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JAMES DEAN | James Valentini, the chemistry department’s director of undergraduate studies, is the interim dean of Columbia College.

Clubs face budget crunch after F@CU disorder

BY SARAH NGU
Columbia Daily Spectator

Members of club governing boards are concerned that they were not given enough time to allocate their budgets this year after funding figures were released three months later than last year, a delay caused partially by disorganization within the allocations committee.

The Funding at Columbia University committee, regularly abbreviated as F@CU, is made up of outgoing and incoming student council members from all four undergraduate schools. They meet at the end of spring semester to evaluate budget request packets from Columbia’s governing boards. F@CU then issues budgets for each board from a collective pot of nearly a million dollars drawn from undergraduate student life fees.

In a letter to the governing boards, F@CU committee members said the delay was because a hike in student life fees would result in a 3 percent increase to their budget around late July. But Kevin Zhai, CC ’12, current vice president of funding for the Columbia College Student Council and a member of F@CU, said poor planning

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First-years make fast friends as Irene hits

BY KARLA JIMENEZ, EMMA STEIN, AND FINN VIGELAND
Columbia Daily Spectator

Hurricane Irene’s arrival just before the start of orientation wreaked havoc on first-years’ move-in schedules—but the storm also provided some unique experiences for the class of 2015 members who arrived before the rain.

“I think we actually bonded more over the fact that we were all evacuated together—it makes for a great memory,” Anne Steele, CC ’15 and a Columbia Outdoor Orientation Program participant, said. “The day of the hurricane we were all committed to staying up until the winds picked up, so a freshman friend and I came outside when the winds were blowing and the storm was at its peak.”

Since the hurricane hit the city during the planned beginning of the New Student Orientation Program, many events were rescheduled, and some, such as convocation, were cancelled. But Matt Levine, CC ’15, said he doesn’t feel first-years missed out.

“Hurricane Irene gave us more free roam of the campus and a little bit less structure. I think it helped us interact a little bit more freely,” Levine said. “It was less structured and I don’t think you always need icebreaker games—we went into the icebreakers actually knowing some people. It got our floor really close because we were moving in and there was nothing to do.”

Most first-years only dealt with moving back their flights

a couple days, but for COÖP students, it meant cutting short their trips and seeing the storm hit campus. COÖP was scheduled to be four days of biking, hiking or canoeing, but was cut short by at least a day for all of the programs.

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—Anne Steele, CC ’15

“It would have been nice to be out a little bit longer, but it was also nice to be back and bond with everyone here,” Nicole Lewis, SEAS ’15, said. “We got food and ate bagels and just kind of hung out.”

Justin Zhao, SEAS ’15, said that he felt that the rescheduling of NSOP events was disorganized, and that one mass email to first years with a final, revised new schedule would have helped. However, that lack of clarity helped the class form closer—if different—bonds, with everyone looking to each other for help and a good time.

Irene also pushed the hospitality of some first-years further than before. Alejandra Oliva,

CC ’15, said she was surprised by how welcoming some people were, such as the student who offered his basement to any classmates who moved in on the originally planned move-in day.

“It made me feel good about coming here if people were willing to open their doors to strangers,” Oliva said.

Off campus, the storm caused a scare on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning—but ultimately left minimal physical or economic damage in Morningside Heights.

Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue took on an eerie quality as nearly every store in Columbia’s vicinity shut down. Even Westside Market, known for being open 24 hours a day, shut its doors for about nine hours out of safety concerns for customers and staff members.

After Westside reopened Sunday, business was 10 to 15 percent lower than a normal day, store manager Nick Glenis said. “That was partially due to losing the hours in the morning but also because people stocked up so much in the days leading up to it,” he said.

Deluxe’s general manager Marius Bajdechi said that the restaurant lost “several thousand dollars” in business by closing for Sunday brunch, but overall losses for the week weren’t significant.

Many stores reopened earlier than they had planned after seeing that the weather was fairly calm by Sunday afternoon.

“As soon as we saw that the weather wasn’t as bad as it was

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Valentini takes helm as interim CC dean

BY SAMMY ROTH
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Chemistry professor James Valentini has been appointed Columbia College’s interim dean, University President Lee Bollinger announced on Friday.

Valentini is replacing philosophy professor Michele Moody-Adams, who resigned unexpectedly last month after two years leading the college. In an email to alumni, Moody-Adams said she felt compelled to resign because of impending structural changes to the University that would “ultimately compromise the College’s academic quality and financial health.”

Valentini said that although he doesn’t yet know what those changes are, he is committed to protecting the Core Curriculum and Columbia College’s commitment to need-blind financial aid, both of which he called central to the College’s identity. He added that he plans to work hard to raise funds specifically for the College.

“The dean’s responsibility is to ensure the best possible undergraduate education for students in Columbia College. That’s his or her job,” Valentini said. “How that’s done is going to be different in different times in the University’s history, but it’s the dean’s responsibility to make sure that he or she does that. That’s what I’m going to do.”

During his 20 years at Columbia, Valentini has served in the University Senate, on the Committee on Instruction, and on the Committee on the Core Curriculum, as well as on several faculty governance committees. He is currently the director of undergraduate studies in the chemistry department, a department he chaired from 2005 through 2008.

Valentini said he enjoys working with undergraduate chemistry students, but could not pass up the opportunity to lead the college when Bollinger offered it to him last week.

“It [changing jobs] wasn’t a trivial matter,” Valentini said. “But the president asked me to do this, and I think I can do a good job at it, and the University needs somebody to do this now. So I’m willing to do it.”

Bollinger told Spectator that he picked Valentini because of his wealth of experience at Columbia, and because he is a “very successful teacher and a very fine scholar” who is committed to the college and the Core Curriculum. He also cited Valentini’s science credentials.

“To have a scientist take this on is really important in this particular point in time, because there’s a lot of thought going into how to integrate science more into the Core Curriculum,” Bollinger said.

In a joint statement issued yesterday, the Columbia College Student Council and the Student Affairs Committee of the University Senate called on Valentini to fight to maintain

the college’s generous financial aid policies, to preserve the Core Curriculum’s small seminars, and to keep enrollment in the College at its current level.

Valentini said that he spent much of the weekend getting advice from students, professors, and administrators, and that it is still too early for him to make pronouncements about what he will and will not do as dean.

CCSC President Aki Terasaki, CC ’12, said that he would like Valentini to affirm his commitment to the college, perhaps via a video message. But he added that he is already confident that Valentini has Columbia College students’ best interests at heart.

“He teaches undergraduates,” Terasaki said. “That’s a big key right there.”

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—University President Lee Bollinger

Moody-Adams resigned in August in response to recommendations presented by the Policy and Planning Committee, a nine-member faculty advisory committee that reports to Executive Vice President for Arts and Sciences Nicholas Dirks. Moody-Adams implied that these changes would absorb academic and financial decision-making for the college into the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Bollinger declined to explain Moody-Adams’ reasons for resigning. He acknowledged that there are ongoing discussions about how best to structure the University, but said that no changes are imminent.

“There really aren’t any changes. It’s a process, that’s the way I describe it,” Bollinger said. “We are always trying to improve the organizational structure, as well as the content of what we do with our undergraduate program, and the college in particular.”

Bollinger called the college’s undergraduate experience “one of the great success stories of Columbia’s modern history” and said that proposed changes about the University’s structure will eventually be made public.

Valentini said Bollinger did not give him details on those proposed changes when they talked last week.

“The focus of the discussion was on what we can do. It wasn’t a retrospective analysis of what past issues were,” Valentini said. “And that seemed to me to be the right emphasis, is what are we going to do moving forward.”

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SPORTS, BACK PAGE

Men’s soccer wins both opening games

The Light Blue had its best start to the season since 2002 after defeating both Sacred Heart and Fairfield this weekend.



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Canon fodder

Po Linn Chia questions whether the Core can ever be Global.

Gym rats

Rather than force students to take Phys Ed, give us the freedom to choose.

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Spend the night out with fashion

This Thursday, Vogue’s third annual Fashion’s Night Out will offer students an opportunity to rub elbows with the industry’s elite and score some free swag.

EVENTS

Men’s Soccer vs. Saint Peter’s

Wind down after the first day of classes with the Columbia Lions.
Columbia Soccer Stadium, 7-9 p.m.

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Top 10 guide to Thursday’s city-wide bonanza, Fashion’s Night Out

PUTTING FASHION ON THE MAP

Be sure to take full advantage of Fashion’s Night Out and check out at least a few of the venues below.

1. Saks Fifth Avenue

- Tilda Swinton, 6 to 6:30 p.m.
- Ne-Yo, 8 p.m.

2. Henri Bendel

- Food and fashion accessories, 6 to 11 p.m.

3. Macy’s

- Tommy Hilfiger, 6 p.m.
- Kelly Rowland, Joss Stone, 7 p.m.

4. Bergdorf Goodman

- Mark Badgley, James Mischka, Joseph Altuzzara, Wes Gordon, Oscar de la Renta, Michael Kors, 7 p.m.

5. Alexander Wang

- Finalists of Wang’s online talent competition, 7:30 p.m.

6. Bloomingdale’s

- Rachel Zoe, 6:30 p.m.

7. Ace Hotel

- Miss Piggy to launch Muppets x Opening Ceremony collection

8. Fendi

- Possible visit from Karl Lagerfeld

9. Missoni

- Angela and Margherita Missoni, 6 p.m.

10. Helmut Lang

- Best Coast, 6 to 11 p.m.

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BY CLAIRE FU
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Vogue’s 3rd annual Fashion’s Night Out will sweep the city this Thursday, Sept. 8. Among the hundreds of events that fill the night’s roster, there are a few worth extra-special mention.

1. Saks Fifth Avenue (611 Fifth Ave., between 49th and 50th streets)
Androgynous fashion icon and Academy Award-winning actress Tilda Swinton will appear at Saks from 6 to 6:30 p.m., with two fellow Brits—Pringle of Scotland designer Alistair Carr and Central Saint Martins’ professor Louise Wilson. Visitors can also get “Closer” to Ne-Yo as he autographs hats from his new collection at 8 p.m.—and perhaps drops a few beats.

2. Henri Bendel (712 Fifth Ave., between 55th and 56th streets)
The Lower East Side’s weekly Hester Street Fair takes its fun indoors at Henri Bendel, where there will be offerings of everything from food to fashion accessories from 6 to 11 p.m. Get the first taste of the ever-popular Melt Bakery’s exclusive FNO-inspired ice cream sandwich.

3. Macy’s (151 W. 34th St., between Sixth and Seventh avenues)
After a meet-and-greet with designer Tommy Hilfiger at 6 p.m., dance the rest of the hour away as DJ Samantha Ronson spins tunes at the department store’s Gucci Guilty dance party. R&B star Kelly Rowland and British soul singer Joss Stone will perform later, from 7 to 8 p.m.

4. Bergdorf Goodman (754 Fifth Ave., at 58th Street)
Designers Mark Badgley and James Mischka of Badgley Mischka, Joseph Altuzarra, and Wes Gordon will runway-walk their four-legged best friends in a dog show judged by Marchesa’s Georgina Chapman and Keren Craig, Naeem Khan, Monique Lhuillier, and others. The show starts at 7 p.m. Fashionistas will be thrilled at the chance to meet Michael Kors and Oscar de la Renta.

5. Alexander Wang (386 Broadway #3, between White and Walker streets)
See the finalists of Alexander Wang’s online talent competition out-freak each other from 7:30

to 11 p.m. “Surprise guests” (aka Wang’s celebrity besties) will judge. The winner’s performance promises to be as eye-popping as the designer’s fall 2011 collection.

6. Bloomingdale’s (504 Broadway, between Broome and Spring streets)
Meet celebrity fashion stylist Rachel Zoe as she launches her new line at 6:30 p.m. Walk away with a temporary reminder of the night with henna tattoos inspired by the Indian Temple collection from Diane von Furstenberg Home, available until 9 p.m.

7. Ace Hotel (20 W. 29th St., between Fifth Avenue and Broadway)
At this year’s Argentine-themed carnival celebration for Opening Ceremony at the Ace Hotel, Miss Piggy will be on hand to launch the Muppets x Opening Ceremony collection and promote the upcoming film “The Muppets.” Strike a pose and snap a few pictures with the adorably fashionable Miss Piggy herself.

8. Fendi (677 Fifth Ave., between 53rd and 54th streets)
Aviator-wearing designer Karl Lagerfeld, the creative brain behind Fendi (and Chanel), paid a visit to the flagship store during last year’s FNO. Cross those fingers, Lager-fiends—this year Lagerfeld might stop by Fendi again to promote an exhibition featuring the fashion house’s artistic ad campaign for Fashion Week 2011, shot by the fashion king himself.

9. Missoni at Bryant Park (between 40th and 42nd streets and Fifth and Sixth avenues)
Don’t be fashionably late for this Bryant Park pop-up event, starting at 6 p.m. Early arrivers will get first dibs on Missoni’s buzzworthy collection for Target before it hits stores on Sept. 13. Mother-daughter duo Angela and Margherita Missoni will be available for pictures, decked in the label’s bold patterns and vibrant prints.

10. Helmut Lang (80 Greene St., at Spring Street)
Indie-music lovers rejoice—lo-fi band Best Coast brings sunny California surf pop to the East Coast from 6 to 11 p.m. Indulge in a killer cocktail from East Village speakeasy Death+Company while noshing on lobster rolls from Luke’s Lobster Truck.

Old decorations put to new use brighten dorm rooms and save money

BY GEETIKA RUDRA
Spectator Staff Writer

With the new semester in session, returning students have an array of activities on their minds, and this is one that applies pretty universally—decorating dorm rooms. When bedecking a room it is easy to fall back on decorations still lingering from first year, but these simple guidelines allow students to reuse old things in a way that will make them feel brand new.

Whether it is a poster of a favorite band, a soccer jersey from the latest World Cup winner, or a flag from a home country, wall hangings are the most obvious adornments for a dorm. Many students throw away ragged posters at the end of the term, but to save money and time, students can keep old wall hangings and frame them. The resulting look is more sophisticated and also leaves less wall damage than traditional tape. Frames do not have to be large or ornate and can be found all over the city at inexpensive prices, including at Bed Bath & Beyond (1932 Broadway, at 65th Street) or at flea markets on the weekend.

Quilts with interesting patterns can be used as fun decorations. Hang one against a clean white wall as a statement piece.

Cork boards and whiteboards are creative alternatives to picture frames. Mount posters on the front of them and add creative flair with ribbon or paint.

Because space is limited and furniture sparse, the focal point of any dorm room is the bed. Changing bed linens each year is expensive and unnecessary, though. Those who want to change the look of their comforter or quilt can use comforter covers, which come in endless colors and patterns. Comforter covers are inexpensive, easy to clean, and keep the actual comforters protected so they last longer. Adding new pillows from home can also completely change the look of a bed with little to no cost.

Those who do invest in new bedroom duds needn’t let old bed linens go to waste. Take unused sheets and convert them to curtains for a window. Simply cut the sheets to size and hang them on an appropriately sized rod, which can be found at most hardware or craft stores, including University Hardware (2905 Broadway, between 113th and 114th streets).

Quilts with interesting patterns can be used as fun decorations. If a quilt is not too large, hang it against a clean white wall as a statement piece for an easy but pleasing look. Quilts can also be used as rugs—just make sure to place the quilt over a non-skid pad so it doesn’t get kicked around.

Creating a livable workspace can be daunting, but redecorating a dorm room should not be a laborious exercise—just a little creativity and an eye for versatility can create an updated look.



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Music Department

Featured New and Elective Courses

FALL 2011

	V2030 Jewish Music in New York Call #: 55785, 3 pts., TW 4:10pm-5:25pm, 620 Dodge Instructor: Mark L. Kligman This course will look at musical life of Jews in three broad contexts: art music, popular music, and non-European traditions. This will include liturgical, para-liturgical, folk, pop, rock and the growing practices that synthesize styles and genres. From the mid 1600s until today Jews immigrated from Europe, South America, the Middle East and Asia to America. The music of Jews in New York is diverse, dynamic and eclectic. During the semester we will visit various venues and meet composers and performers and investigate the ongoing dialogue of preserving tradition and innovating new ideas to express and encounter Jewishness in NY today.
	W4435 Music and Performance in the African Postcolony Call #: 26652, 3 pts, MW 2:40pm-3:55pm, 620 Dodge Instructor: Gavin Steingo This course examines music and performance in various African contexts, focusing on the postcolonial period. We will explore the complex interactions between music, politics, nation, race, and mediation through case studies from Ghana, Nigeria, DRC, Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Namibia, and South Africa. In addition, we will ask what it means to speak about “African music,” and we will theorize the conditions of musical production in the context of postcolonialism.
	G4601 Musical Interactivity Call #: 86784, 3 pts, W 2:10pm-4:00pm, 803 Dodge Instructor: Jean-Baptiste Barrière The course explores programming techniques and concepts in computer music interactivity, or the creation of compositions that incorporate software that responds to live musical performance, environmental activity, and other real-world contingencies. The Max/MSP programming platform is used for MIDI, digital audio, and other interfacing techniques. Interactive works from the worlds of music, visual art, and performance are also presented. Basic knowledge of computer operation is required; basic knowledge of MIDI, Max/MSP, and/or digital audio is recommended.
	G6379 Music since 1900 Call #: 54530, 3 pts, R 11:10am-1:00pm, 620 Dodge Instructor: George Lewis Investigation and analysis of styles and techniques of music since 1900, carried out in part through individual projects. (Prior to Spring 2008, the course was titled 20th-Century Styles and Techniques.) Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor.
	G8360 Gender/Sexuality/Music: Theory, History and Criticism Call #: 95946, 3 pts, T 4:10pm-6:00pm, 701A Dodge Instructor: Ellie Hisama This interdisciplinary seminar focuses on current research in gender and sexuality studies in relation to music. We will examine and build upon previous efforts to theorize music using gender and sexuality as an analytical lens, considering a variety of music, including Western classical and new music, popular music, and jazz. The seminar will explore the following questions: How have feminist and queer studies affected the academic study of music, and what is at stake in the formation of innovative models and methodologies? How do these new modes of thinking and writing provide insights not available through more traditional styles and stances? Prerequisites: One graduate course in music and permission of the instructor.
	G8610 Miles Davis Call #: 27035, 3 pts, R 4:10pm-6:00pm, 701A Dodge Instructor: John Szwed Miles Davis is one of the five or six most important figures in the history of jazz. This course provides a survey of the life and music of Davis, examining the social history and musical traditions that shaped his work, and exploring his influence on music, performance, literature and other arts. Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor.

SUMMER BRIEFLY

PROVOST STEELE STEPS DOWN TO RETURN TO STANFORD

Provost Claude Steele left Columbia this summer to become the dean of Stanford University’s School of Education, and was replaced by interim provost John Coatsworth, the current SIPA dean.

Steele served for two years as the University’s chief academic officer after University President Lee Bollinger appointed him in 2009. He will rejoin two children and a set of grandchildren on the West Coast.

“I’m really sad about this. I think Claude did a really fine job and would have been great with more time at Columbia,” Bollinger said in an interview with Spectator. “We have to respect the fact that people’s lives, their friends and family, don’t always come together the way you expect.”

Steele was the first African American to fill this post, following Allan Nevins Professor of History Alan Brinkley, who served from 2003-2009.

As provost, Steele was responsible for faculty appointments, tenure recommendations, and overseeing the contentious issues of financial planning and budgeting.

—Leah Greenbaum



BOLLINGER SIGNS NROTC AGREEMENT WITH NAVY SECRETARY



University President Lee Bollinger signed an agreement with Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus atop the flight deck of the USS Iwo Jima on May 26, officially recognizing a Naval ROTC program on campus.

A small audience of military veterans, students, and uniformed naval officers observed the ceremony. The Reserve Officers’ Training Corps has not been recognized by Columbia since Vietnam War protests incited the suspension of the University’s NROTC program in 1969.

“This offers a new era of a great relationship between universities like ours and the armed forces,” Bollinger told Spectator. “We are rebuilding that relationship.”

Bollinger’s signature was the last step in the University’s recognition of ROTC following a campus-wide debate last spring. The University Senate voted overwhelmingly to support the program’s return after the military’s “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy was repealed by Congress in December.

Columbia’s NROTC program will allow midshipmen to earn Columbia credit for doing military training work at the State University of New York Maritime College in the Bronx.

—Shira Laucharoen

SPAR ELECTED TO GOLDMAN SACHS BOARD

Barnard President Debora Spar was elected to the board of directors of the Goldman Sachs Group, according to an email sent out by Barnard on June 16. Spar will join Lois D. Juliber, a director of DuPont, an American chemical company, as one of two female board members.

“Diverse approaches to leadership and decision making are critical in the current financial climate, and I’m excited to bring my experience to the table, as a woman, as an educator, and as a lifelong scholar of business and the global economy,” Spar said in a statement.

Spar has previously said that she believes women can approach the financial crisis differently from men. On Jan. 4, 2009, Spar published an op-ed in the Washington Post titled “One Gender’s Crash,” in which she attributed the financial crisis to poor leadership and risky behavior by “rich, white, middle-aged guys.”

Spar told Spectator that it’s important for women in the firm to see women on the board, adding that 24 hours after the announcement, she got “large numbers of emails from women at Goldman Sachs who’ve graduated from Barnard and Harvard Business School.”

Goldman Sachs chairman and CEO Lloyd C. Blankfein’s wife, Laura, is a Barnard College alumna and a member of the board of trustees. Bloomberg reported in June that she has resigned from that post.

—Madina Toure



CONGRESS APPROVES LEGISLATION TO GRANDFATHER IN VETS’ TUITION CHANGES

The U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed a bill that will afford some Columbia student veterans the tuition benefits they were promised when they enrolled.

The Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act was passed by the Senate in May and passed by the House on July 26 in a 424-0 vote.

Concerns arose in July over whether students who had enrolled last spring would be included in the amended legislation, which specified a cutoff enrollment date of Jan. 4, 2011 to retain all-inclusive tuition benefits. The U.S. Military Veterans of Columbia University have been lobbying for such a grandfather clause ever since “GI Bill 2.0” was passed in December, capping tuition benefits for veterans at \$17,500. This would have forced Columbia veterans, who had matriculated with the promise of full financial aid and stipends, to pay anywhere from \$5,000 to \$15,000 out of pocket.

That prompted the MilVets to organize a last-minute phone call and email campaign to cover students who had been accepted, but hadn’t started, by Jan. 4.

The MilVets said they are mostly satisfied with the outcome. According to House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs spokesperson Amy Mitchell, the Department of Veterans Affairs will interpret the legislation as such: As long as a veteran applied, was accepted, or was enrolled prior to Jan. 4, the old benefits will apply.

“It’s an all-inclusive bill now,” said Dan Lagana, GS and MilVets member.

—Arvin Ahmadi



FILE PHOTO

MILITARY PRIDE | Columbia’s MilVets celebrate the Marine Corps’ birthday in November.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER

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THE SECRETS TO SUCCESS FOR TWENTY-SOMETHINGS
6 PM

Event Oval, The Diana Center

09/13

JEWS FROM/IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION:
Migration, Demography and Identity
6 PM

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

09/14

POWER TALKS WITH CHARLAYNE HUNTER-GAULT
7 PM

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

09/21

FROM PAGE TO STAGE
7 PM

Glicker-Milstein Theatre, LL200
The Diana Center

09/23–09/24

ACTIVISM & THE ACADEMY:
Celebrating 40 Years of Feminist Scholarship and Action

Registration in Barnard Hall Lobby

09/25

VISIBLE:
The Inside Story
2 PM

Julius Held Auditorium, 304 Barnard Hall

09/26

THE ARGUMENT
4 PM

Minor Latham Playhouse, 118 Milbank Hall

09/27

TRANSLATING IRÈNE NÉMIROVSKY
7 PM

Event Oval, The Diana Center

09/29

PSYCHOANALYSIS & OUR TIME
7 PM

Julius Held Auditorium, 304 Barnard Hall

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Double trouble

When the class of 2015 descended on College Walk this past week, its members encountered the stream of gargantuan letters that decorate the façade of Butler Library. Carved permanently into the stone, the names of authors like Homer, Plato, and Vergil serve as enduring reminders of Columbia's rigid, uniform education through which incoming students study the same slate of authors and texts year after year. Quite simply, the Core Curriculum maintains a mas-terful balance of having a "standard" education that all students in the college can share while abstaining from the evils of standardized testing that often hamper the secondary school experience. However, this quality isn't concordant across campus. Columbia's Double Discovery Center (DDC), the of- fice in charge of educational outreach in the local New York City school system, often finds itself at odds with the University's identity as the cradle of contemporary civilization. Instead of embracing the school's under- graduate emphasis on "the person behind the score," the DDC pushes students into the system without re- gard to their actual education.

Beginning in 1965, the DDC set out on a mission to share the rich educational tradition of the University with first-generation and limited-income college- bound students in Harlem and other local communi- ties. The Center recruits heavily each year from the Columbia student body, generally training around 200 members to work through its various outreach initiatives. Today, the DDC provides test prepara- tion, counseling, and tutoring services annually to more than 1,000 students, grades seven through 12. Unfortunately, these efforts are often for naught. When volunteers go into middle and high schools, they intend to help students in problem areas and develop a college preparation plan. However, with pressure from teachers and administrators who re- quire lofty test scores for their own evaluation, the emphasis is automatically shifted to test preparation. For seventh and eighth graders, practicing skills for the Specialized High School Admissions Tests is the driving focus of biweekly after-school tutoring. For students in secondary school, the program is predomi- nantly based on preparation for the Regents exams, the PSAT, and the SAT. The DDC's less-accessible sum- mer session presents a marked improvement over the after-school program, allowing high school students to take two academic classes, but SAT preparation is still a linchpin of the summer program. Yes, test scores are often an important part of the college admissions process. However, the overwhelming concentration on preparation is a failure of the current system, not something Columbia should be promoting. This ap- proach ultimately does students a disservice when they are placed in a college setting since they only know how to "game" a test. Even Columbia's Office of Undergraduate Admissions, which this past year turned down more students than ever before, has de- valued standardized test scores in its admissions deci- sions. Taking a more holistic approach to applications, Undergraduate Admissions is now evaluating students within their context and placing the strength of their ideas over the strength of raw numbers.

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While the DDC claims to have incredible empirical success in getting students to college and helping them stay there—the program touts a college enrollment rate of 98 percent and an undergraduate graduation rate of 66 percent—there are several fundamental flaws with the way these statistics are used to provide support for the center's progress. First, the Double Discovery Center is a self-selective program, requiring an applica- tion complete with an academic transcript and parent or guardian's financial information. The application it- self notes that students must be "interested in applying to or re-entering college or a GED program." Since the students who ultimately become a part of the program already express a clear interest in higher education, it should come as no surprise that DDC's statistics exceed the national average of 66 percent undergraduate en- rollment and 58 percent college graduation. The pro- gram attempts to funnel more students into college and claims success in doing so, yet it completely ignores a large cohort of students who haven't considered college as a viable option. Furthermore, these numbers unveil another flaw in the Double Discovery Center's endeavors: While the college enrollment rate among DDC alumni is 32 percent higher than the national average for all US high school students, the gap for the gradu- ation rate is much smaller, standing at only 8 percent. This could stem from the center's focus on meeting benchmark criteria and getting kids into the system by any means necessary while leaving them unprepared for the rigor of a college curriculum.

This is not to say that Columbia students shouldn't be actively engaged in New York City schools. Programs like America Reads, Artists Reaching Out, and Youth for Debate make a prodigious impact on the community by linking undergraduates with inner-city students. However, such initiatives fall short of the all-encompassing approach that the Double Discovery Center takes to intellectual exploration. Columbia needs a program like the DDC, but only if it represents Columbia's own educational values. If the DDC wants to remain a centerpiece in the push to ameliorate the problems of urban education, it will need to shift its focus. Let's be honest—"teach-to-the-test" tutoring isn't going to promote a love of learning. The DDC instead needs to prepare students to succeed in a true academic setting—one that asks insoluble questions, leaves room for open-ended answers, and actually fos- ters critical thinking.

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Phys Ed's good intentions fall short

BY FRANCESCO DI COSMO

This summer, after a first year that was in large part defined by a complete lack of physical activity, I decided to take up a light running regimen. I was pleased to find myself capable of sustaining the routine throughout the entire summer, and upon returning to Columbia I eagerly looked up physical education options in an attempt to build on my summer efforts. What I found struck me as curi- ous. Columbia College rightly seems to acknowledge the importance of physical well-being in an academic envi- ronment—it is widely accepted throughout the American collegiate system that a good physical condition stimulates intellectual growth. However, the way Columbia has gone about trying to promote good health in the student body is largely ineffective.

Columbia College students are required to take two courses of physical education and pass a swim test in order to graduate. The college's student affairs website includes a brief justification of the physical education requirements, explaining that they are enforced "to emphasize the impor- tance of intellectual and physical balance." This is without a doubt a noble ambition. Unfortunately, the fact of the matter is that including PE as a mandatory part of the cur- riculum is an inefficient way of keeping all of us active, especially in the long term.

I am certain that many Columbia College students have had fun and productive experiences in PE classes, and of course the classes should continue to be available as elec- tive courses. PE classes do have great value to members of the community with a real desire to take part in the activity. Yet, forcing an uninterested undergraduate to play a casual sport twice a week will likely have little impact on his or her fitness. Physical activity is not useful unless it is taken somewhat seriously, and it is easy enough to coast through a well-chosen PE course without breaking a sweat. Anyone who takes such a class purely to fulfill a requirement is

simply wasting time. Furthermore, the student is taking away someone else's chance to have a much more fruitful experience.

Ultimately, an individual's initiative to exercise and stay active must be self-generated for it to have any sort of meaningful effect, or else he or she will eventually revert to an inactive lifestyle. Since PE has so much more of an effect on interested participants than on reluctant ones, it seems counterproductive for it to be a mandatory compo- nent of the Core.

Even if the college could somehow force every one of us to make a serious, long-term commitment to physical activity through the PE requirement, it would still be in- appropriate for it to do so. One of the many liberties that college bestows upon us is the freedom to make our own choices. We are all perfectly aware of the consequences of a lack of physical activity, just as we are all aware of the consequences of not doing the required reading for a class, or of skipping a lecture.

Columbia does not monitor how students manage their time outside of class, and no one will force a pro- crastinating student to get back to work. It is this free- dom that allows us to learn the benefits of responsi- ble decisions and the disadvantages of poor ones. The same should apply to physical education—we are all old enough to decide how much effort we want to put into our own physical health for ourselves. Columbia should not attempt to play the role of surrogate guardian, and its goal should not be to shake all of its students into a semi-active state through mandatory physical education classes. Rather, it should aim to provide the entire com- munity with ample optional opportunities to exercise while respecting the wishes of those who would prefer to spend their time otherwise.

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What's in a canon?

Starting this year, the Literature Humanities section of the Core Curriculum changes again, adding Goethe's Faust but dropping three works—Hymn to Demeter, the Epic of Gilgamesh, and The Decameron—to reveal a new, leaner bookshelf for the class of 2015. The cut in itself is not unusual—the Lit Hum syllabus has evolved plenty in its time, with many texts on the list of revisions having come and gone long before our cur- rent batch of Columbia students ever set foot on campus. And, while the change may invite some small uproar from seniors who had to read, Sparknote, or feign ignorance about the few hundred pages that are now no longer required reading, the new 2011 syllabus is less likely to incur an outcry of "If we had to do it, so do you!" than it is to bring up the old question of what makes the Core the Core. First-years will not have to be on campus for very long before they are presented with a laundry list of com- plaints from aggrieved seniors: Lit Hum, especially, is often criticized of being composed almost entirely of dead, white men.

The Core Text Comparative Chart 2010-2011 could be said to pigeonhole Literature Humanities read- ings into a straight-line chronology of the Western world, giving Ancient Near Eastern Texts and Archaic Greek Poetry a small fighting chance before plung- ing forward from Hellenistic Greek and Hebrew Texts to Latin Literature Under Rome, and then on through the Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, and Romantic periods, and so on until we burst out into the brave, new, modern world. For a school that likes to lay claim to a diverse, international student body, Lit Hum can seem like a bald-faced rejection of the fact that the world exists beyond the amorphous geographic region we call the "West."

Less well-known than Lit Hum is its Eastern coun- terpart, though perhaps "counterparts" may be a better word for the colloquia that exist in the borderlands of the Global Core requirement. There is, for one, the AHUM V3999 and V3400 sequence, which furnishes students with a historical Middle Eastern, Indian, Chinese, and Japanese reading list as (or more) for- midable as Lit Hum's. Professor William Theodore de



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Bary, who was behind the original conception of Asian Humanities at Columbia, continues to teach these classes as a testament to his belief in the importance of regional voices besides those presented in Lit Hum and Contemporary Civilization.

How feasible, though, is the creation of a Core that distills and teaches everything? As any Columbia student who took first-year Core classes knows, the chances of getting through just Lit Hum alone with- out "accidentally" forgetting to read a few chapters or double-checking Wikipedia "just to be sure" are statis- tically improbable. Everyone's human. Even the mighty get myopia. Dual-wielding Lit Hum or CC with Asian Humanities, as your columnist tried to do on more than one occasion, is an almost sure-fire way to land yourself in a padded white cell. So how are Columbia students supposed to get a well-rounded view of the world—the whole world—when we can't seem to pin down an in- clusive but manageable set of core texts?

The overall problem isn't, as I see it, that one canon, Eastern or Western or anything-ern, is more important than the other and should therefore receive a position in our schedules that bears more gravitas. The diffi- culty is in trying to define any canon—and, by exten- sion, any Core—at all. The uncomfortable truth is that the world is wider than we could ever imagine it to be: Just walk down the corridor and knock on a neighbor's door. Chances are that the person who answers will have a view of race, gender, sexuality, politics, history, ethics, etc., that is staggeringly different from yours for reasons that are deep and profound. Studying where "we," as a collective whole, came from is a global proj- ect that requires the detailing of endless influences. Yet the Core tries to do just that: to understand, and to find ways of reaching that understanding. As the Bulletin says, "the pursuit of better questions is every bit as important as the pursuit of better answers." Neither Lit Hum nor CC are, at the end of the day, best-guess answers to the conundrum of what a good liberal arts reading list should look like. Their value lies in the question (often screamed at our books, but more impor- tantly at each other): "Why are we doing this?!" Why do we read what we do, and should we read beyond it, and why don't we read beyond it? And, on the other side, other canons are waiting: other cores, sans the capital "C"; other shores.

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Budgets arrive late for governing boards

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created the delay.

“It was because of a lack of procedure. The committee spent a lot of time dawdling and pushing the work around because there was no mechanism by which decisions could be made, and because no one stepped up to make those decisions, ourselves included,” Zhai said.

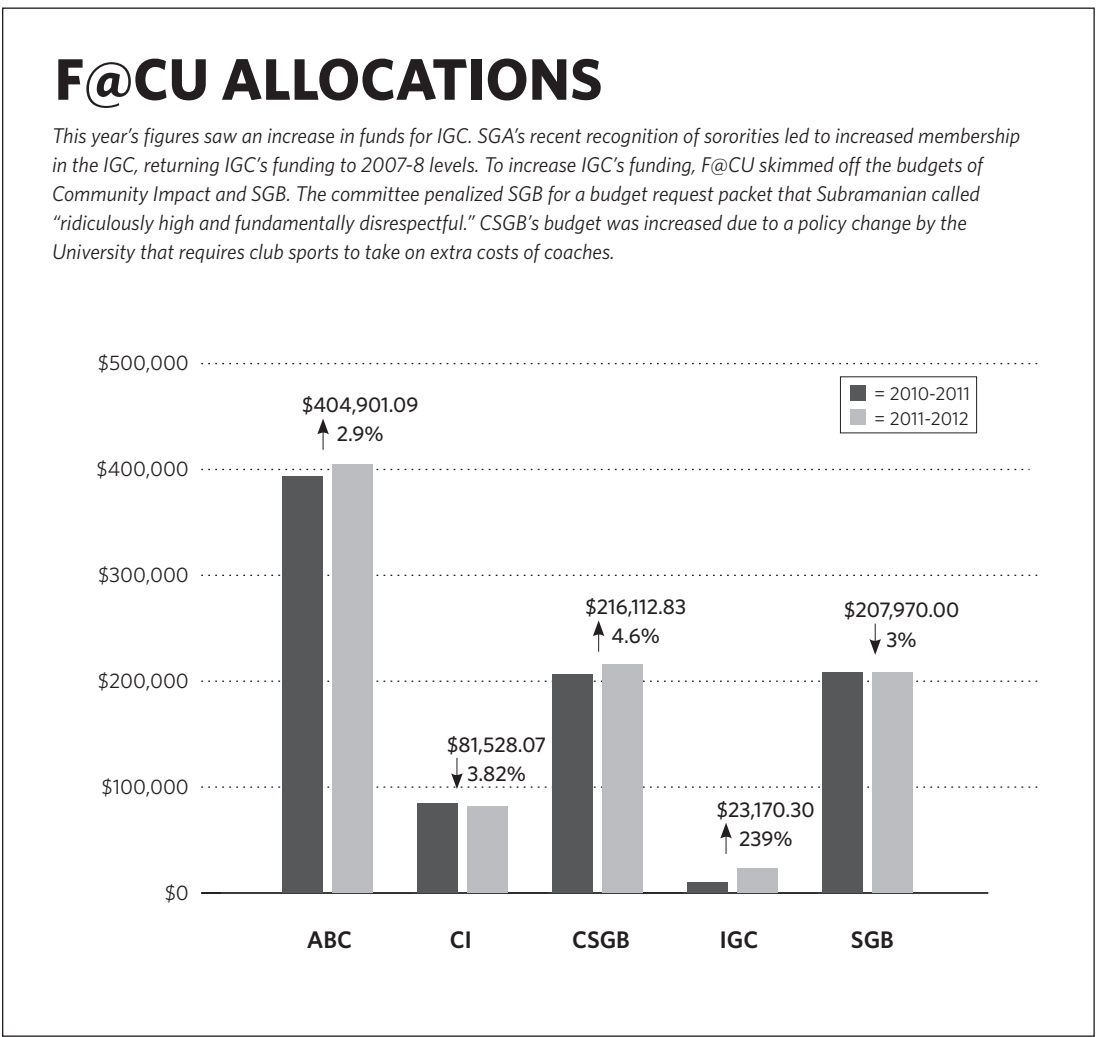
Zhai and Aki Terasaki, CC ’12 and CCSC president, said they had no comment when they were asked why the F@CU procedures broke down this year in a way they hadn’t in the past.

Zhai acknowledged that outgoing members did inform everyone of the precedent that incoming members step up to take initiative with guidance from outgoing members, but he insisted that such a precedent was still “incredibly vague” and that he wanted formalized rules of procedure.

Narayan Subramanian, SEAS ’13 and outgoing vice president of intergroup, said that some procedural rules would have been useful, but he said that “there is more than enough precedent as to how F@CU operates—which the outgoing members vouched and advocated for. This was simply intransigence on Aki’s and Kevin’s part, and more than intransigence, it is sheer disrespect.”

The later allocations are announced, the less time governing boards have to determine budgets for their constituent student groups, and then the less time those groups have to finalize their programming. By the time August rolled around and letters announcing F@CU’s allocations were still not out, Terasaki said he had received multiple emails, calls, and texts from heads of governing boards asking for the numbers.

Barry Weinberg, CC ’12 and the chair of the Student Governing Board, which oversees political, religious and humanitarian groups, said he had heard the figures were being delayed because F@CU members planned to redo allocations after receiving additional funds in July. He said that the additional money, brought in from a hike to student life fees, never wound up going to his board, and that F@CU maintained preliminary figures for the governing boards



that were determined in May.

“The fact that we got this news in mid-to-late August was not very helpful,” Weinberg said.

Traditionally, allocation letters are collectively edited and voted on by all members of the F@CU committee. Under pressure to release the figures, Zhai sent out letters to governing board heads before they had been edited and with only four out of 16 votes in. Zhai said that he thought at the time that editing would only have altered the wording and not the numbers—especially important, he said, as governing boards wanted the numbers as soon as possible.

The process by which letters are edited and voted upon reflects the working relationships of the councils. The F@CU process is the first major collaborative process between the councils of all four schools. The past few years have seen an increase in collaboration between the councils, culminating in last year’s Joint Co-Sponsorship Committee.

“This year’s F@CU was the

exact opposite from last year. Last year it was much more organized, but that was largely because the incoming treasurers, we took a lot of initiative. ... We worked phenomenally well together, and that collaborative process I’m very worried about this year,” Subramanian said.

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—Barry Weinberg, CC ’12, chair of the Student Governing Board

This year’s figures saw an increase in funds for the Inter-Greek Council. The SGA’s recent recognition of sororities led to increased membership in the IGC, returning IGC’s funding to 2007-8 levels. To

increase IGC’s funding, F@CU skimmed off the budgets of Community Impact, an umbrella for local community service groups, and SGB.

F@CU’s letter to SGB was noticeably sharp, warning them that it “will see a larger decrease if we don’t see more realistic numbers next year,” referring to the \$317,936.49 requested by SGB this year, a 35% increase from last year’s budget. The request was “ridiculously high and fundamentally disrespectful to the F@CU committee,” according to Subramanian, and the committee penalized SGB for that.

The Club Sports Governing Board’s budget was increased due to a policy change by the University that requires club sports to take on extra costs of coaches.

Weinberg said the budget SGB submitted was exactly what a budget request should have been.

“We were giving you our stated needs and you’re supposed to tell us what you can give us,” he said.

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Bollinger stays mum on Moody-Adams’ concerns

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He added that while he is not “fearful” about the changes Moody-Adams mentioned, he plans to talk to Moody-Adams to find out what they are.

“The [former] dean resigned and expressed concern about this, so it’s a concern of mine,” he said.

Valentini is married to Italian professor and Policy and Planning Committee member Teodolinda Barolini, who chaired the PPC last year, which he acknowledged had created speculation that he might put the interests of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences above those of the college. But he said that this will not be the case, and that he sees no conflict between the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and Columbia College.

Literature Humanities chair Christia Mercer, who has sat on the Committee on the Core Curriculum with Valentini, praised the college’s interim dean as “a super smart guy with great integrity.”

Elizabeth Kipp-Giusti, CC ’12, took a small class on energy conservation with Valentini last year. She described him as “a really genuine educator” who is very enthusiastic about teaching, saying that like Moody-Adams, he will defend students’ best interests. But she also called him quirky, charming, and “a little

bit awkward,” qualities that she thinks differentiate him from his predecessor.

“I think that Moody-Adams is a much more statuesque administrator, or academic, that she kind of presents this very composed image,” Kipp-Giusti said. “And Valentini is a little bit more of a zany professor.”

Bollinger told Spectator said he will soon put together a search committee to find the college’s permanent dean, noting that Dirks will be very involved in the search process.

Valentini said that his experience working with students in the chemistry department over the past six years is the best preparation he has had for becoming dean. He capped enrollment for chemistry recitation sections at 22—some sections previously had as many as 40 previously—and raised money from alumni for a program that funds summer research for science students, among other projects.

“I had an opportunity to make a lot of improvements in the chemistry program by dealing with students and finding out what the issues are, what the situations were,” he said. “And that’s been a lot of fun, and I think it would be interesting to be able to do that on a larger scale.”

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FIELD HOCKEY

Lions drop first game to Drexel, defeat La Salle on Sunday to split opening contests

The Columbia field hockey team had a slow start to the 2011 season, but redeeming itself with a noteworthy 4-2 victory over La Salle last Sunday after a loss against Drexel in Philadelphia, Pa.

On Friday, although the Lions fought hard against Drexel for 70 minutes, the Dragons proved themselves to be a strong team, thwarting Columbia's aggressive attack. During the first half, the Light Blue evened out the game 1-1 at 10:06, just 27 seconds after Drexel made its first goal. However, Drexel broke the tide by scoring four more goals in the second half while holding the Lions to only two additional tallies.

Columbia came back strong two days later at the game against La Salle, dominating the field with a solid 4-2 win. While junior goalkeeper Christie O'Hara kept a firm defense line, outstanding performances from seniors

Carson Christus and Leti Freaney led the team to victory. Columbia led at the half, 2-1, thanks to two scores from junior forward Gabby Kozlowski. During the second half, the Lions continued to attack against the Explorers, tacking on two more goals.

"At this point, we are really trying to evaluate ourselves. In order to be successful, we have to play as a team whatever we do and work on our transition between defense and attack," said coach Marybeth Freeman. "Our objective is to be the best in the [Ivy] League and qualify for NCAA. We have the athletes and the talent. I really believe that we have no limits to set as our goal."

Given a full week of rest and practice, the Columbia field hockey team will face off against Monmouth in West Long Branch, N.J., on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 1 p.m.

—Mia Park



FILE PHOTO

STARTING STRONG | Junior forward Gabby Kozlowski recorded two tallies in the Lions' win this past Sunday.

VOLLEYBALL

Light Blue comes back from first-day loss in San Francisco tournament to win two matches over Memphis, Providence

The 2011 campaign began for the Columbia volleyball team with this weekend's University of San Francisco Tournament in San Francisco, Calif. After a tough loss in the first match against the host San Francisco, the Light Blue was able to rebound against Memphis and Providence on Saturday, improving to a 2-1 record on the season.

San Francisco's Friday victory over the Lions was fueled by freshman outside hitter Vendula Strakova as she made her first appearance for the Dons. After opening the match with six kills in seven swings, Strakova eventually totaled 13 kills, hitting a .480 with only one attacking error as she led San Francisco to a 3-0 victory over the Lions on Friday. After falling 25-12 twice in the first games of the day, the Lions finally put up a fight against Strakova and the Dons in game three. After a San Francisco error gave the Light Blue a 1-0 lead, kills from senior Monique Roberts, sophomore Madeline Rumer, and

junior Megan Gaughn left the Light Blue with a 10-5 lead at one point in the game. However, back-to-back attack errors gave the Dons the chance they needed to catch up and eventually pull ahead. Although the Lions kept the rest of the game close, they would go on to lose game three, 25-23.

Despite Friday's performances, the Light Blue was able to turn things around on Saturday against Memphis and Providence. After an initial 3-0 lead by Memphis in the first set, a kill by senior Monique Roberts, as well as another kill and a solo block from senior Cindy Chen tied the game up. Kills from Chen and sophomore Christina Campbell gave the Lions a 5-4 lead, their first of the game. Columbia kept pace with Memphis for the rest of the match, eventually defeating the Tigers in the first set 30-28.

Although Memphis would go on to take the next set and tie the match 1-1, the Light Blue recorded victories in both the third and fourth sets to take

the match, 3-1.

With the victory over Memphis, Columbia improved to 1-1, with one last match against Providence left in the tournament. Junior Megan Gaughn led the Lions early in the first set with back-to-back kills, putting the Light Blue ahead 2-1 against the Friars. A service ace from sophomore Savannah Fletcher and an ace from Chen widened the lead to 10-4. Following a kill from junior Heather Braunagel, the Lions eventually went ahead 18-4. With the lead clinched, the Lions would go on to win the set by a dominant score of 25-7. With 25-20 and 25-19 in victories in the second and third games, respectively, the Lions eventually defeated the Friars 3-0 and went ahead 2-1 on the season.

The Lions' next action comes this weekend as the team travels to Kingston, R.I. for the University of Rhode Island Tournament where the team will face Rhode Island, Wisconsin, and Boston College.

—Robert Wren Gordon



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IN THE CLUTCH | The Lions hadn't won a game in overtime since 2008 before Will Stamatis notched a goal a minute into the additional period for Sunday's win.

Light Blue men's soccer hopes to continue its success against St. Peter's

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because we've not been there in a long time," he said. "And so the group of guys, we're not playing as individuals, we all love each other and you saw it on the field. And I love it here; this is why I'm here. I feel comfortable here because these guys are like my family now. They love me, I love them, and when we play you can see it—it's exciting. You saw when we scored, everybody just goes crazy. I love it."

Head coach Anderson was pleased with the team in the first half.

"I think you saw in the first half, that we actually had a good first half—a good performance," he said. "I think the heat certainly played a role—you saw the second half was really difficult for both teams but I thought that we made one mental mistake in the back and that's really the first mental mistake we've made in 180 minutes. One hundred and eighty minutes—we've given up two shots. So I think we're starting to piece some things together."

Anderson also emphasized the importance of individual strengths and praised the contributions of Abraham and Akpandak off the bench.

"The final goal is just a testament of individual abilities, and that's what we

talked about: going into overtime, guys accenting their abilities," he said. "The things you're good at, just continue to do—don't worry about anything else. And when you look at him, Michael Abraham, you can see he's a young player—he's fantastic on the ball, and Ifiok comes in at right-back and he has tremendous speed, and Will Stamatis is known for scoring goals inside the 18-yard box, and so it was a culmination of a lot of good things. We're happy, obviously, to get a win, but no disrespect to anybody, we didn't come here to play one team and win one game. We came here for a much bigger thing this season and we're just going to go one day at a time and keep putting the pieces together."

The Lions' next game is against Saint Peter's (0-2), who so far has yet to score a goal this season. The Peacocks fell 1-0 to Monmouth in their season opener, before being defeated 2-0 by Sacred Heart. Columbia will look to settle a score, as the corresponding fixture last season saw the Peacocks edge the Lions 2-0, thanks to goals by now-senior Harry Newman and Mauricio Jimenez, who has since graduated.

The Light Blue will attempt to make it three wins in a row today, Sept. 6, at Columbia Soccer Stadium at 7 p.m.



FILE PHOTO

ONGOING SUCCESS | Senior forward Ashlin Yahr continued to add accolades to her Columbia career this weekend.

Ryan, Yahr named to all-tournament soccer team

WOMEN'S SOCCER from back page

On Sunday afternoon, Columbia fell 1-0 to St. John's. The only goal of the game came from a St. John's penalty kick by midfielder Anna Torregiano in the 50th minute.

The Lions outshot the Red Storm in the match 9-5, but were not able to convert any of their opportunities.

The two teams appeared to be dead even for the duration of the first half, as both were tied at zero with few chances

to score. Columbia had five corner kicks and outshot the tournament's hosts 5-3 in the first 45 minutes, but St. John's senior goalkeeper Kristin Russell denied the Lions from finding the back of the net. Light Blue sophomore forward/midfielder Coleen Rizzo and senior co-captain and forward Ashlin Yahr both got themselves into good position to put the Lions ahead early on, but Russell continued to solidly tend the goal.

Soon after the second half commenced, Rizzo tried for a third time to push the Lions into the lead, but her shot went high

and gave the Red Storm a chance to respond. St. John's then went on the attack, eventually forcing Columbia's defense to commit a foul inside the box and concede a penalty shot goal.

The weekend was not all bad for the Light Blue, as Yahr and sophomore defender Chelsea Ryan were named to the all-tournament team following the match.

The Lions return to action on Friday, Sept. 9, when they head to the west coast for a matchup at San Diego State.

Light Blue athletics looking up in the upcoming academic year

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of their most recent campaign.

Finally, for those curious (and annoyed that "football" hasn't been featured in this fall column), the size of the senior class for Columbia Football is roughly the same as last season, with 24 on the current roster, compared to 26 recent graduates—but expect telling contributions from several of those 24.

I'm not saying that every Columbia

team will be fantastic this year; all I'm saying is that there are a very large number of athletes that belong to the Class of 2012, and while all of them will be dressed in Light Blue robes come May, I expect at least a few to be wearing some fancy rings as well.

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Freshmen bond through storm

IRENE from front page

supposed to be and that a lot of people were coming out, we opened for them,” Nussbaum & Wu’s general manager Sharon Bain said.

For many businesses, Irene’s real impact was in bringing the neighborhood together.

Bajdechi said that at Deluxe, “Sunday was insanely busy. The line was out the door before the kitchen even opened.”

At Il Cibreo, the staff began setting up shop again at around 1 p.m. Sunday, even though the restaurant wasn’t planning to open again until dinnertime.

“But as we took the chairs off the tables, people just came in and sat down and we offered them coffee,” general manager John Lenahan said. “There was a great camaraderie. People were just happy to get out of their homes”

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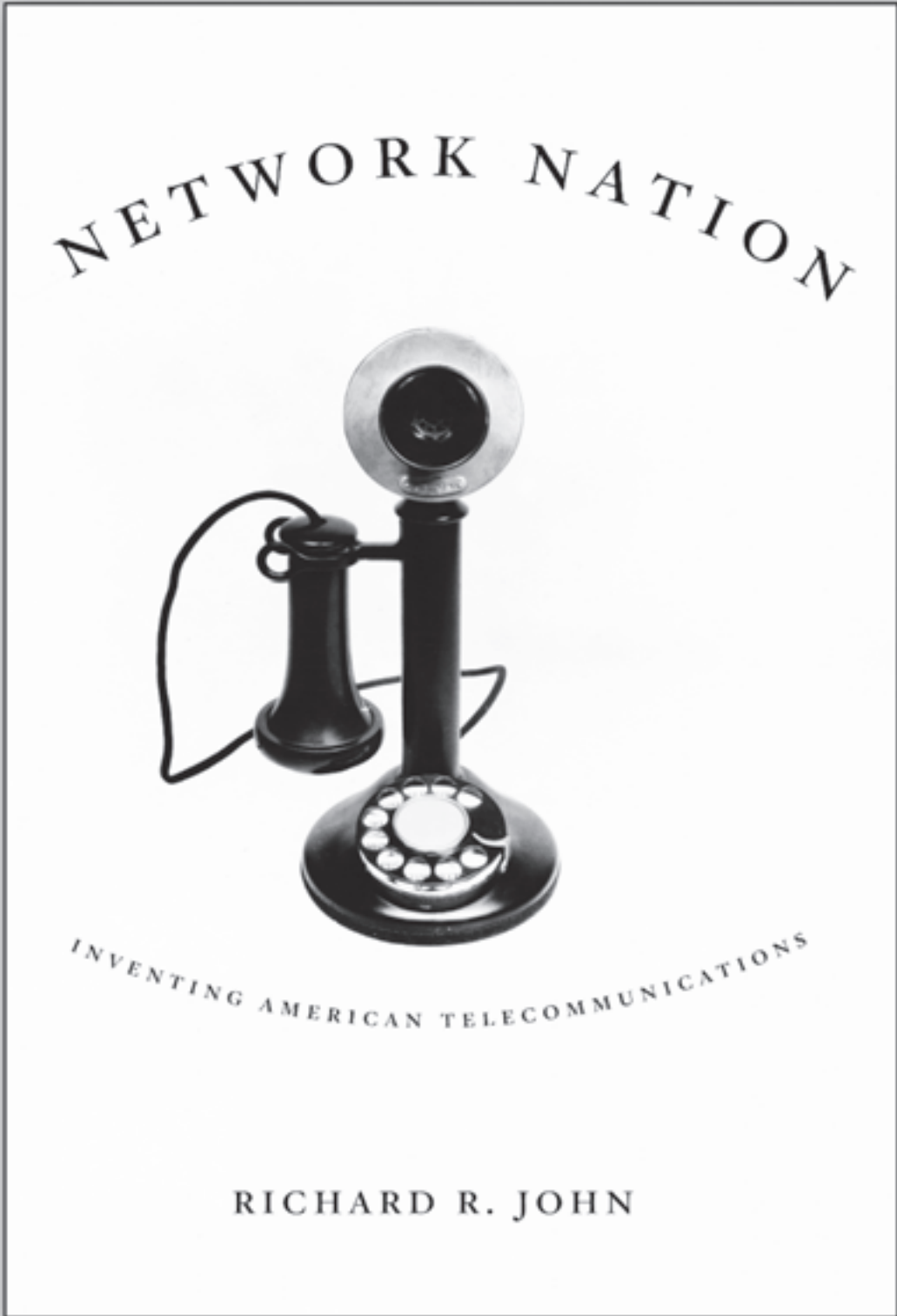
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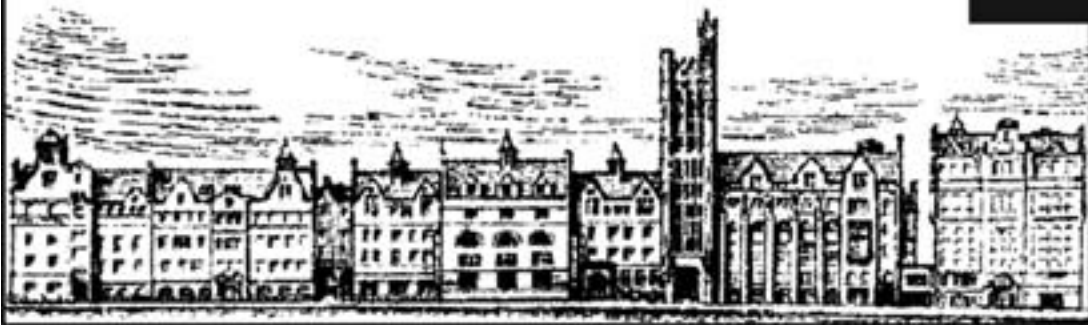
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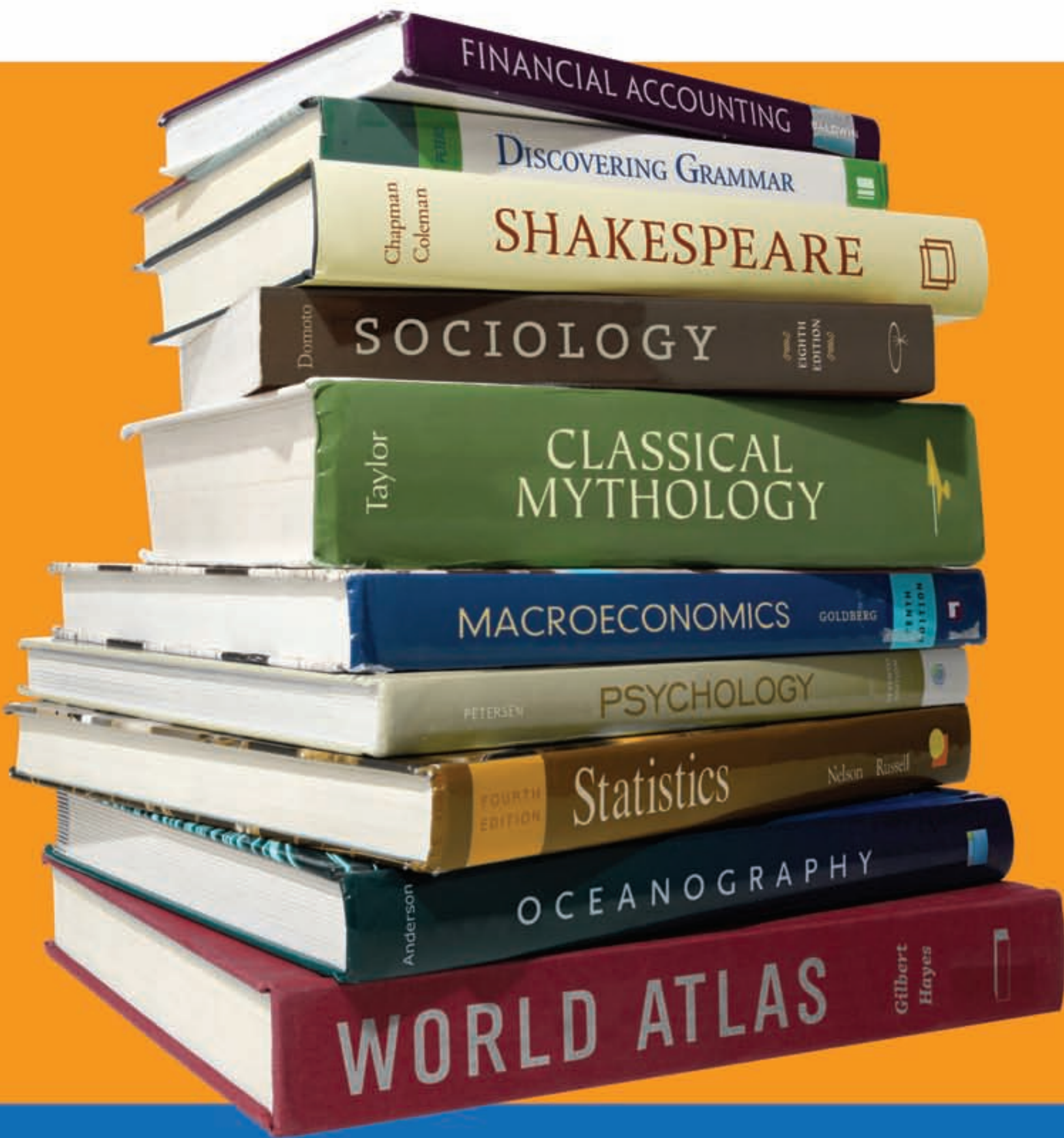
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Lions are older, wiser in a new year for athletics

Welcome back! To those of you unaware, so far 2011 hasn't been the best for Columbia Athletics, and we're still waiting for the first Ivy Championship to be added to the trophy cabinet this calendar year. However, in the spirit of optimism, I'm going to be bold and say that the 2011-12 academic year could be one of the best for some Lions teams in recent years for one reason: the athletes are older and wiser.

I'm sure some of you are calling my claim ridiculous, since everybody is older by only a summer, but what I mean is that this upcoming campaign sees several rosters better-stocked with members of the senior class than they were by their predecessors. Some of you may not think that makes a difference, as a fantastic freshman is better than a mediocre senior (I'd be mad to disagree with that), but I think there are certain intangibles that come with having an older group of athletes around.

Let me begin with the team that I know best: the men's soccer team. Last season it achieved a 6-8-3 record (2-3-2 in the Ivies) in what was the team's best season since 2003. The team included three seniors: defender Hayden Johns, striker Bayo Adafin, and co-captain midfielder Peppe Carotenuto. The influence and impact of the trio off the pitch was said to be as important as their contributions on it. In an interview last year, now-senior captain Mike Mazzullo mentioned to me that the seniors added tremendous experience and balance to the side by playing in every area of the field—and off it. Be it helping their newest teammates settle into college life, or setting an example while training, their extra college soccer experience gave them a certain sense of maturity that can only be developed with time. There is no doubt that the two freshmen that stole the headlines last season, David Najem and Henning Sauerbier (the Ivy League Rookie of the Year), are extremely talented footballers—but the support provided by the senior class would certainly have helped them adjust to life at Columbia.

The 2011-12 academic year could be one of the best for some Lions teams.

So, those three seniors had a commendable impact. It should be noted that last season's champions, Princeton, had 10 seniors on its roster in 2010 (they have seven in 2011). This season, the Lions have eight elderly statesmen—the largest senior class for the team in my time here—of which I would expect six or seven to be starters (two of the eight are goalkeepers so all eight starting is impossible unless one of them is secretly working on outfield skills). Of the eight, six saw considerable playing time last year, while one missed the season with injury, and that wealth of experience will prove invaluable. In a competitive conference, understanding the level of play, having the experience to hold on to a lead, and knowing when to push forward without being exposed to a counter-attack are small things that could make a big difference. The younger members of the team will certainly have a role to play—but the wealth of wisdom that the older crop brings will be vital in laying the foundations for success. The effect I discuss can already be seen, as the team has won both its games this season (with seven seniors starting the first, and six in the second!).

That argument can be extended to several sports. Noruwa Agho, the Lions' star guard, led the team last year (with help from now-junior Brian Barbour), and will be looking to carry on in his senior season, supported by four classmates (again, the largest senior class in my time here). And for the baseball players playing their trade at Robertson Field, there are no less than eight senior citizens on the roster as they bid to banish the memories

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MRINAL MOHANKA

Word on the Street



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STUNNING STAMATIS | Junior forward Will Stamatis scored the winning goal in overtime for the Lions in their game against Sacred Heart on Sunday.

CU wins openers, hoping for three straight today

BY MRINAL MOHANKA
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

The fall semester may not yet have begun, but the men's soccer team has already played its opening two games of the campaign. The Lions (2-0) have been impressive thus far, and, with two wins out of two, have made the best start to a season since 2002. The Light Blue won 1-0 at Fairfield on Friday night before edging Sacred Heart 2-1 at Columbia Soccer Stadium on Sunday. Sophomore David Najem was rewarded for his contribution in the pair of wins by being named the season's first Ivy League Player of the Week. He is the first member of the Light Blue to receive the award since Bayo Adafin did on Sept. 15, 2008.

Against the Stags (0-2), Najem scored the winner from a rebound just before the half-hour mark, after senior Francois Anderson's shot was blocked. The Lions defense, which kept three straight conference shutouts to conclude the 2010 season, stood strong and was marshaled by seniors Ronnie Shaban, Nick Faber, and Jesse Vella, and junior Quentin Grigsby, with another senior, Zach Glubiak, in goal as Alex Aurichio was suspended, having

picked up a red card in the final game of last season. (Glubiak is a deputy sports editor for Spectator.) The Lions led the shot count 13-6, and a solid performance by Glubiak saw Columbia take away a win and a clean sheet to start the year.

“We’re working hard, we’re putting in the effort during practice.”

-Will Stamatis, junior forward

The Lions started brightly against the Pioneers (1-1) at Baker Field, and took the lead in the 20th minute, having dominated the early proceedings almost entirely. Najem's pass found his sophomore classmate Henning Sauerbier, who slipped in a perfect through-ball for Anderson to coolly finish past the onrushing Alex Fait in the visitor's goal. The Lions were unlucky not to extend their lead when junior Will Stamatis' goalbound header was

cleared off the line. The Pioneers made two substitutions in the 27th minute in an attempt to get back into the game, but the half ended with the Lions leading 1-0, and the shot count in their favor at 9-0.

A momentary lapse in defense by Grigsby allowed Brian Francolini to capitalize and finish past Aurichio, who returned to the starting lineup, to level the contest moments after the start of the second half. There was nothing to separate the sides after that until overtime.

The Lions had not won a contest in overtime since 2008, but this occasion was to be different. The Pioneers failed to deal with a ball into the box by Lions substitute right-back Ifiok Akpandak, and Stamatis hit a bouncing ball on the turn, to finish with aplomb into the top corner of the net before wheeling away in celebration to end the contest after 1:11 minutes of overtime. The exuberant celebration included Stamatis taking his shirt off before his teammates piled onto him, and then he performed a flip in the air. While it was a delight for his team and the home fans to watch, the referee took a dim view of it and pulled out a yellow card for the forward.

The match winner, Stamatis, praised the effort of the team while looking ahead.

“The guys put in a great performance tonight,” he said. “Defensively we did what we needed to, got a little bit unlucky on the goal, but it's really just we're working hard, we're putting in the effort during practice, and we're starting to listen to the coaches and improve on what we're doing, and it's really just a great overall team effort in the end. 2-0, it's the first time we've been that in a while and we keep saying this is our year, so now's the year to finally do it.”

Columbia head coach Kevin Anderson gave several younger members of the squad significant playing time, with freshmen Kofi Agyapong, Greg Gudis, and Michael Abraham featuring against Sacred Heart.

Agyapong, a newly acquired transfer from powerhouse Wake Forest who impressed with his attacking flair, praised the camaraderie in the camp.

“It's pretty exciting because before coach told us that this season is all about making it to the postseason

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SERENA PIOL FOR SPECTATOR

HIGH HONORS | Sophomore defender Chelsea Ryan was named to the all-tournament team this past weekend, along with senior forward Ashlin Yahr.

Women's soccer falls in both of its opening games this weekend

BY MOLLY TOW
Spectator Staff Writer

The Lions saw the losing end of two closely contested matches in their first tournament of the 2011 season.

This weekend the Columbia women's soccer team (0-2) participated in the St. John's NYC Classic at Belson Field, in which it was matched up against Hofstra (2-1) and St. John's (2-2-1).

The Light Blue first took the field against Hofstra, who beat the Lions soundly, 2-0, to give the Lions their first loss of the season.

The two teams were locked in a stalemate until the 32nd minute of the game, when the Pride's Laura Greene fired a well-placed shot to put Hofstra up by one. The Lions had an opportunity to even the score 10 minutes later, but Pride goalkeeper Emily Morphtis

blocked sophomore forward Kimmy Bettinger's near equalizer.

After Morphtis' denial, Hofstra went on the attack, making the score 2-0 as the first half came to a close. Both teams recorded five shots on frame after 45 minutes of play.

The second half saw the Pride dominate ball control and threaten often in Columbia's defensive third, as Hofstra outshot the Lions 11-2. Luckily

for the Lions, Light Blue senior goalkeeper Lillian Klein kept the back of the net empty, as she had six saves, seven in the match. A defensive stop would not be enough for the Lions, however, as the score remained 2-0 at the final whistle.

The Lions did not fare better on the second day of the tournament.

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