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SEARCH | Committee members J.T. Ramseur, CC '13, English professor Cathy Popkin, and Karishma Habbu, CC '13, talk to students.

At town hall, students talk role of Columbia College dean

BY MARGARET MATTES
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For some students, the committee searching for the next Columbia College dean is moving too quickly.

About 20 students showed up at a town hall Tuesday night to talk to members of the search committee and share their ideas and concerns about the role of the CC dean. Five search committee members, including all three student members, attended the town hall: Columbia College Student Council president-elect

Karishma Habbu, CC '13; Mary Kircher, CC '13; J.T. Ramseur, CC '13; philosophy professor Christia Mercer; and English professor Cathy Popkin.

University President Lee Bollinger announced the committee's formation in a March 28 email. The committee, which met for the first time April 6, stopped accepting nominations for dean April 15, and is working to finish its search process by the end of the semester. The last day of classes is April 30, and final exams end May 10.

University Senator Eduardo

Santana, CC '13, was one of a few students at the town hall who expressed concerns about the speed at which the committee is moving.

"If you all felt inclined to slow the process down, I would be comfortable knowing that you all felt comfortable to slow this down and really giving this some thoughtful consideration," Santana told the committee members.

"The last thing I want is just another revolving door, or the continued revolving door, of deans," he added, referring to

philosophy professor Michele Moody-Adams' sudden resignation as CC dean last August after just two years in the position.

Popkin said that while the committee did not determine its own timetable, Bollinger had long intended to form the committee in the spring, after a board of trustees retreat in March.

Other students were concerned that the committee will simply rubber-stamp Interim Dean James Valentini as permanent dean, with Barry Weinberg,

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New major to combine medicine, humanities

BY PARUL GULIANI
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The Institute for Comparative Literature and Society is offering a new major next year to cater to students interested in the intersection of science and the humanities.

The major, "medicine, literature, and society," is an interdisciplinary course of study that "examines the social and cultural dimensions of illness and health," according to the ICLS website. The major is similar to the existing comparative literature and society major in that it requires literature and culture courses in a language other than English, as well as courses in the humanities that correspond to a student's chosen area of specialization.

MLS majors can choose to focus on literature and medicine, medical anthropology, or the history of medicine and public health. While some new courses are being created specifically for the major, many relevant courses are already offered by various departments.

"This is not just for premed majors," ICLS director Stathis Gourgouris said. "But obviously, a premed person who feels they're interested in the humanities aspect of medicine would be the perfect person for this."

Gourgouris said that a

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5 profs elected to American Academy of Arts and Sciences

BY JEREMY BUDD
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Five faculty members have been elected as fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, one of the country's most prestigious academic honor societies.

The academy, which was founded in 1780 by John Adams, James Bowdoin, and John Hancock, announced 220 new members on Tuesday, including Barnard math professor emeritus Joan Birman, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory researcher Dennis Kent, Journalism School professor Michael Schudson, College of Physicians and Surgeons professor Steven Siegelbaum, and School of the Arts professor Kara Walker.

"I was very pleased. It's a ridiculously distinguished group of people this year."

—Michael Schudson,
Journalism School
professor

Hillary Clinton, Melinda Gates, Clint Eastwood, and Mel Brooks were also among the fellows elected this year by the academy, which strives to "cultivate every art and science which may tend to advance the interest, honour, dignity, and happiness of a free, independent, and virtuous people,"

according to its website.

Siegelbaum, who chairs the neuroscience department at P&S, researches the mechanisms neurons use to communicate with each other and how those mechanisms affect learning, behavior, and memory. He said that being elected to the academy wouldn't affect his future work, citing Columbia's academic environment as his main source of inspiration.

"It's nice to get recognition, but the main goal of what I do at Columbia is the reward of the work in and of itself," he said. "Getting recognition is always nice, but the main thing, really, is to continue to focus on doing research and interesting science. I'm sure that's what my colleagues will continue to do in the future."

Schudson said he was "delighted" to be honored by the academy, although he agreed with Siegelbaum that it would not affect his research trajectory.

"I was very pleased," he said. "It's a ridiculously distinguished group of people this year."

Schudson's academic background is in sociology, and he has written extensively about American popular culture and media. He attributed some of his academic renown to a report he wrote about the future of journalism in America, titled "The Reconstruction of American Journalism."

"The report got a lot of attention," he said. "That factored, too, in trying to leverage my academic expertise in a more visible public policy light."

Kent, a senior research

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Chemist Zach Brill is CC valedictorian

Anthropology major Zach Levine named salutatorian

BY RAKHI AGRAWAL AND SAMMY ROTH
Columbia Daily Spectator

Zach Brill found out he was he was Columbia College's valedictorian via Facebook.

Brill got an email with the news Tuesday evening, but he happened to be at the gym at the time. Before he saw the email, the news was posted to Spectator's website, and word started to spread.

"I saw that Sam Roth [CC '12], former editor-in-chief of Spec and a good friend, had posted congratulations on my Facebook wall, and that's how I found out," Brill said.

Zach Levine, on the other hand, found out he had been named CC's salutatorian via email.

"I was in a talk and had a mild panic attack, and I went to the bathroom and threw up a little bit," he said. "Then I kissed my best friend, and it was all better."

Brill and Levine will speak at CC Class Day on May 15.

Brill—a chemistry major who has a 4.06 GPA—has spent three years doing research with chemistry professor Scott Snyder, whom Brill credits for much of his success. He will start working toward a doctorate in organic chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley, in the fall.

Brill has also been a violinist with the Columbia Orchestra. He said that finding out he was valedictorian was both

shocking and overwhelming.

"I sort of hid in my lab for two hours so that I could emotionally prepare myself to be in the spotlight," he said.

Columbia College Interim Dean James Valentini, who got to know Brill as director of undergraduate studies in the chemistry department, said that Brill "impressed me as soon as I met him."

"He was a very serious and intellectual student, and at the same time very modest and self-effacing," Valentini said. "He was a kid who was easy to like right away, and he showed tremendous promise, all of which he's lived up to."

Hazel May, Columbia College's senior associate dean of academic affairs, said in an email announcing the valedictorian and salutatorian that Brill's research on the synthesis of two complex products was published last year in the journal Organic Letters.

Brill was the sole author of the paper alongside Snyder, which is unusual for an undergraduate. Valentini said he knew only one other chemistry student who has done that in his time at Columbia.

"Zach is a model of what we look for in our science students at Columbia," Valentini said. "He was brilliant in the classroom, and creative, imaginative, and productive in his research. He's done everything

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SWAN SONG | Barnard is planning to replace its swimming pool with faculty offices next year.

Barnard likely to close swimming pool in 2013

BY EMMA GOSS
Spectator Staff Writer

Administrators are planning to close Barnard's swimming pool and convert the space into offices for professors who will be displaced during upcoming campus renovations.

Barnard Chief Operating Officer Greg Brown told Spectator in an email that "in light of our academic space planning project, and the need for renovations to classroom and teaching spaces on an interim basis, it is likely that the pool will be closed" at the end of the 2012-13 academic year. Brown explained that closing the pool would save Barnard money.

"The pool has considerable deferred maintenance issues, and we estimate that in order to keep the pool and the surrounding area properly maintained

and safe, it would cost the College approximately \$3 million," he said. "Given the other pressing campus maintenance

"It's not clear to me how open the administration is to being persuaded that this is a bad idea."

—Lisa Gordis,
English professor

issues and limited amounts of available funding, renovation of the pool, unfortunately, just

can't be our highest priority."

Barnard President Debora Spar explained at a March faculty meeting that the pool is the most cost-effective space to convert to temporary offices. She said that after campus renovations are complete, there's a possibility that Barnard could start building a new fitness center, but not a new pool.

Spar met with some opposition at the faculty meeting, though. English professor Lisa Gordis told Spectator that closing the pool to create temporary office space is "short-sighted."

"It's not clear to me that money is really the issue, because some faculty members have proposed fundraising for this," she said. "It's not clear to me how open the administration is to being persuaded that

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Take back the conversation

Emily Tamkin explains that we have the power to determine our own futures.

The great unknown

Take Back the Night is a chance to reclaim campus voices.



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Tigers right behind Big Red in title race

With two weeks left in the season, Cornell still stands as the team to beat in the Ivy League, but Princeton has emerged as a major threat.

EVENTS

Yom HaShoah

Hear from a Holocaust survivor in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day.
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Listen to student musicians at the Columbia-Barnard-Juilliard Spring Recital.
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FEEDBACK | Steele Sternberg, CC '13, poses a question to CC dean search committee members during a town hall Tuesday night.

Students want CC dean to focus on transparency, accessibility

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CC '12, speculating that the committee might serve as a “coronation committee” for Valentini.

Committee members, however, insisted that there are no foregone conclusions, and that they will give all nominees due consideration. The committee has been charged with interviewing candidates and putting together a list of three finalists, which it will then give to Bollinger.

Students at the town hall also expressed a strong desire for increased transparency and communication on the part of the Columbia College administration.

“One thing that I would like you guys to look at is somehow choosing a dean, or creating

some sort of criteria for the dean, whereby a commitment to informing students who want to

“Whatever comes out of this process has to include some sort of cultural change.”

—Barry Weinberg, CC '12, former Student Governing Board chair

be informed is part of their mission,” Steele Sternberg, CC '13,

said.

Student Governing Board chair David Fine, CC '13, stressed that the dean should be accessible to all students “who care about the issues and who are willing and able to inform” their peers, including the student press.

Weinberg, a former SGB chair, said that during his time at Columbia, the administration has been “removed, inscrutable,” and hard for students to navigate.

“It’s very, very, difficult, even for students who want to be involved ... there’s a real lack of information, a real lack of figuring out about how things work,” Weinberg said. “Whatever comes out of this process has to include some sort of cultural

change.”

Raphaelle Debenedetti, CC '14, said that the kind of discussion taking place at the town hall—the idea for which came from committee members—was exactly the type of discussion that needs to take place more frequently.

“I feel as though I’ve never been aware of what is going on, and it’s sort of frustrating,” she said. “It’s not that we [students] are not interested—it’s that we don’t know what to say.”

Debenedetti added that there has not been enough transparency.

“What you guys are doing now, I want the next dean to do,” she told committee members.

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Levine ‘beyond excited’ to be named Columbia College salutatorian

VALEDICTORIAN from front page

we look for in chemistry students at Columbia.”

When asked how he felt about being named salutatorian, Levine—an anthropology major—at first had no words, before saying that he is “beyond excited.”

“I have lost muscular control of my mouth, my neck, my chest, and my lower abdomen, so I’m actually unable to answer your question ... but I feel great,” he said.

Levine identified his dedication to his academic field as one of the primary reasons for his success at Columbia.

“I found a subject freshman year that I really fell in love with. My professors inspired me, and I felt committed to them,” he said.

Levine plans to find a job in New York City after graduating. He had some advice for his fellow students Tuesday night.

“I would say rather than ask

yourself what you’re best at doing, ask yourself what really motivates you, what provokes you intellectually, sexually, ethically, morally, politically, and follow that,” he said. “Because that’s how you’re going to find something that you’re actually passionate about.”

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Pool closure faces opposition from students, professors

POOL from front page

this is a bad idea.”

When Gordis heard that the pool’s closure would be discussed at the March faculty meeting, she started a website called “Save the Barnard Pool,” which features comments from students, alumni, and professors who want the pool to stay open. Gordis shared some of those comments at the faculty meeting.

“We would love to think about another pool at some point in Barnard’s future,” Brown said in an email. “For the moment, though, we are likely to concentrate our focus on more immediate challenges, particularly library and teaching spaces.”

Still, the plan to close the pool faces significant opposition from students, faculty, and staff.

to fulfill the requirement.

Bolster said that Barnard’s pool is half the size of, and not as deep as, Columbia’s pool, making it “a fantastic teaching pool.”

“We work here because we need benefits, we need health care. To have access to a pool or a fitness center is a huge plus.”

—Sandra Dos Santos, administrative assistant

stand on the bottom, you really don’t have to worry about it,” he said. “If they can’t touch the bottom, chances are that someone’s going to panic and think that they’re going down. Our attention can’t falter for a minute.”

Administrators also announced last week that Barnard is cutting costs by reducing its physical education requirement from two semesters to one semester.

In that announcement, administrators encouraged students to make time for fitness outside of the one-semester P.E. requirement. Given that encouragement, Gordis called it “ironic” that administrators would also decide to close Barnard’s pool.

“They [administrators] talked about students being able to exercise outside of P.E. courses, and I think closing the pool diminishes the spaces in which students can do that,” she said. “It’s unfortunate—it really does send a negative message about how seriously the college takes students’ fitness.”

Sandra Dos Santos, an administrative assistant in Barnard’s dance department, said that closing the pool

“feels like a step in the wrong direction.”

“For those of us who work here that are staff or administrators, part of the draw is the perks we get with our job, because we’re not getting paid very much,” she said. “We work here because we need benefits, we need health care. To have access to a pool or a fitness center is a huge plus, because with our salaries we can’t afford to join Crunch or whatever.”

To purchase a membership to Columbia’s pool, Barnard faculty and staff have to pay a minimum of \$172 per term, and there are additional fees for family members and lockers.

Shira Poliak, BC '13, said that the women-only hours at Barnard’s pool provide an environment for Barnard students that is not possible at Columbia.

“As a religious woman, I don’t swim with men or in front of men,” she said. “It’s a great place for me.”

“Is it the cleanest place? No. Does it do its job? Certainly,” she added. “Some people think it’s a little old. But I don’t need a modern pool. A pool’s a pool.”

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Major reflects growing relevance of humanities in medicine

NEW MAJOR from front page

proposal for the major was put together a year ago and was recently approved by the Committee on Instruction.

Gourgouris and his colleagues were initially interested in offering a major that combined the humanities and the sciences. It made sense for them to propose a major connecting medicine and the humanities, Gourgouris said, because of the growing popularity of that field, which is generally known as “medical humanities.”

“A lot of initiative comes from medical schools,” he said. “They are saying that though the students they are getting are very well-versed in science, they lack certain skills that they attribute to the humanities.”

Joseph Slaughter, the director of undergraduate studies for the English and comparative literature department, was involved in early discussions about the proposed major.

“The major is intended to bring the methods of humanities-based thinking to think about the health of the human being in society,” Slaughter said. “Medicine and health is the more obvious place to begin to think about those interconnections.”

Students interested in global health, the politics of health, ecology, or environmental studies would also be a good match for the new program, Gourgouris added. Slaughter said that past students have asked for the creation of this type of major.

double-majoring in neuroscience and CLS, and who gave professors some advice on the creation of the new major. Di Castri said that while he would have preferred that students interested in the program be required to major in both a science and a humanity, the combined science/humanities major is “definitely a step in the right direction.”

“It’s a heavy load to do both, but I found it very productive,” Di Castri said. “They can’t require people to do a double major. That’s kind of asking a lot.”

The major could also help prepare students for upcoming changes to the Medical College Admission Test. In addition to testing students on biology, chemistry, and physics, the MCAT will add a section in 2015 that measures critical analysis and reasoning skills.

Professor Maura Spiegel, an associate director of the Narrative Medicine Program at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, said that the medical field is increasingly in need of humanities-oriented thinking.

“I think medicine, now more than ever, is so geared towards numbers and technology and ever-increasingly small lenses of focus,” she said. “Doctors are confronted with death and extreme sadness every day, but they never speak about it in human terms. This idea of putting language to one’s feelings and experiences is an important tool.”

Di Castri cautioned that there still needs to be a divide between medicine and the humanities.

“I would say that I’ve seen eight or nine or 10 students who’ve been frustrated with the fact that they have to make a radical choice between the sciences and humanities,” he said.

The major is intended for students like Theo Di Castri, CC '12, who is currently

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Paleomagnetism researcher among academy fellows

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scientist and adjunct professor, said that being honored by the academy is “humbling,” especially considering the diversity of this year’s inductees.

“It was very thrilling, getting a superb honor like this,” he said. “It’s a very gracious honor that they’ve bestowed on me.”

Kent has focused on paleomagnetism, the study of the ancient Earth’s magnetic field, which can help scientists understand the magnetic properties of the Earth’s core. But at least from Kent’s perspective, his election to the Academy was “a mystery.”

“It’s a pretty eclectic mix, but I do basic research in Earth magnetism,” he said. “In the

end, the sum total of the work was noticed and found sufficient for this.”

Birman, who has been a Barnard math professor since 1973, specializes in topology and knot theory. Walker, a visual arts professor, has had her work featured in the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art.

The 2012 fellows will be officially inducted Oct. 6 in a ceremony at the academy’s headquarters in Cambridge, Mass.

“It was particularly exciting to see that people like Clint Eastwood and Mel Brooks were elected in addition to scientists,” Siegelbaum said. “It’s a nice recognition.”

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LACROSSE

The Lions (2-10, 0-6 Ivy) will face New Hampshire (3-9) in their penultimate regular season home game Wednesday evening. The Wildcats have lost four in a row, scoring eight goals in each of those matches. Midfielder Kate Keagins scored four goals as New Hampshire fell, 9-8, to Albany on Saturday. Keagins and midfielder Laura Puccia

lead the team in scoring. The Light Blue fell, 13-9, at Yale on Saturday, with junior attacker Kacie Johnson once again leading the Lions offensively with four goals and six points. Columbia needs to win two of its final three games to match its record from last season. Opening draw is at 6 p.m. at Robert K. Kraft Field.

—Muneeb Alam

SOFTBALL

The Light Blue (10-25, 4-8 Ivy) will face Fairleigh Dickinson (23-16, 5-9) in New Jersey on Wednesday before returning to Ivy League play this weekend. The Knights started off the season strong with a 19-6 record, but have dropped 10 of their last 14 games, including the last four straight. They have struggled due to an anemic offense, and were shut out or limited to one run in four games this month alone. They are led by pitchers Megan Reiner

Caitlin Bradac. Reiner has made her mark on the mound this season, earning 13 wins with a 2.28 ERA over 18 starts this season. Bradac leads the team in offensive production with a .413 batting average, seven home runs, and 34 RBIs. The Lions will need to shut both Bradac and Reiner down in order to emerge victorious from today’s doubleheader. The first pitch is at 3 p.m. in Teaneck, N.J.

—Hahn Chang

Dartmouth still in Ivy title hunt as season’s end draws near

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Sunday’s nightcap, 13-7. Penn also lost to St. Joseph’s in the Liberty Bell Classic championship at Citizens Bank Park, 6-3. Penn returns home to face Cornell this weekend.

PRINCETON

Princeton (16-13, 9-3 Ivy) holds the Ivy League’s second-best record after going 3-1 this weekend against

Penn. After cruising to victory over the Quakers in game one, the Tigers needed a ninth inning comeback to sweep them in game two. Down 3-1 in the bottom of the ninth, catcher Tyler Servais started the comeback with an RBI single. RBI singles by outfielder Steve Harrington and infielder Alec Keller secured the Tigers the win and the sweep. Following Saturday’s close call, the Tigers split with the Quakers on Sunday. Princeton hosts St.

John’s this Wednesday before heading to New York to face Columbia this weekend.

YALE

Yale (8-26-1, 2-10 Ivy) managed to win its first conference games against Harvard last weekend. Following a sweep in Wednesday’s doubleheader against Fairfield, Yale split with division rival Harvard on both Saturday and Sunday. Taking advantage of the home field, the Bulldogs ended a 12-game

skid with a 3-2 victory in the series opener against the Crimson. All three Yale runs came off sacrifice flies, and shortstop Cale Hanson went 2-for-8 in both games, extending his on-base streak to 31 consecutive games. Yale similarly split Sunday’s twin bill, losing game one, 4-3, and winning the nightcap, 5-3. The Bulldogs notched another win on Tuesday over Sacred Heart, 7-4. This weekend Yale heads to Hanover, N.H., to take on Dartmouth.

Light Blue plays dominant home team in Jaspers

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Soldinger, who holds a 3.39 ERA and has pitched four complete games this season. But the rest of the pitching staff has done a decent job this season as well. On the whole, Manhattan has a combined ERA of 5.16, and is third in the MAAC in runs allowed (187)

and fourth in hits allowed (314). After struggling to put up runs in the weekend series at Cornell, the Lions will need their lineup to get back into gear. The Light Blue put up just one run in the first two games and crawled its way to put up nine in the last two, winning the final game of the series, 5-1. With a huge divisional series

versus Princeton coming up on the weekend, these two games against Manhattan will provide the whole lineup a good chance to break out of the funk. First pitch of game one in Riverdale is slated for 1:30 p.m., with the second game beginning shortly after the conclusion of the first.



FILE PHOTO

DOING IT ALL | In order to beat Manhattan, CU will need the offensive prowess of Dario Pizzano.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

MICHELLE PIYAPATTRA

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DEFENDING CHAMP | Sophomore Michelle Piyapattra took first place in the individual competition at the Sixth Annual Roar-EE Invitational, shooting a three-under 69 to defend her title.

Amid several seasons, a need for proper planning

SHAPIRO from back page

a great incentive to get your stuff done and still be able to indulge in some TV time. 6. Watch during meals to save time. We all have to eat at some point, so why not make a mini-event out of it by combining meals with sports watching? I'm a firm believer that pretty much everything is better with food—watching sports in particular. Kill two birds with one stone by kicking back with your dinner in front of the game.

Since Bwog probably won't ask me, I wanted to share some unsolicited senior wisdom. Hopefully these tips will help you juggle two of the most important responsibilities of being a college student: doing work and procrastinating work. School gets busy for everyone, and it can be easy for something like homework or following your team to fall by the wayside. Last year I ran a large student group, successfully completed six classes each semester, wrote this

biweekly column, and still managed to keep track of my beloved Chicago teams. I'm not saying this to brag, but instead to show that it is possible to make sports a part of your everyday multitasking. We cannot—we must not—let Columbia hinder our fandom. Here's to four years of sticking it to the man well spent. Michael Shapiro is a List College senior majoring in history and modern Jewish studies. sports@columbiaspectator.com

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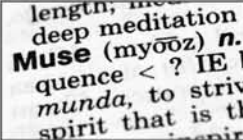
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Awareness is the first step

BY MICHELLE LAPPEN

“That doesn’t really happen here, does it?” is the most common response I receive after telling someone I volunteer at the Rape Crisis/Anti-Violence Support Center. This sort of statement suggests that most people in the Columbia community do not think that sexual assault occurs on campus. I beg to differ: Sexual violence affects all of us and college-age students comprise one of the most common identity groups to experience sexual assault. That one of our very own students was a target of attempted sexual assault a few days ago is proof enough.

I contend that most Barnard and Columbia students don’t know the RC/AVSC even exists. I myself was not particularly aware of the center throughout my first year of college. I also doubt the majority of students are familiar with the office of Student Services University policy for Gender-Based and Sexual Misconduct. Columbia University offers great resources, but they are not used to their full potential.

As a first-year during the NSOP “Keeping Sex Sexy” workshops, I remember thinking that they didn’t really apply to me. I thought it was a noble goal to spread awareness about the issues of consent, but I didn’t see how it affected me directly. After completing my first year of college, I was singing a different tune. I increasingly found I lacked expertise in trying to help some of my friends, both here and at other schools, deal with questions of consent.

In facilitating the NSOP workshops myself, I found that many of the incoming students had the same attitude about the relevance of the discussion as I had had when I was a participant. In my training I began to realize how this affected my day-to-day actions, including something as prosaic as not walking home at night alone. As a peer educator at the RC/AVSC, I am trying to include as many people as possible in the effort to create a safe community that is free from sexual violence.

In my work at the center, I have become aware of how questions like “What was she wearing?” are contributing to the problem of sexual assault on our campus. The victim-blaming and implications that “she was asking for it” or “he was gay so he deserved it” shift responsibility from the perpetrator onto the survivor. I still catch myself thinking these sorts of things sometimes, and statements of this nature are present in the conversations I have with my peers. The fact that victim-blaming occurs in our community signifies that sexual violence is occurring. Maybe we are just not aware of it because we are socialized not to be.

The Columbia community prides itself on being knowledgeable and socially aware, but the issue of sexual assault seems to be one that many of us shy away from. As all of you know it is April, but this means something more than class registration and Bacchanal: It is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. We as a community have the opportunity to become more conscious of the problem of sexual assault. We have the opportunity to change the attitude on our campus. We have the opportunity to create a dialogue. Attending one of the many SAAM events to choose from will allow each and every one of you to join the conversation.

We are moving in the right direction. Our community has phenomenal services and is generating awareness about the issues of sexual assault on our campus, and I believe that every year we are gaining more participants in this conversation. Yet the resources that exist under the umbrella of Sexual Violence Response are underutilized and incidents of sexual assault are underreported. When we engage in victim-blaming, as opposed to supporting the survivor, we not only prove to be ignorant of sexual assault but also contribute to the problem. So next time you think sexual violence doesn’t apply to you or your community, think again.

The author is a Barnard sophomore majoring in history. She is a volunteer and peer educator at the Rape Crisis/Anti-Violence Support Center.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Rape is everyone’s issue

Tomorrow night, Barnard/Columbia’s annual Take Back the Night march will take place, providing a public show of support for rape survivors and inviting both rape survivors and allies in the community to call for an end to sexual violence.

This year, TBTN decided to implement several fundamental changes in the way the march is managed—in particular, allowing the front of the march to be gender-neutral. In the past, the front of the march was women-only. In a press release published on Spectrum (“Take back the night announces changes to march,” March 28), Take Back the Night representatives stated that “The women’s space was created to ensure that female survivors, co-survivors, and allies could participate without feeling afraid, intimidated, or triggered in a co-gendered environment.” In short, the presence of men at the front could possibly be traumatic and be a barrier in creating a safe space for the rape survivors.

We understand the reasoning behind this approach. As TBTN’s recent press release stated, a significantly higher percentage of perpetrators of sexual assault are male. Having women at the front of the march can be a visual symbol for rape’s gendered status. Moreover, while we cannot claim to fully grasp the psychology of rape, we understand that the trauma of some female rape survivors with male perpetrators—who constitute the majority of rape victims—can lead them to feeling threatened and emotionally unsafe in the presence of men.

At the same time, sexual assault is not just a women’s issue. Gender identity does not define who rapes or is raped. Men can be rape survivors, women can be perpetrators—and wherever oppression exists, sexual or otherwise, it is everyone’s issue. Having men at the front of the march can help illustrate that this issue transcends gender. Additionally, when some of the students who will be a valuable part of the march identify as transgender or reject gender identifications, it can become problematic to enforce a rule among gender lines. A gender-neutral approach is the only way for the march to be all-inclusive. By including more than just women at the front, TBTN is showing the many faces of rape survivors and allies in the community. As a show of inclusivity and solidarity, it can only strengthen the cause.

This year, the change is somewhat of a pilot run. After the march occurs, TBTN will solicit feedback from the community about the use of a gender-neutral front, which the members will consider when deciding whether to make it a permanent change. We hope Take Back the Night continues this gender-neutral, inclusive approach. At its base, rape has no gender, and we must acknowledge that before we can take back the night.

A word from Doc Brown

When I decided to name my column “Back to the Future,” I was not thinking of the first installment in the trilogy, wherein Marty McFly must go back to the time of his father’s youth to change his own present, nor the second, wherein Marty McFly must go to both one version of his future and an alternate present. I was thinking of the last moment of the last movie in the trilogy.

Marty and his girlfriend meet Doc Brown and his wife (an insufferable woman from the wild, wild west) as the latter two pass through on a time-traveling train (like you do). Marty’s girlfriend (who is, for some reason, played by a different actress after the first movie, but I digress) notes that she took a piece of paper with writing on it from the future, and that that paper has since turned blank. “I brought this back from the future and now it’s erased!” she yells at a departing Doc. “Of course it’s erased!” he replies. And, when asked what he means, Doc Brown simply states, “It means your future hasn’t been written yet. No one’s has. Your future’s whatever you make it. So make it a good one, both of you!”

But expectations, written about or otherwise, do not a future make.

One supposes that Marty and his girlfriend, whoever she’s played by, go on to do just that. And that they do so because they know that they are the only ones who stand between them and their futures. The only ones who get to decide what sort of future it’s going to be.



EMILY TAMKIN

Back to the Future

I’ve thought and written a great deal this year about the sort of expectations that we have for our futures. About interviews and career fairs, about graduate programs and marriage. About the different words with which we can author our own futures. But those expectations, written about or otherwise, do not a future make.

This isn’t to say that the future isn’t partially determined by the past and present, because it is. Surely being a student at Columbia enables one to have a certain sort of future (though it entitles no one to that). Surely the choices that we have already made, or are currently making, will influence the choices we are one day able to make. Surely “Back to the Future” part III could not have happened without “Back to the Future” parts I and II (for many reasons, but far be it from me to spoil a film, even one that came out 30 years ago that, quite frankly, you really should have watched by this point in your life).

But it is to suggest that we—as members of this generation, as students at this school, as people growing up in this time and space—are told that the future will say certain (often contradictory) things about us. That we’re the leaders of tomorrow, or that we’re doomed to be unemployed till we’re 35, or that we’re an irrevocably lost generation, or that we’re going to ruin, run, or ruin and then run the world. But the truth, I think, is that any page from any of our futures would be as blank as the one Marty’s girlfriend shows to Doc Brown. And I say this as someone who has written, by my count, 13 columns about facing the future.

What is there to face? What is there for you, or me, or anyone to read? We’ll write our futures when we get there. Thanks for reading, Columbia. I’m off to make it a good one.

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JULIA JARRETT

Unite—and take back the night

BY LAUREN HEROLD

On Thursday, April 19, Take Back the Night will be holding its annual rally, march, and speakout dedicated to reclaiming Morningside Heights as a safe space free of sexual violence for all community members. Since 1988, Columbia University students have joined together for this annual event to symbolize our community’s dedication towards spreading awareness about sexual violence and to push for an end to it on our campus. This year, there have been shifts in both the way we talk about sexual violence on campus and the way we organize Take Back the Night. The rally, march, and speakout will be more inclusive of all communities on campus.

Participating in Take Back the Night can be a cathartic and empowering experience for survivors and a crucial part of a healing process.

Our campus has experienced a necessary paradigm shift during this past year. New efforts geared toward improving student wellness have demonstrated the importance of discussing stress and mental illness on campus. We envision Take Back the Night as an integral piece of this process—experiences of sexual violence can often lead to emotional and physical trauma. Our discussions of wellness must include discussions about the impacts of sexual assault. Participating in Take Back the Night can be a cathartic and empowering experience for survivors and a crucial part of a healing process.

Additionally, increased attention to sexism on campus, after President Barack Obama’s decision to speak at Barnard’s graduation ceremony, has revealed the extent to which misogynistic attitudes permeate campus culture. These attitudes help perpetuate a culture that minimizes the experiences of survivors on campus. As more student groups tackle issues relating to gender, sexuality, and feminism, we feel that now, more than ever, is the time to come together and march collectively as a university community to assert that we will not

tolerate sexism or sexual assault of any kind.

This year, we have instituted several important changes to the march. Perhaps most significantly, for the first time in its history, the march will be gender-neutral. In past years, Take Back the Night has maintained a women’s-only space at the front of the march in order to acknowledge that sexual violence is a gendered crime. Statistical analysis demonstrates that the majority of survivors of sexual violence identify as women.

However, any person can be a survivor of sexual violence. This issue affects all communities, and does not discriminate based on gender. We recognize that the women’s space was naturally exclusive of certain community members and seemed to prioritize the experiences of female survivors. We acknowledge these issues and hope that a gender-neutral march improves greatly upon our model. We hope that anyone, regardless of gender identity, will feel comfortable participating in the march. As the anti-sexual violence movement adapts to include all survivors, we realize that the time is now for TBTN to evolve as well. Sexism is prevalent on Columbia’s campus—Take Back the Night strives to be inclusive of all communities on campus and hopes that all can stand with us to combat sexual violence.

In addition to this change, we announce a change in our camera policy. In past years, we have maintained that the march should be as anonymous as possible in order to protect the identities of the march participants. Unfortunately, this policy has recently forced us to police personal cell phone and camera usage during the march. In order to better maintain the energy and mission of the march, and to acknowledge that our generation frequently uses such technology to participate in our communities, we will allow bystanders and march participants to take photographs and/or videos of the march, so long as any documentation of the march is done respectfully. We hope that this change allows more community members to participate in the march, whether physically or virtually, and allows them to support the march in the way best suited for them.

Sexual violence is an issue that intimately affects our community. As we’ve learned this year, strengthening our community is essential to promote wellness and fight against oppression we face as students, survivors, co-survivors, and allies. Now is the time to gather together, unite as a community, and heal.

The author is a Columbia College senior majoring in women and gender studies and anthropology. She is the press liaison for Take Back the Night. This op-ed is written on behalf of Take Back the Night.

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Juggling sports and school calls for game plan

Baseball is back! Oh, shit—I'm never getting my work done. It's not easy being uncontrollably obsessed with sports, and this past week was a prime example. You see, the start of baseball means that I now have to follow three professional Chicago sports teams: the White Sox, the Blackhawks, and the Bulls. The White Sox will, surprisingly, be vying for first place in the A.L. Central, the Blackhawks are battling through the first round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs, and the Bulls are gearing up for the post-season. At this point there is pretty much never a day without a three-hour Chicago sporting event on TV. You could say this is a "first world problem"—fair—but it's a problem nonetheless. In between our end-of-semester homework, extracurriculars, and daydrinking for Bacchanal, it isn't always easy to make time for sports. But after four years of this balancing act, I've finally finessed a pretty effective system. It goes a little bit like this:



MICHAEL SHAPIRO
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We cannot let Columbia hinder our fandemonium.

2. Get access to the games. Most pro sports allow you to purchase packages to watch every out-of-market regular season game. They tend to run around \$100, which is totally worth it for loyal fans, especially if you split the cost with a couple of friends. If you don't want to dish out the money, there are also, um, alternative ways of watching online (cough, firstrowsports.eu, cough). But seriously, having access to all your games is essential to making sure you don't miss a pitch, shot, or pass.

3. Get an external monitor. At the beginning of freshman year I bought a 22-inch external computer monitor for just over \$100, and it's probably been the best nonessential purchase I've made in college. It doubles as a TV and is vital to effective multitasking between work and sports. As I write this, my screen is split between Microsoft Word and White Sox baseball muted on MLB.tv. This allows you to work and watch at the same time—or, for particularly rabid fans, watch multiple events simultaneously. If you follow points two and three, you will eliminate any real need to own a TV.

4. Learn when to watch. Most sports contests take around a whopping three hours from start to finish. Your sports fandom can easily become a black hole of procrastination if you're not careful, especially when up to three of your teams are in season at one time. The best trick to avoid wasting all your free time is to learn the lull moments in any given sport. There's no way to prevent missing an unexpected game-changing play in the first inning of a baseball game, but if your team is down 6-0 in the third (read: Cubs fans), it's probably a good time to get in a couple of pages of writing.

5. Reward yourself with sports. Watching sports is my ultimate procrastination tool, but when I get busy, it becomes my reward for being productive. Develop a reward system that works best for you, but just make sure it's proportional (no, you don't deserve to watch an entire football game for writing one double-spaced page). But in all seriousness, sports games are

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NOT OVER YET | Ryan Dietrich and the Quakers currently hold third place in the Lou Gehrig Division, but could give the Big Red and the Tigers a fight to the end.

Cornell, Princeton pursue Ivy title with few series left

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BROWN
Brown (7-24, 4-8 Ivy) started last week off strong with two big wins but lost its last three games over the weekend. The Bears' good fortune began last Wednesday, when they hosted UConn (20-16), the second-best team in the Big East Conference. In a close game, Brown's offense put up an impressive 18-hit performance en route to an 8-7 victory over the Huskies. The win was sealed with a walk-off RBI single from co-captain Graham Tyler. Brown managed to carry some of this momentum to its weekend series against Dartmouth, winning Saturday's first game, 4-3. After their first win over the Big Green, the Bears' luck ran out, and they lost Saturday's nightcap, 9-5, and dropped both of Sunday's games. The Bears are back in action on Wednesday, hosting a doubleheader against Holy Cross before heading to Harvard this weekend.



CORNELL
The Big Red (24-8-1, 10-2 Ivy) remains at the top of the Ancient Eight after three weeks of competition. After hitting a speed bump last Wednesday against Binghamton, losing, 6-4, the Big Red rebounded during the weekend, beating the visiting Columbia team in the first three games of the series before losing the nightcap on Sunday, 5-1.

Game one of the first doubleheader was a low-scoring affair, as Cornell won, 2-1, in eight innings. Pitcher Connor Kaufmann threw the entire game, allowing only one Light Blue run before tying the game in the seventh to force the game into extra innings. Outfielder Brian Biligen scored the winning run for Cornell behind a sacrifice fly by infielder Ryan Plantier. The Big Red went on to win Saturday's nightcap, 3-0, before splitting Sunday's twin bill. Cornell's success did not carry over to Tuesday when it faced off against Sienna. The Saints swept the Big Red, 6-2 and 5-4. Cornell returns to action this weekend when it hosts Penn.

DARTMOUTH
Dartmouth (12-15, 7-5 Ivy) remains on top of the Red Rolfe Division, leading Harvard, Brown, and Yale with a 7-5 record. After putting Holy Cross away with a 4-2 win last Wednesday, the Big Green headed to Rhode Island to take on Brown. After losing Saturday's first game, the Big Green came back in the nightcap, winning, 9-5. Dartmouth's best performance of the week came on Sunday during a 12-1 rout of Brown. After scoring hits from Dustin Selzer, Chris O'Dowd, and David Turnbull, the Big Green found itself atop a 5-0 lead after the end of the first inning, a lead that it carried to the end of the game. Dartmouth went on to sweep Brown on Sunday after winning the nightcap, 9-5. The Big Green visits Hartford this Wednesday before taking on Yale next weekend.

HARVARD
After dropping Wednesday's game at Northeastern, 9-4, the Crimson split both Saturday and Sunday's doubleheaders at Yale. Harvard dropped game one on Saturday, 3-2, in eight innings, but came back in the nightcap and won, 7-6. On Sunday, Harvard came back from a three-run deficit in the opener, tying the game with a three-run sixth inning. With Andrew Ferreira's strong pitching, the Crimson was able to take the game on an unearned run in the eighth. Harvard went on to lose the nightcap, 5-3. This Wednesday, the Crimson plays Massachusetts before hosting Brown this weekend.

PENN
Penn (15-16, 6-6 Ivy) had a tough week last week, losing four of five. After dropping a home game against La Salle last Wednesday, the Quakers headed to New Jersey to face Princeton. A Saturday sweep by the home team left Penn with a 0-3 record for the week. Penn's one win came in Sunday's opener, during which ace Vince Vairo kept the game close early. Runs from outfielder Ryan Deitrich and catchers Derek Vigoa and Austin Bossart in the top of the sixth gave the Quakers a 4-0 lead. Although the Tigers fought back, eventually tying in the seventh, they never took the lead and Penn cruised to its first and only victory. The Quakers lost

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WL (IVY)	TEAM
1 24-9-1 (10-2)	CORNELL BIG RED The Big Red lost a doubleheader to Siena, but has fared well against Ivy competition, holding the best record in the League.
2 16-13 (9-3)	PRINCETON TIGERS The Tigers took three of four to set the Quakers back, and will soon have their chance to take down the Big Red.
3 12-15 (7-5)	DARTMOUTH BIG GREEN The Big Green leads the Red Rolfe Division, finally finding some consistency in its play, allowing Dartmouth to make a title run.
4 15-16 (6-6)	PENN QUAKERS Before the Tigers get to the Big Red, the Quakers will have their shot at catching Cornell in a critical four-game series this weekend.
5 14-19 (6-6)	COLUMBIA LIONS The Lions have a respectable record at .500, with upcoming chances to make a move up against Penn and Princeton.
6 8-25 (4-8)	HARVARD CRIMSON Inconsistency remains a problem for the Crimson, which continues to struggle against conference opponents.
7 7-24 (4-8)	BROWN BEARS The Bears' season has been characterized by streaks, and Brown is currently on a three-game losing streak with no shot at the Ivy title.
8 9-26-1 (2-10)	YALE BULLDOGS Yale finally notched their first Ivy win of what has been a disastrous season for the Bulldogs.

Lions face Manhattan Jaspers in Subway Series doubleheader

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After dropping three of four this past weekend, baseball (14-19, 6-6 Ivy) will try to get back on track with a nonconference doubleheader at Manhattan College (15-18) this afternoon.

It is another version of the famed "Subway Series," so named because Columbia's and Manhattan College's campuses are connected via the 1 train. Although the campuses are actually fairly far from each other—Manhattan's campus is located in the Riverdale neighborhood of the Bronx—Robertson Field and Manhattan College's friendly confines, Van Cortlandt Park, are separated by only four subway stops.

Subway rivalry aside, the Lions have struggled against the Jaspers in recent years, having gone 2-8 since 2007. The Light Blue has especially had a rough go of it playing the Jaspers on the road, with no wins in Riverdale since 2000.

This season has gone well so far for the Jaspers, who are 8-4 in the

COLUMBIA VS. MANHATTAN
Van Cortlandt Park, 1:30 p.m.

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, which is good for second place behind Canisius. What makes things more difficult for the Lions is Manhattan's outstanding play at home, where the Jaspers are 10-0.

At the plate, the Jaspers are led by two offensive powerhouses: outfielder Anthony Vega and catcher Ramon Ortega. In 34 games, Vega leads the team in hits (46), runs (26), total bases (68), and stolen bases (18), and is second in home runs (5) and RBIs (22). Vega typically hits at the top of the order, helping set the table for Ortega, the usual cleanup hitter. Ortega is second on the team in batting average (.307), but leads the team in home runs (5) and RBIs (32). One key to victory will be shutting those two down.

Given that it's a midweek, non-conference contest, it's doubtful the Lions will see Jasper ace John

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SURGING SENIOR | Jon Eisen has scored 28 runs for the Lions this season.