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LISTEN UP | Bede Sheppard of Human Rights Watch spoke at a conference hosted by the Child Rights Working Group on Friday.

Child Rights group holds education conference

BY LAURA HEFTER
Columbia Daily Spectator

Jorie Dugan, BC '11, knows that children around the globe don't have the same access to education that led her to Morningside Heights.

Dugan, co-president of the Columbia Child Rights Group, helped host its spring conference on April 15 focusing on the right to education.

The conference included educators, advocates, and researchers from Human Rights Watch and UNICEF, focusing on children with special needs and protecting education during conflict.

The Child Rights Group includes members from all Columbia schools. In recent years, the group has focused on the issues of child soldiers, child trafficking, special needs children, and rights of children who identify as LGBTQ—and members speak of trying not just to spread awareness, but to effect real change.

"We directly impact children's lives domestically and internationally," Dugan said.

She described their work with children in an Indian village to raise awareness about the importance of art in education. For that project, members of CCRG raised money to buy the children art supplies, and in turn, the projects the children made with those supplies were sent back to the group to be displayed in an art gallery at Columbia.

At the conference, Bede Sheppard, a senior researcher at Human Rights Watch, spoke about the dire circumstances that children in Southern Thailand face in their attempt to get an education—specifically in the three southernmost provinces of Yala, Narathiwat, and Pattani—as well as conflicts surrounding education in Bihar, India.

Jadira Mora, BC '11, attended the conference and remarked on the power that Columbia students wield when they come together.

"It's all student-run, which

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13 years later, lacrosse gets first home Ivy win

BY REBEKA COHAN
Spectator Staff Writer

At a school as old as Columbia, it is difficult to imagine that there are still firsts to be had in 2011.

On Friday, the Columbia lacrosse team (3-8, 1-4 Ivy) crushed Yale (2-10, 0-5 Ivy) 10-3 in the program's first ever win over the Bulldogs. However, what is most impressive about the win isn't the lopsided score—3 goals is the smallest amount any of Columbia's league opponents has been held to—but the fact that it was the Light Blue's first-ever Ivy League win at home after 13 years of conference play. In fact, before this weekend, the Lions had only recorded two conference wins. Both were against Harvard in away matches, one in 2005, and the other in 2009.

"It feels pretty awesome. We all felt like it was a little overdue," junior goalkeeper Karlee Blank said of the win.

"From what I understand, that was one of the biggest wins in the history of the program," first-year head coach Liz Kittleman said. What made it all the sweeter was that it came on senior day, the last home game of the season.

The first half of the contest featured strong defensive play defenses on both sides of the field. About five minutes into regulation, sophomore attacker Kacie Johnson, who was named Offensive Player of the Week, put

Columbia on the scoreboard after she successfully side-armed a shot into the net. The Lions held onto the lead until the Bulldogs scored two unanswered goals that were six minutes apart. Going into halftime, the Light Blue managed to tie it up 2-2, thanks to freshman midfielder Camille Richardson.

"It feels pretty awesome. We all felt like it was a little overdue."

—Karlee Blank,
junior goalkeeper

Despite keeping the game close, Kittleman thought that the Lions were capable of a lot more.

"Our attack just didn't go hard enough in the first half, so it was very easy for the Yale defenders to defend them. We reminded them of the game plan, and went through the Xs and Os, and made sure they understood, 'The game is in your hands if you want it, but you have to go a lot harder in the second half than you did in the first,'" she said.

During the second half, the Lions broke the game open.

"Our attack just took the field with a lot more confidence in the second half," Kittleman said.

She was right—Columbia scored eight goals after the intermission. Freshman midfielder Paige Cuscovitch scored within the opening three minutes, and Johnson followed up with another seven minutes later. Yale managed to pull within one at the halfway mark, but that was all Blank would allow. The Lions wrapped up the game with six unanswered goals.

Both Cuscovitch and Blank had particularly impressive outings. The rookie midfielder recorded a career-high four goals, three of which she scored consecutively midway through the second half.

"Her [Cuscovitch's] string of goals in the second half created a major shift in the game's momentum," senior attacker Gabrielle Geronimos wrote in an email. Geronimos also contributed one goal to the Lions' total.

Blank ended the day with 15 saves, including several outstanding point-blank stops late in the second half that were key in the Lions' win. However, the goalkeeper was quick to cite the team's success in place of her own.

"I think that we all played very well together as a team, and that each one of us, we really came out with a desire to win for the seniors and to bring them the proof of all their hard work for their four years, and how much work we as a team this year have contributed," she said.

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Candidate concedes before '14 re-vote

Presidential candidate Sun drops out, Shah wins by default

BY SONALEE RAU
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Class of 2014 presidential candidate Kathy Sun dropped out of her race on Sunday, making incumbent Akshay Shah the winner by default.

Sun's withdrawal followed controversy over the outcome of the race. While Shah won the popular vote during last week's election, votes were deducted from all members of his party, DemocraSEAS, due to flyering violations. Consequently, Sun, a member of the party known as FuTASTIC '14, was initially announced as the winner by a margin of two votes.

Shah disputed the results, and a hearing was held on Friday to decide whether to return votes to DemocraSEAS. According to the council by-laws, ESC is not allowed to take votes away from the entire

party for the actions of one person.

During the hearing, the persons who posted the illegal flyers came forward, and votes were returned to Shah—which made him tie with Sun. As a result, a re-vote was scheduled for next week, according to an email sent by Carla Williams, SEAS '11, current VP-Internal and Secretary of Elections.

But on Sunday afternoon, before another vote could take place, Sun sent an email to the elections committee saying that she was leaving the race. She then met with Williams, who declined to comment beyond her public email.

"I fundamentally disagree with many of the decisions made throughout the process because they were unfair to myself, the other candidate,

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AYELET PEARL / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SPRING AWAKENING | Members of the CU Food Sustainability Project are replanting their four plots in front of Pupin and NoCo.

Spring means start of sustainable gardening

BY SWARA SALIH
Columbia Daily Spectator

Spring has sprung for the Columbia University Food Sustainability Project.

Last week, CUFSP members began working on their gardens in front of Pupin in preparation for Earth Week—the beginning of a fourth year of organic, on-campus gardening.

This year, the group was able to increase its square footage for planting by one third, adding a fourth plot in front of the Northwest Corner Building. Most of the planting will be done in the next three weeks, after the plants were grown in Columbia greenhouses in February and the mulch and compost put in place in March.

It's an involved process to prepare and plant a garden in the middle of an urban campus, Kristina Gsell, SEAS '13 and CUFSP president, said.

"As we were carrying the mulch through Riverside Park, one person asked us, 'Are you carrying dead animals in those bags?'" Gsell said.

The garden will include garbanzo beans and herbs such as rosemary, cilantro, thyme, and basil. The members are also planting flowers, including sunflowers, snapdragons, and

marigolds, as well as watermelons, pumpkins, and cucumbers.

"These vegetables need to be watered only at their roots, so not much water is needed," CUFSP member Arianna Feinberg, CC '12, said.

Using the garden, the group tries to increase awareness of access to sustainable produce on campus, teach CUFSP members sustainable gardening techniques, and invite more people to join in, Gsell said.

Group members, with help from EcoReps, do all of the work on the land and then keep most of the produce for the group to make meals—even having a picnic with the produce last year.

Jackson Cooper, CC '11 and CUFSP member, said it's been great to see the evolution of the garden over the three years he's worked with it.

"It's always a learning process to see what things grow and what works and what doesn't," Cooper said, explaining that while some plants have been successful, others, such as the mushrooms they tried planting last year, haven't worked out as well.

Getting the project started in February 2008, however, wasn't

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MINI MOB



MARIA CASTEX / SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GET LOW | Students in brightly-colored outfits crawl down Low Steps on Sunday afternoon in an attempt to form a flash mob, though they mostly attracted curious stares.

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Divide and construct

Despite divergent views on safe spaces, there have been valuable discussions.

The Barnard mystique

In the midst of all its disparate identities, Barnard has failed to establish one.



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Lions baseball takes series against Cornell

After a disappointing Ivy showing last weekend, the Columbia baseball team had stellar performances from both offense and defense as they took three of the four games from Cornell.

EVENTS

An Evening With Doctors Without Borders

The former US president of Doctors Without Borders will discuss the role of NGOs over dinner.

Lerner Hall, Satow Room, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Speak: Drugs on Campus

A conversation about campus drug use, hosted by the IRC and Students for a Sensible Drug Policy.

Lerner Hall, Broadway Room, 2nd Floor, 8-9:30 p.m.

WEATHER

Today



60°/49°

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53°/47°



KATE SCARBROUGH / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SWINGING SENSATION | The Lions showed consistent power this weekend, as they combined for five home runs.

Standout pitching leads Light Blue past Cornell

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“[He’s] pitched very well,” Boretti said of Olson’s performance this year. “He’s doing a great job because he’s giving us a shot every time out.”

“I knew it was going to be a great team this year, and I worked hard over the summer so that I could make an impact,” Olson said on his improvement from last season to this one.

He’s done much more than make an impact for the team—Olson currently leads the Ancient Eight in ERA. His 1.25 mark is over three-quarters of a run below that of Harvard’s Max Perlman.

In game two on Sunday, the hits didn’t fall for Columbia, but Boretti thought that the bats looked much stronger than the score line suggests.

“In the fourth game, we hit some balls hard, but we hit them at people,” Boretti said.

It was a pitcher’s duel until the sixth inning, when starter senior Geoff Whitaker gave up four runs to Cornell on a barrage of five hits from the Big Red. Columbia got one back in the bottom half of the inning on Cox’s second

home run of the day, but three more runs off of Light Blue rookie reliever David Speer effectively sealed the victory for Cornell.

The first game of the series, on Saturday afternoon, featured another strong pitching performance from the Columbia staff, this time from an old name on the list of Lions star athletes. Reigning Ivy Pitcher of the Year Pat Lowery delivered his best start of the season to date, allowing no earned runs over the full seven innings for a 2-1 Columbia victory.

“Anytime you can take three out of four, it’s a solid weekend.”

—Brett Boretti
head coach

Columbia opened scoring in the first on a sac fly by senior Jason Banos. The unearned run for the Big Red came

in the top of the third, when Brenton Peters, allowed to advance from first to third on a fielding error by sophomore right fielder Dario Pizzano, scored on a sacrifice fly. Banos then tacked on the eventual winning run in the bottom of the sixth, driving in sophomore Nick Crucet from third on a single down the right field line.

The second game, cut short by rain, was dominated by Columbia from the bottom of the first inning on. Senior starter Dan Bracey allowed two in the top of the inning, but kept Cornell off the board for the next six while the Lions built a 12-2 lead, highlighted by a Pizzano home run in the first as part of a four-run inning. Junior Alexander Aurricchio added two in the third with a two-run shot.

With Princeton staying strong at the top of the Gehrig Division, taking three of four from second-place Penn, Columbia still has plenty of work to do to make up for the Tigers’ three-game lead with just two Ivy weekends remaining. Going forward, all the team can do is to follow Boretti’s timeless advice: “Take it one game at a time and put our best effort forth.”

SPORTS BRIEFLY



MEN’S HEAVYWEIGHT ROWING

PLACED THIRD IN BOTH VARSITY EIGHTS AND SECOND VARSITY EIGHTS IN BLACKWELL CUP

The Columbia men’s heavyweight rowing team struggled this weekend in stormy conditions, as it lost both of its events in the Blackwell Cup regatta. The Lions were taking on Yale and Penn, who placed first and second in the cup, respectively. Columbia took third in both the Varsity Eights and Second Varsity Eights, as it was outrowed by a large margin in both races. The Bulldogs have seen victory in the Blackwell Cup most often in recent years, and Saturday was no exception.

—Molly Tow



MEN’S LIGHTWEIGHT ROWING

PLACED SECOND IN VARSITY EIGHTS AND THIRD IN SECOND VARSITY EIGHTS AT DODGE CUP

The men’s lightweight rowing team fared better than the heavyweights this weekend, as it placed second in the Dodge Cup. Conditions were even worse at the Housatonic River, Yale’s home turf, as there were actual waves in the water on Saturday. The Lions placed second in the Varsity Eights, nine seconds behind Yale. The Light Blue placed third in the Second Varsity Eights, the Bulldogs easily taking victory in that race as well. Penn was the other competitor in the cup, as they placed third in the Varsity Eights and second in the Second Varsity Eights. The Freshman Eights event was cancelled.

—Molly Tow



SOFTBALL

CORNELL	2	CORNELL	2	CORNELL	0
COLUMBIA	1	COLUMBIA	1	COLUMBIA	6

The Columbia softball team went 1-2 against Cornell this weekend at home. Saturday’s opening game was a heartbreaker, as the Lions fell to Cornell 2-1. Freshman Prophet Gaspard had an impressive day on the mound, allowing two runs, three hits, and six strikeouts in seven innings of work. Columbia’s one run came from senior Maggie Johnson’s solo shot to left center. The second game of the double-header was postponed to Monday due to rain. On Sunday, the Lions fell by the same 2-1 score in game one, but shutout the Big Red in game two, winning 6-0. It was Gaspard again with the solid outing, conceding four hits, one walk, and fanning four in seven innings. Freshman Emily Snodgrass went 3-4 in the game, drove in two, and scored one.

—Molly Tow



GOLF

WOMEN’S TEAM TOOK THIRD PLACE OVERALL IN THE ROAR-EE INVITATIONAL
MEN’S GOLF TOOK SECOND PLACE OVERALL AT THE NAVY SPRING INVITATIONAL

The men and women’s golf teams each had tournaments this weekend, and both found success on an individual and team level. The men traveled to Annapolis, Md. to take part in the Navy Spring Invitational. Senior Clark Granum led the team with an aggregate three over par and was the runner-up, allowing the team to finish in second place overall, 13 strokes ahead of the next best team. Sophomore Michael Yiu and junior Brendan Doyle were not far behind Granum, finishing tied for ninth and tied for 11th, respectively. The women took third place overall in the rain-shortened Roar-EE Invitational in Suffern, NY. Freshman Michelle Piyapattrra took first overall by shooting 112—two strokes ahead of the next competitor—over 27 holes. Junior Robin Lee also secured a spot in the top 10, finishing in a tie for seventh place. Both teams were competing in their last tournament before the Ivy League Championships, which will take place this coming weekend.

—Jeremiah Sharf



WOMEN’S TENNIS

PRINCETON	4	COLUMBIA	2
COLUMBIA	3	PENN	5

The 2010-11 Columbia women’s tennis team (9-13, 0-7 Ivy) finished its season on a two-match losing streak, falling 5-2 to Penn and 4-3 to No. 50 Princeton over the weekend. The two matches were the final matches for senior co-captains Natasha Makarova and Natalia Christenson. Columbia split the singles matches against Princeton, but the Tigers had won the doubles point early and that proved to be the difference. Sophomore Katarina Kovacevic had an impressive 2-6, 7-5, 6-2 win at No. 2, freshman Ioana Alecsiu won at No. 4, and sophomore Chelsea Davis won at No. 6. Penn was the only Ivy team Columbia beat last season (5-2), but led by star freshman Connie Hsu at No. 1, the Quakers turned the tables. Columbia still managed wins at No. 4 and 5 singles from Alecsiu and freshman Tiana Takenaga.

—Kunal Gupta

Closer facilities could benefit Columbia athletics in the future

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of campus.

It’s a well-known fact that coaches from rival Ivy schools use the point that athletes at Columbia have to take a long bus ride north to practice and train five days a week as an argument for why they shouldn’t come here. One of my high school friends considered playing baseball for every Ivy League school except Columbia simply because of the long commute back and forth from the only off-campus field in the Ancient Eight. (And guess what, he’ll be starting against the Lions when they play the first-place Princeton Tigers next week.)

Imagine how many times you’ve told yourself that you’re going to go

“downtown” this weekend and then completely abandoned those plans to stay in the bubble. Athletes have to endure that kind of commute five days a week when they travel uptown.

It’s not just college sports where a bad location has killed a team’s ability to foster support within the community, though. Take the Phoenix Coyotes, who in 2003 built a \$180 million facility 12.5 miles outside of downtown Phoenix, and have since been forced to declare bankruptcy because of the horrible location that attracts minimal numbers of fans.... Sound familiar?

Yes, I realize that Columbia isn’t building a new stadium up at Baker, but constructing an athletics facility down here would lay the path to making that an option further down

the road. Also, having a state-of-the-art athletics training center right near campus would help keep the Lions athletics teams in the general consciousness of the student body and make them a more relevant part of campus, rather than being exiled to Elba as they effectively are now.

It’s not just the athletics department that stands to benefit from the construction, though. If the training center were closer to campus, then non-athletes would be able to use the facility as well, allowing everyone at Columbia access. Imagine being able to play basketball any time you want at a gym on 122nd Street, having a court to play tennis on for something less than \$60/hour at a location that isn’t 10 subway stops away, or simply playing on

an intramural softball team.

Not all of the land at Manhattanville has been laid out yet, and now is the time for Columbia to take a serious step toward using it for establishments that need to be tightly ingrained into the rest of campus to survive rather than using them solely for graduate programs that could easily thrive anywhere in Manhattan.

Look, I’m biased. I write sports for Spectator. I obviously want the teams to have a greater stature on campus, I want to feel like the section I pour five days a week into editing has some relevance beyond the Lions media relations folks, but most of all, I want athletes to stop having to accept the heedless way the University treats them. Columbia may think that

pouring \$50 million into a shiny new facility is a step in the right direction, but that could be nothing further from the truth. The way Columbia castigates its athletics programs so far away from the rest of campus, it’s as if they’re merely “checking” it off a list of college requirements.

Columbia has a major opportunity on its hand that will impact the direction of the athletics program for the next century. Where they plan to invest that \$50 million check will determine if athletics will ever be a major part of school culture once again.

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EARTHY | Members of the CU Food Sustainability Project gained a fourth plot of land this spring, increasing their space by one-third to grow organic vegetables and flowers in Pupin Plaza.

Food Sustainability Project begins replanting

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an easy process.

“There was a lot of red tape to go through,” Gsell said. “An agreement was made that CUFSP will be the ones to take care of the garden and make sure it’s not overgrown.”

Now, the group is working with the University, including the Office of Environmental

Stewardship, on a number of sustainability initiatives.

All the plants grown are organic, meaning no genetically modified organisms are used in the process. CUFSP also doesn’t use chemical fertilizer, opting for organic compost donated from Columbia Facilities instead. In other water-saving efforts, Columbia Facilities workers are setting

up a drip-irrigation system, and CUFSP members are setting up a rainwater catchment system.

Neil McCormack, SEAS ’12 and CUFSP member who has worked on the garden for three years, said he appreciates the unique space in the city.

“It’s nice to go to the garden and sit underneath the little apple tree,” McCormack said.

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FuTASTIC pres. candidate Sun drops out of race

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and the student body—for ideological reasons I’m choosing to withdraw,” Sun said on Sunday.

“As an individual and part of this institution, I think it’s ridiculous that [for] a position that’s like community service ... there would be so much cheating going on,” Sun added.

Upon learning that Sun had dropped out of the race earlier on Sunday evening, Shah expressed surprise.

“I’m confused. I’m really concerned. To be frank I’m very sorry that she did withdraw ... I told her right after the hearing that she’d make a very good president and invited her to give out class T-shirts tomorrow [with ESC],” Shah said.

Shah admitted that his party had broken some rules during the campaign process.

“We committed flyer violations, essentially. But I think our volunteers were very excited, we got a couple of volunteers to put the flyers up for us ... it was a miscommunication and it was some fault on our part because we didn’t make it

clear enough that they weren’t supposed to do it,” Shah said.

Later in the evening, Shah said he had spoken with Sun on the phone and that there were “no hard feelings” between them, adding that Sun hoped to work with the council in the coming year.

Sun said she has come to terms with her decision to leave the race.

“Akshay did technically have the popular vote, I don’t know how the details of the cheating affected that ... I’ve talked to my party and I do have their blessing to withdraw,” Sun said.

Regardless of the situation, Shah said he plans to do everything he can to make next year’s class of 2014 council a success.

“Things I hope to do are things I mentioned in my manifesto ... one of the most big events next year is going to be major declaration for engineers, and I really want to make sure all the engineers get all the help they can from our side,” Shah said, adding that he hoped to host events with career professionals from engineering fields.

Some students felt that the controversy was unnecessary.

“If she won, she won—if he didn’t play by the rules then he deserved to not win,” Joachim Haynes, SEAS ’14, said.

Others sided with DemocraSEAS’ initial desire to reevaluate the results.

“I guess they could have done a recount,” Sophie Zhang, SEAS ’13, said.

The members of Sun’s party who were elected said that they were supportive of their presidential candidate.

“I think it was fair, they did what they had to do. I understand her decision. I think she would’ve made a great president,” Daniel O’Leary, SEAS ’14 and class of 2014 representative for next year, said.

Moving forward, Sun said she had only good wishes for Shah in the coming year.

“I wish him best of luck,” Sun said, adding that three quarters of the council will be FuTASTIC members. “I think it’ll make for an excellent counterpoint in discussions.”

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Child Rights group focuses on global education

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is awesome,” Mora said. “It’s all about giving back. Columbia and Barnard have really great outreach programs and there’s always room to do more.”

At another point in the conference, participants took part in an activity to brainstorm about conflict resolutions assuming the roles of teachers, students, and community members in Afghanistan.

“It seems fairly

under-reported in American media, especially in comparison to other international child rights issues,” CCRG Vice President Rose Kenerson, BC ’11, said of the right to education. “It does warrant more work and attention, as without access to an education, children will ultimately be denied other rights.”

The Child Rights Group has previously held a benefit concert for women and children in Haiti, and various film

screenings to raise awareness, including showings of “The Lottery,” “Invisible Children,” and “Children of Shadows.”

Dugan herself is pursuing a joint degree in human rights and psychology, and became president of CCRG in her sophomore year. She currently serves as co-president with Jaclyn Ecker.

“How we treat our children dictates how we’ll treat our world in the future,” she said.

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LIBERTY IN MIND
Women Philosophers from Margaret Cavendish to Mary Wollstonecraft
4 PM
Julius S. Held Auditorium, 304 Barnard Hall

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SPRING CONCERT
Johannes Brahms' *Ein Deutsches Requiem*
8 PM
Union Theological Seminary

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ARTS & POLICY
Dance and the NEA
7 PM
Event Oval, The Diana Center

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Strong or beautiful or something-or-other

BY HANNAH GOLDSTEIN

Last week, the Huffington Post ran an op-ed by Tom Matlack titled “Are Women’s Colleges Outdated?” The essay explored the benefits of colleges like Barnard, which was the main subject of the piece. I wanted badly to love the article, but I found that difficult. Built on platitudes and statistics that were themselves outdated, it didn’t make a compelling or effective case for Barnard’s existence. But I didn’t think these faults were Matlack’s specifically. Rather, I heard in his article echoes of empty, self-protecting alibis that Barnard has told itself for as long as I’ve been here about all the possibilities that come with being a not-quite-women’s-college and not-quite-our-own, and I’ve begun to doubt the legitimacy of this kind of ambivalent public identity.

Columbia could exist without us, but we couldn’t exist without Columbia.

If there’s still a place for a women’s institution, why is it that we spend so much time defining ourselves relative to the all-encompassing, name-recognized monster University across the street? Whether this should be the case is another question, but in the recently released Barnard College Self-Study, we conceded that we spend a lot more time talking about Columbia than vice versa. Columbia could exist without us, but we couldn’t exist without Columbia. Not only does Columbia hold our degree-conferral power, but our library and gym hours are so unreasonably limited as to almost take it for granted that we’ll fall back on Butler and Dodge. And yet we claim we could exist alone because we’re supposed to be a bastion of women’s support, even though I know few people who have been to a BCRW lecture, looked at one of our Riot Grrrl zines, or taken advantage of any of the other features that distinguish Barnard. And as we almost boast, for the majority of Barnard regular-decision applicants, Barnard is the only women’s college on their list.

There are other contradictions: strong and beautiful. Isn’t strength just inner beauty? Why do we need to single out “beautiful,” anyway? We claim that these strange juxtapositions or even outright contradictions allow us the “best of both/all worlds.” Our school is rife with these kinds of incongruities that at first seem full of promise in their deliberate vagueness but quickly and often show themselves to be hollow in that vagueness. And I wouldn’t bring these things up if there were evidence that our formula were still working, but it’s not entirely clear that there is. In strangely optimistically couched terms, the Self-Study glorifies the challenge for students “to find their own definition of the Barnard experience.” We stand for everything at once. But I have a hard time seeing how that makes us stand for anything at all, and I don’t think I’m the only one. I can’t imagine that any other school would prompt the same feeling of immense alienation or lost-ness that I’ve heard echoing from the mouths of nearly every Barnard student I’ve met, and I wonder if anyone would be surprised to discover that this is related to that “challenge.”

I want so badly to love Barnard, but I feel like there’s something disingenuous in insisting on being so many things at once. Matlack teases that “perhaps women’s colleges don’t exist solely for the benefit of their male guests,” but I have to wonder who we’re really existing for after all, or if we’re existing just to defend our right to existence. We need to recognize the hypocrisy of our all-encompassingness and stop couching it in false, deceptively promising idealism. Until then I’ll have a hard time believing that our college, like Matlack’s article, is anything more than a convenient collection of empty platitudes.

The author is a Barnard College sophomore majoring in history and a Barnard student admissions representative.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

As a Columbia alumnus, I want to applaud Spectator’s superb series on the University’s inadequate faculty conflict-of-interest policy. The documentary “Inside Job,” which revealed the Columbia Business School professors’ disturbingly close ties to the financial industry, greatly tarnished the public name and reputation of the institution. Unfortunately, as the film points out, this is not a problem restricted to business schools or one institution. One solution would be for Columbia (and other universities) to mandate public disclosure of outside consultancies above \$10,000 on a comprehensive, easily accessible website. Such a site would also allow listed professors, if they wanted, to elaborate on the nature of their outside work and respond in advance to potential conflict-of-interest concerns. If they knew it would be publicly spotlighted, I suspect many shameless would-be moonlighters would think twice about their more dubious work for pharmaceutical, tobacco, lead-paint, and chemical companies (to name just a handful of overly cozy corporate-academic relationships that have recently come to light).

The past two years alone have seen a number of appalling episodes—the subprime mortgage crisis, the Massey Energy

Unlocking the forum’s benefits

Much has been written about the Safe Space forum that took place a week and a half ago, but I am writing to shed some light on some overlooked aspects of the campus episode. The fliers, which precipitated the forum, have been praised, lambasted, dissected, critiqued, and eviscerated on Spectator’s opinion pages, not to mention the furious responses to the forum itself and the various scandals and controversies that it brought about.

At the forum, irritation and offense were palpable. There were tears—both of welled-up anger and of long-fester-ing pain. Generalizations flew both ways, from the panel-ists to the audience and right back to the stage. I would like to draw some attention to the fact that amidst the furor, there were moments of constructive dialogue—a few fringe benefits to the ordeal.

I have to admit, I grimaced at points. There was a lot of treading on people’s toes from both sides of the arguments, though not out of malicious intent. Rather, the offense frequently arose from a very apparent gap between the deep philosophical and academic back-grounds of the two general populations. Words and phrases fraught with meaning to some people were used as simple, face-value words by others—a recipe for conflict. Whether through a legitimate ignorance of his-tory or an informed difference in belief, it was not just a discussion about a single topic, but rather a meeting of two very different schools of thought. It is only natural that sparks flew and a rabble was roused.

However, despite the general acidity of the events leading up to the forum and even the forum itself, I came away from the evening having experienced two very valuable fringe benefits to this particular episode of Columbia life. They speak to the underlying character of the type of student who gains admittance to this incredible institution.

The first fringe benefit occurred two days before the forum at a very late night meeting in an EC townhouse. Assembled in the living room was what could be called a hodge-podge of campus life representatives—board members from the CU Republicans, CU Democrats, Black Students Organization, Columbia Queer Alliance, and Everyone Allied Against Homophobia. As the direc-tor of Intergroup Affairs for the Republicans, I had the honor of participating. Sitting shuffled up and in a circle, the dozen or so students got down to business. At the



DEREK TURNER

Opening Remarks

table were several people who felt offended or attacked by the actions of another group—it was not a political or abstract concept that was in question, but rather people’s emotions and work that were on the line.

There were plenty of good reasons for the meeting to quickly collapse into listing grievances, pointing fin-gers, and spewing vitriol. Quite the opposite happened instead. The students—our peers—approached the situ-ation with respect, restraint, and a desire to create some-thing positive out of the grim circumstances. With the ensuing conversation, the members of the group worked together to facilitate a dialogue on this topic. Putting their differences behind them, they rallied under the common goal of contributing to a campus conversation. For the next hour, they ironed out various details and col-laborated on an event predicated on goodwill. Of course, there were moments of tension as would appear in any discussion between very differently-minded people, but such instances never failed to take a back seat to more productive interaction.

The second fringe benefit surfaced after the offi-cial forum ended. Though the lecture hall-style room limited mobility, the completion of the panel discussion induced a splintering of the audience into small, infor-mal discussion groups. Clusters of five to seven students continued the turbulent discussion that the forum had begun. More remarkable than their simple desire to continue talking was the fact that many of the groups extending the conversation were composed of students with divergent opinions on the issues. Rather than set-ting for a spectacle, the attendees took the topic into their own hands and invited other opinions into the conversation. When I witnessed that, I knew that the forum had not simply emphasized a division, but rather spurred quality dialogue.

While these two benefits may not have redeemed the entire saga, they were certainly redemptive. They re-mind us that despite areas of substantial disagreement, we can interact with a deep-seated sense of courtesy. Having established that foundational respect, we can intellectually engage each other over controversy rather than react with unfettered, knee-jerk emotion. As we encounter future areas of contention, we should focus on revealing these attractive characteristics in more circumstances and with less provocation. We will all be better off because of it.

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ASHLEY SANG EUN LEE

mine explosion, the BP oil spill, and the Japanese nuclear accident—that demonstrate the dangers of corporate negligence and recklessness to our collective well-being. We need our best scholars to monitor the conduct of these corporations vigilantly and independently—not as lapdogs on corporate payroll.

Readers interested in reading more about this important topic should consult the special November-December 2010 issue of Academe, the American Association of University Professors’ magazine on academic affairs.

*Merlin Chowkwanyun, CC ’05
April 18, 2011*

To the Editor:

I enjoyed Sean Walsh’s observations on Columbia’s most famous annual rite of musical theater (“Reflections on the Varsity Show,” April 4). But in describing the alumni criti-que of the show’s dry run, he states, inaccurately, that it is “arbitrarily named the ‘Turkey Day’ performance.”

Actually the etymology of Turkey Day—whereas skits are modified and even eliminated—stems from the very origins

of the modern Varsity Show.

When Adam Belanoff, CC ’84, revived the show in the spring of 1982, he modeled it after the annual revue of his alma mater, Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua, N.Y. That show was overseen by Phil Stewart, the head of Greeley’s drama department. (Mr. Stewart himself in turn modeled the Greeley show on a revue he had created at Northwestern University.)

As Mr. Stewart recently observed, the show “began re-hearsals in late September and went on during Homecoming week at Greeley, which was usually before Thanksgiving. The expression was mine because Broadway flops were once called ‘turkeys.’ I called our elimination day that so the kids found the term less offensive than calling it ‘drop-ping the skits.’”

When Mr. Belanoff brought back the Varsity Show, he naturally imported his old teacher’s nickname for the alum-ni rehearsal process.

*Thomas J. Vinciguerra, CC ’85, J ’86, GSAS ’90
Writer of “Sing a Song of Morningside”
April 18, 2011*

STAFF EDITORIAL

An open evaluation

University Senators are planning on opening online course evaluations next semester. As a whole, this decision would benefit students, but there are some potential problems with the idea, not the least of which is the fact that this issue is not large enough for student representatives in the University Senate to make it their only focus this fall.

Currently, when registering for courses, many students use the Columbia Underground Listing of Professor Ability (CULPA) to glean information on professors and classes. Since the system is unofficial, students are not obligated to review their professors, and the featured posts are often on extreme ends of the spectrum, devoutly praising or blaming a given instructor. Course evaluations, which are required of students

if they want to receive their grades on time, would provide a much more comprehensive review of a professor’s skill, encompassing a range of opinions and perspectives on an instructor rather than just ones at either end of the spectrum.

Additionally, it’s encouraging that the University Senate is advocating transparency. Several of the faculty representatives strongly support this proposition, which implies a desire to give students greater access to what their fellow classmates think of their education. Opening the evaluations would make professors more accountable for improving the quality of their courses when they are found to be lacking by a large propor-tion of the student population.

However, there are some drawbacks to the proposition, one of which has already been addressed by its proponents. One of the concerns is for first-year and untenured professors. A single round of scathing reviews would likely cause students to avoid a given professor. Teachers in their first year or two are simply inexperienced and deserve more time at the school before they are thrust into the firing range. The proposition as it stands takes this into account, exempting professors in their

first two years from having their evaluations posted online. For untenured professors, students’ criticisms would not be a great danger, as the evaluations would have already been open to a committee granting tenure. A greater concern, however, is for teachers who might be tempted to change the difficulty of their class merely based on positive reviews of “easy” teachers, or negative reviews of hard ones.

It’s unlikely that implementing this vision will actually have a dramatic effect on the quality of classes, whether for better or worse. Therefore, instead of prioritizing course evaluations, the student representatives should tackle a larger issue next year, such as taking advantage of the ex-pansion into Manhattanville as an opportunity to use va-cated buildings for a new student center, or promoting the efforts the University should be making to be more sustain-able. Students running for chair of student affairs within the University Senate should consider these issues and decide which far-reaching goals the Senate should pursue. Though open course evaluations could be a positive change, they should not be the only one we see next year.

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INJURY REPORT

BY THE NUMBERS

Game ball goes collectively to Lions starting pitching. Three of the four Columbia starters pitched complete games against Cornell, and the most runs given up by any one of them was two. Pat Lowery allowed one run in seven innings, Dan Bracey allowed two runs in six innings, and Stefan Olson shut out the Big Red entirely.

The Light Blue showed power this weekend, putting up long balls in both doubleheaders against Cornell. Senior Nick Cox and junior Alexander Aurricchio each cracked two homers this weekend, and sophomore Dario Pizaano knocked one over the wall as well.

Combined strikeouts for all of Lions pitching this weekend. Columbia starters fanned at least four batters in their respective outings, and the late-inning, lights-out sophomore Tim Giel had five Ks in his two innings of relief.

Total Columbia hits in its four games against Cornell. The Lions were consistently able to take advantage of pitching mistakes by the Big red, hitting for both power and average.

Place on the all-time Columbia hits list that seniors Nick Cox and Jason Banos are tied for after their respective multi-hit weekends.

	W	L	PCT
Princeton	9	3	.750
Yale	8	4	.667
Brown	7	5	.583
Penn	7	5	.583
Columbia	6	6	.500
Dartmouth	6	6	.500
Cornell	3	9	.250
Harvard	3	9	.250

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BLANK STARES | Goalkeeper Karlee Blank only allowed three goals against Cornell. The junior made 15 saves on the day and leads the Ivies in saves per game.

Men’s tennis defeats Penn, falls to Princeton

MEN’S TENNIS from back page

“If we had played like this from the beginning we would have had a lot more wins.”

The Lions, in their first outdoor match since spring break, took the doubles point against the Tigers, winning at No. 1 and No. 3. Goswami changed the doubles lineup, splitting up the Bucher brothers and juniors Rajeev Deb-Sen and Haig Schneiderman.

“If we had played like this from the beginning we would have had a lot more wins.”

—Bid Goswami, head coach

Princeton, however, would rebound quickly in the singles matches. Sophomore Matija Pecotic, the presumptive Ivy League Player of the Year, beat Schneiderman 6-4, 6-2 at No. 1, and sophomore Nate Gery fell in three sets at No. 2 singles. Sophomore Cyril Bucher lost 6-0, 6-3 to Matt Siow, a player he beat 7-5 in the third set last year, and junior Rajeev Deb-Sen lost 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 at No. 6. Freshman Tizian Bucher won 6-4, 6-3 at No. 5 singles, but the closest match of the day came at No. 3 singles. Yetimoglu lost the first set 6-3, but won the second 7-3 in a tiebreak. The final set went to a tiebreak, where Yetimoglu had two match points, but freshman

Augie Bloom held his nerve and eventually won it 9-7.

“I thought we played really well, considering that it was a tough day, cold and a little breezy, about 50 degrees outside,” Goswami said. “I was really encouraged. We played good doubles and won the doubles point finally, and John held two match points against the guy who is probably going to be the rookie of the year, and he played good tennis, the guy just beat him. I was very encouraged, unfortunately we came up short.”

Columbia rebounded against Penn, sweeping the doubles. In singles, Gery was the first one off the court, routing Ivan Turdic 7-5, 6-0. Senior Kevin Kung was the next to finish, beating Phil Law 6-2, 6-4 with an aggressive backcourt game for his first singles win of Ivy play. Schneiderman fell in a tough match at No. 1 singles to senior Hicham Laalej, 6-2, 6-2. The second set turned on a controversial line call Laalej made on Schneiderman’s serve. Tizian Bucher sealed the win for Columbia with a 6-3, 7-5 win at No. 5 singles, and Rajeev Deb-Sen won his match at No. 6 in a third set super tie break that was played instead of a full third set.

“I think we played pretty good doubles, and this is the same doubles lineup that beat Harvard in all three matches,” Goswami said of Penn. “So it’s been a crazy season, almost all 4-3 matches. I thought we played as well as we thought we could.”

Columbia will close out its season on Sunday when it hosts the already crowned Ivy champion, Cornell, who will be looking to go 7-0 in conference play.

Electric second-half offense leads Columbia

LACROSSE from front page

For a team that for so long has had to become accustomed to losing in the Ancient Eight, the victory over Yale is certainly a big moment in the program’s history. As the Lions look forward to the rest of the season, Friday’s win will certainly be on their minds.

“If that doesn’t propel you forward, I don’t know what does,” Kittleman said. “I think it will help tremendously that they’ve gotten over that mental hurdle that they can’t win in this league, because they definitely can.”

Geronimos agreed.

“This year’s team is committed to building the Columbia lacrosse program, and believes that our recent successes are only the beginning,” she said. “The Yale win is a testament to what the future holds for Columbia Lacrosse.”

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Making the most of \$50 million

The argument has been made countless times by Spec sports editor after sports editor, ever since the football team closed down its humble south lawn field and shipped north to play its games at Baker. However, with Columbia currently on the verge of a major turning point for the future of the University, there hasn't been a more pressing time to make this case since 1923, when Lou Gehrig stopped breaking windows in Hamilton with his home runs and started polluting the waters of the Hudson five miles north instead.

For an institution that funnels so much money into its athletics programs (\$19,280,719 last year, to be exact) it's a travesty that the its premiere athletics teams, such as football, baseball, and soccer, must practice, train, and play their games at an athletic facility that the vast majority of students on campus don't even know how to get to. With the \$50 million Campbell Sports Center project that was recently approved, now more than ever is the time to start transitioning some of those facilities back to the Upper West Side and reintegrating them with the rest of the undergraduate population.

For those of you unfamiliar with the saga of the Lions' athletics establishments, here's a quick history lesson:

In 1921, investor George F. Baker purchased 26 acres of land at the northern tip of Manhattan and donated it to the school to be used for its spring football practices. Two years later, the team began playing up there full time after the completion of a 15,000-seat wooden stadium.

For the next 60 years, the Lions had moderate success at the rickety old Baker Field until 1983, when the old wooden stadium was finally torn down. Right next door, Lawrence A. Wien Stadium first opened its doors—where it has hosted sparsely attended crowds for various athletics events ever since. In the past 28 years, the athletics complex has undergone many renovations, but nothing on the scale of the gargantuan proposal that was recently approved last week.

Now back to today.

There are currently two major construction projects going on for the University: one just off campus in Manhattanville and another at the very northern tip of Manhattan at the Baker Field complex. In Manhattanville, the University has set aside land for new buildings for SIPA, the Business school, and various science and research labs—none of which really have any direct connection to the undergraduate curriculum other than the fact that they share the Columbia logo on their label heads. Up at Baker, the University is planning the construction of a new state-of-the-art Campbell Sports Center for the Light Blue teams, whose rosters are comprised 100 percent of Columbia College, SEAS, and Barnard College students who live and study in Morningside Heights seven days a week.

My question is this: why is the project most associated with the undergraduate body being constructed the farthest away from campus? Why are we building a \$50 million 48,000-square-foot athletics complex that will solely be used by an athletics department that already costs almost \$20 million in expenses each year and receives what can be described as “apathetic at best” support from the rest of the student body?

However, the point I'm trying to make isn't that the Lions' athletics department deserves to have its funding taken away from building the Campbell Sports Center, but rather that continuing to funnel money into a location so far removed from campus that most students don't even know how to get up there is like pouring gallon after gallon of Miracle Gro on a dead plant and hoping it blooms.

Spending this \$50 million to build a facility way up at Baker only further isolates members of Columbia teams from the rest of campus. The University is doing its athletes—who are already largely stigmatized as being “separate” from the “real students”—a major disservice by continuing to distance them from the rest

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Lions pull back to .500, go 3-1

BY TREVOR COHEN
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Their standing in the Ancient Eight may still not be where they want it, but the Lions made significant progress last weekend, taking three of four from Cornell and effectively separating themselves from the bottom of the pack.

Columbia (16-16, 6-6 Ivy) seemed to have an extra skip in its step coming off of an impressive win against a rolling Manhattan team on Wednesday, looking more like the squad that dominated the Ivy League last year.

“The guys were excited to play today and I think it showed on the field,” head coach Brett Boretti said on Saturday.

The Light Blue outscored its intrastate rival 21-10 over the weekend, with the majority of Cornell's run production coming in game two on Sunday, in which the Big Red avoided the sweep with a 7-1 turnaround win. Even with Cornell's win over the Lions to close the series, Boretti had nothing but positive remarks on the team's weekend accomplishments.

“Any time you can take three out of four, it's a solid weekend,” Boretti said. “I told the guys afterwards, it's hard for you to beat a team four times in two days. It's not impossible, but it's a hard thing to do.”

After Columbia won both games on Saturday, the big story on day two was sophomore Stefan Olson, who took the mound Sunday afternoon and continued both the team's success and his great personal accomplishment this season.

“I actually didn't have the same velocity today,” Olson said after the game, “so I concentrated on just hitting my spots and letting the defense make plays.”

Olson was able to do just that, using his off-speed pitches effectively to keep hitters off balance. He needed just over 100 pitches for the complete-game shutout, allowing only five base runners on three hits and two walks, all of whom were stranded on base.

Senior outfielder Nick Cox took Cornell starter Taylor Wood's first pitch of the game out of the park, with a towering shot that hit off the lights high above the wall in right center. It was the first of two home runs Cox would hit on the day, and it was all the Lions needed in terms of run support to get the victory.

Cornell got two men on base only once, with a double and a walk to start off the third inning. The threat was diminished, though, when second



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ALEXANDER THE GREAT | Junior DH Alexander Aurricchio went 3-4 with four RBIs in game two on Saturday.

baseman Brenton Peters popped up an attempted sacrifice bunt, and Olson finished off the next two batters with a fly out and strikeout.

The game marked his second win of the season, but Olson's 2-0 record does not do justice to his success on

the mound thus far. After surrendering two runs in the first inning against Brown a week ago—only one of which was earned—Olson left the game after eight innings with the lead, having put up seven straight zeros on the scoreboard and allowing the Lions to go up

5-2. Brown tied the game with three runs off of junior Harrison Slutsky in the bottom of the ninth though—handing the sophomore a no-decision—and went on to win it in the 11th.

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ALYSON GOULDEN / SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BUCHERING THE COMPETITION | Freshman Tizian Bucher saw one of the only wins for the Lions at Princeton.

TRACK & FIELD

Light Blue sees multiple first-place finishes as it splits for weekend meets

The Lions split up this weekend, with some of the key athletes from the women's side heading to Starkville, Miss., for the Jace Lacoste Invitational at Mississippi State University, while others stayed much closer to home, as they traveled to Rutgers University in New Jersey to take part in the Metropolitan Championships.

Junior Sharay Hale blew out the competition in the 200m dash, finishing almost a second ahead of the second place finisher (23.83 seconds).

Her classmate Kyra Caldwell also took top honors, finishing first in the 400m hurdles.

The women's 4x400m relay team also finished in top spot, as Hale and Caldwell were joined by senior Laura Vogel and sophomore Yamira Bell to cross the finish line at 3:40.88, nearly three seconds ahead of the next competitor.

In the field, sophomore Uju Ofoche reigned supreme, posting a remarkable 6.16m in the long jump—a number

good enough for first place as well as a school record. Junior Monique Roberts and freshman Tayler Johnson took the top two spots in the high jump, both clearing the 1.71m mark.

In New Jersey, several runners stood out. Freshman Billy Kobelczyk took first in the 400m dash, and junior Dylan Isaacson finished first in the 800m.

Sophomore Julie Alexander finished first in the women's 400m hurdle event, while freshman Cody Love continued his stellar performance this

season with another first place finish in the men's 400m hurdles.

Junior Sarah Engle took to the field to attempt the pole vault, clinching first place in the event, and the women's distance medley squad finished first by nearly 20 seconds.

With just a few short weeks left to prepare for the Outdoor Heptagonals, the Lions will travel to the University of Pennsylvania for the competitive Penn Relays.

—Jeremiah Sharf

Lions split Ivy weekend matches

BY KUNAL GUPTA
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After getting virtually all of the breaks to go its way en route to two straight Ivy League titles, the men's tennis team continued to struggle to catch some breaks this season, falling 5-2 to No. 50 Princeton at the start of the weekend. However, they rebounded to beat Penn 5-2 on Sunday. Against Princeton, sophomore John Yetimoglu had two match points that would have put Columbia one point away from its biggest win of the year, but his opponent held them off and clinched the win for Princeton.

Despite the weekend split, head coach Bid Goswami was encouraged by his team's showing.

“I thought we played the last four matches really well,” Goswami said.

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