

GS council, USenate candidates debate

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The General Studies Student Council hosted a debate for executive board and University Senate candidates in lieu of its weekly meeting Tuesday night.

Three students are running for student body president, compared to two last year and one the previous year. Two students are running for vice president of policy, and five students are running for the school's one University Senate seat.

This year's elections brought a few changes to GSSC's electoral process, including a new rule that candidates must receive more than 100 votes to be elected. Additionally, second-place finishers in vice presidential elections will become chief representatives.

Elections for nine other executive board positions are either uncontested or don't have any candidates, which means, under a new rule, that candidates will be appointed to those positions after the elections. Voting starts April 10 and ends April 12.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

There are three candidates for student body president: GSSC vice president of student events Scott Bacon, Eugene Dinescu, and GSSC vice president of communications Jennifer Wisdom. They hope to replace current president Jacqueline Thong, GS '12, who has served in the

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DEBATE | GSSC and USenate candidates debate Tuesday night. Counterclockwise from top left: GSSC presidential candidates Scott Bacon, Eugene Dinescu, and Jennifer Wisdom; (left to right) senate candidates Adam Gentle, Amna Pervez, and Phineas Lunger; senate candidate Justin Carter.

Local 2110, CU reach tentative agreement

Students, faculty members have supported union with petitions

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Columbia and United Auto Workers Local 2110 reached a tentative agreement on a new contract Tuesday afternoon, union president Maida Rosenstein told Spectator. Although the details of the deal are not yet public, the approximately 700 union members will discuss and vote on the deal on Thursday.

Negotiations between administrators and Local 2110, which represents University clerical employees, resumed Thursday, after several previous attempts failed to yield a contract to replace the one which expired on Jan. 31. The discussions focused largely on proposed cuts to workers' tuition subsidies, health care benefits, and pension payments, Rosenstein said—issues that could lead to a strike if members do not approve the new contract.

Rosenstein gave some of the credit for the settlement to faculty and student support, which has increased substantially in the past few weeks.

"I am strongly and firmly convinced that we would not be where we are without the community support," she said.

STUDENTS AND FACULTY

Both students and faculty members started online petitions in support of the union. The student petition had more than 100 signatures as of Monday

morning, and the faculty petition has more than 80.

Rosenstein described history professor Eric Foner, who wrote the faculty petition, as a "tremendous supporter of labor." Foner said that he thought it would be a good idea for faculty to express their views to the administration—professors sent the petition to University President Lee Bollinger, Senior Executive Vice President Robert Kasdin, and Provost John Coatsworth.

"The grounds for a fair and equitable settlement exist," Foner said, adding that a strike would be "extremely disruptive."

Student support for the union has been largely decentralized. Members of the Columbia University Democrats and the International Socialist Organization have spoken with union representatives, as have some students who have been involved with Occupy Wall Street.

Dylan Glendinning, CC '14 and the lead activist for the CU Democrats, said that students have been working "to direct not necessarily anger, but questioning at the administration."

Glendinning and other students released the online petition last week, and he said that it was only the beginning of student efforts to raise awareness of the issues facing Local 2110. Students were planning to publicize those issues by tabling on Low Plaza and fliering this week, although it is unclear whether

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FOOD DAY | The Bhakti Club teaches students to make rasam, a traditional South Indian soup, at a RAK Week event on Tuesday.

For one week, 'random acts of kindness' abound

BY ABBY ABRAMS
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Student Wellness Project members gave out free hugs on College Walk on Monday, the first day of SWP's Random Acts of Kindness Week.

"Our message is about wellness and about making sure everyone doesn't get too down or too depressed," SWP projects co-chair Priom Ahmed, CC '14, said. "The thing about an act of kindness is that it stays with you."

SWP, which was formed last semester and was recognized by the Student Governing Board last month, is encouraging students to plan acts of kindness around particular themes during each day of RAK Week. For Monday's theme of "Smiles and Hugs," the Barnard Chemical Society also served liquid-nitrogen ice cream on Lehman Lawn.

"We just thought it would be fun to do this out here in the spring time, because ice cream makes people happy," BCS member Rabia Iqbal, BC '14, said. "Sharing ice cream is a really good act of kindness."

SWP organized RAK Week, but it also invited University offices and other student groups to participate.

The Emerging Leaders Program brought in Mario Chamorro—a graduate of the School of International and Public Affairs and the founder of The Happy Post Project—to speak Monday night. Chamorro travels around the world, asking people on the street to answer the question, "What makes you happy?" on Post-it notes and then creating works of art using the notes.

"The Emerging Leaders Program joined forces with SWP, and we had a similar vision," ELP member Ally Engelberg, BC '15, said. "I thought he [Chamorro] was awesome."

Tuesday was RAK Week's "Food Day." The Bhakti Club hosted a cooking class, teaching students to make rasam, a traditional South Indian soup, and Camp Kesem distributed candy and uplifting quotes in Butler.

After the first two days of RAK Week, SWP members were

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GSSC, SGB examine GS involvement in student groups

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General Studies students don't shy away from Hillel. According to Hillel President Daniel Bonner, CC '13, the organization serves at least 200 GS students, most of whom are enrolled in the General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary joint program, each year.

But Hillel is the exception rather than the rule, as GS students tend to avoid student groups at Columbia. In an effort to change that, SGB and the General Studies Student Council have formed a task force to examine GS involvement in SGB organizations.

Former Student Governing Board chair Barry Weinberg, CC '12, proposed the task force to GSSC President Jacqueline Thong, GS '12, in January. Weinberg said he wanted to "examine GS participation in student groups and ways it could be easier or more attractive for GS students to participate," and Thong said the goal of the task force is to "find out what students think and how we can improve their engagement on campus, and how we can increase or encourage them to participate."

Both of them are members of the task force, which is composed of SGB members, GSSC members, and other GS students.

Hillel executive board member Ariel Brickman, GS/JTS '13, said that it is often difficult for nontraditional students at GS to

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For second time, Johnson seeks to unseat Rangel

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Joyce Johnson remembers meeting Eleanor Roosevelt and Martin Luther King, Jr., as a youth leader at her high school and church in Poughkeepsie, New York. It was the early 1960s, before what Johnson calls "the major thrust" of the civil rights movement, and King had not yet won a Nobel Peace Prize or led the March on Washington. Roosevelt was a U.S. delegate to the United Nations at the time.

Both civil rights advocates, Johnson recalls, were shorter than she had imagined.

"At this little church, I was leading Dr. King [to his seat], and I was surprised that he was not as tall as expected," Johnson said. "He might have been just a little bit shorter than I was. I was focused on thinking, 'Oh my gosh, he's sort of skinny.'"

Johnson is running to represent Manhattan's 13th Congressional District, which is

centered in Harlem and also covers parts of the Bronx. So far, the field of candidates includes incumbent Rep. Charles Rangel and four other Democrats: State Sen. Adriano Espaillat; Clyde Williams, a former advisor to President Bill Clinton; Vince Morgan, a community banker and School of International and Public Affairs graduate; and Craig Schley, a Harlem activist who fought unsuccessfully against a 2008 proposal to rezone 125th Street.

Johnson also ran for the seat in 2010, when she was defeated in the Democratic primary. She received only 13 percent of the vote—Rangel won with 51 percent—but she was endorsed by the New York Times, which described her as "a strong advocate for women's rights and civil rights for many years."

Johnson said that the 13th district needs "inspirational leadership," and as the oldest of five children—she is the only girl—she believes that she has been "plugged for leadership" from an early age.

She became interested in public

service when her parents founded the Poughkeepsie Voters League, which helped elect Democrats over incumbent Republicans in three Poughkeepsie council districts during its first election. Most African-Americans in Poughkeepsie were Republicans at the time, and the league was tasked with persuading blue collar workers, who "voted the same as their employers did," to vote for Democrats, Johnson said.

"My parents convinced everyone to do a block vote—they would agree to whichever party embraced their platform," she said. "This was a first lesson in power politics, and Republicans said, 'We don't need you.'"

Johnson was involved in the civil rights movement as a teenager, as a member of a youth chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Here too, she said, her parents set an example—her father was the first African American elected to

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IF AT FIRST | Joyce Johnson is one of five Democrats challenging incumbent Rep. Charles Rangel.

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Lending a voice

Columbians need to learn about the University's expansion.

Please say this isn't the end!

Emily Tamkin explains that lasts aren't the end.



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Multiple sport athletes find a balance

Three current Light Blue athletes have managed to balance the demands of two varsity sports in addition to classes.

EVENTS

Live at Lerner

Tiny Victories performs in this concert series. Free food will be provided.
Lerner Hall Piano Lounge, 12 p.m.

Russian opposition

Russian activist Ilya Yashin discusses the future of the Russian opposition.
Kraft Center, fifth floor, 5:30 p.m.

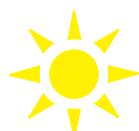
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GSSC, SGB task force crafts three-part plan to study participation

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get involved in groups, as many of them “are also balancing jobs, families, in addition to often times not living near campus.”

“I also think that what makes it different is that, in general, GS is very separated from the other schools,” Brickman said. “And bridging that divide and moving beyond the labels of our respective schools is not always easy.”

THREE-STEP PLAN

According to GSSC vice president of communications Jennifer Wisdom, the task force has devised a three-part plan to gauge GS students’ interest in groups and find out potential obstacles to their getting involved in those groups.

The first part of that plan is already complete—task force members conducted in-person interviews with GS students. Wisdom said that students identified age differences, residence hall locations, and meeting times as some of the factors that stop them from participating in groups.

“Some students are older and feel they are treated differently from clubs because they are so, making it hard to be cohesive with their club members,” Wisdom, a member of the task force, said.

The second part of the plan is holding focus groups, with both students who are and students who aren’t active in SGB groups. GSSC and SGB expect to have the first focus groups assembled by April 1, and the task force will use the interviews to tailor its questions for the focus groups.

The third phase of the initiative will be a GS-wide survey with questions based on the information gathered in the interviews and focus groups. Once the project is done—probably by the end of the semester—GSSC and SGB also plan to survey non-GS undergraduates.

Task force members will use the information they gather to develop a strategy for getting more GS students involved in student groups. They will present recommendations to the administration, SGB, and GSSC.

“The diversity of GS is what makes us so wonderful, but it also will make this a terribly difficult issue to solve with one specific approach,” Wisdom said. “We hope to find some answers and more importantly, produce tangible results from those answers that will benefit GS students and hopefully get them more active with SGB clubs.”

MOTIVATIONS AND PERCEPTIONS

GSSC member Angelica Hoyos, GS ’13, believes that extracurricular activities are a fundamental part of an education. But she said that many GS students don’t get involved in student groups because they believe that they do not have much in common with younger undergraduates.

“It is lack of motivation, or they have not found strong ties with a particular group,” Hoyos said. “If you look at the MilVets, you see how actively engaged they are in campus. Yes, most of them are GS-ers, but there are a few from other schools. The difference is that they have a common bond, which I believe GS-ers are reluctant to try to find somewhere else.”

GSSC vice president of student events Scott Bacon, GS ’13, said that a common misperception among GS students is that most clubs and activities on campus are geared toward traditional-aged students.

“Every club I’ve wanted to participate in has been more than welcoming, but this sentiment does vary in the GS student body,” he said. “However, undergraduate student events—Glass House Rocks, Lerner Pub, and the like—are definitely more oriented toward the three other undergraduate student bodies.”

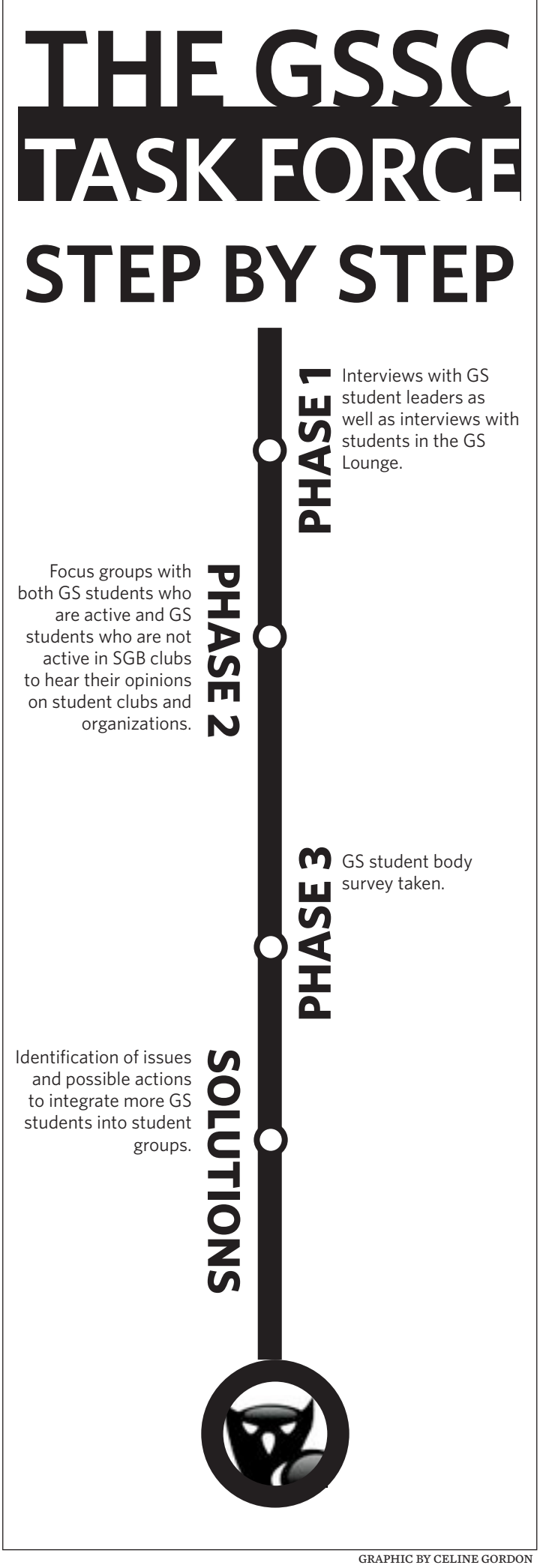
Trexy Ching, GS ’12, doesn’t want to get involved in campus life. Chingsaid that she has already built a social network in New York, and that clubs aren’t generally geared toward GS students.

“Most of them are run by traditionally aged undergrad students,” Ching said. “Being that I am older, I do feel slightly uncomfortable socializing with people that are about a decade younger than me.”

GSSC member Nikki Morgan, GS ’13, said she decided to get involved in campus life to balance her academic life. She said she joined GSSC because she wanted to give back to Columbia, which has given her many opportunities.

“I think the task force is a great starting point. I feel that this will diagnose some of the problems we may have regarding GS participation, and then we can act accordingly,” Morgan said. “I think increasing participation won’t happen overnight, and that this can only come from fostering feelings of camaraderie and school pride—not only within GS, but as part of Columbia University as a whole.”

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MAKING A CASE | Nikki Morgan is running for GSSC vice president of policy. The other candidate did not attend the debate.

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position for two years.

In an interview before the debate, Wisdom said that financial aid and housing are her top priorities. She also spoke about the “negative light” that GSSC is often seen in.

“The GS image of GSSC and the Columbia image of GSSC—I wouldn’t say it has been tarnished, but it’s been different than it has in past years,” she said.

Wisdom said during the debate that she would neither increase nor decrease the council’s contribution to Funding at Columbia University, the group of undergraduate council leaders that distributes funds to student governing boards each year.

Bacon said in an interview that he would work to expand the visibility of GS on campus, increase the council’s transparency and communication, and push for more academic, pre-professional, and social events. He also said he would “stand for undergraduate unity in GS,” and within all undergraduate schools.

“It is my perception that GSSC, right now, is at a crossroads,” Bacon said. “We can continue to do things the way that we have done them in the past, or we can expand and engage the student body and really tackle some initiatives that only a strong, aggressive leader, in conjunction with a willing student body, can take on.”

When asked during the debate how he would increase attendance for the annual General Studies gala, he said that he would invite alumni and appropriate the funds from their ticket sales.

freedom and opportunity really comes along with the position.”

“I know we have to work with administrators, and I know we have to consider things from their perspective as well,” she said. “So that’s a process of negotiation that should take into account, with the administrators’ experience, what they think the best is for the campus and the student body, as well as the initiatives that may be particular to GS.”

Leighton added that she wants to address multicultural concerns by working with the Dean of Students.

UNIVERSITY SENATE

Five students are running to replace Jose Robledo, who is graduating, in the University Senate. One of the candidates, Justin Carter, is currently serving as GSSC’s student services representative, and another, Amna Pervez, is one of two legislative assistants to Robledo.

The other candidates are Adam Gentle, Nathalie Niño, and Pinchas Lunger. Niño was the only candidate not present at the debate.

Carter said in an interview that unity and cohesion are his main goals, explaining that he wants to “really create a way for students to really feel welcome at the University and in union with other people at the University, whether that’s graduate schools or other undergraduate schools.” He also cited his experience as an EMT and a tour guide, along with his work in the admissions office.

Pervez, the senate legislative assistant, cited her familiarity with senate issues such as open course evaluations, conflict of interest policy, and a planned graduate student center.

“There won’t necessarily be a time period where I’m getting to know what is going on, because I already have a hand and I already have a know as to what is happening,” she said in an interview. “So I’ll be able to pick up right where the senator is currently leaving.”

During the debate, Pervez cited financial aid and housing as her top two issues.

Gentle said that his main concern is students not understanding the amount of debt they are taking on to study at GS.

“Students are combining federal plans with private loans, all of which have different interest rates, different time frames, and different grace periods,” he said. “So I’m concerned that students are graduating and not fully understanding these loans and what they owe.”

Throughout the debate, Lunger frequently mentioned that he has reviewed the minutes of senate meetings. He cited the minutes of the September 2011 meeting, which noted that University President Lee Bollinger said that Columbia’s endowment increased by 23.6 percent during the 2011 fiscal year.

“I will hold Bollinger to the standards that he set in the minutes, that he wants social mobility to be made easier for students,” Lunger said.

In an interview, Niño said that her status as an international student and her business experience, which involves globalization, gives her insight on diversity at GS. She also said that she wants to work with the Center for Career Education to improve career counseling for GS students.

“I just think that the offerings of everything that I’ve seen in career counseling is very much geared towards the person that left high school and went straight for college, and they’re 21 and looking for a job,” she said.

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Clerical workers union has received support around campus

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this will happen, given the tentative agreement.

ISO member Yoni Golijov, CC ’12, who has been in touch with union leaders, stressed the importance of awareness.

“I want to help get students involved in this and help the people who work for the union get a fair wage,” Golijov said. “God knows they deserve it.”

Both Glendinning and Golijov said that they have been waiting for direction from union leaders before taking any significant action.

Mary Clinton, a union representative who has been speaking with students, said that “it’s important for students to understand that they play a role in this.”

“They have opportunities to get involved and be a part of it,” she said.

GETTING PERSPECTIVE

Members of the CU Democrats have been talking with union leaders since November, when a few of them happened to run into a member of the New York City Central Labor Council in Ohio during the group’s annual campaign trip. Since that time, club leaders have spoken with council president Vincent Alvarez, council chief of staff Brendan Griffith, and representatives from Local 2110.

“We met with them and we had to learn a lot because we didn’t necessarily know about all of these issues,” Glendinning said.

Even though a tentative agreement has now been reached, it had seemed for several months that a strike was a distinct possibility. The union is composed of workers in student financial services, housing, health services, financial aid, academic departments, and

administrative offices across the University, and a strike could lead to serious problems on campus.

Local 2110 vice president Booker Washington warned that any possible strike “would have a rippling effect across campus.” Washington has worked at Columbia for over 38 years and is currently a senior student services representative in Student Financial Services.

Marybeth Seitz-Brown, CC ’14 and a member of the CU Democrats, said that if there was a strike, students would “be shocked as to how much these people affect their lives.”

Foner remembers Local 2110’s last strike, in 1997. He, along with some other faculty members, held class off campus—sometimes in private apartments, coffee shops, or parks—in order to honor the picket line.

FACING CHALLENGES

Prior to the tentative agreement on Tuesday, union leaders, as well as students, were

not hopeful that an agreement would be reached. Washington said that the University was trying “to nickel and dime” workers by proposing large cuts to their benefits.

History professor Mae Ngai signed the faculty petition and was one of the professors very involved in internal discussions about the negotiations. She said that the proposed cuts were particularly significant because many clerical workers take positions at the University specifically for the benefits, as the positions pay relatively little compared to similar private-sector jobs.

Ngai, who used to work at a sister branch of UAW, said she was “quite disturbed” at the University’s original bargaining position. She added that she would hold classes off campus if a strike were to occur.

Referring to the tentative agreement, Golijov said that he’s “of course very excited that Columbia finally realized that what they’re doing is wrong.” He

added, though, that these workers are still among the lowest paid at the University.

Latin American and Iberian cultures professor Marc Hertzman, who signed the faculty petition, said that Columbia should serve as a “good social citizen.”

“The University has a responsibility to not only those who are making the most, but to everyone is who is part of the community,” he said.

Told of the tentative agreement, Foner said he was “delighted” that the union and the administration had reached an agreement.

“We contributed,” he said. Golijov said that the threat of a strike likely caused the University to reevaluate its bargaining position.

“It just shows the power that workers here actually have,” he said. “They make the school run and the Columbia administrators know that.”

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RALLY | Local 2110 workers and their allies rally at 120th Street and Broadway on March 7.

Rep. Nadler talks national, state politics at CB7

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Congressman Jerrold Nadler discussed last week’s Republican budget proposal and State Senate redistricting in a rare appearance at a Community Board 7 meeting Tuesday night.

Nadler, CC ’69, who represents much of Manhattan’s West Side and parts of Brooklyn, took a hard line against Republicans in Washington, D.C. and Albany. CB7 halted its meeting for Nadler, who spoke to about 75 mostly supportive attendees and board members.

Nadler criticized the budget proposal which Republicans in the House of Representatives passed last week with no Democratic votes as “huge tax cuts not balanced by unspecified loopholes.”

“What you haven’t read is that the degree of cutting spending is incredible,” Nadler said. “When I say cutting spending, I mean everything you can think of.”

“This budget, over a couple of decades—I mean this is the blueprint—would reduce the federal discretionary budget to about 3.5 percent of the GDP. It’s now 12.5 percent,” he added. “If we pass anything like it, it will drastically

reduce what people depend on from government.”

Nadler also attacked the Republicans’ proposed multi-year transportation funding bill. Nadler called the bill—which includes a 35 percent reduction in transportation funding, and which he said chips away at environmental impact regulations—very partisan.

Last week, Congress passed a stopgap bill that extended transportation funding for 90 days due to deadlock on the multi-year bill.

“Transportation was always the one bipartisan area in Congress,” Nadler said. “That was true whether the Republicans or Democrats were in control.”

But Nadler predicted that House Republicans would need Democratic support for their final transportation bill because some Republicans have opposed any federal transportation funding, arguing that it should be left entirely to the states.

“That’s a debate that was held between Andrew Jackson and Henry Clay in the 1830s,” Nadler said. “And Henry Clay won that debate.”

Turning his attention from Washington to Albany, Nadler also

attacked the new lines for State Senate districts that the body passed last month, calling them “absurd.”

“They’re very artfully gerrymandered by Republicans for Republican purposes,” Nadler said. “Some of the gerrymanders don’t have a real purpose—they just make it difficult for anyone to represent the district.”

The Manhattan Supreme Court will hear a lawsuit later this week, with plaintiffs alleging that the Senate lines are unconstitutional.

“From a legal point of view, this is very interesting,” Nadler said. “There’s a reasonable chance the Senate lines will be thrown out and the court will redraw them.”

As a result of national Congressional redistricting last month, Nadler’s district gained more of the Upper West Side and Morningside Heights. Nadler, who was first elected as a democratic district leader on the northern end of the Upper West Side and later represented the neighborhood in the State Assembly, said he was “glad to be getting back to the 90s and higher.”

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AT THE MIC | Rep. Jerrold Nadler, CC ’69, speaks to constituents at Tuesday night’s CB7 meeting.

Student groups, CU offices get involved in RAK Week

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pleased by the level of student participation.

“The Facebook group grew exponentially. We had accumulated around 200 people before the week, but now we have around 550,” SWP vice president of external affairs Zak Plautz Posewitz, CC ’15, said. “We even extended the times for doing the hugs because we got such a great turnout.”

The Division of Student Affairs has agreed to perform two “acts of kindness” for RAK Week—hosting a dance party set to LMFAO’s “Party Rock Anthem” on Wednesday, and serving free cupcakes on Thursday.

“We are thrilled to partner with students to create a space of kindness and lightheartedness,” Dean of Community Development and Multicultural Affairs Terry Martinez said in an email. “The Community Development staff was creative in thinking about a quick, no-cost, energy booster, and we hope students will leave the event happy.”

Wednesday will be “Motivation Day,” Thursday “Appreciation Day,” and Friday “Creative Day.” Events over the next few days include root beer floats from the University Chaplain’s office, yoga classes with the Student Union for Sustainable Development and the Art of Living Club, thank-you-card-making and free “I want to CU well” wristbands sponsored by SWP, and free pizza courtesy of Columbia College Interim Dean James Valentini.

“We want to foster some kind of campus community, and that’s why we’re reaching out to all these other groups,” Posewitz said. “There’s always the joke that Columbia doesn’t have a sense of community, but we want to change that. We want to show people that people do care about them and support them.”

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Johnson says people ‘feel ignored’ under Rangel’s leadership

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the Poughkeepsie City Council, and her mother was the city’s first African-American school teacher.

“These are folks from Charleston, South Carolina,” she said of her parents. “And so that was a part of the manner—yes, you had to be involved.”

Johnson’s parents urged her to study science, leading her to earn a degree in microbiology from Howard University. But she has had a long career in public service, working in the offices of the Manhattan borough president, the New York City comptroller, and the NYC schools chancellor.

In 2008, she was petition coordinator and field director for President Barack Obama’s Democratic primary campaign in New York.

She also served as the president and chief operating officer of the Black Equity Alliance, an advocacy nonprofit, although she was later fired. (She filed a lawsuit against the group, testifying that she was fired for endorsing Mayor Michael Bloomberg. According to court documents, the group told her that it would not “look good” to endorse Bloomberg, who is white and Jewish, although the case was dismissed.)

Despite her civil rights work, Johnson said that race is not the point of the primary campaign. There has been much speculation about whether the district’s majority Hispanic population—a result of this year’s redistricting—will influence the outcome of the election.

Johnson called that discussion “so unfortunate.”

“The rest of the folks are just looking for anyone to lead this community to start solving our problems. They just want someone to do good work,” Johnson said. “I think we show them a lesser side of us when we make it all about race and ethnicity.”

Candidates for office don’t usually focus on the logistics of campaign organizing, but Johnson has repeatedly emphasized her organizing skills.

She is a veteran of the campaign

trail—this is her fourth run for office—and she “cannot escape the need to multitask,” she said. Before running for Rangel’s seat in 2010, she also ran unsuccessfully for State Assembly in 2002 and City Council in 2005.

“This has been the most unpredictable political cycle I have ever seen in 25 years,” Johnson said. “It has its downside and its challenges—it’s a sprint of monumental proportions. This will put you to the test.”

Johnson knows it will be a challenge to unseat Rangel, whom she called “the 800-pound gorilla in the race.” As a democratic district leader, Johnson “campaigned mightily for Charlie Rangel,” she said, but she has since grown disenchanted with his leadership.

“There are so many people who feel disaffected by the political structure—they feel ignored,” she said. “They’re not listened to or welcomed, and I don’t care what anyone says—it’s insider versus outsider, and too many people are being left out of it.”

Johnson, the only woman in the race, also believes that Congress needs to have more female members. Issues like contraception and abortion have recently been making political headlines, and she hopes that the “assault on women” in Congress will lead to a strong female showing at the ballot box.

“There is a move afoot for something different, and I think I may be the beneficiary of a wave—the seeds have been planted for a long time,” she said. “The largest voting bloc in the country is women. And you’re going to mess with women?”

Civil rights and women’s issues did not come to Johnson’s mind when she met Roosevelt and King, although she has since come to appreciate the two activists’ impact.

“I have the opportunity to say what I did not know then—that I was in the company of some of the giants of their time,” Johnson said. “I hope someone will say that about me one day, for having measured up in any way. We’ll see.”

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The last shall be first

Last weekend, I took the swim test, satisfying my last Core requirement (and shaming myself before my peers). Last Tuesday, I moderated my last debate for the political group I've been involved in since my first year. On Friday, I was dancing at the last Eurotrash I'll attend and heard the performers for the last Bacchanal I'll go to announced. On Saturday, I emailed my editor to make sure that this column (this one, that you're reading right now) is my second to last, and not my very last. On Sunday, I concluded what will (hopefully) be the last major round of edits on my thesis. Every day, at least once a day, I catch myself thinking about all of the last times I'm doing. It's not that I don't think I should think about last times, but rather that I'm thinking about lasts in the wrong way.

This is not the first time I have agonized over my last times. Before my term as editorial page editor came to an end, I noted the last op-ed and column I



EMILY
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Back to the Future

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I can personally attest to CCE's ineffectiveness after spending several frustrating months working with them during my job search.

CCE is seriously flawed. Mr. Massey ("Letter to the editor," Apr. 3) all but confesses this in his belief that holding non-finance career fairs amounts to something beyond rudimentary career advising work. During my job hunt, I never had a problem sending out resumes to companies that interested me. Instead, I struggled with, as I think many other graduates have, getting through the interview process with an offer. Students are frustrated not with CCE's capability to bring diverse employers to campus, but with CCE's seeming inability to do its job of helping graduates find work. One need only consider the interviewing advice provided to see my point.

Any job seeker will state, as do CCE's counselors, that "the resume gets you the interview and the interview gets you the job." And it is true. But, the problem is CCE's counselors are unqualified to advise on the intricacies of interviewing in areas where graduates apply (legal, tech, finance, nonprofit)—because the counselors are all generalists. Not one specializes in interviewing at law firms, consulting firms, service organizations, etc. And CCE's poor advice reflects this fact. Just take a gander at the advice I received from my counselor. The sum total of her interview prep amounted to "be likeable" because "employers are looking for the whole package." When asked to clarify what she meant, she hid behind bureaucratese about not knowing the intricacies of where I was applying. I interviewed primarily for legal and nonprofit jobs, and she never provided concrete advice about how to approach an interview in either field; such as how to frame answers or what skills were needed. For this, she and her colleagues draw a paycheck.

CCE is inefficient. And by definition, inefficient organizations in the real world are either downsized or eliminated. And since Columbia is an academic institution, I think a grade for CCE is in order. F.

Tim Reuter, CC '11

STAFF EDITORIAL

Celebrity status

It's that time of the year, and inboxes are being littered with emails from advisers and deans about class registration. While hastily scouring the directory of classes and cursing the fact that many classes aren't offered next semester, many students abandon their commitment to the four-year plan they developed as overeager first-years and begin to expand their horizons. Every semester, Columbia undergraduates fall into the trap of basing class schedules on classes with celebrity professors who seem entirely unconcerned with undergraduate teaching.

Some professors devote the majority of their time to lecturing and teaching, some to research. A celebrity professor benefits the University partly by just being here. Whenever one of Columbia's professors poses with rock stars, is nominated to lead a major international institution, or releases a best-selling book, he brings attention and prestige to the University. While there is absolutely a need for this type of professor, students and administrators too often confuse its primary mission—whatever it may be—with that of undergraduate education.

Whenever an undergraduate signs up for classes with a celebrity professor, he must be realistic.

Every spring, for example, developmental economist Jeffrey Sachs' Challenges of Sustainable Development class is hyped, and it is often hard to register for. Students may be thrilled to learn the subject from its most famous proponent, and may then be disappointed to hear that he is not in the room for a majority of lectures, choosing to Skype in instead or to hand over the responsibility to his head TA. On a very basic level, the bulletin should be transparent about a professor's involvement (or lack thereof) in a class that he is nominally teaching. Students registered for Challenges did receive email notification about Sachs' specific involvement, but this came after registration, not before.

More broadly, we wonder whether these professors actually detract from the undergraduate experience. Generally they don't. Every professor has a unique role on campus. The celebrity professor gives guest lectures, appear on panels, and attracts other illustrious people to campus. Yet whenever an undergraduate signs up for classes with a celebrity professor, he must be realistic. The very reason that a celebrity professor has celebrity status is because she has visibility all over the world, not just at Columbia. The celebrity professor who teaches undergraduate classes often assumes less of a teaching duty than most students might expect. The exact role of the professor should be made explicit in academic bulletins. It then becomes our job as students to know what we're signing up for.

edited, the last editorial board meeting I oversaw, and the last night that I worked in the Spectator office. Before I flew home from my semester abroad in St. Petersburg, Russia, I thought about my last walk by the Neva River, my last metro ride on the different lines, and my last coffee purchased in the so bad it's good Starbucks imposter, Kofe Haus.

In hindsight, though, I do not think of either of those as last times. Safely tucked away, covered by veils of memory, they have become first times. The first time I found something at Columbia to throw myself into. The first time I went to Russia. And they have, in turn, given way to other firsts that couldn't have happened had I not let go of the lasts.

It is always tempting (for me, anyway) to measure sections of one's life chronologically or temporally, to start the clock and watch the countdown, and even more so when those sections have predetermined time limits (i.e. college), just as it is tempting to give in to the feeling that is something like nostalgia for a place I'm still in (I believe they call this "dread"). But, though the only way to resist temptation may be to give into it (I know, it's Wilde advice), I do not believe that that is what we should do.

I know, or at least believe, that I—that we—will look back on our time at Columbia and remember all

of the things that began here, and all of the things that were able to begin thereafter. But I don't think we should wait till we graduate to see it as that. I don't think any of us should spend our remaining time here—be that years, or months, or weeks—thinking of a countdown (unless it is Beyoncé's song, "Countdown," in which case, yes, we should be thinking of it at all times).

On Wednesday, I began to let go of my student group. On Friday, I danced at Il Cibreo for the first time. On Saturday, I wrote something new. On Sunday, I got one step closer to completing what is by far my most major writing project thus far (I mean "major" both as in "considerable" and as in the Victoria Beckham catchphrase). On every day, I am contributing to a time in my life that was a first in so many ways, some which I already know, and some which I might never comprehend. Maybe I'll try not to comprehend or over-think them at all.

That would be a first.

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JULIA JARRETT

Columbians must take a stand

Last week, I attended the open forum on Columbia's expansion plan in West Harlem hosted by the Coalition to Preserve Community. To my dismay, most of the attendees were either West Harlem residents or active members of CPC. This made me ponder what this said about our student body. Before Monday's forum, I did not have firm opinions on Columbia's expansion plan, but attending the event drove me to strong conclusions. I wanted to be informed, to know what all the controversy was about, and to feel as if I wasn't living in an ignorant bubble during my time here. What perplexes me is that the very active and intelligent student body at our university has yet to have a strong presence on this issue, regardless of what the stance may be.

After attending the forum, I told a few acquaintances that I was considering occupying the West Harlem space in support, and received mixed responses. Some claimed that as a student benefiting from the endless opportunities the University is providing me, I should be deeply grateful to it and respect its decisions. Others argued that the school should be treated like a business: In the process of paying tuition we function as clients, and therefore have the right to demand certain services from them in exchange. Both of these viewpoints are wrong, and I feel that their prevalence within the student body has impeded an active voice in issues such as the West Harlem expansion. A university should have a symbiotic relationship with its students with room for dialogue and debate. As students, we make up a major portion of this institution's image—hence, what we voice can have a major influence on policy-making.

I invite you all to ask yourselves the following question: What type of university community do you want? I came to Columbia thrilled at the cultural diversity of living in this city. I chose Columbia over other top schools because I did not want to be secluded in thousands of acres of beautiful trees without any interaction beyond my Ivy League bubble. Thus far, one of the most enriching aspects of the New York I've encountered is Harlem. I tend to jog uptown early in the morning because I enjoy the dynamism of the area. It does not compare to the artificial class below 116th Street. As an international student from Mexico, learning about all

the different social cleavages in El Barrio has been fascinating. This is the type of university community I want.

A large part of our student body identifies itself with the West Harlem stance on this issue, and by expanding and relocating those communities, we don't really take into account the damage we are doing to our very own community. Amongst the most touching remarks I heard that night were those of Tom Kappner. He is a Columbia University alumnus. He is also a happy resident of Harlem, who moved there shortly after studying at Columbia. He is afraid of being expelled from the neighborhood he calls home, from the place where he has all his friends, networks, and memories, by the very university community he is also part of.

Similarly, I have met current students who grew up in West Harlem. They came to this school with endless illusions and dreams about the opportunities that lay before them and are instead faced with the fact that Columbia wants to take over the area where their families still reside. Then there's a large sector of the student population who just can't afford to see Columbia restructure West Harlem because it would be too expensive to live in. These are students who can't afford to dine in the chic restaurants that line Broadway or shop in the delis around campus. Instead they go uptown to West Harlem to find cheaper groceries, and might have to head even more uptown if this expansion is successful.

The West Harlem expansion is not an issue that should be left in the hands of the administration. It affects a community that is directly involved with our college experience, it affects our student community, and it even affects the resources that are available to us. Ask yourselves what type of university community you want. If you support the West Harlem expansion, I respect that—let us know why, and you might help the communities that feel so threatened understand the reasons behind the actions taken. If you protest it, join CPC's cause. They need your help, but they feel that the echo of their voices thins into silence among a student body that ignores them. Next time there is a similar forum to educate the student body on the issue, I expect a full house.

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SPORTS BRIEF

Softball faces Marist after dropping 3 straight

After being swept by Brown on Sunday, the softball team (7-18, 1-3 Ivy) heads upstate to face the Marist Red Foxes (12-17). The Lions struggled to score runs early in their three losses last weekend, and will play a doubleheader against a hot Marist team that has won five of its last seven. The Red Foxes, led by junior infielder Danielle Koltz and senior first baseman Nicole

DiVirgilio, have shaken off their own offensive struggles from earlier in the season to average almost six runs a game in their current two-game winning stretch. Marist also has a solid pitching rotation held down by a pair of freshmen, Janine Lalli and Melanie White, who each boast a sub-3.25 ERA. First pitch is at 3 p.m. today.

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Balancing the work of class and sports

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While all three of these multi-sport athletes have found tremendous success athletically, they consider the friendships they have built up—having played with so many different teammates—the most important benefit of their Columbia athletic careers.

“We get to work with a bunch of other people,” Roberts said. “The best part is spending time with both of your teams and getting to know everyone.”

Aurrichio noted, “It is definitely beneficial to be on two different teams. I’ve learned a lot. The more experience you have with people only makes you better. The more experience I have with my teammates, I get better, and now I can help some of the younger guys,

like Cory [Osetkowski].”

For Osetkowski, a Southern California native, the friendships he has been able to form with both his basketball and baseball teammates have helped with his transition in his freshman year.

“I have already built strong relationships—they have taken me right in,” Osetkowski said. “That has been the big thing, being so far away from home. I have built strong relationships, and I know I am going to have these friends for the rest of my life.”

One of these close friendships for Osetkowski has been with Aurrichio, his baseball teammate. They first met on Osetkowski’s official visit, when the baseball coaches took him out to dinner and brought Aurrichio to speak with him about being a multi-sport athlete.

“I guess the basketball coach wanted me to talk, and he was a perfect guy to talk to,” Osetkowski said. “Alex is really good role model for me. He showed me it obviously can be done, playing two sports at Columbia on top of the academics, because he has done it all four years.”

As Aurrichio and Robert’s collegiate careers come to an end and Osetkowski’s begins, the joy of competing and excelling keeps this rare breed of athletes going.

“I love doing it, I don’t look at it like it’s hard,” Aurrichio said. “Today I get to play baseball, the next day I get to play soccer. I get to travel, meet all these new people, and most importantly, compete every day. This is awesome—you can’t beat this.”



FILE PHOTO

DOUBLE TIME | Freshman Cory Osetkoswki is another multi-sport athlete. He is not only a center for the basketball team, but also a right-handed pitcher for the baseball team.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

PAT LOWERY



FILE PHOTO

FULL-TIME GAME | Pat Lowery helped the Lions defeat Yale 3-1 in game 1 of the doubleheader on Saturday, pitching a complete game. Lowery allowed a mere six hits and one run through the seven innings. He threw only 97 pitches, 68 of which were strikes. Lowery was the Ivy League Pitcher of the Year in 2010, when he threw four complete games in 10 starts.

Last home game before road trip begins

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outfielder Bill Rumpke. If small ball proves to be ineffective, Columbia will rely heavily on the bats of junior right fielder Nick Ferraresi and junior left fielder Dario Pizzano. Pizzano’s .380 average leads the team, while Ferraresi is hitting at a similarly impressive .324 clip on the season.

While Pizzano has yet to homer this season, the duo has nonetheless provided a significant portion of the lineup’s extra base hits. Pizzano leads

the team with 11 doubles and Ferraresi’s three home runs represent almost half the team total.

But the game’s most dangerous bat will be sitting in the visitors’ dugout. Rutgers’ senior third baseman Patrick Kivlehan has had a torrid couple of weeks and enters tonight’s game with a .419 batting average and five home runs. Kivlehan was also named to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll this past week after being selected as the conference’s Player of the Week the week

before.

Pitching has been a strong suit for the Light Blue all season, but with three Scarlet Knight hitters batting above .300 and two slugging above .500, the Lions’ staff will have its hands full. Rutgers is coming in off of a 12-11 win over Princeton on Tuesday.

The game will be Columbia’s final home game before it heads to Cambridge this weekend to kick off an 11-game road trip.

First pitch is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. at Robertson Field.



HENRY WILLSON / SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CLUB TIME | The Light Blue baseball team is almost ready to hit the road for an 11-game road trip, but before that the Lions will have to face Rutgers’ strong offense in one final home game.

College, pro sports must change penalties

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Wing, who ran a fake punt over 50 yards for a touchdown against Florida in 2011. However, before entering the end zone, Wing briefly waved the football in his opponent’s face, and the referees nullified the touchdown. Wing’s gesture was stupid and unnecessary, but much less so than the rule he broke. What ever happened to “Remember to have fun out there” or “Boys will be boys”? This is a penalty in which outlawing harmless celebrating

trumps sheer athleticism and skill.

We may have already passed the point of no return of penalty saturation at the professional level. Multi-angle video review, strict officiating, and arbitrary rules have snowballed into a dominating penalty structure that has detrimentally transformed the NBA, NFL, MLB and NHL. This system has already grabbed a loose foothold at the collegiate level, but there is still time to prevent the full-scale takeover of our beloved sports

by excessive regulation. The last thing we need at Columbia, where it’s hard enough to garner interest in our sports teams, is more penalties, harsher officiating, and a more stringent crackdown on aggressive play. It’s about time league administrators, referees, and pundits step aside and let the athletes compete in peace.

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JUSTIN WALKER

Bulldogs still looking for Ivy victory

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games. They beat Villanova at home last Tuesday, 11-4, before opening their Ivy schedule last Saturday against Yale, dropping the Bulldogs in both games. Penn followed up this strong performance against Brown, splitting the series with the Bears. The Quakers played La Salle yesterday afternoon, winning 9-4. Penn continues conference play against Dartmouth and Harvard this weekend.

PRINCETON

The Tigers (9-10, 3-1 Ivy) didn’t have any weekday games last week and dove straight into its Ivy schedule with a doubleheader at Dartmouth last Saturday, splitting the series with the Big Green. The Tigers moved on to Harvard on Sunday, sweeping it with back-to-back wins. Princeton lost a close game to Rutgers yesterday, 12-11. The Tigers will get back on the road this weekend,

playing Yale and Brown.

YALE

Yale (6-18-1, 0-4 Ivy) failed to win a game last week. After losing its first game to Quinnipiac last Wednesday, the Bulldogs went 0-4 in doubleheaders on the road against Columbia and Penn. The Bulldogs followed up this loss yesterday with another to Sacred Heart, bringing their losing streak to six games. Yale plays Princeton and Cornell this weekend.

The number of penalties is too damn high

“And he’ll go to the foul line.”

Sound familiar? It should be if you’ve watched even one game during March Madness. That’s because fouls are a staple of basketball as prevalent as almost any other aspect of the game. A tight matchup in the final two minutes of regulations enters a quasi-“Twilight Zone” parallel universe in which the trailing team commits ceaseless intentional fouls. This alone is annoying, but the problem transcends March Madness, college basketball, and crunch time. It instead underscores the broader issue of penalty saturation found in nearly every sport at every level of play. Enough is enough: The number of penalties in sports is too damn high.

Infractions are a necessary evil of sports. Can you imagine a sport like football devoid of penalties? It would be like Best Buy on Black Friday or The Heights at 1 a.m. on a Saturday night. Yet the current system of crime and punishment in most sports has become an overbearing apparatus actively impeding gameplay. Penalties should forestall cheap play, but not at the expense of the sport’s integrity. Frequent violations slow game flow, dissuade aggressiveness, and complicate gameplay. That is why many sports need to re-evaluate their disciplinary system and, at the very least, consolidate penalties.



MICHAEL SHAPIRO
Turn Up the Mike

If I want to see basketball players acting, I’ll rewatch “Space Jam”.

Hockey stands out as one of the most fast-paced, physical, and grueling sports in the world. However, the proliferation of penalties that’s happened over the past couple decades threatens to debase the very foundation of what makes the sport fun to play and watch. Further, it complicates things for fans. The current NHL rulebook is much like the U.S. Constitution: Both documents contain a panoply of rules and regulations—some of which we know, most of which we don’t. Most of these penalties are nearly identical and warrant a two-minute “minor penalty.” For example, boarding, checking from behind, charging, and cross-checking all result from a similar violent attempt to knock an opposing player off-balance. Perpetrators are almost always awarded two-minute minors (in extreme instances, a five-minute “major penalty” or game misconduct is issued), so why is it necessary to distinguish between similar transgressions? Well, it’s not. If George Carlin could condense the Ten Commandments into two, then surely the NHL could consolidate its infractions. Doing so would simplify the rule book and make hockey much easier to follow.

Basketball is a different beast altogether. Like hockey, there is room to consolidate fouls. However, the real problem is when fouls become part of the game strategy. By allowing each player to commit six violations before fouling out, the NBA is complicit in the “foul game” that occurs in the last few minutes of a close contest. Limiting players to fewer fouls would alleviate this issue by dissuading intentional penalties. The NCAA currently grants each player five fouls, but three or four would be ideal. Another flaw is that many fouls in basketball are extremely subjective, which in turn leads to players trying to draw a call. For example, when a player drives the lane, an opposing player will often attempt to draw a charging penalty by shielding his crotch, planting his feet, and falling down if even slightly bumped. If I want to see basketball players acting, I’ll rewatch “Space Jam.” For now, the NBA and NCAA have a responsibility to preserve the sport’s integrity by preventing intentionally committed and intentionally drawn fouls. A curtailed foul-out limit would limit both of these.

College football has also contributed to penalty saturation. In just the past couple years, the NCAA has cracked down harshly on innocent scoring celebrations and taunting. Prior to the 2011 season, the NCAA approved a rule stipulating that if a player taunts an opponent en route to a touchdown, the play is nullified. The first victim of the new penalty was LSU punter Brad



FILE PHOTO

BALANCING ACT | Senior Alex Aurrichio is one of three Light Blue athletes who plays in two varsity sports. He balances the demands of soccer and baseball.

Muli-sport athletes find balance in three schedules

BY HAHN CHANG
Spectator Staff Writer

With each swing of the bat, or each save from the net, senior Alex Aurrichio smiles.

“I love playing—that is the only way I can put it,” Aurrichio said. “I always love playing, and I love being able to play one sport and moving onto the next sport.”

Aurrichio, a designated hitter and first baseman for the baseball team and the former starting goalie for the soccer team, is part of an ever-shrinking population of multi-sport athletes at the Division I level.

Growing up on Long Island, Aurrichio excelled athletically from an early age. With three brothers and one sister, Aurrichio never stopped being active in his childhood.

“As kids, we came up with some crazy games. We played baseball in the snow, roller hockey, and we were lunatics,” Aurrichio said. “We always were outside, we always got creative and had to find something to do. We were finding new things to challenge ourselves with.”

For Aurrichio, who went on to be a three-sport athlete in high school, college coaches started recruiting him to play as a goalie or a first baseman.

“I got a few looks from other schools, for just baseball or just soccer, but I didn’t want to give it [either sport] up,” Aurrichio said. “The reason I came to Columbia was they offered me to play both sports.”

Freshman Cory Osetkowski, another

multi-sport athlete, entered Canyon Crest Academy four years ago at 5-foot-11 and 130 pounds, thinking he wouldn’t ever play sports collegiately, much less be a two-sport athlete.

“I wasn’t really skilled in basketball until junior year, and same thing baseball, and I was always a smaller scrawny kid,” Osetkowski said. “I never thought I would be a two-sport collegiate athlete playing at a D-1 NCAA level, and here I am today.”

The Lions originally recruited the foot-taller freshman as a pitching prospect. Eventually, the 6-foot-11 Osetkowski verbally committed to play baseball for Miami Ohio, but Columbia made an offer to let him play both baseball and basketball, which drew him over to Morningside Heights.

“Columbia came into the mix, and I told Columbia, ‘The only way I am coming here is if I can play basketball and baseball,’” Osetkowski said. “I talked about doing basketball with the baseball coaches, and they were all for it.”

Columbia’s decision to accept multi-sport athletes comes at a time when many other Division I programs avoid having athletes play two sports. While there have been many notable multi-sport athletes in the past, including Donovan McNabb at Syracuse and Bo Jackson at Auburn, it’s becoming more and more rare. Collegiate teams providing large streams of revenues for schools in power conferences—many coaches fear that injuries will come to their best athletes and advise players to specialize in one sport.

While the Ivy League may not be as

risk-averse as other Division I programs in allowing athletes to play two sports, there is a large time commitment for student-athletes in the Ivy League that deter potential multi-sport athletes.

The Ivy League’s willingness to allow athletes to play more than one sport provides an opportunity for multi-talented recruits, but the extra time commitment of an Ivy workload poses an additional challenge.

Time management can be difficult, even for athletes that play one sport, who normally commit to over 30 hours a week in practice, preparation, competition, conditioning, and travel, in addition to their courseloads. Because of their tight schedules, many athletes are restricted in the classes they can take, particularly when they are in season—but, for multi-sport athletes, those busy schedules are year-round.

Senior Monique Roberts, a high jumper on the track and field team and a middle blocker for the volleyball team, said, “It’s like you are always in season, and it’s somewhat difficult that there is not a semester where I can take more classes.”

Nonetheless, these athletes find their balance between academics and athletics.

“I felt like I needed my first year to figure everything out,” Aurrichio said. “After that first year, I made a plan on my end: ‘Here’s what I want to do, here’s what the coach expects from me. I know what my course load is going to be, I know what I need to do academically, and this is how I am going to do it.’”

Even with the intense pressures they

face as multi-sport student athletes, both Aurrichio and Roberts have found tremendous success in both sports they play, and have found that playing two sports has made them better athletes.

“I always felt like playing each sport had its advantages onto the next sport,” Aurrichio said. “I felt, agility-wise, moving back and forth as a goalie made me more agile as a first baseman.”

The advantage is easily seen. Roberts holds the school record for the high jump and was on Columbia’s first-ever Ivy League championship team in women’s track and field this season. As a middle blocker for the volleyball team, Roberts also earned second-team All-Ivy honors in both her junior and senior seasons.

Aurrichio has made his presence shown on both the diamond and the soccer fields. The senior captain has 23 home runs in his collegiate career (two short of the career record of 25), including a breakout 2010 season when he hit .329 with 13 home runs to earn All-Ivy first-team honors in baseball. Aurrichio, who stands at 6-foot-6, also started as Columbia’s goalie for four years, racking up 10 shutouts.

Osetkowski also has already made his mark on Columbia athletics, even in his freshman year. Playing in all but one game for the basketball team this season, Osetkowski showed his potential as a post player for the Light Blue, ranking second on the team in blocks and receiving the most playing time of any freshman this season.

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Lou Gehrig Division thrives, Red Rolfe teams struggle

BY ROBERT WREN GORDON
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

With the Ivy League baseball season underway, Cornell and the other teams in the Lou Gehrig Division hold the best records in the conference. Yale, on the other hand, has yet to beat a conference opponent, while Dartmouth and Harvard have only one win each.

BROWN

The Bears (4-16, 2-2 Ivy) experienced a rough start to the week, losing three of their remaining four games out west, including a 20-8 loss to San Jose State on Wednesday. Despite this embarrassment, Brown came back to beat San Jose State 6-4 before starting conference play here in New York against the Lions, splitting the series against both the Light Blue and Penn. After playing Siena today, the Bears continue their Ivy schedule this weekend at home against Cornell and Princeton.

CORNELL

Cornell (16-5-1, 3-1 Ivy) continues to fly high, tied with Penn, Princeton, and Columbia for the conference’s best record so far. After winning its first game at Albany last weekend, the Big Red tied 3-3 in the second match. It went on to start conference play, going 1-1 against Harvard on Saturday before sweeping Dartmouth on Sunday and Monday.

Cornell hits the road again with a doubleheader at Canisius College before resuming conference play on the road against Brown and Yale this weekend.

DARTMOUTH

Dartmouth (4-13, 1-3 Ivy) started the week off with its first home game, a victory against Amherst, before heading on the road to begin league play. Dartmouth didn’t have much luck while on the road, dropping its first game 8-0 at Princeton before bouncing back 8-2 in the second game. The Big Green continued on the road against Cornell, dropping both games. Dartmouth will hope to turn things around this week as it stays at home to take on St. Anselm before facing Penn and Columbia this weekend.

HARVARD

The Crimson (3-19, 1-3 Ivy) broke an 11-game losing streak last week, beating Holy Cross last Wednesday before facing Cornell last Saturday. Despite beating the Big Red in the first game, the Crimson lost the second before being swept by Princeton on Sunday. Harvard will have a chance to rebound today against Boston College, and then play Columbia and Penn at home this Saturday.

PENN

The Quakers (11-10, 3-1 Ivy) had a strong week, winning five of their six

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Light Blue baseball takes on Rutgers

BY ELI SCHULTZ
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Coming off a 3-1 weekend to open their conference schedule, the Lions (9-14, 3-1 Ivy) will take a break from Ivy play to take on Rutgers (14-12) on Wednesday afternoon.

COLUMBIA VS. RUTGERS

Robertson Field, 3:30 p.m.

The Light Blue has been playing its best ball of the season in the last two weeks, taking six of seven games dating back to March. The offense, which struggled earlier in the season, is finally establishing itself, especially after a 14-run outpouring in Sunday afternoon’s victory over Brown (4-16, 2-2 Ivy). Despite its recent success, Columbia enters the matchup with the Scarlet Knights focused on establishing consistency rather than putting on an offensive show.

If last Sunday’s game is any indication, small ball will figure prominently in the Lions’ game plan. The Light Blue utilized the bunt extensively against the Bears on Sunday, and even scored a critical runoff of a safety squeeze off the bat of senior

WL (IVY)	TEAM
1 16-5-1 (3-1)	CORNELL BIG RED  Sophomore pitcher Connor Kaufmann led Cornell to its first individual no-hitter in over 30 years against Dartmouth.
2 11-10 (3-1)	PENN QUAKERS  Quakers’ outfielder Greg Zebrack helped lead his team to a 4-1 record this week, batting .588 in five games.
3 9-10 (3-1)	PRINCETON TIGERS  Tigers’ pitcher Matt Bowman helped his team to a 4-1 victory over Harvard by striking out nine in his seven frame outing.
4 9-14 (3-1)	COLUMBIA LIONS  The Lions opened their season with two wins against Yale and one win against Brown.
5 4-16 (2-2)	BROWN BEARS  The Bears split both of their doubleheaders, against Columbia and Penn.
6 4-13 (1-3)	DARTMOUTH BIG GREEN  Freshman pitcher Adam Frank was named Rookie of the Week after allowing only one hit in 7.1 innings.
7 3-19 (1-3)	HARVARD CRIMSON  The Crimson was unable to get men across the plate, and the team dropped two games to Princeton.
8 6-18-1 (0-4)	YALE BULLDOGS  The Bulldogs fell to Penn in their second consecutive doubleheader loss.

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