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GIRL POWER | Maria Varon, Social Work '13 (c.), member of “Lady Milvets,” an informal group that gathers monthly for happy hour to support and to share stories with fellow female war veterans at Columbia.

Female veterans unite through Lady Milvets group

BY MADINA TOURE
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Though a small portion of the veteran student population at Columbia University, female veterans are coming together once a month for happy hour to discuss women’s issues.

The happy hours are hosted by the a subset of the Columbia Milvets that has dubbed itself the “Lady Milvets,” a social group that brings together female veterans across the University in an effort to increase camaraderie.

Members of Lady Milvets say they’re not out to overshadow their parent group, a larger group encompassing military veterans at most of Columbia’s schools, but are just trying to bring female veterans closer.

“We don’t gather separately from the Milvets because we feel divided from them or because we want to divide from them,” Kathleen Chiarantona, Social Work ’12 and Columbia Milvets’ graduate student representative, said. “We gather because of the connection we

feel to each other.”

Erika Gallegos, GS ’09 and TC ’12, and Helen Shor, GS/ SIPA ’13, founded the group last year.

Shor said that the group is focusing on maintaining membership and drawing in new female veterans. “Our intention is not to take away any of the administrative and event coordination functions that those groups are doing,” she said. “We are more interested in providing a more informal get-together for female veterans.”

Shor and Gallegos recruited one female from each branch of military service to co-host the first happy hour, which took place last May.

Susan Kang, GS, likened the happy hours to “bathroom talk”—a place where women can discuss issues frankly with one another.

“We talk about what’s going on at the dinner, at the club, wherever we are, at the meeting,” Kang said. “It just gives a chance to breathe, or laugh, or

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Injunction halts plans for nursing home relocation

BY CASEY TOLAN
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Jewish Home Lifecare faces another hurdle in its plans to build a 20-story nursing home on the Upper West Side after neighbors on Thursday secured a temporary injunction against plans to relocate their parking.

The nursing home organization wants to move from its current location on 106th Street between Amsterdam and Columbus avenues to a new site on 97th Street between Amsterdam and Columbus avenues—on a parking lot in the middle of the Park West Village housing complex.

The injunction hinges on the parking lot. Once construction on the lot began, Park West Village residents would have to park in an underground garage

around the block, on Columbus Avenue between 97th and 98th streets.

But residents argued that the aboveground lot was guaranteed as an ancillary service under the state Rent Stabilization Code, which means that it cannot be modified without approval from the State Division of Housing and Community Renewal.

“We have maintained that the aboveground parking spots are part of our lease, and that for the landlord to change the lease, they would have had to go to DHCR to get permission to move the parking spaces underground,” Park West Village Tenants Association President Maggi Peyton, the lead plaintiff in the suit, said.

The suit was filed by over 60

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NO PARKING | Neighbors are concerned about Jewish Home Lifecare’s planned relocation, which would cover a parking lot.

Environmental groups foster consumer awareness

BY ELIZABETH SUN
Columbia Daily Spectator

Columbia and Barnard environmental groups gathered on Friday evening to learn about the launch of Shop Your Values Week, a weeklong event in May that will promote consumer awareness of New York sustainable and ethical businesses.

Columbia’s Student Union for Sustainable Development, Columbia University Food Sustainability Project, Barnard EcoReps, and Eco@SIPA joined student associations from NYU and Hunter College to work on eco-business challenges and to discuss college-specific sustainability concerns.

The online network ethikus, which strives to provide New Yorkers with a database of eco-friendly and ethical neighborhood shops, is organizing Shop Your Values Week.

As of Friday, the organization had a directory of over 150 businesses, a number it hopes to increase to over 200 by May.

The organization plans to partner with nearly 25 community organizations and nonprofit partners in New York City for the consumer awareness week. Participating businesses include restaurants, coffee shops, eco-fashion stores, and hair salons.

“Ethikus is about helping us as New Yorkers, as shoppers, to find the stores and restaurants in our neighborhoods that are doing the right thing, that are supporting the community, that are caring for their employees, that

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FILE PHOTO

SPACING OUT | GSAS students are working to reinvent their lounge in Philosophy Hall.

301 Philosophy to become GSAS-only space

BY PARUL GULIANI
Spectator Staff Writer

After two years of discussion, plans are finally being made to convert 301 Philosophy into a renovated, usable graduate student center, outfitted with a lounge, cafe, and meeting space.

The room, previously labeled “Lounge of the Graduate Faculty of Columbia University,” will reopen by the fall of 2013 for the exclusive use of students in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

“We’re the only one of our peer institutions that doesn’t have a graduate center,” said GSAS Dean Carlos Alonso. “Most of them have an entire building. We are just trying to get a minimal, functional space for graduate students.”

Members of the Graduate Student Advisory Council, who have seen architectural plans for the space, will meet with Alonso next Monday to discuss the renovations.

Until now, the space was open to all students and faculty indiscriminately and was often booked when graduate students wanted to use it.

“It was so undependable that students actually are not thinking about it anymore and don’t use it,” Alonso said. “We had to do something to reclaim the space for the exclusive use of graduate students.”

“Dean Alonso was very good about this,” GSAC Chair Angela Jia said. “He knew how much this mattered to us.”

In September 2010, GSAC and the University Senate wrote a report to propose an

interim graduate student center. In it, GSAC outlined the reasons why the current space does not fit the needs of the student population, offering recommendations for reconfiguring the room.

However, the report stressed that 301 Philosophy would serve as an interim center only. “The Committee is well aware that Uris Hall will in all likelihood go to the arts and sciences once Columbia Business School decamps for Manhattanville” in 2016, the report says. “Within Uris, there will certainly be an emphasis on creating space for graduate students, and there are many attractive options within.”

The renovations are part of

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Why we should support the diversification of Columbia faculty.

Abolish semesters

Cecilia Reyes considers the possibility of a trimester system.



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Lions split weekend doubleheaders

CU had a weekend of ups and downs, splitting the series against Harvard and then nearly posting a no-hitter against Dartmouth before losing the second game.

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Gandhi on the Virtues of Civil War

South Asian history specialist Faisal Devji discusses leaving India to anarchy.
208 Knox Hall, 4 p.m.

Lauretta Vinciarelli’s Artistic Legacy

Colleagues of the painter will discuss her use of watercolors to portray space.
Wood Auditorium, Avery Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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SOUL SISTERS | The group provides space for female students to reflect on gender and deployment while bonding with other women, said Helen Shor, GS/SIPA '13 and one of the co-founders.

Veterans group working toward engaging more female students

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cry, and just be real.” Stella Serpa, administrative assistant at the Columbia University Medical Center, said that the happy hour is a comfortable setting for her to discuss women’s issues in history, such as a law passed by Congress in 1977 forcing women to leave the service if they get pregnant. Most female veterans at Columbia say that there is an unspoken bond between them. “You don’t have to explain what this acronym means,” Serpa said. “There’s a lot of things my civilian friends will say and I end up on a 20-minute explanation, whereas in this ... other people can relate to you and understand any of that.” “I guess I feel more connected to these Lady Milvets in the two times that I’ve been to happy hours than I have in the nine months I’ve been at TC to any of my classmates, just because of this unique history or perspective that we’ve all gone through,” Sharmistha Mohapatra, TC ’12, said. By catering to just female veterans, Lady Milvets is able to attract students from a broader range of schools than the Columbia Milvets. The only graduate schools that have their own veterans group are the School of International and Public

Affairs, the Law School, and the Business School. The other graduate schools fall under the umbrella group, the Columbia Milvets. Most members of Columbia Milvets are undergraduates, said Columbia Milvets President Dan Lagana, GS, but the group is working to reach out to graduate students as well. Every year, Columbia holds an orientation for student veterans to inform them about their benefits and the services the University offers for them. Lagana said that Columbia Milvets always speaks during the orientation. “We make an attempt to include veterans at all the schools that do not have an official veterans organization,” he said. “We pass around a clipboard, and they sign up. And a lot of times, we see them at our events.” Still, the group can’t reach out to everyone. Mohapatra said that she discovered the Lady Milvets group when someone at TC connected her to Gallegos. “That was the first time that I knew that there was a veterans group at all, because TC’s so isolated, it seems,” she said. Some veterans do not receive information simply because they do not self-identify as veterans. Won Palisoul, SCE ’12, said that there is an “etiquette issue where enlisted people don’t normally talk to officers,” creating a divide between

undergraduate and graduate veterans on campus. Mohapatra said that she prefers a more social environment for interacting with veterans. “I don’t know if I would go to the meetings anyway, because I’m not into the politics of the meetings or whatever the meetings might be about, like policy,” she said. “I’m more into the socialization aspect.” Shor said that the happy hours are “nice, because if the female veterans happen to be the kind that don’t attend the Milvets meetings, we can kind of provide them with information that they might never get.” “We don’t pressure anybody to have them mandatorily attend any meetings,” Palisoul said. Julianna Eum, a graduate student in the School of Engineering and Applied Science, said that the Lady MilVet happy hours have a more diverse group of veterans. “I am definitely going to recommend one of my friends who’s coming here for her grad school to join both groups, and specifically the Lady Milvets, because that is aimed at a more diverse group of veterans,” as opposed to the undergraduate focus of the Milvets, Eum said. Maria Varon, Social Work ’13, said that it just took her some time to adjust. “We try to attend a MilVets event but it was kind of weird at first because we didn’t know

them,” Varon said. After attending more and more of both the Lady Milvets and broader Milvets events, she felt more comfortable meeting other veterans. The two groups are taking steps to ensure that all veteran communities on campus can connect. As the Milvets’ graduate student representative, Chiarantona says that her job is to serve as a “liaison-advisory role to executive board operations for the Milvets at large.” “We need a dedicated person to kind of seek out these individuals because a lot of times, either they don’t know that we exist or they don’t know they can be a part of our organization,” said Richard Baldassari, GS ’14 and president-elect of Columbia Milvets. “So we want to be more proactive with scooping out those. And also to provide them a link between those schools and our executive board.” Palisoul said she hopes the happy hours will encourage more students to partake in the bigger events. “We would like to see more Lady Milvets stepping up and participating more in the MilVet events,” she said. “That’s the overall goal of the Milvets: to have more veterans come out and represent the groups.”

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Parking questions temporarily halt Jewish Home relocation

JHL from front page

tenants with parking spaces. Because Manhattan state Supreme Court Justice Anil C. Singh agreed with the tenants’ argument, the Chetrit Group—the nursing home’s developer and the landlord of the housing complex—will now need to go to the DHCR for approval to modify the parking. “It’s a big win for us,” Peyton said. “We were afraid they would tow our cars away.” Spokespeople for Jewish Home and Chetrit could not be reached for comment over the weekend. “When bulldozers start plowing through pavement and construction begins, the parking spaces will be gone forever,” Singh wrote in the decision. The injunction will let the state decide whether moving the parking “constitutes an impermissible modification of services, or whether it is a minor inconvenience authorized by the lease riders,” he wrote. According to Peyton, an underground lot would be much more than a minor inconvenience.

“Now, we have our own parking places, we have our own cars,” Peyton said. “We can get in our cars, go out, go shopping, pick up our grandchildren, and then come back and park whenever we want.” The underground parking would be valet, which Peyton said could make tenants wait for an hour for their cars. “Valet parking would be a nightmare,” she said. Peyton also said that the steep descent into the parking lot would make it difficult for the many seniors living in Park West Village to get to the garage, especially because an elevator exists in only one building of the complex. “I don’t know how JHL cannot realize how the neighborhood does not want them here,” Peyton said. “We’re not keeping out a nursing home that has nowhere to go. We’re keeping out a nursing home that’s squeezing onto this postage stamp of a property and has all that land up at 106th Street.” The planned development’s long history has been a roller coaster ride for opponents and proponents. In February, Community Board 7 voted overwhelmingly to recommend an arduous city review process for the plan, which could have killed it. But two weeks ago, the City Planning Commission decided that the process, known as the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure, was not necessary, leaving some to believe that the development’s path was cleared. The city planning decision has been met with scrutiny by opponents of the development, with some claiming the vote was rushed. According to Peyton and others, Commissioner Anna Hayes

Levin, the lone abstention, called the vote “irregular” at the city planning meeting. Levin did not respond to a request for comment. “I don’t think that the people who voted on this at the CPC know what’s going on down here,” Martin Rosenblatt, who lives across the street from Park West Village, said. “They don’t know the community.” Many neighbors opposed to the decision have voiced concerns about the new building’s effect on the community as well as how it would serve its elderly residents. Catherine Unsino, a Park West Village tenant and nursing home reform advocate, said a high-rise would make for a bad nursing home. “It’s a big win for us. We were afraid they would tow our cars away.” —Maggi Peyton, Park West Village Tenants Association president

In the current horizontal building on 106th Street, Unsino said, “elderly people can go down and visit the garden there—it’s quite spacious, and very pleasing for people on a nice day.” In a high-rise building like the one planned, that wouldn’t be possible. “Twenty stories is unheard of for a nursing home,” she said, adding that she believed it would be the tallest in the country. “Elderly people couldn’t get out easily ... It would keep them inside even in nice weather.” “In a sense, you’re confining people in an age-segregated and illness-segregated environment for the rest of their lives, and I feel that is unfair,” she added. Tenants are also worried about increased traffic from the proposal, with 97th Street already hosting a school, a loading dock for the Whole Foods store on Columbus Avenue, and nearby emergency facilities. In addition, 97th Street serves as one of the only streets in the area that connects the East Side to the West Side Highway, which residents say leads to increased traffic. “If there’s a fire, or a police emergency, or you’re coming home from the hospital, you have to juggle with all the cars coming to Jewish Home,” Peyton said. As school got out on Wednesday afternoon, double-parked buses slowed traffic to a crawl—and residents say that would only get worse with the nursing home on the block.

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SEARCH HIGH AND LOW | Karishma Habbu, CC '13 and Columbia College Student Council president-elect (r.), is the third student and only elected student official on the CC dean search committee.

Habbu joins search after student concerns

DEAN from front page

transparency and student involvement were “important and valid” and that more student representation is a positive. Habbu, too, said she agreed with the concerns expressed in the op-ed.

“I really respect all of those people, and the fact that they all wrote together means that it was definitely a legitimate concern, and they voiced the concern very well,” she said. “I give huge props to the administration for listening and acting on it so quickly.”

Terasaki said he was “extremely glad” about Habbu’s appointment to the search committee. “We’re glad we were able to speak with them and come to the conclusion that we needed to find a student representative,” he said.

Habbu’s The 212 party won the CCSC Executive Board election on Thursday.

Shollenberger said that in retrospect, he would have done more to keep students informed about the selection of search committee members.

“The one thing that I would have done differently—and

things had moved so quickly—is informing students of what the process was and that this committee was being formed. And that was my mistake,” he said.

The four students who wrote the op-ed were also concerned by the fact that both Kircher and Ramseur serve on the admissions office’s Undergraduate Recruitment Committee, whose members give campus tours and staff admissions events.

“Positions on the URC are appointed by administrators rather than elected by students, and these students are accountable primarily to administrators rather than their peers,” the op-ed read.

Shollenberger said that when he selected Kircher and Ramseur, it had not occurred to him that their involvement in URC could be perceived as problematic.

“I know there was a lot of attention on these two appointments around the URC, but these are students who have demonstrated leadership in numerous ways and are involved with a number of activities, such as Peer Health, the band, and several other organizations,” he said.

“A lot of us know J.T. and Mary, and they’re both incredible people,” Habbu said. “They’ve done really good work.”

The search committee held its first meeting on Friday, but Habbu was unable to attend, as she had just been asked to serve on the committee that morning.

“Whoever the dean will be, I think it’s important they feel strongly about representing Columbia College specifically in the larger University stage,” Habbu said. “Columbia College has a very specific role in the University, and a lot of the responsibility of carrying on that very independent role rests on our dean, as our main advocate.”

Columbia College’s current interim dean, James Valentini, is widely perceived to be a frontrunner for the position. Shollenberger said that Valentini has “been doing a really fantastic job.”

“I’ve been pleased with how he’s reached out to students and really wanted to hear students’ voices,” Shollenberger said.

Ben Gittelson and Andrea Shang contributed reporting.

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Environmental groups focus on sustainable businesses

SUSDEV from front page

are mitigating their environmental impact, and basically driving business to those places,” Jeff Hittner, founder of ethikus and Shop Your Values Week, said.

Hittner believes that there are three barriers to being an ethical consumer: lack of information, perceived higher prices, and complacency. Ethikus strives to counter all three.

During the meeting, many students took the Shop Your Values Week Pledge, which encouraged them only to eat and to shop at the businesses that meet ethikus’ credentials of being ethical and sustainable.

Columbia’s Student Union for Sustainable Development, or SUS-D, which focuses on sustainable development academics and opportunities, believes that ethikus is on the right track in terms of working toward overcoming the premiums that consumers often have to pay when patronizing businesses that are striving to be environmentally and socially responsible.

“SUS-D hopes to assess their impact and offer assistance to improve their ability to be successful in encouraging sustainable consumerism,” Robert Kite, GS ’12 and co-president-elect of SUS-D said.

“We hope to be advocates for students in the sustainable development program and help connect them to sustainability opportunities on campus and around the city,” Kathy Zhang, CC ’13 and director-elect of outreach for SUS-D.

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GSAS-only lounge will have kitchen, group study spaces

301 PHILOSOPHY from front page

the \$4.6 million enhancement plan to increase funding for Ph.D. students in GSAS. Part of the enhancement included setting money aside for renovations of 301 Philosophy, as well as 302 Philosophy, which currently serves as a teaching center.

According to Jia, the project was put on hold after it was discovered the space would require additional structural renovations, particularly to the pipes.

Joe Ienuso, executive vice president of facilities, said that plans for the graduate center are still in a conceptual phase.

“It was one big empty hall with chairs that we put on the side when we need the social space.”

—Mi Wang,
GSAS and University
senator

“We have not yet hired an architect to really take a hard look at the space and figure out what we are going to do with it,” he said. “Dean Alonso has given this project a lot of thought, and he’s looking to ... satisfy the needs of his diverse graduate student populations and create a space where graduate students could come together informally.”

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The ‘I’ in community

BY TERRY MARTINEZ

We are once again at a specific marker in the academic year where we get to consider the kind of community to which we would like to belong, individually and collectively. Room selection and student leader elections bring conversations (and often debates) that can strengthen and unify, or weaken and divide. Oddly enough, community is an individual experience as much as it is a collective one. Paradoxically, it is individualized when you think about the personal impact of your decisions and yet communal in the ways you choose to act on your decisions.

Find personal fulfillment in your surroundings by deciding on the kind of environment you want to create.

Consider your living situation. Do you want a single, a suite, or a townhouse? How do you want to interact in that particular setting? During the room selection process, each person has an opportunity to define for himself the kind of individuals they want to be around, be inspired by, create with, laugh with, cry with, or just be with—in the most comfortable sense. It is a choice. Find personal fulfillment in your surroundings by deciding on the kind of environment you want to create for yourself and then act to create it, regardless of which building you may eventually end up in. Consider it your own personal special interest community and don't lose sight of your own capacity to create your experience.

Conversely, electing your student leaders is an opportune time to consider those who most support your notion of a collective community. It is a time to find who you believe can most encourage discovery, expand on existing strengths and resources, and work to enhance your collegiate experience with others who may hold similar or even differing opinions. Once elected, hold your student leaders accountable, but do so in ways that allow you to engage in substantive conversations. It is far too easy to belittle and disparage individuals, particularly in anonymous postings, and there is a tremendous cost to doing so, both to individuals and to the community. (The recent vitriol around Obama speaking at Barnard College is a perfect example.)

I encourage you think about your role in shaping your Columbia experience. The coming weeks will continue to provide you with numerous opportunities to do so. Whether you have been selected for the first phase of the Gmail migration, the Brownstone Selection Review Committee, or have been contacted to complete a survey about services from the Financial Aid Office or from the Student Affairs Central Business Office inquiring about your student organization's experience with financial transactions, share your thoughts freely but do so respectfully. Don't buy into the “we vs. them” paradigm because many administrators and student leaders alike welcome the opportunity to engage in conversations about the areas important to you. I encourage you to take them up on every opportunity to do so.

The author is the dean of community development and multicultural affairs.

STAFF EDITORIAL

The search continues

Dean Moody-Adams controversially resigned last semester, leaving a vacancy that former chemistry department chair James Valentini temporarily filled. Until a couple weeks ago, there was absolutely no news about who the permanent replacement would be. Finally, a search committee that would include two students was announced—with mere weeks left in the semester.

We echo the sentiments in a recent op-ed from four outgoing student leaders (“Add elected student representatives to search for dean,” April 4). The op-ed called for students in elected positions to serve on the committee, as they alone can claim to represent the students of Columbia College. While we were happy to see students on the committee, we were far from satisfied with the specific appointments because of their connection to the administration. Both are members of the Undergraduate Recruitment Committee, an organization that glorifies Columbia and sells it to prospective students. Furthermore, student members of the URC are appointed by and are under the oversight of the administration, giving us more reason to be skeptical.

To its credit, the administration—and specifically Dean of Student Affairs Kevin Shollenberger—listened and responded, and announced last week that CCSC president-elect Karishma Habbu would also serve on the committee. We are glad that the administration is proving that it actually listens to students, but there is a great deal of work still to be done to ensure an optimal selection process. First, we expect Habbu, in her first real role as CCSC president, to respect student interests and truly speak on behalf of Columbia College students. High standards should be set for her. She should outline her plans for gathering student feedback and conveying it to the committee. She should also report the committee's progress at CCSC meetings to the student body. Given that the CCSC council presented her with a list of recommendations of what it would like to see in a new dean, it is now Habbu's responsibility to respect them.

Second, more elected student leaders should serve on the committee, as such responsibilities should have been assigned to them to begin with. As of now, the only people voicing concerns are outgoing student leaders—where are the incoming ones? We feel that a newly elected student leader cannot stand up to the task of representing the entire student body alone, and we hope to see more appointments. The most logical are the three University Senators for Columbia College.

Furthermore, we hope to see more transparency in the process. We do not expect the committee to be open to the public or the press, but we hope to be notified of the criteria that are being used to evaluate a new dean. Even if more students are not appointed to the committee, which may be likely as the semester is ending soon, students can still have an impact. We strongly urge our readers to send nominations for the next dean to nominations@columbia.edu by April 15. Dean Moody-Adams' resignation was marked with a lack of transparency and student participation. We hope that will change as the University—and Columbia College students—find her replacement.

Andrea Garcia-Vargas recused herself from the writing of this editorial because of personal connections to the two students added to the dean search committee.

Try-mester

The end is near.

Finals loom on the horizon. The grades of papers hastily put together and midterms thrown to capricious luck start weighing on a collective conscience. Oddly enough, the regret is always the same: I wish I had done more by doing less. Not having taken so many classes to be able to focus on only a few. Learned to say “no,” or at the very least, “maybe next time.”

I tell myself I'm being whiny, that this sinking feeling was due to my poor planning. Maybe I'll learn in time what is reasonable and what isn't. On the other hand, maybe it isn't a matter of age or experience. Plenty of upper-classmen have presented the same elusive time symptoms—I'm definitely not alone.

But when I am alone with a hundred pages of reading and unending problem sets, I can't help but revisit the idea over and over again: Why not adopt a trimester schedule?

We came here to acquire a well-rounded education, and a trimester system would be conducive to comprehensive learning. Presumably, we were chosen among many to enrich Columbia with a wide array of abilities. The University loves to advertise its Core as a tool to acquire ultimate academic stimulation. Yet curiosity for old texts goes out the window the moment fear of failure pokes its head through the door.

In fact, my friends attending small, liberal arts colleges often point out that Columbians keep their futures very much in the present. It's true. We strive to study what will be useful, often juggling jobs and extracurricular activities. Going to sleep with blaring sirens and quietly imposing buildings is a constant reminder that Real Life is out there, and it won't stop for us. Still, in the back of our minds, we know that these years may well be the only time we have to study whatever we want. Even as practicality teaches us that it is impossible to be everything, a train ride can take us to the heart of the most magical and serendipitous city in the world.

And so, the point of a trimester schedule would not be to make terms easier but richer. In fact, we would be working harder on learning a semester's worth of material in 10 weeks. Less divided attention would facilitate delving head-first into a course, indirectly making it “easier” to care about, and to excel.

Changing the system would cater to the indecisive and curious alike. We could take more classes overall, with as few as three classes per trimester. If we want to take nine classes per year now, it's inevitable to take five in one semester. Studying for five courses is not impossible, but it's also



CECILIA REYES

Reyesing Expectations

not ideal. SEAS students often remind me that in some cases, they have to take a minimum of five classes per semester to fulfill major and Core requirements. Vanities aside, some students resign themselves to reducing the worlds of chemistry, calculus, and literature to five nights of sleepless cramming because they have to.

Of course, the most obvious shortcoming of a trimester system is that it will do nothing to dissuade those obsessed with quantity over quality. Personalities won't change just because a schedule does. However, the message behind a trimester improvement is that we recognize the value in work, not that we can't handle it.

To be fair—and frank—a switch to a trimester schedule is about the last thing on anybody's list of priorities. In fact, whenever I brought up the topic among my peers, the automatic response was, “Well, that's nice. It's never happening.”

But it can. Behind every bitter complaint about classes lies a denied possibility of taking matters into our own hands.

If nothing else, opening my door to student body candidates last week made me take a leap of faith. I was surprised to find out that it had been students who turned Butler into a 24/7 library, or undergraduates who had conceived and implemented Columbia's no-loan policy.

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It is ridiculous that even first-years have to be convinced against cynicism. The manner in which we bemoan our administration even before setting foot on campus can only be blind conformity. Our “learned resentmentfulness” is no proof of being as talented and motivated as we appear.

Once I decided to listen, I realized that perhaps my fellow students had nothing but good intentions. Yet, as the road to Hell would testify, optimism starves on good wishes alone. Ultimately, accountability and transparency are a two-way agreement. It's harder for representatives to do their jobs when they realize nobody's watching.

Once we cohesively navigate through administration, a trimester schedule can bring us a better learning experience. The end is near. Or is it the beginning?

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JULIA JARRETT

In favor of diversity initiatives

BY JENNIFER ALZATE, MICHELLE ROSALES, NATALY SAUCEDA, DEVYN TYLER, AND DANIEL VALELLA

Last Monday, President Lee Bollinger announced a new \$30 million commitment to support the recruitment of “outstanding female and underrepresented minority scholars” in the ongoing effort to diversify Columbia faculty (“Columbia commits \$30 million to increasing faculty diversity,” Apr. 2). Following their reports of the announcement, Spectator and Bwog's comment sections exploded with debates over the existence of institutionalized racism and the value of actively recruiting women and people of color.

Our women and colored faculty mentors were living proof that people from our backgrounds could find success in the academy.

As members of the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, the writers of this piece are personally implicated in debates over diversity. MMUF is an international organization which addresses “the serious shortage of faculty of color in higher education” by intellectually and financially supporting young scholars of color who plan to pursue graduate degrees. As CC students and MMUF fellows that represent academia's underrepresented minorities, we hope to convince others that faculty diversity helps the entire university environment.

Diversity initiatives can be controversial because we are taught that hiring somebody based on their gender and/or race is always discriminatory and wrong. According to this logic, the ideal hiring practices should be gender- and race-blind, making it equally possible for people of all identities to attain faculty positions. Anything short of this merely reaffirms the second-class status of women and people of color (POC for short).

Underpinning this logic is the assumption that we live in a meritocratic “post-feminist” or “post-racial” society in which gender and race are no longer barriers to entry. These myths are self-perpetuating: The less we acknowledge women's and POC's underrepresentation, the less we will resolve it and the more entrenched the status quo becomes. This status quo becomes evident with one look at many CC and SEAS departments—whites and men are overrepresented in tenured positions. As of fall 2010, for

example, only 26/107 of humanities and 17/121 natural sciences tenured faculty self-identified as minorities. The causes of minority underrepresentation are numerous and complex, but regardless, these numbers demonstrate that Columbia departments have failed to adequately address these problems.

Another myth about diversity initiatives is that they hire faculty members based on gender and/or race instead of talent. Why, the argument goes, should we lower our standards to hire less qualified women and POC? This bogus claim relies on a naive notion of talent as a stable, quantifiable entity rather than a complex array of unquantifiable qualities including research skills, teaching ability, and intellectual fit with the department and institution. Questions of “fit,” especially, have historically devolved into questions about which faculty candidate most closely resembles the people that currently dominate the academic community. MMUF and other diversity initiatives do not remedy this problem by throwing money at unqualified women and POC. Rather, they correct for white males' disproportionate access to mentoring, networks, and money by supporting the most highly qualified individuals from underrepresented groups.

But surely, white men can teach Shakespeare as well as women and POC—why do we need faculty diversity to begin with? While drafting this op-ed, we Mellon fellows realized that, as women and/or POC ourselves, many of us have unintentionally found faculty mentors from the same or similar backgrounds. This is not because we devalued or rejected male and/or white faculty mentors, but rather because they could not speak directly to our experiences of underrepresentation in academia. In a society that systematically denies the presence and importance of traditionally marginalized communities—in history textbooks, federal government, and top CEO positions—our women and colored faculty mentors were living proof that people from our backgrounds could find success in the academy. Many MMUF fellows are first-generation college students coming from low-income backgrounds, and without the support of our faculty mentors and MMUF, we would not have received any affirmation that our dreams are achievable.

Historically, our university is complicit in the underrepresentation of women and POC. Fortunately, Columbia University has the highest Ivy League percentage of minority faculty (25.8 percent) and continues to lead the nationwide movement towards diversifying academia. Whether through the future increase in fresh perspectives or potential mentors, the entire University stands to gain from President Bollinger's reaffirmed commitment to faculty diversity.

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35 Reach one's limit on, as a credit card, with "out"
36 Heavy wts.
37 Pres. or gov.
38 Fell with an axe
41 Luau cocktails
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44 Lunch box pudding brand
47 Emcees
48 "Dog the Bounty Hunter" channel
49 Pieces
51 H.S. class with microscopes
53 Jenna, to Jeb
56 Ancient
57 Expert
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63 Like some Coast Guard rescues
64 Native Nebraskan
65 Disruptive '60s campus gp.
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24 Jeremy Lin or Kobe Bryant, e.g.
25 ___ de Cologne
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39 N.Y. clock setting
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42 Get an "A" on
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TIM TERRIFIC | Junior Tim Giel hurled seven innings of one-run ball in a 10-1 win over Harvard on Saturday afternoon.

CU rides offense, pitching to game 2 victory

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Following senior center fielder Billy Rumpke’s strikeout, junior left fielder Dario Pizzano drew a walk to put runners on first and second with one out. After both Eisen and Pizzano advanced on a double steal, junior right fielder Nick Ferraresi walked to give Black another chance to deliver with the bases loaded. Black capitalized on the opportunity to erase the memory of his failure in game one and drove in Eisen with a single. Junior designated hitter Nick Crucet then doubled down the left field line to score Pizzano and Ferraresi. A single by freshman second baseman

Jordan Serena, coupled with a throwing error by Harvard senior right fielder J.T. Tomes, plated two more runs to give the Light Blue a 5-0 advantage. The outburst gave Columbia’s starter, junior righty Tim Giel, a comfortable cushion to start the game. “Getting that first five-run first inning was awesome, was really good to pitch with,” Giel said. The junior did not let the run support go to waste, holding the Crimson to one run on six hits in seven innings of work. “Tim pitched a great game ... he did a great job just attacking ‘em,” Boretti said. Giel started to show signs of wear in the later innings. After surrendering his

first run of the afternoon in the sixth, he loaded the bases with none out in the seventh. But the righty from Gibsonsia, Pa., clamped down, inducing three straight outs on a harmless pop-up and a pair of strikeouts to stop the rally. “It was good to go out on a high note,” Giel said of his Houdini-like escape in his final inning of work. Freshman righty George Thanopoulos relieved Giel in the eighth and pitched two strong innings to close out the Columbia victory. The Lions headed to Hanover following Saturday’s twin bill looking for a Sunday sweep of the Big Green on the road.



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FISCHING ROD | Sophomore catcher Mike Fischer knocked Columbia's only homer of the weekend in a loss to Dartmouth.

Lions drop game 2 after Speer dazzles in opener

DARTMOUTH from back page

bottom of the seventh, his fifth victim of the afternoon. Unfortunately for Speer, the third strike was a wild pitch, and the batter reached base. On the very next pitch, designated hitter Ennis Coble singled to left to break up the no-hitter. The Big Green followed with two more singles into left field, scoring two runs and putting the tying runs on base. After a sacrifice bunt moved the Dartmouth baserunners into scoring position, freshman David Spinosa came in to relieve Speer. Spinosa was able to put out the fire, inducing a pair of groundouts, despite walking the potential go-ahead run in between. In stopping the Big Green’s rally, Columbia snapped the Dartmouth’s remarkable 28-game home winning streak, which began three days short of two years ago. In game two, Dartmouth was able to start a new streak at home,

thrashing the Lions 11-3. Columbia got on the board first when Silbar singled, stole second, and scored on a base hit by Eisen. The Light Blue’s only other runs of the game came on a fifth-inning, two-run homer down the left field line from sophomore catcher Mike Fischer—the Lions’ lone home run of the weekend. Columbia’s offense struck out 10 times against Dartmouth junior Michael Johnson. Dartmouth took its first lead with three straight hits off of junior Stefan Olson to start the bottom of the third inning. But the game’s turning point came in the fifth inning, with Columbia leading 3-2 thanks to Fischer’s home run. With two outs and a runner on first, Roulis chopped a slow ground ball. But junior first baseman Alex Black’s toss to Olson was wild, allowing Roulis to reach on the error. Boretti followed by bringing in sophomore lefty Joey Gandolfo to match up with the lefty Coble. However, Coble would walk, and the

next batter, sophomore first baseman Dustin Selzer, blasted a grand slam to left-center, giving Dartmouth a 6-3 lead that it would not relinquish. “Stef pitched well,” Boretti said. “We should have had our third out of the inning there. With Coble up, we decided we liked the bullpen match-up, with him being one of their better hitters in that situation. It just didn’t work out.” Selzer had a day to remember, blasting another home run in the seventh inning and a two-run double in the eighth, accumulating seven RBIs in the contest. Columbia’s bullpen struggled, allowing nine earned runs. Heading into divisional play next weekend, the Lions trail Cornell by two games and Princeton by one game in the Lou Gehrig Division standings. The Gehrig Division went 23-9 against the Red Rolfe Division in the two weeks of inter-division play. Columbia will next take the field at St. John’s on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Tennis tops Dartmouth, Harvard to extend streak

TENNIS from back page

Trailing by a set, Gery and Yetimoglu managed to push the match to a tiebreaker, but Pearlman and Schultz overpowered the Lions with strong serves, giving Harvard a 1-0 advantage. At that point, the Lions faced an uphill battle, needing to win four of the six singles matches to beat the Crimson. “Harvard’s a good team, and they have a lot of confidence,” Goswami said. “I felt like that would give them the momentum, but I think our guys have a little bit more than I thought they had.” The Lions’ first point came from freshman Winston Lin, who dominated in the No. 1 spot against Pearlman, his much larger opponent, and won 6-1, 6-2. Crimson freshman Denis Nguyen responded with a surprising 6-4, 6-2 victory over senior Haig Schneiderman in the No. 2 spot. But it turned out to be Harvard’s last win of the day. After sophomore Tizian Bucher won in the No. 6 spot, the match was tied at 2-2 and the Light Blue turned to the middle of its singles lineup to come through. As Dick Savitt Tennis Center echoed with fans’ encouraging cheers, freshman Ashok Narayana, freshman Bert Vancura, and Gery rallied in their third sets to hand Harvard its second loss of the season. “The home crowd always helps, and the young alums—they all come back, even for Easter Sunday,” Goswami said. “It seems like it’s 200,000 people when they cheer.” Goswami stressed the role of the Lions’ endurance in the third set, crediting Light Blue strength trainer Tommy Sheehan as an integral part of the players’ fitness training. Columbia also relied on the momentum it carried into the game, after having defeated the Big Green (14-2, 0-1 Ivy) on Saturday. The Light Blue took an early lead by winning the doubles point thanks to strong wins by Schneiderman and Lin in the No. 3 spot and by Narayana and freshman Max Schnur in the No. 1 spot. It did not take long for Lin and Narayana to take away wins in their singles matches, and soon after, Gery and Schneiderman closed out the Columbia victory with wins of their own. With this weekend’s two wins, the Lions are poised to make a run for the championship. “Hopefully, now, we’ll be the ones everybody’ll be after,” Goswami said. “They’ll play all their best tennis, and we have to be ready for it.” Columbia will face Yale and Brown next weekend.

SCOREBOARD



WOMEN’S TENNIS	
Columbia	3
Harvard	4
Columbia	
Dartmouth	3



MEN’S TENNIS	
Columbia	5
Dartmouth	2
Columbia	
Harvard	2



TRACK AND FIELD
Freshman Nadia Eke and senior Kyle Merber set school records over the weekend.



BASEBALL	
Columbia	2
Harvard	6
Columbia	
Harvard	10
Columbia	
Dartmouth	4
Columbia	
Dartmouth	3
Columbia	
Dartmouth	3
Columbia	
Dartmouth	11



SOFTBALL	
Columbia	0
Harvard	8
Columbia	
Harvard	0
Columbia	
Harvard	9
Columbia	
Dartmouth	0
Columbia	
Dartmouth	7
Columbia	
Dartmouth	1



LACROSSE	
Columbia	13
Connecticut	4



WOMEN’S ROWING
Varsity eights finished second at the Class of 1975 Cup.



MEN’S ROWING
Heavyweight varsity eights finished last at Childs Cup, lightweight varsity eights beat Navy.

SPORTS BRIEFLY

TRACK AND FIELD

A number of Lions attracted attention at this weekend's Sam Howell Invitational in Princeton, N.J. Freshman Nadia Eke made the biggest splash, setting a new Columbia triple jump record with a distance of 12.81 meters. The women's track team also performed remarkably well in the 3,000-meter run. Columbia captured the top two places as sophomore Caroline Williams finished first with a time of 9 minutes, 56.39 seconds, and junior Erin Gillingham took second with a time of 9:57.29. On the men's side, senior distance runner Kyle Merber's 3:42.49 time in the 1,500 set another school record at the Stanford Invitational. The Light Blue's next meet is the Mason Spring Invitational, which will take place this Saturday in Fairfax, Va.

—Eli Schultz

SOFTBALL

The softball team (9-22, 3-5 Ivy) fell to Harvard (19-9, 7-1 Ivy) before rebounding against Dartmouth (8-15, 1-7 Ivy). Harvard senior pitcher Rachel Brown pitched a complete-game one-hitter as the Crimson earned an 8-0 victory in game one. The second game started as a pitcher's duel, with both pitchers taking shutouts into the fourth inning, but Harvard posted a four-run fifth inning and held on for the 4-0 win. Columbia then traveled to Hanover, N.H., to square off against Dartmouth. In the first game against the Big Green, Columbia benefited from a huge offensive performance by sophomore designated player Tristin Moone. Moone hit two home runs and racked up four RBIs in the Light Blue's 9-0 victory. Freshman Brooke Darling, who pitched a complete-game shutout in game one, went seven innings in game two and allowed only one earned run. The offense also responded, putting up seven runs with two coming in on RBIs from freshman infielder Alix Cook, to lead the way in a 7-1 win. The Lions' next Ivy League matchup will be against Cornell in Ithaca next Saturday. First pitch is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

—Hahn Chang

LACROSSE

Columbia (1-9, 0-5 Ivy) fell in overtime to Connecticut (7-4) on Saturday, as the Huskies' sophomore midfielder Lauren Kahn scored her fourth goal with 13 seconds left in the first three-minute overtime period. The Light Blue could not respond in the second overtime period and fell by a final score of 14-13. That goal was the fourth unanswered by Connecticut after Columbia sophomore midfielder Paige Cuscovitch netted her third goal of the game to put the Lions up by three with 10:44 to go. Junior attacker Kacie Johnson had another five-goal, eight-point night in the narrow loss. The Light Blue's next game is on Wednesday night against Lafayette.

—Muneeb Alam

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Light Blue (12-3, 2-1 Ivy) battled against Ivy League rivals Dartmouth and Harvard this past weekend in two of the team's closest matches of the season. After dropping all three doubles and the No. 5 singles matches to the Big Green and falling behind 0-2, the Lions defeated Dartmouth 4-3 with four straight singles wins. Sophomore No. 3 Iani Alecsiu sealed the victory for the Lions after bouncing back from losing the first set for a 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 win. On Saturday, hoping to defeat Harvard for the first time since 1993, the Lions fell just short of their goal. Despite the Light Blue getting out to an early 1-0 lead after winning the doubles point, the Crimson rebounded during singles play, and Columbia dropped four singles matchups. Only junior No. 1 Nicole Bartnik and sophomore No. 2 Bianca Sanon won their singles matches. The Lions' next match is against Yale on Saturday, April 14, at Columbia's Dick Savitt Tennis Center.

—Caroline Bowman

MEN'S ROWING

In a race that was dominated by Princeton, the Lions' heavyweights lost their battle for second place to Penn and placed last in this weekend's Childs Cup regatta. Columbia's time of 6 minutes, 42.50 seconds was just a couple of seconds behind Penn's 6:40.60, while Princeton's varsity eights took first with a time of 6:27.30. The Lions' freshman eights also finished last, with a time of 6:37.80. Columbia did not participate in the second varsity eight race. While the heavyweight boats struggled against Penn and Princeton in the race, the lightweight varsity eights pulled out an upset victory versus Navy. The Lions defeated the Midshipmen 6:30.20 to 6:44.40, although none of the other lightweight boats was able to take first in its event. The lightweights will compete in the Dodge Cup this weekend, while the heavyweights will compete in the Blackwell Cup.

—Eli Schultz

WOMEN'S ROWING

After a series of disappointing outings for women's rowing, the varsity eights found some success despite the challenging weather on Lake Carnegie this past weekend. Even with unfavorable wind, the varsity eights came in second with a time of 7 minutes, 19.10 seconds, just five seconds slower than the first-place Tigers. The second varsity eights finished in third place with a time of 7:21.90, again only five seconds behind the first-place Tigers. The Lions' varsity fours did not fare as well as the eights, with both teams finishing in last place. Varsity fours A finished 21.1 seconds behind third-place Cornell, and varsity fours B finished 10.2 seconds behind third-place Princeton. The next regatta for the Lions will be at Cornell on Saturday, April 21.

—Alison Macke

MONDAY MORNING CLOSER

week 2

GAME BALL

Game ball goes to junior righty Tim Giel, who earned a win on Saturday versus Harvard. Giel pitched seven innings and gave up only one run, while striking out three. He also escaped from a bases-loaded, no-out jam in his final inning of work to prevent the Crimson from rallying.

HE'S BACK

Limited by an injury over the last couple of weeks, junior second baseman Nick Crucet got an at-bat as a pinch hitter in game one versus Harvard, and then got the start in game two as the Lions' designated hitter. Crucet went 2-4 with two RBIs.

NEAR NO-NO

Sophomore lefty David Speer held the Big Green hitless for six innings as Columbia built up a 4-0 lead. However, Speer faltered in the seventh, and freshman righty David Spinosa had to come on to get the game's final two outs and preserve the win.

INJURY REPORT

No significant injuries to report this week.

IVY STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT
Cornell	7	1	.875
Princeton	6	2	.750
Columbia	5	3	.625
Penn	5	3	.625
Dartmouth	5	3	.625
Brown	3	5	.375
Harvard	2	6	.250
Yale	0	8	.000








BY THE NUMBERS

5 Runs scored by the Lions in the first inning of game two versus Harvard.

11 Number of times Columbia batters struck out in Sunday's game two loss to Dartmouth.

22 Number of consecutive home wins the Big Green had before the Lions snapped the nation's longest home winning streak in game one of Sunday's doubleheader.

IVY SCHEDULE

						
VS. YALE 3/31 1 P.M. W 3-1 3:30 P.M. W 3-0	VS. BROWN 4/1 12 P.M. L 3-4 2:30 P.M. W 14-6	AT HARVARD 4/7 12 P.M. L 2-6 2:30 P.M. W 10-1	AT DARTMOUTH 4/8 12 P.M. W 4-3 2:30 P.M. L 3-11	AT CORNELL 4/14 12 P.M. 2:30 P.M. 4/15 12 P.M. 2:30 P.M.	VS. PRINCETON 4/21 1:30 P.M. 4 P.M. 4/22 1 P.M. 3:30 P.M.	AT PENN 4/27 12 P.M. 2:30 P.M. VS. PENN 4/28 12 P.M. 2:30 P.M.

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NCAA should work to satisfy religious needs

Being the picky eater that I am, keeping kosher for Passover was never all that easy for me. I did it for a year or two as a young teenager, but the stint was short-lived. Surprisingly, though, what ended my two-year streak wasn't a craving for a juicy bacon cheeseburger on a warm, toasted bun (so many Jewish dietary rules, so easy to break them all at once...), but rather the fact that I was an athlete.

I was a runner throughout high school and had a particularly sluggish workout one day. The obvious cause was that I hadn't been eating well for a few days since Passover had begun. For picky eater whose diet was heavily based on white carbohydrates, finding acceptable meals had been difficult. I was talking to my coach at one point that day, and basically our conversation boiled down to this: If I wasn't going to be eating properly, I shouldn't be practicing. Not that my coach was going to kick me out or anything, but it wasn't safe, and it wasn't healthy. So that was the end of that.

While this hasn't been an issue for me in the years since, there are plenty of people out there with more varied palettes and more willpower than I, and some of them play sports here at Columbia.

So, what do you do when you're a college athlete with a commitment to both your religion and your team? Keeping kosher for Passover or attending a Seder instead of scheduled practice aren't World Series- or Yom Kippur-level decisions à la Sandy Koufax, but they're still important choices, and choices our peers have to make every year while most of us simply curl up with our homework, whether it be here at school or back home for the weekend if we're lucky.

What it comes down to is that the college athletic calendar simply doesn't allow for students to respect both their religions and their teammates at the same time, at least not to the extent that they may wish they could.

Like the Christian players on the baseball and men's tennis teams who, in all likelihood, weren't able to attend church on Easter Sunday because of competition, my guess is that the Jewish student-athletes with weekend matchups and travel weren't able to attend Seders with their families on Friday or Saturday night, either.

The Jewish athletes also have the added strain of deciding whether or not to keep kosher for Passover—a weeklong event starting this past Friday night at sundown. So what's a Jew to do?

I was unable to survey all Jewish student athletes over the weekend—sorry to disappoint—but my guess is that, for the vast majority, keeping kosher for Passover is unrealistic.

If there are a few who are able to do it, kudos! But I assume many run into a similar situation to the one I did back in high school: Keeping kosher for Passover can easily interfere with athletics. How are you supposed to carbo-load before a track meet when you can't eat pasta? I'm sorry, but swapping out pasta for matzo is just not a fair trade. Similarly, what do you do when sandwiches are provided for lunch between games in a double-header and you need to keep your energy up? The reality is, you eat.

One lucky thing about Passover is that it moves around (because the dates are based off a lunar calendar). So in years when the first and second nights occur on practice days, there's actually a possibility to slip out early, assuming your Seder is close by enough. For athletes who celebrate Easter, though, the Sunday thing has got to be a constant drag.

So we're left with the question: What's the solution? Unfortunately, I don't think there is one. It's impossible for the athletic calendar to respect every single holy day of every single religion, and so in the end, it respects very few of them. It doesn't really please anyone, but it doesn't offend anyone, either. What we're left with, though, is a full athletic calendar that regrettably forces athletes to choose between their teams, their families, and their faiths.

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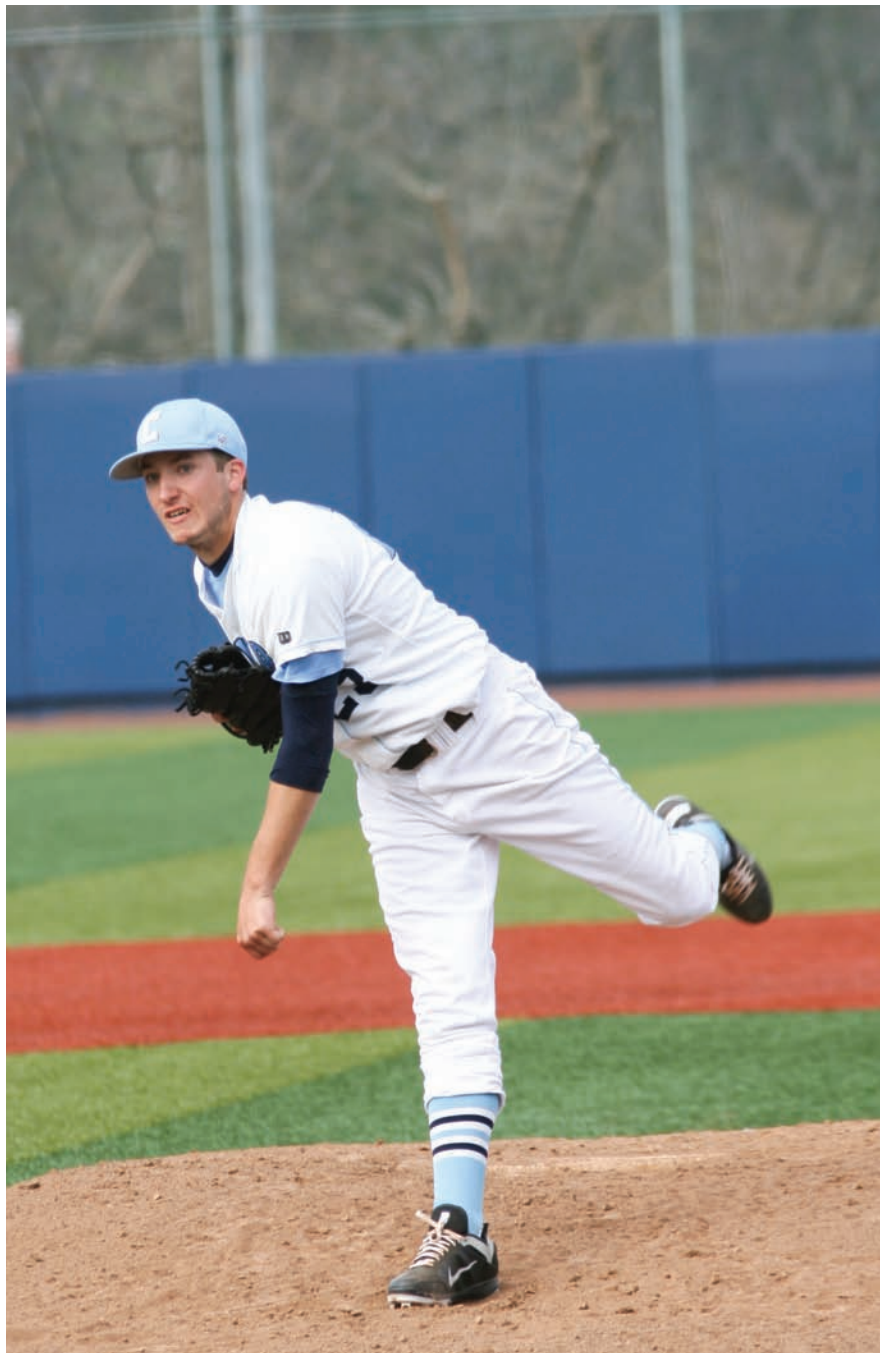


VICTORIA JONES

Batting a Thousand



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WEEKEND WARRIORS | Senior third baseman Jon Eisen and sophomore lefty David Speer both performed well as the Lions went 2-2 in the second weekend of Ivy play.

Columbia goes 2-2 on weekend with a pair of splits

Lions' offense comes to life in nightcap after rough first game

BY ELI SCHULTZ
Spectator Staff Writer

Despite a shaky offensive performance in game one, Columbia's bats came to life in game two, salvaging a doubleheader split with the Crimson.

Harvard (5-22, 2-6 Ivy) took the first game 6-2 behind a solid outing from freshman righty Tanner Anderson, but the Lions (12-16, 5-3 Ivy) dominated the second half of the twin bill to earn a 10-1 victory.

"We always want to get two wins, obviously," senior third baseman Jon Eisen said. "But it was good to bounce back and get that second game."

After the Lions stranded two baserunners in the top of the first inning of game one, the Crimson plated a pair of runs in the bottom of the frame to get a quick lead. The Light Blue got a run back in the top of the third to pull within one, but senior righty Pat Lowery quickly got himself into trouble in the bottom of the inning. Lowery gave up three singles to open the frame, which gave Harvard another run and put Crimson runners on first and second

with none out.

But Columbia stifled the threat and nearly pulled off a triple play when Harvard senior second baseman Jeff Reynolds lined out to Lowery on a bunt attempt with both runners in motion. Lowery got the runner at second, but an errant throw by sophomore shortstop Aaron Silbar allowed Crimson sophomore shortstop Carlton Bailey to make it back to first in time and then advance to second on Silbar's throwing error.

The Light Blue was ultimately unable to close the gap. With the bases loaded and the tying run at the plate for the Lions in the top of the seventh, junior first baseman Alex Black lined into a double play to end the game.

After the game-one disappointment, Columbia's offense burst out of the gate with a five-run first inning to open game two.

"It was good to see us come out right away, put a big number up early," Lions' head coach Brett Boretti said.

Eisen singled to lead off the game and advanced to second on a wild pitch.

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Light Blue fails to sweep after snapping Dartmouth win streak

BY RYAN YOUNG
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Columbia sophomore lefty David Speer nearly pulled a rabbit out of his hat on Easter Sunday, taking a no-hitter into the seventh and final inning of game one of a doubleheader at Dartmouth (8-14, 4-4 Ivy). After their no-hit bid was lost, the Lions (12-16, 5-3 Ivy) were narrowly able to hold onto their lead, but were not able to hold back the Big Green's offense in game two, splitting both the doubleheader and the weekend road trip.

Heading into the seventh inning of what would be a 4-3 victory for the Lions, Speer had only faced one batter over the minimum. A fourth inning throwing error by senior third baseman Jon Eisen was the lone play that prevented a perfect-game bid heading into the final inning.

"It was a great performance. He was really spot-on with the execution of his pitches, and he did a good job of working both sides of the plate," head coach Brett Boretti said. "It was just a great performance to build on."

In what began as a duel between Speer and Dartmouth junior Kyle Hunter, with the first three innings lasting under thirty minutes, the first baserunner of the game came in the fourth inning, on a leadoff double by Eisen. The Lions would leave the bases loaded that inning, but they would finally break through in the fifth.

Junior designated hitter Nick Crucet's infield single drove home the game's first run, and junior left fielder Dario Pizzano followed with a two-run double to left-center, extending the lead to 3-0. After tacking on another run in the next inning on sophomore shortstop Aaron Silbar's RBI triple, the Light Blue took a 4-0 lead into the bottom of the seventh.

"We struck out only one time. We battled Kyle Hunter very well," Boretti said. "He beat us the last two times he's pitched against us."

Speer, who had breezed through the first six innings on just 59 pitches, struck out the first batter he faced, freshman second baseman Thomas Roulis, in the

SEE DARTMOUTH, page 6

Win streak at 12 after pair of weekend wins

BY STEVEN LAU
Spectator Staff Writer

Any doubt that the men's tennis team has a shot at the Ivy League title disappeared this weekend when Columbia defeated two nationally ranked opponents.

The No. 50 Lions (16-2, 3-0 Ivy) handily defeated No. 67 Dartmouth (15-2, 1-1 Ivy) 5-2 on Saturday before staging a come-from-behind rally to upset No. 20 Harvard 5-2 on Sunday, extending their win streak to 12 matches.

"It was an unbelievable match," head coach Bid Goswami said of the thriller against Harvard. "I think it's one of the greatest matches I've witnessed here, with a lot of good wins, especially after losing the doubles point."

The Crimson (17-2, 1-1 Ivy) entered Sunday's match having won its last 13 contests, and initially, it looked like the winning streak would continue.

After splitting the No. 1 and No. 3 doubles matches, the doubles point came down to the match between Columbia's juniors Nathaniel Gery and John Yetimoglu and Harvard's senior Jonathan Pearlman and sophomore Christo Schultz.

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STEVEN LAU FOR SPECTATOR

TENNIS MENACE | Freshman Ashok Narayana won both his singles matches as the Lions continued to dominate in Ivy play.