

Rangel a no-show at election forum

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Local candidates and voters filled the pews in a Harlem church Wednesday night for a pre-election forum—but one absence loomed almost as large as the historic church itself.

Embattled U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel did not attend the event at Mount Morris Ascension Presbyterian Church, which was one of the last chances to appeal for votes before Tuesday’s primary—but six candidates hoping to take his seat did. Education and economic recovery dominated the discussion among Democratic challengers Joyce Johnson, Jonathan Tasini, Vince Morgan, and Adam Clayton Powell IV.

Rangel’s Republican challenger and an Independent candidate also spoke at the event.

“Change is coming, I think everyone can agree,” Powell, Rangel’s most well-known competitor, said. “Some people just accept this change easier than others.”

Rangel’s public hearing for alleged ethics violations will begin in Washington on Monday, the day before the primary. His absence, coupled with the large turnout by supporters of his opponents, helped fuel an anti-Rangel atmosphere, though attendees acknowledged he still has strong support from many Harlem residents.

Alex Johnson, who lives close to the church, said the forum helped him make up his mind.

“Some of these guys are new faces, and I’m willing to see what they have to say because I’m sick of the same mumbo-jumbo,” Johnson said. He added that he had expected Rangel’s absence: “He’s done really great things for Harlem, but unfortunately, he’s not one of my choices.”

Harlem resident Gurline Gore said she took personal offense at Rangel’s lack of participation.

“He’s not here because he thinks he has it all wrapped up. That’s his arrogance, and that turns me off,” Gore said.

Earlier in the night, State Senator Bill Perkins and challenger Basil Smikle spoke about their ideas for the future of education in Harlem—an issue that has loomed over Perkins’ re-election campaign.

Perkins has been a vocal critic of charter schools, whose numbers have expanded dramatically in Harlem over the last few years. He says charter schools have taken resources away from reforming traditional public education—a sometimes unpopular position among parents.

Still, Perkins stuck to his position, saying that the focus should be on helping the vast majority of students educated in traditional schools.

“We see so many parents fleeing to other places hoping for better,” he said. “We want to encourage good public school education the old-school way.”

Smikle said he was open to expanding various types of schools, and he seemed hopeful that the anti-incumbent mood would push him ahead.

“The message of change Obama sent two years ago hasn’t yet filtered down to local politics,” he told Spectator, “and I think that change is about to happen.”

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VACANCY | The ground floor of Columbia’s Social Work building will not go to a retailer as the University had originally planned—instead, the space will be used for academic purposes.

CU drops retail plan in Social Work building

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The first floor of the School of Social Work may soon have its first tenants—but they’ll be students, not stores.

Columbia will give up trying to rent out the ground floor of the building (located on Amsterdam Avenue between 121st Street and Morningside Drive), which has been empty since the building opened in 2004, University officials said. The 7,000 square feet will be converted to academic space.

The issue was first revived by Brad Taylor, chair of the parks committee for Community Board 9, which represents Morningside Heights and West Harlem.

“The retail space is quite close to Morningside Park, and I’ve been eager to see something happen there,” Taylor said.

La-Verna Fountain, Columbia’s associate vice president for construction business services and communications, attended a board meeting in June and confirmed the change in plans, citing the economic climate and problems with the location, Taylor said.

“After attempting to rent the ground floor space for retail purposes at competitive market rents for more than five years, the University has determined to

utilize the available space to help meet some of the current academic space needs,” spokesperson for Columbia facilities Dan Held said in an emailed statement.

But that explanation is not enough for some Morningside Heights representatives, who are outraged over the new plan. In a letter sent to University President Lee Bollinger in August, New York

“When planning this building, Columbia made a promise to the community.”

—Assembly member Daniel O’Donnell

State Assembly member Daniel O’Donnell called the switch another example of the University’s broken promises.

“When planning this building, Columbia made a promise to the community that the space on the first floor would be used as a retail location as part of a plan to help revitalize the surrounding area,” O’Donnell wrote in the letter, which was also released to Spectator.

The current website describing the Social Work building project says nothing about retail space, but outdated links show that the description of the building previously read, “It provides instructional spaces, administrative and faculty research offices, as well as a street-level retail space.”

The process of finding a tenant seems to have been rocky. A March 2006 press release announced that the space had been leased to Tony May, currently the co-owner of Italian restaurant SD26. That deal appears to have fallen through, and May could not be reached for comment.

“I’ve been here five years, and when we moved here, we thought maybe it would turn into a nice grocery store,” said Bill Fallon, who lives one block from the Social Work building on 123rd Street.

The University declined to comment on the asking rent or on whether the academic space would be used by the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, which O’Donnell alleged in the letter.

Not all community representatives are complaining.

Savona Bailey-McClain, former chair of CB9’s waterfront and economic development committee,

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Policy may strain club sports’ finances

University shifts insurance requirement, raising teams’ costs

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A behind-the-scenes club sports policy change may push some teams to a state of financial crisis.

A new University policy, sources say, will make “Recreational Sports Consultants”—the independent contractors used by club sports teams to fill their coaching needs—into part-time University employees.

The major implication of the change is that these RSCs, essentially the coaches, must now use Columbia insurance policies rather than their own.

To make up the difference, teams will have to foot a bill 37.2 percent higher than what they currently pay, which may be prohibitively expensive for some teams.

The announcement came just as school began, according to a source within the Athletic

Department, and since clubs have not yet received their budget allocations, its impact on the upcoming season is not yet clear.

But according to one club sports captain, the change, privately announced by the Office of the General Counsel, is likely to be untenable for many clubs. Some teams pay their RSCs more than \$20,000 annually and will now have to come up with thousands of dollars of additional funding with no immediate means to do so.

The current hiring procedure for RSCs is a multi-step process. Student officers recommend a candidate to the director of intramural and club sports, and the director then interviews and approves the candidate. The director and club president together establish a payment plan for the RSC using funds from three places: membership

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ORGANIZING | Students, frustrated with lack of media attention, gathered Wednesday to join together for flood relief efforts.

Pakistani student group raises funds, awareness

BY LEAH GREENBAUM
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Two months ago, Amena Cheema, a graduate student in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, was en route to Islamabad with a group of friends, when floodwaters suddenly swept into the surrounding area and left her stranded in her car for 12 hours.

For 8.5 million people, the July flash flood that left 1/5 of the country underwater has meant utter devastation. For Cheema and other Pakistani students, it has been a call to action.

On Wednesday night, the Columbia University Organization of Pakistani Students met to discuss several initiatives with its small but committed membership about how to fundraise and bring attention to the environmental disaster. Much of America’s focus on Islam remains fixed on the controversy surrounding the Park51 mosque and community center by Ground Zero.

Sabeen Rizwan, BC ’12 and vice president of the group, said several Pakistani students decided to stay in their home country this semester to work alongside aid workers.

“We’re lucky to have a lot of really dedicated members,” she said. So far, OPS has raised \$17,600, mostly from off-campus mosques, synagogues, and churches, despite what Rizwan described as “very limited attention from the media.”

Elizabeth Wilner, a spokesperson for SIPA, said that, despite the chaotic flooding, all but one of their Pakistani students returned to the U.S. on time to begin classes.

“As soon as the disaster struck, our Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Cassandra Simmons, and her staff began trying to reach all our new students in Pakistan to

express our concern about their well-being and ask if there was anything we could do to assist them,” Wilner wrote in an email message.

“I think most people know about what’s going on, but we need to be the ones to step up and make sure everyone’s doing their part,” said Henna Mahmood, the president of OPS who has been traveling across the city to raise funds.

During the meeting, Mahmood told members that it’s important to hold an interfaith vigil next week to combat the negative stereotypes around Pakistan and Islam that have been well documented in the media this summer due to the Park51 controversy.

“There’s a lot of media behind Park51, but not much around this disaster,” Rizwan said.

She said OPS has partnered with Hillel and various Christian groups on campus to fundraise in synagogues and churches.

Maria Khan, BC ’13, said she was happy with the University’s response and said she was contacted by Barnard’s Dean of International Students to make sure she and her family were safe.

While some members said they would like to send money back to friends and family who are doing aid work in flood-ravaged areas, Mahmood said she would like to send funds to the United Nation’s Emergency Response Fund for Pakistan.

“A dollar would make a difference, would buy someone milk,” Cheema said. Prices of food have skyrocketed, she said, adding that her mother “can afford to pay for food, but most of the country can’t do it.”

She said, “Even the smallest amount would mean something.”

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How to shop MoHi for a fresh fall wardrobe

Columbia may not be in SoHo, but it doesn’t mean that this season’s looks can’t be created by students at even the most local retailers, like American Apparel and Ricky’s.



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Voting early in life, if not often

For college students, voting can be a logistical nightmare. A new bill would make things easier, and students, as well as schools, should work to help it pass.

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Lions spend summer honing their skills

Several members of the Columbia baseball team participated in summer leagues across the country, learning from new coaches and new teammates.

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said she understood that the economy isn't strong, and neither is foot traffic on Amsterdam.

"I run a small arts organization and deal with lots of small businesses in Harlem, and we all talk, and it's just a bad time," she said. "People can't get loans from banks even if you have good credit. So to say there's no retail there because of Columbia is just wrong."

CB9 member Walter South said that the issue boils down to shaping the neighborhood feel.

"Look at the Law School, how dead it is under that bridge. We like to have retail space, and practically every time we've dealt with Columbia, we've insisted they have retail space on the ground floor to create some kind of street life," he said.

This debate has a decade-long history. The addition of retail space was one of a package of recommendations that came from drawn-out negotiations about the site of the new Social Work building in 2000 and 2001.

Previously located in McVickar Hall on 113th Street (now the Alumni Center), the School of Social Work had planned to expand to a vacant lot on the same block. Community opposition to that new site grew so intense that elected officials and neighborhood activists formed a task force to discuss the project.

"Columbia decided to build it at 122nd and Amsterdam, and they built it in accordance to the framework that the community ironed out and made presentations to the community board at that time indicating that this was going to be retail space," Taylor said.

Assembly member O'Donnell, who has been a frequent critic of Columbia's community interaction, was a member of those discussions as a member of CB9. He acknowledged that there was never written confirmation that the space would be retail.

"The truth is, there was no contract entered into. We don't tie anyone's hands to that degree," O'Donnell said in an interview, adding, "This is not Cornell, where they can go buy another mountainside. Every little change upsets a variety of different balances, whether there's a legal contract or not."

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fees, outside fundraising, and Club Sports Governing Board funds doled out by student councils during Funding at Columbia University (F@CU) in the spring.

Previously, RSCs carried private insurance to cover Columbia students practicing with the RSC. Now the insurance must come from a Columbia policy. This is in addition to a coach's existing personal policy—separate insurance needed to cover any outside instruction done independently.

The teams—not the University—will be responsible for footing the additional cost.

Narayan Subramanian, Engineering Student Council vice president of Intergroup, who heads the co-sponsorship committee, said that he hadn't heard about the change in hiring policies until Wednesday, but had been hearing from other councils that sports clubs were preparing to appeal for more money—and expected them to.

Subramanian was unsure what kind of aid the coalition of councils would be able to offer the sports clubs, but said it "seems somewhat unlikely that we will be able to do such a thing [offer more money]."

"We can't go back and take money away from other governing boards," Subramanian said, despite the "unforeseen circumstances."

The councils participate each spring in doling out funds for the upcoming academic year.

"I honestly don't know what the outcome will see," he said.

Subramanian added that the four councils hadn't formally planned a meeting to address the problem, but that they would focus on accommodating club sports groups as best they could.

Columbia College Student Council President Learned Foote, CC '11, said that the council would look into the issue, though he acknowledged that this new problem would be an extra strain on the budget. It hasn't been factored into F@CU, he noted, and would probably amount to thousands of dollars in extra charges to club sports.

Still, Foote said his council was waiting for more details and that it would probably be a few weeks before it determines the best course of action.

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Back-to-back wins push Harvard to No. 6

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All of the Ivy teams were in action this past weekend, and several captured national headlines. Harvard's pair of marquee wins saw it climb the national rankings to No. 6. The Crimson's rise, coupled with Dartmouth, Princeton, and Penn all receiving votes in the NSCAA rankings means that the Ivy League is now arguably the second most competitive conference in the country. Penn rookie Stephen Baker impressed hugely in his first two college outings, and he was rewarded with both Ivy League Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week accolades for his efforts.

HARVARD 2-1 STANFORD, UMass 2-3 HARVARD

A late winner against No. 13 Stanford and a win at UMass propelled Harvard to 2-0 this season and No. 6 in the national rankings. Harvard sophomore Brian Rogers scored in the 80th minute against the Cardinals to snatch the win, and he doubled his season's tally in the next encounter. UMass took the lead from the penalty spot but was unable to hold on as goals from Rogers, Scott Prozeller, and Ross Friedman put the Crimson 3-1 ahead. UMass scored later on, but it proved to be no more than a consolation goal.

SAINT JOSEPH'S 0-2 PENN, PENN 5-0 LA SALLE

Penn enjoyed two convincing wins this week thanks to freshman forward Stephen Baker. Baker notched a total of three goals in his first two appearances for Penn. It may have been more had Penn's freshmen not been forced to miss the first half against La Salle due to a mandatory event at the university. Baker made the most of the final 45 minutes, however, by scoring twice and providing his first collegiate assist.

LONG ISLAND 1-0 CORNELL, CORNELL 3-2 HARTWICK

The Big Red bounced back from an opening-day defeat against Long Island by beating Hartwick 3-2, thanks to a dramatic three-goal comeback in a span of just under four minutes. Hartwick took the lead early in the second period and doubled its advantage soon after, but could not respond to Cornell's quick-fire push forward.

DARTMOUTH 4-1 HOLY CROSS

A scintillating second-half performance in front of over 1,200 fans gave Dartmouth a massive win over Holy Cross. The Big Green looked unstoppable in the second period and the score-line did justice to its play. Dartmouth completely dominated the game and had a 19-5 shot advantage and six corner kicks, compared to Holy Cross' two.

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON 0-1 PRINCETON, LEHIGH 3-2 PRINCETON

Junior Antoine Hoppenot scored with barely two minutes left on the clock against FDU to open the Tigers' campaign with a win. In their second fixture, the Tigers had a two-goal advantage over Lehigh, but the Mountain Hawks came from behind and scored three goals in a 12-minute period to take the win.

UConn 3-1 YALE, FAIRFIELD 2-1 YALE

The Bulldogs fell to back-to-back defeats this opening weekend against the Huskies and Fairfield. No. 10 UConn is certainly not the easiest venue to get a new campaign underway, and it proved so as the Huskies came away with a win. The Bulldogs' starting line-up fielded seven freshmen and sophomores. Their inexperience certainly showed at times, but credit must be given to the young Bulldogs for a gutsy performance. The contest against the Stags was much closer, and was decided in the second period of overtime. Erik Ilisije came off the bench to lift the Stags to victory. Senior Andy Shorten got both goals for the Bulldogs this past weekend.

BRYANT 0-4 BROWN, BROWN 4-5 PROVIDENCE ON PENALTIES (0-0 AFTER OVERTIME)

Patrick Laughlin earned his first win as head coach at Brown when his side routed Bryant, 4-0, in the first round of the Ocean State Soccer Classic. Princeton lost the title to Providence after a hard-fought contest ended goal-less in overtime, and Providence edged the Tigers in the result-ing penalty shootout 5-4.

FIELD HOCKEY

Columbia's three late goals seal victory over Hofstra

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The Columbia field hockey team improved its record—now 2-0-0—in yesterday's impressive 6-2 win over Hofstra (2-3-0).

"It was a very good game," head coach Marybeth Freeman said. "We have some adjustments to make, but overall we're very, very positive."

The game began well for the Lions, who scored their first goal at 1:22, thanks to sophomore forward Gabby Kozlowski, who scored three of Columbia's goals. The Pride answered back with a goal of its own by sophomore midfielder-forward Krizia Layne at 25:38, and the first half ended with Kozlowski's second goal of the afternoon, which was assisted by senior forward Julia Garrison.

"I think we came out very strong at the beginning of both of our halves," Freeman said. "The first half, we really controlled the center of the game, and I thought we did some really good-quality combination hockey. The latter part of the first half, we got a little bit sloppy with our textbook skills."

The second half opened with a series of chances for both teams, but the Lions broke through first, as sophomore midfielder-forward Bridget DeSandis scored off a block at 48:17. Layne provided Hofstra's final goal in the game at 56:15, pulling the Pride to within one goal of the Lions. Senior midfielder-forward Diane Caldwell was credited with the assist on the goal, Layne's second of the day. With the game close at 3-2, the Light Blue then scored three unanswered goals to seal the deal. Those three goals were scored by Kozlowski, Garrison, and freshman midfielder Liz Malone at 59:51, 63:47, and 64:32, respectively. However, it wasn't just the offense that won the game for Columbia.

"We had some great finishes up top on our forward line," Freeman said, noting Kozlowski and Malone in particular. "But really, Christie O'Hara kept us in the game. She came out with seven saves that were really, really important to us coming out with a 'W.'"

Columbia next takes on West Chester on Friday, Sept. 10, at 6:30 p.m., in its first away game of the season.

—Rebeka Cohan

For sports, there's no place like New York

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There was no score in the game, and the Americans needed a win to avoid elimination. A minute into injury time, Landon Donovan rushed down the right wing and found Clint Dempsey, whose low shot was stopped by Algerian goalkeeper Rais M'Bolhi. M'Bolhi coughed up a rebound, though, and in the next split second we saw the ball just lay there and we jumped up in anticipation. Donovan followed up on his pass by knocking in the game-winner. A series of cheers and whoops went up around the office, and the U.S. advanced to the Round of 16.

Soccer needed a boost in this country, and the daily lunch specials at New York sports bars during the tournament helped. Professor Gulati's hard work to promote the sport in America has helped. SportsCenter highlights help. But nothing works like a last-minute, elimination-avoiding goal scored by your star. Too bad it's four long years until Rio.

The next chapter in my summer sports story happened a few weeks later, when former Spec sports columnist Jacob Shapiro called me up and said his Sunday softball team was short a few guys. Did I want to drop by the park around 10:00? I'd had a long, late night and it was roughly 103 degrees outside. My glove was sitting at home—in Boston. I said sure.

They stuck me at second base. I went 3-5 at the plate and turned a pair of 6-4-3 double plays, helping the Hammers to just their second win of the season. More importantly, though, I rediscovered a lost love for the diamond. So many years after Little League, it's easy to resign oneself to the sidelines for good. But this city offers so much. These guys got together once a week under the burning sun, young guys and old guys, overworked and out of shape and nursing hangovers of varying degrees.

They reminded me that all you really need to play some ball is a love of the game.

Several weeks later I found myself up close and personal at a different sort of baseball matchup. This one was held at Yankee Stadium, and I had come by a free pair of third-row tickets through my internship to a marquee weekend game against the Red Sox. The tickets included a fancy buffet dinner beforehand and free in-seat food service during the game. The visitors dugout was 30 feet to our right. After a semester outside our nation's borders, it was refreshing to reconnect with the most American of all sports. Yankees-Red Sox, under the lights in baseball's cathedral.

Sometimes, the best things in sports just happen to you. Man, it felt good to be back. Oh, and naturally, the Sox won.

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Putting together a fall wardrobe in Morningside

BY JULIÁN MANCÍAS
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With the last days of summer finally fading, students are tucking away their sand-filled totes, acid-colored lacquers, and boat shoes to make room for a perfectly tailored fall wardrobe. Morningside Heights may be far from the stylish shopping haven of lower Manhattan, but in a season ruled by minimalism, refined elegance, and neutral hues, shopping in MoHi could not be more practical.

For too many seasons, women have been forced to confront fashion with ultimate extremes. Barely-there hems and liquid leggings were paired with oversized blazers and Gaga-inspired headpieces. However, this season, women's fashion has turned from dramatic extremity to comfort, neutrality, and ladylike refinement. The must-have pieces are easily found near campus.

American Apparel (Broadway between 109th and 110th streets) remains the greatest resource for shopping in MoHi. The store's 3-D flower mesh jumper (\$84), available in black and white, paired with jeans and ballet flats, channels high-fashion designer Isabel Marant's Parisian-chic collection.

For a professional look, girls can pull together the plaid chiffon oversized button-up (\$58) with pleated slacks or a full skirt and nude pumps. The look is perfect for fall interns and can easily transform into a date-ready ensemble by trading the pleated pants or full skirt for dark-hued jeans. Simple, ladylike accessories are all the rage this season, and American Apparel's skinny feathered edge leather belt (\$34) in brown and bass adds the perfect accent to a cinched waist. Looks are completed with Bardot-inspired hairstyles that are easily achieved with a cotton spandex jersey headband (\$4).

Following the season's menswear trends has never been easier, and American Apparel proves to be the one-stop shop for men pursuing their preppy Ivy League roots. Take the store's chambray long-sleeve, button-up shirt (\$58) in charcoal and pair it with the piqué raglan pullover in mossy green (\$32) for the perfect gentleman look. Nothing says sexy like a fitted V-neck sweater, and the lightweight, knit V-neck sweater (\$58) is a great option for fall's cooler days. As an alternative to uniform denim, pair the versatile poly-viscose welt pocket pant (\$69), available in seven colors, with loafers for classes or a date night, and with oxford lace-ups when interning.

A stop at **Ricky's** (Broadway between 112th and 113th streets) revamps summer's sun-damaged skin and brightly hued nails. Students of all skin types will find Murad moisturizers (\$33-\$68) to be hydrating and healing. Whether muted with the smoky taupe Mink Muffs polish or bold with the red wine Ups polish, nails done up with Essie polishes (\$7.99) add the perfect touch to feminine style.

With the perfect fall finds nestled in MoHi stores at college-budget prices, students can save a MetroCard swipe and a journey downtown to nail the season's coveted looks.



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COLUMBIAN APPAREL | This season's trends can all be recreated by students without straying far from campus retailers like American Apparel.

Featuring CU grads and artists on the rise, ‘Greater New York’ fails to capture city’s color

BY FRANCES CORRY
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With skyrocketing rents and a tightened art market, New York is not the gritty haven for young artists that it used to be. But every five years, at MoMA PS1's exhibition titled "Greater New York," predominantly young and unestablished New York-based artists are chosen to exhibit the happenings in contemporary art.

This year's iteration, the third in PS1's history, showcased 68 artists in the museum's renovated public school building in Long Island City, Queens. Twelve of those featured were graduates of the Columbia School of the Arts' Master of Fine Arts program.

The show, curated by MoMA's Klaus Biesenbach and Connie Butler, as well as PS1's Neville Wakefield, is known in the art community as a fantastic way for artists to gain footing in the slippery and volatile world that is the New York art scene. But 2010's survey, which closes October 18, proved to be an exhibition of wide critical disdain and a largely unconvinced public.

Pieces tended toward new and non-traditional mediums—videos, performance art, or installations were common. But for all the attempts toward the avant-garde, "Greater New York" seems awash in a sea of feeble visions.

Its weaknesses may have played up the show's few assets, however, as certain artists clearly stood out. Columbia School of the Arts graduate Leigh Ledare, SoA '08, attracted attention with his provocative series of photographs featuring erotic shots of his mother.



CHRISTINA PHAN FOR SPECTATOR

UPSIDE DOWN | Donna Clovis, a photographer and journalist, uses her photography to challenge all sorts of ideas of space—not only those of physical constructs like buildings, but also those of the internal and external selves of each individual in her campus exhibition "Inside Out."

Alumna exhibit ‘Inside Out’ inverts sense of space

BY MELISSA VON MAYRHAUSER
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The lines of unnamed photographs depicting fragments of buildings' exteriors in the Macy Gallery at Teachers College create so much tension between the street and the structure that, for the first time, the viewer may become conscious of what it truly means to be inside a building.

The Macy Gallery is presenting the work of Donna Clovis—a photographer, journalist, and former student at the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism—through Sept. 17. The exhibit, titled "Inside Out," explores the relationship between public and private spheres of life

through photography and videos, in order to challenge viewers to look beyond surface elements and imagine what is inside an individual's mind.

Depicting fragmented architectural details of colorful, unidentified buildings, such as the knobby columns of a balcony or a closed blue door, Clovis encourages observers to contemplate the feelings evoked by standing on the street as compared to standing at the inside of a house. She draws attention to the human-made lines drawn on buildings, whether they are wrought-iron fences or slanting railways, separating humans and preventing them from forming relationships with one another. This is alienating for the viewers, who cannot place themselves within the image.

Yet, Clovis simultaneously challenges the idea that a private space, such as a home or car, is a refuge. By focusing on lattice on windows and metal gates, it appears that the private area is a carceral location, functioning as a divider of human contact. It may look lovely, but the intricate detailing of railings and bars is, in fact, superficial ornamentation, distracting individuals from the need to bridge the gap between the self and the other.

Clovis also highlights graffiti on the sides of urban buildings in a movie about the intersection of public and private locations. She shows that this is an attempt at communication between the people outside and inside the buildings. The images' bleakness and the often unintelligible handwriting remind the viewer that this attempt is often unsuccessful.

At times, Clovis features humans who are obviously either outside or inside, in order to reinforce her distinction between the two areas. A young boy stands on the street holding his bike, for example, and another person stands next to a window in a home. Yet, none of the figures look through the lens of the camera, which detracts from their ability to confront the viewer. Instead, they seem caught in the action of their lives, never in contact with others and unaware of this division.

In a violent shift, the exhibit's next room features black-and-white naked photographs of the artist, foregrounded by fruit, a glass of liquid, a violin, and other objects. Clovis focuses on the distinction between an individual's superficial bodily exterior and the more valuable interior the viewer cannot see, which is perhaps represented by the items. Just as Clovis never shows the insides of buildings, she cannot visually represent the inner workings of her mind—but the blurry, colorless images lack the presence of the earlier photographic cityscapes and may rightfully become an afterthought to the viewer.

The exhibit encourages spectators to fight the preconstructed social dividers that prevent them from entering the house—in other words, the mind—of a fellow human being. Clovis provides her own artistic mind as an example, indicating that allowing oneself to become acquainted with another person will break barriers and make a greater exchange of ideas possible.



CHRISTINA PHAN FOR SPECTATOR

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I am not a terrorist

BY SAMEEA BUTT

It amused me that the profundity of a Bollywood film's impassioned plea for the world to stop seeing Islam as a violent religion was in the cheesy line: "My name is Khan, and I am not a terrorist." "My main problem with this," I said to a friend on the subway back to campus after watching the film, "is that it's so irrelevant to the U.S. today."

It's obvious now how I could be so wrong—I hadn't lived in the States for 10 years, and the 10 months that I had been here for my first year of college, I spent nestled in a hub of diversity on a campus that boasted students from just about every country in the world.

The Manhattan community, where tolerance came hand in hand with living among people of different races and religions, where I never felt degraded for or embarrassed of wearing a hijab, must be cushioned from the real New York I've never known—70 percent of whose inhabitants oppose the construction of a Muslim community center close to Ground Zero.

I found myself on the lookout for any news relating to Park51. I was pleased to find support for the practice of our freedoms from religious leaders of different faiths, and to hear from bloggers who understood the difference between the masterminds behind Sept. 11 and the typical American Muslim. I was moved by Mayor Bloomberg's eloquent speech on interfaith tolerance. In other parts of the media spectrum, Jon Stewart could be found mocking the insane levels of fear mongering, while Sarah Palin and Newt Gingrich were "refuting" this project as an "unnecessary provocation" and the work of "radical Islamists" seeking to subjugate America.

More difficult to ignore were the comments sections of each of these web pages. I'm more likely to meet the masses whose outrage is reflected in advertisements of the World Trade Center than the 30 percent of New Yorkers that approve of this center.

What stands out among the hordes of comments is the idea that Muslims subscribe to an "imperialist/racist ideology that should not even have the right to be called a religion" and are seeking to "wage a war against the civilized world." That's an interesting thought—considering that the best memories I have at college from this past year came from debating with students of

the Hillel Association about the Israeli wall and making friends in the process, catching the school's Shakespeare troupe's late-night springtime performance of "Measure for Measure," and running cartwheels down the lawn in front of our library. Hardly the stuff world domination is made of.

Shortly after Sept. 11, a passerby called my father Osama bin Laden, her eyes first sweeping over the topi on his head and then over his beard. I couldn't help but read her anger as an elaborate form of the kind of racism my father quietly endured, and find myself wondering: What comes next? Will the cloth I wear on my head and the color of my skin rouse images and emotions too painful to bear to be around me?

And why should that be? I respect the pain of those who were in any way touched by those attacks, but shouldn't the insult I feel on hearing that my faith is a "provocation" be considered, my sensitivities as an American citizen respected in return?

Maybe Bollywood actually got it right—maybe we haven't come as far since 9/11 as I'd thought we had. And maybe it's about time Muslims responded to the refrain in the thoughts: "Why do we only hear non-Muslim leaders defending this place? Why don't the moderate Muslims stand up?" That's a good question, one that I hope each Muslim will take the initiative to answer. Here's my own.

My name is Sameea Butt. I'm a college sophomore, hoping to eventually help save millions back in Pakistan from the throes of poverty and illiteracy. I believe in God, that He's kind and merciful, and that neither He nor the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) would condone the events of Sept. 11. I would love to run cartwheels up and down a gym in a Muslim community center, where I could make new Muslim and non-Muslim friends, where interfaith tolerance could help to heal the wounds that the ill-fated day nine years ago seared into our lives. And I am most definitely not a terrorist.

The author is a Columbia College sophomore. She is a member of the Organization of Pakistani Students.



JOANNA WANG

The power of our ballots

At Columbia, we are given four years to enjoy New York City. But with this opportunity to relish life in the never-sleeping crossroads of the world comes an imperative duty as urban citizens—a duty to become knowledgeable, invested, and empowered municipal activists.

This week, as we're settling into school, it's easy to forget that New York is at the height of campaign season. The bustle of the first week of classes puts local politics out of mind. But even once things have quieted down, students—who must retain familiarity with their hometown politicking, and who often have little interest in the politics of a city from which they will be gone in the blink of an eye—are frequently disenfranchised.

The need to remedy the low levels of student voting was recognized by Congress in 1998, when it mandated that all schools participating in the federal student aid program make "a good faith effort" to distribute voter registration forms. This requirement is riddled with problems—most significantly, colleges can passively satisfy their statutory obligation by simply stocking sufficient voter cards on campus. During the initial days of the 111th Congress, a bill to remedy the shortcomings of Congress' previous actions on student voting was proposed. The Student VOTER Act, HR 1729, allows institutions of higher learning to distribute voter cards during each registration period of a student's college career. A bipartisan piece of legislation, HR 1729 would be a huge step forward in protecting our vulnerable voting rights as students. But in this divided political climate, it wallows in congressional committee. This cause, our cause, demands our support. It is up to us to lobby and to organize. We must make our voices heard in Washington, on behalf of our generation and the generations after us. Our representatives must know that we want this bill and our voting rights.

The requirement that voter registration forms be provided each semester can alleviate many registration hiccups common to college students. A ubiquitous semiannual provision of voter cards would encourage students to update their residence information, allowing important Board of Elections mailings to reach them, and inform them about the local elections. This is essential in places like New York, where frequent reassignments of polling places are common. Undocumented residential changes affect the ability of both a student and any future resident of the student's dorm room to register and cast ballots. They also sometimes lead to allegations of attempted voter fraud. The most crucial step in reforming any sector of our voting process is to ease the process of updating residence information.

Student voters on urban campuses like Columbia's have a unique problem, and it is for them that HR 1729



LOUIS CHOLDEN-BROWN

Urban Ink

would do the most. College is a mobile time, often marked by yearly relocations. On urban campuses, where dorms and other accommodations are part of the municipal streetscape, moving into new housing can even mean crossing electoral lines—not merely those electoral districts that divide each block, but boundaries for everything from municipal to federal office. Consider that those in campus housing vote at four different polling places: Wren Hall, Riverside Church, the Forest Chambers apartment building on 113th Street, and Columbia University Houses on Riverside Drive.

The battle for student voting is not won when a student arrives on campus and first registers to vote: Constant

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reminders and assistance are needed to ensure voter security and the continued enfranchisement of students. This mustn't only take the form of governmental intervention. It is the duty of the school to make resources available, above and beyond legal mandates, to encourage student voting.

In the absence of legislative action, the school (and the student body) must engage in greater electoral education. Columbia must take steps to publicize resources for those who experience registration or poll site problems because of their dormitory addresses: All too often students are informed that dormitory addresses do not fulfill residency requirements without ease of recourse.

If we care about the democratic process, we cannot allow this bill to fail. It is ultimately a personal decision where one casts one's vote—and this bill would make it easier for students who have made the decision to vote here.

HR 1729 has bipartisan support, but the hyper-politicized state of Washington seriously imperils its chances of moving out of committee in this 111th Congress. We must pressure our congressional representatives to pass this bill into law through unified national student advocacy. But we also cannot wait for laws to ease our way to the ballot box—we must exercise our civic duty, regardless of the difficulty of doing so.

The imperative to vote is as strong as ever, and we must show that we recognize the power of our ballots, even absent legislation (or administrative action), by "voting early [in life] and often."

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17 Excessive pride in one's china?

19 A storm might delay it; Abbr.

20 Sailor's rear

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24 Coveted role

26 Brawl during a game of musical chairs?

29 Relevant, in law

31 Tuxedos, often

32 Power source size

34 Bolt, e.g.

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41 Case, for instance; Abbr.

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47 Respectful refusal

51 Zoro's chaos?

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Miller Theatre continues its Lunchtime Concerts series with 18 free concerts. *Hermit Songs*, *Op. 29* performed by Sarah Wolfson, soprano. For more info, call (212) 854-7799 or visit www.millertheatre.com/events.


Lecture: Cities and Climate
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Altschul Auditorium, International Affairs Building,
Morningside campus

Speaker: Cynthia Rosenzweig, Earth Institute, Columbia University. For more info, call (212) 854-6709 or email aeimicke@ei.columbia.edu.

All-Class Lecture: Dean Baquet
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Lecture Hall, Journalism School, Morningside campus

Speaker: Pulitzer-Prize winner Dean Baquet, Washington, D.C., bureau chief for *The New York Times*. For more info, call (212) 854-3781 or email csk2112@columbia.edu.

Wednesday, September 15

 **SIPA Leaders in Global
Energy Lectures**
4:00 p.m.
1501 International Affairs Building,
Morningside campus

Nobuo Tanaka, managing director of the International Energy Agency, will speak on the World Technology Outlook. For more info, call (212) 854-7156 or send an email to jac12@columbia.edu.

**Lunchtime Concert Series:
Music by Samuel Barber**
12:30 p.m.
Philosophy Hall, Morningside campus

Miller Theatre continues its Lunchtime Concerts series with 18 free concerts. Cello Sonata, *Op. 6* performed by Adrian Daurov, cello. For more info, call (212) 854-7799 or visit www.millertheatre.com/events.

Wednesday, September 15

**Panel Discussion:
Hispanic New York and the
Latinoization of the United States**
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Davis Auditorium, Schapiro Center,
Morningside campus

A presentation of *Hispanic New York: A Sourcebook*, edited by Claudio Iván Remeseira. Panelists include Paul Berman, Gabriel Haslip-Viera, Frances Negrón-Muntaner, Claudio Iván Remeseira, Milagros Ricourt and Virginia Sánchez Korrol; moderated by Ray Suarez.

**Seminar: The Decline and Fall of
Richmond Hill, N.Y.**
4:10 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
963 Schermerhorn Ext., Morningside campus

Speaker: Nancy D. Munn, professor emeritus of anthropology at the University of Chicago. Reception to follow. For more info, email mp20@columbia.edu.

Tea Demonstration and Lecture
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Casa Italiana, Morningside campus

Former grand master Genshitsu Sen (Soshitsu Sen XV) of the Urasenke School of Tea will deliver a lecture and demonstration of traditional Japanese tea ceremony. RSVP required. For more info, call (212) 854-5036 or email donald-keene-center@columbia.edu.

Friday, September 17

**Lecture and Stargazing: Black Holes
Play Drums**
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Pupin Hall, Morningside campus

Speaker: Janna Levin, professor of physics and astronomy, Barnard College. Black holes emit no light; they are dark against the dark sky. But like mallets on a drum, they can ring out a song on space itself. After the lecture, weather permitting, rooftop telescope observing and stargazing. For more info, call (212) 854-7393 or email outreach-admin@astro.columbia.edu.

Women's Soccer vs. Hofstra
7:00 p.m.
Columbia Soccer Stadium, Baker Athletics Complex,
218th Street and Broadway

For more info, call (212) 854-2535 or visit www.gocolumbiaions.com.

Saturday, September 18

Men's Soccer vs. Saint Peter's
7:30 p.m.
Columbia Soccer Stadium, Baker Athletics Complex,
218th Street and Broadway

For more info, call (212) 854-2535 or visit www.gocolumbiaions.com.

Monday, September 20

**Café Humanities:
The Curious Life and Curiouser
Afterlife of Sholem Aleichem**
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
PicNic Café, 2665 Broadway at 102nd Street

Speaker: Jeremy Dauber, associate professor of Yiddish, Columbia University. \$10 per person. Seating is limited. For more info, call (877) 854-2586 or visit www.cafes.columbia.edu.

Tuesday, September 21

Panel Discussion: Dog Days
6:00 p.m.
Event Oval, Diana Center, Barnard campus

Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Natalie Angier, author Ray Copping, author Alexandra Horowitz and University of Florida psychologist Clive Wynne take a scientific look at man's best friend. For more info, call (212) 851-5979 or email sjohnson@barnard.edu.

Panel Discussion: Oil Spill in the Gulf
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Altschul Auditorium, International Affairs Building,
Morningside campus

Speakers: Andrew Juhl and Ajit Subramanian, both of Columbia's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. For more info, call (212) 854-6709 or email aeimicke@ei.columbia.edu.

Wednesday, September 22

**Conference: Critical Intersections:
Economic and Reproductive Justice**
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Diana Center, Barnard campus

Explore the ways in which reproductive justice and women's economic security are linked through the work of 17 organizations led predominantly by women of color and young people in New York City. For more info, call (212) 854-2067 or visit www.barnard.edu/bcrw.


Opening Night: Kaija Saariaho's *Maa*
8:00 p.m.
Miller Theatre, Morningside campus

Miller Theatre presents the American premiere of composer Kaija Saariaho's only ballet with choreography by Luca Veggetti. Tickets \$7-\$40. For more info, call (212) 854-7799 or visit www.millertheatre.com/events.

**Lecture:
Engineering the Immune System**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Alumni Auditorium, 650 W. 168th St., Medical
Center campus

Speaker: David Baltimore, president emeritus and the Robert Andrews Millikan Professor of Biology, California Institute of Technology. For more info, call (212) 304-7216 or email cmcevents@columbia.edu.

Friday, September 24

 **Panel Discussion:
Geoengineering the Climate:
Ethics, Potential and Politics**
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Satow Room, Alfred Lerner Hall, Morningside campus

Speakers: Eli Kintisch, author, reporter for *Science*; Scott Barrett, Lenfest-Earth Institute Professor of Natural Resource Economics, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University. For more info, call (212) 854-2525 or email ccc@ei.columbia.edu.

**Exhibit Opening Reception: Dürer's
Rhinceros**
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
LeRoy Neiman Gallery, Dodge Hall, Morningside campus

The exhibit is open from Sept. 20 to Oct. 29. Curators: Guy Ben Ari and Leah Wolf, M.F.A. candidates at Columbia University School of the Arts.


Women's Field Hockey vs. Cornell
3:00 p.m.
Field Hockey field, Baker Athletics Complex,
218th Street and Broadway

For more info, call (212) 854-2535 or visit www.gocolumbiaions.com.

Women's Soccer vs. Cornell
7:00 p.m.
Columbia Soccer Stadium, Baker Athletics Complex,
218th Street and Broadway

For more info, call (212) 854-2535 or visit www.gocolumbiaions.com.

Monday, September 27

 **Panel Discussion:
Alwin Nikolais and His
Legacy**
7:00 p.m.
Event Oval, Diana Center,
Barnard campus

Speakers: writer and critic Anna Kisselgoff; Alberto Del Saz, artistic director of the Nikolais Louis Foundation for Dance; choreographer Phyllis Lamhut; and James Seawright, professor emeritus of visual arts, Princeton University. For more info, call (212) 854-9769 or email moochran@barnard.edu.

**Café Social Science:
Health Costs of Air Pollution**
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
PicNic Café
2665 Broadway at 102nd Street


Speaker: Janet Currie, the Sami Mnaymeh Professor of Economics, Columbia University. \$10 per person. Seating is limited. For more info, call (877) 854-2586 or visit www.cafes.columbia.edu.

Wednesday, September 29

Lecture: The Promise of Peer Review
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
555 Alfred Lerner Hall, Morningside campus

Speaker: Vivian Siegel, professor and director of the Center for Science Communication at Vanderbilt University and former chief editor of *Cell*. For more info, call (212) 851-2856 or email kp2002@columbia.edu.

Thursday, September 30

 **Conversations With Composers:
Miya Masaoka**
7:30 p.m.
301 Philosophy, Morningside campus

For more info, call (212) 851-1633 or visit www.jazz.columbia.edu.

Lecture: The Weather of the Future
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
President's Room, Faculty House,
Morningside campus

Speaker: Heidi Cullen, director of communications, Climate Central. For more info, call (212) 854-2525 or email ccc@ei.columbia.edu.

Thursday, Sept. 30–Friday, Oct. 1

**Shrinking Cities, Smaller Cities:
Modern Crisis or New Path to
Prosperity? Is Smaller Really Better?**
Casa Italiana, Morningside campus

The conference will address the issue of cities in the United States and Europe with declining populations across different time periods, with a focus on the 20th and 21st centuries. Advance registration required. For more info, call (212) 854-3050 or email lehmancenter@columbia.edu.

COLUMBIA FOOTBALL 2010 HOME SCHEDULE



SEPT. 18	FORDHAM	12:30 P.M.	BAKER BLAST
SEPT. 25	TOWSON	12:30 P.M.	TAKE A KID TO THE GAME DAY
OCT. 2	PRINCETON	12:30 P.M.	COMMUNITY OUTREACH DAY
OCT. 9	LAFAYETTE	12:30 P.M.	GREEN (SUSTAINABILITY) GAME
OCT. 23	DARTMOUTH	1:30 P.M.	HOMECOMING
NOV. 13	CORNELL	12:30 P.M.	EMPIRE STATE BOWL

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IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

When it comes to sports, there’s no place like NY

For so many reasons, there is no city in the world like New York, New York. Fulfilling and adventurous as my semester abroad was, it was natural on occasion to yearn for the bustle of our favorite me-tropolis. The Central Park reservoir, Community omelets, long nights at the Spec office, the true 24-hour nature of this town—all had been an integral part of my college experience; none were to be found overseas during my semester abroad in Israel this past spring.

Also missing for me were sports. I swam regularly in the Mediterranean, played paddle ball for hours on the beach, hiked in the desert, and saddled up for several bike trips. I sat with the media at a pro basketball game in Jerusalem, celebrated at 1 a.m. in Barcelona after its soccer team defeated its rival squad from Madrid, and watched cricket in a London park (not recommended). But I was 6,000 miles and seven time zones away for the Super Bowl, March Madness, spring t raining, Columbia’s near-Ivy League baseball title, and a good chunk of my Blackhawks’ playoff run to world domination. When it came to sports, I really missed New York.

So it was refreshing to spend the summer in Manhattan. We live in an exciting sports town, and even over

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the long, hot days of summer 2010, I found a number of new ways to fulfill that old urge to play ball or soak it all in from the grandstand. None of these adventures emerged out of my own initiative—all were last-minute and hastily planned. But these are exactly the kinds of things that happen in New York.

The first happened on a stifling Wednesday morning at my Brooklyn internship. The office was hot and dark and there wasn’t enough caffeine in my system. The U.S. soccer team was battling Algeria in World Cup pool play, and soccer fervor had been slowly but steadily mounting in New York throughout early tournament action. I kept checking ESPN when I thought my boss wasn’t looking. With 10 minutes remaining in regulation, he invited me over to watch the finish on his laptop. The stream was delayed and choppy, possibly because all of Williamsburg had the same idea at the same time.

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Over the summer, 15 CU baseball players honed their skills in summer leagues from New England to Hawaii.

Lions spend summer playing ball across the nation

BY VICTORIA JONES
Spectator Staff Writer

While many college students were holed up indoors this summer, fetching coffee or filing papers at summer internships, the men of Columbia’s baseball team practiced their pitching, strengthened their swings, and finetuned their athleticism.

Over the summer break, more than a dozen Light Blue players competed in NCAA-authorized summer baseball leagues to maintain their fitness and improve their play in all aspects of the game. Each summer, the leagues combine elite players from colleges all over the country into a variety of teams and pit them against each other with a fast-paced competition schedule that has them on the field nearly every single day. In addition to instructional wisdom from a variety of coaches, players bond with their teammates, learning different styles of play and picking up pointers from other regions of the country.

Playing in a summer league affords the country’s top baseball players an opportunity to compete against a host of other competitors. In their spring schedules, most colleges only take on teams in their conferences or geographical regions, but the summer leagues spread players across the country and mix athletes from big and small schools and from all divisions to create a uniquely diverse environment at the collegiate level.

This year, 15 Lions signed on for a summer full of sun, sweat, and training. Participating team members were: Alex Aurrichio, Jason Banos, Alex Black, Nick Crucet, Jon Eisen, Nick

Ferraresi, Tim Giel, Mark Heil, Ricky Kleban, Pat Lowery, Stefan Olson, Dario Pizzano, Billy Rumpke, Harrison Slutsky and Eric Williams.

Some, such as Aurrichio, Black, and Crucet played far away in the Hawaii Collegiate Baseball League, while others, such as Banos, Lowery, Slutsky, and Pizzano, stayed on the East Coast and played in the New England Collegiate Baseball League.

The Lions may have been spread out across the country, but they were united in their goals to improve their skills, stamina, and overall play before returning to campus for the upcoming season.

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—Harrison Slutsky, junior pitcher

Slutsky, a junior pitcher for the Light Blue, noted the opportunities available to players during summer leagues.

“It’s a good time to get extra work in and work on whatever you felt was a weak point during the season,” Slutsky said.

“In the summer it’s mostly about individuals, because there’s 30-something guys and 3-5 coaches, so you can get there early and they have all the facilities and just work on you for every single day,” outfielder Rumpke added.

In the batter’s box this summer,

Rumpke reaped the benefits of the diverse and novel coaching staff.

“There’s just so many different types of ways you can go about [hitting] and just hearing different coaches tell you things. ... One little sentence might fix an entire part of your swing that you’ve been working on for two years,” Rumpke said. “That’s what happened to me this summer. Just different perspectives and different pointers. You just have to take whatever you can.”

Though the leagues provide a unique opportunity for coaches to focus on players and help them make improvements to their play, playing summer ball is not all fun and games.

Lowery and Slutsky spent almost every day at the ballpark. The NECBL stacked their schedule with six games a week, on top of time spent practicing and many hours logged in the gym.

According to Lowery, “[You get] one day off a week. And if you get rained out: no days off.”

Daily games—which are typical of a pro ball schedule—are a new experience for most student-athletes, who aren’t used to three straight months of games without a break.

“It’s a chance to be a full-time baseball player, whereas when you’re at

school you have a lot of other stuff to worry about,” Slutsky said.

“You kind of get the full experience,” Rumpke added. “Just trying to be ready, mentally prepared everyday, it’s kind of tough but it’s a really good challenge.”

Other trials and tribulations include trying to bond with a new team in just a week and facing a brand new set of opponents – instead of the usual contenders players see year after year in their school conferences.

New competition provides a challenge to the athletes, but also a special occasion to play against other talent.

“It’s also really exciting playing with guys from all over: bigger schools, bigger conferences that are ranked higher in the country,” Rumpke said. “Seeing what we can do against them and measuring our talent against those guys, it’s a lot of fun. ... I personally think, after two years of summer ball, it doesn’t matter where you go. Because you’ve got guys in smaller divisions like Division II, Division III, NAIA, that are just as good as guys that go to top 5 schools in the country.”

The summer leagues also offer a change-up from college ball: wood bats. College baseball teams use metal bats, which favor the batters, but pitchers Lowery and Slutsky appreciated the change for the summer.

“It’s a little easier for pitchers, you get to use wood bats,” Slutsky said.

So the end benefits of the summer? Stronger, fitter, more skilled players who are ready to start the new season with three extra months of experience; all of which should make a difference up at Robertson Field this spring.

Early goal enough for CU to take second straight

BY SARAH SOMMER
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

It was not a perfect game for the Columbia women’s soccer team, but it was all the Lions needed to beat Iona on Wednesday.

“We did what we had to do,” head coach Kevin McCarthy said. “It wasn’t a sterling performance, but it was an honest effort.”

Senior defender Kelly Hostetler scored her second goal of the season in the 10th minute, and Columbia (2-1-0) achieved its second straight shutout in the 1-0 victory.

Hostetler, who scored her first two goals in 2009, has already matched that output in just three games this season. Her goal against Iona (1-7-0) came after she got the ball back following her first of several corner kicks in the matchup.

“Kelly’s service on restarts and corners has been excellent,” McCarthy said. “It’s great to see her get a reward for that type of service and delivery.”

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The Lions were aggressive early, taking three shots—two on goal—in the first five minutes of action. Iona responded in the 10th with a five-minute stretch of three shots and one corner, but the Gaels did not find the back of the net.

Despite taking 19 shots in the game, nine of which were on goal, Columbia was unable to score for a second time.

“Our final touch and sometimes the movement in the runs to the box were not as connected and coordinated as we expect,” McCarthy said. “That accounted for some frustration in not finishing.”

Columbia mounted major threats late in the second half, including a four-minute stretch in which the Lions took three shots and five corner kicks. Freshmen were responsible for two of those shots, with defender Maya Marder’s shot going wide and midfielder Chelsea Ryan’s hitting the post.

The Lions threatened again in the final five minutes of the half when they took three shots and one corner. But Iona goalkeeper Trista Rivera made two saves, and junior defender Lindsay Mushett’s shot in the 89th sailed high.

Five of Iona’s 13 shots were on goal, but Columbia goalkeeper Lillian Klein was ready for them. The junior finished the day with five saves.

According to McCarthy, his defenders are not the only ones responsible for the Lions’ shutout.

“The players in front of them work their tails off pressing and double-teaming and covering and balancing,” he said. “Our midfielders and forwards are very committed to doing that work.”

Within Iona’s defense, Rivera recorded eight saves for the Gaels. But the one goal she allowed was enough to give Columbia the win.

Columbia is not complaining.

“We always celebrate victory,” McCarthy said.



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CORNER KICK | Senior Kelly Hostetler scored the Light Blue’s only goal in its matchup with Iona, but that was enough to earn the victory.