

Student uses Facebook to raise money for Pakistan

BY LEAH GREENBAUM
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It began with a simple Facebook event. Little did Umar Agha, CC '11, know that he would ultimately raise over \$150,000 and 100 tons of food for rural victims of the floods that ravaged Pakistan this summer.

Two months ago, Agha, who checks his Facebook perhaps once a week, was interning for the Rural Support Programmes Network—a Pakistani non-governmental organization—and learning about how people who had been internally displaced by the war on terror were resettling into their former communities.

“After I heard the floods had destroyed a village I had visited [earlier in the summer], I started to picture how all of the smiling kids I had met, so glad to be home after all of those years as IDPs [internally displaced persons], had died or been displaced all over again,” Agha said. His conscience, he said, would not allow him to ignore their plight.

Agha created a Facebook event—the first he ever made—inviting friends and family to participate in a donation drive for RSPN, before many Pakistanis even understood the magnitude of the damage. Over three days, activity on the event’s wall increased dramatically. By the third day, hundreds of people were exchanging information and inquiring about ways to help, he said.

Though Agha still won’t accept his mother’s friend request, she wrote on the event’s wall to

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—Umar Agha, CC '11

ask where to make out checks. Strangers wanted to know where to send mattresses and bags of rice. Others wanted to promote their own events and share articles.

“I had no idea it would take off like this,” Agha said. “It just became a sort of hub for people.”

Soon, Agha was spending days and nights coordinating “family packs” of food and medical supplies to sustain families of six for two weeks. He sent

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GO-GETTER | Jonathan Tasini speaks at a neighborhood forum where Rangel was a no-show.

CCSC digests meal plan criticism in first meeting

BY ALIX PIANIN
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Student reaction to the new meal plan options will likely be the first issue the Columbia College Student Council tackles this year.

The talk was mostly about food as council members circled up on Sunday night for their first meeting of the year—with musical accompaniment. The disadvantages of moving a piano closer to the Satow Room soon became apparent when an announcement about grounds for impeachment was accompanied by a dramatic instrumental interlude.

The discussion then turned to a flash email poll that CCSC sent to students this week. Respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the new meal plan structure, which has essentially turned Ferris Booth Commons into an official dining hall.

In the self-selecting poll, 150 students responded within 12 hours, submitting 10,000 words—17 pages—of comments.

First-years—who, it should be noted, did not have firsthand experience of the old meal plans—dominated the unscientific poll,

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Tasini, underfunded, fights for Rangel’s seat

BY KIM KIRSCHENBAUM
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It’s just after 7 p.m., the sun is nearing the horizon, and while most Inwood residents are headed home for the evening, political hopeful Jonathan Tasini is bent on sticking around to speak to every last one of them.

“My shoulder is sore—I’ve probably handed out over a thousand leaflets,” the congressional candidate told Spectator in an interview, while campaigning at the busy corner of Dyckman and Broadway. “It’s like a computer injury almost.” As if on cue, he starts twisting his torso and moving his arms in a circular, baseball-throwing motion.

For Tasini, the day’s politicking has been nonstop. He began his day at 5:40 a.m., moving from one northern Manhattan locale to another in one of his final get-out-the-vote efforts ahead of the

CHASING CHARLIE

This is the fourth piece in Spectator’s series on the crowded primary race for Charles Rangel’s congressional seat.



ALEX GOLEC FOR SPECTATOR

PERENNIAL CANDIDATE | Jonathan Tasini hopes to unseat the infamous Charles Rangel, despite a lack of funds and publicity.

New York Democratic primary on Tuesday. From Inwood, he’ll head downtown to Ground Zero, where he’ll join thousands at a nearby vigil in support of the highly controversial proposed Park51 mosque and community center. This is all second nature for Tasini—it’s become a part of the regular schedule he’s been following for weeks now, he said. “He’s tireless,” said Susan Lauzau, who works on Tasini’s

campaign and has been a close friend for about 15 years. “He gets up when the sun rises and he keeps going, and he would probably keep going after hours if the staff could keep up with him.”

Indeed, many of his campaign workers, all strategically stationed at various corners of the Dyckman and Broadway

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Barnard requires new fees for winter housing

Seniors no longer exempt, now must pay \$100 for access

BY MADINA TOURE
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Planning to stay in the city over winter break? If you’re a Barnard student, it’ll cost you.

All Barnard students will now be required to pay a fee to live in Barnard housing over winter break, according to Matt Kingston, associate director for housing operations.

Prior to the policy change, seniors, international students, and other students with extenuating circumstances were exempt from the fee. Now, all students living in Barnard housing during the three-week winter break period will be charged \$100.

“I don’t think the \$100 fee is fair, regardless of class year,” Dueaa Elzin, BC '11, said. “It is especially unfair to seniors who have to stay on campus due to

“We pay so much for tuition that we should be allowed to stay on campus.”

—Dueaa Elzin, BC '11

research, internships, and other important things they need to do before they graduate.”

On the other side of Broadway, students in Columbia College housing can stay in dormitories without paying an additional fee.

Kingston said that the change was made after Barnard administrators noticed the rising number of students staying on campus during break, as well as the corresponding financial impact.

“Although revenue from the fee does not come close to

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VIGIL | A woman attends a September 11 vigil. This year’s anniversary was particularly heated given the community center controversy.

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An active audience

Derek Turner explores the state of political engagement on campus, claiming students are now reactionists rather than activists.



SPORTS, PAGE 10

Women’s soccer on a winning streak

Light Blue soccer bested Fordham and Stony Brook this weekend for its third and fourth consecutive shutout victories.

EVENTS

Awakening Giants

Berkeley professor Pranab Bardhan lectures on rational choice theory in economics. Common Room, Heyman Center, 6:15 p.m.

Translating the Second Sex

Join the translators of Simone de Beauvoir’s classic text, widely known as the “Bible of feminism,” for a panel discussion. Event Oval, Diana Center, 7:00 p.m.

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New fee requirements for Barnard winter housing

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covering actual costs, it does offset the expense of essential services provided by desk attendants, public safety officers, facilities staff, and other campus workers,” he wrote in an email. “The money also helps with the high energy costs of maintaining all of the residential buildings during a time when they are only partially occupied.”

While the policy change is new to Barnard, Kingston noted that colleges nationwide have been assessing similar fees and housing restrictions for years.

While some students said they were upset, Mattie Snider, BC ’14, said the change makes sense given the cost of housing students during vacation.

“It just seems consistent with

the changes that they’ve made recently with meal plans and this [winter break housing],” Snider said, referring to the new requirement that all students buy dining plans. “When they’re trying to pay for desk attendants and upkeep, it’s hard to let students stay on for free.”

Though Malu Gatto, BC ’11, who goes home to Brazil during winter break, is not affected by the change, she said she understands that it may affect the plans of other students.

“It’s not going to affect me directly because I go home,” Gatto said. “But I do know that a lot of people would like to stay in the city for academic and financial and other issues.”

Fee waivers may be made available to students who demonstrate financial need, and Barnard Residential Life and

Housing will continue to work with the Office of Financial Aid to accommodate students, Kingston said.

Noor Al-Husayni, BC ’11, said that though the fee is an additional cost to students, it is just one of many that students are already expected to pay.

“Basically, they charge us for everything at Barnard,” Al-Husayni said. “I wouldn’t want to pay the \$100, but if I have to, I have to.”

But Elzin maintained that, ultimately, the fee creates a financial burden for students. “We pay so much for tuition,” she said, “that we should be allowed to stay on campus during winter break if we want to, instead of being forced to pay an additional \$100.”

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COURTESY OF UMAR AGHA

LIFESAVER | Umar Agha, CC ’11, raised over \$150,000 for Pakistan relief, and helped with distribution.

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the packs to communities in the most rural parts of Pakistan—villages where people don’t know what Facebook is and have never received aid from the Red Cross or World Health Organization.

One of Agha’s closest friends, Taimur Malik, CC ’11, helped him pack shipments of supplies into eight-ton trucks in 115-degree weather.

“His front lawn looked like a relief camp. It was overflowing with bags and crates of goods,”

Malik said, adding that Agha is truly an unsung hero. “I saw Umar working on this around the clock with a 102-degree fever.”

Agha even helped deliver goods to a village once, but said he felt haunted by the magnitude of the disaster.

“Everything I did just feels like a drop in the ocean,” he said. “I’d spend all day packing a truck [of goods] for 300 families and then read that 17 million people were affected and in need.”

Agha said he was able to raise and coordinate so much

by following what may seem like an unconventional form of philanthropy—the coordination of social media.

“There’s sort of this romanticized version of doing charity where you go into the field and put up cool Facebook pictures of yourself playing with little kids ... but I was able to get so much more done and help so many more people just by staying at home and reaching out to potential donors,” he said.

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CCSC debates survey response to new meal plan

COUNCILS from front page

accounting for 29 percent of respondents. Another 28 percent were sophomores, another 25 percent juniors, and 18 percent were seniors.

The poll asked students to rate their enthusiasm (or lack thereof) for the old and new plans. About 97 percent approved of last year’s plan, but 60 percent expressed disapproval this year.

Some council members expressed surprise at the rapidness of the responses, but others emphasized the importance of putting the numbers into perspective.

“People who don’t understand it are complaining and afraid of change,” University Senator Alex Frouman, CC ’12, said.

“I don’t understand it either. No one thought the meal plan

was good last year,” he said, despite the 97 percent approval rate that the poll showed for last year’s plan. “That’s BS. I don’t trust these

“Columbia students love complaining about stuff.”

—Alex Frouman, CC ’12

people. Columbia students love complaining about stuff.”

Representative Sonya Chandra, CC ’11, added that a self-selecting survey with approximately 150 respondents means only about 40 students from each class gave feedback.

Even so, council members were concerned about what the meal plan changes meant

for weekend food options. With John Jay closed on Saturdays, Ferris Booth essentially becomes the only dining hall available, which some say means long waits and abundant frustration.

“You can see that there’s a very long line that goes out of Ferris Booth now,” said Sean Udell, CC ’11 and senior class president, adding that the overcrowding could even be a safety hazard.

CCSC President Learned Foote, CC ’11, added that there had been hour-long lines for Ferris Booth pasta, a campus favorite.

While the council focused predominantly on the negative feedback, Foote stressed that the flash poll did not reflect an official stance and said that CCSC is working to interpret the data properly and evaluate the best way forward.

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09/14

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Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

09/21

DOG DAYS
A Scientific Look at Man’s Best Friend
6 PM

Event Oval, The Diana Center

09/22

CRITICAL INTERSECTIONS
Economic and Reproductive Justice Conference
9 AM–4 PM

Registration in The Diana Center Lobby

09/23

BACK TO BRAZIL
Transnational Mobility and Education Among Japanese-Brazilian Migrants
6 PM

Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall

09/27

ALWIN NIKOLAIS & HIS LEGACY
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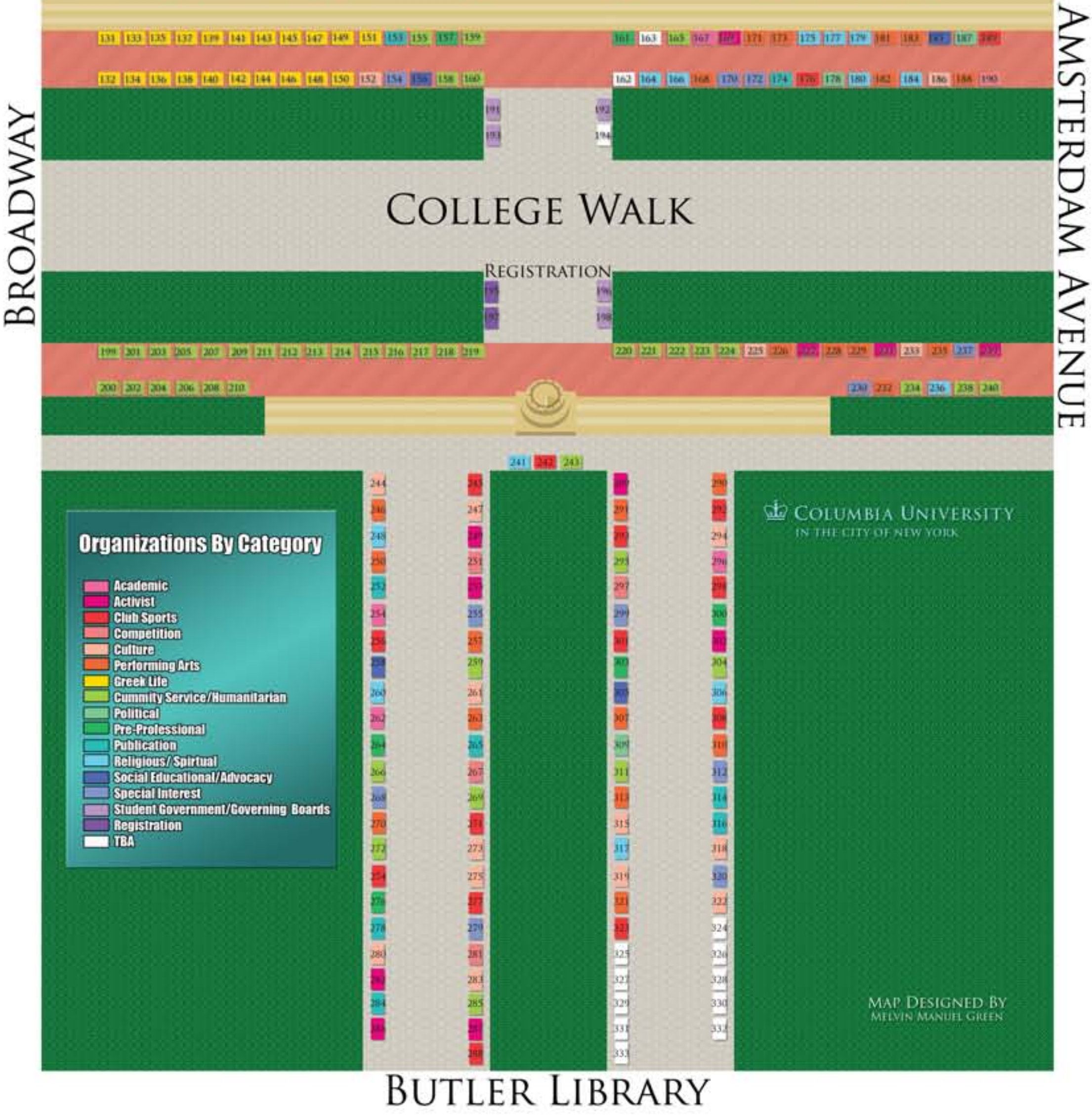
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Not your grandfather's Israel

BY LIONPAC

Today, Israel is home to the largest high-tech industry outside of Silicon Valley, is a leader in environmental and medical innovation, and is a generous supporter of humanitarian aid around the world. Examining her many contributions to the world helps us understand why Israel is such an invaluable asset to both the United States and members of the Columbia community.

Despite its modest population of nearly 7.5 million people, Israel has offered tremendous assistance to the developing world. Since 1948, over 140 countries have benefitted from Israel's humanitarian aid. As was widely covered in the press, Israel, along with the United States, helped lead the rescue and recovery efforts in Haiti following its recent disastrous earthquake.

According to YorkRegion.com, an Ontario-based news website, Israel sent more doctors, nurses, and aid equipment to Haiti than the 22 Arab nations, the United Kingdom, and China combined. Israel's 220 aid workers operated a multipurpose hospital that allowed it to treat 500 patients a day and complete many complicated

procedures and surgeries. Israel also sent civil engineers and search and rescue teams that dug through rubble to find Haitians buried under debris. Furthermore, Israel's humanitarian aid reaches Columbia. In affiliation with Ben-Gurion University in Beer-Sheva, Columbia's Health Sciences Division has created a four-year medical degree program in Israel to prepare doctors to promote global health by specializing in refugee and disaster medicine.

Alongside her contributions to humanitarian aid, Israel is a leader in medical research and technology. Given Imaging, an Israeli company, developed the first ingestible video camera.

The camera, which fits into a pill and has been used by 65,000 patients worldwide, including those at Columbia's New York Presbyterian Hospital, helps doctors diagnose cancer and other digestive disorders such as Crohn's Disease. Hospitals worldwide are installing a computer system designed by the Israeli start-up company MDG Medical, which helps ensure that hospitals treat the right patients with the right medicines at the right time. The technology hopes to diminish the number of treatment mistakes—which result in the deaths of nearly 7,000 Americans every year—in hospitals. These are only a few examples of the many innovations that originate in Israel but benefit millions abroad.

Similar to the entrepreneurial spirit that fuels Israel's medical innovation, Israel's arid climate has fostered innovation in green technology.

Let's talk about faith, baby

BY SARA BARBOUR

It's a tricky thing, telling someone you care when they probably don't want to hear it.

But that's just what friends of mine set out to do last week. As Columbia greeted its newest undergraduates, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship was there to greet them too, handing out ice cream, helping people push bins, and beginning to address the sudden defensiveness that otherwise friendly first-years adopt when confronted with an admission of faith.

I was one such first-year just three years ago. I may have been raised in a Christian family, but I was as likely as the next kid to quicken my step when approached by someone "religious." A person like that was obviously trying to get something—a conversation, a confession, a conversion. It never crossed my mind that they were looking to give.

Religion was supposed to be private, something discussed under heavily moderated circumstances. In Literature Humanities, we could debate away over the Bible or Quran, even raise our voices defending or discussing different faiths. But outside of class, embarrassment descended—a reluctance to admit we belonged in any particular camp. It was almost that just by stating what we believed, we were already excluding people who would otherwise become new friends.

Walking through the dorms last week to meet people, to help them settle in, and to ask them about their faith, I saw it happen first hand: the friendly smile and casual conversation going cold as soon as soon as we mentioned why we were there. "We're from InterVarsity, a Christian fellowship on campus," I'd say, suppressing the urge to add, "I'm not trying to convert you—really." Yes, we were there because we believe in God. But it strikes me as sad that an admission of faith turns an otherwise friendly situation into a tense one. When did we become so afraid of people who are open about what they believe?

While New Student Orientation Program week certainly has its fair share of false starts and moments of misinformation, it's fair to say that as a new student on campus, the week sets the tone for the year ahead. Deciding to talk to first-years

about Christianity and faith may seem like a dangerous chance to be taking as a student group—it's certainly not easy to sidestep the stigma of holier-than-thou Bible pushers who knock on doors with conversion in mind. But if InterVarsity decided that the chance to genuinely get to know fellow students and open the door to talking about what we believe wasn't worth that risk, then discussions of faith could very well remain relegated to the classroom, or abandoned altogether.

NSOP has been flooded with events designed to get people talking about diversity, safety, tolerance, and sex. It's up to us, though, to be open about our faith, especially during what may be the only time in our lives when we'll be surrounded by such a vibrant and diverse group of people. InterVarsity is a community I've come to appreciate, because despite our numerous, seemingly irreconcilable differences, we actually really enjoy spending time together as friends who are honestly seeking God in our lives. We run the full spectrum of denominations, and some come even though they don't really consider themselves Christian. It's the promise of a supportive and honest community that keeps us together.

When did we become so afraid of people who are open about what they believe?

So what do I believe? When I look at the Bible, I see Christ going out of his way to befriend people from all walks of life, always without judgment. I see him eating (and often drinking) with those he has met, sitting down with them to genuinely talk about their lives. He passed by the self-righteous few who were religious without faith, choosing instead to hang out with the rejected, lonely, or confused. Which is not too far from how I felt as a first-year myself—and which is why I hope that at Columbia we'll grow more comfortable speaking with each other about our beliefs.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Fair treatment for students of faith

During the first few weeks of school, many of our classmates observe major religious holidays: Jewish students the High Holy Days, and Muslim students Ramadan. These holidays can prevent people from attending classes or hinder their ability to focus on academics. We expect that Columbia, as a religiously diverse and self-avowedly tolerant institution, will accommodate these students' needs.

We have heard some reports of professors making demands that conflict with students' religious requirements, or burdening observant students by requiring them to turn in assignments in advance. These professors should take Columbia's promise that "it is the policy of the University to respect its members' religious beliefs" more seriously. Students who cannot attend class for religious reasons should not have their absences counted against them, and those who have assignments due on holidays should be able to get extensions.

Some departments, such as psychology at Barnard, allow

a certain number of absences per semester but do not ask students to provide explanations. While we appreciate these departments' attempts to protect students' privacy, we do not believe absences for religious holidays should be treated the same as other absences.

According to Columbia's website, a student who observes a religious holiday "will be given an equivalent opportunity to register for classes or make up any examination, study, or work requirements that he or she may have missed because of such absence on any particular day or days. No student will be penalized for absence due to religious beliefs." While a few professors have been inflexible, we are happy to report that, on the whole, the University is adhering to its own policies and living up to its ideals of religious tolerance.

The students with whom we spoke seemed, for the most part, content with their treatment. Most professors have been flexible with assignments and understanding

about absences, and we commend them for working to ensure that observant students are treated fairly.

We also recognize the potential for abuse of the University's policy on religious holidays. Professors have no way of knowing whether students who claim to be observant actually are. Students must act in good faith on this front.

But even if there are a few freeloaders, adherence to the official policy remains essential. Students get extensions or excused absences for all kinds of reasons, many of which are far more trivial than religious holidays.

It is up to students to inform their professors about their religious obligations, but professors should make it easy for students to meet both their academic and religious obligations.

We're glad to see Columbia walking the walk on religious tolerance this year, and we hope it will do even better in future years.

To Jews, Muslims, and everyone else out there: Shana Tova and Eid Mubarak.

Israeli companies such as ZenithSolar and Luz II provide the solar panels used in California's sprawling deserts. Their efforts mirror a recently announced SEAS program in coordination with Tel Aviv University, which attempts to improve the efficiency of solar panels. Zenith's panels can hold 80 percent of the energy they

Many innovations originate in Israel, but benefit millions abroad.

absorb, making solar panels a pragmatic solution to energy conservation. Israeli companies are also pioneers in wind power. Rather than erecting massive, secluded wind farms, the Israeli company SOVNA is working to expand wind turbines to urban areas. As featured on CNBC, the company began placing turbines on top of skyscrapers so that it could capture wind power efficiently while conserving land and ground resources. By using everyday sources of wind power, SOVNA's turbines can feed into local power grids and provide areas with 100 percent clean energy. Israel's green technology boom is part of its larger high-tech industry.

Israel may have once been part of the cradle of civilization, but it is now the fertile ground for technological innovation, giving birth to

Politics sans Ahmadinejad

Shall we be reactionists? I ask because, looking ahead to the new year, I can't help but peek in the rearview mirror and wonder if last year's trends will appear this year. I remember a disturbing refrain coming from students on their way out of Morningside in May—that political life on campus was stagnant and unengaged. Explanations offered for this lamented lukewarm attitude were no less disturbing. We weren't faced with the Ahmadinejads or Minutemen of our forebears.

I understand that the absence of an irritant can do much to cool the passion of the indignant masses. However, must Columbia's level of political activity be entirely dependent on the arrival of an unusually provocative character or idea? It is easy to get our peers to react to a pernicious and (thankfully for our schedules) temporary outrage or cause. It doesn't take nearly as much effort to be the party responding to a provocation.

The ensuing "political activism" seems to unfold out of the offense felt by the rest of campus. Fliering becomes superfluous in the face of overwhelming Facebook activism for the issue du jour. Almost as quickly as the generation-defining insult arrives, it disappears along with the motorcade leaving College Walk. Some of us can't decide whether to thank the visitor for giving a needed (but brief) shot in the arm to political engagement on campus or curse him for bringing yet another short-lived and contrived mini-scandal to Morningside.

In a flair of ironic ridiculousness, our collective campus notion of progressivism has been transformed into a habit of reaction. There is much fair criticism of the right alleging that it automatically reacts against the new in favor of the old.

At Columbia, we have gotten into the habit of preferring reaction to creation in most political situations. This may be worse. Classical reactionaries work to replace the new with forms of the old. We somehow find contentment in simply opposing ideas and events that are brought to us. Rarely do we preempt them or become proactive. Response has become a valid replacement for contribution.

We need to do the harder thing. We must decide to engage in political dialogue and activism independent of whom the administration invites to speak or whatever scandal arrives on campus. Political engagement is especially critical in today's atmosphere, in which extremists make up the majority of politically involved people. If we leave the responsibility of promoting action to agitators alone, extremism in reaction is the necessary result.

Naturally, this burden falls primarily on student groups tasked with attending to political life. Be it the Columbia

many high-tech dreams. Nicknamed by some as "Silicon Wadi," Israel lists 120 companies on the Nasdaq exchange, second only to the United States, and houses over 3,850 start-ups. These companies produce technology that revolutionizes the way we live, creating everyday products that we take for granted here on campus. The cell phone, AIM Instant Messenger, Windows XP, Pentium 4, and the flash drive all have roots in Israeli science labs. Israel's prolific technology sector has attracted investors as prominent as Warren Buffett and Bill Gates.

Israel's success is the fulfillment of Zionist dreams and Jewish values. Israel promotes social justice with its humanitarian aid and is a desert pioneer with environmental innovation as well as a center for creativity with its technology boom. Israel is no longer just a tourist trap with scenic beaches and biblical history.

It is a flourishing liberal democracy that contributes to the world economy and helps further world progress. As Columbia students plan for their futures and glance beyond their eventual graduations, it might be time to turn their sights on a new world in an old land: Israel.

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DEREK TURNER

Opening Remarks

University College Republicans and Democrats or the Columbia Political Union, organizations should actively encourage political thought and engagement that is not theatrical and unproductive. Much like the national populace, Columbia's student body is not made up of extremists. A large number of students aren't going to attend rallies or protests—but that doesn't mean they're uninterested in discussions and engagement.

We should foster a sustainable and accessible political atmosphere at the University. This would open the door not only to a vibrant community of hyper-politicos but would also be a helpful resource for our peers who want to be engaged citizens without giving up their lives for partisan squabbling. If we all work to foster a common standard of political consciousness, then we not only overcome this deficiency on our campus, but also begin the work of addressing one of the larger social problems in our nation: political apathy. Perhaps Columbia could become a vanguard for a new standard of political consciousness in young people, ideally resulting in better participation in the public sphere.

Though we have had a sorry record recently, this year has already given some encouragement. Before classes even began this year, the Voter Registration Coalition (a group of political student

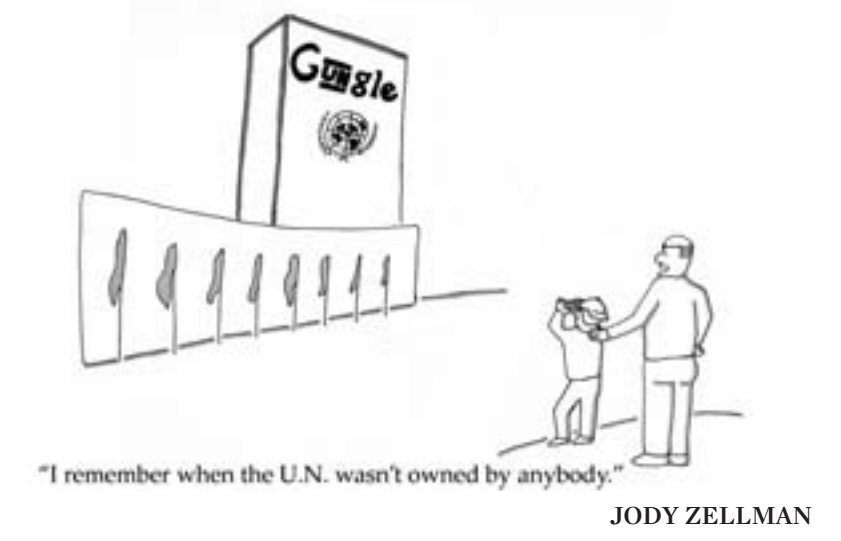
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clubs) spearheaded an effort to register the incoming first-year class. Though it required a significant amount of effort to get started, its implementation was an excellent example of bipartisan cooperation in the interest of increasing civic engagement. It wasn't in response to a controversy, and nobody did it as a form of protest. Instead, the project grew from a desire to lift the level of political discourse and involvement for its own sake.

As we begin this year, I'm hoping that we've turned the corner on jumping from one scandal to another and that we are becoming a campus with a constant flow of political ideas and events. I am convinced that creating such a culture is well worth the added effort, and I believe that if we work diligently, we can look back at this year in May and be able to say that political life at Columbia was vibrant—not because of controversy, but irrespective of it.

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ACROSS

1 Green gem

5 Runs easily

10 Ruler marking

14 High spot

15 Baton-passing event

16 Delhi dress

17 Consequences of a minor accident, perhaps

20 Less than 90 degrees, anglewise

21 Baseball card data

22 "The Greatest Show on Earth" promoters

27 Totally dreadful

28 Place for cookies

29 Like EEE shoes

30 Skin: Suff.

31 Air gun ammo

34 "50s political monogram

35 Before long

38 Span of history

39 "So's" old man"

40 "¿Cómo ___ usted?"

41 Horse's stride

42 Adjust to the desired wake-up time, as an alarm

43 Gentry slips past

46 Product improvement slogan

51 Be ___ model: exemplify grace in success

52 Hideous sorts

53 Cozy inn whose abbreviation is a hint to this puzzle's theme

59 Grandson of Adam

60 Celtic priest of old

61 Basis of an invention

62 Tennis do-overs

63 1,000 kilograms

64 Word with ghost or boom

DOWN

1 Sharp punch

2 "The Simpsons" storekeeper

3 FDR or JFK, politically

4 Wide-open space

5 Emotional shock

6 Hertz auto, e.g.

7 Of days gone by

8 Bar bill

9 Damascus' land: Abbr.

10 "Lord, ___": Last Supper question

11 ___ decongestant

12 Greek island where Minos ruled

13 ___ fit: tantrum

18 Pond gunk

19 G.I.'s group

22 Off-color

23 Tolerate

24 Winona of "Edward Scissorhands"

25 Spun CDs at a party

26 Caustic remark

30 Crime lab evidence, briefly

31 Beauty's beloved

32 Payola, e.g.

33 Mythical man-goat

35 Get noticed

36 River of Flanders

37 Lead-in to girl or boy

41 Tones one's body

43 Enter stealthily

44 Use emery on

45 Hide's partner

46 Genesis tower locale

47 Dancer Castle

48 No-show in a Beckett play

49 Half-full or half-empty item

50 Smudge-proof, like mascara

54 Banned bug spray

55 Certain sib

56 Commotion

57 Use a Singer

58 Beachgoer's shade

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CHRISTINA PHAN FOR SPECTATOR

CAMPAIGN TRAIL | Jonathan Tasini has spent the last few weeks campaigning across the city, shaking hands of commuters in Inwood, speaking at a local forum, and recently attending a Sept. 11 vigil.

Despite low publicity and underfunded campaign, Jonathan Tasini hopes to unseat Charles Rangel

TASINI from front page

intersection, touted his drive and uncanny ability to function at maximum speed on minimal sleep. Tasini’s staff describe him as a go-getter, a hustler, and a fighter.

But for those in more prominent political circles, this tirelessness reflects something far less noble. To them, Tasini’s relentlessness speaks to a specific role he’s endured in recent years: the perennial candidate. In elections past and present, he’s pitted himself against well-funded political heavyweights, in hopes of tearing down incumbents long entrenched in the New York political arena—often to no avail.

First there was the long-shot challenge in 2006 he posed to current Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for the New York State Democratic nomination. Throughout the race, Tasini was vastly underfunded and, in the eyes of Clinton’s campaign, was a non-issue. Unsurprisingly, Clinton clinched the nomination, reeling in 83 percent of

the vote to Tasini’s meager 17 percent.

“She knew very well that I was running against her, but the strategy was simply to ignore me and not engage in a debate,” Tasini said, while acknowledging that he knew from the outset he was not going to win and challenged her solely to bring certain issues to the forefront of the political discussion. “They didn’t want to give me any traction and the media collaborated with her, so they were successful.”

Undeterred, he decided to take up the senatorial fight again three years later, this time challenging New York U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand in the Democratic primary for the special election. Cash-strapped once again, he pulled out of the race against Gillibrand and immediately set his sights on the post he is currently pursuing against several other challengers: Rep. Charles Rangel’s seat in the 15th congressional district.

If history is any indication, the financial situation which has thwarted his past runs will again prove to be a liability. He remains

underfunded, estimating that he currently has between just \$15,000 and \$20,000 on hand for the campaign. Adding insult to the injury is his limited staff size (he says he has just four people working full-time on his campaign), and his old Chevrolet, or “Tasinimobile,” which he uses as a campaign bus.

Yet Tasini himself is quick to recognize the uphill battle he faces—especially against Rangel, whose campaign war chest, though depleted by legal fees in light of an ethics controversy he’s currently facing, surpasses those of his opponents.

“If we had another \$100,000 we could have done a lot more. Unfortunately, we’re operating on a very small budget,” Tasini said, adding that in spite of all holdups, “I’m having the best time of any of these candidates. I see these candidates all stressed out, and I get annoyed by things sometimes, but I’m still enjoying all of this.”

And Tasini has made this conspicuously clear during this race. It’s obvious that he loves life on the campaign trail,

arguably more so than any other contender.

He establishes an instant rapport with many of the passersby entering and exiting the Dyckman Street subway station, greeting them with a “Wassup?” or with a teasing “Oh no, you’re a Mets fan? Get outta here. Nah, I’m just messin’ with ya, bro!”

When local resident Peter Levy asked Tasini for a pen and then proceeded to draw a hairline on a picture of Tasini on one of the pamphlets, Tasini laughed. He had only one concern: “So do I get your vote now?”

“You have to be able to engage people—humor is so important,” Tasini said. “Emma Goldman once said, ‘If I can’t dance, I don’t want to be part of your revolution,’ and that’s basically my philosophy,” he said.

But humor can only go so far before concrete policies enter the discussion, and perhaps this is the area that Tasini needs to hone in on most if he wishes to be considered as a viable political player. When discussing the most pressing issues currently facing the 15th congressional

district and the nation at large, he continuously used broad strokes to discuss his platform, often invoking vague and general phrases such as a “larger moral, global crisis.”

“If we don’t have a serious debate in this country about our priorities and we don’t have the richest people pay and we don’t think seriously about the foolish things we’re doing in foreign policy, we’re not going to solve our problems in this district or in any district,” he repeatedly emphasized, but he was hard-pressed to offer details on those priorities.

Granted, Tasini is not just about broad and sweeping visions. If there is one subject in which he is well-versed, it is the labor movement. He served as president of the National Writers Union for 13 years, founded the Creators Federation, which furthers the rights of workers and their respective benefits, in 2003, made “Medicare for All” a theme of his Senate campaign, and has written scores of articles and books about labor and economics.

But on the campaign trail, it’s all about making connections with residents, he said.

“I think the people like to look a candidate in the eye—they go a lot on that gut feeling,” Tasini said. “They want to know your history.”

He’s quirky, he’s colloquial, and, perhaps above all, he’s self-deprecating—a trait which makes him a standout among politicians. While most political candidates are loath to reveal even the most minuscule of flaws, he’s quick to point out some of his more noticeable ones.

From his balding head to his expanding waistline, Tasini has a knack for poking fun at himself.

“I have to put my little hat on because when you start losing your hair on top, you don’t want to burn your head,” Tasini says halfway through the day’s campaigning, placing a neon-green hat on his head. “That’s the only thing you can tell about my physical deterioration. Other than that, I feel like I’m 25.”

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Sports: So much more than just a game

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interested in politics and Bob Dylan. But he did have a passion for sports, if not a particular gift for playing them.

The weekend before pre-season started—I’m a goalkeeper for the men’s soccer team—I got an email asking whether I had heard about John. A news article was attached to the email—something about a car accident in New Jersey. John Everhart, a friend of mine from high school, had lost control of his car on a slick highway on the way back from summer camp in Vermont to his home in Bethesda, Md. He died instantly. His dog, however, fled the scene.

John’s interest in sports is not why I am reminded of him on the soccer field more than anywhere else. For me, he is everywhere when I play, his initials written on the inside of a LIVESTRONG bracelet I wear. He is a source of strength, a reminder of bigger things.

You might think that something like a friend’s death would make you feel silly watching or playing sports. Why should I throw my remote because someone I have never met can’t make an open jumper? Does it really matter if I can’t manage to get in the way of that shot? Of course it doesn’t, as far as the big picture is concerned.

But, as the Saints have shown New Orleans, sports can be a great therapeutic device. Deeper than that, though, sports can help me get to the far reaches of my thoughts that I can’t, or don’t want to, access in my day-to-day life. An exhausting run and a hard-fought game provide raw emotion in extra-strength dosages. The remote on the floor is evidence to the power of this emotion. And we do not experience sports in a vacuum. They are both deeply personal and immensely social. The utter joy of a last-second victory and the despair of a stunning defeat bring us closer to ourselves and those around us in a powerful way.

My experience dealing with John’s death this summer has reaffirmed my belief in this aspect of athletics. When I take to the field this fall, I will remember John, and when I find myself lost in a prime-time telecast (Monday Night Football—let’s go Chargers!), I’ll recall his wry jokes and piercing sense of humor. He is truly a source of strength for me, and it’s through sports that I can access that source.

So this year, when you read about a particular Columbia team in the pages of this paper, I hope you appreciate that the emotion attached to each competition goes deeper than any quantity of ink can convey. It’s more than just a collection of shots, passes, and tackles. Everyone, participant or spectator, has his or her own

Everhart that sports bring to the surface. Remember, even Tiger Woods cried when embracing his father at the Masters. These memories are sometimes faint or blurry, but often it is sports that bring them into focus, that remind us of their poignancy and power. Our Everharts remind us of a strength that cannot be denied, and in the end, whether we win or lose, what is important is that sports bring us closer to that strength, prevent us from forgetting it, and allow us to use it in facets of our life beyond athletics.

The day before John’s service—five days after his accident—Bodhi showed up, practically unscathed after the horrific accident and having spent several days in the forests of the Garden State. It was the first day of preseason here at

Columbia. As the rhythm of two-a-days settled in, I was southbound, headed to the funeral, and so was John’s dog. I never got to know Bodhi—John adopted him after he went off to college at the University of Virginia—but I will never forget about that dog. His return is a physical reminder of John’s legacy, as are the initials on the inside of my LIVESTRONG bracelet. And, while it is the rituals of game day that prompt me to take out a Sharpie and rewrite “JCE” over the fading letters, they remain long after the final horn has sounded.

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GOLF

Behind Granum, Lee, men’s golf finishes 3rd at Rutgers Invitational

Both of Columbia’s golf teams kicked off their 2010-2011 seasons this weekend, with the men placing third at the Rutgers Invitational and the women placing 16th out of 17 teams against a strong field at the Wolverine Invitational.

The men’s team was paced by a final-round 67 from senior Clark Granum, who earned 15th place individually with a three-round score of 289. Also tying for 15th place was freshman Jordan Lee, who was competing in his first collegiate tournament. Sophomore Michael Yiu tied for 20th with a score of 222, junior Brendan Doyle tied for 25th at 223, and sophomore Stephen LaRouere earned 43rd place with a score of 229. Freshman Andrew Kim also saw some action as an individual, and he fired an impressive round of 72 on Saturday. Columbia’s team score was 879—27 over par—finishing 32 strokes

behind team champion Newberry College.

The women’s team earned a 16th-place finish in Ann Arbor, Mich., led by freshman Michelle Piyapattr, who shot 231 to finish in 21st. Prior to Sunday, Piyapattr stood in fifth place after rounds of 73 and 76 before falling back with a final-round 82. Junior Lynda Kwon fired a final-round 75 to post a score of 241 and a 62nd-place finish. Freshman Jane Dong also had a strong finish in her first collegiate tournament, placing 72nd. As a team, Columbia shot 968—116 over par—and got significant experience playing against strong competition.

Next weekend, the women will compete in the Princeton Invitational, while the men’s team will have its seventh annual alumni tournament on Friday.

—Kamal Yechoor

Columbia rolls to 4th straight win

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fourth straight games, the Lions’ defense did not allow a goal.

Fordham (3-4-0) took 15 shots and 10 corner kicks, but none of the Rams’ seven shots on goal passed Columbia junior goalkeeper Lillian Klein.

“They just would hit all their restarts into the goal, and Lillian got a touch on every single one of them,” McCarthy said. “She had to come off her line bravely once and did that, and her distribution was fantastic, so it was a complete game for her and a shutout she deserves.”

Klein then made three saves against Stony Brook (0-6-1), which took 12 shots and four corners.

The Lions have not had four consecutive shutout victories since 2006, the year of Columbia’s first and only Ivy League championship.

While Columbia has now matched that streak, the Lions are not ready to end their run.

“This is what we will be doing all season,” senior captain Kelly Hostetler said. “This is the expectation: blank sheets.”



FILE PHOTO

FIRST GOAL | Just under five minutes into Friday’s game against Fordham, freshman Beverly Leon scored her first collegiate goal. The Light Blue went on to win the matchup 2-0.

VOLLEYBALL

Light Blue defeat Lafayette, CCSU, Iona en route to winning Columbia Classic

The volleyball team coasted through most of the Columbia Classic this weekend, cruising past both Lafayette and Central Connecticut State in 3-0 sets. Columbia never allowed more than 17 points in any set until the third versus Central Connecticut State, which the Lions still won 25-23.

The Lions defeated the Leopards easily, winning in straight sets with scores of 25-11, 25-17, and 25-17. The Light Blue had an equally smooth win over the Blue Devils, taking the match in three sets with scores of 25-15, 25-15, and 25-23.

In the final match of the tournament, however, Columbia was tested by Iona, when the Light Blue found itself in an unfamiliar position this weekend, trailing 11-5 in the first set.

Although the Lions managed to close the gap, the Killians ultimately prevailed 28-26 to make the tournament more interesting.

The second set proved to be close as well, with Columbia hanging onto a slim 17-15 edge. From there, led by freshman Madeline Rumer's two kills, the Lions won their second set by a comfortable 25-19 margin.

In the third set, the Light Blue found themselves in another tight one with the score tied at 15-all. From there,

LAFAYETTE	0
COLUMBIA	3
CCSU	0
COLUMBIA	3
IONA	2
COLUMBIA	3

behind stellar defensive play from freshman libero Katherine Keller and well-placed shots from sophomore Megan Gaughn and junior Cindy Chen, Columbia was able to seize the momentum, taking the third set 25-17.

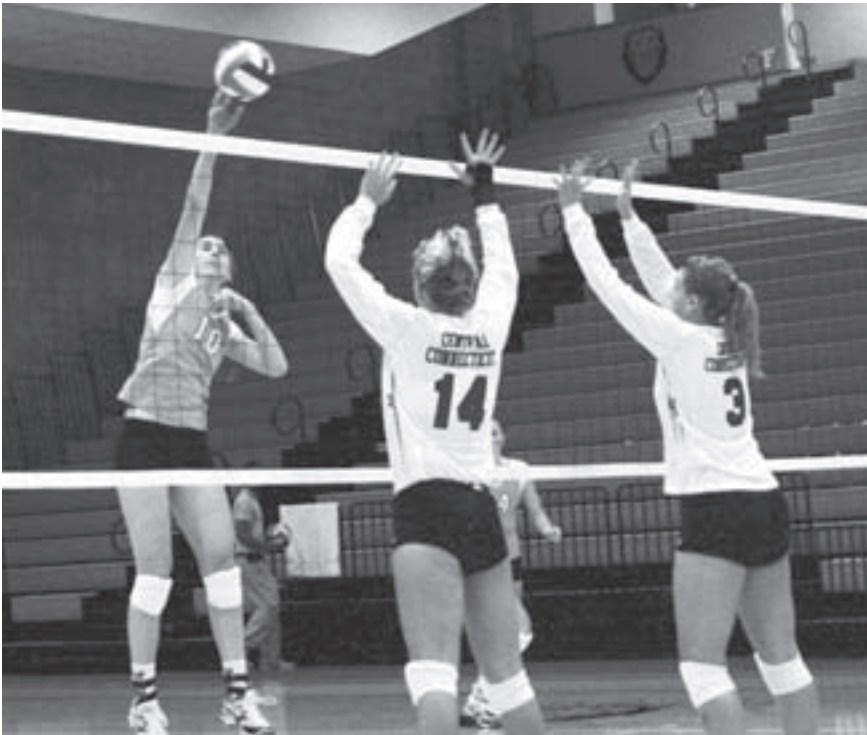
It seemed as if Columbia would run away with the match. However, Iona impressed in the fourth set, routing Columbia 25-14.

That set the stage for the final set of the tournament. The set initially appeared as if it would drag on with the score tied 4-4 following an error by Gaughn. However, the Lions eventually won the match and the tournament with a 15-9 fifth-set victory.

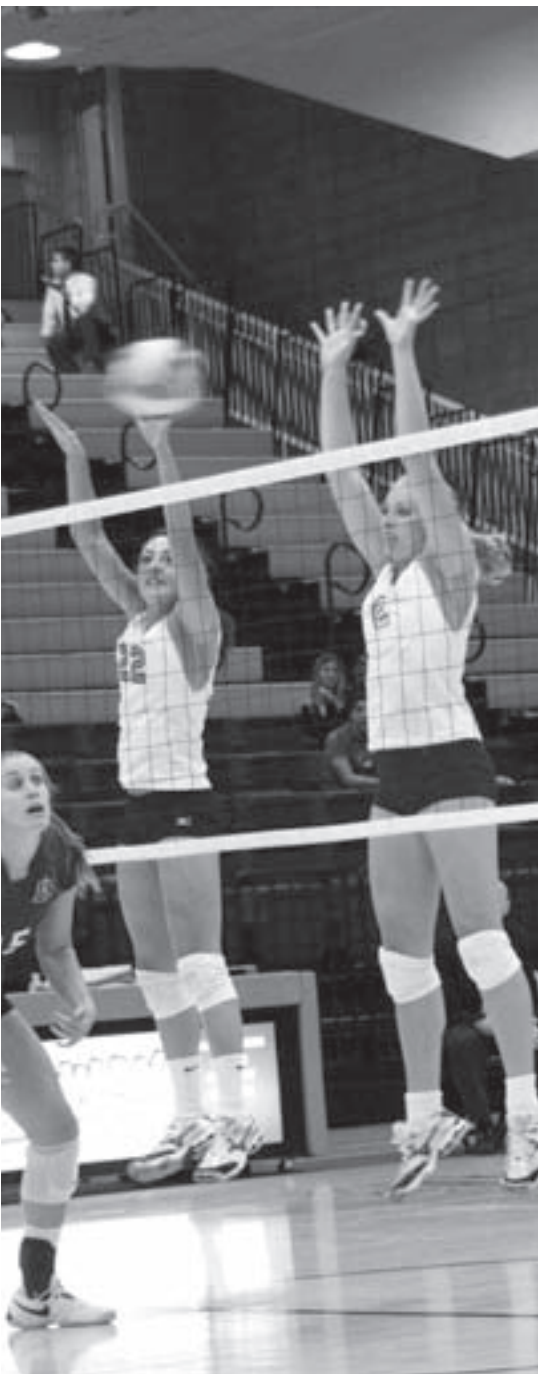
Gaughn was named tournament MVP, while Rumer and Chen were named to the all-tournament team.

The Lions will next host Bucknell, Fairleigh Dickinson, and Fordham in the Columbia Invitational from Sept. 17-18.

—Michael Zhong



BUMP, SET, SPIKE | The volleyball team swept its three opponents this weekend to take the Columbia Classic title.



DANIELLE FONG FOR SPECTATOR

FIELD HOCKEY

After defeating West Chester in double overtime, field hockey falls to Villanova

Coming off two wins at home against Vermont and Hofstra to open the season, the women's field hockey team entered the fifth annual Vonnies Gros Classic on a high note. The Classic, which was hosted by West Chester University, ran from Friday to Sunday this past weekend.

The Lions opened against the host team on Friday. Sophomore Bridget DeSandis got the Light Blue on the board early, collecting a pass from classmate Paige Simmons and

COLUMBIA	3
WEST CHESTER	2
COLUMBIA	1
VILLANOVA	5

rocketing one into the net just 2:25 into the game. West Chester tied the game later in the half, and appeared to take the lead for good with 19 minutes left to go.

With the clock ticking in the 55th minute, junior Carson Christus stormed down the

field for a timely unassisted goal to force overtime.

It was a defensive battle during the first 15-minute extra period, as Columbia held the Golden Rams shotless but also failed to get any of its four shots past West Chester goalkeeper Kristen Arnold. Finally, five minutes into the second overtime, sophomore Gabby Kozlowski followed up on her hat trick from the previous game and put the Lions ahead for good, giving the Golden Rams their first loss of the season.

Columbia couldn't keep the momentum going in the second game of the weekend, however, as sophomore goalkeeper Christie O'Hara made seven saves but let past five as Villanova routed the Lions. Kozlowski scored the lone goal, her fifth of the season, for the Light Blue, but Columbia fell 5-1 for its first loss of the season.

The Lions open Ivy League play this Saturday at Brown.

—Jim Pagels

CROSS-COUNTRY

At Vermont Invitational, both men's, women's cross-country finish first

The Columbia men's and women's cross-country teams began their respective seasons with first-place finishes at the Vermont Invitational in Williston on Sunday, defeating Lipscomb University and the University of Vermont.

Sophomore Benjamin Veilleux won first place in the 8K run for the Columbia men, leading the pack with a time of 25:34.23. He was followed by eight of his teammates to round out the top nine finishers, with three other Lions placing in the top 20. The Light Blue women also captured the top individual honors in their 5050-meter run, with senior Julianne Quinn completing the race in 18:52.83. A line of Lions stretched behind her, as six of her teammates finished hot on

her heels, with six more placing in the top 25.

Both the men's and women's teams achieved perfect team scores of 15, easily besting their closest competitors. On the men's side, Vermont finished second with 60 points, while Lipscomb came in third with 66. In the women's race, the Bisons finished second with 59 points, 11 points better than the Catamounts, who finished with 70 points.

This Saturday, Sept. 18 at 9:30 a.m. the Lions will be back in action at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, hoping to carry the momentum gained from their victories this weekend into another triumph at the Iona Meet of Champions.

—Emily Neil



FILE PHOTO

BREAK AWAY | Sophomore Nick Scott scored the tying goal against Hartwick on Friday and then assisted on one of the Light Blue's two goals against Syracuse on Sunday. The goal against the Hawks was Scott's first of the season.

Men's soccer draws with Hartwick, triumphs over Syracuse

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co-captain Mazzullo, his classmate Francois Anderson, and senior striker Bayo Adafin had efforts saved by Hartwick senior goalkeeper Jake Wright, while first-year Henning Sauerbier saw a strike cleared off the line by a Hawks defender to finish the game at 2-2.

Next up for the Lions was Syracuse on Sunday in its final game of the cup. Sauerbier scored in the 20th minute of the first half to give the Lions the lead after an assist by senior Hayden Johns.

The half ended 1-0, with the Light Blue registering six shots to Syracuse's four, in what was overall a solid performance. Johns, Anderson, sophomore

Nick Ayers, and freshman David Najem all came close, but they could not beat senior Jeremy Vuolo in the Syracuse goal.

The second half saw much of the same, with Mazzullo, Najem, and senior co-captain Peppe Carotenuto all registering efforts on goal without adding to the score, until Adafin struck in the closing stages. A pass from Scott 10

minutes from time was well-received by the forward, who opened his account for the season to finish the game 2-0 to the Lions.

With Northeastern beating Hartwick 3-0, the Lions' 1-0-1 record earned them the trophy.

The Lions are back in action on Wednesday, Sept. 15 against Fordham at 7 p.m. in the Bronx.

TENNIS

Women's tennis sees mixed results at William and Mary Invitational

Opening their fall season, the top four women's tennis players from last year's lineup were selected to participate in the William and Mary Invitational, where they faced high-level competition from Virginia Tech, Maryland, and Harvard. Sophomores Nicole Bartnik, Chelsea Davis, and Katarina Kovacevic as well as senior captain Natasha Makarova were chosen to play.

In the flight A singles, No. 1 Bartnik was defeated in the first round by her Virginia Tech opponent Yasmin Hamza, 6-3, 6-1. Bartnik was able to make a more successful showing in the flight A doubles with partner Davis. Although the two played few matches as partners last season, the sophomores passed through two competitors, earning themselves a seventh-place standing in the flight.

In the flight B doubles, Kovacevic and Makarova teamed up to take on Eastern Michigan University players Marcela Rivero and Celine Donnet. The two played well in the 2010 spring season as partners but failed to steal the win from their EMU opponents, losing 8-5. Kovacevic then had the chance to play in a flight B miscellaneous singles match where she lost 6-4, 6-2. Later, seeded third in a flight D match, Davis faced Ivy foe Alexandra Lehman of Harvard but was defeated in straight sets, 6-0, 6-3.

The Lions return to Morningside Heights with time to prepare for their next competition—the Columbia Invitational—to be held at the Dick Savitt Tennis Center Sept. 17-19.

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On to the next one

Women's soccer extends shutout streak to 4 games

BY SARAH SOMMER
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With the way the Columbia women's soccer team has been playing, winning has almost become a given. The real question is, how early will the Lions score?

Columbia (4-1-0) benefited from early goals in its 2-0 win over Fordham on Friday and its 3-0 win against Stony Brook on Sunday. Freshman forward Beverly Leon scored in the fifth minute against Fordham, while freshman midfielder Chelsea Ryan scored in the 19th against Stony Brook.

The Lions have now scored first-half goals in four consecutive games, all of which have been wins.

"It's great that we've set that trend," head coach Kevin McCarthy said.

Against Stony Brook, the Lions tallied another first-half goal when senior forward Keri Nobil scored in the 42nd minute. Prior to that matchup, Columbia had not scored two first-half goals in a game this season.

But the Lions did not stop scoring once the first half ended. In each game this weekend, Columbia added to its lead in the second half.

FORDHAM	0
COLUMBIA	2
STONY BROOK	0
COLUMBIA	3

Junior forward Ashlin Yahr scored in the 64th against Fordham, while junior forward Marissa Schultz scored in the 76th against Stony Brook.

"Everyone's working well together," Yahr said. "We've got a lot of speed up top."

With five different players finding the back of the net this weekend, Columbia's depth was clear. Yahr and Nobil now have two goals apiece this season, while Leon and Ryan tallied their first career goals. Schultz's goal was her first of the year.

"There really is no 'first 11' on this team," McCarthy said. "Having that ethic where everybody expects to go on and contribute and does is incredibly positive."

As encouraging as it was for Columbia to score multiple goals, the number on the other side of the scoreboard was just as important: zero. For its third and

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BALANCED ATTACK | Junior forward Marissa Schultz, who scored one of the Light Blue's three goals against Stony Brook on Sunday, was just one of five Lions to find the net this weekend.

Sports: More than just a game



ZACH GLUBIAK

Boom Goes the Dynamite

reasons. We throw the remote at the TV. We scream in disgust, gasp in relief, clench our fists,

We show emotions on the soccer field or the basketball court that we would hardly demonstrate anywhere else in public.

raise our arms in triumph. Sports are deeply personal. We show emotions on the soccer field or the basketball court that we would hardly demonstrate anywhere else in public. Grown men crying over a football game? Well, in a way, it makes sense—in the way that it's not just a game. Now, of course, it is a game. It's kicking a soccer ball. It's shooting a basketball, running with a football. But then again, it's not. It's more than that. Much more than that.

Now, John was not a particularly big sports fan, or at least not much more than the next guy. He loved to watch sports, but mostly because he could argue about them. He was more

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Men's soccer takes Mayor's Cup with 2 strong performances

BY MRINAL MOHANKA
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A convincing win against Syracuse and a creditable draw against Hartwick resulted in the Lions taking home the crown at the Mayor's Cup in Oneonta, N.Y. The Lions were the only undefeated team, and Light Blue players earned plenty of individual honors as well.

Sophomore Nick Scott won the Jim Lennox Offensive Most Valuable Player Award after scoring a goal and claiming an assist this weekend. Scott, a natural left-sided player, has occupied a more central position this term, and it seems to be paying off. Junior goalkeeper Alexander Aurrichio won the Garth Stam Defensive MVP honor after making nine saves against Hartwick on Friday and keeping a clean sheet with three saves against Syracuse. Juniors Mike Mazzullo and Ronnie Shaban were named, alongside Aurrichio and Scott, on the all-tournament team.

A spirited second-half showing meant Columbia turned around a 2-0 halftime deficit in its opening game of the cup against Hartwick to claim a 2-2 draw. The Lions would have been unhappy with a first-half performance that allowed Hartwick to dominate the proceedings, and

COLUMBIA	2
HARTWICK	2
COLUMBIA	2
SYRACUSE	0

Columbia came out with all guns blazing in the second period. However, neither side was able to claim the win after two periods of overtime.

It looked bleak for the Lions at halftime as Hartwick's midfield proved a tough barrier to cross, and Hartwick led the shots count 9-2 at the end of the period. Goals by junior Dan Summers and senior Michael Cunningham sent Hartwick ahead at the break. Columbia defender Shaban scored from a spot kick early in the second period, and a moment of magic from Scott in the 72nd minute led to the equalizer that canceled out the Hawks' lead. Scott dribbled his way past three defenders before finishing low into the corner of the net. Lions goalkeeper Aurrichio gave away a penalty at 2-1 but saved the resulting spot kick to keep his team in the game.

There were many chances to score toward the closing stages, with both sides coming close, but neither could break the deadlock. Columbia junior

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FILE PHOTO

ON THE ATTACK | Sophomore Nick Scott earned the Jim Lennox Offensive MVP award for his performance this weekend.

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