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VIGIL | Prior to a candlelight vigil that brought together students and administrators, volunteers and passersby planted flags along College Walk to represent the lives lost that day. Sunday marked 10 years since the September 11 terrorist attacks.

USenators from CC working closer with Dirks

BY KARLA JIMENEZ
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

After Michele Moody-Adams’ unexpected resignation, university senators from Columbia College said they plan to work more closely with the School of Arts and Sciences this semester to safeguard the College’s interests.

Kenny Durell, CC ’12 and a university senator, said that Moody-Adams’ departure has been challenging but likely won’t affect his priorities this semester.

“It’s definitely been a pretty big obstacle in the sense that you want to make sure students are aware of what’s happening,” Durell said.

Even though senators representing the College said they had worked closely with Moody-Adams, Alex Frouman, CC ’12 and the co-chair of the Student Affairs Committee of the University Senate, said her resignation would not alter initiatives that began last year, which include providing open course evaluations.

“Anything that we had planned on previously, we’re still moving ahead with,” Frouman said.

Last month, Moody-Adams sent an email to a group of Columbia College-affiliated alumni saying that she could not continue to do her job as “structural transformations intended to fundamentally alter decision-making” in the College moved forward without her consent. Those

transformations are the continuation of an extended push by the University to incorporate the College more closely into the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Frouman said that consequently, he and his fellow senators have been working more closely with Nicholas Dirks, Executive Vice President for Arts and Sciences.

“I have found vice president Dirks to be very open to talking to students about issues regarding Arts and Sciences and specifically Columbia College,” Frouman said. “What we’re working on with him aren’t necessarily things that she mentioned; we’re not focused on people, but on issues”

The senators will continue working on their initiative to implement open course evaluations. They plan on making this change across all the schools, so working with any and all deans, not just the Columbia College dean, was something the members had anticipated.

University Senate members said they’d also like to implement a review of the role of teaching assistants.

“A couple of the senators who have been very interested on this issue won’t be on the senate this year,” Frouman said, adding that elections for open senator positions for the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences will happen later this month.

Durell, a member of the

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CCSC focuses on transparency, funding in first meeting

BY JACKIE CARRERO
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Transparency was the buzzword at the first Columbia College Student Council meeting of the year.

CCSC President Aki Terasaki announced the launch of a new council website called Your CCSC. According to Terasaki, the website is part of the council’s effort to increase communication and student outreach and will be launched sometime in the next week or two.

The website will include a student events calendar, information for student groups about funding, opinion polls, and information about the representatives themselves.

“Communications is going to be the marketing arm, making sure they’re being educated on the issues,” Terasaki said. “The inward is going to be seeing what students think about the initiatives.”

In addition to the new website, CCSC will have office hours during which students can interact with the executive board.

“It’s an opportunity for students to speak directly with the e-board,” VP Student Life Jasmine Senior said.

The hours and location are still to be decided.

Terasaki also emphasized his desire to protect the Columbia College population’s interests amid Michele Moody-Adams recent resignation from the deanship.

“There’s been changes in Columbia College with regard

to our deans,” Terasaki said. “There’s a lot of talk and confusion behind what the actual issues are, this is something we’re going to be looking at throughout the year.”

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—Aki Terasaki, CCSC President

While Terasaki did not discuss the reasons for Dean Michele Moody Adams’ departure, he said that the council would ensure that the Core stays the way it is and that Columbia continues with full financial aid and need-blind admission.

VP Funding Kevin Zhai said that his number one priority was to provide fast, reliable, and fair funding to student groups in

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Admins, students commemorate 9/11

University remembers lives lost in ceremonies on Low Plaza

BY FINN VIGELAND AND GRACE BICKERS
Columbia Daily Spectator

Low Plaza hosted two intimate September 11 memorials this weekend that brought students and administrators together to reflect the terrorist attacks that stunned the nation 10 years ago.

Student Governing Board Secretary Maryam Aziz, CC ’13, performed a spoken-word piece about the “inherent duality” of being a Muslim-American and her strong association with both identities. Aziz called on the country to “break out of these prisons that classify us / by our ethnicities and religions.”

Tyler Trumbach, CC ’13 and executive director of Columbia University College Republicans, said the anniversary is a good time to reflect on the importance of community.

“We have to talk about these things, we have to engage,” he said.

CUCR partnered with Columbia University Democrats to plant 2,997 American flags, one for each victim of the attacks.

“The flags are a visual reminder of how many people died and were affected,” Trumbach added.

Dean of Community Development Terry Martinez said she remembered getting

ready for a three-day walk for breast cancer on September 11, 2001, a charity event that was subsequently rescheduled and re-routed away from downtown.

“It showed that other side that as a non-American I never thought of—that 9/11 wasn’t only about firefighters and victims, but also about everyday people who were affected in the worst possible of ways.”

—Roko Rumora, CC ’14

At the vigil, she recounted walking with many people who had been directly affected by the attacks, including a man whose wife was facing a long battle with cancer and whose son died in the attacks.

She challenged Columbians

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Members of CIRCA to dine with Ahmadinejad

BY LEAH GREENBAUM
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad may soon break bread with members of the Columbia International Relations Council and Association.

According to an email from the club’s listserv, members are invited to a private, Sept. 21 dinner in Midtown with the man whom University President Lee Bollinger introduced as “a petty and cruel dictator” when he spoke on campus in 2007.

A version of this article that appeared online over the weekend stated that CIRCA vice president of academics, Tim Chan, CC ’14, said someone in the group has a close relationship with the Iranian ambassador. After the article was published online Chan told Spectator he was mistaken and that there is no one in group with a close relationship to the ambassador and emphasized that the meeting with Ahmadinejad is still tentative.

Members of the group were informed over the summer that

they might have the opportunity to bring 15 students to dinner with the head of state, whose views on Israel, human rights, and homosexuality have drawn sharp criticism.

Chan said that so far he hasn’t heard any concerns from members of the group.

“Everyone was really enthusiastic,” Chan said. “They’re thrilled to have this opportunity.”

A firestorm of media attention erupted when Ahmadinejad’s invitation to campus was announced in 2007. For a week, the campus was embroiled in debate over academic freedom and Iranian politics. Despite outside criticism and threats from alumni to withdraw funding, Bollinger refused to cancel the event. Students filled College Walk and Low Plaza to listen to Ahmadinejad’s speech and protest his notoriously dictatorial hold over Iran.

Ahmadinejad and his delegation of Iranian diplomats will be in town this month to attend the annual United Nations General Assembly.

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A means to an end?

A college experience is worth much more than the job it gets you.

High spirits

Open discussion about campus drinking will solve what current drinking laws can’t.



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Men’s soccer challenged on the road

After losing 5-1 to New Mexico, the Lions battled to a 0-0 draw against Missouri State after double overtime.

EVENTS

Introducing Columbia’s next Global Center

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NEVER FORGET | Student council members, volunteers, and passersby planted flags on College Walk.

Weather, bell towers cooperate in 9/11 memorial

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to create the same “community of kindness” inside the gates that she experienced on her walk.

A mini-community formed on campus Saturday night, as students lit candles together and passed their light around whenever another’s flame blew out in the breeze.

Barnard Dean Avis Hinkson spoke about the importance of small actions. At Mills College in California, where she worked in 2001, students comforted Muslim students in the wake of 9/11 by walking them to class, she said. Hinkson called the students heroes for offering assistance “to those not allowed to thrive in the way that they want.”

Roko Rumora, CC ’14 and a class representative, said that for the first time, he thought of “Columbia having to continue living after this happened.” The ceremony gave him a perspective that, as a child growing up in war-stricken Croatia, he said he had never realized. “It showed that other side that as a non-American I never thought of,” he said. “That 9/11 wasn’t only about firefighters and victims, but also about everyday people who were affected in the worst

possible of ways.”

The following morning, about 100 people gathered on Low Steps for a symbolic ceremony that emphasized the reflective power of silence.

Although the morning began with a bright blue, clear sky—much like on that Tuesday 10 years ago—clouds rolled over in the period of silence.

University Chaplain Jewelnel Davis gave the opening remarks, remembering the day as one during which “ordinary and extraordinary citizens” came together to help friends and strangers.

“May hope rise, may humility inspire, may justice rule, may courage confirm, may understanding grow,” she said in conclusion.

After the St. Paul’s bells chimed at 9:59 a.m.—the time at which the South Tower collapsed—attendees picked up white roses and placed them in the fountains at either side of Low Plaza.

Students then read off the names of the 41 Columbia affiliates who passed away in the attacks ten years ago and the 22 others listed in the program as friends and family of the deceased. After the final name was read, the crowd sat in silence for 15 minutes.

Although the morning began with a bright blue, clear sky—much like on that Tuesday 10 years ago—clouds rolled over in the period of silence. Then, as the 15 minutes were nearly up, two things happened simultaneously: the sun poked back through the clouds, and a chorus of bells from around the city began to reverberate.

The bells of St. Paul’s joined the refrain at 10:28 a.m.—recognizing the North Tower’s collapse—and tolled for the next two minutes without stopping. Then, per Davis’ direction, the crowd dispersed from the plaza in silence, each walking off to continue their Sundays.


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CANDLELIGHT | Jasmine Senior, left, organized the campus vigil on Saturday night.



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COUNCIL | Ryan Cho, Aki Terasaki, Jasmine Senior, and Kevin Zhai convene their first CCSC meeting.

CU Charge convenes first CCSC meeting

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need. Other goals included formalizing the process of allocating money to campus groups as well as revising the co-sponsorship committee, which Zhai said “caused CCSC to sacrifice its autonomy.”

But the biggest funding project—and the one that made headlines last semester—was reforming the process of allocating money for recurring council co-sponsorships. “The criticism last year was that the governing boards kept the funds without distributing it to the groups that would receive it,” Zhai said.

Zhai outlined three possible resolutions on how to distribute the \$12,000 CCSC normally allocates for recurring co-sponsorships. The first was to discontinue funding completely. The second option was to give

a lump sum to the governing boards, with provisions on how the money was allocated to student groups.

Funding each individual group without the governing boards was the third solution presented. In a straw poll to gauge council support, the second option received a large majority of the votes.

Fall campaigning for CCSC is usually reserved for first-years interested in running for class council, but this year, in addition to the first-year class council, the class of 2013 has two open positions.

The 2013 president position is open, as president-elect Mario Rosser had to step down for personal reasons. A representative position is open as well.

Campaigning will begin Wednesday and last until Monday. Voting will begin

Monday afternoon until the polls close on Wednesday.

First-year class council hopeful and Spector opinion columnist Jared Odessky said that after hearing Zhai speak, he would be attending funding committee meetings. “The discussion was very germane,” Odessky, who has been keeping up with the funding issue, said.

Liam Eland, CC ’15 and another council hopeful, said that Zhai also impressed him. “He was talking very intensely,” Eland said.

But not all of the meeting’s attendees were council hopefuls. For Virgilio Urbina, CC ’15, the meeting was a way to learn about issues affecting the school.

“I’m curious about the Columbia community, how its organized,” Urbina said. “Now I think I know a little bit better.”

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Durrell wants to focus on technology initiatives

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technology committee, said he looks forward to evaluating the transition to a new version of Courseworks, trying to minimize student spending on textbooks by identifying other sources, and possibly initiating a switch from CubMail to Gmail.

“The Gmail/CubMail argument will continue to rage on,” Durrell said. “I don’t know if it will be solved anytime soon.”

Possibilities of having the server compromised, cost, and liabilities are issues keeping the switch at a standstill, Durrell explained. However, it will, along with the other plans,

continue to be pursued by senate members.

“The overarching principle we have is to focus on is the educational experience and student satisfaction,” Frouman said. “There’s a lot going on and we’re very excited.”

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What I would like to tell an interviewer

Last week, I went to a mandatory study abroad re-entry meeting. I will spare the reader a thorough description of what we learned therein (which is not to say that the discussion of transferring credits was not illuminating), and fast forward to the last topic of the session. Pretend you are at an interview, the event moderators told us. Your interviewer thinks that study abroad is just five months of drinking and not going to class. How do you convince him that your experience makes you a better candidate for the position? I didn't raise my hand to respond. But if I had, I would have pointed out that, though we may never be asked, our interviewers could very well think the same thing of our general college education, too.

I would have said that I cannot count the number of news articles I have read that say as much. They allege the trend is now away from the American liberal arts education, and toward pre-professionalism to prepare us for a specific field. In the four years during which we stand on the precipice of the rest of our lives, we do



EMILY
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Back to the future

Tell me about your scars

BY MAURICE DECAUL

I asked her to please tell me about her scars. Such a peculiar question to ask someone with whom you've just become acquainted, I thought, but she answered with candor and without vacillation.

About a year and a half ago, I decided to attend an information session for the Masters in Narrative Medicine program being offered by the School of Continuing Education. It was late on a Friday and I wanted very much to hear the presentation, gather up the ubiquitous stationary and brochures offered to participants, collect the assorted business cards from the deans, and then be on my way to Brooklyn, to my home.

I tried to listen, but the more intently I tried, the more the lady seated behind me seemed to cough. I wondered whether her labored cough indicated pneumonia. As the session ended the doctor who had given the presentation asked the group to partner up for a writing exercise. I turned around, introduced myself, and partnered with the lady behind me who had been coughing. The writing prompt was your partner's answer to the question: "What are your scars?" Too personal, I thought as I asked it, but regardless, her answer has stayed with me.

She began by telling me that she was a nurse from Minnesota, but she was originally from N.Y. and had attended Adelphi University on Long Island. She was in New York to visit Columbia Presbyterian about her lungs. She said, "I was a first responder at Ground Zero." She had come from Minnesota with the American Red Cross to volunteer at the World Trade Center site because, she smiled, "New York is home." Now all these years later, her lung capacity has diminished by 15 percent, and "that's what scares me," she told me. She had a scar on her lung from breathing in the air, and she would know better than I how sick many of the first responders have become. "A lot of us are like this," she said, and I believe her. As I sat and listened to this quiet lady, I wanted to embrace her and offer her sympathy, but I knew she sought no pity. She and I spoke for a little while longer and although I never got her name, I have never forgotten her story. On the train ride home that night, I saved her words in the form of a poem.

The morning iniquity touched home: I was a 21-year-old Marine. My unit had just finished training, and that morning I found myself in an airplane hanger in California, listening to the radio with Bickle, another New Yorker, wondering about his dad, wondering about my mom. A few of the guys had fathers who were fire-fighters and when the buildings started falling they began sobbing, and Bickle and I talked about what war would be like. It would be days before either Bickle or I would contact our parents, but they were well—except that my mother wept as she told me how she watched from a rooftop in Park Slope what she thought then was paper fall from the buildings. I went to war in 2003, and then home to N.Y.; the last time we spoke on Facebook, Bickle was still over there.

Not long ago I heard someone say that it is not until later that we will begin to see all of 9/11's casualties. Every now and then I think back to her statement about there being "a lot of us," and I wonder how we will choose to memorialize those who will eventually fall as victims to the attacks of 9/11. That evening I thanked her for being so sincere with a stranger but I know my thank you should have been for much, much more.

The author is in his last year at General Studies majoring in creative writing.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Mad money

Student leadership is facing a beginning of the semester that is grossly out of control. The Funding at Columbia University committee—a body of incoming and outgoing student council members that distributes student activities fees to the budgets of student umbrella organizations—was scheduled to release these budgets in May. This year, F@CU released the numbers three months behind schedule. Making matters worse, the final decisions diminished both the Student Governing Board's and Community Impact's budgets by 3 percent and 3.82 percent respectively, leaving them scrambling when they should have known in May what their funds would be for the upcoming year. It has quickly become evident just how disorganized—and even unfair—the budgeting process was. But while the fault may lie with F@CU for delaying decisions and unethically allotting their funds, the financial woes that groups are now experiencing cannot be solved by merely one party.

The first major problem was the lack of organization, which led to an inability to make decisions. Kevin Zhai, a member of F@CU and the current vice president of funding for the Columbia College Student Council, told Spectator that there was a "lack of procedure" and that

not hone what are necessarily considered marketable abilities.

I would have said that reducing an experience to a line or two is not the point. That I did not happily accompany my Art Hum class to five (yes, five) trips to the Metropolitan Museum of Art because I thought it would get me a job. That I know it probably won't.

When we think of the future, we should think of it as a bit more open-ended than any single job interview.

I would have said that yes, of course I am worried about finding something to do with my life after college. But that that's not what I think should guide our time in college. Yes, I probably should have interned more and thrown myself into extracurricular activities less. But, no, if I had to do it again, I would not change what I did. No interviewer who looks down at my résumé and scoffs at my work experience (or lack thereof) or semester abroad can or will take that from me.

And I would have said that I know that I'm one among many at Columbia who can say the same. That I will look back on this period of my life and remember that I was surrounded, always, by people who were passionate about

BLACK AND BLUE AND WHITE



AMALIA RINEHART

Call attention to college drinking

BY JANE DONG

Sometimes, boredom or listlessness prompt people to drink. While Columbia students are generally motivated individuals, many drink alcohol out of boredom and may develop dependencies. Though America has one of the highest drinking ages in the world, a good deal of students develop their alcohol habits in college. Therefore, conversations about the drinking age and alcoholism on campus should occur more than they do at Columbia.

In 2008, the founder of Choose Responsibility, Middlebury Professor John McCardell, created the Amethyst Initiative, which is supported by 135 college presidents and chancellors. The Amethyst Initiative wants policy-makers to rethink the drinking age and to have real debate on the merits and detriments of the National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984. The presidents and chancellors who support this initiative agree that abstinence-only alcohol education isn't working and that there needs to be discussion on campus about alcohol, instead of sweeping it under the table. If President Bollinger truly cares about us as students, the Amethyst Initiative should be on the table with alcohol policy being openly discussed.

A study of American college alcohol consumption done by the Harvard School of Public Health in 2008 showed that 44 percent of college students are binge drinkers—defined as five or more drinks per occasion for males and four or more drinks for females. The impact of a few years worth of binge drinking is long-lasting and permanent, resulting in memory or liver damage. The higher drinking age fosters an attitude that isn't seen as often in colleges outside of the United States, and the binge drinking culture continues to grow.

what they spent their time doing. They found their niches and then defied them. They learned for the sake of learning. They spent hours of their lives on student organizations not because they were getting paid, not for marketability, but rather because they were interested in what they were doing.

I would have said that, while I know that questions like the one mentioned above arise out of a place of practicality (a place in which, incidentally, I should probably spend a bit more of my time), I think that looking at our current experiences in terms of how they will get us to a particular end is deeply problematic. That that's not the point of having an experience. That it never will be. That, when we think of the future, we should think of it as a bit more open-ended than any single job interview.

I would have said that I would tell any interviewer that my time in college has made me better in every way than I was when I started. I can say with absolute certainty that I would be better in a job than I would have been at this point in my life without Columbia. But that that is not what I'm grateful to Columbia for. I am sure that the interviewer does not want candidates to see this prospective position as mere preparation for the next. That it shouldn't be reduced to that. That nothing should be.

It is thus probably for the best that I didn't raise my hand.

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The Amethyst Initiative isn't attempting to pass on responsibility, but is trying to foster honest discussion about the drinking age and its effectiveness. Policy-makers and lobbyists do not understand the dynamics of a college campus as well as college presidents and chancellors, and thus don't grasp the importance of rethinking the implications of the 21 and over law. Administrators can't just pretend that if we're under 21, we're not drinking. It is just this attitude of feigned ignorance that gives CAVA 800 calls to respond to each year.

Conversations about alcohol policy at Columbia should occur more often than they do.

The law prohibiting those under 21 to drink costs lives, as students don't call for help out of fear that they or their friends will get arrested either for possessing or for serving alcohol. Those who see an inebriated student may be reluctant to call 911. This situation isn't just present in college, but in high school as well.

Despite the obvious consequences of binge drinking, no one can deny its appeal to certain students and the euphoria that may come with it. Whether the drinking age is 30 or 16, college students are going to drink, so the Amethyst Initiative should be given more consideration by President Bollinger. Conversations about alcohol policy at Columbia should occur more often than they do, and lowering the drinking age is an option that should be on the table. President Bollinger should support the student body and admit that many of his students have some form of problem with drinking and ask himself, administrators, and students if the 21 and over law is really helping anyone.

The author is a Columbia College sophomore.

funding proposal may have been extreme, but F@CU's response seems childish—as if its members were holding a grudge against SGB simply because it did not take the advice of a handful of student leaders.

While SGB plans to appeal its budget allocation in the hopes of reversing some of the damage from this decision, it is clearly going to take more than better organization and competence in F@CU to restore the system to working order. Student groups are known for requesting more funds from their representative boards than they actually need, and this has to stop. Clubs should not, as many do, spend furiously in the last few months of school to deplete the year's extra budget and ask for even more funds the following year. It's wasteful, and it keeps the money from going to new clubs and organizations that are either unable to be recognized, or scraping the bottom of the barrel to hold events. As SGB appeals its budget, it should also think of ways to incentivize clubs to save and be economical with their finances. And governing boards in general should propose realistic budgets based on the past year, which would make the job of F@CU members more manageable. With these significant changes on the part of student groups, and drastic reforms to F@CU operation, student groups might be able to get the money that they actually need, and in a way that's not a pain for all involved.

Sports make the difference at American colleges

JONES, from back page

Championship game from my host grandmother's living room desktop, as well as an accidental run-in with the Irish rugby team in Dublin as they were headed off to roll around in the mud with England's team.

Of course, none of these stories actually really have anything to do with Columbia sports, which is what they're paying me the big bucks to write about here.

There was, however, one experience that I did take away from Europe that actually taught me something about the sports attitude here at CU. Believe me, I know how extremely unlikely that sounds. I wasn't expecting that to happen either, but it did.

As part of my study abroad program, I took actual French literature courses in the actual French university system with the actual French university students. All in a language I only kind of speak. That was an experience in and of itself, and it was so intimidating that I didn't even really notice any major differences besides the language barrier until I had come back to the U.S. and taken a step back to reflect.

Once I sat down and actually thought about it though, I realized that the French universities were missing one major college component that I had failed to notice: school sports.

I know that Columbia isn't exactly Ohio State or any other school where people go to football games and actually care. I believe I've even harped on it before in a previous column. So, what does it take to make a person actually miss the minute amount of athletics enthusiasm we possess here on the Upper West Side? Go somewhere that doesn't even have that little smidge of excitement.

In all the time I spent on the French university campuses, I almost never saw students walking around wearing a school sweatshirt. We, Columbia students, bask in the glory of free tees. You can't go anywhere around campus without seeing a solid amount of students in general CU gear. The French universities could not have been more different.

Even more than just general Columbia apparel, we have individual team athletic gear. From Columbia football sweatshirts to Columbia swimming and diving tees, that standardized sports logo can be found everywhere with your chosen sport filled into the blank. Maybe it's because sports hold a special place in my heart, but I love walking around campus and seeing all of our teams represented.

It's not that I go and watch them all (because really, who chills out watching the fencing or golf team for no reason?), but I still love knowing that they're there. There's some sort of camaraderie seeing all the athletes walking around campus repping their team, decked out in athletics gear that just gives you this collegiate feeling inside.

I know it's not as intense here as I'm sure it is at other, more athletic colleges, but as far as I can tell, we're at least beating the French universities because I'm pretty sure they don't even have real sports teams. There are some club teams that actually have competitions, as well as some gym classes offered each semester, but that's not nearly the same as entire teams crowding into John Jay to fill up after practice.

I never thought I would ever say this, but it's good to be back on a campus where at least I'm surrounded by sports in some sense. The presence of sports at Columbia certainly isn't anything to brag about, but now I know that at least it's something. For someone who's a sports fan at heart, I'm now willing to take what I can get because Europe has taught me that it could be a whole lot worse around here.

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FILE PHOTO

CALIFORNIA DREAM BROKEN | The Lions struggled against their competition this weekend, as they were shutout by both San Diego State and Cal State Fullerton.

Women's soccer shutout twice in California, still scoreless this season

WOMEN'S SOCCER
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Rizzo nearly put the ball in off of a Light Blue corner kick in the sixth minute and had two more chances soon after, but she struggled with keeping her shots on frame.

The Aztecs went on the attack following Columbia's early takeover of its defensive third, which resulted in the day's only goal. SDSU forward Cat Walker was the hero for the Aztecs, as she scored the game-winner with 18 minutes played in the first half.

Despite the loss, Light Blue senior goalkeeper and co-captain Lillian Klein had an impressive performance, as she tallied nine saves on Friday. Klein had a few important stops in the final minutes of the first half to

keep the Lions only trailing by one and was kept busy in the second period as well. Senior forward and playmaker Marissa Schultz set up Columbia's final goal-scoring opportunity in the 72nd minute with a cross to freshman Torie Goode, but Goode's shot was not on target.

Following its first hard-fought game, the Light Blue had to bounce back quickly to take on Fullerton on Sunday. Both teams had something to prove, as Columbia still had yet to score in 2011, and Cal State Fullerton had been shutout in its past two games.

For the full 90 minutes plus the first period of overtime, the teams were locked in a stalemate. The Titans looked to be the better team for the duration of regulation time as they outshot the Lions 20-7. However, Klein continued to stand solid

in goal, as she tallied 11 saves for the match, including some tough dives and fingertip saves.

"She [Klein] had a really strong game," McCarthy said. "They were a team that we knew liked to shoot from a distance and quite honestly that played to their strengths, and so they had a lot of shots from 20, 20-plus yards. There were two times, some really challenging ones where she was there and handled them, so she had a real quality game."

Columbia's defense has been stellar thus far, but offensive mishaps have prevented the team from having anything to show for it.

Like in Friday's game, the Light Blue had early opportunities but came up empty. Rizzo continued to look to put Columbia on the board, but Titan goalkeeper Lindsey

Maricic, who proved to be an obstacle all day for the Lions, denied her soundly. After the second half got underway, it was senior forward and co-captain Ashlin Yahr who nearly sealed the victory for Columbia. But once again, a Lion attempt went wide, and the score remained tied at zero. Freshman forward Sarah Forthall also had a good look with about 20 minutes left in regulation but was unable to convert.

With just under two minutes to play, Columbia seemed to have the game in its hands. Schultz played in an impressive cross, but Maricic was there again to thwart the Lions.

The Titans mustered a chance of their own at the death. With 44 seconds remaining, Fullerton conducted a textbook pass-and-shoot play as forward Rebecca Wilson found forward

Kishi Smith in the Columbia territory, and Smith found the back of the net. Two-thirds of Fullerton's games this season have gone into overtime, and on Sunday they had the last word.

The Lions will need to find their scoring touch, and McCarthy acknowledged the key area where his team must improve.

"I think we have to put a lot of our emphasis in our training on the process and details of creating chances," he said. "If we spend our time contemplating not scoring goals, and why we're not, we will not score goals. But if we spend our time focusing on being better in process, we will get better and we will score goals."

The Lions are back in action for their first home game of the season, as they take on Iona at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16.

Lions recover after loss, battle to stalemate after overtime

MEN'S SOCCER
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shots in total, but eight of them failed to trouble the keeper.

The Lions then took on Missouri State yesterday but had to settle for a 0-0 stalemate after overtime. It was the first time this season that the Lions failed to get a result in overtime, having edged Sacred Heart and Saint Peter's earlier this month after extended play. Agyapong led the Lions with four shots against the Bears, but the Light Blue was unable to break the deadlock.

"Fatigue showed today," Mazzullo said. "Having played

five games in 10 days, to come out with a 0-0 shows that we can fight for a result."

With three games having gone into overtime already this season, the stamina and physical prowess of the Columbia squad is constantly being tested—but Anderson has faith in his charges as he looks ahead.

"We are prepared and capable with depth," he wrote. "We look forward to return home to Baker Field on Thursday evening."

The Lions will take on Fordham at Columbia Soccer Stadium on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY

Slow start and defensive woes lead to Light Blue defeat against Monmouth

This past Sunday, the Columbia field hockey team traveled to West Long Branch, N.J., where they suffered a 4-0 loss to the Monmouth Hawks.

The Lions (1-2) got off to a slow start with 24 minutes passing before Gabby Kozlowski took the team's first shot. Subsequently, the Light Blue continued to excel and eventually accrued 16 shots—one more than the Hawks. However, the efforts of the Columbia team's offense could not beat Monmouth's goalkeeper, Teresa Mathews, and the result was a shutout.

Conversely, the Hawks took an early lead, with Morganne Firmstone scoring the first goal merely five minutes into the game. Their aggressive streak continued with three shots and a penalty corner

until Patricia O'Dwyer scored a second goal 15 minutes later. This goal was swiftly followed by two more from Alex Carroll and Patricia O'Dwyer before the end of the half.

The second period showcased a revitalized Lions defense. The Hawks were only afforded five shots, none of which made it past Light Blue goalkeeper Christie O'Hara. Similar to the defense, the Columbia offense entered the second half with renewed aggression, showcased by the eight penalty corners that it received, but the Lions were unable to get on the scoresheet.

The Lions will look to build on their aggressive level of play this Wednesday when they face off against Hofstra in Hempstead, N.Y. at 4 p.m.

—Connally Reid

CROSS COUNTRY

Men's and women's cross country win first meet of season

The Columbia men's and women's cross country teams opened their seasons yesterday with strong showings, each winning their respective double meets against St. Michael's College and the University of Vermont at the latter's home course in Williston, Vt.

The men executed an impressive near-sweep; 15 of the top 16 finishers were clad in the Light Blue. Freshman Ben Eversole had a tremendous start to his college career, winning the race in 25:16.6. Junior runner Mark Feigen followed him closely with a time of 25:16.9, while the rest of the

Lions' pack was not far behind. Vermont's Aaron Szotka was the only outsider to infiltrate their ranks, placing 14th.

The women's team conquered the hilly course in similar fashion, outpacing the Catamounts and St. Michael's for the win. Though Vermont managed to claim the top two places, a solid all-Columbia finish in spots three through seven sealed the deal and left the Catamounts unable to recover. Juniors Erin Gillingham and Clare Buck and sophomore Caroline Williams were the top finishers for Columbia; Gillingham crossed the finish line in 19:00.4.

The meet was an auspicious start to a hopeful season. In the preseason rankings, the Columbia women were ranked third in the Northeast region, while the men were fifth. Last season, the men finished third at the Ivy League Championships, and the women placed second behind Princeton.

Up next in the Columbia cross country schedule, the women travel to Ohio for the Toledo Inter-Regional Bubble Buster on Sept. 23, and the men tackle the Paul Short Invitational in Bethlehem, Pa. on Sept. 30.

—Charlotte Murtishaw

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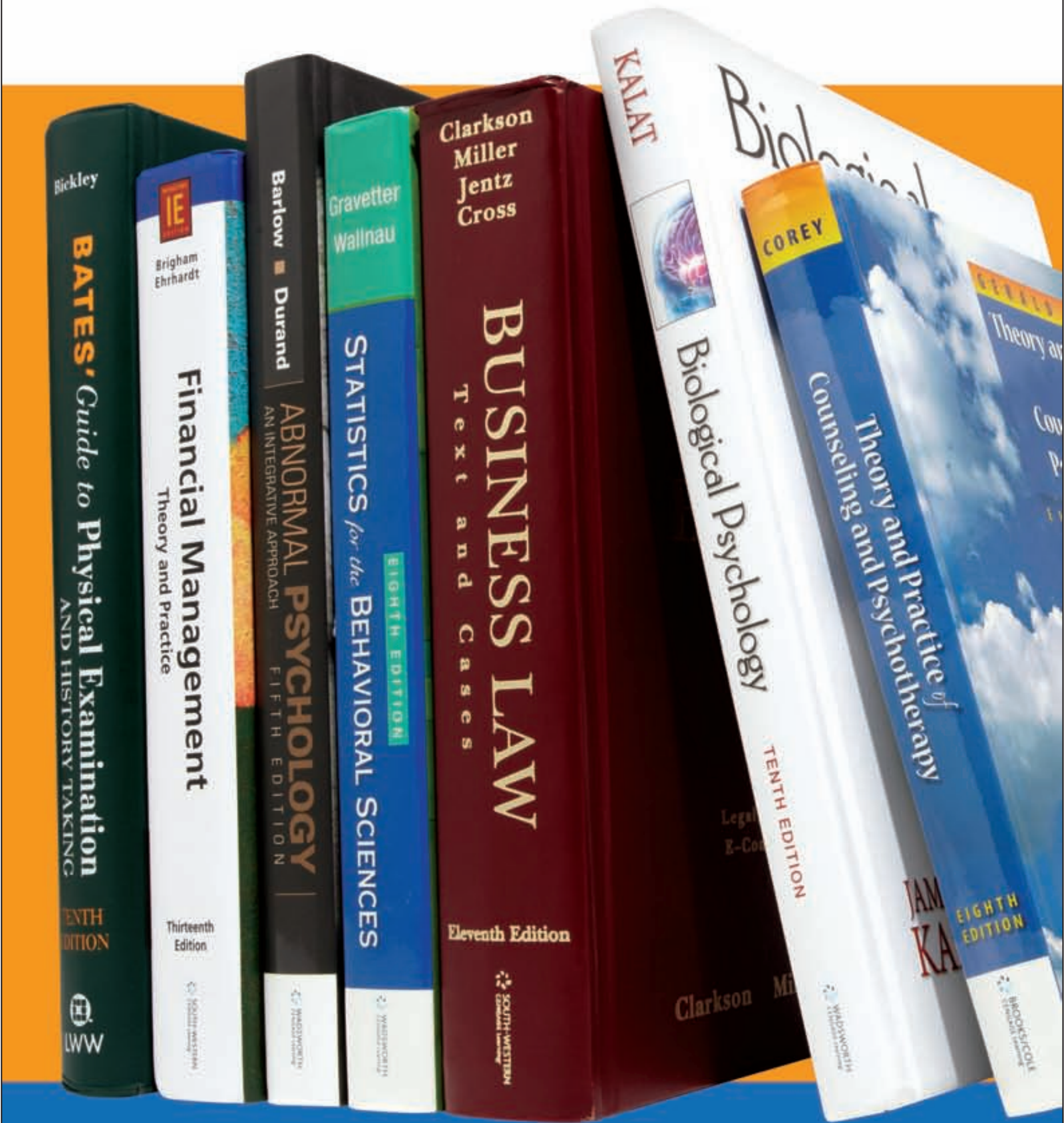


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Hello fellow sports enthusiasts, it's so good to see you again. And to the Class of 2015, it's nice to meet you. To those of you asking, yes, thank you, it's wonderful to be back. While I'm assuming the list of people who noticed I was missing is disappointingly small, I'd like to think at least one or two people were aware of my absence. If you're one of those people though, never fear; I have no intention of leaving our charming MoHi bubble to go gallivanting through Europe again anytime soon. In short: been there, done that.



VICTORIA JONES
Batting a Thousand

There's some sort of camaraderie seeing all the athletes walking around campus.

As part of my reintroduction into the world of Spec Sports, I wanted to share with you some of my sports-related experiences from my time abroad. There's always the usual "football doesn't mean the same thing in Europe as it does in the United States" culture shock, but it's easy to adjust to that. I also had a late-night experience trying to livestream the AFC

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FILE PHOTO

ONLY ONE | Quentin Grigsby scored the team's only goal this weekend in its loss to the Lobos. Columbia battled Missouri to a scoreless draw.

Women's soccer drops two games, yet to score this season

BY MOLLY TOW
Spectator Staff Writer

Four games into the season already, and the Lions' first goal of the season has continued to elude them. The Columbia women's soccer team (0-4) was held scoreless for both its third and fourth games during this weekend's West Coast matchups. Columbia lost 1-0 to No. 22

San Diego State (4-2-1) on Friday afternoon before suffering a heartbreaking 1-0 defeat in the last minute of double overtime against Cal State Fullerton (2-4-1) on Sunday. "The Friday night game was against a really quality opponent that was a top-45 ranked team at their field," head coach Kevin McCarthy said. "I thought we competed very well and created

some chances but our execution in the attacking box and in our defending box has to be better. Those were the differences on Friday night. Good effort, but we expect to have not really just good efforts but good production too and we took a lot from the game. There were certainly a good number of positives." Despite seeing multiple chances in the first 15 minutes

of Friday's game, the Lions could not find the back of the net at SDSU, as they were unable to capitalize on their opportunities. Sophomore forward Coleen Rizzo, who proved to be an offensive threat for Columbia last weekend, had the chance to put the Light Blue on the board first.

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Volleyball fights back against R.I., loses next two straight

BY ROBERT WREN GORDON
Spectator Staff Writer

The Columbia volleyball team (3-3) traveled to Kingston, R.I. this weekend where it participated in the University of Rhode Island Tournament. The Lions faced hosts Rhode Island, Wisconsin, and Boston College. Rhode Island (5-4) entered its match against the Light Blue boasting a 5-1 record after sweeping last weekend's Stony Brook Holiday Inn Express Tournament. However, the Rhody's luck came to an abrupt end on Friday night as they fell to the Lions in five sets in the opening game of the invitational. The hosts began the match by opening up a comfortable 10-2 lead over the Light Blue, keeping the Lions attack at bay as it took the first set 25-14. After the break between sets, the Lions brought out a different squad and from there took control of the match. A service error by Rhode Island gave the Lions a 1-0 lead in the second set. Another Rhody error and a service ace by junior Megan Gaughn gave the Light Blue a 3-0 lead. However, a Rhode Island rally eventually led to an 8-8 tie later in the game. The Lions and the Rhody would remain neck-in-neck for the rest of the second set, but the Light Blue was finally able to clinch a 25-22 victory after kills from Gaughn and senior Monique Roberts, tying up the match at 1-1. After another close 25-23 victory in the third set, the Lions dropped the fourth 25-20, setting the stage for a decisive fifth set, which witnessed six ties between the Lions and the hosts. Kills from senior Cindy Chen and Gaughn, and a block by sophomore Savannah Fletcher late in the set gave the Lions a 17-15 win and clinched a 3-2 match victory. The rest of the weekend

didn't go so well for the Light Blue, as it went 0-2 on Saturday in their doubleheader against Wisconsin and Boston College. In their first game of the day, the Lions were swept by the Wisconsin Badgers, losing 25-15, 25-22, and finally by a score of 25-20. During their match against the Badgers, the Lions were outblocked 6-4 while Wisconsin held the Light Blue to a .216 hitting percentage. The Badgers dominated Columbia in several categories, including kills—in which the Badgers had a 53-29 advantage—and assists. Wisconsin senior Janelle Gabrielsen led all players in assists, recording 23 during the three sets. In comparison, the entire Columbia squad only had 28 assists. The Light Blue went into its final match hoping to turn things around against Boston College—a squad that had only earned one victory coming into the tournament—and the Lions cruised to a 2-0 lead in the match. Even though the Eagles opened the second set with a 6-2 lead, freshman Caitlin Brenton's kill started a 5-0 Columbia run that eventually gave the Light Blue an 8-6 lead. Roberts, Chen, Gaughn, and Brenton all contributed with kills late in the set to give the Lions a 25-20 victory. However the Eagles came back in the last three sets, winning by scores of 25-21, 25-20, and 15-10 behind the leadership of senior Brennan Clark, who recorded 26 digs, to become the second Eagle ever to record 1,400 digs in a career. Boston College senior Tsvetelina Dureva pitched in with 16 kills, 10 digs, and an ace as BC took advantage of a Columbia error early in the third set to turn the tide and take the match. With Saturday's losses, the Lions fall to 3-3 on the season. The Light Blue returns to the court this weekend as it hosts the Columbia Invitational at Levien Gymnasium.

Lions
crushed
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Mexico

Men's soccer
suffers first loss of
the season

BY MRINAL MOHANKA
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

The Columbia men's soccer team suffered its first loss of the 2011 season at the TLC Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Lobo Invitational against the host team, the University of New Mexico. The Lions (3-1-1) fell to a crushing 5-1 defeat against the Lobos (3-0-1) on Friday, before fighting to a goalless draw against Missouri State (0-4-1) on Sunday. Senior captain Mike Mazzullo felt the Lions showing at the tournament displayed plenty of promise for the season. "I thought it was our best challenge so far," he said. "As far as New Mexico are concerned, we got spanked, but it was good to see a team really come after us. I thought we played well, but it was a fast field, they're a fast team, and they had a good crowd and exciting atmosphere so we were put on the back foot. But we moved the ball well, and if we can develop that and play our game on the ground and move that into the final third of the field, we're going to score a lot more goals this season." "It was a two game series at altitude that tested the limits of our group both physically and mentally," Lions head coach Kevin Anderson wrote. "Over the course of 10 games and five days we have used 90 percent of our roster."

The effect of high altitude in Albuquerque was evident from the Light Blue's first-half showing against the hosts. The Lions trailed 4-0 at the break with the Lobos coming out all guns blazing to get their goals. The hosts scored four in a mere 16-minute spell through Devon Sandoval, James Rogers, Giovanni Rollie, and Levi Rossi. The Lions led the shot count at the break 7-4, but they were unable to match the Lobos in shooting accuracy. The visitors managed to pull a goal back through junior defender Quentin Grigsby, who headed home freshman Kofi Agyapong's free kick in the 56th minute, but conceded again in the 70th minute when Sandoval found his teammate Blake Smith to wrap up the win. The Lobos finished the game with 11 shots, eight of which were on target, while Columbia had nine

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