

## Agreement establishes CU's newest global center in Santiago

BY JESSICA STALLONE  
*Spectator Staff Writer*

University President Lee Bollinger signed an agreement with Banco de Chile on Monday, officially establishing Columbia's global center in Santiago.

Bollinger and Banco de Chile's Vice Chairman of the Board Andronico Luksic signed the agreement at a ceremony in Faculty House Monday afternoon. The ceremony was attended by Columbia faculty and administrators, as well as dignitaries—including Chile's ambassador to the United States—and was preceded by a roundtable discussion with Columbia professors.

During the ceremony, Bollinger said that the agreement would put Columbia on firm footing in Chile.

"We at the University are trying to facilitate the opportunity to work with local institutions and people and connect that in a global way. ... This requires, in every instance, because our resources at this University are so thin, we need to have friends and have people to help us do this," he said.

Karen Poniachik, the director of the Santiago global center, told Spectator before the ceremony that Columbia students—undergraduate and graduate—would be able to study at the center starting in December. She said that programs at the center will focus on sustainable development, entrepreneurship, journalism, human rights, and gender issues.

"Chile, and Santiago in particular, are very well

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### NEWS BRIEF

## World Leaders Forum speeches announced

Speeches from the leaders of Ecuador and Trinidad and Tobago are the first events confirmed for this year's World Leaders Forum.

Kamla Persad-Bissessar, prime minister of Trinidad and Tobago, will speak on Sept. 21, and Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa will speak on Sept. 23, officials announced Monday. Ahmad Mohamed Ali, the president of the Islamic Development Bank Group, will speak about the international financial crisis on Sept. 26.

Registration for those three events opens at 9 a.m.

The World Leaders Forum, which began in 2003, typically includes a dozen speeches from presidents and prime ministers, along with panel discussions on regional topics.

Last year, the forum attracted a large crowd of protestors before Meles Zenawi, the prime minister of Ethiopia, spoke. In 2007, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's invitation and speech—in which he declared that there were no homosexuals in Iran—incited student protests and a media firestorm.

—Sarah Darville



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CHILEAN COOPERATION | University President Lee Bollinger congratulates Andronico Luksic, vice chairman of Banco de Chile.

## After laptop thefts, students say they're locking up

BY JACKIE CARRERO  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

Headed down the hall? Columbia wants you to lock the door behind you.

After a string of property thefts in campus residence halls and fraternity and sorority houses, some students are being more careful about locking their doors and keeping their laptops with them.

"When I took a shower, I didn't lock my room. Now I do," Jasmin Neal, CC '14 and a Hartley resident, said.

In the last three days, residents confirmed that Hartley Hall, the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity house, and the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority house all

had property, including laptops, stolen from rooms. On Sept. 11, Public Safety Manager Ricardo Morales emailed students citing several reports of thefts, all of which happened when the "victim left their room unsecured."

The email advised students to lock their doors, "even if you are going next door for a minute." Public Safety would not comment further because there is an ongoing investigation.

Some students living in Hartley said they were taking extra precautions to make sure they weren't among the next victims.

Khristopher Nicholas, CC '15 and another Hartley resident, said he already felt safe—but that

hadn't stopping him from locking his door.

"It sucks because you don't want to have to lock your door every time you're going to the bathroom."

—Kendra Mendez, CC '12

"I'd lock my room, normally I leave it open," Nicholas said. "I have LoJack, so I'll be alright."

Students in the other two houses said they had been told not to comment on the incident. But residents of Hartley were not the only ones among those concerned.

"I live in university housing and I do leave my door unlocked when I go to the community kitchen," Robin Albrecht, GS, said. "I always thought it was fine because it seems like a safe community."

Some didn't think the University's precautions were realistic. Kendra Mendez, CC '12, called it an inconvenience to worry every time she goes down the hall.

"It sucks because you don't want to have to lock your door

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## Neighbors mourn talented athlete shot at Grant Houses

BY DAPHNE CHEN  
*Spectator Staff Writer*

Neighbors remained stunned on Monday following the violent death of a high school basketball star at the General Grant Houses this weekend.

Eighteen-year-old Tayshana Murphy was a student at Murry Bergtraum High School and a nationally-ranked point guard. She was fatally shot early Sunday morning in the building of the 125th Street housing development where she lived.

Nicknamed "Chicken," she was well-known by residents who described her as a beloved friend and legendary basketball player as they gathered at a memorial in front of her building.

"She was a beautiful person," said her friend, Erica Pierce. "All she did was go to school and play ball. She just wanted to get her mother out of the projects, out of the hood, period."

According to friends and family, Murphy dreamed of playing for the WNBA. Murphy's player profile on ESPN described her crossover dribble as "straight from the playgrounds of New York City," and called her "one of the best in the girls' game today."

Police said that Murphy's death may be a flash point in an "ongoing dispute" between youths from two housing projects—Grant Houses, south of



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A PRODIGY'S TRAGEDY | ESPN ranked Tayshana Murphy as a top high school basketball player.

125th Street, and the neighboring Manhattanville Houses, north of 126th Street.

According to Jason Harper, a spokesperson for West Harlem and Morningside Heights' 26th precinct, Murphy is believed to have been involved in an assault that took place two hours before the shooting. Harper said that skirmishes between

a Grant Houses "youth crew" known as Three Stacks and a similar Manhattanville Houses group calling itself Make Something Happen have been creating violence around the two housing developments for months.

Harper said that Murphy's death may have been linked to the perception that she was

associated with Three Stacks.

"I work here and I see fights every day," Grant Houses employee Joel Montalvo said. "They're fighting Manhattanville versus Grant, over stupidity, because they just wanna be better. They're just kids, teenagers."

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## Hinkson focused on adding mentors

Wants to build on Denberg's work, she says

BY MADINA TOURE  
*Spectator Senior Staff Writer*

Seven months after being named Barnard's dean, Avis Hinkson says she's still settling in.

As students start classes, Hinkson, BC '84, is working on a number of new projects, ranging from helping first-years better adapt to college to improving communication between students and administrators. But her focus seems to be on continuing the work of former dean Dorothy Denburg without pursuing major changes to Barnard's operations.

Hinkson replaced Denburg, who became Barnard's vice president for college relations, in February.

"She's handed me departments that are running well, and so my job is not to fix things that are broken but more to build upon and move forward," Hinkson said. "And that's a real gift as a new administrator."

Hinkson said one change she is working on this year is Barnard Constellations, a new community-building initiative. The program turns each of the seven floors of the Barnard Quad into a "constellation," or a group that will be guided through service projects by leaders chosen by Hinkson.

But Constellations isn't the only project on Hinkson's mind. She'd also like to increase the number of hours that Barnard's library remains open, and make Barnard's administration more transparent to students, possibly creating a digest that would consolidate information being disseminated to students.

"There is a real sense that students feel bombarded by the amount of email and various communications they get," Hinkson said.

Hinkson also noted that she is committed to helping Barnard President Debora Spar bolster Barnard's international recruitment efforts, and to giving international students more opportunities to get involved with student life.

"We've got a great international student orientation program and at the same time, we want to be sure that those students move into the regular NSOP," she said.

Students said they are pleased with Hinkson's efforts to help first-year students adjust to college life and New York City more easily.

"Barnard is less of a community-oriented place than I thought it would be when I applied," Natasha Gordon, BC '12, said. "So those initiatives to really get people to really know each other, meet upperclassmen, bring international students, do more of the city—I think that will improve Barnard's student life and community."

Hinkson said she plans to speak to her Columbia College counterpart, newly-appointed Interim Dean James Valentini, soon.

"Columbia students have amazing academic opportunities on our side of the street as well as our students having

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## Women's soccer has yet to score a goal

Despite strong showings against competitive teams early in the season—especially by senior goalkeeper Lillian Klein—the Light Blue has yet to score this year.



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The memorial fails to acknowledge nationalities of 9/11 victims.

## Global Columbia

A student extols CU international opportunities.

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## Rivers deep, theatre high

Contemporary composer James Dillon kicks off Miller Theatre's 2011-2012 season with the U.S. premiere of monumental multimedia cycle "Nine Rivers."

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Light Blue places fourth in first tournament of the season

The women's golf team ventured to just north of the Mason-Dixon Line to the Hillendale Country Club in Phoenix, Md. to play in the Towson Invitational Sunday and Monday, where they finished fourth overall. Competitors included teams in the Ancient Eight as well as other conferences, including host Towson University, which placed 10th in last year's tournament.

Heading into the second round, Columbia stood at a respectable fifth place in the 14-team tournament. Sophomore Michelle Piyapattr

a shot a team-low 77 on Sunday, including an impressive 37 on the back nine. Piyapattr also stood at sixth place individually, only four strokes behind the overall leader.

Despite the tournament-low 73 shot by St. John's Harin Lee on Sunday, William and Mary was the leading team, posting a collective score of 313. The Lions stood at 324 at the end of the first day's action.

The second and final round of the tournament began at 8 a.m. Monday as Piyapattr picked up right where she left off. The sophomore shot a solid 74, a three-shot improvement from her previous round.

Columbia's success was largely due to the play of Piyapattr and senior Robin Lee. Piyapattr, the defending Ivy League champion, birdied two of the last three holes to finish tied for second individually. Lee placed eighth, earning the fifth top 10 finish of her career. Following Towson, the Lions look to continue their season with a strong showing at the Princeton Invitational on Sept. 24.


—Miles Johnson



FILE PHOTO  
BACK TO BUSINESS | Sophomore Michelle Piyapattr continued where she left off in the spring.

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CULT OF DOMESTICITY | Snitzer explores women and objects that represent the household in her newest exhibition.

## Barnard art professor opens “Letters from Home”

BY KAYLA DESROCHES  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

Joan Snitzer, a faculty member of the Barnard College art department, opened her latest exhibition, “Letters From Home,” at A.I.R gallery (111 Front St., between Washington and Adams streets) on Thursday, Sept. 8. The showcase, hosted at the first gallery in the United States to feature women exclusively, is a multi-medium project focusing on themes of women and home.

Entering the space, one finds a wall of two-dimensional puzzles consisting of jigsaw boxes, some with numbers jotted down in the upper right-hand corners, some blacked out completely, some with tiny paintings, and some with photographs. Both the opposite and parallel walls are white and blocked out into squares with pencil or permanent marker. Three-dimensional shapes, like squares and

letters, are contained within the puzzle boxes. Objects rest on the squares, many of which are painted white, but they are still unmistakable as toothbrushes or razors. Framed photographs of turmoil and war, mixed in with personal objects, such as a notebook and vivid paintings, interrupt the starched colors.

The exhibit is a puzzle itself in that to appreciate the depth of it demands concentration. It causes the observer to step closer and peer in, to see the fuzzy faces within the two-dimensional puzzle's grid, the names jotted down in a notebook, or the familiar lines of a whitened object.

Two aspects of the exhibition are especially intriguing: the role of the objects in a woman's domestic life and the paintings mixed in with the objects. Snitzer has taken everyday household bottles, like mouthwash or detergent, and painted them white. She explains

that this is a way of “erasing product identification and replacing it with gender identification.” One sees not only the object itself rather than the brand, but also what role this object plays in a woman's home life.

The paintings, splattered combinations of vinyl, watercolor, wash, egg tempera, and, in some, white gold, also lend a sense of a woman's life. Snitzer recalls how she considered the role of women through history and the development of the “woman's touch” in the process of each layer. Looking at these paintings, the viewer steps closer in an act of intimacy in order to absorb the splattered colors, the metallic shades, and the layered textures as well as their combined effect.

“Letters From Home” is about womanhood and the expectations surrounding the word, but it also contains highly personal pieces of a woman's life—that of the artist herself.



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PRESS PLAY | Participants synchronize their actions—like raising the roof—in Improv Everywhere's latest experiment.

## Improv Everywhere conducts an MP3 experiment

BY GARNET HENDERSON  
*Spectator Staff Writer*

Students passing through Ancel Plaza on Friday, Sept. 9, around noon may have noticed something unusual. A large group of students dressed in colored T-shirts were square dancing, making a human dartboard, and participating in an epic balloon battle.

Passersby familiar with popular YouTube videos such as the “No Pants Subway Ride” and “Frozen Grand Central” might have recognized what was happening—Improv Everywhere had arrived at Columbia. Founded about 10 years ago by aspiring actor Charlie Todd, Improv Everywhere describes itself as a “New York City-based prank collective that causes scenes of chaos and joy in public places.”

As part of his world tour, Charlie Todd brought a version of Improv Everywhere's successful Mp3 Experiment to Columbia and gave a presentation later that afternoon about the history of the group. The event was sponsored by the CU Arts Initiative.

Specific instructions required participants of the experiment to filter into Ancel Plaza, the elevated space between East Campus and the law school,

just before noon. Students were to come dressed in red, yellow, blue, or green T-shirts, bring one deflated balloon, and have the MP3 provided by Improv Everywhere ready to go on their MP3 players or mobile devices.

At exactly 12 p.m., everyone pressed play. Following instructions from a disembodied voice named “Steve,” students participated in a series of activities, including dance parties and thumb wars. The action culminated in a balloon-throwing showdown, a dramatic death scene, and a slow-motion entry into “Mp3 Experiment heaven.”

Improv Everywhere has organized eight previous Mp3 Experiments, sometimes with thousands of participants. The Columbia experiment included “our favorite elements from the first eight that we did,” Todd said. About 80 students participated in the event. While the experiment might have had more of an impact in an area with more foot traffic—such as College Walk—there were enough bemused bystanders to produce some priceless reactions.

A few passersby stopped to watch, several taking pictures of students who were frozen in place or “napping” on the ground. Some Columbia students enjoying the sunshine on Ancel Plaza

looked around in surprise as strangers wearing headphones ran up and high-fived them. Others passing between East Campus and the main campus had to weave through a balloon war.

In his presentation, Todd explained that these bystander reactions are what Improv Everywhere is all about. “I got excited about the idea of causing a scene,” he said. “It's a prank that gives someone a great experience.”

Todd pointed out one woman's especially memorable reaction that was captured on video during the very first No Pants Subway Ride. At first, the woman looked shocked and terrified, but “when she saw somebody else that was laughing at it, it became funny and safe,” Todd said. The No Pants Subway Ride is now an annual event, attracting over 5,000 New Yorkers at this year's performance alone.

Todd concluded his presentation by commenting on the major role played by the Internet in the development of Improv Everywhere. He encouraged student artists to put their work online, without worrying about making a profit. “That's what really started Improv Everywhere,” he said, “Just creating something and sharing it. ... Now we can reach millions of people.”

## “Nine Rivers” opens ambitious season at Miller

BY EMILY OSTERTAG  
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The days following Hurricane Irene are as fitting a time as any for a work called “Nine Rivers” to hold its U.S. premiere, which will begin Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Miller Theatre (2960 Broadway at 114th Street).

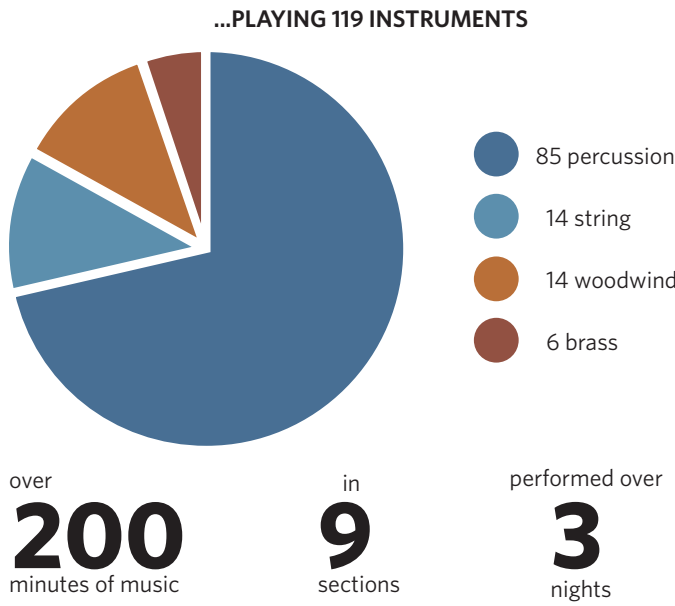
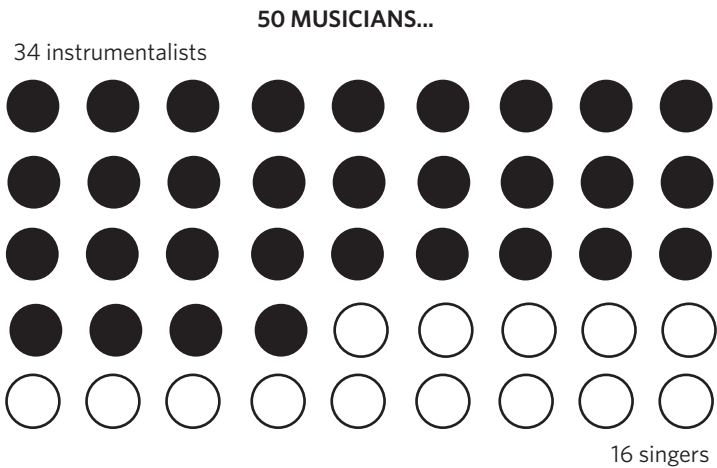
Several renowned contemporary musicians are to perform James Dillon's epic three-part cycle. American percussionist and conductor Steven Schick will play with and lead the International Contemporary Ensemble (ICE). Performing along with them will be the choir The Crossing, conducted by Donald Nally.

The U.S. premiere of this work, which Dillon wrote throughout the '80s and '90s, is a significant moment for the contemporary music world. The Guardian called the world premiere of “Nine Rivers” last year in Scotland “an immense occasion, unquestionably the most significant new-music event of the year.”

This performance is an ambitious undertaking. The pieces are scored for a variety of instrumentalists and multimedia artists, and incorporate strings, live electronics, and video production.

According to Miller Theatre director Melissa Smey, arranging the staging alone was one of the biggest obstacles in putting together the program. Smey, who took over as director of Miller Theatre in April 2009, has since been appointed executive director of Columbia's Arts Initiative. Her main goal “is to make arts and culture part of everyone's everyday life” at Columbia. “It is my personal mission to get every Columbian to come to Miller,” she added.

### “NINE RIVERS,” BY THE NUMBERS



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NAP TIME | Narrated by a mysterious voice named “Steve,” the MP3 dictated attendees to perform unusual tasks—such as taking a snooze where they stand.





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# The questions our president neglected to ask

Why am I at Columbia? You avoid this scary question, presume it has an answer, and resign yourself to asking more mundane ones such as: How can I get an A in Lit Hum? Maintain a healthy workout schedule? Balance social life and academics? These more inglorious questions are actually the key to your future success and collectively comprise the answer to the first question. Here is the story of someone who found himself just as disenchanting with an institution as you may be with Columbia. He failed to take advantage of his situation and struggle with these smaller questions. He is now suffering dearly for it.

A young, idealistic junior Senator from the state of Illinois looked on as Joe Biden gave a characteristically long monologue on the floor of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Bored out of his mind, the junior Senator passed a note to a campaign aide named Robert Gibbs on which was written, “Shoot me now.” Two years later, that junior Senator was President of the United States of America.

Remarkably, a slew of similar stories exists about Obama’s time in the Senate; walking out of committees waving his hands together in a talking motion and saying “yak, yak, yak”; telling his Chicago friends that D.C. was the “same bullshit” as Springfield, Illinois where he served in the State Senate but didn’t care to show up, voting present almost 130 times.

From the outset, Obama was an “everyman’s man.” A friend of old-time Republicans like Tom Coburn and Dick Lugar, he arguably voted present so many times because he feared taking a stand on polarizing issues.

But his absence was also a result of his feelings toward the Senate—he found the culture tiresome, uninspired, and cynical. In this sense, the Presidency was almost an escape for Obama. And so after just two years, Obama ascended the Democratic Party hierarchy at an unprecedented rate. He pleased everyone in the process, speaking to blacks in the South just as easily as to Jews from Chicago, East Coast Wall Streeters as effectively as to “Main Street” steel workers. Because of this adaptability, I, along with the country, projected my own aspirations onto him and, starry-eyed, forced myself to overlook the vagueness of his platform and flimsiness of his record.

“Yes we can” was not only a slogan of hope, but also represented the candidate’s naïve belief about political efficacy: that all sides in a debate, given reasonable data and an inspiring pep talk, can come to a compromise—that no side needs to be intrinsically wrong. The Republicans are just misguided. If we only communicate to them the rational merits of taxes and entitlements, they might just see the light.

Three years in and the results speak for themselves. Due to his intense aversion to bad will, Obama has repeatedly extended the olive branch to an unresponsive Republican opposition. He has ceded ground on funding for Medicare, the size and makeup of the stimulus, budget, and other legislation. The list of his compromises is far longer than the list of his accomplishments. But still, the Republicans do not hesitate to call him a socialist and rarely, if ever, endorse his legislative initiatives.

Worse, he is unable to communicate the merits of his policies that do, in fact, work. Healthcare was not just a moral crisis, but also a dire fiscal one—“Obamacare” was deficit-neutral; the public option was actually pro-competition; and raising the marginal tax rate on the extremely wealthy by 3 percent—back to Clinton levels—is not socialism, it’s smart.

If Obama had worked toward passing more legislation as a Senator, he would have learned how to market policy decisions in a way that is clear and rational but congruent with American ideals. He would have fully comprehended Republicans’ unwillingness to cooperate when it is not in their political interest. If he had stayed in the Senate longer, he might have garnered some “choot-spa” (in the words of Michele Bachmann) born of his intense frustration with years of gridlock and contemptible political posturing he saw there. He would now appear angry rather than cool and professorial, active rather than defensive, above the petty political pundits instead of drowned out by them, and empathetic toward the unemployed rather than oblivious to them.

If you’re like me, you view Columbia the way Obama viewed the Senate. It’s fun and stimulating, but you want to get your life started. You can’t take the unrelenting burden of homework anymore and find yourself trying to please all of your peers by going out and partying when you shouldn’t and joining organizations on a whim that you have little affinity for. You take genuine interest in about a fourth of your classes and you’re already looking for that dream career to exonerate you from it all. At the end of the day, school is there to kick your ass, not validate you. Take advantage of it. Hone a killer work ethic, learn how to connect, and communicate with people effectively. And every once in a while, bite the bullet, make a hard decision, and tick some people off in the process. The next time you find yourself passing sarcastic notes that amount to “shoot me now” as Robert Jervis rambles on about Realist political theory, remember that you are here for these noble reasons.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

It is quite bracing to see the rectangles of College Walk covered with small American flags as they were for September 11. I’m not accustomed to such high-volume patriotism on such a diverse and cosmopolitan campus, but I acknowledge that there may be a time and place. So, I walked over and tried to understand who was being honored. There were 2,819 flags, “one for each victim of the attack,” Spectator writes. In that case, the choice to display only American flags must have been an error or an act of cynicism. There is no mystery about the diversity of the victims of September 11: undocumented workers, nationals of many countries. There were hundreds of non-U.S. citizens killed, with more than 90 different nationalities represented. How can we possibly honor victims by erasing their identities? Imagine if we represented the Columbia student body in the same one-dimensional way. And on College Walk, where on each day, we live the diversity of this community through the dozens of languages spoken and even more diverse group of nationalities? So this was not the time or place.

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# What to do with the digital September 11

I came out this weekend with a Twitter feed chock full of 9/11 memorial links. Some went to top five mobile app lists for 9/11, many to articles from a variety of publications, and still others to event pages for vigils. My stream on Google Plus or Facebook was no different, filled with links or statuses about the 10-year anniversary of what Friday’s staff editorial described as a “defining moment for a generation,” likened to the Vietnam War and Pearl Harbor.

Yes, Sept. 11 was an influential event that shaped the policies and social trends of my generation’s childhood, but I find it hard to simplify the attacks to the equivalent of Pearl Harbor—when our enemy was concretely defined and mobilized, not scattered and in hiding. Nor can I justify the comparison between Osama bin Laden’s assassination and V-Day; the difference between a symbol in two ambiguous wars and stopping a full-fledged, internationally recognized one. Yet, that’s what I saw when I scrolled through these same social media sites on May 1 last semester: one person after another reducing patriotism to a single sentence; articles these past few weeks making apologies in hindsight, but ultimately excusing the American people for any aberrating behavior from our noble and inculpable ideals.

We remember Sept. 11 not because it was the same as V-Day, or Pearl Harbor, but because we have cell phone videos and 24-hour news channels. We have the September 11 Oral History and Narrative Project and The National 9/11 Memorial featuring broadcaster recordings from relations of victims, first responders, and witnesses to the actual attack. We have the History Channel, Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close, The Falling Man, and, of course, books and broadcast television remembrance specials and free coffee at Starbucks until 11 a.m. The New York Times ran an article called “Media Strive to Cover 9/11 Without Seeming to Exploit a Tragedy,” but I find that the real question hiding beneath all of this is, “How have we exploited tragedy?”

You can talk about the media as a separate entity from yourself, but you can’t remove it from the society it caters to, and the society that you are ultimately a part of. We rally around Sept. 11 as a reason for national unity, partially because any national tragedy deserves collective vigilance, but also partially because the way we have documented it makes it so. And in a few days time, for most of us the culmination of memorial snapshots are in danger of being



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## Chipped

just that: a stream of concentrated information that will dissipate in the much larger, more urgent news of the iPhone 5 and Justin Bieber’s love life. Technology has helped us remember, but not necessarily reflect.

I don’t think it would be presumptuous to say that many of us in the United States experienced the Sept. 11 attacks in the same way as our international counterparts: on television, safely away from the physical destruction and distress. I don’t think many of us can really say, after everything, that we understand completely what it means to grieve for a family member or friend who died that day, and to see that very personal loss reappropriated to serve as a veneer for national vengeance—a battle cry to avenge the illusion of American omnipotence and blamelessness.

Ernest Fenollosa remarks on poetry that “things are only the terminal points, or rather the meeting points, of actions, cross-sections cut through actions, snapshots”; the stuff of our documentation is the skeleton of action, but this time I call for a different type of action. Instead of that same reflex for retaliation and violence, this action is the infinitely harder and deliberate act of acquiescing to humility, and searching for how we might humanize our enemies and their grievances toward us.

What entitles Americans to more retaliation for their grievances than say, those whose families die of starvation, or lack of disease control, or drug-related violence in other countries? Even in tragedy, we demonstrate our privilege. I write this not to lessen any convictions to love this country, but to rethink the policies that we enact from them.

This has been a decade of anger and revenge. Columbia students, more than any other part of our generation, need to pay attention. Older generations have left so many documents to sift through, thanks to the power of technology. We have the resources and hindsight to look at our past and present in an objective and, most importantly, humble way—for not just global collaboration but human understanding. Preventing the needless death of American citizens begins with international dialogue above homeland security. The knowledge we need for sympathy, for compassion and diligence, rests for us at the end of a Google search. History is only history when we call it so, and it would be a shame for us, of all these living generations, to restrict the part we play in its making to simply 140 characters.

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# A summer abroad-ening

BY ELIZABETH ANGELES

I was sitting at my desk trying to find Six Flags Great Adventure’s total park area in square footage when the “Cannot Display Webpage” message appeared on my screen as soon as I clicked a relevant link. It was almost 5:30 p.m., and I was ready to leave after eight hours of research at The China Real Estate Information Corporation (CRIC). Once again, just when I thought the link would reveal the information I needed to complete my case study Excel chart, I was stumped. While my coworkers used Baidu, a Chinese web services company, without a problem, my Chinese was not proficient enough, and I resorted to what I knew: Google. Although I certainly learned that Google is not as useful in Shanghai as it is in the states, I quickly realized that most of what I was learning this past summer did not stem directly from my actual work at The China Real Estate Information Corporation, but rather from my overall experience applying, living, and working abroad. And no, I do not think Chinese censoring and my troubles with Google are to blame. Instead, everything I gained from this summer can be attributed to one of the unique opportunities Columbia offered and my eagerness to take full advantage of it. My time in Shanghai has verified how lucky I feel to be a part of a community that has the resources to support my personal desire to have more international experiences. While we have access to these opportunities, it is truly up to us as students to move beyond our comfort zones and make the most of them.

Coming to Columbia was a choice I made not merely because it is a prestigious university—something that may initially come to mind for many—but also for the many unique opportunities I could take advantage of here. When I heard about Columbia Experience Overseas, a program offered by the Center for Career Education, I was eager to apply to work in China, as I have studied Chinese and wanted to improve. My summer in Shanghai has been one of the most memorable experiences of my life. Working as an intern for CRIC gave me the opportunity to experience living and working in another country on my own, an opportunity I did not think I would have so soon. I no longer felt like a student at a university but instead like an adult working for a company of my choice, in a city and country of my choice. CRIC is the leading provider of real estate information and consulting services in China, and I was an intern for the tourism department. As a tourist myself, I was living and experiencing exactly what my department was focused on.

Shanghai is expanding and changing at an incredible speed and I felt it—wherever I looked, there was something under construction. My coworkers often asked me for input on what I thought about their work, the ideas they presented to developers, and whether I could think of some successful international benchmarks they could use as examples for their clients interested in developing their land in the most profitable way. I felt that the best way to make the most of my time as an intern was not only to accomplish my set tasks but to get to know my coworkers, ask questions, and absorb as much as possible. I was surprised to discover my coworkers were in their 20s, quite close to my age. For many of them, working at CRIC was a social obligation because they were hired by a friend and felt committed to the company for the next few years, whether they liked it or not. Just as I was curious about their background and lifestyle, they were especially eager to learn about where I came from and the opportunities I had back home—they wished to travel to America but their obligations to work and school made this a dream that was quite difficult to make a reality.

So when my coworker looked at the webpage error message on my screen and smiled at me, I had not realized quite yet that I was not really stumped after all. Although I was sitting there trying to do what was a fairly simple task, the hard part was over. I had started applications for Columbia Experience Overseas in November to find out that I would be going to China in March, I was connected to a Columbia alum in Shanghai for support, and I was experiencing something new and exciting every day. I am more grateful than ever before to have had the opportunity to choose where I wanted to apply this summer, to target and articulate my skills, and after a long application and interview process to travel all the way to Shanghai, because it was something I desired and could pursue as a U.S. citizen and Columbia student. I can only hope that my fellow students feel just as lucky to have these opportunities and take advantage of them. I think back to my summer in Shanghai as one that was certainly exciting, fun, unique, and—especially important for me—exactly what I needed to improve my Chinese.

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**MEMORIAL** | Friends and neighbors placed sunflowers along-side the candles commemorating Murphy outside her building.

# Murdered teen, basketball star had hoped to play in WNBA

## MURDER from front page

Harper confirmed that Murphy was with a 17-year-old associate and was accosted by two individuals in their 20s described as black males. Police have not yet named a suspect, but, according to official reports, Murphy was shot once in the head shortly after 4 a.m. as she ran from an assailant who chased her to the fourth floor of her building.

According to witnesses, Murphy pleaded for her life and claimed that the assailants had the wrong person before she was shot.

Two days later, candles light up a photo of the basketball star and a poster of written sentiments from friends and family.

Resident Arianna Gangadeen, who has known Murphy since she was two years old, stood next to the memorial on Monday. Gangadeen was awake Sunday

when she heard the yelling outside the building.

“All she did was go to school and play ball. She just wanted to get her mother out of the projects.”

—Erica Pierce, friend of Tayshana Murphy

“People were running outside and yelling out loud, crying and crying,” she said. “‘Chicken got shot, Chicken got shot.’ I couldn’t stop crying. I loved her.”

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**DEAN’S LIST** | Barnard Dean Avis Hinkson made getting to know students a priority in her first semester back on campus.

# Seven months in, Barnard’s Dean Hinkson sets priorities

## HINKSON from front page

opportunities for growth and academic enrichment on their side of the street,” she said.

Hinkson added that she sees Denburg as an “amazing resource” and envisions working closely with her.

“Her ability to go out and share what’s happening on campus with alumni depends on her conversations with me to understand how things might be changing or developing or student concerns,” Hinkson said.

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# Bollinger signs agreement to make Chile global center a go

## CHILE from front page

connected ... very thriving from the economic, academic, and business perspectives,” Poniachik said. “And there’s a lot of outreach that can be done out of Santiago toward the rest of Latin America.”

Columbia has now opened five global centers—Santiago joins Beijing, Mumbai, Paris, and Amman, Jordan. Three more centers are on the way, in Istanbul, Rio de Janeiro, and Nairobi, Kenya.

Ken Prewitt, Columbia’s vice president for global centers, said that the five operating centers will enhance educational and research experiences at Columbia by creating a network of partnerships that merge scholars and disciplines.

“It is not just having different bilateral parts around the world, but getting

all of those parts to talk to each other,” Prewitt said. “For the first time since we started this project, we can say we are a global network.”

At the Santiago center, Columbia will use existing programs such as the Business School’s Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness in Latin America Program. The Earth Institute wants to use the center to try out its Climate Risk Management system, an approach to giving locals knowledge of how climate interacts with fields such as agriculture, natural ecosystems, water resources, and health. The Journalism School, too, plans to work with the center’s leadership.

Before the document was signed, seven faculty members participated in a roundtable discussion, during which they reflected on regional themes, their personal interest in

Chile, and why Columbia should have a presence there.

Panelist Nara Milanich, an associate professor of history specializing in Chilean studies at Barnard, explained her desire to more closely examine the nature of inequality both in Chile and in South America.

“It wouldn’t be hyperbolic as a historian to say that inequality has characterized the societies of South America since their founding,” she said during the discussion. “As a country with the first democratically-elected Marxist president in the world, Chile, in the present is inadvertently a laboratory in inequality.”

The panelists also discussed human rights violations, agriculture and climate, the Chilean economy, and the changing educational system in Chile, noting that the global center will create opportunities

for further examination.

“I do see having a global center as an opportunity to create small constellations of research that can provide possible mechanisms for students and visiting scientists to ... participate in the work that we do,” Earth Institute researcher Lisa Goddard said.

During the ceremony, Bollinger expressed similar sentiments.

“This is truly a great moment for us. It is not possible any longer to think about your field, in all probability, unless you have a deeper knowledge of what is happening around the world,” Bollinger said at the ceremony. “The world is changing faster than our knowledge; we have to, in universities, figure out ways for us to catch up.”

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# Public Safety urges caution after property thefts in rooms

## THEFTS from front page

every time you’re going to the bathroom,” she said.

For some students, the recent thievery also raised questions about building security.

Jenny Payne, BC ’15, said she was surprised a thief could get past campus security. “Campus is generally so safe and well-guarded by the security that we have. My RA was saying that it’s so rare for this to happen,” Payne said. “It didn’t happen at all last year and hadn’t happened before.”

But students weren’t ruling out the fact that the thief could

have been a student.

Palmer Green, CC ’13 and a Carman RA, said that he knew from personal experience that theft isn’t unheard of at Columbia.

“I remember two years ago there was also a laptop thief, and it turned out they lived on my floor,” Greene said. “I was disillusioned then that a member of the Columbia community would steal.”

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## Ivy sports have small stage but still find success

For me—and I can imagine many others—when I hear ‘Ivy League,’ athletics are not the first thing that come to mind. Instead, I think of the intellectual and social elitism, the geography, and the history of the eight universities that comprise the Ivy League. Never mind that the Ivy League came into being in 1954, two hundred years after Columbia was founded—in other words, much of what I associate with ‘Ivy League’ predates its formation and neglects that it is most fundamentally an athletic conference, like the Southeastern Conference or the Big Ten, whose sports teams are more present in the public consciousness.

Interestingly, much of conference’s historical successes—at least in major team sports—came before the formation of the Ivy League. Ancient Eight teams regularly won national championships in football from the late 19th century through the 1920s. However, Princeton was the last Ivy to win the championship when it nabbed a share in 1950. And in 1951, the Columbia Men’s Basketball team entered the NCAA tourney undefeated. Since the inception of the actual Ivy League, our major team sports programs have operated in an enclave of sorts. While intercollegiate play is highly competitive within the Ivy League, we rarely see our teams break into the national spotlight.

Although I certainly wouldn’t mind seeing the Lions win a national football championship, I don’t lament the state of Ivy sports. For me, this is more a matter of direction than quality. The governing bodies of the eight Ivy League schools have made a concerted effort to make athletes a facet of a well-rounded student body as opposed to letting them stand taller (only in a metaphorical sense) than other students. Our athletes, for the most part, permeate throughout campus life and gain a bit less self-importance than your average Heisman Trophy candidate.

I love to watch college sports—the University of Texas is my team for football and basketball—but wouldn’t want to contend with that kind of sports culture during my college years. To me, UT sports are effectively equivalent to the pros since they seem so far removed from education. Recent scandals at schools like the University of Miami and Ohio State have done little to convince me that college football is a world apart from the NFL. On the other hand, Columbia athletes feel more like peers than pros. Instead of being athletes that happen to take classes with me, they are students who happen to also be stellar athletes. I believe that there is a significant disparity between the college experience of athletes at major sports powerhouses and Ivy athletes, but certainly acknowledge that a middle ground exists, and that a school can have a nationally competitive football or basketball team (e.g. Stanford University) without precluding players from pursuing an education.

I also want to dispel the notion that Ivy League athletics have suffered in recent years due to policies like our prohibition of athletic scholarships. When we look at the number of national championships earned by Ivy League schools across all sports, we find that the Ivy League has won about four national championships (counting both team and individual competitions) per year since 1957. So, whether they are from Columbia or not, there are certainly successful Ivy League sports teams to cheer for. Furthermore, as stated on the Ivy League’s website, Ivy athletes “have amassed an amazing total of 484 Olympic medals” and “would rank ninth on the all-time medal table if the Ivy League’s eight institutions collectively were a country.” In other words, Ivy athletes do compete nationally and even globally but perhaps not in sports that are part of mainstream U.S. culture.

I have accepted that Ivy League sports are simply not a rallying point for a region or social group because the institutions are private and nonsectarian schools. The likelihood of a New Yorker to be a Columbia Lions fan is far less than for a Texan to be a UT Longhorns fan or a Catholic to be a Notre Dame fan. The Ivy League is an enclave where elite private universities compete vigorously amongst themselves in a variety of sports but only occasionally breach onto a larger stage. Ivy athletes prove that athletics can exist alongside academics and without national pageantry—or paychecks.

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### The Top Spin

## Women’s soccer unable to find net in opening games

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Four games, 380 minutes of play, 31 shots, zero goals. Being shutout often can wear on one’s patience and sanity, but the Lions have demonstrated that they have all the necessary components for a successful season.

Head coach Kevin McCarthy does not want his team to dwell on the past or to stress about missed opportunities. As the Light Blue returns to the East Coast and prepares for its home opener, he hopes to focus on honing skills to fix the small errors that prevented the Lions from finding the back of the net.

“I think we have to put a lot of our emphasis in our training on the process and details of creating chances,” McCarthy 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.”

Sophomore forward/midfielder Coleen Rizzo, sophomore defender Chelsea Ryan, and senior forward and co-captain Ashlin Yahr lead the way in shots thus far in the season, with seven, six, and five, respectively. Close behind is first-year forward Sarah Forthal with three, who has made her case for why she deserves time on the front line. The trending towards many offensive contributors on all parts of the field bodes well for Columbia’s future.

Columbia’s last four games were all hard-fought, despite its appearance to be outmatched in three of the four games. Solid basics, clean touches, and other small details make the difference in close contests. This is what McCarthy hopes to work on in the coming days of practice.

“We’re just going to continue to fortify our attacking play, our buildup play, finishing, final service, quality long runs—we’ll just keep improving upon that,” the 18th-year coach said.

While the Lions have been shutout in their first four games of the season, they have averaged nearly eight shots a game and over one-third of their total shots have been on frame. St. John’s, ranked last week by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America at No. 10 in the Big East, was outshot 5-9 and could only



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**KEEPING KLEIN** | Senior goalkeeper Lillian Klein has been performing well for the Lions despite their losing record.

manage a penalty-kick goal on its home turf when it faced the Lions.

“What I think is important for us is to really just put a lot of our emphasis on staying positive as we move forward, and not in a hopeful or Pollyanna-type manner, but in seeing the fact that we’ve played against two top 25 teams, we’ve played against a Big East team and a Big West team on the road, and we knew we would have challenges in those games,” McCarthy said. “We’re certainly not accepting and comfortable with not

finishing those games off with winning. However, there’s not panic or despair within the squad because we are competing well and we are getting better each match.”

McCarthy also recognizes the team’s defensive prowess, as he mentioned senior goalkeeper and co-captain Lillian Klein’s pair of standout performances this weekend following Sunday’s game. Thus far in the season, Columbia has shown itself to be a team whose record does not yet reflect its full potential.

“When you have a team that’s rock solid in their core values and you hit stormy seas, you know how to navigate out of it,” McCarthy said of the Lions. “I’m very comfortable with the women on this team, and their character and knowing that we’ll always stick to that, we will be absolutely fine, and these results will not diminish our season.”

This weekend’s home opener against Iona may prove the boost that the Light Blue needs to reach that next level.

## Brown sits atop non-conference standings, Tigers remain winless

BY MUNEEB ALAM  
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With Ivy League play still several weeks away, the Ancient Eight continued out of conference play this week to get the season rolling.

### PENN

The Quakers (2-2-0) took a tough loss to San Diego 1-0 on Friday, and lost again, 2-0, to San Diego State on Sunday. The Quakers trailed from the 37th minute against San Diego but failed to tie, missing a goal by less than a yard with under a minute remaining.



Penn was simply outclassed by San Diego State, ineffective in the first half and only generating pressure in the final 15 minutes. Quakers freshman forward Duke Lacroix appeared to score in the 89th minute, but the referee called a foul and disallowed the goal.

### YALE

The Bulldogs (2-2-0) defeated Quinnipiac 3-2 on Friday but fell 2-0 to St. John’s on Sunday. While Yale surrendered the tying goal with less than six minutes left in the second half, the Bulldogs rebounded and senior midfielder Charlie Neil scored their third goal just three minutes

later. Yale was not so fortunate against No. 25 St. John’s, who outshot the Bulldogs 22-5, scoring in the 22nd and 89th minutes.

### HARVARD

Harvard (1-2-0) fell to St. John’s 2-0, and later lost to 2-1 to Rhode Island. The Crimson was completely outmatched against St. John’s, surrendering a 12-1 edge in corner kicks. A strong effort in the net may have prevented a blowout. Harvard tried to turn the tables on Rhode Island, generating a 10-4 edge in shots on goal, but ultimately came up short as Rhode Island’s game-winner came just after Harvard knotted the game in the 72nd minute.

### DARTMOUTH

Dartmouth (1-1-2) defeated South Carolina, 2-0, to start the weekend and drew a 3-3 thriller with South Florida. Its first match was not much of a contest, as the Big Green opened the scoring just 41 seconds after the whistle, tallied again less than ten minutes later, and never looked back. Florida opened the scoring against Dartmouth in the eighth minute and carried a lead into the 89th minute, but a late goal sent the match to overtime.

### PRINCETON

Princeton (0-2-1) dropped a 2-1 overtime decision to Farleigh Dickinson in its only match of the weekend. In Princeton, the Tigers and FDU played their fourth straight match against each other in which the deciding goal was scored in the final 10 minutes. While they more than doubled Farleigh in shots during regulation, they could not break the 1-1 tie, and a penalty kick provided the winning margin. Princeton fell to the worst non-conference record in the Ivy League.

### BROWN

Brown (3-1-0) had an impressive weekend, topping George Mason 2-1 on Friday and Temple 2-0 on Sunday to clinch the Brown Soccer Classic title. Brown played a solid game, allowing just eight shots, while posting 14 itself. It tallied two goals in quick succession to go up 2-0 and sat comfortably on that lead until late in the game. The match against Temple was tougher, as the squads headed to intermission scoreless, but a goal by senior forward TJ Popolizio—his third of the season and third consecutive game-winner—under five minutes into the second half helped the Bears secure the win as well as the top position in the Ivy League non-conference standings.

### CORNELL

Cornell’s (0-1-2) first match against Robert Morris was cancelled, and the Big Red drew with Hartwick after two overtime sessions. In the fairly even match, Cornell was unable to capitalize on its man advantage throughout the overtimes after a Hartwick player was given a red card and ejected.



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**CALLED OFF** | A last-minute goal by Penn freshman Duke Lacroix was negated, leaving the Quakers scoreless for the week.