

## Six candidates talk transparency, student space at USenate debate

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The six candidates vying for two Columbia College seats in the University Senate discussed student space and senate transparency at a debate Sunday evening.

The candidates stayed true to their platforms during the mostly informal event in Lerner Party Space on the eve of voting, which begins this morning and will run through Wednesday evening.

Incumbent senator Alex Frouman, CC '12, is running for reelection. He is competing against Chris Canales, CC '14, Steven Castellano, CC '13, Matthew Chou, CC '14, Dylan Lonergan, CC '13, and Eduardo Santana, CC '13.

Early in the debate, senators were asked how they would make the senate more transparent to students.

Lonergan advocated for more funding for senators to host events and to increase opportunities for interaction with students, where critical discussions could be held.

"We want something involving senators [in the community]," Lonergan said. "Senators don't get funded in student affairs, and we want more money to do more, to have events with things that are policy-based and free food in order to get more [student] opinion and more people."

Castellano agreed that the senate should invest in more events. As senator, he said he would regularly reserve a table in Lerner in order to better communicate with students and student groups.

Santana, dressed in a suit and tie, praised the senate for its work on the recently-passed resolution advising the return of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. The senate's task force held three town halls on the topic, which Santana said put "a face to the senate."

During the issues portion of the debate, both Castellano and Lonergan expressed concern that there is not enough space for student activity on campus.

Lonergan noted that a lot of graduate schools have plans to move to Manhattanville, and said he fears that the Morningside Heights space that they vacate will fall into administrative hands.

"We need to advocate for this space to go to students," Lonergan said. "This is something we have to do now. It might not affect us now, but for students in 2015, it will have a drastic effect."

Castellano agreed that this space should go to students, adding that the senate should look at the environmental impact of the Manhattanville campus expansion.

Canales said a key priority for him would be to end December finals earlier due to religious conflicts for students. Currently, finals end Dec. 23, although students can try to reschedule finals that fall on that day—the result of a policy Frouman helped pass.

"There are more faculty members [than students] in the senate, and we students are not always going to get what they want," Frouman said. "But part of it is just learning about the unique environment of the Senate, and learning how to interact with diverse communities."

Santana said that an important part of his platform is the issue of cross-school swipe access in dorms on campus. He said he is "very open to investigating" more open swipe access, though he acknowledged the potential security risks of doing so.

Frouman's number one goal is making course evaluations public, which he said he has already

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**FUTURE SENATORS** | Chris Canales, CC '14 and USenate candidate (center), talks at a debate in Lerner Party Space on Sunday night.

## Hungarian Pastry Shop ready to celebrate 50th anniversary

BY MELANIE BRODER  
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Author Nathan Englander started getting his coffee at the Hungarian Pastry Shop in 1992. Nineteen years later, you can still find him at one of the shop's wooden tables.

Such customer loyalty has made it possible for the Pastry Shop—known for its bohemian crowd of students, professors, and a few notable authors—to celebrate its 50th anniversary with 50-cent pastries and coffee on April 20. The celebration also marks the tenth anniversary of the P & W Sandwich Shop, the Pastry Shop's neighbor.

"I wish 'em another 50 or more. I hope to come back for the 100th

anniversary," Englander said.

The Pastry Shop, with its dim lighting and colorful painted menu, has become a Morningside Heights institution in its half-century on Amsterdam Avenue between 110th and 111th streets.

Uday Dhar, a painter who lives in the neighborhood, has frequented the shop since he began his undergraduate studies at Columbia in 1975, when the now-Chinese restaurant Columbia Cottage down the street served Hungarian food. Dhar has been a daily patron—often, a twice-daily patron—since the Biniorises took over the shop.

Sitting at a table covered with a few postcard-sized canvases, some small paint jars, the remains of a peach Danish, and a copy of

that day's New York Times, he gestures to the tables and chairs set up in front of the shop.

"The folks here are just so supportive of the community," Dhar said of the Pastry Shop's owners. "There's a guy that comes in here every morning. I don't think he's totally homeless, but he doesn't work obviously, and he's a little mentally challenged. As kind of a nice gesture, he'll sometimes set up the tables outside so the staff doesn't have to do it, and in exchange they'll give him coffee and a croissant. It's a nice thing."

Mitchell Cohen, a professor of political science at CUNY, remembers coming to the shop while working on his Ph.D at Columbia in 1974. As co-editor of the political journal Dissent, Cohen used to meet with writers and other editors at the Pastry Shop.

"I've stayed here many long hours. You can see some of my books in the frames up there," Cohen said, gesturing to the walls where his book covers join those of Englander, who was named one of the New Yorker's "20 Writers for the 21st Century" and worked on both of his published novels at the shop.

A Mr. and Mrs. Vecony opened the shop in 1961 and sold it to Panagiotis Binioris, along with two partners, 15 years later. Panagiotis, who sometimes goes by Peter, now co-owns the shop with his wife, Wendy, both of whom are Greek.



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**COFFEE CHRONICLES** | Many writers have penned novels at the 50-year-old Hungarian Pastry Shop on 111th and Amsterdam.

## Avsar leaves record of action as SGA pres.

BY KARLA JIMENEZ  
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In the year since Lara Avsar, BC '11 and outgoing SGA president, took office, Barnard's Student Government Association recognized sororities, approved a campus-wide smoking ban, and instituted a universal meal plan.

Avsar said she focused her term on making Barnard's Student Government Association more accessible to the student body—a goal that students said was met with mixed success.

"My direction for this year was to make sure that people understood that SGA did have a role on this campus, and could enact change and if they wanted something to happen," Avsar said.

Avsar said that their efforts ranged from formal surveys, to approaching random students for opinions in the Diana Center, to tabling outside of Liz's Place.

Sorority recognition was one of the most controversial decisions of the year, with Barnard students

voting 768-577 in favor of recognition. The SGA board voted 14-5 in favor.

Avsar emphasized that the board took student opinion into account through its own task force, and though SGA voted internally, its decision was based on the student survey and a town hall.

But in terms of flyering to get the word out, Lauren Mecca, BC '11, said that it was other groups that really pushed the sorority recognition issue.

"They [flyers] seem to be from students in sororities and student groups. I wasn't pushed to take the survey by SGA, but from other student groups," Mecca said.

Avsar said the smoking ban was handled in a similar manner, after an administrator approached SGA to solicit student opinion.

"We just send out a survey and the same way that we've been trying to listen to the student voice on campus," Avsar said.

More than 300 students, only about 10 percent of the student

body, completed the survey, compared to the 57 percent of Barnard students who completed the sorority recognition survey.

Some students said they felt that while SGA did reach out to students, more could still be done to increase student knowledge.

Mecca, for one, said she took the sorority and smoking ban surveys only by chance.

"The only reason I knew about the sorority survey was because I went on eBear," she said.

Mecca explained that since the switch to gBear, students don't check eBear, where SGA posts its information.

"Let me put it this way—I go on eBear once a semester to check my programming things," Mecca said.

Even though student participation in the surveys varied widely, Astrika Wilhelm, BC '12 and current junior class representative, said she feels there's been an increase in student interest.

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## UniteCU candidate resigns following debate

### Voting for CCSC elections begins today

BY MELANIE BRODER  
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At Sunday night's executive board debates, three parties with very different platforms faced off in a heated discussion—just hours before one vice-presidential candidate resigned from the race.

At 11 p.m. on Sunday night, Elections Board chairman Alex Rosen announced that Elizabeth Kipp-Giusti, candidate for VP Policy on the UniteCU ticket, had resigned from the campaign for personal reasons. Columbia College students will soon decide whether they want CU Charge, Better Columbia, or UniteCU (without Kipp-Giusti) at the helm of their council for the 2011-2012 year, as voting begins today.

After Kipp-Giusti's resignation was announced, Andrew Nguyen, CC '12 and presidential candidate for UniteCU, said they were going to move forward with a four-person party.

"We care about what we've started," Nguyen said. "She was a great individual. Though it will be harder without her, the resolve is just as deep as ever to unite Columbia students."

Kipp-Giusti did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Just after the contentious debate on Sunday night, Kipp-Giusti said that she was glad it "devolved into an all-out conversation."

"It was incredibly healthy and helpful," she said. "Democracy isn't neat and tied up in a package."

Rosen facilitated the discussion, and his questions sparked so much back and forth that he eventually bent the rule that allowed each party only four rebuttals for the whole debate.

"This was the most flexible I've seen the elections board. It was really illustrative of the differences in beliefs," Barry Weinberg, CC '12 and Better Columbia presidential candidate, said afterward.

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**BARNARD BUSINESS** | Outgoing SGA President Lara Avsar ran on a platform promising increased communication with students.

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#### CCSC elections

CU Charge, Unite CU, and Better Columbia present their platforms.

#### A cup of Joe

With recent changes, Joe has lost its initial charm.



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#### Lions lose three of four on Ivy road trip

The Columbia baseball team fell in two heartbreakers at Brown, but saved itself from going winless for the weekend with an offensive explosion in its final game at Yale.

### EVENTS

#### Haiti One Year On

A panel discussion on Haitian relief efforts, featuring the founder of Explorers Sans Frontières.

LAB 1501, 7-9 p.m.

#### Senator Kirsten Gillibrand speech

Gillibrand will talk about the crisis in state budgets, along with David Dinkins and David Paterson.

Italian Academy, 12-4 p.m.

### WEATHER

#### Today



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#### Tomorrow



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# Conference brings TEDTalks to SEAS

BY SONALEE RAU  
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Dan Porter, the CEO of OMGPOP, an online platform to play free multiplayer games, took an unconventional route to his position at the top—a story he shared with engineering students last Friday.

“He really showed me the power of flexibility, considering that he went from working with Teach for America to making his own startup,” Khalid Richards, SEAS ’14, said.

Porter’s speech was a part of TEDxColumbiaEngineering-School, an event held on campus on April 8 and modeled on TEDTalks—lectures by experts in their fields given at TED (Technology Entertainment and Design) conferences.

A group of graduate and undergraduate student organizers—including members of the Engineering Student Council—hosted the event, along with a team of advisors that include the regional director of the Columbia-Harlem Small Business Development Center, two members of the Columbia Engineering faculty, and one from the Columbia Business School.

TEDxColumbia was geared toward engineering students, featuring speakers like Matt Berg, who was on Time

magazine’s 2010 list of the 100 Most Influential People for his work with technology and development in Africa.

Speakers included University Professor Ronald Breslow, a prominent organic chemist who still teaches introductory organic chemistry at Columbia, and technology enthusiast Professor Sree Sreenivasan, dean of student affairs at Columbia’s School of Journalism and contributing editor at DNAinfo.com.

Karthik Ayyagari, SEAS ’14, attended the speech on angel investors given by David Lifson, co-founder and CEO of Postling, a social marketing platform for small businesses.

“He offered an elaborate insight into every engineering entrepreneur’s dream,” Ayyagari said.

Shah said that sentiment was the purpose of the event.

“I think all TED events are meant to be inspirational and informative, to tell them something that they don’t know and also to give them something to think about,” he said.

Shah added that advertising this event, like other SEAS career outreach events, is a major hurdle for ESC and the other TEDx organizers.

“We need to work on getting the information about these opportunities to the students,” Shah said.

Aldo Chavez, SEAS ’14, said that it was enlightening for him to see that anybody could set up a successful engineering venture if prepared to navigate through the associated risks.

“It was nice to see such a mixture of disciplines and people who we might have otherwise called a random collection of people all share something in common,” he said.

Though the event was technically overseen by four faculty and professional advisors, credit for event should go to the student panel, advisors said. Columbia’s student panel was comprised of SEAS graduate students Mayank Yadav and Sumedh Gundlur Ramachandra; Rohit Prasanna, SEAS ’14; Kay Lodge, JTS/GS ’14; Akshay Shah, SEAS ’14; Logan Donovan, SEAS ’13; Mirza Armaan Ali, SEAS ’14; and Angel Say, SEAS ’13.

The two co-curators for the TEDxColumbia forum, Yadav and Ramachandra, will be graduating next year. Nevertheless, Shah said he plans to make TED a Columbia student group that will give ESC access to University funds and help them hold a bigger event next year.

The TEDx videos will be available online late next week, Ramachandra said.

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## Local coffeeshop now a Morningside institution

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probably won’t have Internet as long as possible, and no outlets, so without it being a library it’s an intimate environment to do your work,” Philip said.

Marlies De Munck, a Ph.D student from Belgium, said the atmosphere reminds him of cafés in Europe.

“In other places in New York you feel like you’re being chased out,” he said.

Philip called the experience of spending time in the café as “a little magic trick” of having personal experiences in a public place.

“People come in and they feel

like they’ve been here before, even if they haven’t. And if they have, they remember. You come back and you see it the way it was when you were here, and if you were a student, you remember where you sat. That chair is still there, and when you sit in it, it feels the same, and the coffee tastes the same, and the croissant tastes the same,” he said.

The celebration plans for the official anniversary are flexible. Wendy hopes some old waitresses will come back, or authors will come to read passages and make toasts.

“I think it’ll be very organic,” she said.

The owners’ explanation for why the Pastry Shop has become a sentimental spot for many Morninside Heights residents is a similar one.

“College is a strange time for a lot of people, a lot of changing going on, a lot of growth,” Philip said. “If you can come back and find something kind of stable from that period in your life, even if it’s not college, even if it’s just when you were living in this neighborhood, you were passing through, to find something that consistent is rare.”

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## Students have mixed feelings on SGA outreach

SGA from front page

Both student representatives and students not affiliated with the governing board were more informed, she said.

“I wasn’t as aware of policy changes my first year, but what I really liked about this year is that there have been more policy issues and they advertised them well,” Wilhelm said. “Even as not a member of SGA I knew what was going on and I didn’t seek it out.”

Another part of Avsar’s legacy is Barnard’s mandatory meal plan, which she began working on in her sophomore year.

“The meal plan I felt was kind of like my baby,” Avsar said. She recognized the backlash after the plan was unveiled, but said she had received little negative feedback.

“I think for the most part people really enjoy being able to run into their friends at the Diana and know that they have points

that they can go use at Liz’s Place or on the second floor café,” she said.

As for student government participation, students acknowledged that it’s always an uphill battle.

“It varies from student to student,” Christina Chao, BC ’13 said. “The majority of people don’t pay attention unless it personally affects them.”

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## Candidates stick to platforms in USenate debate

SENATE from front page

made significant steps toward accomplishing.

“My goal is to get quantitative data available for students,” Frouman said. “I’ve already made progress with the Education Committee, but there are still some concerns about graduate students not wanting their evaluations to be public.”

The candidates also discussed their previous experience, and made their case for why they would be the best choice.

Chou, a first-year, said he will contribute a younger voice to the senate, which consists mostly of faculty members, graduate

students, and upperclassmen.

“I know what works and what doesn’t” Chou said. He added that he is qualified to serve in the senate because of his experience on the policy committee, a separate committee that addresses issues and creates resolutions with CCSC.

Frouman touted his previous work on the senate, noting his involvement in writing the smoking ban that passed last semester, as well as his service on the senate’s ROTC task force.

Loneragan detailed his experience as a legislative assistant for the senate and a CCSC class representative, saying that he “knows how the senate really works.”

Castellano, like Chou, has

worked on the policy committee, and Canales is rooted in Student Council experience as well.

Eduardo Santana said he will be able to “reach out from door to door,” even without experience with governance at Columbia, although he noted that he sat in on the Utah Association of Student Councils in high school.

As the debate ended, Frouman reminded the dozen students at the debate that the election uses an instant-runoff voting system, in which voters can rank candidates.

“Make sure you rank the candidate—preferably with me first,” Frouman said, laughing.

“Or me,” quipped Lonergan.

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## CCSC debate highlights tensions among parties

CCSC from front page

Many questions focused on CCSC events and the council’s outreach to students and student groups.

UniteCU wants to create a Roof Day event and a two-day Homecoming Carnival, which they say would bring students together. But members of Better Columbia said that these large events would waste money, criticizing CU Charge presidential candidate Aki Terasaki, CC ’12, for his support of Casino Night, which had poor student turnout.

“You don’t have to bribe people with shot glasses,” Weinberg said.

Wilfred Chan, VP Campus Life candidate for Better Columbia and a Spectrum daily

editor, argued for “memorable, efficient, cheap events” such as a campus-wide pillow fight, a beach day, and a field day.

Candidates from the other parties pushed back against Better Columbia’s challenges to the status quo.

Terasaki noted that Glass House Rocks was successful in bringing students and student groups to one large event, and pressed Chan on how he planned on throwing events without any council background.

“I think experience is a big issue,” Brandon Christophe, CC ’12 and candidate for VP Funding on UniteCU’s ticket. He is one of two candidates on his ticket already serving on the CCSC Executive Board.

All the candidates agreed that CCSC needs to reach out to students more actively.

“We need to inform people about what their choices are,” said Kevin Zhai, CC ’12, VP Funding candidate for CU Charge. “If you have free food, that means you’re giving up something else.”

In addition to talking about events and student relations, the candidates briefly touched on proposed initiatives to improve CUIT and to put course evaluations and space reservations online.

“We really think bringing Columbia into the 21st century is really important,” Terasaki said.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## APRIL

### APRIL

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## 04/12

EUROPEAN MIGRATION SINCE 1500

Implications for World History

6 PM

Event Oval, The Diana Center

PUBLIC FEELINGS SALON

6:30 PM

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

## 04/13

LIBERTY IN MIND

Women Philosophers from Margaret

Cavendish to Mary Wollstonecraft

4 PM

Julius S. Held Auditorium, 304 Barnard Hall

## 04/16

SPRING CONCERT

Johannes Brahms' *Ein Deutsches*

*Requiem*

8 PM

Union Theological Seminary

## 04/19

ARTS & POLICY

Dance and the NEA

7 PM

Event Oval, The Diana Center

## 04/21

SOUND POETRY

7 PM

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

## 04/21–04/23

LAS MENINAS

2 PM (Sat.) & 8 PM

Minor Latham Playhouse, 118 Milbank Hall

## 04/29–04/30

BARNARD DANCES AT MILLER

2 (Sat.) & 7 PM

Miller Theatre, 2960 Broadway

(at West 116th Street)

THEATRE THESIS FESTIVAL II

2 (Sat.) & 8 PM

Minor Latham Playhouse, 118 Milbank Hall

## BARNARD

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SPORTS BRIEFLY



WOMEN’S TENNIS

COLUMBIA	1	COLUMBIA	1
YALE	6	BROWN	6

A strong performance by sophomore Nicole Bartnik at No. 1 singles highlighted a rough weekend for the women’s tennis team. Bartnik won both of her singles matches, but those were the team’s only points as the Lions fell 6-1 to No. 35 Yale and 6-1 to No. 43 Brown. Columbia lost in three sets at No. 4 and 5 singles against Yale, but lost five of six singles matches in straight sets to Brown. Bartnik won 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 against Vicky Brook of Yale and 6-2, 6-3 against Misia Krasowski of Brown.

—Kunal Gupta



SOFTBALL

COLUMBIA	0	COLUMBIA	16	COLUMBIA	0	COLUMBIA	7
BROWN	1	BROWN	1	YALE	7	YALE	12

Columbia softball saw a split and a sweep on the road, going 1-1 against Brown on Friday and losing its doubleheader to Yale on Saturday. In its first game at Brown, the Light Blue lost in a pitchers duel 1-0, and scored a single game record in the second game, winning 16-1. Freshman Prophet Gaspard and senior Maggie Johnson both had solid outings on the mound for the day. At Yale, the Lions were shut out in the first game, 7-0, and lost 12-7 in the second game. Senior Karen Tulig had two hits, two runs, and two RBIs in game two, and her classmate Anne Marie Skylis added two doubles and two RBIs of her own.

—Molly Tow



MEN’S LIGHTWEIGHT ROWING

PLACED SECOND IN VARSITY AND SECOND VARSITY EIGHTS AGAINST NAVY

The Columbia men’s lightweight rowing team traveled to Annapolis this weekend to compete against Navy. Although the Lions were defeated in both the Varsity Eights and Second Varsity eights by a big margin, they claimed victory in the Freshman Eights. Columbia held off two teams of Navy freshman, winning the race with a time of 6:21.4. The Second Varsity Eights event was an object of dispute, however, as the Lions started in good position for victory but were subsequently cut off by the Navy boat. A Columbia buoy-obstruction led the official to declare a re-row, in which Navy emerged the clear winner, beating Columbia by 20 seconds.

—Molly Tow



MEN’S HEAVYWEIGHT ROWING

PLACED SECOND IN VARSITY EIGHTS AND FRESHMAN EIGHTS AT CHILDS CUP

The Columbia men’s heavyweight rowing team competed in the Childs Cup on Saturday in Philadelphia against Princeton and Penn. The Lions took second in both the Varsity Eights with a time of 5:31 and Freshman Eights with a time of 5:39.6. In the Second Varsity Eights, the Light Blue placed third, finishing in 5:53.8. Columbia nearly won the varsity event, but Princeton pulled ahead late in the race to win it. Princeton maintained the edge in the Freshman Eights as well, holding off Columbia, who was close in tow for the entire race. The Tigers won the entire meet, taking first in every event.

—Molly Tow



WOMEN’S ROWING

PLACED FIRST IN ALL VARSITY EVENTS AGAINST NAVY AND GEORGETOWN

This weekend, the Columbia women’s rowing team had a standout performance in the George Washington Invitational. The Lions took nine of the ten races at the Regatta, and so qualified to represent the United States in the first Potomac Challenge Cup against England’s Oxford. In the morning of day one, the Lions rowed against Navy and placed first in both Varsity Eights Races as well as Varsity Fours B, and second in Varsity Fours A. In the afternoon, Columbia took first in all four events against Georgetown and Georgetown lightweights.

—Molly Tow



GOLF

7TH OUT OF 12 IN PRINCETON INVITATIONAL

The Columbia men’s golf team placed 7th of 12 teams this weekend, as it participated in the two-day Princeton Invitational. On Saturday, the Lions ended with a final team score of 295 in the second, which was 11 strokes better than their first-round play. On day two of the tournament, junior Brendan Doyle was the standout for the Lions, as he shot a one-over par round and finished tied for 18th in the competition. As a team, the Light Blue shot 290 in the third round.

—Molly Tow

LEVENFELD from back page

at Baker. Dodge Fitness Center has been available from 6 a.m. to midnight every weekday. Writing and editing for Spectator has provided a valuable and unique new perspective on sports competition. But next year, everything will change.

Next year, there won’t be any club sports. There won’t be any university football games or “free” gym membership. Playing sports and staying fit will require a fresh commitment in time and money. For those of us who are not in a university athletic program, it will also take willpower and dedication to keep sports a part of our post-college lives.

That’s why sports involvement cannot just be a hobby, or a phase, or a temporary solution. To sustain these life upheavals it must be a culture. It is important to ensure that sports or fitness routines can be maintained in an environment vastly different from the one we are so used to.

College is not necessarily the easiest place to develop such a culture. The academic calendar is chock-full of disruptive vacations: a day, a week, a month, even a whole summer. A

semester abroad can certainly interfere. Even a class schedule that changes twice per year can get in the way—let’s face it, most of us don’t exactly follow a nine-to-five routine during our college years.

But powering through a major life transition is even harder. To all other seniors out there who have established some sort of sports routine over four years at college, I offer the following advice for the upcoming changes:

Pick your sports: Identify the sports activities you most enjoy or that make you feel best when you’re finished. Do you like playing softball in the summer? Pickup basketball at a gym? Does visiting a fitness center three times per week make you feel good the next morning?

Explore your options: Wherever you settle down next year, locate a gym. Search the Internet for some pickup leagues. While you’re at it, check out the pro sports situation in the area.

Make an investment: Putting money down isn’t easy for a recent grad, but it’s actually a pretty effective incentive to follow through on your plans. No one wants to sign a

one-year membership contract at a gym and stop going after two months. At the very least, a monetary investment allows guilt to become a factor when you’re deciding whether or not to get up an hour earlier to work out in the morning.

Set a routine: Can’t emphasize this one enough. If you sign up for a fitness class Tuesdays at 8:00, make sure never to miss it. It’s a slippery slope: the more you skip, the easier skipping becomes. Develop a weekly schedule and try not to deviate from it.

Hopefully these steps will help us all make it through this transition. I imagine graduating will be significantly harder for many of Columbia’s student-athletes, whose diets and workout schedules are geared for NCAA competition and not postgraduate life.

For now, though, in these last few weeks, let’s go ahead and embrace what we still have. Cheer on the Lions. Go to Dodge. Run in Riverside. May 19 is awfully soon, but there’s still plenty of college left.

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Lions swept by Brown, win final game at Yale

BASEBALL from back page

the second batter of the game, junior third baseman Jon Eisen, knocked his first home run of the season to give Columbia the early lead, but once again Brown would get the last laugh in a tight 6-5 win.

Even though starter Stefan Olson would quickly relinquish the lead by allowing two runs in the bottom of the first, he would go on to pitch seven more innings of shutout ball in his second straight standout performance on the mound. In his eight innings, Olson allowed only five hits and did not walk a batter.

Meanwhile, Columbia’s offense finally came back to life and retook the lead in the fifth when sophomore outfielder Nick Ferraresi knocked a home run to give the Lions a 4-2 lead, which would expand to 5-2 in the eighth thanks to another Eisen RBI. But in the ninth, Columbia’s bullpen suffered another devastating turn of events.

Junior pitcher Harrison Slutsky could not retire a batter, and in the process allowed three men to reach base via a walk, a hit-by-pitch, and a single, all of whom then came in to score and tie the game for the Bears, sending the game to extra innings.

“When you’re putting guys on base, it’s going to come back to haunt you,” Boretti said.

Sophomore pitcher Tim Giel got the final out of the ninth, pitched the Lions through the tenth, and recorded the first two outs in the eleventh before Brown would get a two-out rally going. Senior outfielder Josh Feit stroked a walk-off RBI single into right field to win the game in the eleventh for the Bears.

“I thought Tim Giel came in and did a really good job of getting out of that jam to give us a chance in extra innings, but we just didn’t get enough done,” Boretti said.

For the second straight weekend, the Lions sought to rebound in Sunday’s doubleheader, especially after the one-run losses that have seemed to plague Columbia this season. In the first game at Yale (15-12, 4-4 Ivy) the Bulldogs pulled away for a 6-3 victory.

Yale first got on the board during a dangerous moment in the second inning, when after a catcher’s interference call loaded the bases, a pitch from Columbia senior starting pitcher Dan Bracey got away and hit senior second baseman Gant Elmore square in the face. Bracey, possibly rattled, would go on to give up a walk and hit another batter with the bases loaded, increasing Yale’s lead to 3-0.

“Danny [Bracey] goes out and he gives us what he has and he didn’t have his best stuff today,” Boretti said. “But give credit to Yale, they hit the fastball well and took advantage of their opportunities.”

The Lions’ bats were not able to make up the five runs (four earned) that Bracey allowed in his four-inning outing. Despite ten hits, Columbia could only patch together three runs.

The Lions were able to rescue themselves from a lost road trip with an 8-1 victory in yesterday’s second game, behind a remarkable effort out of starting pitcher senior Geoff Whitaker.

Whitaker rebounded from a rough start last week by pitching a complete game, in which he allowed only one run and struck out seven.

“I think this week I was able to throw my off-speed stuff for strikes a little bit more so that way guys weren’t really

sitting on my fastball,” Whitaker said. “I was able to mix it up a little bit more that way, just attacking hitters.”

Boretti has been impressed with Whitaker all season long.

“He’s just been on, he’s able to locate three pitches and today was vintage Geoff Whitaker, getting ahead in the count, forcing guys to swing at his pitches, and we played good defense behind him, zero errors and limiting the free bases,” Boretti said. “With him, he doesn’t walk guys and he’s been great at that and we know we’re going to get a quality start with him.”

Columbia’s offense finally broke through against Yale senior starting pitcher Brook Hart in the fourth inning, when senior second baseman Alex Godshall delivered a two-run double to get the Lions on the board.

“I was just swinging at good pitches, just attacking the pitches that I knew I could drive,” Godshall said.

Even with offensive catalysts Eisen and senior outfielder Nick Cox held out of the lineup in the second game due to hamstring issues, everybody in the starting lineup picked up at least one hit. Seven of the nine starters also scored a run, as the Lions were in control from the fourth inning on.

“We’re not where we want to be right now, but I think we took a big step winning this game, so this is something we need to build off of,” said Whitaker. “Unfortunately we weren’t able to ride the momentum of the Harvard sweep, but if we can build off of this one and attack our division foes, then I think we’ll be all right.”

Columbia will look to pick up on the momentum of its last win when it takes on St. Johns at home on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

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# Safe spaces are not classrooms

Last week, during the Safe Spaces Forum, it became clear that those opposed to safe spaces on Columbia's campus assumed that these spaces are exclusive and, thereby, unjustly exclusionary. In fact, the safe spaces created at the behest of black and LGBTQ students and the coveted, mysterious inner-community discussions hosted therein are open to any member of the Columbia student body. However, if the Malcolm X and Donaldson lounges were indeed exclusive spaces, as these Republican students imagine, would this exclusivity necessarily be legitimate cause for outrage within the white hetero-community?

Toward the beginning of the forum, one of the Republican panelists asserted that safe spaces reside outside the bounds of "society." This assertion, that a room populated only by black or LGBTQ individuals represents a peripheral, socially irrelevant space, reflects a racist, homophobic attitude that equates social relevance with whiteness and heterosexuality. It is such an attitude that underlies the criminalization of inner-community discussions festering beneath dismissive questions such as, "What good is a discussion about racism if no white person is there to learn from it? How is that productive?"

Should the value of a black person's voice depend on the number of white ears that receive it? In "The Souls of Black Folk," W.E.B. DuBois describes the American world as one "which yields him [the Negro] no true self-consciousness, but only lets him see himself through the revelation of the other world." He continues, "It is a peculiar sensation, this double-consciousness, this sense of always looking at one's self through the eyes of others, of measuring one's soul by the tape of a world that looks on in amused contempt and pity." Indeed, for any students in either the colored or queer community, any students used to understanding themselves only via a hetero or white lens, the liberation from the white hetero-gaze that an exclusive space offers provides the opportunity for a self-affirmation/discovery that "society" precludes. In other words, this barring of the white ear, which, for the Republican panelist, makes these spaces irrelevant, is precisely what makes them valuable.

Yet, the question I'm attempting to ask here is not why exclusive spaces would, in theory, be valuable on Columbia's campus, but, rather, why not? Why does a perceived lack of access to inner-community discussion so violently perturb this group of predominately white and heterosexual students?

During the forum, two students, both from "extraordinarily small towns outside Houston, Texas," shared their reasons for attending Columbia. One of them explained that Columbia's appeal lay in "the diversity of perspective it would bring, whether that be race, sexuality, location, anything." She felt that "safe spaces does [sic] kind of break that discourse up." Similarly, one of the Republican panelists accused the panelists representing the LGBTQ and black student populations of "detracting from my university experience" by excluding him from conversations he believed were reserved for members of the black and LGBTQ communities. In the simplest of terms, the claim here is that the (imagined) existence of inner-community dialogue prevents the emotional growth of white and heterosexual students, particularly those from ethnically homogenous, conservative environments.

This, then, begs the question: why must the personal experiences of marginalized students be put on public display so that white and heterosexual students might derive from them some emotional growth? When did my life become this week's reading? The young woman who came to Columbia to learn about "diversity" is, apparently, under the mistaken impression that all students of color came to teach her.

The belief that LGBTQ and/or students of color ought to educate their white and heterosexual peers only reinforces the power dynamic between these two groups by placing the former at the service of the latter. Indeed, perhaps some students are comfortable with such an arrangement. Is there something particularly askew, however, if some of us aren't?

In an email I recently received from a Columbia administrator, I was encouraged to appeal to "those who may currently disagree or even hate you." Frankly, I have no interest in assisting those who hate me in their life's journey—it is not my responsibility to humanize or civilize myself in the eyes of those who demean me.

It is important to note that the existence of inner-community discussion does not preclude the existence of inter-community discussion. In a lot of ways, the former can serve as a jumping board for the latter. But this is not where inner-community dialogue derives its value—it has inherent worth that, unfortunately, has been overlooked by many in the debate over safe spaces.

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YASMEEN AR-RAYANI

## Color in Colonial College

# Stepping back from the politics

BY DANIELLE REICH

Over our spring break, in the Israeli town of Itamar in the West Bank, a terrorist brutally stabbed and murdered five members of the Fogel family—Udi, age 36, his wife Ruth, 35, and three of their children: Yoav, 11, Elad, four, and Hadas, three months. This attack was not only brutal, as this murderer took the lives of innocent civilians while they were peacefully sleeping in their home, but it left the three additional Fogel children—the oldest being 12-years-old—orphaned.

In light of this attack, students from Columbia/Barnard Hillel held a memorial for the Fogel family on Sunday night to commemorate the 30 days that had passed since their murder, in accordance with the Jewish ritual known as shloshim, or literally "thirty." Additionally, students from Hillel tabled on College Walk in order to raise awareness of the Fogel tragedy.

Throughout this past month of remembrance, the students of Hillel continued to relay assurances of their apolitical motives to the public. Furthermore, the sequence of events at the memorial on Sunday evening displayed the same sentiment. There was a candle lighting ceremony, a brief address, and a prayer said in the Fogels' memory—nothing more.

While the death of the Fogel family is surrounded by very controversial topics—such as Jewish presence in the West Bank and identification of Israel's borders—we cannot condone the atrocity that was committed against Israeli civilians, including a three-month-old child. Why, then, were students reacting negatively against this memorial? At the table on College Walk, students approached and accused those standing at the memorial of using the Fogels' tragedy as a pawn for their "propaganda," despite the insistence of the program organizers that their motives were apolitical.

Unfortunately, many people on campus see the Arab-Israeli conflict as fact sheets, maps, and over-exaggerated displays by Columbia Students for Justice in Palestine. Yet, we must remember that real human beings are continuously affected by this conflict. Family members are lost, innocents are murdered, and people are afraid for their safety.

Israeli civilians are constantly being attacked from all



sides, whether it is the Fogel family murder, the March 23 bus bombing that happened near Jerusalem's Central Bus Station, or the anti-tank missile shot from the Gaza Strip this past Thursday, directly striking a school bus outside of Kibbutz Sa'ad in the Western Negev, which murdered a 16-year-old boy in the process.

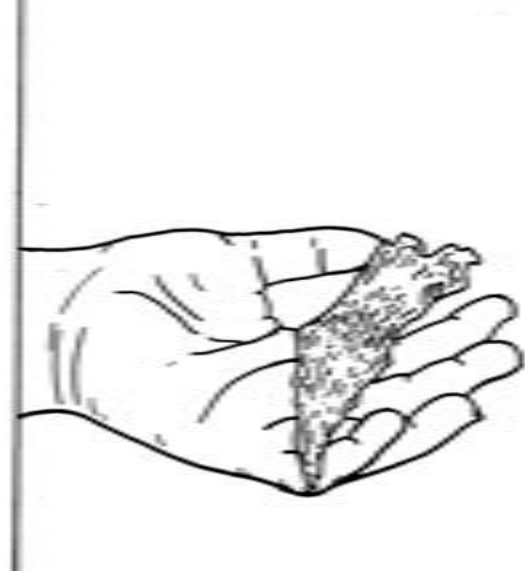
Yet, we cannot just stop and focus on Israel's plight. In Gaza, civilians suffer under Hamas' extremist rule. Instead of focusing on developing Gazan civil society, Hamas devotes almost all of its many resources to destroying both Israel and the Jewish people. This hatred drives Hamas to the point that they put innocent Gazan civilians at risk with their destructive behavior, such as utilizing human shields and storing their weaponry in heavily civilian-populated areas, making it more difficult for Israel to defend itself.

The Columbia memorial for the Fogel family is extremely significant, for it introduces a different way that we, as students, can and should understand the Arab-Israeli conflict. It shows us that it is possible, in fact necessary, to remember the humanitarian aspects of the conflict despite the politics surrounding them.

Constantly seeing the conflict through a political lens not only belittles the death of innocent civilians, but also skews the facts that we must know in order to understand the Arab-Israeli conflict in an educated way. Without any ulterior political motives driving a certain event, the facts have a chance to make their way to the forefront. When politics are pushed aside, students will feel less obligated to look at the facts skeptically. This will enable students to look past the evocative presentations and see what is actually going on in the Middle East.

As students who are looking to make informed decisions regarding world issues, sometimes it is wise to take a step back from the propaganda and observe the human side of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The facts speak for themselves.

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AMALIA RINEHART

# Revamped Joe disappoints

BY CARA ROBERTS

The line of Fjällräven slinging, Moleskin scribbling, pant cuffing customers snakes its way around the packed clusters of tables all the way to the escalator. Crowds of this magnitude typically form only at the prospect of free food on this campus, but the reward at the end of this line is definitively not free. The Northwest Corner Building's coffee shop, Joe The Art of Coffee, serves brews from Peru to Rwanda for between \$2 for a small cup of batch brew to \$3.50 for single drip Bolivia Las Yungas. Judging from the revolving installation of eager coffee drinkers, the quality is worth both the cost and the wait. Recent changes, however, are jeopardizing the hype that once surrounded this coffeehouse.

As Joe settles into its newest location, many of the aesthetic elements that made it such a pleasant place to drink (or wait for) coffee are changing, and not necessarily for the better. For example, the blue and white bakery string with which they lovingly secured the wrapping of their sandwiches has been replaced by pre-printed sticker labels. The avocado, cheddar, and lettuce on multigrain remains a tasty choice, but eating it is a less personal experience. Yet the two biggest problems with the new Joe arise out of the challenges of running a business in bureaucracy—botched furnishing and compromised food quality for the sake of sanitation.

The initial chairs and tables were temporary, but perhaps that was their charm. The minimalism of stark white furniture at a coffee shop, in a university no less, was an aesthetically pleasing triumph of form following function. It eschewed the drab, industrial yet homely style so prevalent in Columbia's other dining establishments in exchange for physically light, simple chairs distributed around a collection of equally pristine tables of varying sizes.

The new chairs' champagne tone skews the color palette of the entire space from cool and bright, which used to evoke

the pure light of an overcast day, to an acidic hue. While the new chairs, which were designed by the architect of the building, echo the abstract linear sculpture suspended above the café, their basket shaped seats are not especially comfortable to sit in.

While Columbia was responsible for the decision to refurbish the seating, the second problem that plagues Joe is due to New York City regulations. Though aesthetic minutia is on the minds of an establishment with an image conscious clientele, product quality should be the ultimate priority. Yet product quality at Joe has recently been compromised by the refrigerated cases installed to meet New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene standards. Mostly this compromise is in the diminished flavor of the baked goods. While sandwiches containing cheese, egg, and mayonnaise may pose a (small) risk unrefrigerated, Ceci Cela croissants lose their flakiness and flavor when chilled.

Joe and other trendy coffee shops around the city have come to terms with Line 6A of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Food Service Establishment Inspection Worksheet, which states that "effective hair restraint not worn in an area where food is prepared" is a "critical offense," by encouraging baristas to choose an original hat or kerchief. The creative compliance demonstrates that compromise between bureaucracy and craft can be reached. For sanitation however, there is another option. Perhaps Joe should forego the Department of Health's "A" stamp of approval in pursuit of a loftier goal: perfect pastries to compliment their painstakingly prepared coffee. My gut tells me Columbia students will relish frequenting a "C" grade establishment. It is just the kind of subversive behavior contemporary Columbians enjoy—the kind that comes with a cappuccino.

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## STAFF EDITORIAL

# We endorse no one

For the University Senate elections, we endorse no one. The candidates running for seats in the University Senate who attended interviews with the Editorial Board on Sunday will be disappointed to see this editorial in place of one endorsing two candidates.

A series of unfortunate events, due to policies imposed by the Columbia College Student Council Elections Board, made it impossible for Spectator to suggest candidates in the 2011-2012 election.

After deciding we would endorse two candidates in the University Senate elections, the Editorial Board contacted the candidates to set up interviews. Complying with the prohibition against campaigning before April 4th, the candidates waited to agree to meet in order to avoid a rules violation. After April 4th, the candidates still running for seats agreed to be interviewed by the Editorial Board on April 10th, the earliest possible date. Starting on Thursday, April 8th, the Elections Board placed a series of constraints on Spectator's freedom to decide to publish endorsements. Their initial requirement was that the endorsement be made public by 5 p.m. on Sunday, a prospect both logistically and ethically untenable. Though the Elections Board offered a range of compromises, none avoided the fundamental difficulty of deciding whom to endorse, composing the endorsement, and making it public on someone else's schedule.

Though we were uncomfortable with compromising with

CCSC Elections Boards' stipulations, we at first considered trying to work with the board. However, interviewing the candidates, discussing and evaluating their respective strengths, and writing an editorial would have taken hours that the Elections Boards' time limitations would seriously have abridged. It would have been unfair and unprofessional of the Editorial Board to reach a consensus so swiftly and without due process.

Furthermore, we object on principle to the conception that Spectator—or any independent news outlet—should have to answer to a governing body. The Elections Board's actions reflect a profound misunderstanding of the relationship between the press and political entities. Though the Elections Board did not intentionally hinder our journalistic integrity, their unreasonable constraints had that effect.

In attempting to exert their authority over Spectator, the CCSC Elections Board exceeded their purview. Spectator, as an independent publication, is not affiliated with Columbia University or its student groups. Our endorsement of a candidate should have been completely unimpeded by the Elections Board.

We are mindful of the regulations surrounding elections, and took the necessary steps to ensure that no candidates would violate policy. However, it became clear that publishing an editorial that supported two candidates could lead to their disqualification, due to a ban on campaigning after 5 p.m. on Sunday. Spectator's independence could not shield the candidates themselves from potentially disastrous consequences, and that was a risk that we were not willing to take.

The reason that the CCSC Elections Board exists—to ensure fairness in election processes—was counteracted by their

de facto censorship of our endorsement. The University Senate Elections, which are as important if not more so than those of CCSC, are not as publicized as their Student Council counterparts. As Columbia's legislative body, the University Senate arguably has more power to effect change than CCSC, making these elections all the more significant. The interviews that the Editorial Board held with the candidates could have publicized important information about their stances and platforms not included in official statements or Facebook groups. Our intention was to encourage informed participation in an election that we deem important to our community.

Columbia University, of all institutions, should be a place where journalistic independence and integrity are held sacrosanct. Other than being unfair to the candidates running for University Senate by depriving them of the chance to be officially nominated by Spectator, the process in place made light of those values we hold dear.

The media traditionally plays a central role in elections—and this should be no different at Columbia. As many of the candidates expressed, the University Senate stands at a crossroads in Columbia's history. Their work to pass the ROTC resolution demonstrated the University Senate's ability to effectively gather opinions and make proactive decisions. In comparison to the legislative bodies at our peer institutions, it's clear that the University Senate has a uniquely privileged position.

CCSC Elections Board, we hope that next year you will reevaluate the way that official rules and regulations are interpreted so that they do not work against the interests of those hoping to make Columbia a better institution and community.



# CCSC Executive Platforms

## Better Columbia, better home

BY BARRY WEINBERG

Columbia students have access to a world-class education. At the same time, there's a vague sense of shared dissatisfaction. We all go here, yet sometimes it is only this feeling—a sense that something is missing—that binds us together. This is a university where it is extremely difficult to book space in our own student center, where student councils blow thousands of dollars planning events like Casino Night, where fewer than one of every three tickets are sold. This is a place with green lawns that are almost always closed off to students. The facts are clear: at Columbia, we often feel atomized and disconnected from any larger ideal of community.

We want to change these problems and the broken system that created them, bringing our tremendous experience to bear. Our team members have led the gender-neutral housing fight, single-handedly raised thousands of dollars as leaders of underfunded clubs starved by wasteful councils, fought Columbia's bureaucracy on

behalf of student groups, worked with Dining to broaden our options, and run coalitions to stop violence and hate. Most importantly though, every one of us has been devoted to building tight communities from the ground up, because these communities make us feel like we belong to Columbia, and strong communities get things done.

Our candidates for President and VP Policy, Barry and Ganiatu, have worked through council, reducing bureaucratic choke holds while building relationships with administrators to make our vision a reality. Wilfred, Steele, and Varun bring with them not only enormous experience leading student groups, but the fresh viewpoints that are crucial to reconnect CCSC with the student body. We have both the institutional knowledge and relationships that creating change through CCSC requires, and we know that by bringing students and administrators together, we can fulfill our goals. We've done it before. We'll do it again.

Instead of waiting for students to come to us with their ideas, Better Columbia will be obsessed with seeking input. That means a completely revamped website. That means moving meetings out of Lerner and into dorms so that anyone can join. This means dorm-hopping regularly. And this means reaching out to students through free food study breaks, which our opponents want to eliminate.

Better Columbia understands that CCSC should not be a party-planning club, but instead a government that funds those who want to plan their own parties, and fights to make sure they can. A Better Columbia will involve not just CCSC members in decision-making, but every-day students as well. Our Columbia is one where students feel no longer like consumers of an expensive education, but as members of a powerful community for four years of their lives.

At Columbia, we often feel atomized and disconnected from any larger ideal of community.

Our opponents have been in CCSC longer—but nothing they've done has been memorable or beneficial. The question, then, is not who has been in CCSC the longest, but rather, who has an actual vision? When their time at school has only centered around CCSC, and that CCSC has not reached out, they are less able to understand the changes that the rest of us want for our campus

life. We do, because we've lived it. We are the only ticket to bring not only the right experience but also a proven track-record of creating change and improving students' lives.

Being on CCSC for a few years is mistaken for the ability to make it work. Often ignored is the way that a life centered around CCSC is precisely what blinds CCSC to the rest of the Columbia community. Similarly, we reject the premise that the only people who deserve to speak are those who have been in council already. We must create a new, energetic CCSC: one that is inclusive, engaging, and tells every student firmly, "You have a seat at our table." We won't be here much longer—the time to start is now. Help us build this community, and vote for a Better Columbia.

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## Moving Columbia forward, fast

BY AKI TERASAKI

CCSC elections always bring up a lot of conversations about the role of student government on Columbia's campus. Are representatives really achieving results on behalf of the students? Can resolutions and meetings implement any significant change when the weight of red tape drags everything down? Is there any way that students can truly hold their leaders accountable and have access to the people making influential decisions?

We are CU Charge, and we are running for the CCSC Executive Board to ensure that students feel like student government is not a detached entity where the talk is heavy but action is scarce. We want to drive Columbia forward, for students and for student groups.

To us that means a centralized online portal where students can access Courseworks, SSOL, Cubmail, and all relevant Columbia sites in one location with one login. All of our peer institutions have similar systems in place, and it's time that Columbia gets up to speed. Although this initiative was proposed several years ago, it fell through because the administration did not feel that there was enough student support. We plan on making this initiative a key priority and ensuring that CUIT understands that this is a policy that would make the lives of students easier and more efficient.

When it comes to the \$634 everyone pays in student life fees, we consider it our responsibility not only to inform students of how their money is being spent, but also to return these

funds to the students through more effective spending. By demystifying F@CU and publishing the CCSC budget online, we plan to increase the overall transparency of student government funding. We also want to cut our own council's spending and eliminate wasteful events in order to give more money out through the allocation process. We believe that some of the strongest bonds are formed by student groups and the events that they put on, and these clubs are the ones with the time, energy, and capability to bring community back to Columbia.

We want to bring back students' voices to student council.

As for campus events and large-scale programming, we plan to ensure success by collaborating with different student groups to draw a wider audience and engage the general population. Too often, CCSC just offers free food without a greater purpose; we want to change the nature of the Campus Life Committee with new events like CU Field Day, CU Arts Expo, and CU Healthy Living.

Finally, as another measure to increase access to ourselves and to administrators, we propose two new initiatives. The first is Open Office Hours, where members of the CCSC Executive Board will sit on Lerner ramps and hear your

concerns face-to-face. No more hiding in the Satow Room or communicating only via email—we want to bring back students' voices to student council. We also want to have Town Halls, where we invite administrators to sit down with students and discuss controversial issues. We believe that it is CCSC's responsibility to foster dialogue and education when subjects like ROTC and Safe Spaces arise, and we want to be a part of creating that conversation.

As you read through our platform points and those of the other tickets, we realize that a lot of the rhetoric will sound similar. What differentiates CU Charge is that we know that action and follow-up are the most beneficial services that we can provide to students. Our various backgrounds have given us the relevant experience, the knowledge, and the motivation to shape policies and implement these changes if elected next year. We need to support the resolutions and task forces with real, tangible actions in order to show administrators and the entire community that we are serious about fighting for you. It's time to stop standing and get charging. Vote CU Charge.

*CCSC Presidential candidate Aki Terasaki is a junior majoring in economics. VP Policy candidate Ryan Cho is a sophomore majoring in political science. VP Campus Life candidate Jasmine Senior is a junior majoring in French and romance philology. VP Funding Kevin Zhai is a junior majoring in philosophy. VP Communications candidate Virat Gupta is a junior majoring in political science.*

## Bringing Columbia together

BY ANDREW NGUYEN

UniteCU is not just a name; it is a mission.

When we describe Columbia to our friends and family, we boast that it is in the most vibrant city on earth. We tell them that it is one of the most academically stimulating colleges in the world. What we do not always mention is that we attend a college with the strongest campus life in America. We further fail to mention Columbia's support of its students and student groups in its endeavors to improve this campus and this world. That is what we intend to change and that is what has brought UniteCU together.

We are five students from disparate spheres of campus who have united to share a common vision and passion for Columbia College. We hail from multicultural clubs and pre-professional organizations, we are members of special interest groups and brothers and sisters of Greek organizations, we serve in advocacy groups and we are athletes on varsity teams.

Columbia is most unified when the sum of its parts are invested in a cause.

Andrew Nguyen is running for President. He has served as this year's CCSC VP Policy, as co-Vice President of the Economics Society, and a co-founder of the Columbia Queer Business Association. His experience on council, where he has worked with his committee to pass more than a dozen policies such as the Good Samaritan policy, is unparalleled.

Brandon Christophe is running for VP Funding. He currently sits in that role on the CCSC in addition to being the VP Finance of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and a consent facilitator for the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Program.

Megan Carley is running for VP of Campus Life. She is a member of the varsity lacrosse team where she is a Leader for Life within the athletics department and she has served as the VP Communications for Delta Gamma sorority.

Finally, Alana Tung is running for VP Communications. Alana has served as the president of the Chinese Students Club and is a representative on the Activities Board at Columbia.

What is more important than the pasts of these individuals is the work they are committed to doing next year. UniteCU fully intends to improve the lives of students on this campus and understand that it begins at an individual level. CCSC needs to actively advocate for better use of technologies on this campus. Students at a university like ours should have a modern email client, they should be able to utilize means of digital advertisement in Lerner and residence halls, and should have resources like course evaluations of their professors.

It continues with our student groups. Student groups on this campus need more funding and need to know about the many avenues that they can pursue to receive that. But funding is not the only resource. This campus should have a centralized space reservation process for its student groups. Furthermore, CCSC should take a more active role in advocating for the initiatives of its student groups. We are not the only people effecting change on this campus and that should be recognized.

And finally, it means affecting this campus on a macro level. Columbia is most unified when the sum of its parts are invested in a cause. Whether that be to raise support and awareness in the fight against cancer such as what happened this past Saturday or if it is to showcase the many talents of our student groups and rock the glass monument that is Lerner Hall, CCSC can be the catalyst that brings these possibilities to life.

We are fortunate enough to be at a place where we have created the platform for tangible growth and change. It will not be easy or simple as some may suggest, but UniteCU is the team to facilitate this. Join us and UniteCU.

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2011 CCSC Platforms			
Party	UniteCU	CU Charge	Better Columbia
Endorsements	Multicultural Business Association, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Pi Delta Psi, CU Food Sustainability Project	CPU, Postscript Art Gallery, Lambda Phi Epsilon, Vietnamese Students Assc, Policy Debate Union, Bach Society, the Kingsmen, Youth for Debate	CU Green Umbrella (15-group network) Veritas Forum, CU Democrats, Black Students Organization, Delta Sigma Theta, Everyone Allied Against Homophobia APAHM, GendeRevolution, LateNite African Diaspora Literary Society,
Policy	-Exploring swipe access -Public course evaluations -Easier space reservations	-Online portal system -Allocate more funding for student groups -Weekly E-board office hours	-“Giving CCSC back to the student body” -Allocate more funding for student groups -Easier space reservations
Dining Policy	-recreating social atmosphere in JJ's Place -raising quality of JJ's Place food	-open gates in John Jay & Ferris -raising standards of JJ's Place	-more dining dollars, less meals -raising standards of JJ's Place
Sustainability	-bike share system -alternative advertising system, campus-wide online calendar	-TV screens in dorms instead of flyering	-all CCSC events carbon-neutral certified
Transparency Goals	-transparent student life fees -continuing to push for funding transparency	-transparent student life fees -open E-board office hours -monthly town halls	-transparent student life fees -holding CCSC meetings in common public areas
Class Registration	-public online course evaluations	-move CCSC drop deadline to SEAS deadline	-public online course evaluations
Thoughts on Other Parties	-Better Columbia's 24-hour gym proposal's costs would be better spent improving gyms in dorms  -CU Charge's TV screens policy means a TV running 24 hours a day, which is not a sustainable initiative	-UniteCU is continuing previous policies, no fresh ideas  -Better Columbia's 30-page proposal is unrealistic for the 5-person board to cover	-UniteCU won't allocate money appropriately by putting it towards large-scale events like the Homecoming carnival  -CU Charge's office hours propose a passive approach to gathering student input

GRAPHIC BY AMRITA MAZUMDAR







# CU rallies against Yale, loses to Brown

## MEN’S TENNIS from back page

Yale junior Erik Blumenkranz had his first match point but Yetimoglu saved it with a tremendous backhand passing shot. The two would play to a tiebreak, where Yetimoglu raced out to a 5-2 lead only to see Blumenkranz rally and earn a second match point which Yetimoglu saved with a service winner. Yetimoglu got his second match point and won when his opponent double faulted, giving Columbia a 4-3 victory.

“I think that’s what tennis is all about, if you ask me, I always tell our guys,” Goswami said. “Once they come through in these matches they become so confident.”

Against the Bears, Columbia started slowly again and conceded the doubles point.

“We played really bad third doubles, we beat that same team at ECACs. We’re not playing good doubles, I thought Haig at third could take over, but for whatever reason it’s not



ALYSON GOULDEN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**HOLY HAIG!** | Junior Haig Schneidermann dominated this weekend, winning both of his matches convincingly at No. 1 singles.

coming through. So we put ourselves deep into a hole, and yesterday we came out and today we didn’t.”

Schneiderman won easily at No. 1, as did Gery at No. 3. Kung fell in straight sets at No. 2 and Yetimoglu lost at No. 5 in three sets 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 after getting a game penalty for arguing with

the umpire. Deb-Sen won his second three-set match at No. 6, shifting all eyes to Tizian Bucher at No. 5. Bucher split the first two sets, and served for the match at 5-4, but Tim Klanke hit spectacular shots repeatedly and rallied to win the final three games and win the match 7-5, 3-6, 7-5 to give Brown a 4-3 win.

# Lions impress at Mason Spring Invitational

## BY JEREMIAH SHARF Spectator Staff Writer

A week after putting on a stellar performance at the Sam Howell Invitational, Columbia track and field was at it again this Saturday.

The team traveled to Fairfax, VA, this weekend to compete in the Mason Spring Invitational, hosted by George Mason University.

Senior Jackie Drouin took fourth place in the women’s 1500-meter run with a time of 4:24.09, less than three seconds behind the winner. The 1500-meter run consisted of 33 runners. Sophomore Clare Buck also competed in the race, crossing the finish line at 4:28.32—good for ninth place.

Junior field star Sarah Engle took fifth place in the pole vault, clearing a height of 3.60m.

SEAS sophomore Nnenna Okwara competed in flight two of the hammer throw. Okwara finished in second place overall with a 46.18m hurl on her sixth and final throw.

On the men’s side, there were four events: the 800-meter and 1500-meter runs, the 400-meter hurdles, and the pole vault.

Senior Matt Stewart led the pack for the Lions in the 800, and narrowly missed the chance to break the 1:50 mark. The senior earned fifth place in 1:50.07. His classmate Jeff Moriarty also posted a solid time, finishing in eighth with a time of 1:50.54.

Four Columbia runners took part in the 1500, a four-heat, 50-man race featuring runners from several other schools, including two other Ivies—Penn and Princeton.

Junior Adam Behnke took

fifth in the race with a fast pace of 3:46.42, a mere two seconds behind the leader from the University of Virginia. Freshman Nico Composto’s 3:50.58 was good for 11th place in the same race. Composto competed in the second heat, while Benhke ran in the first.

Cody Love continued his strong freshman campaign with a second-place finish in the 400-meter hurdles. Love finished in 53.05 seconds, just .01 seconds slower than his seed time.

Junior Jason Marks cleared a height of 4.45 meters to take third place in the men’s pole vault. Marks finished sandwiched between three athletes from the host school.

The Light Blue will continue its outdoor campaign next weekend at the Metropolitan Championships.

# MONDAY MORNING week 2 CLOSER

## GAME BALL

Game ball goes to pitcher Geoff Whitaker, who pitched an absolute gem in the second game of Columbia’s doubleheader at Yale. The senior righty threw a complete game, allowing one run on seven hits and striking out seven in the outing.

## CLOSE CONTESTS

Columbia continued to falter in close games, as it lost both of its games against Brown on Saturday by just one run. The Lions led for most of the second game in the twinbill, Brown came back late to force the game to extra innings, and eventually claimed victory in the 11th.

## IVY STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT
Dartmouth	6	2	.750
Penn	6	2	.750
Princeton	6	2	.750
Brown	4	4	.500
Yale	4	4	.500
Columbia	3	5	.375
Cornell	2	6	.250
Harvard	1	7	.125

## IVY SCHEDULE

						
VS. DARTMOUTH 4/2 12 P.M. L 4-6 2:30 P.M. L 1-8	VS. HARVARD 4/3 1 P.M. W 11-2 3:30 P.M. W 8-0	AT BROWN 4/9 12 P.M. L 1-2 2:30 P.M. L 5-6	AT YALE 4/10 12 P.M. L 3-6 2:30 P.M. W 8-1	VS. CORNELL 4/16 12 P.M. 2:30 P.M.	AT PRINCETON 4/23 12 P.M. 2:30 P.M.	VS. PENN 4/29 12 P.M. 2:30 P.M.
				4/17 12 P.M. 2:30 P.M.	4/24 12 P.M. 2:30 P.M.	AT PENN 4/30 12 P.M. 2:30 P.M.

## TURNING POINT


The Light Blue surrendered a three-run lead in the bottom of the ninth in the second game of its doubleheader at Brown on Saturday. The Bears played small ball to even the score at five, which turned the momentum in their direction. Brown came out with a win and the sweep of Columbia for the series.

## INJURY REPORT


Junior catcher Mark Heil remains the only injured Lion, and his date of return has yet to be determined.

## BY THE NUMBERS

- 1
- Number of runs that the Lions fell by in both of their games in the Brown twinbill. The Bears looked dominant in game one, but game two was Columbia’s game to lose.
- 14
- Number of hits that Columbia had in its second game at Yale. The Light Blue’s bats became electrified to finish out the weekend, as every Lion in the lineup had at least one hit for the game.
- 2
- Strikeouts for Columbia batters in game two at Yale. The Lions were connecting in almost every at bat, which led to their eventual win.



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Senior Fellow, Peter G. Peterson Institute for International Economics;  
External Member, The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England

The Center on Japanese Economy and Business invites **Dr. Adam Posen**, a Monetary Policy Committee Member at the Bank of England and a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute of International Economics to talk at the 12th Annual Mitsui USA Symposium on April 13. Dr. Posen will share his views that Japan’s Great Recession was the result of a series of macroeconomic and financial policy mistakes. Thus, it was largely avoidable once the initial shock from the bubble bursting had passed. Dr. Posen recently published a working paper analyzing the Japanese ‘Great Recession’ of the 1990s and its similarity to the state of the U.S. and English economies today. Dr. Posen will also address Japan’s economy as it faces challenges following the recent earthquake and tsunami. He will be joined by **David Weinstein**, the Carl S. Shoup Professor of the Japanese Economy at Columbia University as discussant and **Hugh Patrick**, Director of the Center on Japanese Economy and Business at Columbia Business School, will serve as the moderator.

*Co-presented by the Center on Japanese Economy and Business, Columbia Business School and the Mitsui USA Foundation*

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Tips for sports-loving seniors after graduation

In case the post-midnight gathering of rowdy seniors early Friday morning wasn't reminder enough, Commencement is just around the corner. We seniors are packing up our dorms in just over a month and moving on to travel or graduate school or employment or perhaps even unemployment.

In any case, a major life change is in store, and just about all of us will face a huge shake-up to our daily routine: the times we eat, the hours we're awake, the nature of our work. How will sports and fitness fit in among these significant life transitions?

Let's assume one aspect of our sports lives has and will remain relatively static throughout the many phases of our existence: professional sports allegiances. I was a Cubs fan 10 years ago, I'm a Cubs fan now, and I'll be a Cubs fan in 10 years.

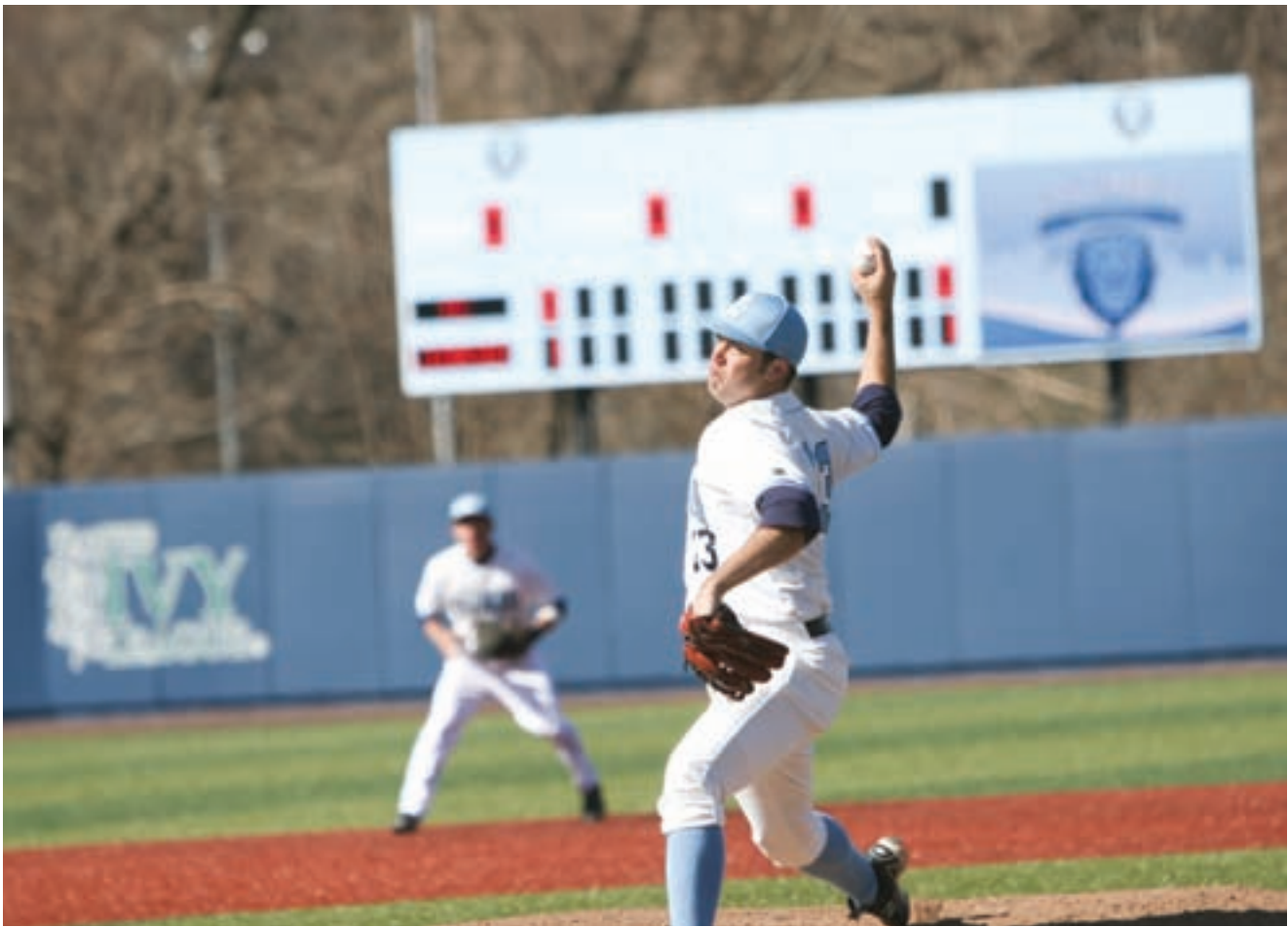
But before we all get too depressed, let's consider that pretty much everything else will change. I think my life has taken a fairly typical path for someone who likes sports and isn't a bad athlete. Elementary school consisted of regional basketball competition and a local Little League championship. In middle school I started on my school's basketball and baseball teams. Attending high school with 2,300 others meant running track and cross-country skiing on a golf course.

College has been an improvement. I have had a chance to play intramural floor hockey every Wednesday night for four years. It has been great fun to cheer on the Lions in Levien, in the University Gymnasium, and



JACOB LEVENFELD

Eye On the Ball



HENRY WILLSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

WHITAKER FOR THE WIN | Pitcher Geoff Whitaker pitched a complete-game gem to conclude Columbia's road trip.

Lions split weekend's closely contested matches

BY KUNAL GUPTA  
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

It was the highest of highs and the lowest of lows for the men's tennis team this weekend.

Sophomore John Yetimoglu won the deciding match 7-6 in the third set against Yale after holding off two match points, but on Sunday freshman Tizian Bucher was the victim, as he lost the deciding singles match 7-5 in the third set after serving for it at 5-4.

"I felt the boys were fighting really hard," said head coach Bid Goswami. "Unfortunately for us, we're not putting it together in the doubles. Kevin being out in the doubles hurts us; he was one of our top players. This year, our depth is not as much and it has a

bit of an effect, but yesterday's match shows how much they guys are fighting. We were down 3-0 and fought back. Today we fought back too."

Columbia lost the doubles point against Yale on Saturday, losing at No. 1 and 2 doubles.

The Lions soon found themselves down 3-0, as the Bulldogs dominated the early singles play. Yale sophomore John Huang routed sophomore Cyril Bucher 6-2, 6-0 and fellow sophomore Nate Gery lost in straight sets to Yale's Daniel Hoffman. Everyone was forced to move up a spot in the lineup, as Columbia's senior co-captain Kevin Kung was out with an ankle injury. Columbia needed to win all the remaining singles matches to gain a victory in the match.

The biggest upset of the day came at No. 1 singles, where junior Haig Schneiderman took out Yale sophomore Marc Powers 6-0, 3-6, 6-2. Last year, Powers went 7-0 at No. 1 singles and became the first player to ever win Ivy League Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year in the same year. Tizian Bucher played No. 5 singles and won a tight match 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, and junior Rajeev Deb-Sen soon followed with a tight 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 win at No. 6, shifting all eyes to Yetimoglu at No. 5. Yetimoglu lost the first set, but rallied to win the second in a tiebreak. The third set was played with everyone watching and stayed on serve until Yetimoglu was serving down 4-5.

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Despite strong pitching, CU goes 1-3

Offensive explosion earns Lions a win at Yale

BY RYAN YOUNG  
Spectator Staff Writer

Columbia's first Ivy road trip of the season did not go as well as Light Blue faithful may have hoped. The Lions dropped a pair of tough games at Brown, before salvaging the weekend with a victory in yesterday's nightcap to split their doubleheader with Yale.

On Saturday, Columbia (12-15, 3-5 Ivy) fell in both games of its doubleheader by a single run.

Starting pitcher junior Pat Lowery put forth arguably his best performance of the season in the first game. The reigning Ivy League Pitcher of the Year allowed only two runs, one earned, on just three hits in his six innings, but the Lions would go on to lose 2-1.

It was the offense that struggled for the Lions, matching the Bears (6-18, 4-4 Ivy) with just three hits. Brown senior starting pitcher Matthew Kimball's only blemish was senior designated hitter Jason Banos' RBI double to tie the game in the fourth inning. However, Brown senior catcher Matt Calentonio's fifth inning home run would break the tie for good in favor of the Bears. Columbia had very few opportunities at the plate throughout the seven-inning contest and when they put together a rare threat in the final inning, the Lions stranded two men on base to end the game.

"In a seven-inning game, it's tough to come back from early mistakes when you're facing a really good arm [Kimball like that]," head coach Brett Boretti said.

Game two looked promising when

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Pioneering Plastics

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