

INSIDE



News, page 2

Senior wisdom on campus housing

Graduating seniors reflect back on four years of the housing selection process.



A&E, page 10

High-quality liquor at intoxicating prices

Looking for a cheap bottle of champagne? You don't need to stray too far from campus: International Wines and Spirits and Vino Fino are just around the block.

A&E, page 10

The scintillating lives of doctors

Everyone loves network dramas such as *Grey's Anatomy*, *Scrubs*, and *ER*—but even pre-med students agree that they overly romanticize the medical profession.

Opinion, page 4

Intellectual fight club

Columist Philip Petrov exposes the juvenile insecurities fueling the aggression of modern-day intellectuals.



Sports, page 3

Lions sweep pair in Ivy opener

The baseball team opened its Ivy season against Harvard and swept the Crimson in a double header (8-3, 8-6) on Saturday before falling to Dartmouth on Sunday.

ONLINE

ColumbiaSpectator.com

For more information on your favorite teams

To keep up-to-date with the Lions and to find out how the Columbia lacrosse, track, and rowing teams competed this weekend, check out ColumbiaSpectator.com.

CU partners with Harlem local schools

BY JESSICA HILLS
Spectator Staff Writer

Early on Saturday morning, local teachers and administrators filed into Macy Hall at Teachers College, chatting energetically and exchanging stories and tips as if they were students waiting for class to begin.

Instead of standing at the front of the classroom, these teachers and principals from 10 public elementary, middle, and high schools in Harlem became pupils of the Harlem Schools Partnership, an initiative they seemed excited to help kick off on Saturday.

To prepare teachers and students for the demands of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) in the 21st century workforce, Teachers College and the School of Engineering and Applied Science received a grant from the General Electric Foundation to launch the Harlem Schools Partnership. In June 2008, GE donated \$5 million for the five-year program, according to a University press release.

The weekend event, "Co-envisioning Success in STEM," consisted of a series of workshops and breakout sessions focusing on schools' professional development needs and STEM teaching strategies, with an emphasis on English language learners—children growing up in homes in which English is not the primary language.

"It's an exciting opportunity for general education teachers to get more information to help in STEM," said Mary Reide, a teacher at P.S. 161 Don Pedro Albizu Campos. "It's needed in schools that focus on English, English language arts, and math."

With topics such as "What Happens Next? Real-life Teaching in Mathematics Classrooms," "The Secret Lives of Bats: Using Technology to Reveal Science Secrets," and "Lego Robotics for Teaching Physical Science and Mathematics in Your Classroom," the pedagogy emphasized the prevalence and usefulness of STEM topics today. Teachers present expressed high expectations for TC's new involvement in Harlem schools.

SEE HARLEM, page 2

SGA PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES



Karen Kwan, BC '10

Katie Palilo, BC '10



SGA announces election candidates

Barnard candidates' names released for positions in 2009-10 school year

BY ALIX PIANIN
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

This year, the race for Barnard Student Government Association president will be spanning continents.

On Friday, the SGA released a list of candidates for the upcoming elections, with Vice President of Communications Katie Palilo, BC '10, going head-to-head with Karen Kwan, BC '10 and SGA director of technology, for president. Kwan has

been spending her junior year abroad, and is now in Greece.

In platforms released this weekend, Palilo outlined broad plans for increased communication between students, the council, and administrators, while Kwan listed several specific areas in which she would like to push for improvement, especially in the use of space and technological advancements.

SEE SGA, page 6

TAMASHA



Mira John / Senior Staff Photographer

TAMASHA DANCERS | Tamasha: Recession Edition, Club Zama's annual spring South Asian cultural show comprised of singing and dance groups, featured CU RAAS doing their own rendition of *Romeo and Juliet*.

La Negrita, 1020 face financial, legal woes

BY DANNY ASH
Spectator Staff Writer

With news of a police sting against one area bar, and the likely imminent closure of a second, options for thirsty Columbia students may be dwindling.

On Saturday, the owners of La Negrita—a quiet coffee shop by day and lively bar by night—posted a sign stating that the establishment will close indefinitely on April 11. That evening, witnesses and employees reported that 1020 Amsterdam, a favorite campus watering hole, was cited by undercover police for failing to check for patron ID's.

There was little immediate information on the reasons behind La Negrita's woes. With the manager absent for the next week, the only comment that bartender Jake Hart could offer

was that "the future of La Negrita as it currently exists is uncertain."

But for those Columbia students who like to avoid the lively nightlife of Amsterdam bars and venture east to La Negrita at Columbus and 109th street, there may be hope.

"There will certainly be a business here in the future," Hart said.

Meanwhile, La Negrita's competitor, 1020, was having its own troubles. "At 9:30, 2 cops and an underage trainee came in and ordered drinks," bouncer Mat Mukkada told *Spectator* in a Facebook message. Mukkada's shift began shortly after the incident. "Since no one was carded, the bar got fined. Usually when these sorts of sting operations are planned, it is with 1 or 2 people, so having a group of 3 undercover cops is rare."

The NYPD's 26th Precinct, in which 1020 is located, declined to comment, and the Deputy Commissioner

of Public Information had little more to say. "There is no comment right now. We weren't able to find any information," said John Budick, a DCPI spokesman, adding that he had been unable to confirm the sting, or which law enforcement agency was behind it. Budick did say that the NYPD vice squad maintains a unit whose purpose is to enforce minimum drinking age laws in city bars.

A 1020 employee, who asked not to be identified out of concern for his job, confirmed that the citation had taken place, and said that the bar would likely contest the charges in court.

Unlike La Negrita, however, 1020 is likely to stay put, as Mukkada wrote. "I was talking to the owner and he didn't seem to be sweating it. He said something about it just being the price of business."

Sam Levin contributed to the reporting of this article.



Andra Mihali / Staff Photographer

ROUGH WEEKEND | Undercover police officers were allegedly served at 1020 without being carded, and the future of local coffee shop and bar La Negrita remains unclear amid news that it faces closure on April 11.

Mundinger to step down as School of Nursing dean after 27 years

After two decades with Mary O'Neil Mundinger at its helm, the School of Nursing will begin the search for a new dean.

University President Lee Bollinger and Lee Goldman, executive vice president for health and biomedical sciences and dean of the faculties of health sciences and medicine, announced Mundinger's resignation Thursday in a jointly signed e-mail sent to students. Mundinger will hold her post until June 2010, or until a successor begins work. "We want to extend our gratitude to Dr. Mundinger for her singular service to Columbia as a devoted member of our community for 27 years," they wrote. "A member of our faculty since 1982, Dr. Mundinger has created a lasting legacy not only at Columbia but also nationally by championing advanced practice nursing, pioneering an expanded role for nurses that emphasizes their professional autonomy and critical importance in providing comprehensive care, and creating a new clinical doctoral degree, which has been widely emulated at universities around the country."

Bollinger and Goldman praised Mundinger for leading the school out of hard times. Mundinger took the head job when the school was at a crossroads, they wrote, with a \$3 million endowment. "Dr. Mundinger, appointed acting dean in 1986 and then dean in 1988, righted the School. Her requirement that all nursing faculty establish either a faculty practice or a research program attracted skilled clinicians and researchers, whose experiences informed their teaching." Mundinger will leave the school with an endowment greater than \$100 million.

Andrew Davidson, executive vice dean of the Mailman School of Public Health, will chair the search committee charged with selecting Mundinger's successor.

—Danny Ash



MARY O'NEIL MUNDINGER

WEATHER

Today
51 / 37



Tomorrow
58 / 40



INDEX

News 2, 6
A&E 10

Opinion 4, 5
Sports 3, 8

Classifieds 9
Contact Info 9

EVENTS — MARCH 30

What is Toleration?

Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History Ira Katznelson will discuss toleration of Jews, civic membership, and the Western liberal tradition in a lecture followed by a question and answer session.

Rotunda, Low Library, 6:15 p.m.

Children's Environmental Health

At this day-long conference hosted by the Columbia Center for Children's Environmental Health and WE ACT for Environmental Justice, researchers will discuss environmental problems that affect children's health.

Lerner Hall, 2920 Broadway, All-Day

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"People take housing a little too seriously."

—Phil Kemp, SEAS '09

GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Columbia Spectator
2875 Broadway, 3rd Floor
New York City, NY 10025
info@columbiaspectator.com
Daily Spectator (212) 854-9555
Editorial Fax (212) 854-9611
Business (212) 854-9550
Business Fax (212) 854-9553

For more information about the Columbia Daily Spectator and editorial policies, visit <http://www.columbiaspectator.com/about>. For more information about advertising visit <http://spc.columbiaspectator.com/>.

HOW TO REACH US

Have a question? Criticism? News tip? You can contact us directly by e-mailing info@columbiaspectator.com.

CORRECTIONS

The article "Tamasha brings more than dance and giant posters to event," published March 25, stated that the captain of the Raas team was Arun Saraf. His name is Anurag Saraf. The same article stated that Tina Sugandh was slated to perform at the event. A children's Bollywood group from the Bollywood Performing Arts dance studio performed in her place.

Seniors recall housing triumphs, letdowns

BY AMANDA SEBBA

Spectator Senior Staff Writer

The suite-selection process for Columbia College and School of Engineering and Applied Science students begins today in John Jay Lounge, but one group of students won't be poring over housing statistics or nervously awaiting their appointment times—members of the class of 2009.

Even though they aren't playing the housing game this year, seniors have three years of experience with room selection and plenty of hard-earned wisdom about the process. Ask any senior for advice, and you'll hear horror stories, impassioned recommendations about the best dorms on campus, and strategies for securing great housing.



"Just don't be stupid," said Rob Trump, CC '09, who has lived in Watt and Woodbridge. "In general, people getting housing get screwed because they think, 'Oh, I have a 60 percent chance of getting this. Let's try it!' In Columbia housing, if you barely miss the cutoff for a large group like EC exclusion, you end up with the dregs. It's a small step between total success and abject failure." For a group of underclassmen looking to play it safe, Trump added, "a group of two any year is a safe pick."

Some seniors who didn't want to leave their housing to chance took an even more conservative option: "Apply for the LLC [the Living Learning Center] for singles sophomore and junior year," Eliav Bitan, CC '09 and a two-time LLC resident, advised.

As practical as Bitan's and Trump's advice is, it's too late for students to take advantage of it this year. Underclassmen with bad lottery numbers who formed groups larger than two still face limited options. "Don't worry, McBain isn't so bad," Bitan said.

But just how bad is McBain? Seniors disagree on whether McBain Hall—where plenty of rising sophomores will live next year—deserves its poor reputation.

Nate Morgante, CC '09, firmly believes it does. "My room in McBain had two heaters, only one of which could be turned off," Morgante said. "My room was about 90 degrees the whole winter. ... We were right next to the lounge and nobody ever cleaned, so inevitably the bottom drawer of my closet had mice so I lost a bunch of towels. Also my door fell off its hinges halfway through the year."

But other McBain residents fared better. "My best housing experience was actually in McBain," said Kendra Moore, CC '09, who has also lived in Carman, Schapiro, and East Campus. "My roommate and I had a killer lottery number that year, so we had a huge 270-square-foot double. We had a blast in that building."

Seniors do, however, agree that room selection isn't worth the stress that often accompanies the process. "If you get a bad number, you should just suck it up for a year. It's only one year, and housing does get better," Morgante said. "I went from the death-dorm of McBain to a top-floor Schapiro single with views of some of the best sunsets I have ever seen."

In addition, seniors acknowledge that the drama that ensues as a result of suite selection—and particularly the confusing process of senior regroup—isn't really necessary.

"The politics of group selection is always a pain. Trying to reach an agreement about where to live, who to live with, etc., is tough because people take housing a little too seriously," Phil Kemp, SEAS '09, said. Kemp had originally planned to live in a suite with friends, but when his group got a bad lottery number, they ended up in adjacent singles in Broadway after dropping to general selection.

"People tend to ... get themselves way too emotionally involved in the process, when in truth it is really just pointless to get so worked up about it," Kemp said. "It all comes down to your lottery number, and that's just out of your hands."

"It really is all about luck," said Mika Pegors, SEAS '09, who has lived in Furnald and East Campus. "Find people you want to live with and keep your fingers crossed."

news@columbiaspectator.com



Columbia makes another year of housing history

LLC

The College first began housing students in 1905, when Hartley and Wallach opened their doors—the latter under its former name, Livingston Hall. Jack Kerouac, CC '44 lived in both dorms which now comprise the Living Learning Center. He moved from Hartley to Livingston "where there were no cockroaches and where b'God I had a room all to myself, on the second floor...Lighting my fragrant pipe at 8 p.m., I'd open the pages of my homework, turn on station WQXR for the continual classical music, and sit there, in the golden glow of my lamp, in a sweater, sigh and say, 'Well, now I'm a real collegian at last,'" he wrote in *Vanity of Duluo*.

CARMAN

Now known as the party dorm for first-years, Carman Hall—which first opened in 1959 under the name of New Hall—has long been home to fun and frivolity. Recollections of Arthur Bernstein, CC '64, appearing in the Sept. 2005 *Columbia College Today*, noted that women were initially banned from the then-New Hall, "as I discovered one rainy day when I smuggled such contraband into my room. Bad smuggling when wet footprints lead to your closet, which is where our floor counselor discovered the body—quite alive and embarrassed—when he flung back the door."



JOHN JAY

The Oct. 24, 1938 *Spectator* reported in an article called, "Pawn pushers seek headquarters after eviction by John Jay females," that the Columbia Chess Club was thinking of taking out the following ad: "Wanted: some small out of the way place where a couple of Columbia fellows can play chess without bearing in danger of being dispossessed by women. Anyone who has such a spot please inform the Chess Club." The *Spectator* article explained that "the whole trouble began when some sharp-eyed female who works in the dining halls" who was seeking a place for women to "get together, gossip, primp up, and have a good time when off duty," preyed upon the Chess Club's home on John Jay's mezzanine.



Courtesy of www.morningside-heights.net and www.college.columbia.edu

SHACK UP | Once dubbed "the commuter Ivy," Columbia opened its first student dorms in 1905. Since then, the housing experience has become an integral part of campus life. Former University President Nicholas Butler said in 1938, "Long after many of the facts which the student will have learned in college have passed from his memory, there will remain the happy recollections and the sense of satisfaction because of his student days in residence."

Partnership aims to enhance CU collaboration with Harlem schools

HARLEM from front page

Anna Goldman, who teaches at P.S. M154, Harriet Tubman Learning Center, said she thinks the tools from TC will enhance the curriculum already in place at her school. "In order for public schools to be truly successful, there has to be a private partnership, especially with a teachers college," she said.

"This is a very stable institution that has the reputation of being an excellent school," Michele Broderick, a teacher at P.S. 153, the Adam Clayton Powell School, said of TC.

The event began with an address by keynote speaker Dr. George Jenkins, associate professor of clinical dentistry in the College of Dental Medicine at Columbia. Jenkins, who pursued his dream of becoming a doctor despite the hardships he faced growing up in Newark, N.J., is the subject of the documentary "The Pact."

In his speech, Jenkins attributed his success in large part to his third grade teacher, who "showed us that the world was a lot bigger than our block ... our condition is temporary." In doing so, Jenkins said, this teacher taught him to believe that "college was a 13th grade and you just have to go." He told the educators

in the room to instill the belief in their students that "Where they are not isn't where they have to be," and to ensure that students do not quit after one bad grade. "If they don't have money, teach them how important each A is."

Jenkins also noted that "especially in the inner city there is a problem culturally when it comes to success and education ... the pursuit of excellence is shunned upon."

TC Associate Vice President Nancy Streim—who leads the newly-created Office for School and Community Partnerships—is principal investigator of the HSP. Streim told *Spectator* in

December that the typical model for TC's involvement in public schools has been to go in and work on one program but that new partnerships would utilize existing TC faculty, student interests, research, and outreach to strategically "bring a host of resources together to help schools," she said.

The 10 schools selected to participate in the HSP were chosen based on a range of criteria, Stein explained. They had to be located in Upper Manhattan and operate in an "underserved and challenged community." In addition, the schools must be willing to accept TC as a participant in their decision-making.

Ann McIver—executive director of Morningside Area Alliance—serves as an HSP Community Partner. She told *Spectator* in December that this collaboration could lay down a sustainable relationship that would continue to aid schools over many years and bring them to the standards "we'd all like to see."

"There has been over the years very minimal work directly with schools," McIver said. "For the schools, it's something they'd hoped to see. They're looking to see what's going to come to them in terms of ... improving resources and opportunities."

news@columbiaspectator.com

M. tennis opens Ivy season with victory over Cornell

BY KUNAL GUPTA
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Two streaks came into Saturday's men's tennis match, but only one remained intact by the end of it.

Columbia continues unbeaten at home this season after ending Cornell's six-match winning streak in its Ivy opener, winning 4-3. The Lions moved to 11-4 (1-0 Ivy) while the Big Red fell to 9-4 (0-1 Ivy).

"I thought the match was going to be pretty close," said head coach Bid Goswami, "and I wasn't wrong. I knew they were playing well, I saw their results on the West Coast."

The Lions began the contest quickly, going up 1-0 by sweeping the doubles

point. It was the tenth time in twelve contests the Light Blue has won the doubles point, with the two losses coming on the spring break training trip to Texas.

Junior co-captain Jon Wong and freshman Haig Schneiderman manned the No. 2 position and won their match 8-4. The top doubles spot was played by the two Romanians on the team with senior Bogdan Borta and junior Mihai Nichifor winning, 8-6. No. 3 doubles consisted of senior co-captain Dan Urban and freshman Rajeev Deb-Sen closed out the Lions' sweep of the doubles point with an 8-6 win.

"I thought we played good doubles," Goswami said. "I thought we had a lot of energy in the doubles, and we kept

the pressure on them from the get-go. I was glad to see we played well at third doubles."

The Lions got quick wins from some of their singles stalwarts. Junior Mihai Nichifor won at No. 3 singles, 6-2 and 6-0, improving him to 9-2 on the season, with his only two losses coming against TCU and SMU in Texas. Nichifor, a transfer in the fall from Manhattan College, has been instrumental to the Lions' success this season.

"Mihai definitely raised his game up 100 percent," Goswami said. "I thought it would be close. It was close the last time they played in the [Columbia] Fall Classic, so I thought Mihai served really well, hit big shots, and kept the

pressure on from the first point to the last."

Schneiderman, playing at No. 5 singles, was the next victorious Lion, beating Cornell's Andy Gauthier in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2.

Down 3-0, Cornell came roaring back, winning at No. 6 singles with Marc Ash beating Deb-Sen in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4. But Borta, playing at No. 2 singles, soon squashed Cornell's hopes of winning with victories in straight sets, giving Columbia an insurmountable 4-1 lead.

Down and out with no chance of victory, Cornell nonetheless rolled off two straight wins to finish the match. At No.



Lenny Pridatko / Columbia Spectator

ADVANTAGE | Conquering Cornell in doubles with Bogdan Borta and at No. 3 singles, Mihai Nichifor had an impressive showing against Cornell.

SEE MEN'S TENNIS, page 8

Join the ranks of heroes, Relay For Life



LISA LEWIS

THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID

Sometimes, people who overcome huge obstacles are known as heroes. When someone can beat cancer and manage to become a great athlete, they're practically a superhero—fighting back against a killer and winning an extension on life.

Last year was Jazmin Fuller's senior year of high school, and she was right in the middle of her final season of basketball. She had felt some pain in her abdomen, but as an athlete, didn't think much of it.

"I never related it [the pain] to what was going on internally," she said. "Any pain was like, 'Oh, I'm an athlete. Things hurt. It's not a big deal.' I've never been the type of person to make a big deal out of anything like that. My high school coach made me go to the doctor."

It was lucky that Fuller went—while undergoing routine testing, doctors discovered an unrelated mass on her kidney. A trip to the doctor to solve a stomachache turned into a shocking discovery: she had cancer.

"At first, I was speechless. There were mixed emotions: scared but then at the same time I was reassured that a lot of people go through this."

I asked her if she ever wondered "Why me?" Her answer: "Almost every day. I was barely 17, so it was definitely a shock."

Here she was—a seemingly healthy teenager, faced with a decision far more significant than what college to attend or what dress to wear to prom.

"I found a doctor that I was comfortable with, who said it was urgent and that we needed to remove the kidney as soon as possible. He wasn't familiar with it [the type of cancer] at all, which was a little scary."

Surgery was not the question anymore—the question was when. The cancerous tumor grew slowly at first, but any delays to removing a growth can result in the cancer spreading to other parts of the body.

It was her last season of high school basketball. She decided to wait.

"I postponed surgery 3 times to finish the season. It wasn't recommended to postpone from the beginning, but my parents said it was up to me."

The day after the season ended, Jazmin went in for the surgery.

"Going in, I was nonchalant about it. I trusted my surgeon and had faith in him. I was like 'Okay, let's do it.'"

The surgeon removed Fuller's entire kidney. She stayed in the hospital for a week to recuperate, while coaches, teammates, and friends from school all stopped by to check on her. Her mom was able to stay with her the whole time.

"After waking up it was a huge shock how much it hurt and how little I could do, movement-wise. It was a rough time. Immediately post-surgery, it was finalized how serious it was. I had the same tests I had been doing before to make sure it hadn't spread."

Fuller's body was slowly recovering, but she wanted to speed up the recovery process—she had already applied to Columbia, had been accepted early decision, and was committed to play basketball for Paul Nixon on the women's team in the fall. She would start school in August, a mere 5 months after having her kidney removed.

It was initially difficult to get her body to cooperate. "Over the summer, and even initially here in late August, it felt a lot different to play again. Once I could start jogging and running again, it was tough. I've never had any serious injuries or setbacks before this. I didn't know what to expect."

By winter break, Jazmin felt like she was back to her "old" self again—her collegiate season had started, but she was still able to see playing time in seven games (and hit 100 percent of her free throw shots).

It's always notable when an athlete has been able to overcome cancer to achieve his

SEE LEWIS, page 8

Lions down Harvard, fall to Dartmouth



Brian Chan / Staff Photographer

STRIKEOUT | In his team's Ivy season opener against Harvard, Joe Scarlata pitched a complete game, striking out five and yielding three runs. Scarlata's excellent pitching helped his team cruise to a victory over the Crimson and was followed by another impressive performance by fellow pitcher Dan Bracey.

BY JACOB LEVENFELD
Spectator Staff Writer

With the tying run on first and nobody out in the bottom of the ninth in game two on Sunday, outfielder Billy Rumpke swung on the first pitch he saw from Dartmouth closer Ryan Smith.

The resulting double-play grounder to shortstop, unfortunately, was a neat summation of Columbia's afternoon against the Big Green.

After sweeping Harvard 8-3 and 8-6 on Saturday, the Lions did not get the breaks on Sunday, dropping a doubleheader to a hungry Dartmouth squad, 7-0 and 6-5.

Columbia (4-18, 2-2 Ivy) started Ivy play by doubling its season win total behind strong starting pitching and situational hitting. Joe Scarlata (1-4) gutted out a seven-inning complete-game effort in game one against Harvard, striking out five and yielding three runs as the Lions cruised to an 8-3 victory. Offensively, Columbia jumped all over Harvard starter Daniel Berardo (0-4), ringing him up for six earned runs before he was mercifully taken out after just two and two thirds innings.

The Light Blue used Berardo for batting practice in the second inning, with third baseman Mike

Roberts and left fielder Anthony Potter leading off with back-to-back home runs. After the Crimson staged a two-out rally to tie things up in the top of the third, the Lions went right back to work in the bottom half of the inning, taking advantage of Berardo's wildness and pushing across four runs in the frame.

After his starter loaded the bases with two outs and walked Rumpke on four pitches to force in the go-ahead run, Harvard skipper

Joe Walsh finally pulled Berardo. But his replacement, Marcus Way, did not fare much better. Second baseman Jon Eisen ripped a two-run double

on the fourth pitch he saw, and then Way walked consecutive batters—forcing in another run—before designated hitter Alex Aurrichio grounded out to end the frame.

The Light Blue pushed two more across in the fourth, and Scarlata, despite a solo homer by Tom Stack-Babich, picked up his first win of the year, allowing just one man to reach base in his final three innings of work.

Dan Bracey followed up Scarlata's gem with a masterpiece of his own in game two. Despite giving up three runs (two earned) in the third, Bracey (2-3) lasted for eight innings and surrendered nothing further.

Offensively, Harvard starter Conner Hulse (0-4) stymied the Lions through seven innings, spotting them single runs in the first, fourth, and fifth innings. But the Columbia offense suddenly sprang to life in the bottom of the eighth. Center fielder Nick Cox got things started with a seeing-eye single to left and moved to second on a wild pitch. Catcher Dean Forthun followed with a double down the left field line, scoring Cox and finishing Hulse for the afternoon.

Replacement Jonah Klees was greeted with a bunt single by pinch-hitter Kyle Roberts, advancing Forthun to third. After a popup and a stolen base, Mike Roberts was intentionally walked to load the bases for Potter. The freshman broke the game open with a three-run double to left. Shortstop Alex Ferrera followed up with a single, scoring Potter, and Columbia went to the ninth with an 8-3 lead.

SEE BASEBALL, page 8

Softball splits first Ancient Eight contest versus Harvard

BY MICHELE CLEARY
Spectator Staff Writer

Columbia softball had four games on the docket, played only two, and came away with one win, splitting Saturday's Ivy League opener with Harvard. Rainy conditions, meanwhile, forced a postponement of Sunday's scheduled doubleheader with Dartmouth.

The Crimson (12-6, 1-1 Ivy) came away with the victory in game one, defeating the Lions 1-0. Despite an excellent effort by freshman pitcher Jessica Rakonza, the Light Blue (9-15, 1-1) could not get its bats going against Harvard's Rachel Brown. Rakonza pitched a complete game, allowing only four hits and two walks while striking out two, but it was Brown who won this pitchers' duel, throwing a complete game one-hitter. Brown struck out 14 batters and walked none.

The second game was also a close contest, but this time it was Columbia who came away with a 2-0 victory.

The game remained scoreless for the first three innings of play, with starter Maggie Johnson giving up only one hit, a first-inning double to Harvard's Ellen Macadam. The Crimson, however, was unable to capitalize on this opportunity, as Johnson got a groundball and a fly-out to end the inning.

The Lions were also unable to take advantage of their early opportunities. A one-out single by third baseman Karen Tulig in the first inning and a single by Leong to open the second inning led to nothing,



Brian Chan / Staff Photographer

ALL-STAR | Maggie Johnson pitched a complete game with five hits and zero walks and hit a home run.

and Columbia, like Harvard, was held scoreless through three innings.

In the top of the fourth inning, the Crimson threatened to break the scoreless tie. After Macadam grounded out to third, Jessica Pledger singled. Hayley Bock moved pinch-runner Jane Alexander to second base, and first baseman Whitney Shaw singled to left field, allowing Alexander to reach third. Johnson kept the Crimson off of the score-

board by getting Melissa Schellberg to ground out to short.

After successfully stopping Harvard, the Light Blue finally broke the tie in their half of the fourth inning. First baseman Dani Pineda opened the inning with a single to right field. Johnson followed her single with a home run, giving the Lions a 2-0 lead. Harvard starter Bailey Vertovez was able to recover and get the next three outs, but the damage had already been done. Vertovez would not return to the mound in the next

inning, replaced by Julia Moore. Harvard had one last opportunity to score in the sixth, with runners on first and second with two outs, but could not take advantage of

the opportunity.

For the Lions, the game two win was keyed by Johnson's excellent performance in the batter's box and on the mound. The sophomore pitched a complete game for her fourth win and seventh complete game of the young season, allowing only five hits and zero walks.

The doubleheader against Dartmouth (7-11, 1-1), which was postponed on Sunday due to inclement weather, will take place on Monday at Baker Field at 2 p.m.

	HARVARD	1
	COLUMBIA	0
	HARVARD	0
	COLUMBIA	2

DISCUSSINGDISCOURSE

Columbia and its students are famously opinionated about contentious topics, and they feel as passionate about the ways they express their views. This Monday, *Spectator* Opinion asks three students to explore the different roles that particular forms of discourse play on campus. Paco Martin Del Campo discusses the danger of dismissing rallies and protests, Raphael Pope-Sussman defends newspapers' continued relevance, and Sara Jacobs describes the importance of the exchange of conversation between political adversaries.

Rallying for rallies

BY PACO MARTIN DEL CAMPO

Radical students on campus, so the narrative seems to go, form a somewhat sizable minority which, through its shrill and persistent activity, captures the headlines of campus news—to the irritation and dismay of the majority of students. We're all familiar with the “how many Columbia students does it take to screw on a light bulb” joke. And our discourse regarding leftist activism is not exclusive to language. Protests and rallies are subject to similar marginalization. Reading some of Columbia blogs and newsletter editorials might lead many to believe that the majority of students at Columbia view protests on campus as tiresome and comical, as “spoiled Ivy League brats” who just want to make a fuss.

This dismissal of the activist community at Columbia is unfortunate, because it obscures the universal nature of the tactics they use. Granted, most rallies and demonstrations don't happen at elite private universities, but dismissing activism at Columbia implies that there should be absolutely no demonstrations at universities like ours. Rallies and protests occur everywhere in the world where there is enough freedom of assembly to do so and even where there isn't, for good reasons. They are legitimate means to posit perspectives that are often excluded from the upper echelons of authority, and articulate a different notion of power. At the risk of appearing ridiculous, it expresses the people of the



ILLUSTRATION BY ERICA LEE

Pressure on the press

BY RAPHAEL POPE-SUSSMAN

The *Columbia Daily Spectator*, like every newspaper in America, now finds itself under serious financial pressure. This semester, with the bleak financial picture in mind, *Spec* ceased printing the arts and entertainment Weekend section as a supplementary insert. The section is now a pull-out in the center spread of Friday's paper. That's just one of the changes the paper has been forced to make by the dark economic outlook.

For the majority of Columbians, the challenges *Spectator* is facing may seem to concern only those who work at the newspaper. Many students read the publication infrequently. Some cite the availability of campus news from the rapidly updated Bwog as evidence that *Spec* is antiquated, or even superfluous.

But *Spectator* (and full disclosure: I do work here), for all its flaws, is irreplaceable. It offers extensive, intensive journalism about the University and Morningside Heights. No competing journalistic enterprise mobilizes the manpower of *Spec*. Other campus news sources can be extensive (Bwog) or intensive (the *Barnard Bulletin*), but none are both.

The paper offers students in-depth daily news coverage that they cannot get anywhere else. In doing so, it serves as the foundation of campus discourse about life at Columbia. It takes raw information and synthesizes it, offering a basis for discussion and debate. At a school of 25,000, it's impossible for any single student to assemble all the information he or she needs to form opinions about every issue. Some may be more willing to hunt for information than others, but the fact remains that I can't just walk into President Bollinger's office and ask him to explain a new policy. Even if I could, I would probably lack the lens necessary to interpret his answers on most topics.

The other day, for example, *Spec* reported that Columbia College has admitted 50 more students than years past to the class of 2013. This report

people, not the individuals in power.

The incessant mocking and deriding of rallies and marches at Columbia always get a few laughs, but what the laughter implies really isn't funny. It says that caring about your neighbors, whether they are in Harlem, Mexico, and even Iraq, can't be taken seriously. It chooses cynicism over the belief that we can create something better. Activists at Columbia know they are setting themselves up to be treated like a fringe group, but they act anyway. That can't simply be attributed to a self-righteous attitude. Moreover, a lot of Columbia students attend rallies that are not on Columbia's campus. For the past month or so, a small group of students has gone to 105th and Amsterdam to join former employees in picketing Kim's Vegetables, a fruit market whose owner paid its workers \$2 an hour and justified denying them their lunch breaks because they were “too fat,” according to Justice Will Be Served! It says something about those protesters when they will picket alongside people they don't know. It says that they care about those who are being treated unjustly. At the same time, we can learn something about individuals who hear stories like this and do not care. The consequences of such apathy are difficult to overstate, but they are easy to ignore since those who don't care—well—don't care.

Without protest, our notion of justice would be completely deferential to the very powerful. Our justice system should not revolve around lawyers, judges, and chief executives. It should be centered among those it directly affects. By shifting

power away from the majority of people, it takes away our responsibility to care about anything or anyone outside our immediate sphere of influence. Many wonder why the country is in such bad shape. Maybe it's because few are willing to stand up and do anything about it unless taking action comes with lucrative prospects. Without a strong protest culture, which our country does lack, the people fear their government, when it should be the other way around.

Activism at Columbia is a result of people responding to issues that affect them, both directly and indirectly. Some activists would directly benefit from the passage of the DREAM Act, which would grant financial aid to undocumented immigrants. Some students live off-campus in Harlem, especially during summers, (one of the hunger-strikers, Bryan Mercer, did over the school year) and don't want to see their neighbors pushed out. I actually believe that most Columbia students do care about these issues. The rejection of NROTC last semester is evidence of that. From campus conversations, the most popularly cited reason for voting against bringing NROTC on campus seemed to be its “Don't Ask, don't tell” policy. Unfortunately, some newsletters and blog commentators stand to gain pretensions by mocking and publicly dismissing demonstrators, and that cynicism is tragically contagious. Those who mock protests aren't anti-social. They're just anti-justice.

The author is a Columbia College sophomore. He is a member of SCEG and Lucha.

all, if Columbia is increasing enrollment due to financial concerns, it must be sure that it will turn a nice profit on the 50 additional students that potentially enroll. If those students pay their own way, the school gets a chunk of cash—tuition for 50 is worth upwards of \$2.5 million. If, however, those students require financial aid, the cash flow they might offer Columbia could be significantly reduced.

Had I not read that article in the other day, I wouldn't have thought about the implications of increased enrolled. The article, then, did not merely offer a litany of facts and figures about enrollment. Rather, it offered critical analysis (including interviews with administrators) about how these changes will, or may, affect Columbians.

If we are to be engaged, responsible citizens in Morningside, in New York, we need a lens through which to view the events occurring around us. *Spectator* offers this community such a lens. It may not be perfect—but it is essential.

The author is a Columbia College sophomore. He is the deputy features editor for The Eye, and a staffer for the copy section.

An engagement proposal

BY SARA JACOBS

The Columbia Political Union holds events such as Political Bagel Brunches, Pub Nights, and debates between the College Democrats and College Republicans. At Political Bagel Brunch, student leaders of political student groups have a chance to meet with each other and discuss their upcoming plans. At Pub Nights, we give students an informal arena to discuss politics, and meet with other students who have similar interests, if not similar ideas. The debates are the most formal way that CPU fosters political discourse, and many of these discussions are continued after the debates. CPU also brings speakers such as Rep. Nick Rahall, State Sen. Chuck Hagel, and State Sen. Amy Klobuchar, and encourages students to question and engage with them. All of these events are organized with the intention of bringing students together to foster dialogue, which CPU obviously prioritizes. The question, then, isn't what we are focusing on, but why.

Often, people associate with others who have opinions similar to their own. This camaraderie between political peers is certainly laudable. It allows people to come together, to encourage one another, to get excited about what they're doing, and to further ignite passion for a party or cause. However, while listening to other people who share one's opinion is good, it isn't enough.

Encouraging those who agree with you is great, but it's easy. It is much more difficult to encourage those who disagree with you to speak, to share their ideas, to realize their political efficacy. It takes a certain level of articulation to express yourself, but it takes an individual and political maturity to listen. Similarly, getting excited about what one's own group is doing often comes too naturally. Much more challenging—and often rewarding—is trying to excite those outside the group. Can someone who fundamentally disagrees with you see merit in what you're saying? Can you do the same for them? Perhaps, if both sides are passionate and persuasive enough, the answer might be yes.

It is that willingness to talk to the other side that leads to original thought. Talking about what you believe with people who believe the same thing is empowering, but it's a bit misleading, because new ideas aren't born out of agreement, but of contention. Speaking to those who disagree forces one to think about why he thinks something in the first place, to come up with fresh arguments, and to shape his opinions based on the actual political climate, not on what exists solely in his mind.

Coming together can be the hardest, most frustrating, and most infuriating of all of the above. It is also the most rewarding. Columbia, as much as it is a diverse campus, is highly atomized. There is a tendency to find one's niche and stay there. CPU believes that fostering political discourse on campus is one of the most important aspects of our mission because, although students take different stances on various issues and care about politics and society, we are far more similar than we are different. The inclusive passion for politics comes not from an individual cause, but from the process as a whole, in which anyone and everyone, regardless of party affiliation, can participate. It is so easy to caricature the opposite side if you have never actually discussed their opinions with them. Often, when there are controversial things happening on campus, the best way to alleviate tension is to get the groups to come together and talk to each other. Maybe people will realize that everyone is trying to do what they think is best and no one has bad intentions. Maybe they'll think of a novel solution. Maybe the terms of debate will change. Maybe a new conversation will start. Maybe we'll actually begin to discover similarity. The only certainty is this: we'll never know if any of those possibilities can be realized if we don't engage ourselves.

The author is a Columbia College sophomore. She is events coordinator for the Columbia Political Union.



ILLUSTRATION BY DARYL SEITCHIK

Days of Dialogue examines role of change

BY LIZA WEINGARTEN
Spectator Staff Writer

On Thursday night and Friday, a group of students, faculty, and staff convened for the bi-annual Days of Dialogue Conference, which had a theme this year of “A Multifaceted Look at Change.”

The program, which also commemorated the fifth anniversary of the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the 20th anniversary of the Intercultural Resource Center, included several speakers and focused heavily on small discussion sessions. These activities concentrated on exploring how various social, cultural, political and institutional constructs influence communities.

Thursday evening’s agenda consisted of remarks from Columbia staff members such as Melinda Aquino, interim associate dean of student affairs and senior assistant dean of multicultural affairs, and Kevin Shollenberger, CC and SEAS dean of student affairs and associate vice president for undergraduate life.

Guest speakers included alumni Marcel Agüeros, CC ’96 and a National Science Foundation Astronomy and Astrophysics Fellow, and Stephen Duncombe, an associate professor at the Gallatin School and NYU, whose speech was titled, “What Changes with Obama? Interrogating the New Terrain.”

On Friday, attendees regrouped for the bulk of the conference, which opened with a speech from Mónica Byrne-Jiménez, CC ’88 and TC ’03, an assistant professor at Hofstra University and president of the Latino Alumni Association of Columbia University.

Terrell Winder, CC ’11 and student co-coordinator of the program found the speakers’ messages moving, praising them for “their insistence in continuing knowing yourself.”

According to an excerpt from an informational e-mail, the goal of the conference was “to create a safe space where participants can challenge themselves and others, view our potential impact beyond the Ivy League, explore the ways we all

have agency to effect change.” Attendees say Days of Dialogue realized this goal.

“The whole point was to push people beyond their comfort zones,” Daniela Garcia, CC ’11 and the other student co-coordinator of the program, said. “I think we did succeed in bringing together groups that would usually remain separate.”

Attendees chose which workshops to attend, with options such as, “Responding to Anonymous Acts of Hate and Bias” and “Interfaith Coalition Building,” to name a few.

Garcia, an atheist, attended the interfaith dialogue led by Barnard/Columbia Hillel Rabbi David Almog. “It was challenging for me,” she said.

In these dialogues, Winder also found “listening to people talking to each other who usually wouldn’t” to be particularly rewarding.

The day—and conference—closed with a roundtable discussion on the theme of, “Where Do We Go from Here?: Continuing the Dialogue.”

news@columbiaspectator.com

Pre-med students have some bones to pick with TV

MAJORING IN TV from back page

preparation to become fully licensed doctors of medicine.

Thanks to a lack of time or lack of interest, our community’s future doctors do not seem too concerned that these shows have created an overly dramatic, romanticized image of their profession, or that their undergraduate troubles are ignored. But one can’t help but wonder how enthusiastic they are about their future when they continuously repeat that they expect the life of a doctor to be much more mundane.

Caitlyn Gillikin, BC ’11, said, “They make the work a lot more glorious and exciting than it actually will be.” Shazeeda Bhola, also BC ’11, echoed her sentiments: “TV can’t be completely realistic, especially for the medical field. The show would be too depressing, and who would watch that?”

These responses might prompt one to wonder why students would choose the medical field to begin with. Then again, anyone capable of appreciating an undergraduate education full of 9 a.m. classes and intermediate chemistry must see something that I don’t see, although even Tamura admitted, “Most of what we learn here doesn’t seem directly related to what a doctor does.”

If that is the case, then maybe *Grey’s Anatomy* is more like an undergraduate education than I thought. If the typical day of a pre-med student is composed of serious science classes, the nights seem to involve some good old *Grey’s*-style fun. Sex, drinking, and meltdowns may not seem very doctorly, but according to my fellow classmates, a typical episode of *Grey’s* seems eerily similar to Columbia on a Thursday evening.

Campaigning from abroad a popular option

SGA from front page

“Being away, I have gained new perspective on SGA. It needs to increase its transparency and reach out more to the student body,” Kwan said. She underlined her previous involvement in initiatives that ranged “from opening the Reid gate on weekends to moving L-course sign-up online.”

Kwan said she would advocate for campus-wide wireless Internet access, expanded online course reviews and class sign-ups, and a review of the Nine Ways of Knowing requirements. Palillo put more of a premium on continuing a tradition of town halls and student meetings, although she did say that it would be particularly important this year to further initiatives to help students through financially volatile times.

“Let’s initiate a program to help our fellow students in this economic climate, through fundraisers and projects with the administration,” Palillo wrote.

Palillo said that as a former representative to other councils and McIntosh Activities Council (McAC) chairperson, she would stay committed to Barnard traditions that she helped facilitate during her time as chair.

The races for other executive board positions are generally two-person races with the exception of the vice president of communications slot, which has three contenders. And with the exception of the sophomore class president race, the presidential class elections are uncontested.

The representative for university programming, representative to Columbia College Student Council and General Studies Student Council, and senior and junior class treasurer positions currently have no candidates.

The positions without any candidates will be filled during the SGA appointments process, current SGA President Sarah Besnoff, BC ’09, said, which will follow the elections. During the

process, applications for the positions are sent to the Barnard student body, and candidates recommended by the appointments committee are voted on in the representative council.

For candidates running from abroad, an on-campus proxy campaigns on their behalf during the election period, including giving the candidates’ speeches and submitting campaign materials. “Campaigning from abroad has become more prevalent and easier,” Besnoff wrote in an e-mail, pointing to Facebook and YouTube as non-traditional tools for candidate campaigns. Kwan is one of three candidates running from abroad.

Representative Council Elections Candidates Forum will be held Wednesday with class council elections forums following on Sunday. Voting will open on April 5 and close April 8, and results will be released on the following Wednesday.

Alix Pianin can be reached at alix.pianin@columbiaspectator.com

Pedagogical methods: immersion or inspection?

TANG from back page

Though advertised as a history class, I’ve learned more about *The Sopranos* than the Enlightenment. I understand Professor Carnes’s method of motivating students to relate to the ideas, but in my personal experience, I’ve found that the absence of a historical context is more conducive to identification.

Yes, Lit Hum is meant to trace developments in western literature and CC introduces students to western philosophy. But at the crux of both courses is the fundamental question of what it means to be human. The answer to that requires little historical context.

In seminar, we debate and try to understand the pedagogy of Descartes, Locke, and Rousseau, often in relation to our own upbringing. Because we know so little about actual Enlightenment education practices, we are able to apply it ourselves, and this stimulates debates at the Hungarian Pastry Shop about whether or not Rousseau’s educational methods should be incorporated in our future parenting.

During the conversation between Professor Carnes and Professor Lilla, a student raised her hand and

professed her dislike for seminars and the use of the Socratic method under the premise that she would rather hear the professor’s thoughts than those of her fellow students.

Implicit in her argument is the suggestion that her peers do not raise intelligent points. John Locke shares her view: in *Some Thoughts Concerning Education*, he advises parents to keep their sons out of school because most young boys are riffraff. However, both of them overlook a huge exception—when all of a student’s fellow peers are excellent.

This is precisely the case in Lilla’s seminar, which is composed of twelve intelligent and thoughtful individuals. Through three-page coursework postings and classroom discussion, we’ve all formed an extremely strong attachment to each other. At the end of the day, perhaps Rousseau is right—perhaps education rests on the sentiment of existence, found in those so-called “great books,” and social sentiment, derived from a Claremont classroom.

Lucy Tang is a Columbia College junior majoring in English. Sentimental Education runs alternate Mondays.



Add a UK Graduate degree to your resume!

- One year master’s degree/three year PhD *
- No GRE
- Scholarships
- Currency conversion rate is favorable (1 Pound = \$1.4 compared to nearly \$2 a year ago)
- International exposure
- Variety of subjects, including Arts, Environmental Science, International Relations, Film Studies, and MBA

www.studyintheuk.org

* on average



The British Council is the United Kingdom’s international organization for educational opportunities and cultural relations.





COLUMBIA
SUMMER TERM 2009

Summer Courses that Fulfill Columbia College Science Requirements

ASTRONOMY

- S1403 Earth, Moon, & Planets

EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

- S1011 Intro to Earth Sciences, I Lecture & Lab
- S1411 Intro to Earth Sciences, I: Lectures

ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

- S1001 Biodiversity
- S1011 Behavioral Biology of Living Primates
- S3015 Animal Behavior Thru Fieldwork

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

- S2501 Contemporary Biology Laboratory

CHEMISTRY

- S1403 General Chemistry I
- S1404 General Chemistry II
- S1500 General Chemistry Lab
- S3443 Organic Chemistry I
- S3444 Organic Chemistry II
- S3543 Organic Chemistry Lab

COMPUTER SCIENCE

- S1004 Intro to Computer Programming: Java
- S1005 Intro to Computer Programming: MATLAB
- S1007 Object-Oriented Programming & Design in Java
- S3134 Data Structures in Java
- S3203 Discrete Math
- S4111 Database Systems
- S4231 Analysis of Algorithms
- S4701 Artificial Intelligence

MATHEMATICS

- S1101 Calculus I
- S1102 Calculus II
- S1201 Calculus III
- S1202 Calculus IV
- S2010 Linear Algebra
- S2500 Analysis & Optimization
- S3027 Ordinary Differential Equations
- S4061 Intro to Modern Analysis I
- S4062 Intro to Modern Analysis II

PHYSICS

- S1201 General Physics, I
- S1202 General Physics, II

PSYCHOLOGY

- S1001 The Science of Psychology
- S1010 Mind, Brain, & Behavior
- S2230 Perception & Sensory Processes
- S2450 Behavioral Neuroscience
- S2460 Drugs & Behavior

STATISTICS

- S1111 Intro to Statistics
- S1211 Intro to Statistics (with calculus)
- S4105 Probability
- S4315 Linear Regression Models

- **Columbia and Barnard registration: April 6-10**
- **First six-week session: May 26-July 3**
- **Second six-week session: July 6-August 14**

www.ce.columbia.edu/summer_science



Want to get a hands-on look at toddler development?

Find out more about the **Toddler Center Seminar**, an eight-credit, two-semester course (PSY BC 3465x, 3466y), for students interested in gaining firsthand experience in toddler development, working with toddlers and participating in a weekly psychology seminar.

Information Session:
April 2, 4:00 pm
The Toddler Center • 402 Milbank

Sign up at the info session for interviews to be held the week of April 6.

For more information, call **212.854.8275** or e-mail Professor Tovah Klein: **tklein@barnard.edu**

Visit us at:
www.barnard.edu/toddlers/students.html





www.columbiaspectator.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

APRIL

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

MORE INFORMATION ONLINE
WWW.BARNARD.EDU

BARNARD COLLEGE
3009 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, NY 10027
PHONE 212.854.2037

04/01

WEDNESDAY

OFF-RAMPS & ON-RAMPS

6:30 PM

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

04/02

THURSDAY

THE STATE OF FEMINISM

Post-Election Race and Gender Analysis

7:00 PM

Julius Held Auditorium, 304 Barnard Hall

04/03–04/04

FRIDAY–SATURDAY

SENIOR CREATIVE THESIS CONCERT

7:00 PM

Minor Latham Playhouse, 118 Milbank Hall

04/07

TUESDAY

KATHA POLLITT, EVIE SHOCKLEY & RACHEL WETZSTEON

7:00 PM

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

04/13

MONDAY

BOYS & GIRLS IN POST-CONFLICT SOCIETIES

6:30 PM

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

04/14

TUESDAY

AARON HAMBURGER, ELIZA MINOT & DARCEY STEINKE

7:00 PM

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

04/15

WEDNESDAY

MUYBRIDGE'S GUATEMALAN LAUNDRESSES

Gender, Labor and Aesthetics on a Coffee Plantation

Noon

BCRW, 101 Barnard Hall

04/16

THURSDAY

LISTENING TO AFRICAN VOICES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN SLAVE TRADE

7:00 PM

802 International Affairs Building
420 West 118th Street

BARNARD

THE LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
IN NEW YORK CITY

W. tennis defeated by Big Red to start conference campaign

BY KUNAL GUPTA
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

The odds were stacked against the women's tennis team when they traveled to Cornell to open the Ivy season on Saturday, having already lost to the Big Red earlier this spring. Despite some strong performances, the Lions were defeated 6-1, the same score by which they lost to the Big Red earlier this season at the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships in February. The loss dropped Columbia's record to 4-10 (0-1 Ivy) while Cornell, also playing its conference opener, advanced to 5-9 (1-0 Ivy).

"So disappointing," said head coach Ilene Weintraub. "We did not play our best tennis. We had to play outside and I never make excuses for my team, but I think that was a disadvantage for us. We had been practicing indoors all week and we had some bad luck with the weather being so nice on Saturday."

The Lions struggled, once again, in the doubles, losing the point for the seventh time in their past ten

matches, including their last match against Cornell. This time around, the Light Blue was swept in the doubles. Sophomore Natasha Makarova teamed up with senior co-captain Nina Suda at No. 1 doubles, but they were defeated in a close match, 8-6, by Natalia Sanchez and Sinziana Chis of Cornell. Freshmen Eliza Marache and Marlena Hall fell, 8-4, at No. 2 doubles and the third doubles team of junior Carling Donovan and sophomore Natalia Christenson lost as well, 8-2.

"We had a good week of practice in doubles," Weintraub said, "which is why I was disappointed in the result. I thought we had stepped up our game in doubles, and it didn't translate into our match."

The singles competition on Saturday featured a different lineup for Columbia, as Stephanie Zilberman sat out the match with an injury. Freshman Nicole Stanzola saw her first action of the season at No. 1 singles, but was defeated by Sanchez. She lost the first set, 6-2, and was then forced to retire with an injury before the second set began. Makarova held the No. 2 posi-

tion, but was beaten in straight sets by Stephanie Kent, 6-2, 6-4. Marache, at her usual No. 3 position, was defeated by Elizabeth Googe in straight sets, as well, losing 6-3, 6-4.

At No. 4 singles, Hall, who provided the lone bright spot for the Lions this weekend, won the first set, 6-4, then dropped the second by an identical score. However, she managed to rally in the third set to win it 6-4, giving Columbia its only point for the afternoon.

"Marlena has proven to be very mentally tough on the court," Weintraub said. "She has a lot of weapons. She has the best backhand slice on the team, and I think that annoys her opponents. She also has a lot of high topspin on her forehand. She is mature as a senior and has a lot of experience."

Donovan at No. 5 singles was defeated in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1 and senior co-captain Nina Suda was defeated at No. 6 singles in straight sets as well, 6-4, 6-2.

The Lions will return to action on Friday, April 3 at 2 p.m. when they host the Harvard Crimson at the Dick Savitt Tennis Center.



File Photo
ON THE LINE | In the loss against Cornell on Saturday, Natasha Makarova held the No. 1 doubles and the No. 2 singles spots.

Light Blue sweeps doubles point

MEN'S TENNIS from page 3

1 singles, Wong lost the first set 7-6, but came back to win the second 6-2, only to fall 6-0 in the third set.

"I was disappointed that Jon lost [at No. 1 singles], it's a very winnable match for him," Goswami said. "I think he had a bad game plan and never changed it. I thought he would turn it around after the second set, but I think he tried to go for too many winners."

At No. 4 singles, freshman Ekin Sezgen faced off against the reigning Ivy League Rookie of the Year, Jeremy Feldman. Sezgen beat Feldman during the fall in straight sets, but was defeated in a third set super-tiebreak, which was played because the outcome of the match had already been decided. Sezgen dropped 6-2, 6-7 (1-0).

The Lions will next compete on April 3, when they travel to Cambridge to take on the defending Ivy champion Harvard Crimson, ranked 68th in the nation.

Athletes show us what it means to fight back—and win

LEWIS from page 3

or her goals—Lance Armstrong and Scott Hamilton are two sports figures known for beating cancer, and being champions in their respective sports. It doesn't seem fair that a 17-year-old should have had to fight that battle at all, but kids all over the globe are diagnosed with cancer every day. When you walk into the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center over on the east side of Manhattan, or into the Hope Lodge here in the city, you can see the faces of those who are.

Jazmin is planning on stopping by Relay For Life on Saturday this weekend, and you should, too. It's a 15-hour fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, and it supports cancer research, education, and outreach programs in the New York/Tri-State area, like the very ones that helped her. To become a superhero yourself, sign up to make a donation at <http://www.relayforlife.org/columbiauniversity>

Lisa Lewis is a Barnard College junior majoring in economics. Sports@columbiaspectator.com

Power pitching helps baseball triumph over Harvard

BASEBALL from page 3

Zach Epstein made things interesting by giving up three runs, but cleanup hitter Harry Douglas grounded out to first baseman Ron Williams to wrap things up. The Lions went to bed on Saturday night with a perfect 2-0 Ivy record and plenty of momentum for Sunday's twin bill against the Big Green.

Dartmouth has been plotting their revenge against Columbia, who defeated them in the Ivy championships last year, for nearly 11 months. On Sunday, the Big Green (5-9, 4-0) found a measure of redemption with an afternoon sweep.

Quiet Columbia bats were the chief culprits in game one, which saw a breakout performance for Dartmouth starter Kyle Hendricks (1-2). Hendricks, a freshman, went the distance (seven innings) and gave up only five hits, blanking the Lions for the first win of his young collegiate career.

Geoff Whitaker, meanwhile, managed to keep things clean through three innings, but the Big Green got to him in the fourth, when Nick

Santomauro and Ray Allen tagged solo shots to put their team up 2-0. In the fifth, Dartmouth started to pile it on, plating four more runs on four hits to put the game out of reach. Whitaker didn't make it out of the inning as Hendricks and the Big Green cruised to a 7-0 blowout.

In game two, Dartmouth showed why many have picked them to win the league in 2009. Santomauro, who was 6-for-8 on the day and finished the second game a triple shy of the cycle, staked his team to an early 1-0 lead when he parked one to left off Lions' starter Roger Aquino in the first. Cox answered right back in the bottom of the inning, evening the score with a solo homer of his own from the leadoff spot.

The long ball continued to factor heavily on the rainy afternoon. Brett Gardner's three-run shot in the second gave the Big Green a 4-1 lead, but the Lions chipped away at Cole Sulser, scoring two in the fourth and one in the fifth to tie the game at four. Meanwhile, Aquino settled down for the Lions, finishing the day with four runs allowed over six innings.

As soon as Aquino was removed, Dartmouth jumped all over relief pitcher Pat Lowery. After a

walk and a single, Lowery (0-2) induced Allen to ground into a made-to-order double-play ball. But instead of going to second with it, third baseman Mike Roberts went after Santomauro, the lead runner. By the time Santomauro eluded the tag, it was too late for Roberts to get the out at first. A two-run double for Jim Wren followed, and the Lions found themselves in the hole once more.

Columbia refused to go down easy. Bobby O'Brien plated Roberts with a single to center in the bottom of the seventh, ending Sulser's day. Forthun stepped into the box against reliever Marco Mariscal with men on first and second and two out and ripped a screaming liner on a 0-1 count, but it went right into the glove of third baseman Jonathan Santopadre.

Columbia would threaten once more in the ninth, when Ferrera led off with a single against Smith. But Rumpke's double-play grounder snuffed out the rally, and Roberts popped up to second, ending Columbia's hopes for a split.

The Lions next take to the field against Army on March 31. Ivy play resumes on April 4 with a trip to Yale and Brown to finish play against the Red Rolfe division.

Columbia University

INSTITUTE FOR ISRAEL & JEWISH STUDIES



presents

MENACHEM MAUTNER

Daniel Rubinstein Professor of Comparative Law and Jurisprudence
Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University, Visiting Professor, Columbia University

in a lecture on

Law and Culture in Israel
at the Beginning of the 21st Century

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 • 8:00 PM

THE FRIEDA & MILTON ROSENTHAL AUDITORIUM
SCHERMERHORN HALL (ROOM 501)
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY • NEW YORK CITY

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

E-mail IIJS@columbia.edu to get updates of all of our public events!

Advertise

854-9552

Yale in Summer.

Smart.

Over 130 courses for full Yale University credit:

Humanities, Science, Drama, Art

Two five-week intensive sessions:
June 1-July 3, July 6-August 7
Residential College living

See website for information and application requirements.
Yale Summer Session 2009
<http://www.yale.edu/summer>
Email: summer.session@yale.edu
203 432-2430

Yale Summer Session 2009

V&T

PIZZERIA & RESTAURANT

Italian Food at Its Best

FULL MENU • PRIVATE PARTY ROOM

WE DELIVER • OPEN 7 DAYS

SIDEWALK DINING

TUESDAY NIGHT • 15% OFF w/ CUID

(DINE-IN ONLY)

1024 Amsterdam (betw. 110-111 Sts.)

663-1708 • 666-8051

Pregnant?

Didn't mean to be?

We're here to help...

212.689.1705

Compassionate care for you and your unborn baby

Most signs of domestic violence are difficult to spot.

Emotional **abuse** is just one of them.

Learn more signs at www.safehorizon.org.

For help call now **800-621-HOPE(4673) or 311**

EDEN

SALON & SPA

Full Service Salon for Men & Women

10% OFF

FOR STUDENTS & STAFF
w/ CUID... SENIORS TOO

New Offering: **FACIAL THREADING**
OPEN SEVEN DAYS

212.864.3720

1233 Amsterdam Avenue
(between 120th & 121st Streets)
BENEATH PLUMPTON HALL

Solutions to Previous Issue's Puzzle

3	6	8	7	9	4	1	5	2
7	5	4	1	8	2	3	6	9
1	9	2	6	3	5	8	7	4
2	3	5	4	7	8	6	9	1
6	8	7	3	1	9	2	4	5
4	1	9	2	5	6	7	3	8
9	2	6	8	4	7	5	1	3
8	4	1	5	6	3	9	2	7
5	7	3	9	2	1	4	8	6

su | do | ku

© Puzzles by Pappocom

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9. That means that no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

			9	8			1	
6		9			7	5		4
						3		
9	1							2
	5		1		2		3	
4							8	9
		4						
8		1	6			2		3
	6			4	9			

CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIED AD RATES:
\$8/00 per first 20 words.
25¢ each additional word.
Ad in all boldface \$4.00 extra.
All ads must be pre-paid.
2 business day deadline.
Call 854-9550 for information;
or fax ad to 854-9553.

APARTMENTS

NYC APTS—Buying, selling or renting a NYC Apt? Work with a CU Alum (CC 94, MIA 99). www.joshnathanson.com. (212) 875-2970.

SEEK 1 FEMALE for furn BR in 2 BR garden UWS apt. Share living areas, laundry with P/T owner-occupant and small pets. \$1300/mo incl utils. Non-smokers, no pets, clean. Rent/security required. (917) 690-5520.

BEAUTIFULLY RENOVATED 3 BR co-op at 930 St Nicholas Ave. Asking only \$389K. Only 10% down. Motivated sellers! Brand new kitch w/stone tile floors, maple cabinets and new counter tops. Gorgeous hardwood floors, high ceilings, windowed kitchen & bath. French doors. Faces a lovely park. Elevator/laundry bldg. Convenient to all transp and close to school. Great as a home or for investors. ckazanecki@elliman.com

SIX CLASSICALLY BUILT condominiums. 3 blocks from Central Park, 1.5 from Morningside Park. 2, 3 & 4 BRs, light and outdoor space from \$699 to 1799. (212) 595-4549. www.west113.com

EGG DONOR

HEALTHY WOMEN 19-29:
Egg donors needed. Help women with infertility create families. Be compensated for doing good! To apply, e-mail info@mydonor.net or call (212) 691-6600. Info will be kept confidential. www.MyDonor.net

HELP WANTED

LOOKING FOR A LIFE-CHANGING summer internship? Eager to work with talented peers and high school students? Want to stay on campus and explore NYC while testing and developing your leadership skills? CU's Internship in Building Community can make all that possible. For more info go to www.ce.columbia.edu/lbc. Application deadline is March 13, 2009.

LIGHT RENOVATION WORK: Clean up of basement and painting. Saturdays: \$125/day. Upper West Side. Call John: (212) 666-2477; (212) 666-2477.

PSYCHOTHERAPIST SEEKING P/T administrative assistant to be responsible for diverse office responsibilities. A working knowledge of MS Word and Excel required. Hourly wage based on experience. Approx 6 hours/week. Phyllis Lowinger, LCSW (212) 666-3400. E-mail: phylow@aol.com

MAN NEEDS SOFTWARE SAVVY assistance w/LEGO™ MINDSTORMS™ computer aspect of Rubik's Cube Solver—tiltedtwister.com. E-mail contact info to: mnemonicshouse@hotmail.com

PSYCHOTHERAPY

COUNSELING—DEEP Psychotherapy. Faculty/Staff/Students for relief of inner conflict, sadness, anxiety, fears, social challenges, intimacy, and gay & lesbian issues. W 97th St. (914) 632-7111; (914) 393-5506.

RESEARCH

WEIGHT OR EATING PROBLEMS? St Luke's Hospital (114 St & Amsterdam). Overweight individuals, 18-65, weekly individual or group counseling. Low fee. (212) 523-4180 or stlukes.weightloss@gmail.com

TYPING & EDITING

PROFESSIONAL EDITING by Columbia Ph. D. Dissertation and academic style expert (APA, Turabian, MLA, etc.). Typing services available. (212) 371-1272.

MISCELLANEOUS

GET RID OF YOUR ACCENT...NOW! Gain an edge for the competitive job market. Improve communication with colleagues for presentations, conversation, and the telephone. Individualized training. Close to CU. Licensed speech and language therapist with special training in accent reduction. Experienced in ESL and Adult Ed. wellsaid123@verizon.net; (212) 932-3047.

COMMENCEMENT TICKETS (4 ea) needed for May 20 AM Degree Conferment Ceremony. Willing to purchase. jpn003@att.net or (443) 695-1130.

HUDSON RIVER SAILING PARTIES Network, socialize or crew this Spring/Summer aboard 50 ft sailboat. We're a group of Columbia students who volunteer crew, with space for 25 per trip, and always need more revelers. Leaves from 79th St. No exp necessary. E-mail to join our exclusive free day trips: gh2104@columbia.edu

RICH FORTUNOFF Book & Tax Preparation Services. Great prices and great savings for CU. RFortunoff@richfortunoff.com or (212) 678-1065.

THE IVY LEAGUE BROKER
Licensed Real Estate Agent and Columbia grad available to find you the perfect apt. Contact Marti Wheat at mwheat@tregny.com or (646) 300-7249.

UNDERGRAD & MBA ADMISSIONS essays wanted. Will pay up to \$65/application package. www.buymyessays.com

HAPPY HOUR SPECIALS • 4:00 PM-7:00 PM
\$3 beer & wine • \$6 padthai, red curry, basil and fried rice

MONDAY & TUESDAY—COLUMBIA NIGHT: \$3 beer & wine ALL NIGHT!

LUNCH SPECIAL—\$8 Prix Fixe

suratha THAI URBAN KITCHEN | 2656 Broadway (100-101st) • 212.665.8888

For more info, visit our website: www.surathaikitchen.com

www.columbiaspectator.com

Contact Information

The Columbia Daily Spectator, the nation's second-oldest college daily, is an independent, student-run newspaper published by the Spectator Publishing Company, Inc. for the Columbia University community.

The Managing Board of the Columbia Daily Spectator has sole authority for the content of the newspaper. All inquiries or complaints concerning that content should be directed to the Managing Board at the address below.

The Columbia Daily Spectator welcomes opinion submissions and letters to the editor from readers. Submissions and letters must include the author's name, telephone number, and Columbia affiliation if any. Readers may submit submissions and letters electronically, by e-mailing spectator@columbia.edu, or by sending hard copies to 2875 Broadway New York, NY 10025.

Opinion submissions may not be less than 600 words and may not exceed 800 words; letters may not exceed 300 words and may not be signed by more than four persons. All submissions and letters may be edited for length and content.

Opinion submissions do not reflect the views of the Editorial Board.

The Columbia Daily Spectator is published Monday through Friday during the academic year, except during examination and vacation periods.

Acceptance of an advertisement does not imply approval of policies of the advertiser. All rights reserved.

Spectator is free on campus. Limit one copy per reader please.

Office & Mailing Address:
2875 Broadway, Third Floor
New York, NY 10025

Advertising Director:
Dan Smulyan (212) 854-9552

Office Manager/Classified Advertising:
Ellen Lannon (212) 854-9550

Contributor:
Thomas Carlyle (212) 854-9550

Publisher: (212) 854-9545
News: (212) 854-9550
Editor-in-Chief: (212) 854-9546
Editorial/A&E: (212) 854-9546
Sports: (212) 854-9546
Fax: (212) 854-9553
E-mail: info@columbiaspectator.com

©2009 Spectator Publishing Company, Inc. Spectator is published by the Spectator Publishing Company, Inc.

Julia Feldberg, President
Melissa Repke, Vice President
Elizabeth Simms, Treasurer

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Olfactory enforcement

6 Fashion show strutter

11 Chugakug's opposite

14 65-Down-strengthening exercise

15 Online surfers, e.g.

16 Cyberaddress, briefly

17 Franklin's almanac-writing alter ego

19 "Flight to bear arms" gp.

20 Flower holder

21 Scarlett of Tara

22 Port in Yemen

23 Detroit labor org.

25 Furious

27 Young, promising fellow

32 Hosp. staffer

33 1/12 of a foot

34 Conspiring band

37 Solemn vow

39 Woman's golf garment

42 Nevada city

43 Before surg.

45 Consider

47 Enjoy Aspen

48 Benevolent biblical traveler

52 Cocktail maker

54 Actor Affleck

55 "... brillig, and the slithy ...": Carroll

56 Beautiful, in Bologna

59 Business garb

63 Dine

64 F. Scott Fitzgerald title character, with "the"

66 "You ... here"

67 Paris Hilton's sister

68 Nigeria's neighbor

69 Hosp. VIPs

70 Theater employee

71 Garden shovel

2 Civil uprising

3 Nebraska tribe

4 Cooling sound

5 Mo. when 1040s are due

6 "... Ado About Nothing"

7 Labor Dept. arm

8 Sweetheart

9 Grocery trip, say

10 Leary's turn-on

11 Church garb

12 Flawed, as sale rdsie.

13 Hangar occupant

18 Hawkryies, statewide

22 Clamorous

24 Sushi tuna

26 "Dancing with the Stars" network

27 Broadway disaster

28 On ... with: equal to

29 Blends together into a whole

30 "Blash"

31 Valerie Harper sitcom

35 "Puppy Love" singer Paul

36 Pork cut

38 Fish catchers

40 Dream state

41 Pekee packet

44 "The Raven" poet

46 Desert Storm chow, initially

49 Rubbish

50 Oration

51 Arched foot part

52 Second-string squad

53 Emmy or Oscar

57 Tshoe, for one

58 Astronomical distance meas.

60 Annapolis inst.

61 Footnote abbr.

62 Daly of "Cagney & Lacey"

64 Widebeest

65 Tummy muscles

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

A	S	P	L	A	N	N	E	D		W	A	S	A	T
S	T	R	I	N	G	O	U	T		H	I	E	R	O
K	E	E	P	Y	O	U	R	S	H	I	R	T	O	N
E	R	S		A	R	N	O		E	R	M	I	N	E
R	E	C	T					N	A	L	A			
I	R	R		I	N	O	R		N	B	C			
E	Y	E	O	P	E	N	E	R	S		L	A	B	
D	O	N	T	M	A	K	E	M	E	L	A	U	G	H
O	R	C		R	E	D	A	S	A	B	E	E	T	
E	E	L		T	R	I	S		G	E	M			
					O	O	H	S		D	A	R	K	
J	U	J	U	B	E		A	R	A	M		R	E	N
L	H	A	V	E	N	T	G	O	T	A	C	L	E	
I	N	E	S				W	A	T	E	R	L	I	N
T	H	E	R	E			I	R	O	N	M	I	N	E

xwordeditor@aol.com 03/30/09

DOWN

1 Nile snakes

By Donna S. Lewis
(c)2009 Tribune Media Services, Inc.

03/30/09



FRESH OFF THE VINE | International Wines and Spirits and Vino Fino are two local shops that offer Columbia students a diverse array of wines that have not only a good taste, but also a good price.

Krista Mar / Staff Photographer

FOOD & DRINK

In vino value

Where to find affordable wine in Morningside Heights

BY HOLLY SHARPLESS
Columbia Daily Spectator

Oh, the simple luxury of a really nice glass of wine. There is something so pleasant in savoring the taste of a refreshing fruity white in the summer, or a smooth bold red before dinner.

Unfortunately, such luxury usually comes with a price that many Columbia students cannot afford. But some merchants do provide great wine for an affordable price, and they are conveniently located in our neighborhood.

Morningside Heights staple International Wines and Spirits offers a variety of wine and liquor, but navigating the store can prove difficult for the wine newbie. Luckily, sales associates like Jordan Panaiotov can help customers make selections to fit their taste and budget.

He recommends varietals from regions known for the value of their wine, like Argentine Malbec, Australian Shiraz, New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc, and German Riesling. The Argentine Malbec Parral de los Monjes can be purchased for \$8.99, and the Wishing Tree Shiraz from Australia is \$12.99.

For students who prefer the better-known Old World regions, Panaiotov suggests certain varietals that tend to be more affordable. For California wines, students should try Zinfandel, a spicy medium to full-bodied red, or Viognier, a dry white that is similar to a Chardonnay, though often fruitier.

What about Italian wines? Panaiotov suggests Chianti, the country's most popular red. Look for a Chianti Classico to ensure that it comes from the Chianti region and has been certified.

On Amsterdam Avenue, a new wine establishment is making a name for itself with a strong offering of quality wines under \$25. Vino Fino was opened by Jorge Alvarado in May 2008. He handpicks quality affordable wines and knows them well.

Some highlights from his store include the CaDonini Cabernet Sauvignon (\$10), an Italian red he describes as "a nice table wine with a lot of character." He also recommends the Mesta Tempranillo (\$13), a Spanish wine that is "very easy to drink with a nice dry finish."

Alvarado also stocks many affordable whites, such as the Petit Bourgeois Sauvignon Blanc (\$14). This wine is balanced and appeals to a wide range of tastes.

Vino Fino uses color-coded price tags and stocks fewer wines that customers can browse very easily. This kind of independent specialty shop is a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

Affordability makes all wines more accessible, and knowing where to go and what to try makes enjoying great wine even easier. Both of these local merchants allow Columbia students to do just that.



BOOKS

Better to teach from the book or bring it to life?



LUCY TANG

SENTIMENTAL EDUCATION

With a title like "Sentimental Education," I suppose it's only appropriate to devote one column to pedagogical imperatives.

Last week, I attended a conversation hosted by *The Current* between Columbia professor Mark Lilla and Barnard professor and former CC instructor Mark Carnes on the Core

Curriculum and their respective teaching methods.

This semester, I am enrolled in Lilla's seminar on the intellectual history of education. Hence, a lot of my recent thoughts and conversations have revolved around my column's namesake.

Professor Carnes teaches a course at Barnard titled *Reacting to the Past*. In his classes, Carnes recognized that the Socratic method did not have its intended effect. His students were not responsive and, worst of all, seemed bored. After witnessing their indifference to the texts, Carnes embarked on a new method to immerse his students in abstract political theory: role-playing. He assigned them historical figures from the texts to embody, which they would act out in an interactive debate in class.

Professor Lilla runs his seminar rather conventionally in comparison. He sits at the head of the table, flanked by six student-disciples on either side—it's very reminiscent of the Last Supper. The seminar proceeds as expected: Lilla provides a few jumping-off questions, and then allows the class to unfold through discussion. Although he interrupts this discussion periodically to ensure that all the important points are covered, the students do most of the talking.

On paper, there is nothing extraordinary about this seminar. But as a student in the course I can attest that in practice, its effects are incredible. My classmates and I populate Butler Lounge late into the night on Thursday (or, rather, until 2:30 a.m. on Friday). Clutching our well-annotated copies of *Emile*, we jabber on about Rousseau's perception of happiness and philosophy, political theory, and successful teaching methods—all in the midst of ubiquitous gossip and relationship tête-à-têtes. It begs the question: how does one seminar cultivate such a community?

A huge distinction between Professor Carnes's and Professor Lilla's approaches lies in the understanding of text. Professor Carnes urges a historical reading. His students espouse the ideas as if they were its originators. Conversely, Professor Lilla advocates examining ideas in their abstraction.

SEE TANG, page 6

TV



Courtesy of Scott Garfield

A DOSE OF FICTION | Medical dramas such as *Scrubs* do not accurately portray the lives of doctors.

Dramas give pre-med students a taste of their future medicine

BY CAITLYN MCGINN
Spectator Staff Writer

A recent surge in popularity in the medical show genre has provided many examples of doctors for the next generation's pre-med students. Care for a soapy, incestuous doc? *Grey's Anatomy*. A depressing, most-likely-to-be-killed-in-the-line-of-duty doc? *ER*. Doctors acting like horny teenagers? *Scrubs* and *Private Practice*. And, for the more philosophically minded, Dr. Gregory House is the premier anti-hero.

These don't exactly sound like the best role models for future generations. Thankfully, Columbia's pre-med students agree.

"I don't think most of these shows are very realistic in their portrayal of the physicians because they tend to dramatize their personal lives and the rarity and obscurity of the medical cases that they treat," said Saira Siddiqui, BC '09.

No one ever declared that television should accurately reflect professions, but since the advent of

reality TV, more and more shows are trying to take a look into the real lives and real jobs of everyday people, from doctors to chefs.

Apparently the television industry discovered that office romances, affairs, gossip, promotions, friendship, and competition are all great examples of naturally occurring drama. As BC pre-med sophomore Evan Tamura explained, "Aspects of the hierarchy or medical cases and protocols are accurate, but television really vamps up the social relationships and conflicts."

But of all the aspects of the medical profession that networks are willing to explore, why not all the preparation and schooling it takes to become a doctor? I would love to see how popular characters like Meredith Grey, John "JD" Dorian, or Doug Ross were like as undergraduate pre-med students. Would they have been chugging Red Bulls at Butler? Indulging in promiscuity with professors and TAs?

Unfortunately, these questions remain unanswered because most series directly introduce their new characters as interns—27- to 28-year-old adults who have completed four years of medical school and have started clinical rotations in their

SEE MAJORING IN TV, page 6



LIBRETTO FEMMINISMO



Ian Kwok / Senior Staff Photographer

ENDING ON A HIGH NOTE | Tracie Luck gave a beautiful performance as the title role in excerpts from Toni Morrison and Richard Danielpour's opera *Margaret Garner*, along with excerpts from Assia Djebar's *Daughters of Ishmael* at Miller Theater on Saturday night. Unfortunately, the promising panel discussion—which featured feminist icons Angela Davis and Leila Ahmed along with Morrison and Djebar—ended up crowded, with 16 people (including the performers) on stage, and awkward, requiring an impromptu translator for Djebar. Luckily the few words Morrison managed to slip in made the night worth it.

-Devin Briski