



BIDEN HIS TIME | Vice President Joe Biden greeted students after attending a memorial service at the J-School on Sunday.

Medical center receives \$20 million for education building

BY AVANTIKA KUMAR
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A gift of \$20 million to the Columbia University Medical Center will support the construction of a new Medical and Graduate Education Building, part of Columbia’s recent effort to revitalize the Medical Center campus.

The donation from Philip Milstein, CC ’71, and Cheryl Milstein, BC ’82, was announced last Monday.

The new building will be geared specifically toward

training students in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, as well as in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences’ biomedical science departments. Construction on the building began in August 2012 and is scheduled to finish in 2016.

Medical center administrators said in a statement that the building will include “innovative classroom and study spaces that will incorporate state-of-the-art information technology while facilitating collaborative, team-based learning.”

University President Lee Bollinger highlighted the

Milsteins’ legacy of supporting Columbia and the medical center in particular.

“Over a lifetime of exceptional accomplishment, Philip Milstein has maintained an enduring commitment to his alma mater, and for that Columbia will be forever grateful,” Bollinger said. “This latest gift extends the family’s ongoing commitment to ensuring world class medical training and the highest quality health care that saves lives and finds new cures.”

The Milstein family has made leading donations for the

Milstein Hospital Building, the main building of the New York-Presbyterian Hospital, and for the creation of the Vivian and Seymour Milstein Family Heart Foundation in 2005. Columbia has given Philip Milstein multiple awards, including the Alexander Hamilton Medal in 2001, for his service.

This is the latest of several donations to the Medical Center, including a \$25 million donation from Mayor Michael Bloomberg in February to fund amyotrophic

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Biden surprises campus with visit

VP attends memorial service for J-School alumnus

BY JEREMY BUDD
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Vice President Joe Biden paid a surprise visit to Columbia’s campus on Sunday to attend a memorial service at the Journalism School for alumnus Richard Ben Cramer, who followed Biden during his 1988 presidential campaign for his book “What It Takes.”

At around 1:30 p.m., the motorcade pulled up onto College Walk. After the service ended, swarms of students gathered around the security borders to snap photos of the Ray-Bans clad vice president and to shake his hand.

“When he first came out of the journalism school, he almost got right into his car, but once he saw the enthusiastic students crowding the steps, he came and eagerly shook all of our hands,” Eleanor Marks, BC ’13, said in an email. “He’s such a powerful political figure that it was an honor to get to speak to him for even just a moment.”

Marks said that Biden told her that she had a “smile that lights up the quad.”

“When he complimented my smile, I felt as giddy as Leslie Knope,” she said, referencing the Biden-obsessed protagonist of NBC’s “Parks and Recreation” played by Amy Poehler.

Cramer was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 1979 for his reporting on the Middle East for the Philadelphia Inquirer. An avid Yankees fan, he also wrote a book about Joe DiMaggio, who holds the Major League Baseball record for a 56-game hitting

streak during the 1941 season.

Biden called Cramer “an unmatched talent who set an enormously high bar for political journalism” in a statement after his death in January.

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—Eleanor Marks, BC ’13

“It is a powerful thing to read a book someone has written about you, and to find both the observations and criticisms so sharp and insightful that you learn something new and meaningful about yourself,” Biden said. “That was my experience with Richard.”

Public Safety officers blocked off the exit from Furnald Hall, and spent most of the time that Biden was on campus guarding Pulitzer Hall.

Earlier on Sunday, Biden attended the Palm Sunday Mass led by Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick’s in Midtown, and had brunch with the Second Lady at B. Café on Amsterdam Avenue between 87th and 88th streets. He also attended a fundraiser and a performance of the Tony-winning “Once” over the weekend, according to the New York Post.

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Santos takes third place at wrestling nationals

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Senior Steve Santos made history this past weekend at the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, winning third place in the 149-pound weight class—the best finish in Columbia wrestling history.



Having received a bid after an impressive showing at the EIWA Championships, Santos entered the bracket at a fifth seed. Predictably overtaking the lesser-ranked opponents, Santos moved on to the next round against more challenging foes. Despite falling in the semifinals to Oklahoma State’s Jordan Oliver, ranked No. 1, Santos maintained composure and focused on the new goal of winning third place. On Saturday, Santos toppled the seventh seed, Scott Sakaguchi from Oregon State, and moved on to Minnesota’s Dylan Ness, the sixth seed.

The match began tempestuously as Santos scored the first two points, only to be tied up by the end of the first period. Santos started the second period on the bottom and came out aggressively for a

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Psychiatry department launches LGBT health initiative

BY SAMANTHA COONEY
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Columbia’s psychiatry department is hoping to develop better health coverage for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people through a new research program.

Launched last month, the department’s initiative aims to produce policy-relevant research, develop medical and mental-health services, promote outreach in local communities, and educate students and practitioners on LGBT health.

“Uniformly, I would say, there’s an open door of people who have recognized this as a major issue and want to participate.”

—Anke Ehrhardt,
director of the psychiatry department’s Division of Gender, Sexuality, and Health

Anke Ehrhardt, a professor of medical psychology and the director of the Division of Gender, Sexuality, and Health at the psychiatry department, is leading the initiative with Walter Bockting, a professor of medical psychology at the School of Nursing.

The initiative also garnered

support from the Broadway production “Kinky Boots,” which on Wednesday hosted a special production and a cocktail fundraiser featuring Cyndi Lauper, LGBT activist and the show’s composer, and Harvey Fierstein, the Tony-award winning actor and playwright.

Lauper and Fierstein said in a statement, “We have both been deeply involved in advancing equality for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community for decades, so we know good people when we see them.”

“We believe this new program will not only strengthen the LGBT community, but all of New York,” they said.

Bockting noted that the growing interest in LGBT advocacy on a national scale makes this an ideal time to launch the institute.

“Now that we’re here, people look us up, seek us out, and want to come to Columbia in order to specialize in this area,” Bockting said.

The idea for the initiative came after an Institute of Medicine report, funded by the National Institutes of Health, found that researchers still have a lot to learn about the diversity of LGBT populations.

“It was really a major kind of alarm that the LGBT population is at very high risk, not only for HIV, but for health and mental health concerns,” Ehrhardt said.

Last fall, Ehrhardt and School of Nursing Dean Bobbie Berkowitz recruited Bockting, who sat on the IOM’s LGBT research committee, to work on the initiative.

Ehrhardt and Bockting said that many faculty members from CUMC and the larger University community expressed interest in



HAVE HEALTH | Professors Walter Bockting (l.) and Anke Ehrhardt are leading the initiative.



COURTESY OF EVE VAGG AND SANDRA ELKIN

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Now that the initiative has launched, Ehrhardt and Bocking are working to secure funding and to build up a staff to begin researching policy.

According to Bockting, the initiative will allow for “expert meetings of stakeholders and bring researchers, policymakers,

and practitioners together to hammer out priorities.”

“We’re looking to identify, through these meetings, what the next big policy issues are, so by the time that we have conducted this research, our findings are at the right time to inform policy,” Bockting said.

In addition to working with policymakers, Ehrhardt and Bockting will work closely with local LGBT communities.

“We are committed to working with the organizations

outside of the University that are committed to addressing these issues,” Bockting said.

Ehrhardt and Bockting hope that they can ultimately build a full LGBT research institute at Columbia.

Ehrhardt said that the center would follow the model of Columbia’s HIV Prevention & Treatment Research Center, where researchers divide into “cores of expertise” to specialize

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No Dodge division

We need to ease animosity in our debates over athletics at Columbia.

Tracked toward USA

Yvonne Hsiao describes perceptions of American laziness in East Asia.



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Baseball gets 5 wins over spring break

The Lions faced tough competition in preparation from conference play, but got strong pitching performances to win half of its 10 spring break contests.

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DeltaGDP Presents: Steve Radelet

The former USAID chief economist discusses global development.
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WHILE YOU WERE AWAY

Stats chair appointed interim VP of Arts and Sciences

BY PARUL GULIANI AND CECILIA REYES
Spectator Staff Writers

Statistics department chair David Madigan has been appointed interim executive vice president of Arts and Sciences, University President Lee Bollinger announced on March 15.

Madigan will also serve as dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. He replaces Nicholas Dirks, who stepped down in November after eight years at Columbia to become chancellor of University of California, Berkeley.

Bollinger said in an email to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences that “a full time Interim EVP would be helpful in ensuring that the Arts and Sciences continues on its upward trajectory” during the “crucial budgetary and academic recruiting decisions” that are made during the spring semester. For the last four months, Provost John Coatsworth has taken on the duties of the EVP.

Madigan was not available

for comment Friday.

Madigan’s appointment comes while a search committee chaired by international affairs professor Robert Jervis continues its hunt for a permanent EVP. The committee, which has been working since December, is composed of 10 professors, a dean, two alumni, a graduate student, and an undergraduate student.

Jervis said in an interview that the committee plans to deliver an unranked list of three candidates to Bollinger by late April. Bollinger will then choose a permanent EVP by the end of the semester.

“Our job is to make Bollinger’s choice difficult—difficult because there are three such good candidates,” Jervis said.

The committee has not yet begun interviewing, though Jervis said it will likely interview between 10 and 12 candidates before narrowing its list to three.

“We want someone who has intellectual high standards and who really knows

the importance of teaching and research at the very highest levels,” Jervis said. “On the other hand, we need someone who’s also a good administrator.”

“The job is very complicated—the person has to move the paper or things won’t happen,” he added.

Search committee member Daphne Chen, CC ’14 and Columbia College Student Council vice president for finance, said she’s looking for a candidate who will make the EVP’s office more accessible to students.

“It’s one of the busiest jobs you can have on this campus,” Chen said. “In the past, it’s been hard for students to access it. It would be nice to know that that avenue is open to students, that if we really wanted to, it’s possible for us to schedule a meeting with the EVP.”

In an interview before break, Dirks, who served as EVP for more than eight years, said he was ready to move on.

“Any job has a kind of timeline to it—nine, 10 years is a

good run,” he said. “I was beginning to think that some of the routines were getting a little old, and it was probably a good thing for someone else to come in with a fresh vision.”

But the position “kept me on my toes over the past eight and a half years,” Dirks added. He cited scarcity of funds as one of the greatest challenges he faced in his position.

“There’s never seemed to be quite enough money to do everything you want to do,” he said. “It’s difficult to figure out among all the competing demands how best to invest in faculty and programs and of, course, students.”

Dirks said the new EVP will have to be “able to think about the broad picture of the University, not just the departments where one has lived and worked.” He said his successor would likely focus on Columbia’s nascent Manhattanville expansion and the Mind Brain Behavior Institute that will open there in 2016.

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DEFERRAL | After meeting with ZBT members and the Greek judicial board, Shollenberger decided to defer his decision.

Shollenberger defers decision on ZBT charter

BY ABBY ABRAMS AND CASEY TOLAN
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Zeta Beta Tau has been given a reprieve from losing its charter—but that pardon could be short-lived, Dean of Student Affairs Kevin Shollenberger decided just before spring break.

Shollenberger deferred his decision on revoking the fraternity’s charter until May 31 after meeting with ZBT members and members of the Inter-Greek Council Judicial Board, Student Affairs spokesperson Katherine Cutler said in a statement last Friday. The board originally recommended the organization’s charter be revoked in late January following an unspecified hazing infraction, and Dean of Community Development and Multicultural Affairs Terry Martinez upheld that decision.

In its appeal of the rescission, ZBT outlined an action plan that includes “a full-review of their current membership, suspension of social activities, mandatory training, adherence to the Greek ALPHA Standards, and a recommitment of their national values,” Cutler said. The ALPHA Standards require fraternities and sororities to meet minimum standards for philanthropy, academics, and leadership development, among other categories.

If the fraternity does not adhere to the plan, if it is found responsible for any additional violations, or if it fails to receive a satisfactory rating on the standards, its charter will

be rescinded and members will be immediately removed from the organization’s house on 115th Street between Broadway and Riverside Drive.

Progress reports will be due at the ends of this semester and the next two semesters.

According to Cutler, a rescission may take place “at any point during this period or at the end of each review.”

The organization “is grateful for the trust and support of Columbia University in our ability to create a model chapter on campus and in the community,” international ZBT leadership said in a statement last Wednesday.

Cutler said that the administration was also planning a larger push to clarify hazing policies and start a campus conversation around the issue.

“We are concerned that our current hazing education and prevention initiatives do not adequately address the issue,” she said, adding that many students and staff are confused about what constitutes hazing. “Recent events suggest that there is work to be done.”

Student Affairs will partner with student leaders and other administrative offices “to develop a more comprehensive educational program and policies that address hazing-related issues in all student groups and organizations on campus—be- yond just the Greek community,” Cutler said, in order to provide

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W. Harlem development corp. doles out \$2M in grants

BY CHRISTIAN ZHANG
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The West Harlem Local Development Corporation announced the winners of about \$2 million in grants for local nonprofits during a ceremony Thursday, a move that will fund 83 neighborhood organizations serving residents of West Harlem.

The grants, which are expected to reach almost 12,000 people in West Harlem, fund local programs ranging from workforce training to gymnastics to opera, and represent the largest expenditures to date of the WHLDC, which is responsible for doling out \$76 million promised by Columbia as a part of the Community Benefits Agreement signed in May of 2009.

“It’s a wonderful, wonderful feeling to know, after many years on this board, that we’ve finally reached the day where we’re going to see the funds allocated in the community,” Kofi Boateng, the executive director of the development corporation, said at a Community Board 9 meeting Thursday evening.

The grants, ranging from

\$5,000 to \$50,000, must fund projects that primarily benefit residents in CB9, which includes Morningside Heights, Manhattanville, and Hamilton Heights. Although living in these neighborhoods is not a requirement for receiving funding, Boateng said that 39 of the 83 winners are based in the CB9 area, and that they won a total of \$977,000.

“They represent diversity in focus. There are arts and cultural, education groups ... which fulfill different needs,” Boateng said at the celebration of the grant recipients Thursday morning at Our Children’s Foundation on 125th Street.

Grant recipients said they were excited to receive a chunk of the funds and ready to work on a variety of programs within the community. Max Rodriguez, founder of the Harlem Book Fair, said the organization received \$12,000 for its “Cool Boyz Read” program, which offers weekly reading programs for male third- and fourth-graders at a West Harlem school.

“It’s amazing to be acknowledged as a steward of Harlem’s future,” said Rodriguez, who remarked that expanding reading

would help “break the school-to-prison pipeline” in disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Not all has been smooth sailing for the development corporation. Since the group was founded in 2009, locals have criticized it for being inefficient and ineffective. Before Thursday, the group had only given out a single grant. The controversies prompted a leadership shuffle in April 2012, leading to Boateng’s appointment as director. An investigation by State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman completed in December found no misuse of funds.

Those in attendance at the event said they thought the organization had overcome its challenges, and were happy to see the first of the long-awaited grants being dispensed.

“They were all complaining. Now it’s quiet,” Boateng said of his organization’s critics. “They’ve seen action. They’ve seen responses.”

Several recipients said the grant would help them grow as a group. Joseph Hayes, a member of the men’s mentorship group Brothers in Recovery, called the process an “excellent opportunity” for the corporation. His

organization was funded \$16,250 to hold a retreat and workshops about health and self defense.

Another recipient, Wendy Hilliard, whose namesake foundation received \$9,750 to hold gymnastics classes for locals at Riverbank State Park, said the corporation’s ability to fund local groups “really makes a difference.”

The corporation received 101 applications requesting a combined \$18.5 million in grants.

“We decided that we would go wide versus deep,” Boateng said, choosing a large number of small grants over a few very large ones. He said the long-term goal of the corporation was to build a “community trust fund” to support local organizations.

A second round of grants will open in June, with awards to be distributed in September. Boateng said at the CB9 meeting that he hoped the WHLDC would continue operating even after it finished awarding the Columbia funds. That would involve finding other funding sources for the long-term.

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Locals assail NYCHA plan for private developments in Frederick Douglass housing project

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Anger over a plan to build private developments in the Frederick Douglass Houses boiled over at a crowded and chaotic meeting Thursday night.

Over 200 residents of the Upper West Side public housing complex voiced their complaints about the plan, which the New York City Housing Authority says would create a much-needed source of revenue. Proceedings became so rowdy that police intervened.

The 200 chairs set up for the meeting at the Children’s Aid Society gymnasium on Columbus Avenue and 104th Street could not contain the people lining the walls and streaming out the door.

“This is a disgrace that you are doing this to low-income people,” Frederick Douglass resident Madelyn Innocent told the NYCHA officials at the meeting.

Police were called about half an hour into the meeting in response to persistent banging on the doors. Officers circled the room, approaching residents who refused to give up the microphone during the question-and-answer session and escorting one woman, who did not stop shouting, out of the room.

In between interruptions, the NYCHA representatives released more specifics about the plan, which would add 794 apartments to the complex, located between 100th and 104th streets and between Amsterdam and Manhattan

avenues.

Three apartment buildings would be built, one on 104th Street, another on 100th Street, and the third on Manhattan Avenue. All three towers would be built on current parking lots, with the 100th Street building also taking over an existing resident garden. Eighty percent of the units would be set at market-rate prices, and 20 percent would be reserved for low-income tenants.

“This plan is about making public housing available for many generations to come,” Margarita López, a NYCHA board member and former City Council member, said. “We need one thing for the preservation: revenue.”

According to López and the several other NYCHA representatives, the agency is underfunded by \$876 million, in part due to cuts in federal assistance. NYCHA anticipates gaining anywhere between \$30 and \$50 million in revenue from the Frederick Douglass developments, with more from similar projects around the city.

López said there will be no demolitions of existing Frederick Douglass buildings, and rents would not be raised. No one would be asked to vacate an apartment, no land would be sold, and no facilities employees would suffer job losses or have additional work, she said emphatically.

Moreover, all revenue from the plan would first go entirely to repairs and facilities improvements in the Frederick Douglass Houses.



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HOT SEAT | NYCHA board member Margarita López listens to angry Frederick Douglass residents at Thursday’s meeting.

The plan would “preserve public housing, restore financial stability, transform the way we do things, and improve services,” Lopez said.

But residents, some heckling the representatives from across the room, were not convinced.

Philip Larrier, 40, who has lived in the houses his whole life, said the project didn’t make sense.

“Have you seen the parking lots? They are jammed in” between the buildings, he said. “Who wants to pay top dollar

to live between the projects?”

Bobby Forestal, another lifelong Frederick Douglass resident, said he worried about reductions in parking.

“They should have already mapped out beforehand the alternative places for people to park,” he said. López said NYCHA would resolve the lack of parking before construction.

City Council member Melissa Mark-Viverito, whose district includes the complex, said the plan was bad for Frederick Douglass.

“We know that what is

happening is something that concerns all the surrounding neighborhood,” she said.

After the meeting, Frederick Douglass Houses Tenant Association President Jane Wisdom also expressed dissatisfaction with the process.

“This wasn’t good,” Wisdom said. “I am tired of them telling us what we have got to do.”

Wisdom said she plans to organize a forum on the plan in the future, and State Senator Bill Perkins said he will be having a meeting for residents at

his office on 125th Street on Saturday morning.

Mark Levine, a Democratic district leader and candidate for City Council, said that while residents’ turnout and energy were encouraging, he thought it was “an extraordinarily unproductive meeting.”

Nick Prigo, co-chair of Community Board 7’s housing committee, said in a tweet that the meeting was “one long filibuster preventing community engagement.”

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It’s not just athletes that get ‘in the zone’

It’s as if everything is happening in slow motion. Your actions are extraordinarily precise, guided by intuition and something beyond your own consciousness. Your awareness of everything happening in the game is acute, almost prescient, as your knowledge of yourself and of your opponent joins together with a premonition of how the play will take shape.

This is the state referred to in sports as being “in the zone,” characterized by deep concentration, highly efficient performance, emotional buoyancy, a lack of self-consciousness, and above all, a transcendence of the self to reach a level of performance seemingly exceeding one’s limits. It’s the realm in which years of training—physical and mental—seem to join together, and players reach a state in which everything goes astonishingly smoothly, almost without any concentrated effort.

It’s something of a sensitive topic among athletes, just because it’s so sought-after but, at the same time, so hard to put into words. These moments are almost too rare, and they take on a mystical quality that makes them deeply personal and almost spiritual, transcending the level of statistics and scoresheets to add a new meaning to what sports can be.

This magical zone, however, is not something limited to the realm of professional athletes. Most amateur athletes can probably conjure up a memory in which they experienced a state resembling “the zone,” but it’s not something one can just achieve by willing it. A zone denotes a place, but a highly ambiguous and indefinite one,



MINNIA FENG
Mind Games

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Facing tough competition, Lions capture 5 wins



FILE PHOTO

DEALIN’ GANDOLFO | Junior Joey Gandolfo took a no decision in a five-inning start against Miami over the break.

BY ELI SCHULTZ
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The baseball team kept busy over spring break, going 5-5 over the course of 10 days in Florida and New York.

Columbia (6-11) started its whirlwind stretch in the Sunshine State, where the Lions won one of four games at the University of Central Florida (16-9) and dropped a pair of contests at the University of Miami (19-7). The Light Blue then returned to New York on March 22 for its home opener and earned a doubleheader sweep of New York Institute of Technology (2-13). Columbia closed out the break with a pair of wins in West Point, defeating Army on Saturday and NYIT on Sunday.

“We want to go out and play as best of competition as we can,” Columbia head coach Brett Boretti said. “We try to go down and play where we’re going to be under pressure, in some tough atmospheres, and facing good arms, because we know we’re going to face really good arms in the league too.”

Though Columbia finished the break on a four-game winning streak, things got off to an inauspicious start for Columbia against UCF. Defensive miscues in key spots made it difficult for the Light Blue to keep pace with the Knights.

In the three Columbia losses, the Lions gave up a total of 11 unearned runs, including four in the third inning of a 6-1 loss on March 17 that spoiled an otherwise solid start by freshman righty Adam Cline. Cline gave up just one earned run in four innings of work while striking out four, but was saddled with the loss in the third game of the series.

“We had one bad inning. I think that cost us in Game 3,” Boretti said. “But you know, we talked about

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Seven victories propel softball past rocky start

BY NOAH STEBBINS
Columbia Daily Spectator

Columbia softball won seven of its 11 games over spring break, improving its record to .500 (9-9). The Lions played 10 of those contests at the Rebel Spring Games tournament over spring break in Kissimmee, Fla.

In the Lions’ first tournament game on March 15, sophomore Liz Caggiano batted in a run and scored two runs herself, helping the Lions to a 5-2 victory over Wagner.

In a matchup against Lehigh that same day, junior Emily Snodgrass had three RBIs in three at-bats, leading the Lions to a 3-1 win. Snodgrass eventually topped the Rebel Games with 12 RBIs and 10 runs, and she currently leads

the Light Blue with a batting average of .352 and a .667 slugging percentage.

Continuing their winning streak, the Lions beat Utah Valley and Saint Peter’s on March 16. Though the Utah Valley game featured two dominant pitchers, Columbia freshman Emily Kenyon ultimately outlasted her opponent for a 1-0 complete game victory. Kenyon struck out six in the effort.

The Lions continued their dominant pitching with another shutout over Saint Peter’s, 6-0, before defeating Rider, 11-3, on St. Patrick’s Day in a shortened five-inning contest. But the momentum shifted later that day against Green Bay, as the Lions plated just one run in a 3-1 loss. Sophomore pitcher Brooke Darling went the distance, striking out four but giving up two runs in the third and one in the fifth.

The Light Blue finished up the tournament on March 19 and 20, shutting out Rider, 6-0, on Tuesday before dropping a 7-6 game to Green Bay. On Wednesday, Columbia split a doubleheader against Manhattan, losing Game 1, 6-2, before earning a 4-3 nine-inning victory in Game 2.

Though the Lions were scheduled to play another set of games at the Colorado State Invitational in Fort Collins, Colo., most of the games were snowed out. Columbia did get in one game against Marist on March 22, a 8-0 loss. Kenyon had a rough outing, giving up five runs—four earned—on seven hits and three walks in 4.1 innings.

The Lions will be back in action on Tuesday for a doubleheader against Manhattan in Riverdale.

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FILE PHOTO

BALL TO BAT | Junior Emily Snodgrass proved a critical offensive player, batting several teammates home for key runs.



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LIGHTNING LIN | Sophomore Winston Lin had a mixed bag of results over break, but was instrumental in the Light Blue’s comeback versus No. 38 Nebraska.

Columbia completes spring break with 4 wins in 6 matches

BY ALEXANDER BERNSTEIN
Spectator Staff Writer

The men’s tennis team was hard at work over spring break, traveling to Alabama and Texas to play six matches in just eight days. The team enjoyed a fair amount of success with four wins, pushing its record to 10-5 with Ivy play beginning this week.

The break got off to a rocky beginning on March 15, as the Lions started off the Blue-Gray Invitational with a loss to Texas Tech, 4-3. The disappointment started with the doubles, as Texas Tech took the point with the Red Raiders’ Vitor Manzini and Gabriel Dias topping the Columbia sophomore pair of Ashok Narayana and Max Schnur, 8-6. The team of Jeff Bryan and Felipe Soares bested Light Blue’s sophomore Winston Lin and senior Cyril Bucher, 8-5.

The No. 47 Texas Tech squad completed the upset against the No. 34 Lions as Soares came away with a three-set win over Narayana to break the 3-3 tie.

The Lions responded strongly to this initial setback, though, downing William & Mary without a single loss, 4-0, and coming away with a 4-3 win against No. 38 Nebraska to close

out the tournament. In the Nebraska match, the Texas Tech scenario seemed to replay as the Huskers took the doubles points by winning two of the three matches. The Columbia men soon found themselves in an even larger hole, as a pair of singles losses put the team at a 0-3 deficit. But the Lions rallied, as Lin, freshman Dragos Ignat, and sophomore Bert Vancura each won their matches in straight sets to even the score 3-3, and Schnur secured the 4-3 win with a 7-5, 6-3 dispatch of Eric Sock.

The Lions came off the tournament riding their momentum into Texas, where they handily bested Southern Methodist 5-2, despite Lin’s 6-3, 6-4 loss to the Mustangs’ Arturs Kazijevs.

But the Lions could not replicate their comeback on the second leg of their Texas trip, as No. 36 Texas Christian handily beat Columbia 5-2. TCU got off to the lead by securing the doubles point and never looked back, taking the No. 1, 2, 4, and 5 singles matches to cruise to the win.

In the final match of their road trip, the Lions bounced back with a dominating 4-0 performance against Texas Arlington.

The Lions will begin their Ivy season by taking on the visiting Cornell Big Red this Friday.

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Why America?

Slightly drunk with sleep, I rounded off one of those all-night-long conversations with a few minorly offensive critiques I otherwise would not have said about America, while a friend struggled to help me understand this country’s controversial actions in Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq. After taking a long, hard look at America and its baggage, I came to an inconvenient conclusion that I felt a bit uncertain as to why I was here. There was a lot to raise an eyebrow at—almost too much—regarding the “promised land” glorified by the high school college counselor, the student body, and my family for decades. When I think about it, America is just as big of a mess as the place I recently left. Does this Western Hemisphere of the world somehow dominate and dictate my thinking and my actions entirely? I chose to sleep it off instead.

Ever since I started attending an American school in China, it was expected of me that I would go to America for college. It took half a term for me to realize how much this unspoken expectation influenced my actions. I knew how incompatible I was with the American culture that I could see in the bubble of my school. I knew I preferred the depth of the writing-intensive International Baccalaureate system to the information-cramming Advanced Placement system. So why didn’t I go to England? I was interested in studying politics, philosophy, and economics, offered as an interdisciplinary program at Oxford, but applied instead to the University of Pennsylvania and Claremont McKenna College’s PPE programs. Why?

I grilled my parents on their reasons for sending me to an American school instead of a local Chinese one. Their disturbing answer was that they thought that I would have an easier time at an American school. Americans were “chill”—this really implied “lazy.” There were no drills, no canings, no academies. Therefore, according to their logic, I would have time to cultivate a better self-image, sleep properly, and make myself look attractive to potential marriage partners. Did my parents just tell me that all Americans, based on their educational system, would rather choose comfort, sleep, and consequently happiness, over knowledge? Did they really believe that one’s physical wellbeing and mental capabilities were mutually exclusive or so hard to attain simultaneously that it was altogether worth sacrificing the latter for the former? I asked my Taiwanese and Chinese friends to ask their parents, and my Caucasian friends to ask their expatriate relatives, the same question I asked mine. Their answers were similar. Disregarding the racist component of this generalization, the image of America has obviously been skewed, even if it is in relation to the education offered by Chinese schools. Both have their merits, but more and more people are inclined to send their children to school at English-speaking institutions.

My horror grew as I saw how Taiwanese and Chinese parents—or simply older generations—viewed Columbia’s Core. I recently visited a friend in her



YVONNE HSIAO
Happily Homeless

mid-20s back home, one who had a public high school education and went on to work as a waitress at various restaurants. Not only was the first question she asked me “Is college fun?” but she expected that there was no homework, few hours of classes, and frequent wild nights around town. When I pulled Dante’s “Inferno” from my bag to show her an example of Lit Hum literature, she asked whether I wrote “book reports.” When I tried explaining to her the concept of thematic comparisons, she was confused. “You interpret the meaning of the books yourself?” Her confusion was mirrored in my parents, relatives, and many other Asian friends. They don’t see the Core as the students of Columbia (or for that matter, possibly any other Americans) do—they comprehend the familiar lack of choice and having a set amount and type of classes to take, but the diversity and well-roundedness that it promotes is more or less lost in cultural translation. Having discussion-based classes without a teacher giving them a straight answer in the front of the room is strange to them. Just this particular aspect shows the difference in educational styles and the potential incompatibility of the culture in which the student has been raised with the educational culture in which they are expected to succeed.

There are many people in China and Taiwan—expats and long-standing Chinese families—who have the same view of America that my parents have. They like America enough to send their children over, or they trust America with their children’s education. Ironically, they don’t know why. Or, these people like America, but for all the wrong reasons. Many parents are misguided, whether to the benefit or detriment of their children in their migration to the West. Some people, like me, are happier in the States because they find fulfillment in a lot of things that are scorned back home: provocative discussions (“arguments”), music (“enrichment”), or poetry (“you’ll never be able to feed yourself with that”). But I also know a lot of students who aren’t suited for America yet who are pressured to go and somehow find happiness and success there while longing for the comforts of home. Even worse, this misconception sometimes reduces an American education to a badge of honor, worn to elicit oohs and aahs from neighbors. This type of college experience is not for everybody, and part of the problem is a distorted image of America that has been presented to the East.

My experience isn’t reflective of every East Asian culture; a family with generations of Western-educated family members involved in international commerce with the United States will view American schools differently than the selection of people I have talked to. But often, those who look to America with the American Dream in mind are those on the lower rungs of society, those who want a foot in the door. It’s only fair to present a more honest image of America, rubbing out tarnished spots with proper explanations regarding particular aspects of American culture, and erasing favorable but false impressions born from marketing objectives. Once a family has taken the gamble and has ventured out, it’s hard to go back. Those sitting on the fence do not deserve to be chasing after illusions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I seem to be getting on the bandwagon a bit late, but I’d like to throw in my two cents about “The Dodge Divide” (The Eye, March 7).

I was struck by how little the article resembled my experience here. After all, it concludes with the suggestion that the story of the student-athlete be told. Yet I am amazed that articles like these somehow consistently miss the stories of students such as Bert Vancura, a recruited sophomore biochemistry major with a tireless work ethic, stellar grades, and who also just happens to have the biggest forehead in the NCAA. One rarely hears of students such as Andrew Heinrich, a varsity football player and founder of Project Rousseau, which impacts Columbia for the better through a commitment to community service. The fact is, Columbia Athletics is full of hardworking, intelligent, and talented individuals who help Columbia thrive every day.

As someone who has grown up around Columbia Athletics, I can say without hesitation that we are good at what we do, and we are getting better every day. I don’t have enough space here to go into the details. But just in the past two weeks, women’s swimming has set several Ivy League records while qualifying for NAAs, wrestling has qualified five team members for the NCAA tournament, and the women’s tennis team has attained a record-breaking national ranking. Honestly, the facts are there for anyone who cares enough to look.

When all is said and done, however, my issue with articles such as “The Dodge Divide” goes beyond statistics. Yes, it is important to keep universities accountable. Yes, we should pay attention to admissions policies and how we spend our tuition dollars. However, to do so in a vitriolic and unbalanced way should not be acceptable, and we should hold ourselves to a higher standard of student dialogue. To critique athletics is one thing. However, to put down a student for relating coursework to his or her personal experience in a classroom is not productive and shouldn’t be tolerated in an academic community.

As a graduating senior, I’d like to relay the question that stuck with me after reading the article last week—not only to athletes, but to all of my Columbia classmates, and especially to those who bear the onus of framing our school’s communal conversation: “What are you doing here?” How are you, as a Columbian, working to improve yourself and the lives of your peers and to contribute to the Columbia community? How do your actions define Columbia as an academic institution and as a community? Most of us only have four years here, but each and every one of us is responsible for defining what Columbia is right now. We should feel obliged to leave it better than we received it.

*Sam Gelb, CC ’13
Varsity Men’s Tennis
March 14, 2013*

To the Editor:

Although I was not surprised by the editorial board’s views—they are echoed weekly by the Real Estate Board of New York, which has mounted a major offensive against preservation in the city (witness REBNY’s latest response to preservationist concerns about the Midtown East rezoning)—I was surprised by how it chose to substantiate them.

Just for the record, the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission does not discourage innovative design. Far from it, the New York City LPC counts architects among its commissioners as part of city law to ensure that informed professionals are making such decisions when regulating aesthetics. Further, one can see how this has played out, from the New York City LPC-approved Hearst Tower in Midtown West to Diane von Furstenberg’s penthouse addition in the Meatpacking District.

However, for the board to justify the Northwest Corner Building with Nicolai Ouroussoff’s critique belies credibility, based on the fact that:

§ Incorporating a minor material aspect (in this case, a pink marble base) is hardly a commitment to contextualism when the overall building’s scale and design are so grossly defiant of its surroundings.

§ If the board has reviewed McKim, Mead & White’s northwest corner tower proposal, it can understand the firm’s intent, which was to introduce a campanile to the campus, much like the bell towers that provide visual anchors at other universities across the country. This proposal was stylistically consistent with the Beaux-Arts aesthetic of the larger campus plan and was to incorporate the same palette of materials. It also was to be taller, yes, as well as slender and stylistically cohesive with the larger campus, unlike NoCo.

§ As for the claim that NoCo is more publicly accessible than any other building on the Morningside campus, I think any survey of Barnes & Noble, Miller Theater, and Roone Arledge Auditorium would indicate that they are more publicly accessible than the “crow’s nest” that is Joe the Art of Coffee.

Otherwise, feel free to check out an alternative take on NoCo by Justin Davidson in New York magazine. I would hope that the board did not approach this topic with an agenda, but I am surprised this alternate critique did not make it into your column. I also regret that I was not asked if there were any worthy examples of institutionally commissioned buildings that respect historic character and context, as I could have given a list of them right here in Morningside Heights, which may or may not have assisted the board in formulating its opinion.

Finally, on the issue of university expansion, I hope that the board has no delusions about who holds the power here. Columbia’s proposed Manhattanville campus was realized by eminent domain, which means that there were property owners who were forced out of the neighborhood against their will, a few of whom own buildings that were determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places by the State Historic Preservation Office.

I also hope that the editorial board will consider the fact that not everything that a university touts as befitting a world-class institution is necessarily in the best interests of its faculty or its student body. I was enlightened by an April 2012 letter to the editor of the New York Times on the subject of New York University’s expansion. As a former student of Columbia’s Historic Preservation and Real Estate Development programs and a long-time resident of Morningside Heights, I have much to be grateful for with respect to my education and an enhanced quality of life that the University has provided and continues to provide, but that gratitude should not blind me to the fact that it has other objectives that are not always in the best interests of the Columbia or Morningside Heights communities. I can only hope that the Spectator editorial board realizes this as well.

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March 15, 2013*

WHILE YOU WERE AWAY

CB9 members call for state audit of CU benefits agreement

BY CASEY TOLAN
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Community Board 9 unanimously passed a resolution calling for a state audit of Columbia’s promises to the West Harlem community Thursday night.

Board members said the University has not been upholding the commitments it made to locals in the wake of its Manhattanville expansion. In May 2009, Columbia signed a Community Benefits Agreement that outlined its promises to the neighborhood. “Columbia is in breach of this agreement,” CB9 member Larry English, a former board chair, said. “We are demanding that the state of New York and the city of New York enforce the contracts.”

Board members are pleased that Columbia’s \$76 million benefits fund, specified in the CBA, is being used—the West Harlem Local Development Corporation awarded \$2 million in grants to non-profits

earlier on Thursday. But they say the University has ignored other provisions outlined in the CBA, the General Project Plan, and a restrictive declaration Columbia filed with the state.

The CB9 resolution calls for the Empire State Development Corporation, the state’s chief economic development agency, to conduct an audit of Columbia’s performance to meet those obligations within 30 days.

Board members focused much of their criticism Thursday on the University’s minority hiring practices, which the ESDC is already investigating. Last month, Columbia released statistics that showed that 51 percent of non-specialty contracting dollars were spent on MWL firms, and 67 percent of non-specialty trade hours were completed by MWL workers between the beginning of construction and June 2012.

Those numbers exceeded the goals set in the CBA,

which calls for 35 percent of contracting dollars to go to minority, women, or locally-owned firms and 40 percent of trade hours to be performed by MWL workers.

However, Columbia’s statistics exclude specialty construction projects like building the site’s slurry wall and the central energy plant. Excluding specialty construction eliminates “a big bulk of the work,” Joe Ienuso, executive vice president of facilities, told Spectator last month.

“This 51 percent looks good, except that big juicy part of the money, and that’s what’s missing here,” CB9 member Arnold Boatner said.

English called the statistics “insulting.” “They talk to us like we’re children,” he said.

English mocked Columbia’s assertion that constructing the campus’ slurry wall, which he characterized as digging a ditch, was specialty construction.

“People of color in America have a Ph.D. in digging ditches,” he said. “We have dug more ditches and laid more cement than any group of people in the history of the world.”

The University maintains that it is meeting its obligations.

“Columbia is proud to fulfill its commitments to the West Harlem community,” Columbia spokesperson Victoria Benitez said in a statement Friday. “New York State review of specific commitments listed in the General Project Plan is very much a part of the agreed-to process between the University and the community.”

CB9 chair Rev. Georgiette Morgan-Thomas said she was also concerned that many minority employees were not from Upper Manhattan. The minority employees she has talked to the site were from Brooklyn or

the Bronx, she said.

According to the latest statistics released by the University, 21 percent of the MWL workforce hours were local—in other words, a large majority of women and minority workers came from outside the area.

“Columbia should be more transparent about who these people are,” Morgan-Thomas said.

Kofi Boateng, executive director of the West Harlem Local Development Corporation, agreed that more specific data was needed.

“We have monthly meetings with Columbia, and this is a constant item on the agenda,” he said.

Beyond concerns over hiring, English also said Columbia had failed to keep other promises to the community, including a scholarship fund for Upper Manhattan students going to Columbia College and the School of Engineering and Applied Science. The fund would support up to 40 scholarships per semester, the GPP states.

“I’ve been told Columbia is saying they can’t find 40 children from Upper Manhattan” who are admitted into the schools, English said. “But this is a contract.”

Other commitments outlined in the CBA and the General Project Plan include shuttle bus service, mobile dental care, and a medical technician training program.

“I don’t know if any of this stuff is being done because nobody has told us anything,” English said. “We suspect and we know that Columbia is not living up to other parts of this agreement.”

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NEWS BRIEF

Bollinger names 2-time Pulitzer winner Journalism School dean

Steve Coll, the two-time Pulitzer winner, author, and New Yorker staff writer, was named dean of Columbia’s Graduate School of Journalism last Monday.

Coll will fill the position after current dean Nicholas Lemann, who has held the position since 2003, steps down at the end of the academic year.

“Our Journalism School ... is in the midst of a period of institutional innovation as significant as any since the school’s founding a century ago,” University President Lee Bollinger said in an email to the J-School. The school, the only journalism school in the Ivy League, crafted a dual-degree program in computer science at the J-school in 2010 and added a Master of Arts program in 2005.

Coll began his career in journalism as a general assignment feature writer for the Washington Post, eventually becoming a foreign correspondent and managing editor of the Post for six

years. In 1990, he won the Columbia-awarded Pulitzer Prize for explanatory journalism for a series of articles on the Securities and Exchange Commission. In 2005, he won the acclaimed prize again for his work of non-fiction, “Ghost Wars,” a book on the history of the CIA, Afghanistan, and Osama Bin Laden from 1979 to 2001.

For the past five years, Coll has also served as the president of the New America Foundation, a Washington-based public policy institute that focuses on addressing the “next generation of challenges facing the United States,” according to its mission statement.

Coll’s experience, Bollinger said, “will serve him well here at Columbia, not only at the Journalism School but across a University community whose breadth of scholarship makes this a unique place to help shape the future of journalism.”

—Cecilia Reyes

ZBT decision deferral follows vote to dismantle fraternity

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the student body with “a clearer definition of hazing and its impact on our campus.”

“The Greek community will continue in our efforts to raise awareness about the prevalence of hazing in the University community,” IGC spokesperson

Jonathan Dean, CC ’15, said in a statement. “We hope to help eradicate these practices from our community, and will support Zeta Beta Tau and all of our chapters in their plans to move forward and grow while addressing this important issue.”
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LGBT health initiative pairs policymakers, psychiatrists

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in different areas.

Compared to an initiative, a fully-fledged center could create more opportunities to influence the curriculum for graduate students interested in LGBT health, according to Ehrhardt.

“We could have electives, fellowships—all of that is possible,” she said.

Bockting believes that bringing more researchers interested in LGBT health to Columbia and creating a supportive infrastructure for them are the keys to creating an actual center.

“A core, bringing people together, could help us figure it out to test a new way to sample these populations,” Bockting said.

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Education building to include common space

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lateral sclerosis and a donation from Roy Vagelos, P&S ’54, and Diana Vagelos, BC ’55, in 2010 to support the construction of the education building.

Biology professor Andrea Califano said that the new building would create an opportunity to address what he called “one of the critical deficiencies of our current campus”: the lack of community-building student space on the medical campus.

“It’s a visionary donation to create exactly what the campus was missing.”

—Andrea Califano, biology professor

“This is really going to create a completely new focus,” Califano said, adding that the new building will create “social context for interaction that doesn’t currently exist.”

Califano said that given the urban location of the campus, common spaces were mostly labs or classrooms, but the new building’s plans include common spaces that utilize social media or other new technology to bring people together. He added that he felt that the medical center’s “most vulnerable point” in attracting students was its apparent lack of a strong, cohesive student community.

“It’s a visionary donation to create exactly what the campus was missing,” Califano said.

The building is being designed by Diller Scofidio + Renfro Executive Architects—which is also the lead architect on the Business School building in Manhattanville—in collaboration with Gensler.

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Letting go may lead to better results

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undefined territory and somewhere a map can't take you. The thing that makes "the zone" so compelling is the notion that it cannot be bottled. There's something effortless and unpredictable about it, and letting go and just playing the game might be the only way to get there.

We can extend this phenomenon beyond athletics to something all too familiar to students. If you are one of those less physically inclined people like myself who probably need to play more sports, the closest you may have come to being "in the zone" may be an experience taking an exam in which your mind was beautifully clear and lucid and answers were flowing smoothly from your pencil tip. You were able to recall almost everything you memorized and could think through problems at a level beyond your normal capabilities. You may even have crammed harder for other exams, but this one just went as smooth as butter for some reason.

While we can't exactly classify the magic formula for being "in the zone," the most we, and athletes, can do is work to get ourselves ready for it. For this, there are three essential conditions: skill, devotion, and immersion, each building on top of the other.

Sufficient skill is required so that the basic movements of the game come to athletes without the need for effortful concentration, allowing them to better channel their energy into the game as a whole and the demands of the particular situation. For example, three-point shooters have practiced their shot enough times so that the movement can unfold without thinking. This physical mastery allows them to move onto the next level of mental mastery—devotion.

Devotion means playing with inspiration and passion, something commonly preached but hard to do. It means having an appreciation for the ordering of mind and body that your sport allows and requires, bringing an athlete's mentality and emotions fully into the game.

The last step, and arguably the most important, is immersion. Immersion means not thinking beyond the present moment and fully bringing all attention to the task at hand. Just like someone looking to get to first base cannot be thinking about how they're going to steal second, that limited focus cannot be stretched further than it should go. An acute awareness of the present moment brings the mind and body to a state where the conscious mind shuts off, and the unconscious, working with motor memory, takes over. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Tim McCarver once said, "The mind's a great thing as long as you don't have to use it." Through anchoring the conscious mind in technique and transcending deliberate intent, the self seems to fall away, and the athlete is able to achieve the conditions ripe for "the zone."

Personally, my favorite thing about "the zone" is the beautiful possibility that sometimes, letting go and going with the flow may lead to better results than constant anxiety and forceful effort. Accepting that we don't have control over every aspect of life and just living each day as best we can while enjoying the sensation of whatever we're doing—whether that be playing in an NCAA final or taking a CC final—may be the key to doing well and living well.

We're not guaranteed to land in "the zone" each time, but in getting ready for that state, we're already putting ourselves in a position to succeed.

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EN GARDE | Columbia fencing took seventh place at the NCAA Championships in San Antonio behind strong performances from both the men and women.

Dubrovich takes second, 5 Lions earn All-American status at nationals

BY SPENCER GYORY
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Five fencers earned All-American honors and one had a second-place finish en route to Columbia's seventh-place showing at the 2013 NCAA Championships this weekend.

As expected, the national title came down to the only two teams that had 12 fencers competing: Princeton and Notre Dame. With 182 bout victories, the Tigers narrowly edged out the Irish by seven bouts. Princeton's victory marks the first time since 2006 that an Ivy League school has won the championship. Penn State, Ohio State, St. John's, and Harvard rounded out the top six. Led by men's sabre and women's foil, Columbia finished with 117 total bout victories.

There were five individual standout performances for the Lions during the four-day

competition in San Antonio. In men's sabre, sophomores Will Spear and Michael Josephs finished in fifth and 10th place, respectively, while freshman Brian Ro finished in sixth place in men's epee.

Spear and Ro came up just one bout short of placing in the top four, which would have given them a legitimate shot at winning the individual title. This year, all three of the men's individual champions come from the three or four seeds.

On the women's side, senior sabrist Lowey Diedro rounded out her fencing career for the Light Blue with a ninth-place finish.

Fencers who finished in the top four earned first-team All-American honors, those who placed fifth through eighth earned second-team All-American, and those who placed ninth through 12th earned honorable mention All-American.

The Lions' top finisher was freshman foilist Jackie Dubrovich, coming in at second

place. She got off to a terrific start, winning 20 of 23 bouts in the round-robin portion of the competition.

"The environment and the pressure was so intense," Dubrovich said. "You're fencing 23 five-touch bouts, and anything can happen if you aren't focused from the very beginning. The overall energy in the room really pumped me up, and I'm a really emotional fencer. I thrive off that energy, and I was able to keep my focus the whole time. And it turned out pretty well for me."

Although head coach Michael Aufrichtig wasn't surprised, considering Dubrovich's extensive national and international experience, he was impressed by her ability to remain calm throughout the competition.

"She was really relaxed the whole time," Aufrichtig said. "Whenever there was a tight situation, she fenced really tough, got the touches she needed, and fenced really smart."

In the final four, Dubrovich

faced a pair of Notre Dame foilists. In the first round, Dubrovich defeated Madison Zeiss, 15-7, but fell 15-8 in the gold-medal match to Lee Keifer, who finished in fifth place at the 2012 London Olympics.

"Lee is a very physical fencer," Dubrovich said. "She is always jumping back and forth and very energetic. It was very difficult to keep up with her style, especially when you've been fencing for two days. Looking back, I made several mistakes, and those certainly cost me, but I will learn from that bout and hopefully improve upon it the next time I fence her."

Despite their high finish—an improvement upon last year's eighth-place finish—the team wasn't completely satisfied.

"In general I had a little bit higher expectations," Aufrichtig said. "I thought we could have at least gotten fifth, but we have some young people, and it was a little more nerve-racking than I had

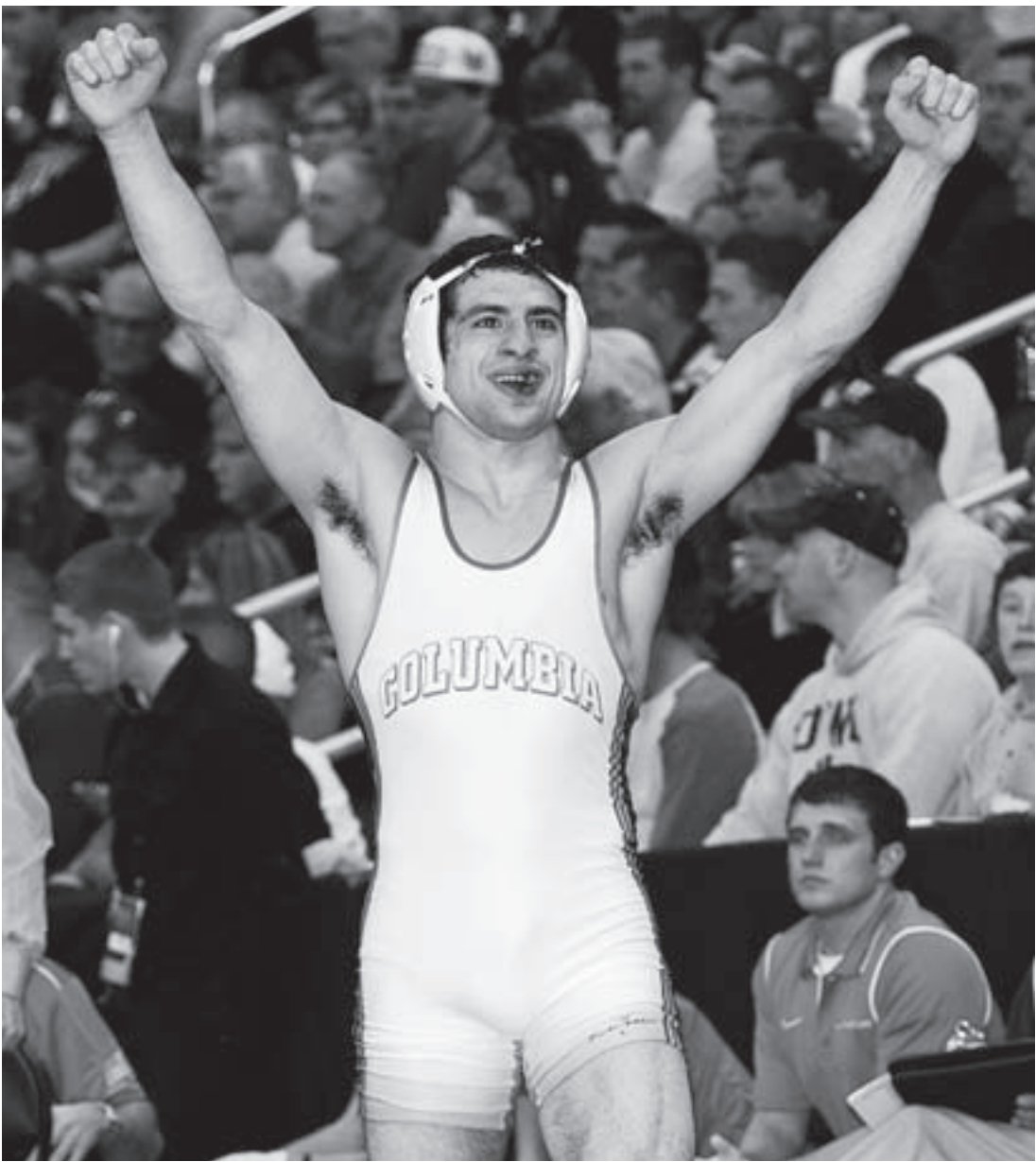
thought."

While the absence of some of their top fencers—including junior epeeist Alen Hadzic, senior epeeist Lydia Kopecky, junior foilist Nzingha Prescod, and freshman foilist Margaret Lu—may have hurt the Lions' chance for a higher finish, it could pay dividends down the road by giving some younger fencers valuable NCAA experience.

"The great thing is, they will come back and be able to share their experience with the rest of the team and let people know how physically demanding the competition is and how mentally demanding it is," Aufrichtig said. "That will help convince the team to train even harder next year."

While the team will lose three graduating starters this spring, the tremendous performance of its underclassmen and a strong crop of new recruits will give the Lions a good chance at rising even higher in the standings next season.

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COURTESY OF RANDY MARTIN

SLAMMIN' SANTOS | Steve Santos ended his Columbia career with a third-place finish at NAAs. The senior became the first Light Blue wrestler since 2007 to earn All-American distinction.

Santos earns highest finish in CU history

WRESTLING
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quick reversal a mere 31 seconds in, and rode Ness out for the remainder of the three minutes. In the final period, Santos wasted no time in controlling his opponent, taking Ness down for the second time

only 10 seconds into the period, and riding him out again to add an extra point for a final score of 7-3.

The crowd at the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines, Iowa acknowledged this feat with a standing ovation as Santos dominated Ness for the third-place victory.

This third-place finish marks the culmination of a successful career for Santos, who also achieved the status of All-American—the only Columbia wrestler to do so since 2007. He was just shy of this accomplishment last year, lacking only one victory.

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Strong pitching propels baseball to close victories

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"But you know, we talked about making aggressive mistakes, and how to react appropriately from them, and those are things that hopefully you work out early in the season."

The two-game set at Miami also did not go Columbia's way, as the Hurricanes won a couple of close games. The Lions could not overcome a rough outing by sophomore righty David Spinosa in Game 1, falling 9-6. Though they held a late-game lead in Game 2, they were unable to hold on and ultimately lost 6-4, after Columbia pitchers surrendered a total of 11 walks.

"It came back to bite us in the butt," Boretti said. "Guys know we can't put on guys for nothing against good teams—or bad teams for that matter."

Senior righty Alex Black, who homered in the first game against the Hurricanes, was saddled with the loss in Game 2 after surrendering two unearned runs.

"We had a couple opportunities to get some outs, and we didn't make the plays in the field during some tough situations there. That's how they got the two runs to go up on us late," Boretti said.

Though the Lions returned home after losing four straight, they did not squander the chance to get back on track.

Columbia swept NYIT behind superb pitching by Cline and junior lefty David Speer. Speer went the distance in Game 1, giving up just one run while striking out 10 in seven innings of work, while in the nightcap, Cline pitched eight shutout innings and notched

14 strikeouts to give Columbia a 2-0 victory.

"Adam's done a great job, he's throwing strikes, he's confident. He had great tempo on the mound," Boretti said. "He's definitely going to be one of our weekend guys as we move forward."

Junior righty Joey Donino closed out the Game 2 win, pitching a scoreless ninth while striking out two to earn the save.

The Lions kept rolling against Army the next day, with senior co-captains, pitcher Tim Giel and outfielder Nick Ferraresi, leading the way.

Giel kept the Army bats in check, earning a complete-game win while surrendering just one run and striking out four Black Knights, and Ferraresi hit a pair of homers as the Lions won their third straight. Ferraresi also added a single and paced the Light Blue with three hits.

Columbia finished the break with a convincing victory over NYIT on March 24, as the Lions rode an 11-strikeout performance by Donino and a couple of big innings to a 9-4 victory. Junior shortstop Aaron Silbar led the way offensively for Columbia, knocking in four runs and scoring twice in a two-for-four performance at the dish. Sophomore outfielder Gus Craig also had a pair of hits for Columbia.

The Lions will take the day off on Monday before returning to practice the next day in anticipation of Wednesday's doubleheader at home against Manhattan.

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AD Murphy: ‘We haven’t been winning’

BY MYLES SIMMONS
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After eight seasons, 70 wins, and 153 losses, it’s the end of the line for Paul Nixon.

The women’s basketball head coach was informed on March 13 that his contract would not be renewed for the upcoming 2013-2014 season.

“We haven’t been winning—it’s as simple as that,” Athletic Director M. Dianne Murphy said in an interview before break. “We want to win. We want to win Ivy Championships, and it wasn’t getting done.”

The last two seasons have been particularly bleak for the Light Blue, with the team going 3-25 (1-13, Ivy) in 2011-2012, before completing a 5-23 (3-11) season earlier this month with a 71-26 loss at Harvard. This season also included two blowout losses, by 46 and 62 points, to Ivy champion Princeton.

“I’m disappointed for Paul, because I think that he truly ... cared about Columbia, cared about the University community, did all the right things as it relates to all the things that we expect our coaches to do,” Murphy said. “But the last three years, our winning has been very disappointing. That’s not what we expect.”

Though the last few seasons have produced inadequate results, Nixon’s first few years at Columbia, beginning in 2005, fared quite well. Nixon helped recruit 2010 Ivy Defensive Player

of the Year Sara Yee and 2010 Ivy Player of the Year Judie Lomax. Lomax, a center and two-time Division I rebounding champion, signed a training camp contract with the WNBA’s Connecticut Sun after her junior year at Columbia, when the team went 18-10 (9-5 Ivy)—the first winning season in program history.

“We had to settle for some players that were not as good as we hoped they would have been.”

—M. Dianne Murphy
Athletic Director

But after those impact players graduated—or turned pro, in Lomax’s case—the quality of Nixon’s recruits declined, Murphy said. The 2010-2011 season showed signs of regression, as the Light Blue finished with just seven overall wins—one only one of which came in non-conference play.

“I think, quite frankly, we had to settle for some players that were not as good as we hoped they would have been,” Murphy said. “Outstanding young women, but I don’t think the talent is where the talent needed to be.”

Still, Nixon has done plenty to boost morale. Murphy cited the way he cared about players and dealt with alums as two of his biggest strengths. The program

recently had 30 players return for its alumni weekend—the most in 10 years.

“I wish all my coaches did those kinds of things the way Paul did it. But at the end of the day, it’s about winning basketball games. And so his contract was up, and we simply chose not to renew it,” Murphy said. “I feel like we gave him every opportunity and every resource to be successful, and I think he would agree with that.”

And now the program will begin a new chapter. Murphy said Associate Athletic Directors Ray Tellier and Brent Walker, Assistant Athletic Director Darrice Griffin, and Ted Gregory, CC ’74, will work with her in conducting the national search. Murphy expects strong interest in the position, but it is most important to find the person who is the “right fit” for Columbia.

“You’ve got to have the right person that’s going to be able to work, and adapt, and live in New York City. That’s not for everybody,” Murphy said.

As the coaching search narrows, some individuals will be brought in and will meet with select student-athletes. Murphy said she and Tellier will make the final decision after receiving feedback from all parties who have had the chance to interact with the candidates. The department would like to have its new coach in place by April 15.

“At the end of the day, we want to win,” Murphy said. “And we’re going to do a really good job of finding that individual.”

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LOSING STREAK | Senior Kacie Johnson led the team within reach of victory but it wasn’t enough.

Sliding into a slump, Lions lose four more

BY ROBERT MITCHELL
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After beginning the season with a win, Columbia lacrosse (1-7, 0-3 Ivy) continued its downward spiral over spring break with four more losses, two of which came in the final minutes.

To start, Villanova (5-4) notched its first road win over the Light Blue on March 13 at Robert K. Kraft Field. Columbia surrendered eight straight goals in the first half to put the game out of reach early on. Sophomore Katie Angulo stopped the drought off an assist from senior Kacie Johnson. Though Columbia played more competitively after the break, it wasn’t enough to overcome the large Wildcat lead, and the Lions fell 16-7.

In a road match against

Vermont (4-6) on March 16, Columbia started off much stronger, trading leads several times. Johnson scored three of the Lions’ four goals as they entered the break down by one. But an 8-1 surge by the Catamounts ensured that the home team would escape with the win, despite two last-minute goals by the Light Blue. Vermont ended the game with a score of 13-7, in part thanks to its diversified offensive attack that saw eight different scorers put up points with another four assists.

Though Columbia’s next game was postponed one day due to snow, the New Hampshire Wildcats (2-6) picked up their second win of the season over the Light Blue on March 20 after starting with four consecutive losses. Another slow start put the Light Blue down 6-2, but a nine-goal run knotted up the game 11-11 with just 1:29 left to

play. Columbia surrendered a goal just as time expired to let the Wildcats escape with the 12-11 victory.

No. 13 Dartmouth (6-2, 2-0 Ivy) traveled to Robert K. Kraft Field on March 23 and escaped with a 8-7 victory. In a match marked by its defensive intensity, neither team was able to pull far ahead in the opening 30 minutes. Early in the second half, though, Columbia freshman Kate Murphy tied up the game, but Dartmouth answered back with four straight goals. Though the Lions continued to fight back with a Johnson goal and assist and two goals by senior Kelly Buechel, the Big Green rallied once again with just 3:50 left on the clock, preventing a goal that would have sent the game into overtime.

The Light Blue will travel to Princeton this Wednesday to try and stop the skid.

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END OF THE LINE | Former women’s basketball head coach Paul Nixon compiled a 70-153 record at Columbia. Nixon’s 70 victories rank first in Division-I program history.

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WOMEN'S ROWING

Women’s rowing made a splash in its first competition of the season, winning all of its races at the Florida Tech Governor’s Cup Regatta on Saturday. The women’s varsity eight finished 34.4 seconds ahead of the Jacksonville Dolphins, and the women’s second boat out-rowed the Dolphins in the 8+ by an impressive 57.8 seconds. Both competed against Florida Tech, finishing first and second, 47.8 seconds ahead. The women’s four added a strong victory against Jacksonville, finishing 67.4 seconds ahead. The women also finished with two boats ahead of FIT, with the B-team boat taking first by 5.8 seconds.

—Rachel Turner

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Columbia women’s swimming took 21st place this weekend at the NCAA championships to improve upon its 25th place finish last year, beating out the other attending Ivies at the star-studded meet. Senior standout Katie Meili single-handedly scored the points necessary to place in front of 20 other teams, earning automatic All-American status in two of her three events along the way. She re-broke her own school and Ivy records in the 100 and 200 breaststroke as well as in the 200 IM, placing third, ninth, and seventh, respectively. Junior teammate Alena Kluge failed to final in any event but competed in the 200 IM, the 400 IM, and the 200 backstroke, re-breaking her school record in the latter by a generous half-second.

—Charlotte Murtishaw

WOMEN'S GOLF

The women’s golf team opened the spring season with a 12th-place showing at the C&F Bank Intercollegiate in Virginia, which finished March 19. Inclement weather and darkness shortened the three-round tournament to two rounds. Against their Ivy League competitors, the Lions beat Penn, which came in 15th, but trailed Yale, which came in sixth. Junior Jane Dong was the top performer for the Lions, tying for 38th with a combined weekend score of 157. Sophomore Lisa Combs and freshmen Monique Ishikawa and Lilette Mocio tied with three other golfers for 64th at a combined score of 162. The Lions will next host the seventh annual Roar-EE Invitational on April 12 at the Spook Rock Golf Course in Suffern, N.Y.

—Sara Blad

MEN'S ROWING

Both the lightweight and heavyweight men’s rowing squads made the journey down to Ellsmere, Fla., to compete in the Governor’s Cup Regatta on Saturday. The event was the first for either team since the Princeton Chase on Oct. 28, but the Florida Tech Panthers had already competed earlier this month in the Keuper Cup. Despite the long hiatus, the Lions made a strong statement to start the spring rowing season. The men’s heavyweight varsity eight edged out Florida Tech by five seconds, while the lightweight 8+ proved its mettle, topping Jacksonville by nearly six seconds. The men’s heavyweight squad is back in action next weekend against Rutgers in the Collins Cup, and the lightweight squad’s next meet will be against Yale and Penn on April 6 in Philadelphia.

—Kyle Perrotti



ALYSON GOULDEN / SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

NO-NONSENSE NICOLE | Senior Nicole Bartnik dropped just one game in her match at UT Arlington.

CU splits spring break matches in Texas

BY IKE CLEMENTE KITMAN
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The women's tennis squad had mixed results in Lone Star State during spring break, taking down the University of Texas, Arlington while dropping a match to Southern Methodist University.

The Lions (7-4), coming off of four consecutive victories, entered the series ranked No.

53 in the nation. The Lions hit the ground running on March 18, winning five of six singles matches to defeat UT Arlington by a score of 4-2. No. 61 senior Nicole Bartnik, playing in first singles, impressed for the Lions, dropping only one game to UT Arlington's Katarina Dikosavljevic on her way to a 6-1, 6-0 victory.

On Thursday, however, the Light Blue did not fare as well, falling 4-3 to No. 50 SMU. On their way to victory, the Mustangs earned the doubles point, as well as the first,



third, and fifth singles contests. Strong play from junior Bianca Sanon, who topped SMU's Edyta Cieplucha 6-1, 6-7, 6-4 in second singles and, along with fellow junior Ioana Alecsiu, edged out the Mustangs' second doubles duo 8-6, served as the silver lining on the Light Blue's cloudy day.


Two days later, the Lions' match against North Texas was canceled due to rain.

The Lions, now 7-4, will head to Ithaca on March 30 to face Cornell in Columbia's first match of Ivy play.



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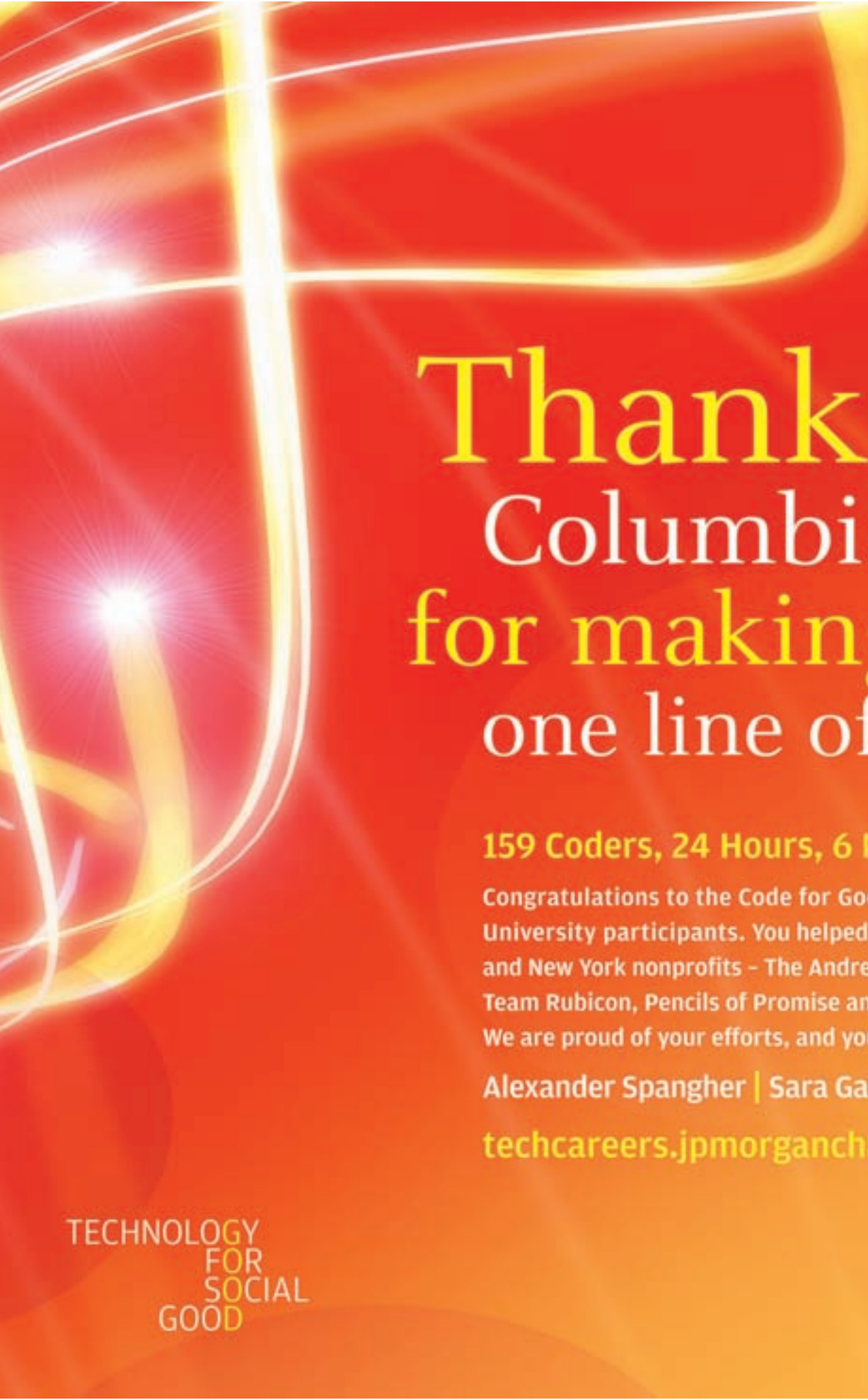
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