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CROWD SURF THE RACCOON | Macklemore delivered an enjoyable, if predictable, set as Bacchanal's headliner.

DeBacchery delivers, despite early start time

BY ZOE CAMP
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On Saturday, we were presented with a difficult choice: We could stay in the pillowy embraces of our beds—nestled in the world of “Downton Abbey” and the usual weekend procrastination—or we could defy the odds, motivating ourselves to rise for 7:30 a.m. Bacchanal pre-gaming.

But, however much we moaned the early start time, and however much we whined about the predictable line-up, by the time Morningsiders took the stage at 11 a.m., it was clear that the student body had made its choice. Even in the thick of sleep-in prime time, Low Steps were awash

with revelers armed with neon shades, flip-flops, and “Pom juice.”

Despite the Ultra aesthetic, Morningsiders’ folk-pop proved to be a real hit. Thanks to some immaculate mixing, the Bacchanal sound crew accomplished the Herculean task of making a handful of bluegrass musicians sound as loud as and as good as—better than, even—the world-famous rapper who was to follow them.

Lead vocalists Reid Jenkins and Magnus Ferguson, both CC ’14, led the five-person band, which also includes bassist Vladimir Bernstein; pianist Robert Frech, who is also Spectator’s chief development officer; and trumpeter/drummer Ben Kreitman, all CC ’14,

with their characteristically hearty harmonies, delivered with just enough yelps to stir up the crowd. The group’s cover of Lyle Lovett’s “Long Tall Texan,” which closed the set, was every bit as gritty and bluesy as the original and provided a nice bit of spice in a set rife with honeyed melodies and “aw, shucks” earnestness.

Macklemore’s set had to be crammed into a noon timeslot, several hours earlier than Bacchanals past, so that he could rehearse later on for the MTV Movie Awards. Not wanting us to feel overlooked, the Seattle rapper went to considerable lengths to stroke our collective ego.

“I’ve been dreaming of this show,” he mused at one point

during his set, also expressing his excitement to be performing in front of “a big-ass library.” (“It’s not a library!” sighed more than a few spectators, continuing a recurring Bacchanal joke that began when Snoop Dogg referred to Low as “the White House”).

But despite his affable stage presence, Macklemore had difficulty making this set feel special—from the carefully constructed talking points, tailor-made for collegiate audiences (Adderall, marriage equality), to the fill-in-the-blank geographical references (the A train, Central Park), to the Killers shout-out-cum-sing-a-longs of “Life

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City Council candidates vie for club endorsement

BY EVA KALIKOFF
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In the competitive races to represent the Upper West Side and West Harlem in the City Council, candidates from districts 6 and 7 vied for a potential endorsement by the Broadway Democrats at a forum Thursday.

The forum, held around the corner from Columbia at the Bank Street College of Education, attracted a large turnout of club members, who will vote to endorse a candidate on May 9. Mayoral candidate Bill de Blasio attended as well, contributing a broader city-wide perspective.

District 6 candidate Helen Rosenthal said that local democratic clubs are important political instruments within the district.

“I was so excited to see a big crowd because I am interested in instituting participatory budgeting, and I think political clubs are helpful for getting the word out about participatory democracy,” Rosenthal said.

Each candidate at the event had five minutes to speak and respond to questions. Many spoke about how long they have lived in the community, their children and families, and past work they have done to better their neighborhoods.

District 7 candidate and Democratic District Leader Mark Levine said he was happy to be at the event because of the possibility of receiving the club’s endorsement. Levine has already received endorsements from both elected officials and prominent unions.

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ENDORSEMENT | District 6 City Council candidate Helen Rosenthal spoke on the value of political clubs on the Upper West Side.

Eight profs receive Guggenheim fellowships

BY SAMANTHA COONEY
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Eight Columbia professors will pursue independent projects and research next year, funded by grants they will receive as Guggenheim Fellows.

The John S. Guggenheim Memorial Foundation announced its 175 fellows, chosen from more than 3,000 applicants, on Friday. Columbia’s honorees included biological sciences department chair Stuart Firestein; Journalism School professor Sylvia Nasar; School of the Arts professors Ben Marcus, Ira Sachs, and Terese Svoboda; history professor Marc Van De Mieroop; Mailman School of Public Health professor Robert Klitzman; and Barnard dance professor Lynn Garafola.

“It’s the first time I ever applied for one, and knowing how extraordinarily competitive they are, I was just thrilled,” Garafola said.

Garafola, who has published two books about dance, said that the grant would allow her to finish a biography about Russian choreographer Bronislava Nijinska, a woman whose work, she believes, was marginalized by her brother, choreographer Vaslav Nijinsky.

“I think it’s a really important story to be told,” Garafola said.

Although she will miss her students next year, Garafola said, she is glad to have the time

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CONTESTED | Hannah Germond, the new president of GSSC, won with 57.9 percent of the vote.

Germond elected GSSC president

BY TRACEY WANG
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General Studies students elected first-year class president Hannah Germond, GS ’16, their new student council president.

Unlike this year’s elections for Columbia College Student Council and Engineering Student Council, all the positions in the GSSC elections were hotly contested.

The total voter turnout percentage was 30.5, with 514 students voting.

All the candidates for president hold current council positions. Germond beat out Community Services Representative Robbie LeDesma, and Vice President of Student Events Joseph Giovanni Ramos, with 57.9 percent of the vote.

Germond said that her experience as first-year class president and an orientation leader during New Student Orientation

Faculty House contract negotiated

Four-year contract includes concessions on wage, payments

BY CASEY TOLAN
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Faculty House employees approved a new four-year contract Friday after months of combative negotiations with administrators.

The contract includes concessions from the University on wage increases and lump sums, workers and advocates said. All employees will see a 2 percent wage increase in April 2014, in addition to a \$1,000 lump sum payment this year; a \$500 lump sum payment in June 2014; and, for employees who have worked longer than 10 years, annual lump sum payments of \$250 to \$750 based on seniority.

“We are reasonably satisfied with the result,” Faculty House chef Osmond Cousins said. “We’re definitely moving forward at the conclusion after almost a year of very tense negotiations.”

Porters’ salaries will be increased by 1.5 percent in September, and they will also see their summer stipend increase by 2 percent in 2015. Part-time workers will now receive full-time benefits for vacations, sick leave, and summer pay.

Moreover, all employees will keep their health coverage—which was in danger of expiring if negotiations continued to drag on—with the change allowing more senior employees to stay on a better plan. Employees said that administrators had wanted to move all employees to the same plan.

Jane Brennan, CC ’14 and a member of Student-Worker Solidarity, which has protested

in support of the employees, characterized the new contract as a moderate concession by the University.

“It’s definitely not an ideal contract, but at a university where the goal is to lower the amount that workers get paid, it was a really hard fight, and we’re proud of what’s come of it,” she said.

SWS member George Joseph, CC ’16, called the new contract a “huge relief.” “We were really scared Columbia would take punitive action—fire them,” he said.

“We’re hoping that whatever contracts we have to negotiate will have a different tone and that it’s not as aggressive as this one.”

— Osmond Cousins,
Faculty House employee

While Faculty House workers could have continued fighting for more concessions, some said that they felt pressure to approve a new contract before the summer, when they are laid off temporarily.

“This is the deadline, so we have to do something,” worker

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The real housing issue

Our privileges cause us to exaggerate relatively pitiful complaints.

Thinking in Jersey

Luke Foster reflects on a duty to capitalize on our good fortune.



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Baseball wins 3 of 4 over Cornell

Columbia kept the top spot in the Lou Gehrig Division by winning its weekend series against the Big Red.

EVENTS

Voices from Fragile States

Hear speakers from global institutions discuss state conflict.
1501 International Affairs Building, all-day

MULTIMEDIA

Graffiti in EC

Tyler Sheridan, CC ’13, drew graffiti on the walls of his EC room. Find out why, and see a time lapse of his creation.



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DEBORA'S CLUB | A group of nine Barnard students were selected randomly out of 100 applicants to discuss Nicole Krauss’ 2005 novel “The History of Love.” The club will continue to meet monthly.

Spar, students convene first monthly book club

BY EMMA GOSS
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Nine students joined Barnard President Debora Spar around the table in her office late Thursday afternoon. But instead of hashing out policy or discussing Barnard’s finances, they laughed and chatted about the characters and themes of a novel.

This was the informal and intimate first meeting of the monthly book club with Spar, a meeting of minds that began when Michal Edelman, BC ’15, wanted to put her mathematics textbook down and swap it for a novel.

“I always wish that I read more, and it’s hard to read when you’re not being held accountable for it,” Edelman, a math and economics major, said. “We are just so over-programmed, and we’re doing school, and we’re so stressed all the time. It’s kind of nice to take an hour out of your month to just sit with your peers and discuss a book.”

The book being discussed was Nicole Krauss’s 2005 novel “The History of Love.” Spar and the students dwelled on themes of death, language, and family

relationships. The nine students who attended, randomly chosen from a pool of approximately 100 who expressed interest, said they felt at ease with Spar. Next year, students will be able to sign up for a semester’s worth of book clubs, which will convene once a month.

Gilana Keller, BC ’13, said she wanted to take advantage of the opportunity before graduating next month.

“I thought it was interesting to have a smaller meeting with her that wasn’t about Barnard and the university environment in general,” Keller said.

As for first-year students, who have had fewer years to get to know Spar, Ayelet Hochman, BC ’16, said Spar left a great impression.

“She’s so personable. It was like talking about a book with a peer, not analyzing it for something smart, just enjoying a book together,” Hochman said.

Though the meeting was scheduled to conclude after an hour, the students and Spar stayed overtime to discuss their favorite television shows. Spar shared a bit of her personal life, admitting that she rarely

watches any current shows other than “Downton Abbey”—mostly because she’d rather be reading.

“I generally read while I watch TV, which drives my husband nuts,” Spar said. “I generally watch with a book in my hands.”

Edelman said that a having laid-back, informal setting was a high priority for her, which is why she decided to start this club outside of her role on Barnard’s Student Government Association as vice president of the sophomore class.

“I wanted to do this without any organization or other programming initiative and just to do this for the sake of having a book club and for the sake of reading and meeting with President Spar and no other overarching umbrella,” Edelman said.

The book club will reconvene next month with the same group of students, who are currently brainstorming ideas for the next book to discuss.

“This was a great idea. I hope you keep it going,” Spar said as the meeting came to an end.

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Journalism prof launches venue for long-forms

BY SAMANTHA COONEY
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Do you want to read the rest of this story?

That’s the question that Michael Shapiro, a professor at Columbia’s Journalism School, wants to ask of readers when he and his collaborators launch The Big Roundtable, a digital platform for stories that don’t fit the traditional print model.

Shapiro sees the project, which has raised more than \$8,000 halfway through its Kickstarter campaign, as an experiment to explore the role of the reader in online long-form journalism.

In a few weeks, Shapiro will call for writers to send in “the big, ambitious yarn that you’ve written because you’ve needed to write it.”

These stories will then be sent to a group of readers, who will be presented with the first 1,000 words of the story and asked if they want to keep reading.

“This much I know from experience: If you can get the first 1,000 words right, the odds are, the rest of the story’s going to

work,” Shapiro said.

Only when a majority of readers respond positively to the story will it go on to an editor—Shapiro’s longtime friend and collaborator Michael Hoyt, executive editor of the Columbia Journalism Review.

The finished stories will then be available for purchase by interested readers. Writers will eventually be paid \$1 for every copy of their articles sold.

Shapiro, who has authored six books and contributed to the New Yorker and the New York Times Magazine, said that the digital age has made it harder for writers to get paid for their work. He attributed these difficulties to editors and publishers who focus on publishing stories that they are sure will sell or that fit into their individual tastes. The Big Roundtable, by contrast, allows a diverse group of readers to choose what stories they want to read.

“I began to think like a scientist or someone doing a start-up,” Shapiro said. “Every experiment has to be guided by a question. At the risk of sounding incredibly crass, the question here is, how

do we get writers paid?”

Rashmi Raman, Journalism ’13, is designing the project’s storefront and a membership site.

“It shouldn’t feel like they’re buying stories, but that they have their own personal library,” Raman said.

Raman is also working on a way to gather analytics, as the goal of the project is to research how readers respond to digital journalism.

The researchers will be sharing their findings with other journalists looking to appeal to more readers through online platforms.

“If it spawns other start-ups, I don’t see those as competitors, I see those as making it better for more writers,” Shapiro said.

Anna Codrea-Rado, the project’s social media coordinator and a digital associate at the Journalism School, said that she and her collaborators regard “the Big Roundtable as a laboratory for studying long-form journalism.”

“We kind of have an understanding of the long-form world as far as it existed in print, but that’s really dramatically shifted now,” Codrea-Rado said.

She said she hopes that the research will lead to better insight on the kind of stories readers want to read online and how they prefer to access them.

“I’m convinced that people want to read long-form non-fiction. It’s just kind of finding where those people are,” Codrea-Rado said. “It’s about identifying communities that already exist and just talking to them, really, and getting them as excited as we are.”

“We have no pressure to produce a magazine that has a mix, that has a vision, that has an overall sense of speaking to this constituency,” Shapiro said. “We just have to be a means of distribution for interesting and surprising stories that wouldn’t necessarily find a home any place else.”

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LONG-FORM | Michael Shapiro, a Columbia Journalism professor, talks about his plans to launch a new platform for long-forms.

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Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

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THE GALLEY SLAVE'S DILEMMA
6.30 PM

Ella Weed Room, 2nd Floor Milbank Hall

04/18

TEACHING & WRITING
TRANSNATIONAL HISPANIOLA
Haiti and the Dominican Republic
12 PM

BCRW, Barnard Hall 101

04/25

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
SENIOR THESIS POSTER
SESSION
4:30 PM

Event Oval, The Diana Center

04/25–04/27

SENIOR THESIS FESTIVAL I
7 PM

Minor Latham Playhouse, 118 Milbank Hall

04/26

VERDI'S MESSA DA REQUIEM
8 PM

Union Theological Seminary, Broadway
at West 120th Street

04/30

BARNARD STUDENTS
READ FROM THEIR WORK
7 PM

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

05/03–05/04

SENIOR THESIS FESTIVAL II
8 PM (Friday)
3, 4 & 6 PM (Saturday)

Minor Latham Playhouse, 118 Milbank Hall

05/07

SENIORS WITH A
CONCENTRATION IN
CREATIVE WRITING
7 PM

James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

BARNARD

King’s Crown awardees call for more inclusion

BY QIUYUN TAN
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Eighty students received King’s Crown Leadership Awards this year at the ceremony Thursday, although many said that they still wish the ceremony were more reflective of the greater Columbia community.

Recipients in each category include 10 individuals and 10 organizations. In addition, two to three people or organizations in each category received the Dean’s Award for Leadership Excellence.

“I like that this year it was much more inclusive,” Dean of Student Affairs Kevin Shollenberger said in an interview after his opening remarks. “In the past, athletes, RAs, students who are part of the Undergraduate Recruiting Committee weren’t necessarily eligible.”

Andrew Ren, CC ’15 and a presenter at the ceremony, said he felt satisfied with the awards, but would have liked “to see it expanded in the future and be more inclusive.”

“I certainly would be open to doing a four-school award ceremony.”

—Kevin Shollenberger, dean of students

Associate Dean of Student Affairs Todd Smith-Bergollo said that recognition of student leaders is an evolving process and that the new categories are meant to reflect what’s happening on campus this year.

Administrators chose the categories after “looking at different leadership models and our core values” as a community, Bergollo said.

Yet some students have voiced concerns that the awards do not do enough to bring the entire Columbia community together. Specifically, the exclusion of General Studies and



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CROWNED | Eighty students received King’s Crown Leadership Awards in Low on Thursday.

Barnard students from the awards has been a topic of conversation as the administration has worked to restructure the awards.

“I know GS and Barnard do their own awards. I certainly would be open to doing a four-school award ceremony, because I know our students are from all four schools involved in their clubs and organizations,” Shollenberger said.

For now, though, administrators said they have a hard enough time choosing recipients from among the pool of CC and SEAS students. With the expanded categories, 600 students were nominated for awards this year, a number that made the decisions harder than ever, according to Erica Williams, assistant director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

“It was very difficult to nominate students because we have so many students that are involved in so many things. I feel like students really shine. Our students really care about this campus,” Williams said.

This year’s recipients include

cultural club leaders, resident advisers, students working for the Undergraduate Recruitment Committee, and those involved in LGBT clubs.

Many students were recognized as representatives of groups winning awards. Columbia Urban Experience was one of the groups recognized for a Community Building Award.

“Columbia Urban Experience as a program does a very good job of building a community among freshmen, and that really brings them to a position that they can go on to make a change on campus, which I think is one of the reasons that we are honored,” Devin Choudhury, CC ’15 and a CUE coordinator, said.

Senior Marshals, Named Awards, and Class Day Awards were also announced at the ceremony, but will be presented to their recipients on Class Day.

Bergollo said that to ensure that the process is as fair as possible, a committee of administrators and students who serve as representatives of different offices and extracurricular

interests votes to decide the award recipients.

“The nominations that are submitted, we take that information,” he said. “But then all of the members of the committee, in reading the nominations, also solicit their colleagues and people they know for additional information on the various nominees.”

Amy Garvey, CC ’15, helped plan the ceremony with the Office of Student Development and Activities. She said she thinks the selection process could be more open than it is currently.

“It’s only decided by a board, not by public vote,” Garvey said. In the future “maybe they can illuminate about how they go about choosing recipients,” she added.

Still, Garvey said she enjoyed seeing her peers honored for their hard work.

“I am a sophomore—it’s really great to see the senior class and all that they’ve accomplished, and it really inspired me and my future endeavors,” she said.

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Fellows include Stuart Firestein, Lynn Garafola

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and resources to dedicate to the book.

“I’m really excited about being able to work in an uninterrupted way on the project,” Garafola said. “I’ve done quite a bit of research already on the project, and I’ve done some writing, but not consistent writing and really trying to figure out the different threads of her life.”

Marcus, a professor of writing, said that he plans to use the grant to write his next novel—but first, he has to figure out what to write about.

“I’m in that stage between projects where I’m thinking about what I’d like to do next,” Marcus said. “The Guggenheim is just a great boost and encouragement and opportunity to get started on something new.”

Marcus has just finished work on an anthology of short stories, “Leaving the Sea,” which will be released in January 2014. In addition to receiving the Guggenheim fellowship, he will spend next fall at the American Academy in Berlin as a Berlin Prize fellow.

Marcus said he’s excited about “the fact that the foundation has shown enough faith and support in me that I can sit down and work and not be too concerned about paying the bills for a while.”

“It’s a nice endorsement, and for writers, at least for me, having the time to work is just an amazing gift,” Marcus said.

Klitzman, a professor of clinical psychiatry at the Mailman School of Public Health and the College of Physicians and Surgeons, will stay on as the director of the Master of Science in Bioethics program at the School of Continuing Education during his fellowship.

Klitzman said that he will work on a book about the ethical implications of assisted reproductive technologies.

“There seems to be a question as to whether we should allow these industries to grow further without regulation from the government,” Klitzman said.

While assisted reproductive technologies make it possible for infertile couples to have children

and could prevent congenital diseases, Klitzman noted that “these technologies also raise questions of social justice, genetics, and the question of doctors playing God.”

The fellowship will allow Nasar—who won a Pulitzer Prize in 1998 for her biography of mathematician John Forbes Nash, “A Beautiful Mind”—to continue work on her next book, which deals with economists who served as spies during World War II.

“A surprising number of the most important agents of influence and spies were economists or were recruited by economists,” Nasar said. “Several played decisive roles in wartime economic policy and postwar planning, from sanctions against Japan before Pearl Harbor and support for the Kuomintang, to the founding of the United Nations and the Bretton Woods Agreement.”

“It’s always exciting to plunge into a new project, and the reporting phase, especially trolling through the archives, is the purely pleasurable part,” she said.

Van De Mieroop will use his fellowship to research the concept of truth and reasoning in ancient Babylonia.

“It’s a big honor,” Van de Mieroop, who has written two books about Babylonia and Egypt, said of his fellowship. “I’m certain that I’ll be able to complete a project that I’ve been working on for five years.”

Last year, 10 Columbia professors were awarded the honor. Van de Mieroop said that the consistently high number of Columbia Guggenheim Fellows says something about the University.

“It’s a sign that Columbia faculty are doing well,” he said.

Firestein, the chair of the biological studies department, will explore the advancement of science through failure. Svoboda, an adjunct professor of writing at the School of the Arts, will write a novel, and Sachs, an adjunct professor of film at the School of the Arts, will work on his next film, to be shot in New York this summer. Firestein, Svoboda, and Sachs were unavailable for comment this weekend.

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New GSSC board hopes to bolster outreach

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work that GSSC is doing.

Cole Cademartori, GS, won the election for vice president of communications. Loren Myers, GS ’16, was elected chief communications representative.

The new vice president of student events will be Jason Pettigrew, GS ’15, and Paul Cornec will be the new chief student events representative.

Elizabeth Heyman, GS/ JTS ’16, was elected JTS students representative, defeating

Zachary Javitt, GS/JTS ’16.

The new veteran students representative will be Daniel Slaughter, GS, who defeated Benjamin Vickery, GS, in the election.

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Morningsiders, Flosstradamus the real treats

BACCHANAL from front page

is Cinema,” the performance felt thoroughly rehearsed, extensively road-tested, and entirely predictable.

Macklemore has been on an exhaustive collegiate tour in the wake of his recent success, working hard to meet demand. But this blitzkrieg has its drawbacks. Macklemore’s performance, despite its energy, felt stilted. The volume of his vocals couldn’t mask traces of fatigue, and his onstage banter lacked the spontaneity we’ve seen in the past (see: Mickey Avalon’s infamous performance at the Bacchanal winter show two years ago).

As the Man with the Largest Single in the World, Macklemore had every right to have a bit of fun before “Thrift Shop.” Having (presumably) given his raccoon coat to student revelers beforehand, he instructed the crowd to pass the garment up to the stage for him to rock during the song, which had as much brassy ebullience as was expected. After the song ended, he tossed it back into the mob and led the audience, twice, in a failed chant: “Crowd surf the raccoon!” Apparently, some interpreted the rapper’s instructions as “hold on to the coat.” When it lingered in its time getting back to the stage, he made a stab at some awkward humor. “Let go of the raccoon’s penis!” he yelled sheepishly.

A few songs from the end of the set, the audience was distracted by a young woman who had somehow clambered on



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SMILE YOUR SMILE | Student band Morningsiders opened with a lovable set of hearty harmonies and a Lyle Lovett cover.

to one of the Low Plaza fountains. From her perch, she giddily gamboled around, sweeping her leg into the waters to splash all who came near. Macklemore appeared not to notice and proceeded to finish his set strongly with the oddball absurdity “And We Danced.” After leading another round of chants—successful, this time—of “1, 2, 3, PEACE,” he strolled offstage, sparking a mini-migration back to the dorms. The headliner had left the building. It was time for a nap.

Those who stuck around were rewarded by the best set of the afternoon. Flosstradamus, the Chicago-based electronic dance music veterans widely celebrated for putting “trap” back on the map, entranced the crowd for the ensuing hour and a half with an intoxicating mix of radio staples new and old, served up as grimly as possible.

From “Harlem Shake” to the Ludacris classic “Area Codes,” from New Orleans Bounce to New York City house, the duo left

no genre behind in its mission to appease the masses. Needless to say, when Flosstradamus dropped the familiar, galvanizing hook of Benny Benassi’s “Satisfaction,” it had the entire undergraduate population by the ears.

By this point, the crowd was re-energized, thrashing about in the smoky air with reckless abandon. A Charmander doll crowd-surfed, the bright red plush surfacing now and then from the thick of the crowd. Behind me, new friends made plans to hit up JJ’s Place after swinging by the Red Bull Truck.

That’s what I love about Bacchanal—this Bacchanal in particular. No matter how much we whine, we still end up showing up en masse, having a great time, and coming out of the musical melee with a new burst of school spirit. Although of course, inevitably, our cynicism comes creeping back with the first peals of that hangover headache.

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CONTRACT from front page

Juan Alquino said, even though the new contract is “not what we want 100 percent.”

“It’s definitely indicative of the University’s attempt to kind of stop workers from really fighting for a fair contract,” Brennan said.

A University spokesperson issued a brief statement on the agreement, saying only that, “We are pleased to have once again found common ground with our unionized employees at the negotiating table.”

But while contract negotiations have come to an end, the controversy over Columbia’s labor practices will continue. Cousins is still suing Columbia for unpaid tips, an effort he said that the contract would not affect.

Cousins’ lawsuit claims that

Columbia violated New York labor law, which outlaws employers from keeping any percentage of tips. Cousins and other workers have alleged that Faculty House charges a service fee that sounds like a tip to customers, but doesn’t give any tips to the employees themselves.

Cousins said the language about the service charge was changed to make clear to customers that it does not constitute a tip after his lawsuit was filed.

In future contract negotiations, Cousins said that he hopes to change the combative atmosphere and rhetoric of the past few months, which have included public attacks and allegations of xenophobia.

“We’re hoping that whatever contracts we have to negotiate will have a different tone and that it’s

not as aggressive as this one,” he said. “We’re hoping we don’t have to take that route.”

Brennan said SWS will continue to support fair labor efforts on campus. On Friday, 45 SWS members and supporters visited the offices of University President Lee Bollinger and Vice President for Campus Services Scott Wright to protest Columbia’s labor practices.

Brennan said the involvement of students in the Faculty House negotiations could foreshadow similar efforts in negotiations with other unions.

“Other contract negotiations have been happening on campus, and we’ve been in contact with those unions,” Brennan said.

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Broadway Democrats hold City Council forum

FORUM from front page

“Democratic club endorsements are kind of like primary victories in presidential elections,” he said. “The troops in a club like Broadway are incredibly valuable and hardworking.”

Every candidate promised progressive action, pledging to fight for public housing and make a good education accessible to all.

Noah Gotbaum, who became the most recent candidate to join the District 6 race after dropping out of the citywide race for public advocate, touted his family’s involvement in the New York City progressive movement, mentioning his father, Victor Gotbaum, a labor leader, and his stepmother, Betsy Gotbaum, who served as public advocate from 2002 to 2009.

“Public service is in my blood,” he said.

First-time candidate Brodie Enoch, who is running in the 7th district, said he would lend a fresh perspective to the office.

“I don’t have all the answers,

but I’m assuming you do,” Enoch said. “The worst people in office are the people who know everything.”

“I’m always delighted at the number of candidates who come out.”

—Norm Levine, Broadway Democrats member

Fringe candidate Thomas Lopez-Pierre incited a widespread outcry with statements that many considered anti-Semitic and misogynistic. “We’ve been pushed out by the Jewish real estate leaders, who have pushed us out like the scum that they are,” he said, claiming to speak for black and Latino people. At one point he

also called out candidate Cheryl Pahaham for being “beautiful,” and then jokingly compared his comments to those that President Barack Obama, CC ’83, made about California Attorney General Kamala Harris last week.

Some candidates chose to ignore the outburst, while others began their speeches by condemning what Lopez-Pierre had said.

Broadway Democrats President Gretchen Borges responded angrily to Lopez-Pierre’s rhetoric, saying, “He has been a thorn in the side of the club for a few months now.” Broadway Democrats member Norm Levine, who said that he lost family members in the Holocaust, was visibly upset by Lopez-Pierre’s speech.

Overall, however, Levine said he was pleased with the forum’s turnout.

“I think it went very well,” Norm Levine said, “I’m always delighted at the number of candidates who come out.”

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Life, death, and housing

BY EMILY DREIBELBIS

Every year, room selection comes around and this campus seems to flip on its head with anxiety and despair—that is, if you get a bad number. The housing lottery frustrates so many Columbia students because it discounts the ingrained belief that their merit, wealth, status, or looks should, for some reason, pave the way for them to experience a better lot in life than others do. However, the housing lottery operates on a more realistic and widely experienced principle. Sometimes life deals you a bad number that forces you to take a step back, regroup (in more ways than one), and make the most of your situation.

While Columbia emphasizes financial aid and scholarships, the proportion of extremely wealthy and otherwise privileged students at this university vastly exceeds that of many other institutions, both private and public. Throughout many students’ upbringings, years at Columbia, or both, they are told that they are simply better than those around them. Or, if they don’t believe it now, jobs and wealth will make it apparent in the future.

Unfortunately, no matter how you analyze or evaluate this paradigm, it relies on others being deemed inadequate or lacking in potential. Oftentimes, Columbia professors and campus culture reinforce this ideology. That is where we go wrong. By emphasizing their own perceived inherent worth and status, Columbia students allow small issues, such as housing and poor dining hall food, to upset and frustrate them on a regular basis. Despite their incredibly fortunate, coveted positions at one of the best universities in one of the best cities in the world, the immutable reality of the housing lottery becomes tantamount to a life-or-death issue.

Admittedly, several factors render room selection one of the most frustrating and pertinent concerns each year. In the housing lottery process, unlike in many other aspects of our lives, we are unable to take initiative or use our own creativity and resourcefulness to change our fates in this potentially unfortunate social arrangement. That is, no matter how many hours you spent in Butler last night, what company you are working for this summer, or how many of your siblings have attended Columbia, the housing number distribution is absolutely final.

However, unlike many Americans who experience the same type of lottery in much more consequential aspects of life, at the end of the day we still attend an incredible university and should not forget that fact. Whether you live in a shafted McBain double or an East Campus townhouse, you still have the privilege of studying in a secure, well-funded, prestigious community—and on top of that, virtually all of your friends live within walking distance. After graduation, many of us will be hard-pressed to say the same thing.

2730, 2840, 2356: These are just a few of the so-called “bad” lottery numbers. 6.7, 7.3, 6.9: These are the percentages of first-year applicants accepted to Princeton, Yale, and Columbia, respectively.

We as Columbia students need to take a step back from the artificial anxiety of the housing lottery and realize how lucky we are to be at this university. Thousands applied to be here and to receive the random lottery number that comes along with acceptance to Columbia. We should be grateful and excited to receive any lottery number, because at least it means we’re still here.

The author is a Columbia College junior majoring in history.

Institutional discrimination

BY ANA DIAZ

We don’t have to leave campus to see blatant institutional discrimination. Just look at Vine Sushi & Sake’s storefront on Broadway between 115th and 116th streets. When I saw the two different job ads posted in the window, I couldn’t believe what a bad joke their side-by-side placement told. The sign on the left advertises the need for a dishwasher. It’s written in laughably bad Spanish. Then, the sign on the right advertises the need for a new hostess. It’s written in basic English. Vine is saying a whole lot through its lack of consistency in its use of both languages.

Plenty of people have walked by these signs for weeks now and have made note of Vine’s absurdity silently. Even more people have walked by these signs and have been too busy to notice them. The fact that we don’t take note of or say anything about this sort of thing is sad, because it reflects the assumption that there’s nothing to be done about the issue.

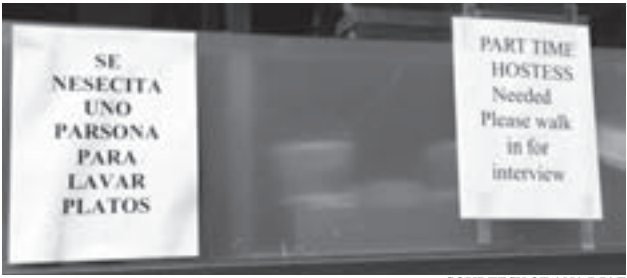
It’s not unusual for businesses to take advantage of people, either recent immigrants with papers or undocumented immigrants, and have them work for less than minimum wage. There’s a sad and complicated side to this situation, because these workers need work. That said, they need decent work and deserve respect from their employers. These signs are a tremendous act of disrespect. They’re a bad joke, too obvious for anyone to know where to begin in tearing it down, and that’s probably why most people who have noticed them have walked by without saying anything.

I want to take this opportunity to open up a public conversation about these signs and the issues that they highlight. When we sit in classes like Contemporary Civilization and discuss contemporary political issues, it is easy to make the hopeful mistake of saying that we are institutionally progressive and integrative—post-race, post-colonial, etc. We are not. Individual acts of discrimination, subtle or overt, are, of course, a problem. But too often I notice that we are quick to dismiss the fact that institutions are still perpetuating such discrimination. It’s stupid to play the “what’s worse” or “what is there more of” game. It distracts from the issues and it separates the individual and the institutional, implying that they are not interdependent and intimately knitted together by the same forces.

These forces—power, structures—are what we should be talking about.

My statements are obvious to some, but not to all. That’s why we need to engage in an indefinite, ongoing conversation.

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COURTESY OF ANA DIAZ

Responsibility and circumstance

I ventured forth from Columbia this weekend, leaving the comfortable constraints of Morningside Heights and the throbbing beat of Bacchanal for the suburban semi-peace of New Jersey. Trying to put my own words into practice, I’m seeking rejuvenation by habitually revelling in “unproductive” breaks. Meandering through the Northeast while I should be writing papers in the buildup to finals is really quite pleasant.

The piny woods and glimmering spring mornings of Princeton are eminently conducive to reflection, rendering my Gerard Manley Hopkins reading assignment much more agreeable than the absurdly dense Nietzsche I have yet to finish perusing. My distaste for his argument makes buckling down to work an even less pleasant prospect. “On the Genealogy of Morals” tries to conceptualize human morality as the product of a perennial conflict: “The noble, the powerful, the superior, and the high-minded” portray their cruel and exploitative way of life as virtuous, while the poor and weak of society respond with bitterness and resentment, dubbing their cowardly acquiescence “good.”

Embrace the gifts we’ve been given with gratitude and give back the service of others.

Columbia campus culture is attuned to the role that class plays in our thinking, sensitive to the synergies of wealth and power, even before reading Nietzsche in Contemporary Civilization. Just look at the outpouring of responses to Susan Patton’s advice to the young women of Princeton to marry their classmates, or to Suzy Lee Weiss’ op-ed on the vicissitudes of college admissions. Both opinion pieces were, with some truth, categorized as elitist and arrogant. Weiss has also had quite a few nastier adjectives thrown at her, labeling her a privileged, whiny, suburban white girl. Ross Douthat interpreted Susan Patton’s counsel as a gendered desire to perpetuate a wealthy, educated, and rarified cultural elite.

The particular slings and arrows of outrageous Internet fortune in these debates aside, Patton and Weiss do provoke



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reflection on our role as Columbians. Regardless of the process that has brought us here, we are in a position of great power and privilege. We have the potential to earn quite a bit of money, launch a successful political career, or become a world expert in a field of scholarship. If our world were truly meritocratic—a world where our own choices, talents, energies, and efforts exactly corresponded to our opportunities in life—this would be entirely unproblematic. We could all claim to deserve perfectly whatever we have and live in blissful selfishness.

But we know the world isn’t like that, and it never has been. So much of our lot in life, for better or for worse, is unmerited. Virtue and wisdom do not necessarily have any bearing on success; folly and dissolution are not always punished. Birthplace, parents, upbringing, and neighborhood all play far more of a role in shaping who we are and what we do than we care to admit. We do not choose our native tongue or our historical context. Birth in 12th-century Japan would make for a very different life than birth in late-20th-century Brooklyn.

If we do not create ourselves and are responsible for being Columbians far less than we might like to think, how can we respond? I can think of at least three options. There’s the denial of any obligation or dependence on others, a kind of market anarchism. New York, from Bernie Madoff to Eliot Spitzer, certainly provides plenty of examples of wealth and power being used that way. Then there’s the spirit that leads to angry attacks on Suzy Lee Weiss—an attempt to prove merit, that we deserve to be Columbians and to suffer through Mowshowitz and Calculus III. Or we could embrace the gifts we’ve been given with gratitude and reciprocate the service of others. That service might take myriad forms, inspired by wonderful Colombian creativity, from setting an example of transparency in politics to starting a business in a depressed neighborhood to raising a family by adopting orphaned children.

A sojourn to Princeton—with its motto, “Princeton in the nation’s service and in the service of all nations”—always helps remind me to aspire to this spirit of generosity and gratitude. It is, at its roots in Medieval Europe, an aristocratic spirit of “noblesse oblige”—nobility obliges us to live magnanimously. Edmund Burke said that “the spirit of a gentleman,” coupled with the “spirit of religion,” is a cornerstone of virtue in society. Let us aspire to be ladies and gentlemen and to recognize that if we have been given power, we should use it to provide service to others, and if we have been given wealth, we should give it away. It is a difficult attitude to acquire, but courage, perseverance, humility, and grace will go a long way in attempting to cultivate it.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Dear admitted students

Welcome to Columbia University! As you explore campus for Days on Campus, attend the student activities fair, walk over to Grant’s Tomb, and sleep on the hopefully clean floor of a current student, we want to provide some insight into real undergraduate student life in Morningside Heights. Whether you are on the fence or are certain that you want to make this your home for the next four years, it is important to know what is in store for you here.

Experiences vary, but the one thing we can guarantee is that Columbia will become your home. You will memorize all of the confusing acronyms for University offices, learn where to get a snack near campus at two in the morning, somehow figure out the housing selection process, and become accustomed to balancing CULPA reviews with personal suggestions to pick the perfect seminar. That does not mean any of these things will be easy. What all of the glossy admissions brochures and college books say is true: Columbia and New York City provide all the opportunities and resources you could ever ask for. They forget to mention that not only is it impossible to do everything, but also that you have to do your homework in order to accomplish all that you wish to. College is certainly supposed to teach us to become more mature, responsible, and assertive, but Columbia challenges us to learn these lessons more quickly and more fully than anywhere else does.

Moreover, despite the encouraging stories of tour guides and admissions representatives, we would like to dispel some common prospie myths. It’s only above 60 degrees for about 10 of the 40 weeks you are on campus. You will rarely go downtown, although you will often say you will. If you choose to come to Columbia College, you should actually be looking forward to the Core, as it will take up a significant portion of your time, at least in your first two years. Oh, and Columbia may be the only place on earth that has flags to indicate whether the lawns are open, which is almost never.

None of these things prevent us, however, from telling you to come here. Of course, everyone has to adjust to living away from home with a new group of peers. But, once you settle in, you will find a welcoming community full of individuals passionate about their unique interests and many interconnected social networks. In the end, it is the students who make Columbia so special. Though you will hate the kid living next to you who seems to do everything and still finds time to sleep, he or she will also push you to do your best and serve as a constant source of inspiration. Recognize that you will also be that person for someone else at some point over the next four years, once you find your place in the community.

Weigh your choices carefully and try to work up the nerve to start up a conversation with random students to pick their brains about their own college experiences. Columbia is a fantastic place, but remember that no matter where you choose, life will not be perfect. College may be what you have been looking forward to for the past 18 years of your life, but part of what it teaches us is to learn to embrace the unexpected.

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

HEAVYWEIGHT ROWING

Although Columbia's heavyweight rowers were able to beat Penn on Saturday, the crew could not quite pull off a full upset at the 103rd running of the Childs Cup. The Light Blue fell just short of Princeton, which held off the Lions to win the first varsity eights by only 2.5 seconds. Columbia's second and third varsity eights both took third place in their runs, and the varsity fours lost to Penn by 20 seconds. The Lions will be on the water again this Saturday when they head to Philadelphia to face Penn and Yale in the Blackwell Cup.

—Kyle Perrotti

MEN'S GOLF

The men's golf team bounced back from a rough second round to take fourth place at the Princeton Invitational. The Lions finished the two-day competition just six strokes behind the third-place host, Princeton, and nine strokes behind the winner, Yale. Sophomore Brandon Jowers continued his strong play, tying for fourth at the end of the second day and ultimately finishing in 12th place. Senior Ford Fischer also stepped up with a solid three-round performance, finishing tied for seventh. Finally, freshman Harrison Shih showcased his talent with an impressive 3-under, 68-stroke final round, moving him from being tied for 27th to being tied for fifth. The Lions will travel to the North Carolina State Invitational next weekend in Raleigh.

—Eric Wong

LIGHTWEIGHT ROWING

Though the lightweight rowing team has had a strong season against nonconference opponents, the Light Blue had a tough time against its first Ivy League foes this weekend. For their first Ivy competition, the Lions went up against a pair of formidable opponents—No. 2 Yale and No. 7 Penn—at the Dodge Cup in Philadelphia. The No. 5 Lions fell just short of the Bulldogs, who bested them by less than six seconds in both the first and second varsity eights. Penn was right on Columbia's tail, falling to the Lions by only three seconds in the first varsity eights. The Lions will be back in action again Saturday in the Geiger Cup, where they will face MIT and Cornell in Ithaca.

—Kyle Perrotti

WOMEN'S GOLF

Despite the inclement weather, women's golf managed to play all 18 holes of the seventh annual Roar-EE Invitational at Spook Rock Golf Course in Suffern, N.Y. this weekend. The Light Blue tied with Central Connecticut State for third place overall. The Lions owed much of their success to freshmen Spenser Krut and Monique Ishikawa, who finished the day tied in first place individually with a score of 79. Sophomore Lisa Combs rounded out Columbia's top-15 finishes with an 85, taking 13th place. But even these strong performances were not enough to top tournament champion Boston University and runner-up Siena College. The Lions will have a quick turnaround, as they'll next compete at the Brown invitational on Monday and Tuesday.

—Theresa Babendreier

Light Blue picks up 36 top-5 finishes in solid weekend

BY MELISSA CHEUNG
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

The outdoor track and field teams brought home 36 collective top-five finishes from the two competitions they raced in this weekend.

The Lions raced against a field of 35 teams and accumulated five top-four finishes at the George Mason Spring Invitational in Virginia on Saturday. At the Army Quad Meet, the women's squad won the meet with a total score of 159, defeating Binghamton by a 27-point margin.

The Light Blue performed

well in the distance events at George Mason. On the women's side, senior Erin Gillingham finished in fourth in the 1,500-meter run. The men also had a strong showing in the 1,500, with junior John Gregorek taking first place—his second consecutive top finish in two weeks—and sophomore Daniel Everett and senior Mark Feigen taking third and fourth place, respectively.

“The team doesn't need to change too much in terms of what we've been doing,” Gregorek said. “For the most part there is a hungry attitude, which just needs time and sharpening up in order to reach success later on.”

The Lions certainly displayed their aggressive mentality at the

Army Quad Meet, where they competed against Binghamton, Colgate, Middlebury, and host Army, and showed that they are more than just a distance running squad with both the men and the women having success in the field events.

For the women, senior Nnenna Okwara and sophomore Joanna Koronios claimed the first and second places in the hammer throw, respectively. The triple threat of senior Uju Ofoche, sophomore Nadia Eke, and senior QueenDenise Okeke claimed the top three prizes in the long jump. Fellow freshman Madelyn Magee took first place in the high jump.

For the men, junior Duncan Dickerson won third in the hammer throw and second in

the discus throw. Freshman Chancellor Griffin finished on top in the triple jump, while fellow freshman Jared Baum took fifth in the javelin throw.

Not only did the Light Blue dominate on the field, but they also had impressive results on the track. Notable performances included sophomore Waverly Neer, who won first place in the 1,500-meter run in what was only her second meet of the 2012-13 season, and sprinting star junior Marvellous Iheukwumere, who took first place in the 100-meter dash by a large margin.

The Lions will look to carry on their success into the War Eagle Invitational and the Larry Ellis Invitational next weekend.

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BLAZIN' PARKER | Freshman Jaycee Parker continued her strong season with a top finish in the 400-meter dash on Saturday.

Lions beat Brown, fall to strong Yale team

BY IKE CLEMENTE KITMAN
Spectator Staff Writer

Over the weekend, the No. 60 women's tennis squad fell from the top of the Ivy League after splitting its road contests against Brown and Yale.

On Saturday, the Lions (11-5, 4-1 Ivy) topped the last-place Bears 5-2. In first doubles, Brown's duo of Misia Krasowski and Hannah Camhi handed Columbia's No. 44 pair of junior Bianca Sanon and freshman Kanika Vaidya its first loss of the season by a score of 8-3. But the Lions earned five victories in singles competition on their way to a comeback victory. Senior Nicole Bartnik, ranked 70th in the

nation, edged Krasowski in three sets, while Sanon and Vaidya made up for their loss in doubles with decisive two-set victories in second and third singles. Brown's only singles victory came in fourth singles, where Nikita Uberoi sunk Light Blue senior Katarina Kovacevic by a score of 6-1, 6-4.

The Lions and No. 37 Bulldogs entered Sunday's contest tied for first among the Ancient Eight. Including Saturday's victory over Brown, the Lions had earned victories in their last four contests. Meanwhile, the Bulldogs, having topped Cornell on Saturday, had won five in a row.

Though the Lions hit the ground running on Sunday, they ultimately fell to Yale, 5-2. In first doubles, Sanon and Vaidya earned an 8-3 victory over Yale's Annie Sullivan and Elizabeth Epstein.

Meanwhile, Light Blue juniors Tiana Takenaga and Ioana Alecsiu topped their competition in third doubles, also by a score of 8-3, to earn the doubles point.

But the Lions didn't fare as well in singles competition. While Bartnik edged No. 64 Epstein 6-3, 6-4 in first singles, the rest of the Lions all dropped their singles matches. In second singles, Sanon fell to Madeleine Hamilton by a score of 6-4, 6-3. Likewise, Vaidya dropped her third singles contest 6-1, 6-4 to Yale's Sullivan.

The 4-1 Lions now sit between 4-0 Yale and 3-2 Princeton in the Ivy League standings. They'll be back in action next Friday and Sunday to finish the regular season by taking on Penn in Philadelphia and Princeton at home.

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Light Blue baseball has shot at Ivy title

ANDREWS from front page

erupted for a combined 13 runs on 23 hits. Add in a hard-fought split in Sunday's doubleheader, and the Lions came out of this weekend in prime position for the Ivy Championship Series.

This comes off a year in which two Lions were drafted by Major League Baseball—one of whom, Dario Pizzano, is currently tearing up the minor leagues to the tune of a .375 batting average so far this year. And this is a team with an incredible history, appearing in the first baseball game ever televised in 1939, and proud to claim one of the game's all-time greatest in Lou Gehrig, who bashed homers all over South Lawn in the 1920s. The baseball team has by far enjoyed the most success of any of our sports teams that are also popular at the professional level. And, with the playoffs on the line, it's time we get behind them.

There are only eight games remaining in Ivy League play. Only two of those will take place up at Baker Field. With any luck, April 26's games versus Penn will have beautiful weather and a place in the Ivy Championship Series riding on it. I hope our talented team will get some support from the student body, which is ready for a winner after season after season after season of disappointment.

And, with some luck, we might all get a chance to see what it feels like to be, in Gehrig's immortal words, “the luckiest man on the face of the earth.”

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SWINGIN’ EASY | Junior Emily Caruthers had a solid weekend, picking up six hits from the lead-off spot against Cornell. In Game 3, Caruthers hit a go-ahead RBI double to put Columbia ahead 3-2.

Light Blue splits weekend with Cornell

BY PHIL GODZIN
Spectator Staff Writer

The softball team (18-18, 6-6 Ivy) bounced back from a tough sweep at the hands of Cornell on Saturday to sweep Sunday’s doubleheader against the Big Red.



In Game 1 of the four-game set, both teams rallied, but Cornell came out on top with a 7-5 score. In the sixth inning, with Cornell leading 4-2, the Lions regained the lead with an Alix Cook single after Emily Snodgrass was intentionally walked to load the bases.

But freshman Emily Kenyon

couldn’t shut down the heart of the Cornell order, as Christina Villalon, hitting .369, drove in the tying run and later scored the winning run. After putting the tying runs on base in the last frame, the Lions couldn’t rally back.

In Game 2, the Lions managed just six hits en route to a 6-0 loss. They struck out only once, but Cornell’s solid defense kept the Lions off the basepaths.

In the second pair of games, a different team showed up for the Lions. After exchanging two runs in the first inning, the Lions shut down the Big Red in the following 13 frames. Junior Emily Caruthers knocked in the go-ahead run in the second inning with a two-out double, and

the score stood for the remainder of the game. Kenyon went on to get out of a bases-loaded two-out jam in the fifth, and retired the last six batters of the game in a row for her eighth win of the season.

Sophomore Brooke Darling continued the Light Blue’s dominance on the mound, giving up just six hits in a complete game shutout win. Led by sophomore Liz Caggiano’s bases-clearing three-run double in the third, the Lions broke the game open with a six-run frame on the way to an easy 7-0 finish to the weekend series.

Up next for the Lions is a doubleheader on Tuesday against Marist.

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MONDAY MORNING week 3 CLOSER

GAME BALLS

BY THE NUMBERS

David Speer

The first game ball goes to junior pitcher David Speer. The southpaw was stellar yet again in his Game 1 start against the Big Red, going the distance in the seven-inning contest. He allowed just four hits and two walks, and struck out seven to start the series.

22 Total number of runs Columbia scored over the weekend against Cornell. The Big Red came into the series with a 1.87 ERA against Ivy opponents.

Alex Black

The second game ball goes to first baseman Alex Black. The senior had a sizzling weekend at the plate, with seven hits, three runs scored, and three RBIs in the series. Black also smacked his fifth home run of the season on Saturday—a total eclipsing any individual CU total from 2012.

31 Total strikeouts of Cornell batters by the Lions’ pitching staff on the weekend.

6 Number of losses righty Joey Donino has on the season to go with his four wins.

IVY STANDINGS

Lou Gehrig Division

	W	L	PCT
Columbia	9	3	.750
Princeton	8	4	.667
Penn	6	6	.500
Cornell	6	6	.500


Red Rolfe Division

	W	L	PCT
Dartmouth	8	4	.667
Yale	5	7	.417
Harvard	5	7	.417
Brown	1	11	.083

COLUMBIA IVY SCHEDULE

 VS. HARVARD 3/30 W 5-0 W 3-2	 VS. DARTMOUTH 3/31 L 3-2 L 7-4	 AT YALE 4/6 W 2-1 W 5-2	 AT BROWN 4/7 W 2-0 W 13-4	 VS. CORNELL 4/13 W 8-1 W 5-0 4/14 L 5-4 W 5-2	 AT PRINCETON 4/20, 4/21 1 P.M. 4 P.M.	 VS. PENN 4/26 AT PENN 4/27 1 P.M. 4 P.M.
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SCOREBOARD

 **SOFTBALL**
Cornell 7
Columbia 5


Cornell 6
Columbia 0

Cornell 2
Columbia 3

Cornell 0
Columbia 7


 **MEN’S TENNIS**
Brown 2
Columbia 5

Yale 1
Columbia 6


 **WOMEN’S TENNIS**
Columbia 5
Brown 2

Columbia 2
Yale 5

 **TRACK & FIELD**
36 top-five finishes at Army Quad, George Mason

 **LACROSSE**
Columbia 12
Yale 13

 **MEN’S GOLF**
4th place at Princeton Invitational

 **WOMEN’S GOLF**
3rd place at Roar-EE Invitational

Lions sweep weekend against Brown, Yale

BY ALEXANDER BERNSTEIN
Spectator Staff Writer

After two road losses last weekend, the No. 49 men’s tennis team (13-7, 3-2 Ivy) was able to bounce back against Yale and Brown. The Lions had two comfortable victories over both, winning 5-2 over Brown and 6-1 over Yale to bring their Ivy record above .500.

Against Brown on Saturday, the duo of sophomore Bert Vancura and freshman Dragos Ignat got things rolling for the Lions, quickly picking up the win at the No. 2 position, 8-4. Sophomores Max Schnur and Ashok Narayana also succeeded in first doubles, winning by a comfortable 8-2 margin to give Columbia the doubles point.

In singles action, senior Nate Gery quickly dispatched of Brown’s Brandon Burke 6-1, 6-3 at the No. 5 spot. Ignat was the



next to produce for the Lions, putting the team up 3-0 as he took out the Bears’ Mike Hill 6-4, 6-4. Sophomore Winston Lin had the honor of closing out the match, finishing off Michael Reichmann 6-2, 6-4.

The following day saw another great doubles performance from the Lions against Yale, with an impressive 8-6 win by Narayana and Schnur in the top spot, and a 9-8 come-from-behind victory by Lin and freshman Eric Rubin in the tiebreaker for the first point.

In singles, the Lions took five out of six matches to cruise to a solid win. The sole loss was from the No. 1 position, where Lin came just a few points short of completing the comeback, losing to Yale’s John Huang 6-4, 4-6, 7 (6).

The Lions now sit on a 3-2 conference record as they welcome Penn to the Dick Savitt Tennis Center next Friday before heading to New Jersey to take on Princeton and close out the regular season.

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DEMON DRAGOS | Dragos Ignat dominated his opponents over the weekend, obtaining singles victories over both Yale and Brown.



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ON TARGET | Junior lefty David Speer continued his strong season in the opening game of the series with a complete game. Speer gave up one run and struck out seven in the seven-inning contest.

CU keeps top spot in Lou Gehrig division

BASEBALL from back page

because you have to be really disciplined as a hitter,” Boretti said. “They’re going to try to get you to swing at something that they want you to swing at, and I think we did a really good job of laying off stuff, making them come up in the zone, and making them come in with something that was hittable, and we took advantage of that.”

And although Black gave the Lions a 4-3 lead in the bottom of the fifth with an RBI single, the senior couldn’t close the game out in the top of the seventh. He allowed a leadoff double that came around to tie the game and send it into extra innings for a blown save. In the top of the 10th, the Big Red got an RBI single by Eliot Lowell off of junior righty Zack Tax to take the lead, winning 5-4.

But the Lions got back at it in Game 4, led by freshman starter Adam Cline. The righty was perfect through four innings and left the game after five solid frames of two-run ball. Cline has been consistent throughout his rookie campaign and credits

pitching coach Pete Maki for working with him.

“He’s really starting to help me figure out college baseball—just the pace of the game,” Cline said. “Also, a number of older guys, a few of the seniors are really helpful in that area too.”

The offense got going in the third, catalyzed by a Big Red fielding blunder. Leading off the inning, sophomore third baseman David Vandercook reached first when Cornell’s starter Zach McCulley fielded Vandercook’s ground ball but threw it wide of first for an error. Two batters later, senior left fielder Eric Williams knocked Vandercook in with an RBI single. Though Black struck out swinging with two outs, McGee again had trouble fielding a dropped third strike and threw wide of first, allowing Williams to score. Falcone drove in another with an RBI single in the fifth to round out the scoring.

“It’s really good and important that Game 2 [on Sunday] they weren’t feeling sorry, feeling down, got right out after,” Boretti said. “Adam Cline got us

through three quick innings and got us a chance to get a lead and get a three-run inning, took the lead and never looked back from that point.”

The final game of the series also saw the return of senior Stefan Olson. The righty had been sidelined all season with an injury but came out and threw the last two innings of shutout ball for the save.

“It’s good to have him back out,” Boretti said. “He’s definitely a top-of-the-line pitcher, no question about it. The stuff that he has, his competitiveness on the hill—he knows what he’s doing. He’s very experienced. It’s great that we had him to go to in that situation to put the game away.”

With the 3-1 weekend under their belts, the Lions now lead the Lou Gehrig Division by one game over Princeton, which took three of four from Penn. With no non-conference action during the week, the Lions will face the Tigers next weekend in New Jersey for a first-place showdown.

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CU baseball is worth your attention

Thanks to the exceedingly generous definition of “spring break” here at University College London, I spent the last 22 days traveling around mainland Europe. And what disadvantage I had from not speaking French, German, Czech, Dutch, Flemish, Latin, or Italian was somewhat offset by the fact that I am fluent in the language of sports. Clapping and cheering for a goal or groaning and throwing your arms up when a guy kicks it into the 30th row cuts quite effectively across national barriers.

The Champions League is the biggest soccer club tournament in the world, and it seemed to be following me around Europe. In Munich, the crowds spilled out into the streets, spilling their enormous beers with excitement as Bayern won the first match against Juventus. In Italy, there was just disappointment when Munich completed their victory. And everywhere I went—but especially in defeated Paris—the talk always turned to FC Barcelona’s Lionel Messi, the tiny talisman who is almost single-handedly dragging Barça through the Champions League.

No matter where I went, soccer was a unifying force. And while I am a big soccer fan, all of this passion and camaraderie reminded me continually of my one true love—baseball. Opening Day came and went while I was on the road, my spotty Wi-Fi preventing me for the first time in a decade or so from watching the Phillies start their season.

Once, baseball was to America as soccer is to Europe, but there is little question that baseball has waned in popularity over the last 30 years to the point where many laugh with contempt when we refer to it as “America’s national pastime.” The source of this decline has not always been clear to me—scientifically speaking, baseball is the best sport. I suppose it does not offer the same visceral violence as football, the physicality of basketball, or the frenetic pace of ice hockey. In short, I have heard many call baseball “boring.”

But I think these people might be doing it wrong. There’s a reason baseball is played in the summer, where bright sun and warm air are among the many rewards of the game. Add some good food (I prefer Italian sausages) and good friends, and it’s tough not to have a good time. The drama of the game develops differently each time—sometimes like a slow Shakespeare play, other times like a Transformers movie. But it’s worth exercising some patience to find out for yourself which one it will be.

And you should, because we’re in a bit of a baseball renaissance at Columbia. While most of you were, I imagine, getting heavily inebriated at Bacchanal, the baseball team extended its Ivy winning streak to six games by sweeping a doubleheader versus defending champion Cornell. They demolished the Big Red over the two games much like you might destroy an old and rickety bridge—quickly and completely. Light Blue pitchers allowed only one run over the two games, including a complete game from David Speer in the first of the two bouts, while the offense



PETER ANDREWS
Lion in London

Light Blue takes 3 of 4 weekend games from Cornell



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BLACK THUNDER | Senior Alex Black had a solid weekend for the Light Blue, racking up seven hits—including a home run on Saturday. He currently leads the team in home runs with five.

BY MYLES SIMMONS
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

The wins keep on coming for the baseball team, as the Light Blue (17-16, 9-3 Ivy) took three out of four games against defending Ivy champion and Lou Gehrig division rival Cornell (18-13, 6-6 Ivy) over the weekend.

“I thought we did well as a whole team,” head coach Brett Boretti said after Sunday’s contests. “The starting pitching and the bullpen were good, as they have been. Defense was really good. I think up and down the line, everybody’s chipping in to get us runs—get guys on base—and making things happen.”

Columbia started out on Saturday with three sterling pitching performances from junior David Speer, his classmate Joey Donino, and sophomore Mike Weisman, to take both games of the doubleheader.

Speer pitched a complete game in the day’s first contest, allowing only one run on four hits in seven innings. He also had seven strikeouts and just two walks in the 8-1 win.

Donino took the mound for Game 2 and kept Cornell’s bats silent, throwing six shut-out innings with seven strikeouts while allowing three hits. Weisman finished the effort by pitching the last three innings to earn the save. Donino and Weisman allowed no walks in the game, and Cornell got its only free bases when Donino hit a batter in Columbia’s 5-0 victory.

The Lions had a solid team effort in both Saturday games, scoring five runs or more both times. They seized a quick 1-0 lead in Game 1, with sophomore

CORNELL	1	0	5	2
COLUMBIA	8	5	4	5

designated hitter Joey Falcone putting the Light Blue on top with a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the first. The Lions extended the lead to 4-0 in the third with an RBI double by senior first baseman Alex Black along with a two-RBI single by junior shortstop Aaron Silbar and never looked back.

The Lions started out just as hot in Game 2, scoring four runs in the first three innings to take a commanding 4-0 lead behind Donino’s strong pitching. Falcone capped the scoring in the eighth with an RBI fielder’s choice.

Though Game 3 got off to an inauspicious start with senior Tim Giel giving up three runs—two earned—in the first inning, the Lions came back to score three of their own in the bottom of the fourth. The Big Red had trouble fielding dropped third strikes a couple of times on Sunday, starting with sophomore center fielder Jordan Serena’s strikeout in the fourth that got past Big Red catcher Collin McGee. With the Light Blue then down by one later in the inning, senior second baseman Nick Crucet fisted a ball to no-man’s-land on the right side of the infield and beat out the throw to get a game-tying RBI single.

Boretti said he thought the Lions’ offense did a good job against some tough Cornell pitching over the weekend. He specifically pointed to the efforts against Game 1 starter Nick Busto and Game 3 starter Brian McAfee, who both throw more off-speed pitches than fastballs.

“Those guys are tough

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Lions unable to finish comeback, fall 13-12

BY ROBERT MITCHELL
Spectator Staff Writer

Lacrosse saw a close game slip away this weekend, as Columbia (2-10, 0-6 Ivy) couldn’t complete a late rally against Yale (7-5, 1-4 Ivy) and dropped the 13-12 contest at Oceanside High School on Long Island. The game was played at the neutral site as a fundraiser for victims of Hurricane Sandy.

The narrow defeat once again demonstrates how large runs have crippled the Lions’ chances, despite playing most of their opponents competitively throughout the season. The Light Blue got off to a good start with two assisted goals by junior Ashley Rinere, and senior Kacie Johnson added another to make it 3-1. Johnson scored four goals on the day.

Columbia played excellent defense as well, forcing Yale into eight turnovers in the opening 30 minutes and 13 for the game, compared to Columbia’s five. The Light Blue held a 21-11 edge in ground balls, with sophomore Anjuli DeWakar anchoring the squad with five of her own.

But a stunning 7-1 run allowed Yale to emerge as the front-runner for the rest of the contest. The Bulldogs persevered behind the talents of Nicole Daniggelis, Kerri Fleishhacker, and Christina Doherty to put Columbia on its heels.

Despite finishing up the half on another 3-1 run, the Lions still found themselves down 9-7 at the break. After halftime, the Bulldogs answered with a 4-1 run, which turned out to be the last points they would score in the game with nearly 20 minutes left on the clock.

Columbia sophomore Sarah Greenberg made an unexpected emergence, scoring two of the next three goals—just her fifth and sixth of the season—to help cut into the lead. With 24 seconds left on the clock, junior Paige Cuscovitch made another shot to earn a hat trick, bringing the Light Blue within one. But in the end, the Lions ran out of time with the Bulldog defense stopping all chances to send the game into overtime.

With only three games left in a disappointing season, the Lions face off against Albany this Wednesday at the Robert K. Kraft field at 5 p.m.

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LACROSSE



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NOT ENOUGH | Although senior Kacie Johnson had four goals, it wasn’t enough to outmatch the scoring abilities of the Bulldogs.

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