

## Nursing home looks to respond to injunction

BY CASEY TOLAN  
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A Jewish Home Lifecare spokesperson responded Monday to criticism of the organization’s plan to build a 20-story nursing home on the Upper West Side, days after the state Supreme Court temporarily halted the plan.

Jewish Home 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—a parking lot in the middle of the Park West Village housing complex. But in an injunction last week, the state Supreme Court maintained that the Park West residents were guaranteed the parking area, meaning Jewish Home will need to get approval from a state agency before moving ahead.

The Jewish Home spokesperson, Ethan Geto, CC ’65, told *Spectator* that the organization is figuring out how to respond to the injunction.

“Jewish Home is reviewing its legal options in the litigation, but in any case is committed and determined to move forward with our plans to build on the 97th Street site,” Geto said. “I can’t say any more on the specifics of the legalities—the judgment just came down and has to be evaluated.”

Some locals have argued that the Jewish Home building’s height will be detrimental to its elderly residents, which Geto called a “terribly uninformed criticism,” pointing out that many hospitals are just as high.

“In Jewish Home’s present campus, there’s not one resident who lives on the ground floor,” he said. “Some of our buildings go as high as seven floors ... they’re all using elevators to get downstairs.”

Furthermore, Geto said, hospital patients are often less ambulatory than nursing home residents, and many hospitals are still high-rises. The elevators in Jewish Home’s new building would be fast and modern, he added.

Some critics, though, have said that Jewish Home’s new building would be the highest nursing home in the country. Geto said that “the height is irrelevant.”

“Let’s say for argument’s sake it’s the tallest nursing home,” he said. “It’s also going to be the most progressive, the most modern nursing home that’s being built in an urban environment with a unionized workforce.”

But Catherine Unsino, a Park West Village tenant and nursing home reform advocate who has been outspoken on the issue, said she wasn’t convinced.

“There are some hospitals, of course, that are high, but people in hospitals are there for a short stay,” she said. “They’re not spending their lives in a hospital.”

And needing to take an elevator would be a major inconvenience for some residents, she said.

“When a person is in a wheelchair or has a walker, and if they’re frail, if you’re up many stories it can be hard to get downstairs even with an elevator,” she said. “It’s a problem in every nursing home, and none of them are 20 stories—it’s just unheard of.”

Unsino, who has been a consultant for nursing homes across the country, said that she recently participated in a webinar with

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### FRESHMAN TENNIS STAR



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## SIPA prof Ocampo campaigning for World Bank presidency

BY YASMIN GAGNE  
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School of International and Public Affairs professor José Antonio Ocampo will be interviewed today for the presidency of the World Bank, although he faces steep competition for the job.

Ocampo, a former Colombian

finance minister who now teaches global economics at SIPA, was nominated for president of the World Bank by Brazil on behalf of several developing nations. Developing nations have been seeking to challenge United States and European dominance of the World Bank, and Ocampo said that these nations “asked for

CVs of candidates to choose who they thought were credible to represent developing countries.”

“That’s why I got involved. I was asked to send my CV,” Ocampo told *Spectator*. “I was very skeptical.”

The United States nominated Dartmouth College President Jim Yong Kim for World Bank

president, and South Africa nominated Nigerian Finance Minister Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, also on behalf of several developing nations.

Ocampo has also served as Colombia’s minister of agriculture and rural development, as the United Nations’

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## M’ville group appoints director

### Boateng to plan allocation of Harlem benefits

BY JILLIAN KUMAGAI  
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The West Harlem Development Corporation has hired an executive director to devise a long-term plan to dole out the \$76 million that Columbia promised Manhattanville.

The WHDC announced on Monday that Kofi Boateng, the founder and chief executive officer of Traders International and the former chief operating officer of the World Trade Center Association, would serve as its executive director. It’s a significant logistical step for the development corporation, which has taken heat from politicians and locals for its delayed start in allocating the money that the University is giving West Harlem in the wake of its campus expansion.

“I’m thrilled to be a part of the West Harlem Local Development Corporation—an organization that will make a huge difference for the people of Harlem for many years to come,” Boateng said in a statement.

“Mr. Boateng’s vast experience and proven track record of managing large non-profit

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## 3333 residents meet with management

BY MILES JOHNSON  
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Residents of 3333 Broadway and the building’s management company moved one step closer to resolving concerns over a new security plan last week.

The new security system—which is in the process of being implemented by the management company, Urban American—requires tenants to swipe into the housing complex using special identification cards containing their pictures and other personal information, including which of the complex’s five towers they live in.

### “What we have here is a failure to communicate between tenants and management.”

—Alicia Barksdale,  
*Tenants’ Association president*

The building’s Tenants’ Association and representatives from Urban American met to discuss the security plans for the first time on Wednesday, following several months of tension. At the meeting, Tenants’ Association President Alicia Barksdale said that a lack of communication between management and tenants has prevented a resolution to the conflict.

“Tenants are very angry or upset with management, because this is the first time they’ve



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SECURITY CONCERNS | Residents of 3333 Broadway met with building management over concerns about a new security system.

met with us,” Barksdale said in an interview.

Doryne Isley, a portfolio manager for Urban American who attended the meeting, declined to comment. But Brian Moriarty, a spokesperson for Urban American, said on Monday that the company is working to improve communication with building residents.

“Moving forward, we will communicate directly with residents as well, since it appears the Tenants’ Association has

not been providing them with the updates and information,” Moriarty said in an email.

The 35-story, 1,200-unit housing complex is located on 133rd Street, where it overlooks the site of Columbia’s Manhattanville expansion project. Last spring, Columbia provided free air conditioning units to residents with windows facing the construction site, so that they could keep their windows

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## NYC health commissioner talks public health policy on campus

BY EMILY NEIL  
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New York City’s top health official visited a Columbia classroom yesterday to discuss the city’s past and present public health issues.

Health Commissioner Thomas Farley told the Fundamentals of Global Health class, taught by Mailman School of Public Health professors Alastair Ager and Marni Sommer, that he wanted to “talk about the way in which we think about public health in New York City.”

“I’m biased in this, but I think it is a way which can help around the globe,” he said.

Farley walked the class through the history of public health in New York, describing the shift from infectious diseases, which were the leading causes of death in the 19th and early 20th centuries, to chronic diseases, such as heart disease and lung cancer, which are now the leading causes of death throughout the country.

Farley cited smoking, obesity, high blood pressure, alcohol use, and physical inactivity as a few of the most important individual risk factors for those diseases, saying they are the “key things we want to be focusing on.”

“These are our priority health problems—or to put it this way, my to-do list as public health commissioner of New York City,” he said.

Farley said that in order to combat modern chronic diseases, which are rooted in particular behaviors like smoking and bad eating habits, it is necessary to look to the “solution of the era of infectious

diseases and epidemics.”

The solutions in that era, Farley said, were based in environmental changes. Those solutions included more sanitary workplaces and living spaces, and an increased effort to make safe water, safe food, and solid waste disposal available throughout the city.

Farley cited recent legal efforts and social media messaging by the city’s Health Commission—aimed at reducing smoking and unhealthy eating—as similarly concrete environmental changes that will impact individuals’ behaviors.

### “I was glad to know that everything I’ve learned is being applied for the greater good.”

—Kainee Aguilar, CC ’15

Farley asked students in the class to discuss smoking and obesity, as well as ethical issues related to public health, choosing students at random from the class roster to answer questions.

He also answered students’ questions about local health issues. In response to a question about a proposed campus-wide smoking ban at Columbia, Farley said that he would favor such a ban over the current policy, which

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#### Music collab. brings new artists daily

This week, students will get an extra dose of local music—and free food—in anticipation of Bacchanal through Postcrypt and Live at Lerner.



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The Light Blue will attempt to defeat St. John’s for the first time in nine years before beginning divisional play against Cornell.

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## Dev. corp. chooses Boateng for business experience

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organizations will go a long way to secure WHLDC’s role in providing services to the West Harlem community,” Development Corporation Chair Donald Notice said in a statement.

According to development corporation spokesperson Juanita Scarlett, Boateng will evaluate community projects for funding and come up with a strategy for the implementation of the Community Benefits Agreement, which was finalized in 2009.

Juan Rosa, a member of the development corporation’s board, said that Boateng was the best-qualified of four candidates for executive director. Rosa said that the board judged candidates based on their experience in leading nonprofits and implementing plans, as well as their knowledge of the CBA.

“Everyone who we interviewed read through it [the Community Benefits Agreement] and skimmed the newspapers about it, but some people just read the newspaper articles,” Rosa said. “He [Boateng] came prepared with a plan for implementation and a plan for his role in one or two years. He knows what he needs to do coming in. He came prepared to carry out his duties.”

Rosa added that the fact that Boateng is trilingual—he speaks English, Spanish, and French—helped him stand out.

“He has more than 15 years of experience in the financial and

nonprofit sectors, which will be a tremendous asset to the WHLDC,” Scarlett said.

Columbia officials also welcomed Boateng’s appointment.

“Columbia has been and remains committed to fulfilling its obligations under the CBA so that West Harlem continues to benefit from the University’s long-term investment in our local community,” University spokesperson Victoria Benitez said.

In the CBA, Columbia agreed to set aside \$76 million for housing, education, and job initiatives in Harlem over a 15-year period. As of last month, the WHDC had received \$3.55 million.

Even though the CBA was signed in 2009, the development corporation did not create a website until December of last year, and it did not acquire an office until this month. In December, Community Board 9—which represents West Harlem—passed a resolution setting a March deadline for the group to adopt bylaws and devise a plan to distribute Columbia’s money.

That deadline has passed, but some still saw Boateng’s appointment as progress. Vince Morgan—a candidate for Rep. Charles Rangel’s congressional seat, and an outspoken critic of the development corporation—said that Boateng’s appointment was “a step in the right direction,” although he added that he would like to see more transparency in the organization’s selection of board members.

“From my understanding,

they’re growing the board, and I hope that they’ll grow the board with qualified individuals,” Morgan said. “We can’t continue to have the board run by a small group of political insiders.”

Four members of the corporation’s board represent elected officials, including Rosa, who is City Council Member Robert Jackson’s special assistant for Latino and LGBT affairs.

Rosa said that the development corporation has acquired an office space on 127th Street between Amsterdam and Convent avenues, and that it is getting ready to relaunch its website and adopt a mechanism to accept requests for grants.

The next steps for the organization include a process overseen by the state attorney general’s office that will officially register the WHDC, the WHLDC’s successor, as a nonprofit. Once that happens, the WHLDC will be dissolved and the WHDC will take over the task of implementing the CBA.

The two organizations include many, but not all, of the same members.

“We really want to abstain from giving any more grants as the WHLDC, because we really want to show how strong the new board is and that it’s empowered to give grants,” Rosa said. “I am happy with our pace. We could do more public outreach, but that will be done more consistently and systematically with the new executive director.”

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## Commissioner points to ongoing health issues in U.S.

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stipulates that no smoking is allowed within 20 feet of campus buildings.

Students said that they appreciated the opportunity to hear Farley speak.

“It was really interesting to hear a lecture in a global health class about New York City, because I think that it is easy to forget that the United States, despite the health advances it has made, still faces vast public health challenges,” Nicole Dussault, CC ’14, said.

Kainee Aguilar, CC ’15, said she left the lecture with a better understanding of public health beyond the academic context.

“When he came in, it was one of those moments when you realize that all of the reading you’ve been doing, all of the homework, the quizzes, and the projects, mean something,” Aguilar said. “At the end, I was glad to know that everything I’ve learned is being applied for the greater good in a place close to home.”

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### NEWS BRIEF

## As universities globalize, security officials concerned about spying

National security officers are concerned about foreign spies infiltrating American universities—including Columbia, according to a report published by Bloomberg on Monday.

As universities attempt to globalize, which Columbia has made a priority under University President Lee Bollinger, national officials are worried that spies will be able to stay under the radar more easily.

According to the Bloomberg article, Lidiya Guryeva, a Russian spy, started working toward her master’s degree at the Business School in 2009, using the name Cynthia Murphy and looking to network with classmates and professors. Murphy was arrested and deported a year later.

A 2011 U.S. Defense Department report said that attempts by East Asian countries to obtain confidential information through “academic solicitation”—reviewing scholarly publications

or studying under professors—had increased eightfold from 2010. The report also said that Middle Eastern countries’ attempts to spy through academic solicitation had doubled.

In some cases, research has not been properly protected on laptops, and spies have downloaded unpublished files during international conferences, Bloomberg reported.

Former Pennsylvania State University President Graham Spanier worked with law enforcement to prevent any accidental ties to terrorists at his school, arranging meetings with representatives from the FBI, CIA, Secret Service, and Naval Criminal Investigative Service. This “Penn State model” was gradually expanded by the FBI following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Columbia officials declined to comment to Bloomberg.

—Jeremy Budd

## Prof has steep competition for World Bank job

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under-secretary-general for economic and social affairs, and as executive secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Since his nomination, Ocampo has been busy doing interviews with media outlets, and he has published editorials laying out his views in several publications. The bank’s directors will choose a candidate by next week, and it is widely believed that they will choose Kim.

“The World Bank is the most important developing corporation or institution in the world,” Ocampo said. “So if I’m elected, it would be a really great honor because it’s an important institution.”

Carl Dahlman, a professor at Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service who worked at the World Bank for 26 years, believes that Ocampo is the best candidate for the job. He said in an email that Ocampo “uniquely brings together three relevant areas of experience.”

“The first is that of a direct development practitioner as the minister of finance ... and director of the Central Bank of Colombia. The second is that of experienced manager in multi-lateral development Institution as UN Under Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs and as Director General of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. The third is that of a leading development

economist in academia,” Dahlman wrote.

SIPA professor Jagdish Bhagwati, though, a Nobel Prize-winning economist, is supporting Okonjo-Iweala. He would not comment on Ocampo’s candidacy.

“My view is that Ngozi is a remarkable candidate and losing to her would be no slur on one’s competence,” Bhagwati said in an email.

Another Columbia professor, Earth Institute Director Jeffrey Sachs, threw his own name into the ring for World Bank president several weeks ago. Sachs has since withdrawn his candidacy.

“His candidacy and mine are totally different. He was self-designated, I was asked to represent a group of countries in the race,” Ocampo said.

Ocampo also drew a distinction between his candidacy and Kim’s.

“The U.S. candidate is trying to raise individual support from countries and he has some, but in our case we have been arguing that this process is about merit,” Ocampo said. “I am in this race because we are told that it is merit-based.”

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos has said that he does not support Ocampo’s candidacy, arguing that Ocampo is unlikely to get the job because a Colombian is already president of the Inter-American Development Bank. But while most observers believe that Kim will get the job,



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**José Antonio Ocampo**  
SIPA professor

Ocampo said that he thinks he has a shot, noting that “it’s the first time ever in history there is competition for president of World Bank.”

“In the past, the president of the United States designated the president of the World Bank,” he said. “Now that system is over.”

Dahlman agreed. “This year is the first time the competition has been opened,” he said. “If the competition is truly open and based on relevant experience and capabilities, Jose Antonio would be selected.”

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## JHL says 97th Street traffic concerns ‘misplaced’

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nursing home advocates, and that when she mentioned the 20-story nursing home plan, “there was shock.”

“The height was something that people couldn’t fathom,” she said.

Geto also responded to concerns about increased traffic on 97th Street.

“Peoples’ trepidations about new traffic on the street are misplaced,” he said. “They may think this is like a hospital, but it isn’t—very few ambulance trips will be generated from or to the nursing home.”

According to Geto, the largest source of traffic at Jewish Home’s 106th Street site is ambulettes, vehicles designed to transport handicapped people. Eight ambulettes bring people from their homes to Jewish Home for an adult daycare program, and once the move to 97th Street is complete, the program will be moved to somewhere else on the Upper West Side.

Furthermore, a large off-street driveway will take visitors off of 97th Street to the back of the new facility, which will serve as the main entrance, Geto said.

“There will be no double parking of cars or cabs,” he said.

“It’s a major, major accommodation for the community.”

Additionally, Geto said, Jewish Home will support efforts to convince the city Department of Transportation to make changes on 97th Street, including retiming traffic signals and re-striping the street in order to create more efficient traffic flow.

“The community has been frustrated dealing with certain city agencies, and we’re going to be on their side and fight for those improvements,” Geto said. “We’ll bring additional leverage.”

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## Tenants, management to meet again next week

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closed during the summer.

Barksdale believes that, given crime levels, Urban American “felt insecure” about its investment in the building, leading to the new security measures. According to Urban American’s general counsel, Josh Eisenberg, there have been 55 arrests in the immediate vicinity of the

building in the last year.

Many tenants have expressed their dissatisfaction with the new identification card system, calling it a violation of their rights as tenants.

“What we have here is a failure to communicate between tenants and management,” Barksdale said.

The next meeting between the two parties is scheduled

for April 18. At the meeting, which Barksdale said Isley and Eisenberg would be invited to, the Tenants’ Association will survey residents on their opinions of the new security system.

“Hopefully, management could be trustworthy and keep their promise to work it out with us,” Barksdale said.

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# WHDC TIMELINE

Discussions about the possible formation of a Local Development Corporation to communicate with the public are prompted when the city commits funds to a Community Benefits Agreement, which details how funds will be distributed to the neighborhood in the footprint of Columbia’s Manhattanville expansion.

EARLY 2005

In the midst of a legal battle between Columbia and local property owners over the use of eminent domain, CB9 votes unanimously for its delegates on the WHLDC board to turn down the Community Benefits Agreement.

MAY 4, 2009

Community Board 9 consults with local business and tenants’ groups, eventually selecting 13 people to serve on the board of the West Harlem Local Development Corporation. The WHLDC meets with University officials over the next three years to develop the Community Benefits Agreement.

2006

Despite CB9 opposition, the CBA is signed by the West Harlem Local Development Corporation and the University’s Board of Trustees.

MAY 19, 2009

After two years of inactivity, Donald Notice, the president of the WHLDC’s board, tells Spectator that a revamped WHLDC will be up-and-running by July.

APRIL 2011

The WHLDC, still without a website and an office space, begins to take heat from local politicians, including Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer and City Council Member Robert Jackson. Rumors swirl that the state attorney general is investigating the WHLDC.

NOVEMBER 2011

The WHLDC launches a website, complete with a list of board members and accomplishments. According to the website, the WHLDC has been informally dissolved, and a new organization, the West Harlem Development Corporation, will distribute the CBA funds, pending approval by the state attorney general’s office.

DECEMBER 25, 2011

After months of delay, businessman Kofi Boateng is appointed executive director of the WHLDC. The organization’s website had initially said that an executive director would be appointed by the end of December 2011.

APRIL 9, 2012



## Freshman phenom dominates opponents despite stature

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guys I’ve ever met,” Narayana said. “Once he’s on the court he really focuses and doesn’t joke around. He makes us work harder, too, ’cause you don’t want to joke around with him.”

According to senior Haig Schneiderman, Lin’s partner in doubles, Lin’s serious mentality during matches is one of the primary reasons for the rising tennis star’s success.

“I think the thing that separates Winston is that in those pressure moments he refuses to miss,” Schneiderman said.

“He can officially walk on water.”

—Bid Goswami, head coach

With a record of 17-1 this spring season, Lin is not only one of the best freshmen in the Ancient Eight, but one of the best players of any year.

Playing in the top half of the singles lineup, Lin has faced many upperclassmen this year, most of whom are considerably larger and stronger than him. But Lin sees this as more of an advantage than a weakness.

“I actually like it, ’cause I’m kind of a small guy compared to them so they look at me and think they’re going to kill me,” Lin said. “It gives me no pressure and gives them a lot of pressure, so I don’t mind it.”

According to Lin’s father, having no expectations and



GOING FOR IT | Lin is keeping his focus on winning the Ivy League title with his team.

only focusing on the match at hand is the attitude that has allowed Lin to defeat so many opponents.

While Lin is focused on the challenges of the immediate future, namely winning this year’s Ivy League title, he does look

forward to after college, when he hopes to tour as a professional player.

Those who have seen him compete believe that it is more than a mere possibility that Lin will one day compete as a professional.

“I think all he has to do is keep on improving everything a little bit, and he can go on the tour,” Goswami said. “If I was going to play him and I didn’t know him, I’d feel good—he’s a little guy. But he has a big heart and that you can’t teach.”

## Columbia baseball warrants major-sport appeal, support

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to the championship game won’t come easily for the Lions, who will go head-to-head with their three divisional opponents in the next three weekends. All four

teams are currently separated by only two games in the standings. There surely will be exciting baseball when Columbia travels to first-place Cornell next weekend, and especially when it hosts Ivy favorite Princeton the

following weekend.

So while you spend your final month of the school year basking in the spring sunshine, just remember that, unlike in “major sport” seasons, you may have a chance to bask in some

championship glory as well.

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## Baseball faces St. John’s before weekend game against Cornell

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Jersey, where it recorded a season-high 17 runs and 19 hits in the series rubber match against Rutgers, a team that the Lions defeated 7-6 last week.

Senior middle infielder Matt Wessinger—who leads St. John’s with a .355 batting average and 30 runs—will present problems for the Light Blue. Additionally, slugging junior outfielder Jeremy Baltz leads the Red Storm with five home runs and is one blast away from breaking the St. John’s all-time record of 35 home runs.

As usual, Columbia will send out a mix of pitchers who do not get the opportunity to start weekend games, and the

number of pitchers used will depend on pitch counts. The Lions’ pitching staff will hope to rebound from a tough outing in their last game, in which the bullpen allowed nine earned runs at Dartmouth.

“It’s a good opportunity for us to go out and play it out there and do our best,” Boretti said. “We’re looking forward to going over there and playing hard and seeing what we can do against the Jonnies.”

Tuesday’s game will be Columbia’s final hurdle before opening up divisional play with Cornell, the Lou Gehrig Division leader, this weekend.

First pitch is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday at Kaiser Stadium in Queens.



SILBAR SLUGGER | Sophomore shortstop Aaron Silbar has made his presence felt both on the field and at the plate, starting 18 games.

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## Thesis festival includes collaborative performances

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abroad in Senegal. It’s a play looking at what it means to search for people like you in a country that doesn’t believe you exist—largely stemming from my experiences as a queer female-bodied American in a Muslim, West African country researching underground lesbian culture in Dakar.”

Emily Nagel: “The play is essentially about homecoming. It started back in sophomore year when I wrote a really dinky little scene about a William Carlos Williams poem I was reading in Modern Poetry II. The poem is ‘Paterson,’ and it is meant to be the epic of the city of Paterson, N.J. This play follows Laura Rivera, who grew up in Paterson (one of the worst cities in the nation for education) and went on to Harvard and Princeton, as she figures out how to return home.

Jacob Rice: “It’s about the choices on the road to understanding who we are and what we want in a terrifying world. At its most basic, it’s the story of three twenty-somethings living in New York and trying to figure out what they want to be when they grow up. The idea behind this play came about when I was a sophomore and was watching my friends who had graduated struggling to figure out what to do with their lives. I started thinking about this issue of growing up, which has become so discussed in the news, and began to get frustrated because it felt like there weren’t a lot of young voices in that discussion, and it was dominated with complaints about ‘kids these days’... As I was finishing a first draft, the whole Occupy Wall Street movement exploded onto the scene, and suddenly, a lot more voices were being heard. On

the one hand, it was kind of annoying because I had to rewrite parts. There was no way I could talk about young people today and not include the movement. At the same time, it felt sort of like a vindication, like other people were looking around and thinking about these issues. This is not a political play—I’m not sure what it’s message would even be if it was—but it’s definitely struggling with some of the same issues as Occupy. How do you make a life in a harsh world? Who do you blame? Is it better to by into a system you don’t like to get the life you want or hold out for your ideals? I don’t think it answers any of these questions, but hopefully it’ll get people thinking about them.”

All plays are free of charge. For tickets and reservations, go to [tic.columbia.edu](http://tic.columbia.edu).  
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# Culture prostitution

Summertime is here; everybody pack your bags. For some of you, a strange new world awaits on the other side of an airplane ride. Summer is the season for study abroad, and Columbia's Office of Global Programs is very good at getting you wherever you want to go. Amman. Beijing. Kyoto. Paris. Rio. Shanghai. Venice. And those are only the Columbia programs; there is a sufficiently impressive list of direct-enrollment partner institutions to follow. But why are you going? Is it for the women? Or, maybe, the men?

I doubt that language and culture majors (and certainly the OGP) will appreciate my alluding to study abroad as a kind of sex tourism. I should know—I am one of them and did my own travel in the summer of 2011 to Kyoto to brush up on my Japanese. But before I am accused of unfairly fronting a sexual metaphor and thereby confusing the acquisition of cunning linguistic skills with blow jobs, let me propose that travel abroad for utilitarian reasons ought to be lauded instead of booed down.

It is unfashionable to say that you're travelling abroad for a reason. What, after all, separates "sex tourism" from an innocent case of international fun-in-the-sun? Intent does. Intent to travel for sex is morally abhorrent; unintentional sex during travel is simply epiphenomenal. It makes it difficult for a language and



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## Ever the Twain

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Melissa von Mayrhauser's article ("Global centers grow, but concerns remain," Mar. 30), which appeared as part of Spectator's special issue on global centers, was problematic. First, her article presented host countries like Kenya as a threat to Columbia's noble project. The article ignored the extent to which the global center could actually be a threat to the host country. In Kenya (my home country), for example, the global center will work with the government to "advise local governments on policymaking." But Kenya's governments have historically championed pro-western policies, marginalized leftist intellectuals like Ngugi Wa Thiong'o and politicians like Tom Mboya, and, according to Malawian historian Paul Tiyambe Zeleza, employed right-wing scholars to provide intellectual support for their policies. This is a problematic relationship.

Her article stated that Columbia "must be careful to uphold its principles of academic integrity and non-discrimination," but this uncritically accepts that Columbia has these principles. In actuality, Columbia is far from a model of academic freedom and integrity! Anthropologist Nadia Abu El-Haj and political scientist Joseph Massad were nearly denied tenure for their scholarship critical of Israel. Professors in MESAAS have been targets of right-wing attacks and smear campaigns by entities like Campus Watch and conservative policy advocates like David Horowitz.

Most seriously, though, her article presented a misleading and stereotypical image of Africa. She wrote, "In Kenya, homosexuality is illegal." But this is not true! In actuality, there is a penal code created under British colonialism which criminalized same-sex male acts—not homosexuality itself. Gay Kenyan activists argue that no one has been prosecuted since independence. Furthermore, Kenya's new constitution has protections on sex and privacy. According to students I know working in Kenya, no one would be denied a visa based on sexual orientation. Further still, the Gay and Lesbian Coalition of Kenya works tirelessly to improve the lives of gay Kenyans. And, despite discrimination, Kenya has a small yet thriving, loving, and open queer community.

Like her previous article discussing Kenya ("Nairobi global center raises questions about discrimination," Feb. 13), this one is ill-informed, is stereotypical, and frames Africa as backward and repressive. In the future, I urge Ms. von Mayrhauser to adjust her frame and research more thoroughly.

Kambi Gathesha  
School of General Studies

To the Editor:

As a representative for Teach For America at Columbia, I've heard the questions and concerns raised by Amber Tunnell's article in The Eye ("Facing the Future," March 29). TFA is incredibly challenging and requires careful consideration, so I want to clarify what TFA looks for in an applicant and what prospective candidates should consider.

The decision to join TFA should be borne out of a conviction that all children deserve a great education, not a wish to boost one's résumé. Regardless of initial plans, many corps members find their commitment deepen and career trajectories shift through the journey of working with students, families, and fellow educators. Two-thirds of our 24,000 alumni work full-time in education even though only one in seven considered a career in teaching beforehand.

As a TFA alumnus, I can attest that teaching was the hardest thing I have ever done. I made countless mistakes. Teaching is high-stakes and setbacks are inevitable, which can be intimidating in the wake of collegiate success. Yet my experience was not defined by the times I faltered but by the ways my students and I persevered and held one another to high expectations. They ended the school year leaps and bounds ahead of where they began academically and with significantly improved feelings towards school. The frustration of setbacks accompanies the joys of seeing students succeed.

We constantly refine our understanding of what predicts success in the classroom. This informs our admissions process and defines what we look for in candidates. When considering applicants, we ascertain the breadth of their experiences. We look for leadership but do not favor one type of experience over another because our research finds that many backgrounds set the stage for strong teaching. Applicants who have experience working with children or in teaching have opportunities to include it, and our admissions team considers this thoroughly.

TFA values self-reflection, continuous learning, and constructive criticism. We have to be at our best because our students won't get a second chance for a great education. Eliminating educational inequity requires all of us—within and outside of TFA—to move past differences in order to work towards this common goal.

Elliot Epstein  
TFA director of recruitment for New York City and New Jersey

culture student to admit to going abroad for just one or two things, say language acquisition or research. It's the right thing to say that you're going abroad because going abroad is valuable. Study in a foreign country, I feel, is seen in colleges like our own as intrinsically good, a real case of l'art pour l'art. Perhaps that explains why the requirements for study abroad, while not insignificant, are usually not rigorous: a few semesters of language and one regional course requirement.

## I wanted to be the foreigner, not to behold the foreign.

But can it really ever be something as transparent as travel for travel's sake? Writing down in your application that you want to go to X country so that you can learn about X culture and therefore become, by some transitive property of cultural immersion, a better global citizen seems nebulous and somewhat dishonest. I would perhaps be more comfortable with a purely functional statement of intent: I travel because I want to learn a language, or prepare myself for a job in the region, or do research for a thesis, etc. Convincing your program coordinator (and yourself) that you can traverse cavernous cultural gaps and attain cross-cultural nirvana in the space of an eight-week summer program—or even a year-long endeavor—is presumptuous. It smacks of a sort of noblesse oblige—go out there and learn about country X: isn't it quaint?

# Spring into action

What makes the last few weeks of the spring semester so much more enjoyable than the last few weeks of the fall semester? Is it the sunshine? The prospect of summer on the horizon? The series of events like Bacchanal and College Days? Maybe it's all of these things, but it's clear that there's something about the end of the year that makes it possible for us to look beyond our assignments every once in a while and enjoy ourselves. Nowhere is this better exemplified than in the way social life starts to pick up on campus. Toward the end of fall, all my friends disappear; toward the end of spring, they come out of the woodwork. Everyone's still busy, and people still cancel plans because they have papers to write, but in the spring, they reschedule those plans. There's an intentionality in the way people hang out with each other that's not really replicated at any other time (except maybe at the very beginning of the year).

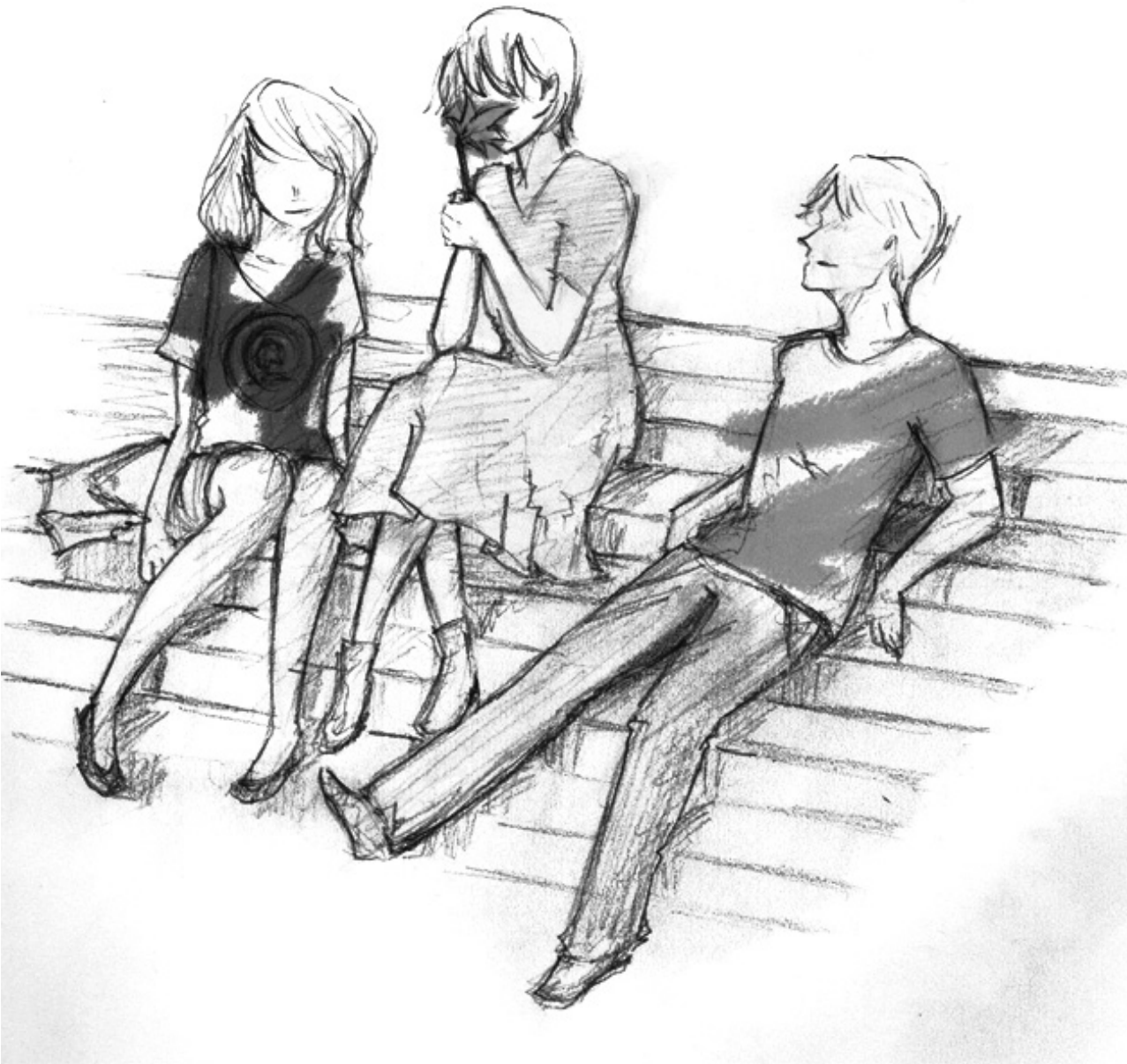


KATHRYN BRILL

## We Should Talk

## More than anything else, the difference between fall and spring semester is the sense of urgency.

For a campus like Columbia, home of the "let's totally hang out! ... sometime ..." this is pretty unusual. Why should the end of the year be any different from the rest of the year? There are a few factors that contribute to this. First of all, it sounds like a cliché, but when the weather brightens up, so do people's outlooks on life. Sunshine after the gray days of winter gives the campus a boost of energy that makes us more likely to wave and smile when we pass someone we know or spend time catching up with people we randomly run into. (It's hard to stop and chat when it's rainy and cold.) Also, warm weather makes it easier to hang out with your friends. You can say, "Let's chill on Low Steps," so you won't have to deal with signing anyone in or spending



JASMINE MARIANO

The flip side equivalent would have been my coming to Columbia so that I could eat some hamburgers, shoot a gun, attend an American football game, and go out with tall people with pale skin. That's easily recognizable as a perverse sort of cultural voyeurism, a real-time Times Square peepshow into the lives of Other Peoples.

But it's not like that. Americans are not some "foreign people": I am. I did not come here chasing some reductionist pin-up dream of the United States, nor did I come here to be one of a group of other internationals guffawing and comparing notes over our new, but temporary, homes. In a lot of ways, I came here to be alone in an overwhelmingly different world; I wanted to be the foreigner, not to behold the foreign. It is and was difficult, isolating, and mind-bending. It's rewritten a lot of my assumptions about myself, added on a few new cultural codas, and asked a lot of me.

The idea that you have to buy in so very absolutely to a new culture is perhaps a rather demanding teleological stance to be taking on study abroad. Realistically, I don't think you should have to adopt every country you try to understand. But it helps to step back and think about what your intentions are: why you're going, and whether your reasons are fetishistic. Because it's one thing for a foreign student to buy into a culture—but another thing altogether to see that culture prostituted.

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money on anything. And with everyone outside trying to catch up on Vitamin D, there's a greater chance you'll run into that friend you haven't seen all semester. Another factor is the number of end-of-the-year traditional events, such as the ones I mentioned above. We run into each other, we make plans to hang out, and then we do ... it's a better chain reaction than anything we ever learned in chemistry.

But more than anything else, the difference between fall and spring semester is the sense of urgency. This doesn't only apply to seniors. That spirit trickles down to everyone else on campus. After all, we scatter during the summer, all over the world, and most of the people we care about won't be anywhere near us. So we come together to hang out and have a newfound appreciation for our friends, as we near the point in time when we have to say goodbye (at least temporarily).

There's nothing wrong with this—we'd be pretty hardhearted people if we didn't get a tiny bit sentimental toward the end of the year. Ends and "last times" are good for reminding us what, exactly, we care about, and sometimes we can see things more clearly when we're about to leave them. But what worries me is that it seems like we forget to appreciate our friends, just like we forget to write our papers until the last possible moment. Sometimes, the sense of urgency can become a state of panic. These people are awesome, but we've been holed up in our dorms doing work for the past month, and now we have only a few weeks left! How could we have failed to hang out with them as much as possible? We'll never be so shortsighted again! In my experience, though, we go right back to our old habits, losing sight of everything except our work.

What we need is to cultivate the type of intentional hanging out that this sense of urgency creates. We don't need to be panicked all the time about the end of our college careers, but we do need to be more aware of our friends and the ways we appreciate them while they, and we, are still here. For those of us who are returning in the fall, I challenge us all to make the most of our close proximity to the people we care about and be so deliberate about hanging out that we don't have to panic when springtime rolls around.

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# 2012 GS USenate Candidates

FROM THE EDITORS:

In the upcoming University Senate elections, five candidates are running for one seat to represent the School of General Studies. To provide readers with more information on the race, we invited all five candidates to submit editorials of no more than 500 words to explain why School of General Studies students should vote for them. We took all possible measures to ensure fair and equal coverage. We simultaneously emailed all five candidates via their listed Columbia email addresses and gave them identical instructions. We did not make any substantive changes or suggestions. However, every submission was edited to conform with Spectator style for spelling and grammar.

Andrea Garcia-Vargas and Lanbo Zhang  
Editorial Page Editors



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## Your advocate, your choice!

BY JUSTIN CARTER

Over the past several years, I have come to appreciate the positive power of advocacy, a concept that was once quite foreign to me. For the period of my life in which I faced my greatest personal struggle—that of being unemployed, homeless, and living out of my car—I was in sore need of someone who would work with me to give me the tools to improve my situation. After reaching out to a few kind individuals, I was able to find strong, engaging people that wanted to see me overcome adversity and achieve success.

In order to express my gratitude to those who invested in my journey to become the person I am today, I have dedicated myself to helping those in similar circumstances. I have advocated on behalf of several organizations, including the Second Harvest Food Bank in California, the Salvation Army, and the Delancey Street Foundation to secure donations and job placement for those in need. Additionally, I have worked with people who have faced the challenges associated with substance abuse and have pushed for increased funding for treatment facilities in my hometown.

## I promise to continue to work on the issues important to you.

Furthermore, I brought my passion for working on behalf of others to my previous college, where I helped create a veterans center to assist returning veterans in navigating the higher education process. I also represented various minority groups at West Valley College by attending the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity and implemented strategies to increase my classmates' stock of equity in their success. Moreover, I was also able to procure funding for West Valley's honors program counselors, a set of dedicated individuals who helped me to be where I am today.

It is my goal to continue to offer my time and service to those who need it here at Columbia. I have had the honor of being your Student Services Representative and working with the administration to address the issues you have raised. Earlier this year, I voiced your concerns through the General Studies Town Hall and brought attention to the conditions on Pupin Plaza. To improve student camaraderie, I have approached the Dean of Students and suggested the creation of a buddy system of mentorship, as well as taken an active role in planning this year's graduation activities. I have also raised your concern in conversations with Vice President Jeffrey Scott, Chaplain Jewelnel Davis, and President Lee Bollinger regarding financial aid, student services, and the future of the School of General Studies.

As your Senator, I promise to continue to work on the issues important to you by being vocal about your concerns when you need a voice. I promise to be your best listener, so that together we may increase transparency and facilitate a line of communication between you and the University. I promise to continue my work with the GSSC Policy Committee by actively assisting in the initiatives started this year. I promise to be your advocate.

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## Making your Columbia better

BY ADAM GENTLE

You deserve to be heard! As your University Senator I will reach out to all students: MilVets, international students, part-time students, full-time students, students with jobs, and students with families. While campaigning for University Senator I have heard time and time again, "What is the University Senator and what can the University Senator do for me?" These questions tell me our student body does not feel represented in the senate, and as your senator, I will change this.

What is the University Senate? It is the University policy-making body and, as such, addresses everything from educational programs and the budget to rules governing political demonstrations.

As your senator I will fight for the issues that matter to you.

Let's get specific: financial aid. Simply put, it is inadequate. Everyone knows this and it has become something of a cliché. However there is action that we can take. Aid comes from a strong endowment and a strong endowment comes from successful, affluent alumni. Due to the overwhelming debt of many Columbia General Studies graduates, it is likely a long time before they will be in a financial position to give back. As your senator I will begin an initiative to educate students about the debt they are taking on, so we will be armed with the tools necessary to manage debt after graduation. I will simultaneously work to establish strong relationships with alumni and work to increase our endowment. I will work within the University Senate and demand financial aid parity with Columbia College.

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For international students the financial issue is different. International students are not able to get federal support and struggle to obtain private loans due to lack of a U.S. cosigner. This leaves some in an unacceptable situation. If Columbia is able to allocate \$30 million to support a diverse faculty as President Bollinger recently announced, it seems to me that Columbia must have resources to support the international students who make up a diverse student body. I have identified a peer institution which has found a creative solution to this challenge, and I support an initiative for Columbia to enact a similar solution.

We must re-evaluate the use of student life fees. As I understand it, they are intended to support the overall student experience. They should be allocated in an egalitarian manner and be used to subsidize student events that are available to the entire GS student body.

And finally, let me be clear: anything that is available to CC students must be available to GS students. No exceptions. No excuses!

None of this will happen overnight. But it can happen. It should happen. It is time for the GS student body to realize its power and potential. I believe in the GS student body. I am inspired by our stories and I believe together we can make improvements to our school on a University level that will brighten our futures and make the journey easier for those that follow us to this great educational institution.

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## On leadership

BY NATHALIE NINO

What's the most important quality in a leader? A talent for navigating bureaucracy? A strong command of unwritten institutional knowledge? The ability to single-handedly come up with solutions to all problems? Hardly. No effective leader has ever been lauded for being the best "navigator of red tape" or "monopolizer of good ideas."

Leaders leverage. They create bridges where rifts once divided. They champion people's causes and in doing so, give a voice to their tribe. Good leaders are facilitators of collaboration and creativity, both essential catalysts for change. And of course we cannot, as Einstein said, "solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them," can we?

So where do I come in? I'm a typical GS-er. I've faced the challenges that I think most GS-ers face: work/school/life balance (wait, what's that?), housing, financing, commuting, and—especially—acclimating. I plan to be here a little more than two years, and I intend to leave this place a little better than I found it.

## Leaders leverage. They create bridges where rifts once divided.

So, what can you expect from me as Senator? Let's start with some things you won't see. Negativity. I won't be outlining the weaknesses of the other candidates' platforms or telling you how I'm in the only qualified candidate. Who you vote for is personal, there is no right or wrong, especially when candidates are drawn from the ranks of a group like the General Studies student body. Second, no promises. Just a track record that I think speaks for itself.

About that track record, here's what I bring to the table:

I know the challenges of massive bureaucracies. My last project involved growing a nascent \$3 million business, helping Microsoft take their products global. In two years we grew the business by 1000 percent and in four we were a \$100 million operation and more than 60 percent of Microsoft's revenues originated internationally. My clients were all over MSFT's 90,000-person-strong global bureaucracy, and I disagree that the only way to be successful in one is to have toiled in it for long stretches.

My team sat in 25 countries, so I also know about leading a diverse group of people with differing ideas, backgrounds, languages, and motivations.

I take budgets seriously. We made or exceeded our numbers every single year until the recession hit.

Lastly, I know how to focus and move forward with multiple projects because those same years I was co-leading the Microsoft business, I was also working with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, sitting on the Board of the World Affairs Council (where I later had the honor of serving as a fellow) and also on the Multicultural Advisory Board of the Seattle International Film Festival, among others.

That's my story. Whoever you vote for, I hope you'll vote and keep things positive!

Cutting people down might make for fun Facebook fodder, but it also divides. And if I've learned anything it's that no leader, no matter his/her talent, can mend bridges they themselves have burned.

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## Experience and already working for GS

BY AMNA PERVEZ

After working in the University Senate for the last few months, closely following the races in Columbia College, SEAS, and Barnard, as well as the campaigns of candidates in General Studies, one thing has become clear to me: Students make too many promises they can't keep.

To be fair, it's not their fault—they don't know they cannot keep them. Most of the candidates haven't yet served in student government at Columbia. They haven't learned that no one can tell an administration with over 250 years of built-up inertia and bureaucratic processes what to do. More importantly, most of them don't know the different administrative units within the University, or could even tell you how to accomplish their unrealistic goals, such as fixing financial aid or getting more housing for students. This does not mean that we cannot make effective change. What it means is that student leaders need to work with administrators, understand their constraints, and develop solutions that are realistic and beneficial for everyone.

While I admit that fixing financial aid and housing are indeed great goals to set, it's misleading to promise they can be accomplished in any one senator's tenure. My time as a legislative assistant for the current GS Senator has not only allowed me to understand the role of senate and its inner workings, but has also showed me that change is possible, but it takes time.

## The minute I arrived on campus, I knew I wanted to be involved.

What makes the University Senate unique among its peers is also what makes it seem to run slowly—it's the most inclusive, deliberative body among the Ivies. The University Senate includes faculty, students, alumni, librarians, research officers, and administrators. This means the entire university community is considered before adopting new policies. The success of a senator hinges on quickly establishing key relationships that will inform the different administrative units, student bodies, and other stakeholders on the interests involved and how compromise can be achieved. I'm already connected to all these spheres, understand their concerns and constraints, and have begun working on all-inclusive solutions.

My goals are indeed comprehensive and wholly achievable within my tenure. The plans I have outlined on my platform for housing, financial aid, and the Center for Career Education are the most detailed and complete. This is because from the minute I arrived on campus, I knew I wanted to be involved. I did not wait until the position of senator opened in order to make my mark. I applied for the position of legislative assistant to become aware of where I could begin to make a difference. No other candidate did that. No other candidate can inform you on the status of the ongoing initiatives in the senate as thoroughly as I can. No other candidate can show the same level of commitment that I already have. I'm dedicated to making positive, substantive change, especially at GS. Most importantly, I plan to leave a legacy that my successor will be able to build upon in order to continue aiding GS for years to come.

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## GS needs a passionate fighter

BY PHINEAS LUNGER

Among the ongoing issues pressing us, fellow General Studies students, two are highly contentious: financial aid and housing. As GS students, we are generally stuck with a bigger loan burden compared to our Columbia College and School of Engineering and Applied Science colleagues. In 2007, Student Affairs, in a press release, announced enhancements to financial aid from which GS was excluded. GS cannot take advantage of Columbia's no-loan policy, "which eliminated loans for students from families with calculated incomes below \$50,000 and typical assets." In the same press release, it was also announced that "parents with calculated incomes below \$60,000 and typical assets will no longer be expected to contribute any of their income or assets to tuition, room, board, and mandatory fees"—again, a policy from which GS was excluded.

## GS needs someone who will not accept no for an answer.

Housing is another hot topic to us GS students. GS has relatively very few dedicated housing facilities. And the few that we do have are scattered throughout the city. This brings up the issue of social space, which we, GS students, are lacking.

Financial aid and housing will be the two primary issues I will fight for as University Senator. You might ask, why elect me when my colleagues are running on similar platforms? I will admit that my contenders are highly qualified individuals, each in their own right. Some of them have effectively served the GS body, and we should, therefore, keep them in those positions. Increasing financial aid and housing is a hard-fought issue spanning back several years. In order to get real results for GS, we need a different and new crop of activists beyond the seasoned politicians. GS needs more than an advocate and polished rhetoric—GS needs a fighter. GS needs someone who will not accept no for an answer. GS needs someone who will not simply reiterate excuses. GS needs someone who will passionately fight tooth and nail until we get equal recognition and benefits CC and SEAS receive.

With little traditional education, my path to GS was a battle hard-fought. The only way I was able to get to GS was by never accepting excuses. My advantage was that once I committed myself, I did everything in my power to make things happen. I will bring the same passion and commitment to the Senate as your representative. I will passionately represent your interests at the University Senate and not accept the usual excuses. Money is always tight, but if Columbia can make it happen for CC and SEAS, we will have to find a way to make it happen for GS as well.

Observable results will only occur when GS will send a passionate committed fighter to fight for them at the Senate. In the recent weeks, I already began to review senate minutes, and I pledge to continue doing so and hold the administration accountable to commitments they have already made. I will also implement a process so that my work at the senate can be picked up by future GS representatives.

I already began doing my homework. I am looking forward to fighting for you at the University level.

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# Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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**ACROSS**

- Dark, to a poet
- Tony who played a sitcom 17-
- Across employee
- Sitters' charges
- Lee with frozen desserts
- Barkley who served under 41-Across
- "... thunder, lightning, ... rain?": "Macbeth"
- It arranges pickups
- Modest dress
- Like a crowd in awe
- End-of-week exclamation
- Vagrants
- Moodmades hit whose title means "you are"
- Golf units
- Slippery swimmer
- How Dennis Eckenroly pitched
- Simple ... or a hint to the hidden puzzle theme in 17-, 25-, 50- and 59-Across.
- Dexes
- FDR's successor
- Outbursts that provoke blessings
- Harley alternative
- Maryland seafood fare
- The Lusitania, e.g.
- Sidewalk border
- Guitarist, slangily
- Carlisle's wife in "Twilight"
- Sit-up relatives
- It may be barred or bolted
- Songs for two
- English aristocrat
- ... meeny ...
- Muslim god
- June 6, 1944
- Cheese-topped snacks
- Electricity generators
- ...Bts. cereal
- Pro hoopsster
- "The Prisoner of ..."
- Vague quantity
- Tiny fairy tale hero
- Starting point
- Cleaned (up)
- Searches like a detection dog
- Give the boot
- Donkey syllable
- Cinnabar or magnetite
- Lugosi of "Dracula"
- Having a lot of nerve
- Chef Cat ...
- Patriotic Olympics chant
- Believer's suffix
- Gray hair disguiser
- Place for a ring
- Elitism
- Fed. anti-discrimination org.
- Biggers' collective
- 42 54-Across pronoun
- Pit goo
- Acquisitive
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- sumname
- Longtime Tiger Woods coach
- Butch ...
- Astronaut Shepard
- Chopped, as garlic
- Alghai capital
- Stand out in a field
- Matress giant
- Sied dog command
- Drillers' org.
- "I've been ..."
- Important time
- Sumptuous

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- Key to the left of F1
- Sheepish reply?
- Heavenly body

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# Theater majors offer an array of plays, individual works for April

BY LESLEY THULIN  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

Any theater buff is sure to find something at the Senior Thesis Festival this month, whose stories rane from the bizarre—a priest trapped on an island—to the conceptual, such as the story of a woman without a sense of smell. Drama & Theatre Arts majors will present their senior theses in two installments of the Senior Thesis Festival this month in the Minor Latham Playhouse. The first installment will include three well-known plays directed by students for their theses, while the second will feature solo performances and staged readings of new, original works by students. Here's our guide to a month of student work.

## BARNARD THESIS FESTIVAL I

If you can get away from Bacchanal, from April 13-15 the Barnard Senior Thesis Festival I will feature Maurice Maeterlinck's "The Blind," directed by Alexandra Clayton, GS '12, Tennessee Williams's "The Long Goodbye," directed by Louisa Levy, CC '12, and Michael John LaChiusa's "Gloryday," directed by Cody Haefner, CC '12. Each play is less than 50 minutes long and will run each night in repertory, starting at 7 p.m.

The productions are designed, managed, and performed by Barnard and Columbia students. Department faculty members Sharon Fogarty and Sandra Goldmark are serving as the directing and design adviser, respectively.

### "THE BLIND"

Synopsis: "The Blind" follows 12 blind citizens, abandoned on an island by their priest. Maeterlinck's script dramatizes the citizens' predicament by including the priest's dead body on stage during the entire one-act production, which the blind citizens cannot recognize. Clayton could not be reached for comment.

### "THE LONG GOODBYE"

Synopsis: Set in 1940, this one-act play follows Joe, nostalgic for the family members who have left him behind in favor of their personal dreams. Director's note: "The audience will hopefully discover a personal nostalgia for their own childhood during moments of the play that resonate with them," Levy wrote in an email. "I was particularly drawn to 'The Long Goodbye' because I am interested in the concept of theatricalizing memory."

### "GLORYDAY"

Synopsis: This musical follows a disillusioned priest after the events of September 11, 2001. Director's note: "The play explores religious ritual and practice as a performance, and my production seeks to explore that performative relationship as well as question who the audience is," Haefner wrote in an email. "My cast, designers, and I have also been exploring ideas about confession, deception, and the relativity of truth. A lot of the inspiration for this particular production also came from ideas specifically tied to America and New York."

## BARNARD THESIS FESTIVAL II

The second installment of the Senior Thesis Festival will feature solo performances by Kimberly Shepherd, BC '12, and Tara Sonin, BC '12, on April 27 and 28 at 8 p.m. and original plays by Emma Goidel, BC '12, Emily Nagel, CC '12, and Jacob Rice, CC '12, on April 28 at 3 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7 p.m. Department faculty members Sylvan Oswald and Kyle deCamp are advising the playwriting theses and solo performances, respectively.

Solo performers Shepherd and Sonin explain their pieces.

Kimberly Shepherd: "My piece is concerned with the sense of smell, it relationship to memory, and the significant—but often unconsidered—impact the loss of this sense can have on an individual. The main character is a young woman who has lost her sense of smell. Her journey with smell and its loss slowly unravels through a series of memories. The actual dialogue is a combination of my own writing and an adaptation of Molly Birnbaum's autobiography 'Season to Taste.'"

Tara Sonin: "My [self-written] piece is untitled as of yet, but it tells the story of two women from the Bible: Lilith and Leah. Lilith embodies the lover figure, and Leah, the mother figure, but throughout the piece they both begin to realize the flaws in the roles they've chosen to inhabit—and to a certain degree, that have been chosen for them. They seek to reconcile the women they are with the women they want to become, ultimately colliding together to form one, whole, cohesive being."

## NEW PLAYS

Emma Goidel: "'A Knee That Can Bend' tells the multi-lingual story of an American sociology student, Kate, who travels to Senegal to study female homosexuality. Kate's research begins as an exciting strategy to save the world and the gays while paying her way towards grad school, but she finds Senegalese lesbians far more interested in sex than research and begins to trade one for the other with turbulent consequences. I wrote 'A Knee That Can Bend' after my semester

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JAM SESSION | The band Miracles of Modern Science perform on the first day of Live At Lerner's "Symposium" in the Piano Lounge.

# Students gear up for a music-filled weekend

BY BRENDAN DONLEY  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

Anyone noticing loud sounds or impromptu dancing in Lerner Hall this week during a routine trip for lunch or mail will be faced with a dilemma: to continue the routine and go to class or listen to an hour of free, energetic live rock music.

The weeklong campus music festival "Symposium" kicked off yesterday, with free music and food from 12-1 p.m. every day leading up to this weekend's Bacchanal and Postcrypt Folk Fest concert and starting with a showcase of several young New York bands in the Lerner Piano Lounge.

Kicking off the festival with Monday's first performance, the Miracles of Modern Science singer Evan Younger eagerly declared Lerner Hall "no longer a place of study."

Complementing Bacchanal's electronic and hip-hop selections of Curren\$y and Big Gigantic, Live at Lerner's selections for Symposium integrate more independent New York acts such as Beast Make Bomb and Tall Tall Trees, a Postcrypt regular, in a more rock-based setting indoors.

Simply put, "Rock in the daytime is better than electronic in the daytime," said Live at Lerner coordinator and next year's CCSC vice president of campus life Yanyi Luo, CC '13.

Interested in "melding the two identities" of Live at Lerner and Postcrypt in tandem with Bacchanal, Luo hopes staging the event with several local bands will set a precedent for a collaboration to evolve.

By trying to keep it as local as possible, Luo said she hopes that their selection of bands demonstrates the talent available in New York.

"So many types of music get played in the city and I really want to exploit that," Luo added.

Though the settings and music genres of the three components of Symposium vary, "All of these events are great ways for students to discover new bands and music," said Postcrypt head manager Annika Christensen, BC '13.

Despite the differences in performances, Christensen said that she thinks the concerts will lift morale among students.

"Maybe there will be some Bacchanal burnout, and we can capitalize on that," she added, encouraging students to "just come out on the lawn and

listen to good folk music."

As one of the only student-run coffee houses in the country, Postcrypt features weekly music shows at night in the dark cozy basement of St. Paul's Chapel, but its Folk Fest this Sunday will operate in a more expansive venue: out in the sunlight grass of Van Am quad with free food, amplified tunes, and a larger expected audience.

Sunday's Folk Fest will feature a mixture of Postcrypt regulars, bands with Columbia and New York ties, and touring bands. "The idea is getting a bigger audience outdoors, combining music with food and art," Christensen said.

Compared with the typically more isolated Postcrypt show, "the idea of having an entire music festival is a really great draw," she added, hoping the collaboration with Bacchanal and Live at Lerner will foster mutual publicity and discovery for each group.

More than just listening to and discovering new bands, by combining three events into one, Symposium is "an opportunity for people to come together because of music," Luo said.

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# Nicola Di Nino: professor by day, restaurateur by night

BY JADE BONACOLTA  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

Meet Nicola Di Nino: a professore d'italiano at Columbia for the past four years, he also helps run an authentic Italian restaurant on the Upper West Side called "Il Violino." In a manner of speaking, Di Nino is living a double life, or "la doppia vita." As both a professor and a restaurateur, he aims to push aside inauthentic Italian products and experiences to deliver the real Italy to both his customers and students.

"Il Violino has been around for 30 years, making it one of the oldest Italian restaurants in the Upper West Side," Di Nino said. "It is a family restaurant, which doesn't refer to the portion size but to the idea that we welcome all our customers as family." Eighty percent of the restaurant's ingredients are imported directly from Italy, including its selection of wine from the country's 22 regions.

"In the morning, I'm at Columbia teaching my class ... At the same time, I sometimes feel like I'm married to the restaurant."

—Nicola Di Nino, Italian professor

"I noticed when I moved here [from Venice in 2009] that there were many inauthentic products and experiences under the label of Italian. I aim to show people what really is Italian," said Di Nino, who manages the trattoria with his cousin, Roberto Mariani.

The majority of the restaurant's recipes have been passed down through Nicola's family, which still owns two restaurants in Venice.

Di Nino said that he also carries these authentic values into the classroom by creating an atmosphere where students build relationships to one another and to the country. "My idea is that I not only teach the Italian language but also Italian culture," Di Nino said. Before coming to Columbia, Di



JENNY PAYNE / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

THE OLD COUNTRY | Columbia professor Nicola Di Nino tries to bring the same philosophies to the classroom and the kitchen: authenticity and culture.

Nino taught in Italy at the University of Venice, an Italian high school, and the University of Trieste, a teacher's college in northeastern Italy.

The professor-restaurateur explained the difficulties of managing both jobs. "All of my life is dedicated to these businesses. In the morning, I'm at Columbia teaching my class, preparing materials, which is a very demanding job. At the same time, I sometimes feel like I'm married to the restaurant." He explained that customers only see the finished dishes and ambiance of the restaurant. "Ninety-nine percent of the restaurant involves many other factors such as hiring new staff, creating and editing the menu, dealing with shippers, and dealing with many other factors," he said.

While Di Nino maintains his restaurant's authenticity, he explained that it's a difficult task in the restaurant business. "Unfortunately, we often have to adjust dishes to American tastes," he said.

"Il Violino" also struggles as a small,

family-owned trattoria in the recession.

"People are eating at home a lot, and if they go out they eat much less," he said.

But a bigger problem that Di Nino sees is a tendency toward larger brand names in American culture. "Many [New Yorkers] eat at big-name restaurants," he said. "In Europe, we have those restaurants, but people don't eat there. They go to tiny, family-owned places where the food is grown in the backyard."

But there are those who appreciate what "Il Violino" and Di Nino stand for.

"The magic sentence for me is when a customer leaves and says, 'Oh it was just like in Italy.' Then I know they really understand what we are offering to them," he said.

Columbia students enjoy a 25 percent discount at "Il Violino" Monday through Thursday with a valid CUID.

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## Sports heat up, even in the springtime

Seeing how baseball headlines dominate this publication this time of year, you might think that baseball is a “major sport” at Columbia, but this simply isn’t the case. There are many compelling reasons Columbia baseball deserves more attention, especially among students.

Before I started out on the baseball beat last year, I was told that the sport falls somewhere between football and basketball and the “minor sports,” but the student attendance would lead you to believe that baseball is as minor as a sport gets—because, simply put, there is no student attendance.

While I feel no need to chastise students for not making the trek up to Baker Field (especially since the 1 train never seems to cooperate), it is unfortunate that once basketball season ends, any interest for Columbia sports on campus seems to dissipate. In fact, forget about the average student and just look at the one organization that would seem to care: this newspaper. The columns from this semester feature a grand total of one other column that has touched on a spring sport in some way—and that was my last column.

Instead of treating baseball as filler for the spring, we should realize that spring sports at Columbia actually have potential to raise the excitement level on campus. Since we do not have an ice hockey program whose playoffs take over March or a men’s lacrosse program to dominate the April slate like at other Ivies, we should appreciate the great baseball and tennis being played 100 blocks north of campus.

### Student attendance would lead you to believe that baseball is as minor as a sport gets.

While I cannot speak much more about the tennis team besides that it’s won 12 games in a row and seems to be staring an Ivy championship season in the face, I can tell of several compelling storylines playing out this baseball season. There should be enough of them to pique any baseball fan’s interest right through finals.

The starting pitching has been dominant on several occasions. Pat Lowery showed his pitcher-of-the-year potential in the league opener and David Speer has been nearly flawless in his two starts. In fact, while another New York southpaw with a dazzling curveball may have gotten more attention for taking a no-hitter into the seventh inning on Sunday afternoon, it was Speer who was more dominant, doing the same thing.

Unlike most of the major sports leagues, Major League Baseball actually has a decent group of Ivy League alumni. So there’s a good chance that someone playing at Robertson Field at Satow Stadium this month could be on a Major League field in the near future. That was the case for former Lions Fernando Perez and Mike Baxter (the latter scored the winning run for the Mets Monday night). This may be the case for Dario Pizzano or Tim Giel in the future, both of whom had outstanding summer league performances last year.

Speaking of Pizzano, not only is he one of the best hitters in the league, but he’s competing with Alexander Aurrichio for the all-time Columbia home run mark in the coming weeks. The record currently belongs to Gene Larkin, who smacked 25 home runs over his career, while Pizzano and Aurrichio sit three and two blasts short of tying the mark, respectively.

And of course, there’s the ongoing race for the Ivy League title. The Lou Gehrig Division has proven itself the superior division, dominating the Red Rolfe Division 23-9 in inter-division play, so a trip

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**WINNING** | Winston “Winnie” Lin used his classical piano skills to help him fine tune the pacing of his game. He is currently ranked No. 102 in the nation.

## Freshman Winston Lin finds rhythm on the court

BY STEVEN LAU  
*Spectator Staff Writer*

On Easter Sunday, the men’s tennis team experienced a miracle.

After losing in doubles, the Lions rallied back against Harvard to win five of the six singles matches, defeating the Crimson 5-2. While the Light Blue was excited by the overall win, one of the most impressive matches of the day was in the No. 1 spot, where freshman Winston Lin defeated Harvard senior Jonathan Pearlman in two sets, 6-1 and 6-2.

“He can officially walk on water,” said head coach Bid Goswami.

At 5-foot-10 and 140 pounds, Lin is not the most physically imposing opponent at first glance. But having won 15 consecutive matches in either the No. 1 or No. 2 singles spot, Lin—ranked No. 102 in the nation as of Monday—has proven himself a serious competitor.

Success on the tennis court is nothing new for the freshman from Williamsville, N.Y., but Lin has taken a unique path to his recent accomplishments.

Since Lin began playing tennis at

age seven, his dad, Li Lin, has been his coach. When he began coaching his son, Li Lin had competed in a few United States Tennis Association club matches, but he had only been playing tennis for a few years.

“We basically—the two of us—went about it in our way,” Li Lin said. “If I said I knew what I was doing, that’s not the truth.”

Though most young players who are serious about tennis have a coach who has toured as a professional, Lin believes his father’s lack of experience allowed the father-son pair to develop a unique style that worked for them.

“It was frustrating at times ‘cause he would just yell at me,” Lin said. “But it was good because we could talk at any time, and he knew me really well so he knew what I was thinking and he knew how to fix what was a problem.”

Lin’s father would watch tennis videos and match footage, and practice with his son for an hour each day at the local Miller Tennis Center, working slowly to build a solid foundation.

While much of his training happened on the court, Lin also improved his tennis through playing music.

Since he was five, Lin played classical piano, and throughout his youth he took part in various piano competitions. Although music competed with tennis for time, it had a vital role in Lin’s development as an athlete.

“Basically, the rhythm from the music helped me understand the rhythm of tennis,” Lin said. “I could feel the pace of the points and adjust.”

By age 11, Lin and his family began traveling to tournaments all across the nation, and it was not long before he was taking home first-place trophies.

Lin won the USTA Eastern Junior Sectionals for 12s, 16s, and 18s, won the National Open 16s, and was ranked as high as No. 25 in the nation.

By the end of high school, there were no local players who could compete with Lin in a match. While this was frustrating, it forced Lin to practice his weakest shots while hitting with these other players, helping him to round out his game.

As his achievements grew in number, Lin caught Goswami’s eye several years before he even began the college recruiting process.

“I actually went to see someone else,

and Winston was playing him and he beat him in the superbreaker,” Goswami said. “I thought he had unbelievable footwork. He has everything he needs—he has a great heart and his footwork is impeccable.”

When it came time for Lin to choose a university, he was torn between Harvard and Columbia, but ultimately, the Light Blue’s team atmosphere was the deciding factor.

“The guys on the team were much closer than any other team that I visited,” Lin said. “They welcomed me, and they showed that they wanted me more than any other team—same with the coaches.”

The camaraderie among the Light Blue players, especially among the six freshmen, continues to be one of Lin’s favorite aspects of being part of the team.

Classmate Ashok Narayana, the No. 4 singles player, said Lin—referred to as “Winnie” by teammates—is light-hearted and fun off the court, but when he practices and competes he is completely different.

“He’s one of the most professional

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## Light Blue baseball looks for first win over St. John’s since 2003

BY RYAN YOUNG  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

The Lions (12-16, 5-3 Ivy) will continue their long stretch away from home on Tuesday when they head to Queens for a challenging matchup with St. John’s (18-13), which is 8-2 at home this season.

Columbia will try to continue its success in midweek games, having defeated Army and Rutgers the past two Wednesdays, while the Red Storm, currently in fourth place in the Big East, will look for its eighth straight win over the Lions. The two teams will renew their annual matchup after last year’s game was rained out.

**“We’re looking forward to going over there and playing hard and seeing what we can do against the Jonnies.”**

—Brett Boretti, head coach

“It’s always a game that when you get the schedule at the beginning of the year, you circle,” head coach Brett Boretti said. “I don’t know when the last time Columbia beat St. John’s was, but we’ve come close a couple times.”

That last win over St. John’s was back in 2003, but after a string of blowouts in

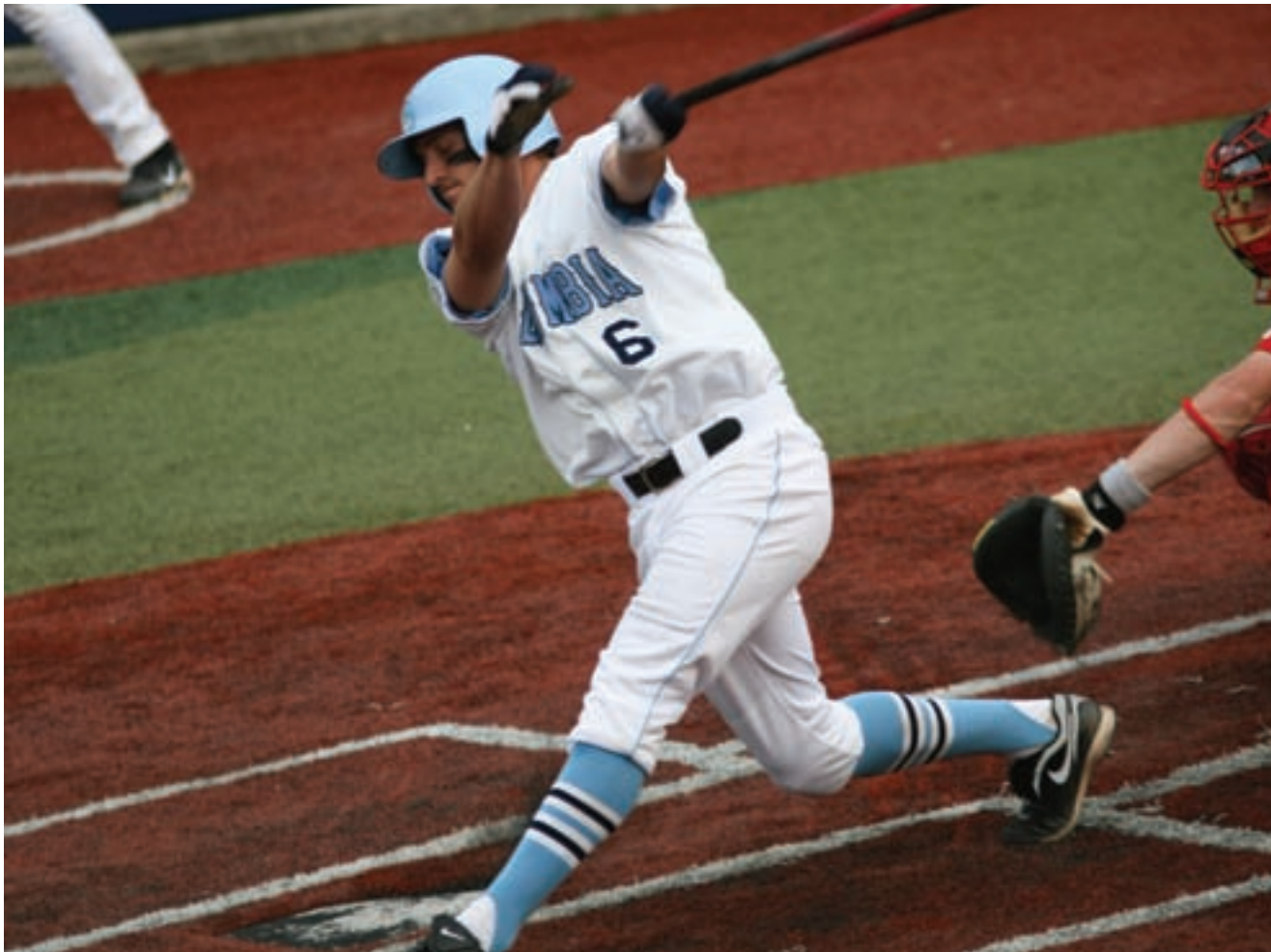
the years that followed, Columbia has indeed been more competitive with the Red Storm. In 2009, Columbia fell 2-1, and when they last met in 2010, the

Lions dropped an extraordinary 22-21 contest at Kaiser Stadium.

This year, St. John’s offense has been heating up, posting a .299 average in its

last 22 games. In fact, the Red Storm is coming off a weekend series in New

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**NICK OF TIME** | Junior outfielder Nick Ferraresi has hit three homers so far this season, while posting a .321 batting average.