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NO TRESPASSING | A woman who pretended to be a new student for two weeks was removed from campus by NYPD on Thursday.

Popkin, Yao receive teacher award

BY JEREMY BUDD
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Professors Cathy Popkin and David Yao are the recipients of this year's Great Teacher Awards, awarded annually by the Society of Columbia Graduates.

Popkin has taught in the department of Slavic languages and literatures since 1986 and specializes in 19th- and 20th-century Russian literature, particularly Chekhov.

She is also a member of the Educational Policy and Planning Committee, a new educational committee charged with coordinating communication across the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Coincidentally, Popkin learned that she had won the award when she checked her email in the lobby of the New York City Center while seeing "Uncle Vanya," a Chekhov play. "It's the nicest thing in the world to be recognized for teaching," she said. "I'm so honored."

In addition to the opportunity to teach students of different academic levels and ages, Popkin said the Core Curriculum played a major factor in her decision to continue to teach here.

"I love the ethos of Columbia," she said. "When 1,000 people are trying to make sense of the same thing at the

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Student impostor removed from campus

BY FINN VIGELAND
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Rhea Sen started off her August at Columbia as any new student would: going on bus tours around the city, taking photos with new acquaintances, discussing the perks and quirks of each residence hall. The only problem? Rhea Sen doesn't go to Columbia.

Her nearly two-week stay on campus, during which she posed as a student, attended orientation events, and harassed first-years, came to an abrupt end on Thursday night as the young woman—about 20 years old and 5-foot-4—was escorted out of Low Library by officers from the 26th Precinct for trespassing.

Rebecca Smith, CC '13 and an International Student

Orientation Program leader, first noticed the woman on Aug. 24. She was eating cereal alone in John Jay Dining Hall and gave the name Rhea Sen.

She told Smith that she was registered for the Columbia Outdoor Orientation Program but had missed the program's departure. Although she lived in Philadelphia, she said, she was born in India, so Smith offered to try to register her for ISOP if she wanted.

"That's really nice, but I don't want to cause any trouble," Smith recalled Sen saying. The quiet girl gave Smith her phone number anyway, and Smith was given administrative approval to register her if she could get her UNI. Smith called the number, but Sen never answered.

General Studies student, Army veteran dies at 29

BY AVANTIKA KUMAR
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Aaron Tinker, GS '15, died on Aug. 16 at his home in Huntington Beach, Calif. The U.S. Army veteran and father of three was 29.

Tinker, originally of Effingham, Ill., served in the Army for five years, deploying to Iraq, before starting at Columbia in spring 2011. He achieved sergeant distinction and won the Purple Heart Award for his service, according to Tinker's academic adviser Ana Maria Ulloa, an assistant dean of students at the School of General Studies.

His cause of death was still under investigation as of Sunday night, the Orange County, Calif., coroner said.

Ulloa said in an email that she remembers Tinker for both his kind personality and his dedication to his academics.

"Aaron always had a smile on his face," Ulloa said. "He was kind, responsible, and committed to completing his degree at Columbia. He was very proud to be here."

GS students were notified of his death in an email from Leslie Limardo, the acting dean of students.

"I know that all of you join me in sending our deepest condolences to Aaron's family, friends, and colleagues," Limardo wrote. "Whenever we lose someone within the Columbia community, we are all affected by it,

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Smith said she didn't see her again for three days, but in the mean time, Sen went on a city tour and attended an Afropunk festival in Brooklyn, said ISOP leaders Louis Lin, SEAS '15, and Bruno Rigonatti Mendes, CC '14 and a Spectator finance and strategy deputy. These events were informal, Mendes said, so OLS did not check for the required ISOP badge—which Sen did not have, as she had never registered for ISOP nor even enrolled at Columbia.

She tried to befriend new students, including Cami Quarta, CC '16, who believes she was the first first-year Sen met. "We thought she was just socially awkward," Quarta said. "She said

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Coatsworth to chair SEAS dean search

Group includes 2 students, will consider external candidates

BY MARGARET MATTES
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Provost John Coatsworth announced the formation of a search committee for an engineering school dean on Friday afternoon. Coatsworth will chair the committee, which will consider both internal and external candidates.

In an email to students at the School of Engineering and Applied Science, Coatsworth listed the members of the committee, which is composed of eight senior faculty members, two students—including Engineering Student Council president Tim Qin, SEAS '13—and the chair of the SEAS board of visitors.

"Our goal will be to recommend to him [University President Lee Bollinger] an individual or individuals whom we believe to be exceptionally qualified to lead the School to new heights of success in research, teaching, and service, and thus in reputation," Coatsworth said in the email.

Civil engineering and earth and environmental engineering professor Feniosky Peña-Mora resigned as SEAS dean in July, after a faculty revolt and an overwhelming vote of no confidence in May left him with few choices but to step down. Former executive vice dean Donald Goldfarb has been serving as interim dean since.

The SEAS committee will begin reviewing candidates in October, although Coatsworth was careful to note that the

process will continue as long as is necessary to find the right candidate. Search committee member and civil engineering professor Jacob Fish said that it could be difficult to find a qualified candidate, particularly after the leadership challenges the school has experienced during the last year.

"I don't know whether there is such a person, or whether such a person would want to come here," Fish said.

Administrators plan to hold a town hall meeting to give the larger SEAS community an opportunity to voice concerns and questions about the dean search.

"We need somebody who the faculty will respect and I think respect tends to come from, among other things, scholastic accomplishments," Fish said. "The faculty has to respect the dean and the dean has to be a scholar—and someone with administrative experience as well."

The job will be open to both internal and external candidates, despite the fact that many faculty members felt Peña-Mora's limited experience at Columbia—he was hired after six years at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign—was one of his biggest weaknesses.

Although Fish said he was unable to comment on Coatsworth's decision to consider external candidates, he said that a candidate's

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PETER BOHNHOF FOR SPECTATOR

FILL 'ER UP | Carmie Elmore, owner of this gas station on 110th Street and Frederick Douglass Boulevard, is suing the city to prevent his property from being razed for redevelopment purposes.

Gas station owner sues to keep property

BY AVANTIKA KUMAR AND CHRISTIAN ZHANG
Columbia Daily Spectator

The city's West Harlem redevelopment plan aims to pump up the economy with thousands of new jobs—but one local gas station owner, with his business in the line of demolition, is suing to keep his pumps alive.

Carmie Elmore bought the BP service station on 110th Street and Frederick Douglass Boulevard from the city in 1996. But after the city approached him with plans to acquire and redevelop the property, he filed a lawsuit in August.

The New York City Economic Development Corporation claims it has the right to reacquire the lot for the purpose of economic development, and issued a request for expressions of interest to developers in June.

Elmore says differently. He

acknowledged that his initial contract allowed the city to buy back his gas station for urban renewal purposes, but he said that plan expired in 2008—and as a result, he and his partners fully own the property.

The city offered Elmore the original purchase price of the property plus the cost of improvements he has made since then, rather than its current market price, he said.

"We think that we own the station outright now," said Elmore, who has been a partner at the gas station since 1986. "The city doesn't have any rights to it whatsoever."

While the EDC has yet to respond to the lawsuit formally, a law department spokesperson said in a statement, "The City and EDC strongly dispute the version of events outlined in this lawsuit. We will be responding in court."

The EDC said in a statement that it hopes to redevelop what it considers "underutilized" space by "providing quality jobs for local residents and maximizing the benefit to the community" through affordable housing and community and retail space.

"The redevelopment of this site could offer a unique opportunity to enhance the surrounding community while also increasing economic activity throughout the entire area," EDC President Seth W. Pinsky said in the statement.

Elmore said he is concerned about the impact the station's closing would have on both himself and his employees, which include students and war veterans.

"I've been here 26 years, so it's very valuable to me. It's the place where I made my living, I sent my boys to college, put food on

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TROY ROBILLOS

WINNER | Loyal readers of Spectator have perhaps noted the paucity of photographs of Mudd Hall in our pages, let alone photos of great aesthetic distinction. Troy Robillos, the winner of our Show Us Your Columbia photo contest, rose to the challenge, picking the perfect angle from which to approach the Engineering quad afresh and delivering an elegant composition. Visit columbiaspectator.com to see a slideshow of contest finalists.

—Henry Willson, Spectator Photo Editor

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Defending the art

Andrew Godinich finds the critical value of a liberal arts education.

Engineering leaders

The SEAS dean search committee must move carefully.



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Double trouble for men's soccer

The Lions lost to Monmouth for the second year in a row, 1-0, with Hawks senior midfielder Ryan Clark scoring off a corner kick.

EVENTS

Lunch with Dean Awn

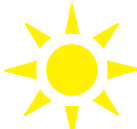
GS Dean Peter Awn hosts students to start off the year. Registration required. 612 Lewisohn Hall, Conference Room, 12 p.m.

Human Rights Institute Fall Reception

ISHR presents the 2012 advocates, fellows, and visiting scholars. IAB, 15th Floor Commons, 7 p.m.

WEATHER

Today



75°/59°

Tomorrow



75°/61°

Posing as student, woman crashes NSOP

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to me, ‘Are you a freshman? I’m kind of lost, do you want to hang out with me?’”

On her way to the party at the Bronx Zoo that capped off orientation week, Quarta and a friend wound up on the subway with Sen. Even though Quarta had been told to take the train to 180th Street, Sen showed her a text message she claimed to be from her OL instructing her to get off at an earlier stop and take a bus. The two heeded Sen’s advice, winding up far from their intended destination. A helpful police officer steered the three of them back on the subway.

“If I was alone, I don’t know where I would’ve wound up,” Quarta said. “That was probably the first sign that showed she might have been a risk.”

Soon, OLs started to get suspicious. Sen told Quarta that she lived on the sixth floor of Hartley Hall, and the next day that she lived in Carman 6B, which is not the way rooms in Carman Hall are numbered. Students said they were still unsure where she slept across the 14-day period she spent on campus. “People

saw her running around, hiding in bushes, but as far as I know, nobody actually saw her in the residence halls,” Quarta said.

“Eventually, she tried to make friends with our first-year students, and it just got to the point where her lies were too obvious,” Lin said.

Katherine Cutler, a Student Affairs spokesperson, said administrators first became aware of Sen’s presence “after several odd interactions with OLs and ISOP participants.” Student Affairs notified Public Safety and instructed students to keep an eye out for Sen after realizing she was not a student.

“I was so freaked out when I found out she didn’t go here,” Smith said. “I always saw her on campus. She had different sets of clothes. She even had a big backpack during the school week.”

Lin and other ISOP leaders ran into Sen early last week and asked her what her story was. “She gave us a fake UNI and claimed she did not have her ID with her because she left it with a friend,” he said. “We persisted and she said she needed to go,” and then ran off.

Quarta said Sen went with a

friend to a Literature Humanities class last week, but when the preceptor arrived, Sen left the room and waited in the hallway for two hours. On Sept. 5, she sent Quarta two Facebook messages littered with misspellings and dozens of English and Hindi curses.

Students again came across Sen on Thursday and alerted Public Safety, who took her into custody. Shortly before 9 p.m., the police removed her from Low. She did not respond to a reporter’s questions, but looked scared as officers led her into a waiting police car on College Walk and drove off to the precinct.

A police spokesperson said that no person with the last name Sen was arrested this month, but Cutler said on Friday, “The woman was taken into custody yesterday evening after yet another sighting on campus.”

Despite Sen’s behavior, Quarta said, “I never felt in danger. I feel better now [that she’s been removed from campus], but I’m more concerned about her ... she’s more of a risk to herself than she is to me.”

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Great Teacher Award goes to Popkin, Yao

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same time, it’s stunning—that’s one of the things that I really value about this place.”

Yao served as an assistant professor of industrial engineering and operations research for three years before moving to Harvard for a stint as an associate professor. He returned to Columbia in 1988 and was promoted to full professor the same year.

In addition to designing the masters program in financial engineering at SEAS, Yao holds four U.S. patents in supply chain logistics and manufacturing operations.

Established in 1949, the award is presented to two faculty members—one from Columbia College and one from the School of Engineering



FILE PHOTO

ACADEMIC HONORS | Slavic professor Cathy Popkin served on the search committee for the Columbia College dean last spring.

and Applied Science—who exhibit the ability to “stimulate, challenge, and inspire” students inside and outside of the classroom and possess a

“recognized standing in academic discipline,” according to the statement.

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BP station owner: City doesn’t own my lot

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the table.” Elmore said. “We have between 19 and 21 adults working here who all have families and children.”

Youssef Sylla, a student at City College who has worked at the gas station for seven years, said, “That’s the only place that is open 24 hours in the neighborhood,” calling it “the only place to stop by whenever you want.”

Being in the same site for so long means that Elmore

recognizes many familiar faces. “I’ve seen children grow up from toddlers to young adults,” he said, adding that his customers have largely supported him in the lawsuit.

Amar Serigne, a part-time cab driver, said the gas station’s removal would inconvenience customers—especially cab drivers.

“I don’t think it’s fair,” said Serigne, who comes to the station five nights a week. He added that there are “very few gas stations around” and that New Yorkers

and cab drivers would have to go out of their way to get gas. “It’s not a good thing to do,” he said.

“A service station is one of those types of businesses that can allow the community to be a community,” Elmore said. “What if you took all the restaurants out of a community? That would be a hardship. Or what if you took all the barbershops out of a community? That would be a hardship. If you took a gas station out, it would be a hardship.”

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U.S. Army vet Tinker, GS ’15, dies

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whether or not we know the person well.”

A memorial service was held in Effingham on Aug. 23. Tinker

will be buried later this fall with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. GS will also hold an on-campus memorial within the next month.

Ulloa said that Tinker, who

planned to major in sociology and eventually attend law school, was not only distinguished by his military service but also by his enthusiasm for his professors and classes.

“Aaron always sat in the front row of his classes and kept me up to date on his successes,” Ulloa said. “He loved engaging in conversation with his professors, and he made sure they got to know him.”

Ulloa said friends and family would most strongly recall his caring attitude toward those he loved.

“Aaron will be remembered for his joyful personality,” Ulloa said. “He enjoyed nothing more than spending time with the people he loved, especially his three children.”

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COURTESY OF THE SCHOOL OF GENERAL STUDIES

HERO | Aaron Tinker was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

SEAS dean search will look outside, too

DEAN from front page

qualifications for the position should be more important than what institution he or she comes from.

SEAS doctoral candidate Andrew Kang, a committee member and Engineering Graduate Student Council president, agreed. “Whoever it is, internal or external, as soon as they become dean, they’re going to be doing something they never have done before,” he said. “What matters is that

that individual has the passion and motivation to really make Columbia Engineering a better place for everyone.”

A search committee this spring for the Columbia College dean considered only internal candidates.

Coatsworth’s email encouraged students to communicate with committee members and submit nominations. Besides Fish, Kang, and Qin, the committee members include applied physics and applied mathematics professor Katayun

Barmak; Raymond Daddazio, SEAS BS ’75, MS ’76, Eng.Sc.D. ’82, and chair of the SEAS Board of Visitors; computer science professor Eitan Grinspun; environmental health sciences professor Tomás Guilarte; electrical engineering professor Tony Heinz; chemistry professor David Reichman; earth and environmental engineering professor Peter Schlosser; and biomedical engineering professor Gordana Vunjak-Novakovic.

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A reading with New York Stage & Film
7 PM

Glicker-Milstein Theatre, The Diana Center

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RETHINKING THE “LATINO VOTE” IN 2012
Political Heterogeneity in a Two-Party System
6 PM

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

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FORTY YEARS LATER: NOW CAN WE TALK?
6:30 PM

Event Oval, The Diana Center

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A NEW QUEER AGENDA
6 PM

Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, NYU
20 Cooper Square 4th Floor

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STIMULATING CHEMISTRY
A Celebration of the Altschul Hall Renovation
3 PM

202 Altschul Hall & 6th Floor Altschul Hall

09/27

A GLOBAL HISTORY OF THE PATERNITY TEST
12 PM

BCRW, 101 Barnard Hall

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THE POTENTIAL & PROMISE OF FEMINIST VOICES IN ISLAM
6:30 PM

James Room, 4th Floor Barnard Hall

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THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY: Mannequin and The Matter
7 PM

Event Oval, The Diana Center

10/09

DIGITAL COMMUNITY FORMATION
6:30 PM

Event Oval, The Diana Center

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Light Blue has winning weekend, earns shutout against Bucknell

BY JOSH SHENKAR
Spectator Staff Writer

Columbia's field hockey team (2-2) started its home schedule with two impressive wins this weekend. The Lions scored their first win of the season on Saturday against Bucknell 2-0, before defeating La Salle 8-3 on Sunday. With the temperature approaching 80 degrees, Columbia's game against Bucknell was feisty, competitive, and evenly matched. Five green penalty cards were awarded in the game with four handed to Bucknell players. The Lions opened the scoring just over a minute into Saturday's game against Bucknell, with freshman Anna Scipioni scoring at the 1:06 mark. Senior forward Gabby Kozlowski added another goal in the 40th minute off an assist from sophomore Zoe Blake. Senior Lions goalkeeper Christie O'Hara made six first-half saves and helped the Lions maintain their 2-0 lead going into halftime. The second half was similarly competitive, as the Light Blue outshot Bucknell 6-5, and the Bison earned four penalty corners compared to the Lions one. O'Hara continued her dominance in the goal, as she made five second-half saves to ensure the Lions earned the shutout. Columbia next dominated La Salle in an 8-3 win, in which the Light Blue tied

a program record for goals in a game. The Lions quickly jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first 14 minutes, with senior midfielder Paige Simmons, junior Liz Malone, and freshman Anna Scipioni all scoring. La Salle made a brief comeback, as sophomore Mariel Papa and junior Becca Chylack scored goals within two minutes of each other. The Lions were able to control the first half as they out-shot the Explorers 11-5, but had to be content going into halftime with just a 3-2 lead. The second half was far more evenly matched, as Columbia only outshot La Salle 10-9, but the Lions capitalized on far more of their scoring chances than the Explorers. The Light Blue scored five goals in less than 28 minutes to secure the victory. Malone opened the scoring in the 40th minute before Kozlowski added goals in the 44th and 51st minute to give the Lions a commanding lead. Senior Bridget Desandis then scored at the 64:02 mark off a penalty corner, before adding another goal in the 67th minute. Freshman Olivia Leaman scored for the Explorers with less than two minutes remaining, but it was much too late to give La Salle a reasonable chance at a comeback. The Lions will return to action on Wednesday at home against Hofstra. The match will start at 4 p.m. at the Columbia Field Hockey Venue. *sports@columbiaspectator.com*



TWO FOR TWO | The Lions won both their games at home over the weekend, first shutting out Bucknell, 2-0, and then defeating La Salle by a wide margin, 8-3.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Women's golf finishes fifth at Bucknell Invitational, freshman ties for second overall

This weekend at the Bucknell Invitational, women's golf finished fifth out of 15 teams. Boston University won the tournament, with Rutgers and Seton Hall tying for second. Freshman Monique Ishikawa tied for second overall at the tournament, with a score

of 70-84-74—228. The defending Ivy League Player of the Year, junior Michelle Piyapattrra, tied for 15th overall (83-73-78—234). The Lions will next play at the Murray State Drake Creek Invitational in Ledbetter, Ky. on Monday, Sept. 17. —*Mollie Galchus*

MEN'S GOLF

Light Blue loses to Army in fundraiser event

In the first action of the fall for men's golf, Army defeated the Lions 7-4 in an event for Patriot Golf Day, the flagship fundraiser for the Folds of Honor Foundation. In the morning, the Light Blue won just two of seven singles matches. Senior Ford Fischer and junior Jordan Lee both earned victories, both with scores of four and three. The Lions, aided by the play of

two freshmen, Harrison Shih and John Davenport, fared better in the afternoon's weather-shortened round of four-ball, winning two out of four matches. Playing with head coach Richard Mueller, Shih earned a one-up victory while Davenport, paired with junior Andrew Kim, won a two-and-one decision. —*Ike Kitman*

CROSS COUNTRY

Men's and women's cross country teams both win opening meet for third year in a row

The Columbia men's and women's cross country teams both took the top honors at their opening meet of the season, the Vermont Invitational, this past Sunday. It was the third straight year that the Light Blue won the meet on both sides. The men, led by senior Leighton Spencer, placed first through 13th among the top 15 finishers of the 8K race. The women

were equally dominant, led by sophomore Waverly Neer and senior Erin Gillingham, who won first and second, respectively, in the 5K. The women will next compete in the University of Toledo Invitational on Sept. 21, while the men will race a week later at the Paul Short Invitational on Sept. 28. —*Melissa Cheung* *sports@columbiaspectator.com*

Lions lose focus on 'restart' play to concede goal

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lead in shots (3-2 on goal), including an 8-0 edge in the first half. Columbia finally started generating some chances in the second half and, like a year ago, had a very good opportunity to tie the score towards the end of the match. But junior midfielder Henning Sauerbieer's shot in the 86th minute was stopped by Hawks senior goalie Alex Blackburn, who

made two saves. In the 88th minute, a final shot, a header from senior defender Brendan O'Hearn, went wide. "Our first-half performance caused us lots of trouble which led to numerous fouls against us," Anderson said. "We reinforced our game plan at halftime and reiterated our focal point." "The second half was better but yet we still did not create quality in the final third of the field."

The Lions will be back in action Wednesday evening at home against St. Peter's. "We will get back together tomorrow and look to grow from this experience as to put together another quality performance as we did against Manhattan, where two restart goals saw us come out on top," Anderson said. "You can expect quality on Wednesday night." *sports@columbiaspectator.com*



FILE PHOTO

MIDFIELD MAESTRO | Junior Henning Sauerbieer had a shot on goal in the 86th minute and created a chance with a corner kick.

Light Blue athletes are relevant on larger stage

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earned a promotion for the final two weeks of the season and continued to rake. There is no doubt he is on the radar for the big league club, proof that Columbia athletes can compete at any level. 3. The biggest inspiration from the summer comes from Stony Brook's June run to Omaha for the College World Series. I live relatively close to Stony Brook and last year was the first time I legitimately heard any type of buzz surrounding the Seawolves. Of course, Stony Brook was a legitimately good team with seven of their players selected in the MLB Draft. The team's run landed the school tons of publicity and excitement, whether it was from being the top search on Google, top trend on Twitter, or the buzz from being on ESPN. What exactly can do the Lions have to do with Stony Brook's run to the College World Series?

Well, the Lions have the potential to get the community behind them, just like the Seawolves did. They showed the power of getting the New York area behind them—an area especially hungry to support college teams, even more so when said team is a Cinderella story. And on the hardball front, Stony Brook's run not only proves that northeast baseball is becoming a major force, but also that Columbia baseball is a force to be reckoned with. The Lions played Stony Brook competitively last year, dropping a pair of difficult one-run contests. (The Light Blue also was victorious at St. Johns, a team that was one win shy of reaching the College World Series themselves.) Head baseball coach Brett Boretti confirmed over the summer that he was happy for both regional rivals and that it was a great sign for northeast baseball. 4. Of course, this summer once again reaffirmed that there is another way to explode on the scene: viral videos. From the "Call Me Maybe" videos to

the "Gangnam Style" parodies, the summer has been filled with sports teams on YouTube. Going viral can make bad teams become national icons, and it can make good programs become even more popular. Having fun is always a win-win situation, and using the web is a great way to draw attention to a team, regardless of what's happening on the field. 5. Finally, there was one moment that stood out this summer that I may consider it the greatest moment in sports history, but most would regard as merely special. Johan Santana proved that the 8,020th time is a charm, as the Mets finally claimed their first no-hitter. Thus the final lesson from the summer has to be that old cliché: Anything's possible. It may take over 50 years, but anything can happen in sports, so keep dreaming. Frankly, that's the attitude we all must have as we embark on another year of Columbia athletics. *sports@columbiaspectator.com*



FILE PHOTO

WINGING IT | Sophomore Molly Winger was named to the all-tournament team.

Light Blue falls to Xavier, Texas A&M

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Throughout the match, Winger led the team with an inspiring performance, recording 22 digs. Freshman Bailey Springer had a solid effort with six kills and eight digs. Winger was named to the All-Tournament Team for her stellar defensive performance, with 42 digs over the weekend. She was the lone representative for the Lions, joining three players from Texas A&M including MVP Alisia Kastmo, two players from Xavier, and a player from Delaware. The Light Blue will conclude their preseason with their home tournament, the Columbia Invitational, Sept. 14-15. They play a match Friday against Colgate at 7 p.m., followed by two matches on Saturday against Rhode Island at 11 a.m. and Hofstra at 7 p.m. *sports@columbiaspectator.com*



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Charting your way

BY CÉSAR MIGUEL

I sat on the train from Oakland, California to New York City a week and a half ago, wondering, “What is home?” The house I grew up in ceased to be home when my parents divorced, and neither of their current houses are home. I felt somewhat disconnected from Oakland after being in NYC for nine months. It feels as like I’m a stranger when I’m in Oakland. How has my year at Columbia had this effect? I was speaking with a fellow sophomore, and I asked him where he feels his home is. He replied, “When I am there [his hometown, out of the country], I feel like an outsider, but when I am here [Columbia] I feel out of place, like I should be there.” This feeling seems to be fairly commonplace, especially among those coming from a less urban setting than New York City.

Being here at Columbia—among so much diversity in ways of thinking and being—has an effect that cannot be avoided. Being here changes us, which is both a curse and a blessing. We grow a lot, being away from our past places of residence. When we return, it may seem that things are stagnant in comparison to the steep learning curve we experience here. We are lucky to be a part of such diversity, but it can make going back to our old friends difficult unless they have had the same experiences. One of my best friends from first grade is completely directionless, with very little ambition, though he is attending a local community college for which I am glad. My other best friend, who I have known since kindergarten, has not yet continued his education, instead of joining the Marines. It is often difficult to connect with them because my experiences here have been so radically different than their experiences back in CA.

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Last semester was difficult in part because I felt out of place in both Oakland and New York. I was starving for a sense of home. I nearly failed two out of four classes and almost did not return to Columbia. Then this summer, I connected back to my indigenous roots, my ancestral home, if you will.

I picked up two different indigenous flutes. Neither are from my tribe (Yaqui), but the music has allowed me to explore a side of myself that had been dormant. My flutes help me to stay grounded and give me a sense of place that I lost last semester. Because of this, I am often around campus playing my music. I was flute-playing around campus this last week when I met a freshman from a small, very conservative town about a week ago. He was experiencing acute culture shock, having just walked a drunken friend back to her dorm and seen a passed out young woman on the ground being picked up by CUEMS. He asked for my advice in maneuvering this crazy new world. I will close with what I told him, which is something a mentor told me. It’s a good message, and one I need to remind myself of continually:

Find something you love, and take it. Steal it. It will not be given to you. You come here for an education, but you won’t get it in class. Your education is what you steal, not what your professors hand you via syllabi and lecture notes. Find something that calls out to you, and call back (this is the scary part). Call back, grab it, and don’t let go because this is what will sustain you for as long as you need the support and then some.

I found something that called me, and I called back. Because of this, I did come back. I am very glad that I did, for upon arriving I realized how much I missed it here. Does this make NYC home? I don’t know yet, but I seek to bring home with me through my music.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

The dean we want

Provost John Coatsworth’s announcement on Sept. 7 detailing the formation of a new committee to search for a permanent dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science shows a great deal of promise. It is encouraging that there is an elected representative for both undergraduate and graduate students on the committee and that a town hall has already been planned. Unlike last year’s Columbia College dean search, it appears that SEAS plans to start the search process for its new dean very early in the school year. In light of the numerous pressing issues the engineering school currently faces, we commend the relevant administrators for acting quickly and hope that the committee comes to a decision as quickly as possible. Before a permanent replacement is found, we hope that the interim dean, Donald Goldfarb, will take prompt action that will seek to address the immediate and pressing concerns facing SEAS.

Goldfarb and the next permanent SEAS dean will inherit a number of problems, and their resolutions will be fundamental in charting the direction of the engineering school for the foreseeable future. First among these challenges is restoring the trust between the SEAS faculty and dean—a trust that did not exist at the end of Peña-Mora’s term as dean. Given that Peña-Mora’s resignation came following the engineering faculty’s public grievances over space allocation and hiring policies, the next dean should demonstrate an ability to manage the limited lab space available on campus and to navigate the balance between hiring faculty based on academic promise and on his or her ability to attract funding. In addition, SEAS must begin to articulate, in more concrete terms, what it plans to do with the \$15 million it was awarded by the City of New York. Because these issues are so important for the future of the school, we hope to see the search committee assess candidates on their specific plans of action in relation to these and other factors.

The undergraduate population should not take the selection of a new dean lightly. We hope that Tim Qin, CC ’13, will report regularly to the Engineering Student Council and students at large in order to fulfill his responsibilities as the sole undergraduate representative on the committee. We also encourage SEAS students to follow the example of their Columbia College peers and step up to advocate for a change of procedure if the selection process seems to stall or if the promise of student involvement falls through. Finally, we would welcome with open arms a new dean who is as willing to continue the trend of informal, friendly interaction with students (and possibly post more Bacchanal videos of him or herself for our enjoyment) as Peña-Mora was during his tenure.

Learning ignorance

“All I know is that I know nothing.” Socrates, how right you were. For the sophomores starting Contemporary Civilization: When Plato wrote these words 2,000 years ago, he was talking about the virtues (or lack thereof) of justice. But I was surprised when they spontaneously sprang to mind in a conversation I had with a close relative. We were discussing the benefits of the liberal arts approach, that dead horse that never tires of being beaten. As he eloquently put it, the Core is “a bullshit education.” I was reading Leo Schwartz’s—admittedly more measured—column (“Action versus theory,” Sept. 5) last week when the question emerged again. It’s the timeless critique of our time at Columbia: that we spend our time bullshitting essays and sipping wine while pontificating on Hegel, wasting our youth (and our parents’ money) on subjects that have no application in the real world.

I respectfully disagree. What we receive here is an education in doubt. Doubt of the beliefs that we held when we arrived here; of our perceptions of the world; of class, color, and race. Nearing the twilight of my undergraduate years, I can say with some certainty that I would be of little help in an apocalypse. I would be of little help in building a generator or catapult. I won’t cure cancer or prove unbroken supersymmetry. But with the same certainty, I know that the education I received here has made me a more critical thinker. There is an indisputable value in this. The ability to have critical discussions has worth in itself. Weighing opposing opinions hones and sharpens your own arguments and beliefs. I learned that the only constant is that nothing is constant. I learned to question everything and everyone.

Discussion both inside and outside the classroom is essential to this education. We are given a comprehensive—if incomplete—crash course in the debates surrounding the biggest questions of humanity. The fact that the majority of the thinkers in the Core are dead white men should not diminish the importance of their contributions: inspiring debate and challenging our preconceptions. Ideally, this should increase our capacity to host and formulate these arguments. I realize that it’s difficult, if not impossible, to measure “criticality” in an empirical way. But can any one of you who (honestly)



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Too Be Frank

read the works presented in CC tell me that you left without an increased capacity for critical argumentation? If anything, CC should teach us to cut through bullshit arguments, rather than perfecting our ability to create them.

I have received an education in knowing that I know nothing. That’s what the premise of Columbia, and the liberal arts education, is all about. A necessary part of this education is being able to recognize what is missing: writers of color, or Americans, or women, in the Core. But our ability to question what is missing is a necessary result of an education in doubt.

We shouldn’t allow ourselves to be shamed by our left-brained, liberal, “antiquated” approach. How we choose to spend our time is indicative of who we are as people, and four years is a lot of time. I find myself in the often embarrassing position of apologizing for my major: sociology. It’s not that I regret my decision to major in the (agreeably vague) discipline, but the quizzical looks and judging glances from my family and friends got the better of me. I wilted. I capitulated. When asked the inevitable “so what do you plan to do with that?” I talk about the potential of law or business school. I acknowledge that my undergraduate career was insignificant, that nothing of worth was accomplished.

What we receive here is an education in doubt.

No more. I have a new senior year resolution: Never apologize for my education. I’m not dismissing the value of technical education—God knows we need more doctors and engineers. But I also know that there is a value in liberal arts education. I’m more than a little scared about entering the work force at the end of this year, but I have the utmost confidence in my ability to approach challenging situations and provide nuanced solutions. Columbia gave me that.

The beauty of the Core is that it offers no concrete answers or solutions. The people who are pummeled and questioned are not the authors, but your classmates participating in the discussion itself.

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Guarding friendships

BY DANIEL LISS

If visiting Columbia as a prospie taught me anything, it’s that restricted access on campus really sucks.

I remember my first tentative steps on campus like it was nine months ago. Upperclassmen were swiping into dorms, first-years were swiping into dining halls, and pickpockets were swiping into purses. True to the Columbia spirit, I wasn’t put off by red tape. Yet my attempts at subterfuge were thwarted every time. Sweet-talking your way past the guards is surprisingly difficult, especially when they’re wearing headphones.

We all come to Columbia for some aspect of its community.

Now that my first semester has begun, I’ve received a University ID and all the access to campus resources that it provides. What’s strange, though, is that our classes, ostensibly the reason we pay \$60,000 a year to come here, are for all intents and purposes open to the public. Think about it. It would be quite simple to check Columbia’s bulletin, trudge up the stairs in Hamilton twice a week, and audit a whole semester’s worth of classes for free.

This oddity reflects a growing trend among universities today. This past May, Harvard and MIT launched an initiative called edX to offer free online coursework. The new company will be competing against Coursera, another recent start-up featuring courses from Stanford, UPenn, UMichigan, and Princeton. Even Columbia voluntarily posts over a hundred free lectures across its 13 affiliated Youtube channels.

So if the University doesn’t safeguard its intellectual property, why must it stop-and-frisk us every time we walk into a building? Yes, dining halls might be at risk of theft, but Butler

certainly doesn’t need to be run like a maximum security prison. The New York Public Library does just fine protecting its storied collections without limiting access to a chosen few.

And on that note, why station guards in the lobbies of our residence halls? I can tell you from personal experience that anyone, guest or otherwise, can ride the elevator to the top floor of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Midtown without ever showing ID. Is this unsafe? The hotel’s wealthy clientele don’t seem to worry about its rooms being burglarized at night.

Perhaps these disparities seem out of place, but we all come to Columbia for some aspect of its community. And to guard the dorms, dining halls, and libraries is to protect this community.

Knowledge deserves to be free, but social networks demand exclusivity. Students live together in their residential common rooms, eat together in their dining halls, and study side-by-side in their libraries. By locking unverified individuals out of its most social spaces, Columbia is placing a premium on its network of students and regulating who can and cannot slip into the fabric of its social circle.

This isn’t a bad thing. One of the paradoxes of communities is that the larger they grow, the less they feel cohesive. It’s the difference between dedicating one’s self to a few close friendships and trying to be friends with everyone. Columbia forges high-strength relationships between its students rather than dilute the community by throwing open the doors entirely.

Meanwhile, I’m glad that the University strikes a balance by opening its intellectual property to the public. If only to enhance the Columbia brand, it makes sense to occasionally permit outsiders access to Columbia’s larger lectures. Opening lectures to the public, whether through the Internet or unregulated lecture spaces, costs students nothing in the way of their education. An outsider sitting in on a lecture is just a spectator, after all. The real value of a Columbia education is in the friendships that students form, and what they learn from one another.

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Summer lessons for Lions fans

While summer might be a time to take a break from the rigors of classes, there's still a valuable lesson to be learned from all that happened in the sports world during our time off. Anything is possible when it comes to Columbia athletics. We can call this our summer review session, with the test being yet another school year full of Light Blue games and practices.

1. The summer began with the Ivy League announcing its new TV deal with NBC Sports, which will give the league more exposure. However, Columbia football will not make an appearance this season on the recently rebranded network. It seems the Light Blue has a chance to be more visible than ever before, though not until it proves it can win first. That is just another incentive to shoot for success in the revenue sports.

2. I'm going to proclaim this a fact: Dario Pizzano had a better summer than you did. The former Columbia outfielder was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in the 15th round of MLB's amateur draft, and absolutely tore it up for the Pulaski Mariners. Frankly, he was the best player in the entire Appalachian Rookie League. He even

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RYAN YOUNG

Roar Ryan Roar



FILE PHOTO

MIDDLE POWER | Senior middle blocker Heather Braunagel led the team offensively with nine kills in the 3-1 win over Delaware.

Light Blue pick up 1 win in Delaware Invitational

BY ERIC WONG
Spectator Staff Writer

The volleyball team (2-4) came out with a roaring start at the 36th Annual University of Delaware Invitational last weekend, defeating the tournament host University of Delaware 3-1. But the Lions ended up going 1-2 on the weekend, after getting swept by Xavier and Texas A&M in their final two matches.

Throughout the weekend, the Light Blue split setting duties between sophomore Taylor Voss and junior Colleen Brennan. The two setters ran the offense from the back row, with freshman Katarina Jovicic and sophomore Caitlin

Brenton playing opposite hitter in the front.

This strategy worked against University of Delaware, with Jovicic, Brenton, and the middle hitters combining for 13 team blocks compared to Delaware's three. The Lions were also able to limit their mistakes, with only six hitting errors in the three sets that they won.

At the net, senior middle hitter Heather Braunagel led the team with nine kills and seven blocks. Sophomore Molly Winger controlled the backcourt with a team high of 14 digs.

The Lions played their second match against Xavier, losing 21-25, 14-25, 19-25. In the

first set, the two teams were tied at 10 before the Lions began committing errors to gift Xavier with three points. The score went back and forth, but the Lions were unable to make up the deficit and lost the first set by four points.

Xavier dominated the second set with a 12-point run to make the score 20-6. The Lions were able to mount a small comeback but still ended up losing the set 14-25. The team made some lineup changes for the third set, with sophomore Michelle Snyder coming in to play outside hitter. The score was much closer, but the Light Blue was unable to find answers to Xavier hitters Sarah Brown and Kelsey

Dunaway.

The Lions played Texas A&M in their final match of the tournament. Despite the three-set loss, the Lions were able to keep pace with the Aggies for most of the match.

In the first set, the score was tied 14-14 before Texas A&M had two small runs of four and three points, but the Lions nevertheless dropped the set 20-25. The second set was made up of streaky runs by both teams, with the Light Blue surging out to a 4-0 lead before the Aggies tied it at 7-7. Ultimately, the Lions lost the set 19-25. The Light Blue then lost the third set 15-25.

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Lions lose 0-1 for third time this season

BY MUNEEB ALAM
Spectator Staff Writer

The theme for Columbia men's soccer (1-3) over the past week has been "restarts" in play: corners, goal kicks, throw-ins, and free kicks, for example. The Light Blue handled those restarts to great results on Wednesday, scoring twice. But on Sunday, a mistake on one and a lack of restart opportunities overall doomed the Lions to a 1-0 loss to Monmouth (4-0-1) for the second year in a row.

"Restarts are a key ingredient in winning games and they caught up to us in this game," Lions head coach Kevin Anderson said in a message.

Hawks senior midfielder Ryan Clark scored the winning goal off a restart, a corner kick that caromed into the net for his first tally of the season.

One of the surprising results of the game was Monmouth's 8-2 edge in corners. In last year's meeting, Columbia held a 6-1 advantage in that area. Coming into Sunday's game, the Light Blue averaged that same edge in corners over its opponents, while in four matches the Hawks had created 24 corners and surrendered 22. On Sunday, the hosts took five corners in the first half, while both of Columbia's came in the second.

"We did not stay compact and apply pressure in the first half at the appropriate times," Anderson said. "By leaving spaces open and players uncontested they put us on our back foot and thus got corners and restarts in dangerous positions."

Monmouth also held a 11-4

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FILE PHOTO

EYE FOR GOAL | Sophomore Torie Goode scored to tie against St. John, but the Lions lost in overtime.

Lions break scoring drought, win first game

BY CAROLINE BOWMAN
Spectator Staff Writer

As the women's soccer team (1-3-0) took the field Friday night, the weight of a two-game goal drought sat on the team's shoulders. Luckily, the Light Blue was able to put enough offense together to notch a 2-0 victory against Sacred Heart (2-4-0) to start the weekend, before falling to St. John's (4-3-0) on Sunday night.

After failing to score a goal in their first two games of the season, the Lions undoubtedly went into Friday night's matchup against the Pioneers eager to score a goal, and to score it early. The Light Blue wasted no time in falling into an offensive rhythm as junior forward Coleen Rizzo mounted an early attack against the Sacred Heart defense and took the first shot of the night just 50 seconds into the match. Even though Rizzo's shot didn't make it to the back of the net, she forced Pioneer sophomore goalie Talia Schwartz to make a save and sent a clear message to the Pioneer defense that the Lions were bound and determined to end the scoreless streak.

At the 12-minute mark, junior midfielder Beverly Leon did just that as she scored the first goal of Lions' 2012 season with assists from junior midfielder Natalie Melo and junior defender Maya Marder. The Light Blue's first goal was truly a team effort as Melo took a corner kick, which Marder then headed toward the goal before Leon buried the ball in the back of the net. Once Leon broke the ice and put the Lions up 1-0, Rizzo followed suit in the 20th minute and scored a goal of her own to give the Lions a sizable lead.

Though the Lions' offense took control early, it was the Light Blue's defense that ultimately secured the team's first win with a strong defensive effort in the second period. Sophomore goalkeeper Grace Redmon recorded six saves (four coming in the second half) in her first shutout of the season.

The Lions then faced St. John's on Sunday night in a tightly contested matchup that went into overtime. After St. John's junior midfielder Amy Marron scored a goal in the 34th minute, the Lions found themselves fighting an

uphill battle for the rest of the first and well into the second period. The Light Blue finally answered in the 69th minute when sophomore defender Torie Goode netted a goal with an assist from teammate Leon.

As the clock hit the 90-minute mark, the score remained tied, forcing the game into a 10-minute, sudden-death overtime period. The Red Storm forced Redmon to make two saves in the opening minutes of the overtime period, while the Lions didn't manage to take a single shot on the offensive end of the pitch. After 99 minutes of play, Red Storm junior defender Sandra Osborn ended the match in the 100th minute by blasting a ball past Redmon off of a penalty kick.

Despite the overtime loss, the Lions overcame two significant hurdles this weekend: scoring the first goal of the season and recording their first win. The Lions will try to rebound next weekend against Fordham on Friday night and Marist on Sunday in back-to-back home matches at Columbia Soccer Stadium.

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