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GOING MOBILE | Upper West Side travelers will be able to make phone calls and go online in some subway stations starting this fall.

## Upper West Side subway stations to get mobile Web access

BY JILLIAN KUMAGAI  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

Starting this fall, subway riders will be able to surf the Web, send text messages, and make phone calls while they wait for the 1, 2, and 3 trains at subway platforms between 96th Street and Columbus Circle.

Cell phone and mobile

Internet service are coming to the Upper West Side as part of a larger Metropolitan Transportation Authority initiative to provide service to all 271 underground stations in New York City in the next four years. The first phase of the seven-phase project will bring service to 30 stations in the Upper West Side and Midtown, some stations as

early as October.

MTA spokesman Kevin Ortiz said that higher ridership at certain stations factored into the decision of which stations to include in the first phase. Midtown and Upper West Side subway stops average 7.1 million passengers per station annually, Ortiz said.

Currently, stations at 23rd Street and along the 14th Street

corridor are wired for cell phone and mobile Internet service by AT&T and T-Mobile, and temporarily for universal Wi-Fi—across all service providers—by Google, which is participating as a sponsor. Ortiz said that universal Wi-Fi is “an entirely different component that may or may not be

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## Frank Lloyd Wright archives arrive at CU

BY JADE BONACOLTA  
*Senior Staff Writer*

Frank Lloyd Wright was notorious for saving everything, from his personal correspondence to scribbles on Plaza Hotel napkins. Since Wright’s death in 1959, these relics have been locked in storage. But on Tuesday, the University announced that Columbia’s Avery Architectural & Fine Arts Library will officially house some of the vast archives of the 20th-century American modernist’s documents.

The University has partnered with the Museum of Modern Art and the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation in a joint acquisition and stewardship agreement. The foundation will retail all copyright of the work, but the documents will become a part of Avery and the MoMA’s permanent collections.

“Given the individual strengths, resources, and abilities of the Foundation, MoMA, and Columbia, it became clear that this collaborative stewardship is far and away the best way to guarantee the deepest impact, the highest level of conservation, and the best public access,” said Sean Malone, CEO of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation.

Wright is considered one of the most influential American architects in defining modernism, with more than a third of his buildings still listed on the National Register of Historic

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## Locals criticize new homeless shelters on Upper West Side

BY CASEY TOLAN  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

Families are already moving into two new homeless shelters on the Upper West Side, but the shelters are facing intense local opposition.

The two shelters, which are located on 95th Street between Riverside Drive and West End Avenue, will ultimately house about 200 adult homeless families, or approximately 400 people total. The shelters were announced in July, and the first homeless residents moved in last month, joining the 71 paying tenants who still live in the buildings.

For their homeless residents, the shelters are a place to stay while they try to get back on their feet. Several residents said that they had landed in the shelters after losing their jobs or their apartments—some of them due to cuts in the social safety net—and that they hoped to leave soon.

But to local politicians and some Upper West Side residents, the new shelters are an undue burden on a neighborhood already home to many similar facilities, especially as the shelters are located just down the block from an elementary school.

Community Board 7, which represents the Upper West Side, unanimously passed a resolution opposing the homeless shelters Tuesday night. According to CB7 chair Mark Diller, 21 percent of facilities that serve vulnerable people in Manhattan are located on the Upper West Side, which he said violates the “fair share” principle—a provision in city homeless law that all neighborhoods must do their fair share to care for the homeless.

“This is not a ‘not in my backyard’ argument,” Diller said. “We’re doing our fair share, but we’re not doing somebody else’s fair share as well.”

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MORATORIUM NOW | At a CB7 meeting, neighborhood residents raise concerns about new and unexpected homeless shelters.

## Campbell Sports Center’s opening nears

BY LAURA ALLEN  
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Homecoming Day brings more than a football game this year. The date, Oct. 20, is also set for the dedication of the new Campbell Sports Center, the latest addition to the Baker Athletics Complex.

“With 31 varsity sports programs and more than 700 student-athletes, Columbia athletics has not had the adequate facilities or space to accommodate our entire athletics program,” associate athletic director Darlene Camacho said in an email. “Our nine varsity sports programs will finally have the space necessary to accomplish all of their team-related tasks in one place—something that was previously impossible.”

The center is geared toward nine varsity teams—football, softball, baseball, lacrosse, field hockey, and both men’s and women’s tennis and soccer teams—who currently play home games and practice at the Baker Athletic Complex. The 47,700-square-foot building houses a state-of-the-art strength and conditioning center, a theater-style classroom, offices, conference and meeting rooms, a hospitality pavilion, a lounge available to the coaches and athletes, and an athletes’ study center.

“The Lavine Student-Athlete Study Center will be extremely helpful in our student-athletes

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## Business School gets \$25 million donation

### Anonymous donation to fund 2 Manhattanville buildings

BY MARGARET MATTES  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

An anonymous donor has pledged \$25 million to the Business School, with almost all of the money going toward the construction of the school’s buildings on the Manhattanville campus, the University announced on Wednesday.

Columbia is undertaking a massive fundraising effort as it works to build a 17-acre campus expansion in Manhattanville, beginning at 125th Street and Broadway. Of the gift announced Wednesday, \$23.25 million will go toward the construction of the Business School’s two Manhattanville buildings, and \$1.75 million will support the Social Enterprise Program, a Business School program that focuses on the intersection of business and society and the potential for management to positively affect the environment.

The gift is the third major donation that the Business School has received to fund the construction of its new buildings. In October 2010, Henry Kravis,

Business ’69, gave \$100 million toward the construction project—the biggest donation in the Business School’s history—and this April, Leon Cooperman, Business ’67, donated \$25 million toward the construction.

In April 2011, University President Lee Bollinger estimated the cost of the Business School’s two buildings at \$400 million, although he indicated in an interview this year that the price tag had gone up.

Lisa Yeh, the Business School’s senior associate dean for external relations and development, said that the \$25 million gift had been in discussion for more than a year. The smaller portion of the gift will help the Social Enterprise Program respond to its students’ desire to learn how to use a degree in business to improve society, according to Sandra Navalli, the program’s senior director.

“We are experiencing a huge demand across the board—for classes, for summer internships,

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FILE PHOTO

ANONYMOUS DONOR | A \$25 million donation to the Business School will help fund its two new buildings in Manhattanville.

## Fundraising comes into focus in City Council race

BY CASEY TOLAN  
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With one year until the primary in a highly contested Upper West Side City Council race, all eyes are on the city-wide redistricting effort and the candidates’ fundraising numbers.

The first four candidates to declare—Democratic district leader Marc Landis, former Community Board 7 chairs Mel Wymore and Helen Rosenthal, and businessman Ken Biberaj—had all raked in more than \$100,000 as of the last fundraising report in July. Democratic State Committeewoman Debra Cooper declared her candidacy two weeks ago, joining the race to replace City Council member Gale Brewer, who is running for Manhattan borough president.

Because of the city’s generous matching funds program for elections—\$6 in city funds for every \$1 donated, up to a certain amount—all the candidates are expected to have

roughly the same amount to spend on the campaign.

“Because of public campaign financing, no one is going to have a financial advantage.”

—Daniel Marks Cohen,  
Democratic State Committeeman

But one important issue in Democratic primaries around the city is who is donating that money. Wymore, Rosenthal, and Cooper have all said they will not accept money from StudentsFirstNY, a pro-charter school organization that has come under fire for its ties to Mitt Romney donors. Landis said StudentsFirstNY would

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## Business School’s new facilities should be completed by 2020

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for events. Graduates are coming to the school much more sophisticated, and they want deeper programming,” she said. “We now know that we can

cautiously expand our programming for the foreseeable future as we spend down these funds.”

The new Business School campus will comprise two buildings opposite each other, which principal architect Liz

Diller—of the Manhattan-based firm Diller, Scofidio + Renfro—likened last year to “a kind of mini-campus inside of a bigger campus.” Construction of the Business School buildings has not yet begun, but demolition

is underway and administrators have said they aim to have the buildings ready for use by 2020.

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FILE PHOTO

**VIEW FROM ABOVE** | The Business School is getting two buildings, which are set to open by 2020, on Columbia’s campus in Manhattanville.

## Wi-Fi in Upper West Side subway stations also a possibility

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coming online” on the Upper West Side.

“Where that will play into the additional 30 stations remains to be seen,” he said. “Currently it will be only cell phone and data services.”

**“Most people are rushing in as the train is leaving, so it won’t make that big a difference.”**

*—David King, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation professor*

The cost of the entire city-wide project, which has been estimated at \$200 million, is being paid by contractor Transit Wireless, which will split revenues with the MTA.

Elida Martinez-Gaynor, a Barnard academic counselor who was waiting for a train to arrive at the 96th Street platform on Wednesday afternoon, said that the lack of Internet service in subway stations has prevented her from being able to make important calls.

“I think all the stations should have free Wi-Fi, because people need their phones for all sorts of emergencies,” she said.

Alfredo Hernandez, a college student, was waiting for someone to meet him on the platform on Wednesday. With Internet access, he said, he’d “be able to use Facebook to contact her.”

“It’ll be a cheaper way of contacting people instead of using my minutes,” Hernandez said.

According to David King, a professor at Columbia’s Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, most U.S. transit systems are aboveground and therefore haven’t had to deal with mobile connectivity problems. King said that while cell phone and mobile Internet service would be a nice amenity for travelers waiting on subway platforms, some people might not notice the change.

“Part of it is how pervasive phones have become,” he said. “We expect to always have access to them and access to what they can do. It’ll make people feel better. But most people are rushing in as the train is leaving, so it won’t make that big a difference.”

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## Locals raise concerns over new homeless shelters located near Upper West Side elementary school

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Diller and other opponents have also criticized the city’s Department of Homeless Services for giving only a few weeks’ notice before opening the shelters, avoiding the typical notification schedule by using its emergency powers. But DHS spokesperson Heather Janik said in a statement that the department has “been actively communicating with elected officials from the beginning of this process and engaged in open dialogue with community leaders.”

“Our Agency has a legal mandate to provide temporary, emergency shelter to homeless individuals in need, and opened a shelter on West 95th Street so that our clients can live and be served with dignity and respect,” Janik said.

**TOO MANY SHELTERS?**

Just down the block from the new shelters is an elementary school, Public School 75. Gwen Rivers, the co-president of the P.S. 75’s parent-teacher association, said the shelters “feel like a real bomb landing on our heads.”

“This all came in in the summer, when everyone was away,” she said. “A lot of parents feel frightened and abused in a sense.”

P.S. 75 parent Dina Davis believes that the shelters will make the area less safe, saying that some of the shelters’ residents are “not in good shape mentally.”

“We have too many shelters around this area already,” Davis said.

“I think people have to have somewhere to go, but it’s definitely going to have a negative impact on the school,” Suzette Freedman, who has taught at P.S. 75 for 23 years, said before school started Wednesday morning. “We, for years, have been struggling with white flight from the school, so this is definitely not going to help.”

David Lopez, a member of the West 95th Street Residents’ Association, called the opening of the shelters “egregious.”

“Although fair share is a very important concept, the way it is implemented is flawed,” Lopez said. “Before these shelters existed, the Upper West Side ... already had a disproportionate share of these facilities.”

Neighborhood resident Aaron Biller said the situation is “not right for the homeless people or the ... tenants who were supposed to be protected.” It’s unclear, though, what opponents of the homeless shelters can do to get rid of them, short of exerting political pressure or potentially going to court.

“If you really stand against this, go to court, file a lawsuit” against the city, Biller

recommended, adding that the community “is being overwhelmed and turning into an open-air asylum.”

According to Department of Homeless Services records, more New Yorkers live in homeless shelters now than ever before, and several new shelters were opened over the summer due to an increasing number of homeless people. Many have attributed the increase in homelessness to the closure of Advantage, a city-run anti-homelessness program which was shut down last year after the state government cut its funding. The program had subsidized working families’ rent for up to two years.

**“I feel like I’m living in a prison, and I don’t even have a criminal record.”**

*—Jordan Carson, homeless shelter resident*

“Advantage is an example of a program that keeps people at home instead of teetering off the edge into homelessness,” CB7 member and City Council candidate Mel Wymore said. “We need more programs like that, and we need ... to build more housing of this type—affordable, efficient housing.”

City Council candidate Ken Biberaj, who was at the meeting Tuesday, said that the city needs a comprehensive plan to deal with homelessness.

“The West Side cannot be used as the go-to place for shelters, as it has for years,” he said.

The city is also paying the two buildings’ landlords more than \$3,000 per month for each room, which CB7 member Andrew Albert said makes it “lucrative for landlords to throw people out and fill these buildings with homeless.”

“To take \$3,000 a month—your tax dollars—to go to housing individuals who aren’t there permanently and don’t have a stake in the neighborhood, to me, is wrong,” Upper West Side City Council member Gale Brewer said. “I will fight it tooth and nail.”

Additionally, Robert Hess—the chairman and chief executive officer of Housing Solutions USA, the company operating the shelters—is a former Department of Homeless Services commissioner, something that some opponents have called a conflict of interest.

“There’s nothing about this

that doesn’t stink,” Diller said. “The Conflicts of Interest Board said it’s not a problem, but it’s certainly a problem for us.”

**‘BACK ON THE STREETS’**

Some attendees at Tuesday night’s CB7 meeting complained that the shelters’ residents were leaving used condoms around the neighborhood, urinating in public, and loitering around the new shelters. But that portrait of the residents clashed with the stories told in a half-dozen conversations with them earlier this week.

Julian and Reyes Thrasher, who moved into one of the buildings last week, came from a shelter in the Bronx.

The Thrashers, who have been together for nine years, were doing fine until a few years ago, as the Advantage program had helped them afford an apartment. But when Advantage was cut, they couldn’t pay their gas or electricity bills, and they ended up in a shelter.

“Once it went, once the government cut it off, it put a lot of people back on the streets,” Julian said. “You’d see people back there in the shelters.”

The spartan rooms at the Thrashers’ shelter have uncomfortable bunk beds, small refrigerators, shared bathrooms and kitchens, and not much else. Julian, who is 58, has broken his back in three places, “so I can’t be going up and down bunk beds,” he said.

The hardest thing for the Thrashers is that they don’t have enough money for food. With \$39 per month in food stamps, Upper West Side food prices are out of their budget, and they aren’t allowed to cook or even have a microwave in their room.

“I’ve got to go back to the neighborhood [the Bronx] to shop for food,” Reyes said, adding that she goes to her mother’s home in the Bronx when she needs to cook something. Julian said that he doesn’t have any family left.

Jordan Carson and his father were transferred to one of the new shelters from a shelter on the East Side last week. Carson, 24, recently graduated from LaGuardia Community College with degrees in theater and communications, and he and his dad are both struggling to find a job. At LaGuardia, Carson was a student technology mentor who troubleshooted computers, and his first-choice job would be working as a computer technician at an Apple Store.

Although he said his current shelter is an improvement over the shelter he previously lived in, Carson was not impressed with the living quarters.

“I wouldn’t say they’re rooms—they’re closets,” he said.



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**HOUSING THE HOMELESS** | Above: Both shelters are located on 95th Street on the Upper West Side. Below: Neighborhood residents argue against the shelters at a Community Board 7 meeting.

Carson said it’s frustrating that residents must sign into and out of the shelter, and be back before the 10 p.m. curfew. His dad once missed the curfew and ended up spending the night on the subway.

“I feel like I’m living in a prison, and I don’t even have a criminal record,” Carson said. “I’m 24. I can’t have a relationship with this situation. I don’t have any freedom.”

With the amount of money the city is paying for the rooms, Carson added, “you could

find some good apartments in Brooklyn somewhere.”

Some of the new shelters’ residents, though, are trying to look on the bright side.

“It’s clean, there’s proper security, and the tenants are nice,” said Kirk Williams, who was transferred from an East Harlem shelter with his wife, Felicia Williams. “It’s quiet, and a nice building.”

“For a person who has to go into a shelter, I would recommend it,” said Felicia, who is using a wheelchair while a broken

leg heals.

Kirk, who is applying for a night job at Duane Reade, said that he and Felicia hope to be in the shelter for a maximum of two months. And unless neighborhood activists find a way to force the shelters’ closure—which is unlikely—they’ll be able to stay, at least for now.

“We want to get back into our own apartment,” Kirk said.

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City Council candidate Marc Landis supports Espallat in poll worker controversy

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never donate to him, and Biberaj, whose campaign has already reached the matching funds limit, told Spectator that he will not accept money from PACs.

“Because of public campaign financing, no one is going to have a financial advantage, and this is much more about community support and being able to convince voters you’re the best candidate,” local Democratic State Committeeman Daniel Marks Cohen said.

Cohen has not endorsed a

candidate, though he called Landis the favorite to win the race.

“It’s hard to imagine anybody else, who doesn’t have the same sort of deep political and community history as Marc,” winning the race, Cohen said.

Landis recently made a splash in another local election—the State Senate primary race between State Senator Adriano Espallat and State Assembly member Guillermo Linares.

According to the New York Daily News, Landis alleged in a letter last month that the city Board of Elections rejected

poll worker applications from district leaders supporting Espallat. District leaders each appoint a certain number of poll workers, and most are usually approved. Landis, as second-in-command of the Manhattan Democratic Party, is technically required by state law to “authenticate” poll worker applications, the Daily News reported.

Elections board spokesperson Valerie Vazquez confirmed that the board had received Landis’ letter, but said that “the letter by Mr. Landis is not accurate” because the board never received the authenticated

applications in question. Landis sent the board the applications along with his letter, and when the board received them, Vazquez said, it approved them.

“This is disturbing for us for obvious reasons,” Espallat spokesperson Ibrahim Khan said. “We want a fair shot at communicating Senator Espallat’s progressive record and making sure every single vote is counted.”

Landis declined to discuss the letter. He lists Espallat as a supporter on his campaign website.

Keith Wright, the head of the

Democratic Party in Manhattan—who strongly backed Rep. Charles Rangel against Espallat in a Congressional primary earlier this year—called Landis’ allegations false, according to the Daily News.

Another issue that could have a profound impact on the City Council race, and on the political landscape of Manhattan, is redistricting. The city redistricting commission released a draft district map yesterday, although the only significant change proposed to Brewer’s district—District 6—is extending it a few blocks further north, as far as 99th Street.

The 2013 elections will be the first to use new City Council districts that will be drawn over the next year, although the districts are not likely to be finalized until at least early 2013.

Two of the City Council candidates had previously called for similar changes to District 6 in testimony to the city redistricting commission last month, according to commission records. Landis and Rosenthal said the district should extend further north, to encompass more of the neighborhood.

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IN THE FRAY | Mel Wymore (left), Debra Cooper (center), and Helen Rosenthal (right) are running for the City Council seat being vacated by Gale Brewer, as are Marc Landis and Ken Biberaj.

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# The makings of a political science major

A major in political science should be a research-oriented degree that trains students to analyze complex political and social issues in a precise way. Sadly, the Department of Political Science rarely provides such an education. The recently announced distribution requirement in research methods is at best a band-aid solution.

Political Science could be the most stimulating program at Columbia College, unique in how it trains both the left and right brain and in providing tangible skills and experience, all the while continuing to expose students to the classic debates about what makes society, democracy, and the nation tick. While the department has a fantastic faculty, the structure of the major does a disservice to undergraduates.

Two issues weaken the program and make it easy to coast through: Students can avoid doing serious research until their required senior seminars and the department does a poor job of instructing in the science of political science.

The lack of research and skills training is the worst offense. Students shouldn't be left on their own to construct a rigorous program. It doesn't make sense that graduate students conduct research while undergraduates mostly read 25-page articles and repeat their arguments on a test. Since the discipline is research-based and often quantitative, the department must balance teaching undergraduates foundational arguments with developing analytical skills and research experience.

Requiring methods classes and more research in the middle-level courses can foster research skills and develop experience. The exposure to calculus and linear algebra essential to research—and applying to graduate school—should be developed at the undergraduate level. A one- or two-semester course in applied mathematics would provide the essential skills in a forum accessible to those potentially leery of math. This would in turn prepare students to take one to three semesters of linear regression statistics and game theory, key tools in modern political science. The quantitative courses should be supplemented with a qualitative research methods class



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where students would learn the basics of ethnography, elite-interviews, and case study selection.

What about students who aren't interested in the quantitative skills? Students exclusively interested in political theory and in qualitative research would merely be confronting the discipline in its modern, more quantitative form. If a handful of quantitative classes tailored to "right brainers" seems unappealing, some students might be happier in other disciplines that examine politics in a purely qualitative way. Students eager for a yet more quantitative experience could get their foundational math and statistics exposure in those departments. Students who fall in the middle of the "quant" and "qual" spectrum—as most likely do—would only be required to take the handful of quantitative political science courses and would then be free to focus on qualitative work. In the very least, these middle ground students would be able to evaluate the quantitative scholarship that is unavoidable in political science.

## While the department has a fantastic faculty, the structure of the major is a disservice to undergraduates.

Methods classes, while necessary, are no substitute for actually doing research. Too often in lectures and seminars, "research" involves responding to readings or piecing together scholars' works. While both are useful, the collection and interpretation of data ought to be central to the major. Courses exposing students to the foundational literature are necessary, but applying the lessons of the literature to new research is the whole point of the discipline. Setting prerequisites for middle-level courses would ensure students' exposure to the necessary literature, which would allow majors to engage in in-depth research of their own between their introductory courses and capstone seminars.

This lack of research training is compounded by the department's broader failure to instill a scientific ethos in

students. This issue touches a deeper debate and is one that the department should take a stand on: The social sciences must embrace a falsifiable empiricism and seek to employ the scientific method to messy, real world realities. While a focus on methods and research should be equivalent to the laboratory experiences of "hard science" programs, the department must also create a philosophy of political science course. This would require students to wrestle with what it means to try to establish "facts" about the political and social world, if this can even be done, and what the best ways are to do it.

Without these skills and research focus, the program is easy to coast through. If students aren't developing the skills necessary to evaluate research methodology, they are merely memorizing scholars' conclusions. It is well known that you can just read the paragraph-long abstracts of the assigned articles and get an A or B in most courses. Sometimes exam questions reach beyond the abstracts, but this is a hollow challenge and not why students come to Columbia.

Fixing these problems demands a total overhaul. Part of the problem is squeezing too much into only 29 credits; the major requires fewer credits than both the minors in sociology and economics. A far better program would be the current 29 credits, with more prerequisites for middle-level courses, plus a research core of one to two applied-math courses, one to three quantitative methods courses, one course in qualitative methods, and one course in the philosophy of political science. In turn, this would likely reduce the number of students in the major sufficiently to allow for real research to be assigned in middle-level courses.

These substantial changes would drive some students to other departments, but it would allow political science to be a program that enriches students with real skills, practical research experience, and a proper foundation in the discipline. As the undergraduate program stands now, it fails to push students' minds, teach them the needed analytical skills, and train them to deeply engage with the problems of the contemporary political world.

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# The point of NSOP

BY AISHWARYA RAJA

On the first day of move-in, I felt hopelessly overwhelmed. Every way I turned, I encountered unfamiliar sights and could barely stammer out my well-rehearsed and appropriately sappy goodbyes to my parents before I was pulled away to NSOP, of which I knew nothing about.

Having survived NSOP, I am now firmly situated in the present day, burning the midnight oil writing this op-ed. I realize that NSOP was a success. Whether it was due to the planning of the NSOP Committee and OLs or the enthusiasm of the new students, I can't say, but that isn't what matters. Reflecting on my personal experiences, which are likely representative of many other students' experiences, I see that the jumble and hectic combinations of awkward small talk and mandatory NSOP programming allowed for my eventual integration into the Columbia community.

From my very first meeting with my OL group on Low Steps, I was thrown into a series of awkward icebreakers, which forced me to step outside my comfort zone. There were moments that first day when I felt it would be so much easier to just run away to the security of my old friends and memories and never look back. But I had the drive to see that day through without any public tantrums or bouts of homesickness.

## Though my insecurities significantly dampened my spirits, I came to realize that my initial confusion was normal and understandable.

NSOP brought a mixture of sadness, excitement, and deep contemplation. Following the death of Martha Corey-Ochoa on the first night, I along with the rest of my class came together to mourn the loss of a gifted writer, musician, and student. Though most of us had not known her, we understood how deep the loss was to the Columbia community and participated in moments of silence at our individual school academic assemblies. Even if we could not imagine the pain Martha must have felt that night, we could easily imagine having interacted with her at some point, maybe in a random class, club meeting, or sporting event. The fact that we would never get a chance to was the wake-up call I think we all needed. As a result, we learned that life could be unpredictably short and wildly cruel at times, but regardless of the externalities, it was up to us to enjoy the present. Anything less than that was unacceptable.

With this somber and cautiously optimistic mood thrown over things, we continued onward into NSOP 2012. This year's theme, "Destination: Columbia," fit our incoming mentalities like a glove. We were embarking on a journey to live out our ideal picture of college, becoming prisoners to our own high expectations. Though I would rather not admit it, I was no exception to this. I walked into every organized social activity with ridiculously high hopes, convinced I would make instant best friends there. But I stumbled, hesitated, and second-guessed myself every step of the way. Though my insecurities significantly dampened my spirits, I came to realize that my initial confusion was normal and understandable. Friends did not arrive overnight like my textbooks did with Amazon express delivery. Like a good wine, friendship would only get better with time, and I just had to wait it out.

Even though it was only a week long, NSOP will have a lasting impact on my course at Columbia. I learned that college is not always about running around like a madman trying to attend every seminar or class available or even about competing with your classmates to get ahead in life. Somehow a combination of these activities jumbled with casual, unexpected little events led to an integration of sorts, little events like casually sipping a Broadway milkshake at Tom's late at night. Or people-watching on the benches outside Butler Library early in the morning. Or my favorite—engaging in awkward small talk with strangers on Low Steps and realizing that you might have made a friend for life.

Regardless of what your little things are, remember: Columbia is your home now.

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# Action versus theory

The summer really helps put college into perspective. At 4:30 in the morning after my last final, I was sitting on the A train, a massive 40-pound backpack to my side, making the long, slow journey to JFK. I eventually boarded a flight to Asunción and spent a month in South America, visiting my sister in Paraguay in the Peace Corps, and then backpacking, busing, and trekking through Argentina and Chile.

One of my majors is Latin American studies, and I have been obsessing over the region since I read "Motorcycle Diaries" in sixth grade. For all the countless books and papers I had read, lectures and speeches I had sat through, and movies I had seen on Latin America, I had never been anywhere south of Florida until this summer. Less than 24 hours before I boarded the flight to Asunción, I had taken a three-hour final about Latin American history from 1700 to the present. Days after taking that final, I was sitting in a refugio in the middle of a Chilean national park, discussing Pinochet with the owner, a film director and former student organizer who ran the wooden lodge during the summer, learning more about Latin American history than I ever had in a classroom. At that moment, I never wanted to be back at school again.

Most of our time here as students is spent either learning or thinking. At Columbia College especially, with its Core Curriculum, the emphasis is on theory—understanding and explaining every aspect of life and the universe, from politics to religion to science to math to sociology. Theory is the next stage in thinking—truly critically engaging in a subject, trying to peel away as many layers of understanding as possible. We spend hours in lecture and holed up in the library cramming hundreds of pages of scholarly writing, committing to memory every word every academic has ever said on a given subject, convinced it will help us to understand the natural phenomena of the world and society.

I've really struggled with this recently, especially during the summer, when the emphasis is on more practical learning. Theory can only go so far, which is one of the reasons academics, and especially Ivy League academics, seem so out of touch to the majority of the country. When it comes to most subjects in the humanities—political science, sociology and psychology, even literature and philosophy—at some point one needs to escape the esoteric world.

As students, we are entirely enclosed within the world of theory and mostly isolated from the world of action, save for the occasional internship or club. We are being taught to use our minds, and the incubation process is entirely



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internal and self-serving. Our countless papers will never be published, and the grades we receive only matter to our own transcripts. These four years are spent making our mind appear more profitable to future employers.

Once we leave, though, the opposite becomes true. We leave the world of theory and enter the world of action, and for most entry-level positions, the world of action is a dull one. After spending four years testing the limits of our knowledge, we find ourselves doing the same general tasks over and over in the same narrow field. All of the late-night revelations we had ruminating and philosophizing become relegated to cocktail affairs as real life takes over. A job becomes a means to an income and to a stable life. Wasting time with theory seems unnecessary as real world problems that we didn't really have to encounter in college start taking over—bills pile up (and not just students loans), families start, and the distractions of life cloud the exploration of the mind.

Now that I'm officially an upperclassman and receive the obligatory "So what are you thinking about doing after college" from every person I meet, I've been thinking about post-college life constantly. I was being melodramatic above in describing my fears for the real world, but, to be realistic, I don't think they're that far off. Just about anybody that I know here would love to stay up until sunrise discussing such pretentious topics as whether we have free will, but as we grow older, we begin to lose the desire for such conversations, or at least don't see them as fruitful anymore.

Even though I have always been one for thinking, traveling through South America and truly experiencing my major for the first time, I understood the power that real action can have. True action and not just rote, mindless action is about exploration. There is something to be said about direct, hands-on learning, about getting out of the classroom and into the real world and experiencing rather than just thinking.

I realize going into my third year of college how much of my time is just spent discussing the theoretical world. I also realize that when I leave, unless I go to graduate school, I'll never have such freedom again. Still, I can't wait to feel like my actions have an impact beyond my brain and my transcript. College is all about theory with no action, but life after college is a mystery. I sincerely hope life doesn't become all action with no theory, because sometimes discussing pretentious subjects until the wee hours of the morning helps put things in perspective, and having deep levels of understanding to back up your actions is always important. In this mid-college life crisis, I look to two years ahead and see uncertainty. All I hope is that, whatever I end up doing, I'll be able to finally embrace thinking through experiencing.

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# WKCR to host ‘Offbeat’ artists at Shea Stadium

BY CHARLOTTE MURTISHAW  
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So ... what is beat music?  
Truth is, it’s a hard genre to pin down. But on September 8, WKCR will help listeners find out.  
Brooklyn concert venue Shea Stadium will play host to a WKCR-presented concert this week-end. Columbia’s student-run radio station has organized a six-artist lineup, all beat musicians who have been regulars on the hip-hop program “Offbeat” for the last year.  
WKCR and Offbeat programmer Thuto Somo said that he knows this genre isn’t familiar to most students.  
“I think the music appears esoteric because there was no template for music which combines free jazz, African and Latin rhythms, hip-hop samples, bleeps and bleeps from video games, all put together on a computer, drum machine, and no turntables,” Somo said, before offering a saving clue: “As crazy as that description may be, the technique of production and aesthetic of the sound is undeniably hip-hop.”  
The beat music scene originated from the work of producers such as J Dilla and Timbaland in the ’90s before taking off in the early ’00s. The producers “became recognized for their work as creators of instrumentals and not just backing music behind various MCs,” said artist Still Weavens, who will be performing on Saturday.  
Since then, the culture has blossomed: “Those artists took the fundamental principles of hip-hop rhythm and production and applied its sound in ways that would make it stand on its own, much the way that techno, house, and other electronic music does,” Weavens said. “In recent years, beat music has expanded to include [other] influences. ... There is not much of a concentrated sound the way there was seven years ago.”

Though the main locus of the beat scene is in Los Angeles, Somo hopes that the concert will raise the profile of Philly– and New York–based musicians as well as the scene in general.  
“The fans of this music exist on the East Coast, there just aren’t as many establishments—groups and venues—that get as much public recognition within the hip-hop media as labels, and collectives in Los Angeles,” he said.  
Somo also hopes the event can jump-start a WKCR initiative to make music accessible both inside and outside the DJ booth.  
“I hope that WKCR has more events outside of the station. ... I hope that this concert helps more students realize the creative possibilities which WKCR offers,” Somo said.  
Still Weavens also expressed his enthusiasm for the place that WKCR and its programs carve out in radio, as well as the fluidity of music discovery offered by the World Wide Web. “The Internet is a great, strange place,” he said. “Either Thuto or someone else in the station found my stuff online, and thanks to Twitter, I was made aware that my stuff was reaching the airwaves. It’s really great that a show like The Offbeat exists, because it takes a lot of guts to pick up a handful of local artists, hear something interesting, and run with it. It’s always a trip to see myself and my friends on the same playlist as some of my inspirations.”  
Now the relationship is culminating in the show, which brings together several of the beat artists who have been on heavy rotation in the WKCR booth.  
“Personally, I’m excited to see listeners of Offbeat in the crowd. Doing a radio show in a windowless room, especially in the middle of the night, it is hard to gauge who the audience is,” Somo said.  
All in all, however, the creative and organizing forces behind the show are vying for the attention of anyone who wants to listen.  
“I think one interesting factor is that you are going to hear five different artists with drastically different sounds yet fall under the same genre,” Weavens said. “I mean, telling you that it is going to be a funky good time is sort of an understatement and goes without saying.”  
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NAMASTE | An instructor at Land Yoga demonstrates a typical Ashtanga pose. Students can now use Flex dollars at the studio, which is open to all levels.

## Students can now use Flex dollars for yoga classes

BY ABBY MITCHELL  
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With school back in session, students have a new way to de-stress—and you can charge it to your CUID.  
Land Yoga, a studio located on Frederick Douglass Boulevard at 115th Street, is accepting Flex dollars beginning this semester. Land Yoga is one of the few non-dining locations included in the list, and the only one that caters to wellness and physical activity.  
“Accepting the Flex card means parents can help their children afford yoga, which is a healthy habit and a way to prevent illness, especially stress-related,” owner and instructor Lara Land said. “We hope that will encourage more students to make the time to keep themselves healthy and centered.”  
Land made the decision to accept Flex at the end of last semester, and began talking to administrators in Dining Services. She said that the company wanted to wait to roll out the program until the new school year started.

This could help change students’ outlooks on the Flex program, which many students—particularly those on meal plans—say they overlook.  
Antonio Puesta, SEAS ’14, said, “I use Flex for laundry, basically. It’s pretty useless your freshman and sophomore year except for laundry, but now I’m a junior I may use it for groceries.”  
Martha Scott Burton, CC ’15, also said that she rarely uses her Flex dollars. “I have a meal plan, so it doesn’t make sense to go out and buy groceries with my Flex,” she said. “I do see the value in it if you don’t have a meal plan and parents may say, ‘All right, we’ll give you the same amount of money that we’d be spending on a meal plan, but in the form of cash, but they put it on the card.’ For me, it’s just a useless function for my lifestyle.”  
For some students, though, Flex dollars are part of their routine during the school year—Dina Lamdany, SEAS ’15, said that she uses Flex “pretty often, actually, maybe once a week.”  
Those are the kind of students that Land is trying to reach. The yoga studio has expanded quickly since its opening in June 2011. Land’s technique

is traditional Ashtanga style yoga, which translates to “eight limb” yoga. In practice, the “limbs” refer to different steps in the practice of yoga, such as posture, concentration, and meditation.  
“We work very closely with our students, promoting a slow and steady, consistent practice approach and we have watched them develop their practice so beautifully over the last year,” Land said. “Most of our students have gone from complete beginners to daily practitioners in just this short time.”  
Land said that she hopes that the new policy will bring more students into the studio while allowing an easier payment plan.  
“We have a good amount of Columbia students taking classes at the studio, but we wanted to make it really apparent that we welcome the Columbia community and would like to see more take advantage of our traditional and very skilled approach to yoga practice,” Land said. “We have seen how much it has helped the students who are currently with us and we are excited to help more.”

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5 PLACES TO USE FLEX POINTS

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Don’t use your Flex dollars much? Here are a few useful spots that take them that you may not expect (or don’t take advantage of).

1. WHOLE FOODS MARKET For most students at Columbia, grocery prices are one of the biggest shocks of moving to New York. While in the Midwest Whole Foods’ has prices that tower over local grocery stores, in New York, national pricing give it an edge over Westside and Morton Williams. The best things to grab are its milk (known as the cheapest in the city), imports, and anything organic.
2. FAIRWAY MARKET We live in Manhattan. Walmart has yet to make it into the city. For Westsiders who can’t make it to Costco, Fairway Market is New York’s (relatively more upscale) version of the supermarket. With some of the lowest prices on meat, and fresh produce, Fairway is a one-stop shop for virtually anything you might need. You can catch the University’s red shuttle line every half hour for extra convenience.

3. EDEN SPA AND SALON Who knew you could charge a manicure to your parents’ tab? With your CUID, head up to Amsterdam and 120th Street for a hair cut, massage, or any other spa service. If you’re feeling generous, buy an all-inclusive gift pack for a friend.
4. CUARTS Although some students only head to the CUArts desk for mandatory Lit Hum performances, the service applies to everything from Broadway and Off-Broadway tickets to movie tickets at any AMC in the city.
5. UNIVERSITY HOUSEWARES AND HARDWARE Between summer storage and exhaustive move-ins, it’s inevitable that you’ve left a few things behind. For utensils to stock your kitchen or a coffeemaker to get through all-nighters, head to University Housewares. If you’re feeling a bit more ambitious, go to its sister store, University Hardware, to start a home project.

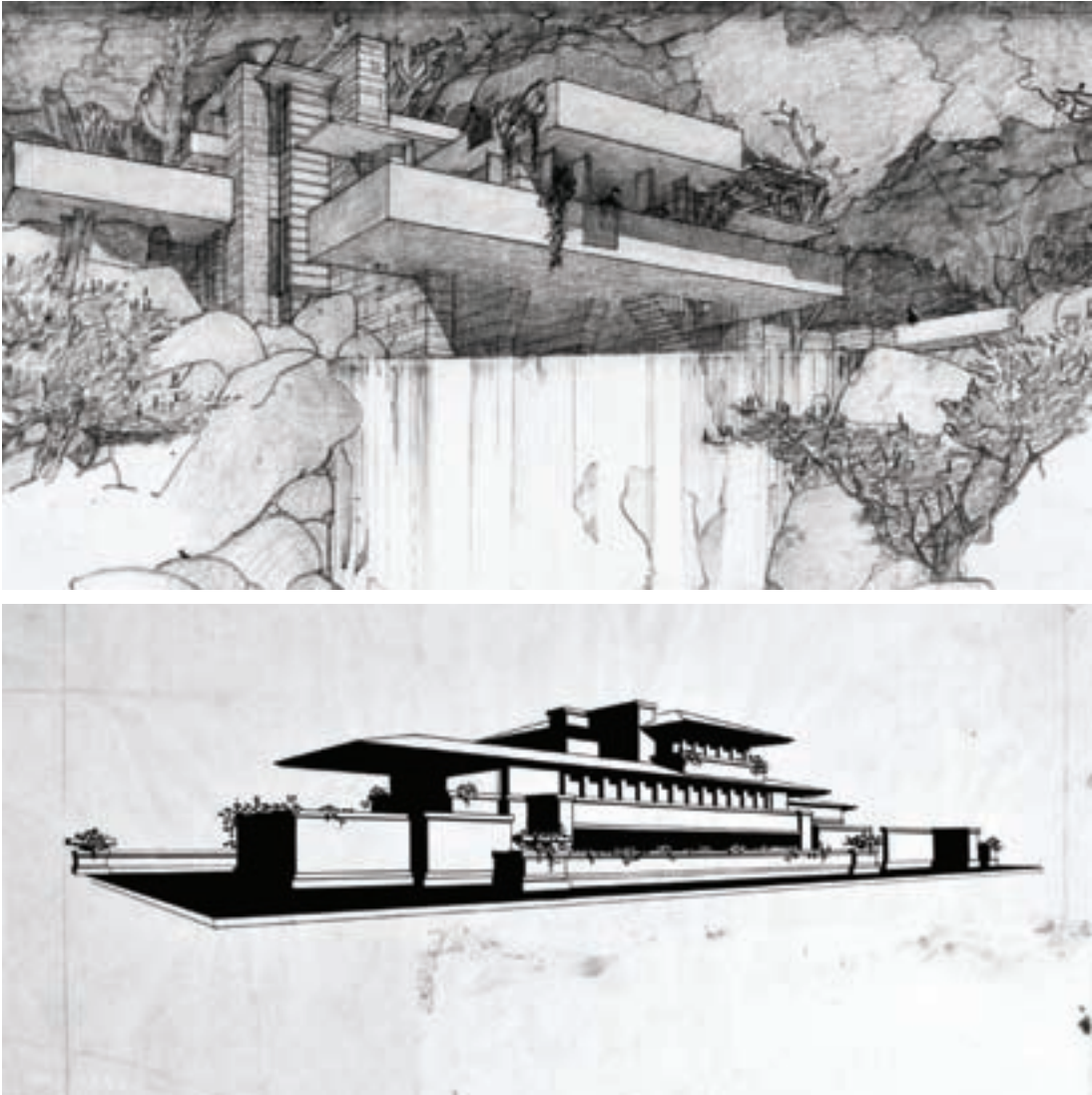
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# Columbia library works with the MoMA to present historic Wright collection

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places. “Wright is renowned as one of the best architects ever, not only for his creative genius but also for his visionary genius,” said Carole Ann Fabian, director of the Avery Architectural & Fine Arts Library. “He had a keen sensitivity to the natural environment, the human scale, and how people inhabit a built work. We are still, in the 20th century, trying to accomplish what he envisioned all those decades ago.”  
Among the University’s future collection are the famous original drawings for Wright’s Fallingwater, a home designed amid a rushing stream in Pennsylvania, and the Robie House, a Prairie-style building on the campus of the University of Chicago.  
“Some other immeasurable treasures that will be part of the collection are records of his buildings that are no longer standing, such as the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo and the Larkin Administration Building in Buffalo, NY,” said Fabian.  
The work itself will be moved here within the next six months. “Because of the vast scale of the collection [including over 23,000 architectural drawings, 44,000 historical photographs, manuscripts, and other correspondence], bringing the body of work to Avery and making it accessible to the public will be an incremental process over the next few years,” Fabian said.  
This display at both Avery and the MoMA will maximize access to Wright’s work for students, scholars, and the public. It will also provide new impetus for publications and programs in the context of other 20th-century modernists.

“I expect that the scholars here will integrate these archives into the curriculum at every level, and it will generate a whole new chapter in Wright’s studies. It’s difficult to imagine how many new lenses and purposes all of the divisions will have for the work,” Fabian said.  
The MoMA will be the repository for all three-dimensional architectural models and design prototypes. “While Wright is typically thought of as a lonely genius, you move him into the Museum of Modern Art, and he’s dialoguing with Le Corbusier in the company of Mies van der Rohe, Alvar Aalto, and Louis Kahn,” said Barry Bergdoll, chief curator of architecture and design at the MoMA.  
The work will reap the same benefits in Avery. “You bring Wright into one of the world’s leading research centers for art and architecture and, not only his singular greatness is recognized, but he is also put into context and lively conversation with so many other masters,” Fabian said.  
Avery’s collection will include all paper-based archival content such as Wright’s personal and professional correspondence, thousands of architectural drawings and photography, interview tapes, transcripts, and films. These will accompany the more than 50 rare books of Wright’s own published work and the countless signature copies written about him that are already housed in the library.  
“It is incredible to bring Wright’s work here to New York, and to be partnered with MoMA on this adventure,” Fabian said. “We’re perfectly complementary, and to have ready access to vast works of this nature is just astounding.”  
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# Underdog status can build excitement around sports teams

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this year for our campus to rally behind.

Perhaps the rest of campus is also tingling with the idea. I expect Robert K. Kraft Field to be more filled during this year's season-opening game against Marist on Sept. 15 than in years past. Apart from the bright-eyed new students, excited about their first college football game, perhaps some more returning students, out of pure

curiosity, will make the extra trek to Baker.

On the bright side, this season cannot be much worse than last year's. Also, when you're rooting for the underdog, you can't really lose: Either the outcome was already expected, or your team manages to defy the odds and secure a sweet victory.

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# Ivy League schools continue competitive non-conference play

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in their home opener on Friday.

**PRINCETON**

Princeton won in its season opener against Seton Hall 2-1 at home. Freshman Thomas Sanner helped his older brother, senior Matt Sanner, score the opening goal of the game in the 7th minute. The younger Sanner added another assist on sophomore Julian Griggs goal in the 50th minute. Sophomore Julian Griggs in scoring the game winner in the 50th minute. Seton Hall did not go down without a fight. The Pirates scored their equalizer in the 43rd minute. Thanks to his two assists, Thomas Sanner earned the Ivy League Rookie of the Week honor.

**UPENN**

The Quakers suffered another defeat this week after facing University of New Hampshire. The Quakers lost

in a hard fought 2-1 battle. Junior co-captain Johnny Dolezal equalized the game in the 72nd minute, after New Hampshire scored on a free kick in the 50th minute. UPenn held itself together until the 108nd minute in overtime, when UNH scored its winning goal. The Quakers will face the Air Force on Friday and will attempt to prevent a 0-3 start, their first since 2007.

**YALE**

The Bulldogs experienced another loss this week, going down 2-0 to Albany in their home opener. The Bulldogs played aggressively outshooting their opponents 17-15. Sophomore forward Brandon Wilson scored Albany's opening goal against Yale towards the end of the first half before freshman midfielder Anthony Rozzano secured Albany's victory in the second half. Yale will host Colgate on Friday still looking for their first victory.

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**NEW BEGINNINGS** | The opening of the Campbell Sports Center in October is expected to greatly assist athletes.

# Opening of new sports center creates excitement

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helpful in our student-athletes managing the academic rigors of an Ivy League education and the demands of an NCAA Division I student-athlete," Camacho said. The study center will provide wireless Internet access, individual desks, and conference tables where individual and group study sessions can be held when needed.

"There's no questioning the prestige of the school from an academic standpoint. And now, I think, with the construction and completion of the Campbell Sports Center, people will continue to see the rise in competitiveness and success throughout the athletics department," junior soccer defender David Westlake said. "I think it will attract new and young talent."

"The Campbell Sports Center provides our varsity sports teams, student-athletes, and coaches with the facilities they need to be successful in Division I and Ivy League athletics," Camacho said.

For varsity athletes, the center's benefits extend beyond space. The 22-minute shuttle service to the Baker Athletics Complex, in place for the last two years, will continue, and while there is no cafeteria on site, Columbia College Dining Services is developing food service options for athletes during practice and competitive seasons.

The center will also host special events, including receptions, alumni functions, outside rentals, and recruiting weekends. Other members of the Columbia community will be able to rent meeting rooms in a manner similar to the meeting rooms available in Lerner Hall.

But some non-varsity athletes on campus are dissatisfied, noting that club athletes do not have guaranteed space at the center.

"The rugby team has a really hard time finding practice space. Even though we are not a varsity sport, we are a team nonetheless. This would be

showing blatant favoritism," sophomore Paulina Pinsky said.

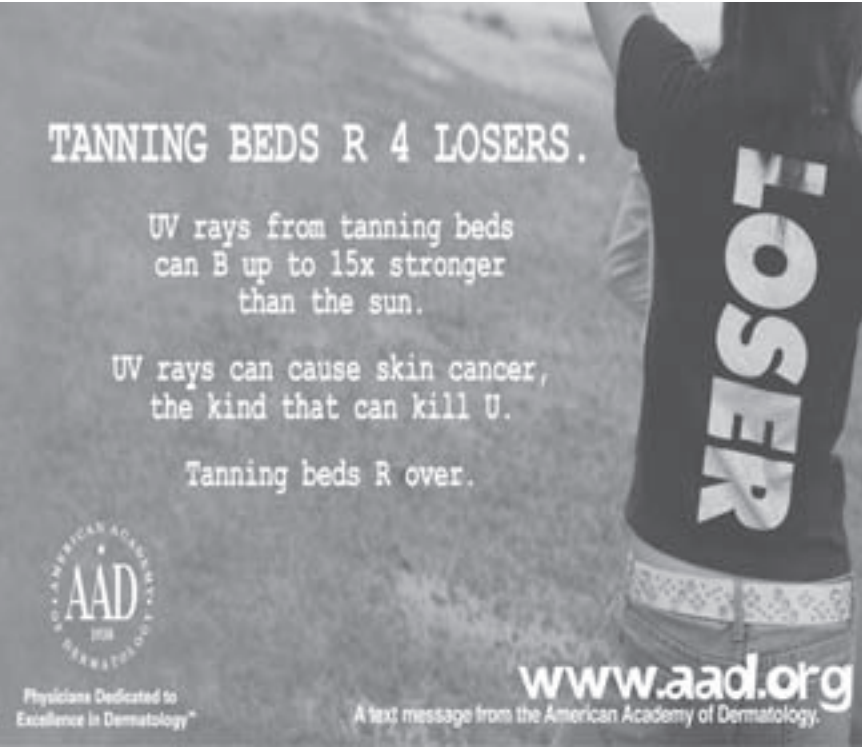
Former men's lacrosse club president, Kareem Elsirafy, GS '12, believes that the lack of guaranteed space is part of a trend.

"I think it's just the continuation of the lack of support that the club sports are getting, and I think it's an important thing that they do get [support] because they could be a great thing for Columbia." Even a place for a whiteboard in Campbell, he said, would be a simple boost in training for the championship-winning squad.

The way Campbell will be used by residents is also unclear. While the University signed a community benefits agreement last spring, many residents said they had no input in the agreement.

While the center is in progress, the athletic department noted that construction is currently moving without delay or difficulty.

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Rooting for the underdog sports team

Patriots or Giants? I'd choose the Giants. Red Sox or Yankees? I side with the Red Sox. Most sports fans would say there is something terribly wrong with this picture. But I guess I'm not like most other fans ...



KATIE QUAN  
In the Zone

Let me bring you back to 2004, the American League Championship Series, Red Sox vs. Yankees. I was a sixth grader living in New Jersey and did not follow baseball, at all. But, for that week, baseball was the hot topic in school. Every day, teachers and students were talking about the Yankees, and pinstripes seemed to have evolved into the school uniform overnight.

As a disengaged bystander, I neither understood nor appreciated the sudden surge in Yankee fan support. After the Bombers went up 3-0 in the series, I couldn't bear the Yankee jeering any longer. What about the Red Sox? Where were their supporters? That night, I watched my first full game of baseball and cheered for the Red Sox as if I were a long-time loyal fan. The Sox went on to win not only the league title but also the World Series. I was the only happy camper at school.

Flash forward to 2008. Super Bowl. Patriots vs. Giants. Now, I was going to school in New Hampshire. That year, the Patriots had a perfect season, and they were ready to cap it off with a championship title. The whole week, my peers were getting pumped for the game and the Patriot chatter would not stop. Once again, out of defiance, I chose to side with the underdogs, the Giants. That Sunday, all of campus crammed into the student center to watch the game.

When you're rooting for an underdog, you can't really lose: either the outcome was already expected or the team manages to defy the odds.

Two screens going at the same time: One surrounded by Patriot fans—undoubtedly the majority—and the other, much smaller screen, for Giants fans. When David Tyree made that amazing helmet catch, the Giants crowd and I erupted from our seats in celebration. The Giants delivered.

So maybe you know me as that person in the crowd who always cheers for the underdog. But really, who doesn't like a little Cinderella story?

Now, even if I weren't a Columbia athlete, even if I didn't go to Columbia, if I followed Ivy League football, given my cheering habits, I probably would still be siding with our lovely Lions.

In fact, it was because of Columbia football's losing streak that I went to its season finale against Brown last year. As many supporters gave up—even our own marching band—I turned hopeful, thirsty for an underdog win. Braving the November chill, I sat in the stands of Robert K. Kraft Field praying that Columbia would not have to bear an embarrassing, completely winless season.

And somehow, in a messy, dramatic, double-overtime game, Columbia overcame Brown with a 35-28 win. After stopping Brown dead in its tracks on fourth-and-goal from the one, Columbia rushed the field in an amazing postgame celebration. Twenty-four deserving seniors managed to clinch one last, crucial victory before saying goodbye to college football.

A couple of weeks ago, the Ivy League released its 2012 Preseason Football Poll. Columbia dodged the last-place spot, which was given to Princeton, and came in at seventh. Clearly, we are being marked as the underdogs again. I'm hoping that with head coach Pete Mangurian leading the program, Columbia football will give us a Cinderella story



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LION LEADER | Junior midfielder/forward Nick Scott scored Columbia's first goal on a penalty kick in Wednesday's 2-0 victory against Manhattan.

Lions earn first win of the season at home against Manhattan

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Columbia's men's soccer team defeated Manhattan 2-0 at home to notch its first victory of the season.

In the battle between a Columbia team with no goals scored in two games and a Manhattan team that only scored one goal in three games, both teams struggled to convert scoring chances for 45 minutes. Despite dominating possession for most of the first half, Columbia only generated three shots while surrendering five.

At halftime, Lions head coach Kevin Anderson decided to make some familiar tactical adjustments. "We just tucked our forwards in and had them in different starting positions," Anderson said, "which then gave us an opportunity to move our flank midfielders ... and by doing that, it gave us an opportunity to start penetrating centrally."

The moves paid off immediately,

with two goals in the first seven minutes of the second half that would prove to be all the Lions needed.

Junior midfielder Henning Sauerbier, who had come off in the first half and returned to begin the second, led the Lions' march to their first goal of the season. Two and a half minutes into the half, he corralled the ball into the right half of the Jaspers' penalty area and pushed it around the defender, but was hauled down with no call.

Just a minute later, attacking from the left side, he got control of the ball and this time drew the penalty kick after jumping between two Manhattan defenders and getting knocked down. Senior midfielder and co-captain Nick Scott buried the penalty for the Lions' first goal of the season.

"To be honest, I knew where I was putting it. I knew what I was doing. I was fully confident. I've put it away plenty of times before," Scott said. "So I

was just thankful that Henning managed to show a bit of skill."

"I think we showed a lot of character. I think that the guys really followed a game plan tonight."

-Lions head coach Kevin Anderson

The attack off the left flank was characteristic of the Light Blue's strategy for most of the first half and the beginning of the second. Scott, junior midfielder and co-captain David Najem, sophomore forward Greg Gudis, and freshman defender Bryce Terrill—who was one of four Lions to play the entire match—frequently worked together to get the ball into the left corner but weren't always

able to maintain possession and deliver clean crosses.

Three minutes after the goal, the Lions earned a corner kick, and Scott's cross from the right corner toward the near post was headed into the top corner of the goal by senior defender/midfielder Quentin Grigsby.

Notwithstanding a couple of scares—notably an ill-advised dribble to the middle from sophomore defender Jack Gagne, who lost the ball but was bailed out by a well-timed challenge from senior defender Iflok Akpandak—the Lions held on comfortably.

"I think we showed a lot of character," Anderson said. "I think that the guys really followed a game plan tonight."

"We'll enjoy it tonight with our family and friends, have a bit of food. And straight away back to it tomorrow," Scott said.

Columbia next plays at Monmouth on Saturday.

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Ivy schools continue solid play

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After a shaky start to the season, the Ancient Eight gets itself back on stable ground with a few victories this week. Brown, Cornell, Princeton, and Dartmouth are all ranked in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Northeast regional ranking, with Brown also being ranking in the association's national poll. Brown and Cornell are undefeated while Penn, Yale, and Harvard are still looking for their first win this season.



BROWN

The Bears earned their first Ocean State Classic Title after defeating Providence College 1-0. In the 42nd minute, sophomore midfielder Tommy Arnes scored the winning goal, a first in his college career. Freshman midfielder Jameson Lochhead and sophomore forward Ben Maurey assisted in the victory goal. Senior goalkeeper Sam Kernan-Schloss saved the goal twice during the game and insured a shutout. Aside from winning the title, a few of the Brown players received tournament honors. Senior defender Dylan Remick was named MVP. Sophomore defender Alex Markes, freshman midfielder Tariq Akeel and senior defender Eric Robertson were rewarded All-Tournament team honors. The Bears will face Cleveland State on Friday.

CORNELL

Cornell continued their season with a trip to the West Coast. The Big Red defeated Cal State Fullerton 2-1 and gained another victory against Loyola Marymount 2-0. Junior forward Daniel Haber scored the opening goal against

Fullerton and then assisted on sophomore defender Jake Kirsch's game-winning goal, just 4 minutes after the titans equalized. After being a crucial component in the Big Red's victory against the Titans, Haber had another dominating performance as he scored both of Cornell's two goals in their 2-0 victory over Loyola Marymount. Haber's excellent performance this week earned him three honors. College Sports Madness named Haber its Ivy League Player of the Week. He was named Ivy League's Player of the Week and received a spot on the College Soccer News' National Team of the Week. Cornell will take on Lafayette on Friday.

DARTMOUTH

After losing their season opener to UCONN last week, Dartmouth hosted Holy Cross in its home opener. Holy Cross scored the game's first goal in the 27th minute before junior midfielder Andoni Georgiou equalized for the Big Green. Georgiou added another goal in the 60th minute with an assist from junior defender Brian Joseff, before sophomore midfielder Robin Alnas sealed Dartmouth's victory in the 79th minute. The Big Green will host SMU on Friday.

HARVARD

Harvard is still looking for its first win of the season after losing to undefeated Northeastern 1-0. The Crimson started off the game strongly with Junior midfielder Kyle Henderson testing the Huskies goalkeeper within the first 5 minutes of the game. The sides were even in the first half and the game remained scoreless until Northeastern's Donovan Fayd scored in the 64th minute. The Crimson pressed for an equalizer but could not capitalize off two corner kicks in the closing minutes.. The Crimson will play Michigan State

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YOUNG CUB | Freshman goalkeeper Kyle Jackson is the current backup to junior Michael Attal.