the matchup, the Spiders drew first blood thanks to a double play started by pitcher Pat Lowery. Lowery fielded a bunt from Richmond's Cameron Brown, threw it to second baseman Jon Eisen who fired it to first to end the inning and limit Richmond to one run.

Though the Lions quickly tied it up 1-1 as Nick Crucet crossed the plate in the second inning, by the end of the sixth inning the Spiders had taken a 6-2 lead.

Columbia came close to a comeback in the seventh when Richmond walked in the Light Blue's third run and the Lions kept three men on base, but relief pitcher Jay Joines stepped in for the Spiders and held the score to 6-3.

When the two teams resumed play on Saturday, neither was able to put any more runs on the board as Columbia's Tim Giel

	COLUMBIA	5	
	WINTHROP	11	
	COLUMBIA	5	
	PENN STATE	6	

and Richmond's Billy Barber both pitched two scoreless innings to end the game.

With a quick turnaround, the regularly scheduled game began soon after and this time it was the Lions who took the early lead. Columbia posted three runs before the Spiders could force as many outs.

The first two runs came off the bat of Alexander Aurricchio who crossed home to record the third off a sacrifice fly from Nick Ferraresi.

It looked as if Columbia was going to hold a significant 8-0 lead after captain Jason Banos cranked one down the left-field line with the bases loaded in the fourth but the call was overturned and the shot ruled foul, bringing the lead back to 5-0.

After Banos struck out, Richmond's pitcher walked Aurricchio to give the Lions back one of their missing runs.

The Spiders put three runs on the board in the bottom of the fourth, two in the fifth and another two in the sixth to take the lead 7-6. It wouldn't be enough though thanks to a four-run

eighth inning, the game ended with the Lions on top 12-7.

Sunday's game against Richmond was canceled due to weather so Columbia's trip continued on to Blacksburg, Va. where the Lions lost a 22-10 slugfest to Virginia Tech (13-8).

The runs began to tally as early as the first inning with the Hokies leading 7-0 by the end of the second inning.

Columbia's bats were hot in the top of the fourth though as the Light Blue posted seven runs to tie the score at 8-8. The first two runs home came off the bat of captain Dean Forthun, then Alex Godshall brought Forthun around on a ground out. Nick Cox ripped a homerun, to score him and Eisen. Virginia Tech tried switching up pitchers after Banos singled but Aurricchio promptly knocked one out of the park to score the final two runs of the inning.

In the next two half-innings, both teams scored twice more before the Hokies launched into a nine-run, eight-hit campaign in the bottom of the sixth to bring the score to 19-10. The last runs were tacked on in the seventh and eighth innings to finalize the tally 22-10.

Leading the Lions in the loss were Aurricchio, Banos, Cox

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Men's tennis impresses in Texas with wins over No. 42 TCU and Texas Arlington













BY KUNAL GUPTA
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

The men's tennis team, ranked No. 59 in the most recent IT poll, continued its stellar campaign with the most successful spring break trip in recent memory, going 3-0 including a 4-3 upset win over No. 42 Texas Christian University. Columbia, the highest ranked Ivy League team, already has its first Ivy win under its belt, with a 6-1 win at Cornell two weeks ago. In addition to beating TCU, Columbia also beat Southern Methodist University 4-3 and University of Texas at Arlington 5-1.

"I thought this is the best Texas trip I've ever had," said head coach Bid Goswami.

"Everything fell into place, couldn't ask for anything better," continued Goswami, "when we play a good team like TCU, it's easy to go from outside to inside, and it was good for us. I think we played as well as we could, and I think we took them by surprise."

The Lions started off their spring break training trip with their biggest win in the past several years, with an upset of the TCU Horned Frogs. The match, originally planned to be played outdoors, was forced to move inside because of inclement weather, something that certainly benefited the Lions, who play and practice indoors year-round. The Lions played some of their best doubles of the season in winning the doubles point, which would prove to be crucial. Senior co-captains Jonathan Wong and Mihai Nichifor notched an 8-6 win at No. 1 doubles, and the duo of sophomore Haig Schneiderman and freshman Nathaniel Gery won 8-4 at No. 2 doubles, clinching the doubles point. At No. 3 doubles, sophomore Rajeev

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	SMU	3	
	COLUMBIA	5	
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Deb-Sen and junior Kevin Kung found themselves up a break at 6-5 in the match, but were unable to hold the lead and fell, 8-6.

Singles play started strongly for the Lions as well, who were led by Wong at No. 1 singles. Wong played some of his best tennis of the season in taking out Slah Mbarek 6-1, 6-2. Emanuel Brighiu, playing at No. 3 singles for TCU, won a tight battle against Haig Schneiderman to make the score 2-1, as he won 6-4, 7-5. Freshman Cyril Bucher was the next Lion off the court, as he won his match in three sets. Bucher continued his resilient play, and rebounded after dropping the first set, winning 1-6, 6-4, 6-4. Deb-Sen, playing at No. 5 singles, clinched the match for Columbia, winning his match 6-3, 2-6, 6-2. Nichifor was locked in a battle against the No. 99 Zach Nichols and ended up losing 7-6, 4-6, 6-4. Gery had to wait to play since there were only five courts, but was routed 6-1, 6-2, although the outcome of the match had already been decided.

Columbia continued its strong play against SMU in their first outdoor match of the season. Despite continuing their strong play in doubles from the day before, the Lions lost the doubles point, losing 8-6 at No. 2 and No. 3 doubles. SMU's No. 2 doubles team came into the match ranked No. 20 in the nation. Wong and Nichifor won 8-6 at the top doubles spot.

At No. 1 singles again for Columbia was Jonathan Wong, who knocked out another tough opponent. This time he faced Artem Baradach, who was coming off a 6-1, 6-0 rout of the No. 7 player in the nation from Texas just the week before. Wong routed Baradach in the first set, taking it 6-0. Wong had a chance to serve out the match at 5-4 in the second but couldn't do it. He held on later to go up 6-5, and when Baradach committed his second code abuse of the match, he was assessed a game penalty, which gave Wong the win, 6-0, 7-5. Bucher lost his match at No. 4 singles, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3, and Deb-Sen lost at No. 5, 2-6, 6-0, 7-5. Schneiderman won a tight match at No. 3 singles, winning 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. Kung, playing at No. 6 singles, found himself in the third set of the potentially deciding match, down 0-2, 0-40. Kung staged an improbable rally to win that game, and five of the next six, as he rallied to win the third set and the match, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3. The match came down to No. 2 singles. Nichifor had a match point in the second set, and just barely missed a return, and ended up losing the set in a tiebreak. Nichifor found a second win after Kung's come-from-behind win, and dominated the third set, winning it 6-3, and winning the match 4-3 for Columbia.

"We started on the right note," said Goswami, "and the next day was the first match that we played outside. We were running on adrenaline, we kept it up and started where we left off."

"Mihai pulled out an unbelievable match where he was very tired in the end," continued Goswami, "all the matches were done and it boiled down to him. Jon played very well and Mihai showed a lot of grit and determination. Kevin

beat this guy who was playing No. 6, but last year he beat Bogdan at No. 2 in three sets."

After a day off, the Lions played their third match of the trip. The Lions swept the doubles point with relative ease, a stark contrast to their previous two matches. The Lions won 8-5 at No. 1, 8-6 at No. 2 and an 8-0 blanking at No. 3.

Gery got the Lions off to a strong start in singles play, winning 6-0, 6-1 at No. 6 singles.

"I thought Jon played really well," said Goswami, "in fact, I haven't seen him play three matches like that since—I can't even remember. Before we left, his back was bothering him and he had exams, so he didn't play that much but he was absolutely a pleasant surprise for me."

The lineup was adjusted because Nichifor was forced to sit the match out with an illness, so Kung played No. 5 singles, easily winning 6-1, 6-3. Wong found himself down 1-4 in the first set at No. 1 singles, but rallied to win the set and the match, 7-5, 6-3. Schneiderman moved up to play No. 2 singles, and won 6-3, 7-5. Deb-Sen's match was halted with him leading in the third set after the outcome of the match had been decided. The only loss on the afternoon for Columbia was Bucher losing at No. 3 singles, 6-4, 6-3.

"I thought it was a total team effort from all of the guys who played," finished Goswami, "everyone participated. Hopefully we can keep this up for a few more weeks."

The Lions were scheduled to play a fourth and final match against Sacramento State, but the match was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The Lions will host St. John's on March 26, in a makeup for a match that was cancelled earlier due to snow.



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BIGGER THAN TEXAS | Haig Schneiderman won both his matches in the Lions' road trip to give Columbia a sweep in Texas.

Lacrosse swept in Ivy matches, rebounds against nonconference foe Stony Brook















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CLOSE MATCH | Defender Mollie Andreae looks to cut off Cornell's attack. The defense allowed Cornell to score three early goals, but stiffened up to allow the Lions to rally and tie the score. CU eventually lost 9-7.

BY JULIA GARRISON
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During spring break, the women's lacrosse team participated in three competitions, two of which were against Ivy League rivals Cornell and Dartmouth on Wednesday, March 10 and Wednesday, March 17. The team's most recent match was on Saturday, when the Light Blue hit the road to compete against Stony Brook. Out of the three games, Columbia lost to Cornell in a close match, 7-9, and to Dartmouth 1-15, but was able to claim the win over Stony Brook 15-13.

In their match against Cornell, the Lions were slow to start scoring, allowing the Big Red to take a 3-0 lead at the beginning. However, they quickly caught up by scoring three goals of their own and tying the game 3-3. By the half, the Lions were down by one goal and were unable to bounce back from Cornell's three-goal streak

	COLUMBIA	7	
	CORNELL	9	
	COLUMBIA	1	
	DARTMOUTH	15	
	COLUMBIA	15	
	STONYBROOK	13	

late in the game. In the Cornell match, goalie Karlee Blank had 12 saves for Columbia, while Taylor Gattinella, Sarah Avallone, and Kacie Johnson each scored a pair of goals.

A week later, the Lions faced off against No. 16 Dartmouth in Hanover, N.H. Just 10 minutes into the game, the Big Green had a 6-0 lead, and although the Lions stepped up on defense for the rest of the half, the score was 7-0 by halftime. The second half saw another six-goal surge by Dartmouth, and Gattinella scored the

Lions' lone goal. The Big Green answered with two additional goals, bringing the final score to 15-1.

On Saturday, it was Columbia that took the lead over Stony Brook, setting the tone by scoring before even one minute had run down on the clock. The goal was scored by freshman Olivia Mann, marking the first goal of her collegiate career. After Stony Brook tied the game 1-1, the Lions went on to secure the lead again and held this advantage throughout the rest of the match. Columbia dominated the Seawolves 7-4 heading into halftime and held on to claim the win 15-13. Senior Brittany Shannon, Garrinella, and Mann each had a hat trick in Columbia's victory.

After this past week's competitions, Columbia's overall record is now 3-2 (0-2 Ivy). The Lions will compete against No. 13 Princeton on March 24 at Baker Field. The match will begin at 7 p.m.

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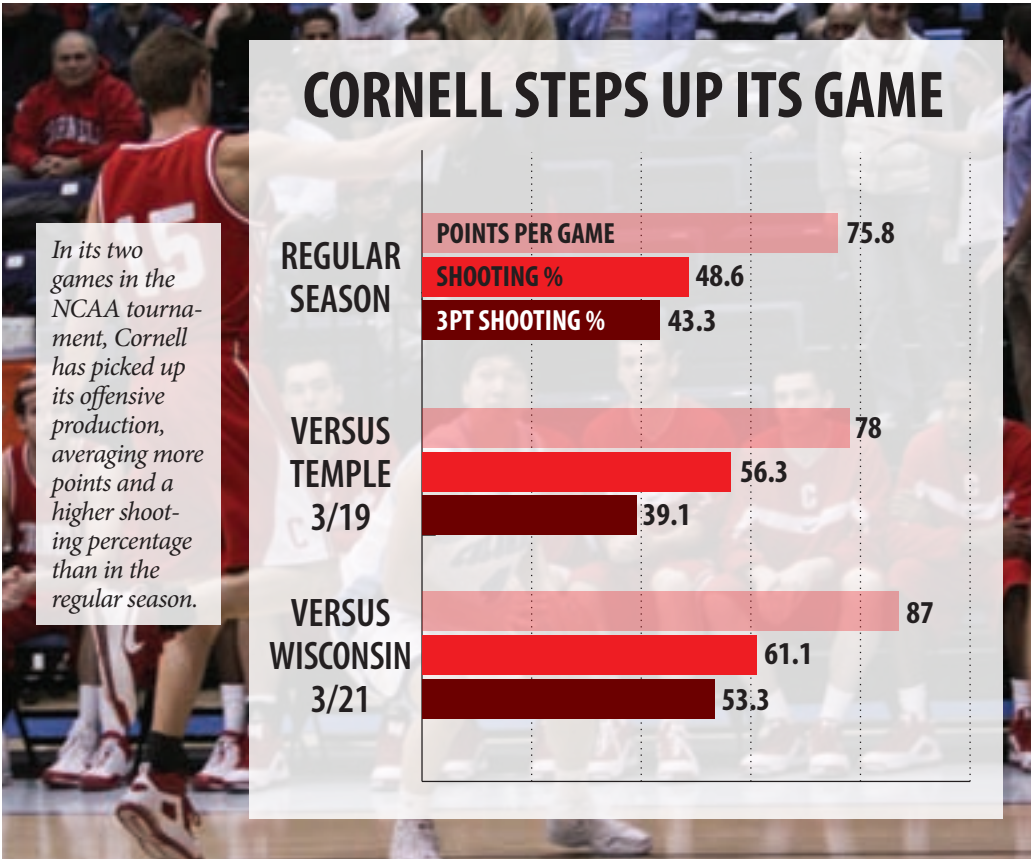
you. The Big Red became the first Ivy team to make it to the Sweet Sixteen since 1979. More importantly, they advanced looking like a No. 1 seed.

Cornell did not just win—it dominated. From the start, the Big Red embarrassed the Badgers. Offensively, Cornell worked like a perfectly oiled machine. Every trip down the court featured great ball movement and crisp passing that led to open looks for Ryan Wittman, Louis Dale, and company. The perfectly executed offense—here’s looking at you, Coach Donahue—picked apart the Wisconsin defense as the Big Red shot an impressive 61.1 percent from the field and 53.3 percent from beyond the arc. But as we all know, defense is what wins games, and Cornell shined in that area as well.

Defensively, Cornell was aggressive while remaining disciplined. Whether it was through man-to-man, zone, or the half-court trap, the Big Red was able to force the Badgers into taking contested shots. The result? Wisconsin went 8-25 from the arc, which is just as many threes as Cornell made, but with 10 more attempts. Add on top of that the 10 Wisconsin turnovers, and you’ve got an impressive defensive performance.

So yeah, Cornell played really well, but what does this win mean,

Yeah, that wasn’t close at all. Yesterday, Cornell pulled off another upset, defeating fourth-seeded Wisconsin 87-69. If you missed it, shame on



In its two games in the NCAA tournament, Cornell has picked up its offensive production, averaging more points and a higher shooting percentage than in the regular season.

GRAPHIC BY HANNAH D'APICE

Big Red offense
heats up March
Cornell makes Sweet Sixteen

BY MICHELE CLEARY
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

For the first time since 1979—and for the first time ever since the tournament expanded to 64 teams—an Ivy League squad has advanced to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA men’s basketball championships. Cornell (29-4, 13-1 Ivy) was finally able to make it past the first round of the Big Dance, thanks in large part to its versatile offense.

The Big Red’s first game of the tournament was against Temple (29-6, 14-2 A-10), which was seeded fifth in the East region. While the connection between Cornell head coach Steve Donahue and Temple head coach Fran Dunphy (Donahue was an assistant for Dunphy at Penn for 10 years) drew a lot of media attention, this matchup was already an intriguing one. The Owls were third in the nation in defending the three, while the Big Red was—and still is—leading the country in 3-point percentage, so it became a question of what would win—offense or defense? The answer: offense.

In the first half of the game, Cornell was only 2-of-7 from beyond the arc, but managed to bank in an astounding 91.7 percent of its 2-point field goals. Big Red senior center Jeff Foote made three of those 11 2-point buckets in the first half, as the Owls were focusing primarily on Cornell’s perimeter shooters. “If Foote was going to hurt us down low, that was a 2-point shot, and we would have lived with that,” Dunphy said in a post-game press conference.

Still, despite holding the Big Red to a below-average 28.6 percent from three-point land, the Owls found themselves trailing 37-29 at the half.

And things only got worse from there.

Just over a minute into the second half, Cornell senior forward Jon Jaques nailed a trey to put his team up 40-30. Then another senior forward, this time Ivy League Player of the Year Ryan Wittman, knocked down two 3-pointers in 14 seconds to extend the Big Red’s lead 46-34.

“Yeah, I just kind of got in a rhythm for a few possessions there,” Wittman said. “I’ve got to give credit to my teammates to set great screens to get me open.”

Temple crawled back within six with 15:31 to play, but another Wittman trey swung the momentum back towards Cornell.

“Any time we were thinking about making a run as we just talked about in the first part of the second half we were pretty good on the offensive end, and we just couldn’t stop them,” Dunphy said.

The Big Red shot a much more normal 43.8 percent from downtown in the second half, pouring in 41 points to take the 78-65 victory. Three of Cornell’s starters—Foote, Wittman, and senior point guard Louis Dale—all finished with 16 points or more.

While Wittman had 20 points on 7-of-10 shooting, it was Dale that led Cornell on the offensive end. The floor general not only added 21 points, but also dished out seven of the team’s 10 assists.

Ball movement was key to the Big Red’s success against the Owls.

“You know what? We’re a very good experienced passing team, and I sensed that in the A-10 they haven’t seen many teams like us that would maybe take advantage if you go under a ball screen or a triple handoff,” Donahue said.

Cornell had little time to celebrate its first-ever NCAA tournament victory, as it had

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