

Columbia joins M’Ville firm for day of service

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A community garden at 152nd Street got a makeover on Thursday, thanks to employees from the construction firm heading up Columbia’s Manhattanville expansion.

Columbia employees joined with workers from Lend Lease for its annual community service day, which brought Lend Lease workers from as far away as Australia to help clean up the garden.

The garden, located behind Wilson Major Morris Community Center between Amsterdam and St. Nicholas avenues, is open to the public and maintained by the senior center next door. Its walking trails had been blocked by overhanging tree limbs, which made it difficult for seniors to enjoy the park, said Kevin Morrissey, a Lend Lease construction worker.

A couple dozen volunteers pruned trees, cleaned a fish pond, cleared seating areas, and weeded plants to replace them with more easily maintained species.

“The garden was overgrown and the seniors had trouble getting around,” Holly Ulses, a senior project manager with Lend Lease, said.

The day of service was one way that Lend Lease and Columbia demonstrated their investment in Harlem as a whole, as construction continues at the expansion site



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GREEN THUMB | Columbia employees and Lend Lease workers refurbish a garden at the William Major Morris Community Center.

in Manhattanville—where Columbia is not always popular with its neighbors.

La-Verna Fountain, Columbia’s Associate Vice President for Construction Business Services and Communications, said that it was Lend Lease’s community day, but Columbia volunteers came out from Facilities and Public Safety.

“Columbia is a place that does a lot of working with the community, so this isn’t so much about Manhattanville in particular,” she said. “It’s a part of who we are, and we will

continue to do this before and after Manhattanville.”

Chris Hoskinis, a former resident of 140th Street, stopped to admire the garden later in the afternoon, but wondered about its potential to improve the community in a substantial way.

“It’s nice that it’s a good place to come,” Hoskinis said. But he was still skeptical about Columbia buying buildings in the area.

“They can’t just come in with this cute little community garden,” he said. “There should be economic investment in small

business owners. It’s about money.”

Columbia has initiated a mentoring program for minority-, women-, and locally-owned businesses, but Lend Lease employees said this specific project was a chance to impact the area beyond Manhattanville.

“The Manhattanville expansion is part of the neighborhood and this is also part of the neighborhood so it just makes sense for us to improve the area,” said Philip Pitruzzello, Columbia vice president of Facilities for Manhattanville

Construction, who was working at the garden.

Onlookers said they appreciated the changes to the garden, which seemed clean and peaceful at the end of the day.

“Now everybody’s happy,” said Ana Nccabe, who lives next door to the senior citizen center. “It’s clean.”

Tyler Paulino lives across the street and said he was excited to bring his friends to the garden. “It was kind of hard to walk in, it looks better now. I see a lot of differences,” he said.

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Barnard drops 7 spots on ranking

Admins puzzled by dip below Seven Sisters

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Barnard College fell seven spots in this year’s U.S. News and World Report ranking of the nation’s top liberal arts colleges, landing at 33rd place.

Barnard—the most selective women’s college in the country—ranked seventh of the “Seven Sisters,” a group of historically women’s colleges, while Columbia ranked fourth in the separate national universities list. But many at Barnard were not fazed by the news, faulting the rating process and expressing indifference to the final rankings.

Joanne Kwong, Barnard’s vice president for communications, faulted U.S. News’s changing formula—which takes into account endowment, student-to-faculty ratio, and acceptance rate, among other factors—for Barnard’s sudden drop.

“The methodology and criteria change every year and there always seems to be a lot

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TERESA SHEN FOR SPECTATOR

SEEKING ENLIGHTENMENT | Zen Master Jinje gave a Dharma speech on intensive meditation to a crowd of 2,000 on Thursday night at Riverside Church on 120th Street and Claremont Ave.

S. Korean Buddha visits Riverside Church

BY QUINTON ROBBINS
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A Buddhist monk from the mountains of South Korea asked a crowd of 2,000 to self-reflect and answer the question, “What is your true self before your parents gave birth to you?” at Riverside Church on Thursday evening.

In his first trip to the United States, Zen Master Jinje delivered a Dharma talk on the philosophy of Ganhwa Seon to a packed congregation in the church’s nave.

Ganhwa Seon is the practice of constantly asking oneself a “hwadu,” or topic of inquiry, throughout the tedium of daily life. Jinje contemplated a hwadu for 13 years before achieving enlightenment.

Sitting cross-legged atop an ornate platform in gray

monastic robes and a golden sash, Jinje emphasized “the spiritual culture of Asia as one step in fostering world peace.”

The first step to enlightenment is sitting correctly, Jinje said to the crowd assembled at the interdenominational church on 120th Street and Claremont Ave. Then, sitting still, one needs to “focus on questioning your hwadu without ever forgetting it.” After a long period of contemplation, the hwadu will “unexpectedly shatter” and a “dazzling wisdom” will appear before one’s eyes.

“You will become one body with the human race. You will become one house with all sentient beings,” he said.

The shattering of the hwadu allows the enlightened to become a “driving force of world peace,” he said. “This is true peace that comes from complete impartiality.”

Jinje, the 79th spiritual heir of the Shakyamuni Buddha, the founder of the Korean Zen faith, urged the audience to think about who they were before their corporeal existence. In a video introducing Jinje, his mother was said to have dreamed that she “caught the sun in her skirt when he was conceived.”

Jinje’s hwadu is a thought-provoking one, said Robert Buswell, a UCLA professor who lived as a Buddhist monk in South Korea for five years. “What constitutes ourselves if we are not our physical bodies, our thoughts, our emotions, our experiences?” he asked.

The two-hour ceremony, presented in English and Korean, was a traditional Buddhist service that included drumming, chanting, incantations, and offerings to the

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GSSC undergoes constitutional makeover

BY MADINA TOURE
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The General Studies Student Council is starting the year with a serious streamlining.

The council has a newly revised constitution, new bylaws, and a new set of parliamentary procedures to govern its meetings—changes that members say have been a year in the making.

GSSC’s constitution was shortened from 24 to eight pages, after a committee spent last year reviewing the document and stripping it down to a few essential principles.

Benjamin Paladino, GS and the council’s vice president for

policy, said that a fresh start was necessary since ten years of constant changes had rendered the previous constitution ineffective.

“Each year, they had changed the constitution to deal with the situations that arose that particular year and we had this very confusing document,” he said. “It was just a bunch of individual things all mashed up.”

The new constitution is founded on eight core principles that are meant to be unchangeable, including procedures for elections, meetings, and the executive board. The constitution now also only defines eight officer positions—down from

26—with the rest of the positions outlined in the bylaws, which is a working document that is more easily changed.

Paladino said that flexibility will be helpful. This school year, for example, there is a large number of veteran-students, and he said that the bylaws would enable the council to define a veteran-students representative.

But the changes are more reorganization of the council’s rules and decision-making process than a revamping of them, he stressed.

“We didn’t take out anything that would change the way we

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NEWS BRIEF

CC Dean to take questions at town hall on Tuesday

Interim Dean of Columbia College James Valentini will take part in a town hall next Tuesday in another effort to reach out to undergraduates.

The discussion, focused on the future of Columbia College, will be hosted by Columbia College Student Council and Spectator.

Valentini will take questions from CCSC president Aki Terasaki, CC ’12, and Spectator Editor in Chief Samuel Roth, CC ’12. Afterwards, Valentini will take questions from audience members.

“We’re at a kind of turning point in the College’s history and this is an opportunity for us as students to really become engaged and interested in the larger issues,” Terasaki said. “And now we have a dean that’s willing and

eager to involve students.”

The town hall announcement comes after Valentini released a video message to students outlining his vision for the College and his goals as interim dean.

Roth said that Spectator wanted to take part in the event because it will spur campus dialogue.

“Providing students an opportunity to hear from and pose questions to Interim Dean Valentini directly supports our efforts to keep our readership informed and engaged with the life of the University,” Roth said.

Terasaki said CCSC will focus on asking Valentini about pressing issues affecting students, from financial aid to the Core and class sizes.

“Our main focus is certainly going to be a lot about

what are the changes that are happening to the college, how are they going to affect student life, and what his role as dean is in those goings on and what our role as students should be,” Terasaki said.

He added that he thinks students want to hear Valentini affirm his commitment to these programs as they exist, or hear assurance that students would be involved in planning any changes.

“Students want to hear an authentic individual. They want to hear someone who they know has their best interests in mind,” Terasaki said. “I think Dean Valentini is more than prepared to share that with the school.”

The event will take place at 8 p.m. in Havemeyer 309.

—Karla Jimenez

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A Moody end

Jelani Harvey reflects on the Moody-Adams era—and why it ended.

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Administering an exam can be as stressful as delivering a baby.



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Football gets underway with Liberty Cup

The Lions open up the season at Fordham on Saturday afternoon in the tenth annual Liberty Cup with both new and old faces on both sides of the ball.

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CU researcher developing neuromorphic chips

BY HENRY WILLSON
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Computer scientists have long sought to mimic the phenomenal computing powers of the human brain. Recently, Columbia neuroscientist Stefano Fusi has helped researchers come one step closer to doing just that.

Fusi, an associate professor of neuroscience at the Medical School, is part of the SyNAPSE Project, an effort to emulate the brain's structure electronically on a computer, a field of research known as cognitive computing.

Fusi and other researchers on the project—a collaboration funded by IBM and several other universities—recently released prototype cognitive computing chips.

“It’s not a simulation,” Fusi said. “You’re not transforming your problem into a symbolic problem ... you really replace every element that you have in the brain with an electronic element that behaves in the same way.”

Cognitive computing offers the promise of performing complex tasks—tasks that push the boundaries of modern supercomputers—while using a fraction of the power of an average PC.

According to Fusi, this potential is made possible by “neuromorphic” hardware. Rather than building ever speedier supercomputers to run strenuous mathematical simulations of the brain’s parallel processes, scientists can use neuromorphic

computing to essentially copy the brain’s processing methods.

Most computers’ processors today, Fusi said, are linear, quickly performing computations one at a time. The brain, in contrast, relies on parallel computation—it can carry out many computations at once, because each of its billions of neurons has thousands of synaptic connections to other neurons, which can all carry communications simultaneously.

Neuromorphic computing is “a very different approach from traditional computers, because you have a lot of very simple units,” Fusi said. “You don’t have a complex central processing unit.”

These simple units function like the brain’s neurons, receiving electrical impulses from each other. In the brain, neurons send synapses—electrical signals—to each other, which the research group simulated with energy-efficient electrical devices called memristors.

Still, Fusi noted that “you can simulate whatever you want” with a supercomputer.

“Biological elements are significantly slower, a million times slower” than a traditional processor, he said.

But the artificial brain, Fusi said, would be a modern supercomputer with complex, context-driven tasks, such as pattern recognition, driving a car, or recognizing an unknown

environment.

A supercomputer would be “extremely inefficient” in comparison, he added, as ever-increasing processor speeds lead to increasingly problematic usage of electric power.

“One of the main advantages of this approach is power consumption,” he said. “It’s all about power consumption.”

The prototype chips released by IBM have only 256 “neurons”—there are about 100 billion in the human brain—but that still adds up to tens of thousands of connections. Fusi said IBM will soon release a system with “hundreds, if not thousands” of 256-neuron cores. Other research teams are also pursuing neuromorphic computing, including a team at Stanford University that has succeeded in creating a million-neuron prototype.

The IBM prototype, Fusi added, will emulate the brain’s ability to learn and even rewire itself.

“There is no programming basically,” Fusi said. “You design the system in such a way that it can learn autonomously.”

Fusi, a member of Columbia’s Center for Theoretical Neuroscience, was a theoretical physicist by training. Cognitive computing, he explained, is still a developing science.

“We’re still pioneers in this field,” he said

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TRUE FAITH | The two-hour ceremony, presented in English and Korean, was a traditional Buddhist service that included drumming, chanting, incantations, and offerings.

Jinje gives lesson on daily self-reflection, inquiry

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Three Treasures of Buddhism.

“I thought it was a great cultural integration between the East and the West,” said Dong Suh, 72. The Manhattan businessman said he was most captivated with the Zen Master’s idea that “when you are enlightened, everything is peaceful and bright and you do not

fear your death.”

Inwood resident Nancy Rakoz, 59, said she came to the ceremony “out of curiosity and respect for Buddhism.” Reading about Buddhism has inspired her to reflect on her life in a way that no other religious experience had allowed her.

“My respect comes out of the fact that they value suffering,” she said. “It is a transforming agent.”

Rachelle Brudt, 60, a regular churchgoer at Riverside, said she values the church’s interfaith event programming and the opportunity to learn from other religions.

“He was there. He filled the whole space,” she said of Jinje. “If people can find that stillness in themselves, we can have peace.”

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GSSC adopts time-honored Robert’s Rules

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operate, we just defined the things that are fundamental and unchanging in one document and the things that are fluid and dependent on the situation of that year and put that in another document, and that’s the bylaws,” he said.

At GSSC’s first meeting of the school year, Paladino also announced that GSSC would adopt the time-honored set of parliamentary procedures known as Robert’s Rules of Order.

“It’s a very open form of governance because the entire book, the entire reference, is dedicated to being fair and equal,” Paladino said. “So we basically adopted it to be more effective, to ensure

impartiality in all of our deliberations, and to tie up any loopholes that used to exist in our rules.”

The Rules of Order are meant to spur faster and more efficient debate and decision-making, he said.

“Our council meetings go smoother, our debate will go smoother, and we’ll be able to get out of meetings at just the right time because sometimes they could go over,” said Jennifer Wisdom, GS and the council’s social chair. Wisdom added that this is part of a larger effort to “streamline our presence, making it completely solid across the board.”

Michael Oakley, GS and chief finance representative, said that

the Rules of Order helped shorten meetings at his community college in Philadelphia from two hours to roughly 45 minutes—though there was a learning curve.

“Just knowing, ‘Well, if I close discussion then do I open to vote or close the meeting or take a break,’ which supersedes the other,” he said. “Once you get that down, it’s fairly intuitive after that.”

Students agreed that more efficiency was key for a successful student council.

“If they can make decisions faster, then the student body can get the benefits sooner,” Andrew Bundziak, GS, said.

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Ahmadinejad rumors fly after Fox News mistake

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The University was unexpectedly the brunt of conservative indignation this week, after articles from Fox News and other outlets erroneously claimed that University President Lee Bollinger would be dining in Midtown next week with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Last week, Spectator reported that 15 members of the Columbia International Relations Council and Association were invited to a dinner with Ahmadinejad on Sept. 21. Three days later, Fox News incorrectly reported that Bollinger would be joining the students at the dinner. Members emphasize that the dinner itself is also still tentative.

The University has issued a statement denying any involvement in the dinner, and adding that the news stories “fundamentally misstate the University’s role in this unconfirmed possible encounter. Simply put, there never was one. In fact, at no time has there ever been any university event planned or considered involving the president of Iran, nor has there ever been any plan for a dinner involving the Iranian president and President Bollinger.”

In 2007, a firestorm of media attention erupted when Ahmadinejad was invited to speak at Columbia’s World

Leaders Forum on campus. Despite outside criticism and threats from alumni to withdraw funding, Bollinger refused to cancel the event but gave Ahmadinejad a notoriously chilly introduction, calling him a “petty and cruel dictator.” Students filled College Walk and Low Plaza to listen to Ahmadinejad’s speech and protest his notoriously dictatorial hold over Iran.

Fox News has updated their story to exclude any reference to President Bollinger’s alleged involvement in the dinner. Members of CIRCA have told Spectator they will not comment until after the dinner has taken place to ensure that their comments to the media do not jeopardize the dinner’s security arrangements or their personal safety.

Following these reports, Shurat HaDin, an Israeli law center, sent Bollinger a letter condemning the alleged invitation in a statement that said, “Hosting Ahmadinejad at a banquet is not merely morally repulsive: it is illegal and likely to render Columbia University and its officers both criminally and civilly liable.”

The Tel Aviv-based law center inaccurately implied that Columbia is hosting the event. The University is not and neither is CIRCA; Ahmadinejad often dines with American students when he is in New York

for the United Nations General Assembly. In the past he has invited students from Yale, Harvard, and other big-name universities to a private dinner, where they are given the chance to ask one or two questions as a group.

Morton Klein, President of the Zionist Organization of America, also issued a statement condemning what the organization perceived to be the University’s involvement.

“Columbia’s President Bollinger’s invitation to Jewish genocide promoter, Al Qaeda ally and terrorist Iranian Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to a private dinner party is a morally reprehensible act and a major affront to decent people, especially the Jewish alumni and donors of Columbia University,” Klein wrote.

Columbia students said they are mostly used to hearing incorrect reports about their school from Fox News.

“Well that’s just Fox News. Didn’t we already establish that they’re biased? I don’t really expect much from them,” Sean Francis, SEAS ’13, said.

“This is a very well-respected university. It’s a community that should foster open dialogue, and it is a misrepresentation that all viewpoints aren’t valued here,” Damien LaRock, TC, said.

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Students dismiss importance of US News ranking

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of movement among the liberal arts schools,” she said in an email. “In past years, Barnard has appeared anywhere from #19 to #38 on the list.”

Barnard had a record-low acceptance rate of 24.9 percent for the class of 2015, but U.S. News only took 2014 rates into account for this year’s list.

“Our admissions numbers have continuously improved in recent years,” Kwong said in an email. “And puzzlingly, our [2010] acceptance rate is lower than half the schools ranked ahead of us.”

Some students said it was impossible for U.S. News to take into account the benefits of Barnard’s relationship with Columbia.

“I don’t feel that’s really fair considering some Barnard students take almost all of their classes at Columbia, this big Ivy League university,” Olivia Grosvenor, BC ’13, said. “And you can’t really consider Barnard separate from Columbia.”

Mona Abdullah, BC ’13, noted that Barnard students have access to Columbia’s campus. “I don’t think Barnard feels

the need to duplicate that and create a Dodge or a Butler, because that would be useless,” she said.

At least one student speculated that the Columbia-Barnard relationship could hurt Barnard. Rosa Ammon-Ciaglo, BC ’14, said that while Barnard is a great school, it might not be “growing as an independent institution” because it’s in Columbia’s shadow.

“I think other small liberal arts colleges take initiative and make decisions on their own,” Ciaglo said.

Barnard economics professor Randall Reback, an expert in education policy, recently co-authored a paper studying the accuracy and effectiveness of college ranking systems. His research has shown that a school’s year-to-year ranking has little effect on its number of applicants or the academic composition of the incoming class.

“In general, we don’t find strong effects. Even a seven point drop in rating would be trivial in terms of number of applicants,” Reback told Spectator. “The quality of the applicant pool changes even less.”

Barnard first-year Michelle

McPhillips noted that Barnard’s ranking was not the main factor when she chose the school last year.

“I came here because it was a good fit for me,” McPhillips said. “I’m sad it dropped, because I don’t think it deserved to, but it doesn’t change how I feel about the school.”

Reback—who co-authored his study with Molly Alter, BC ’10—said there were steps Barnard could take to improve its ranking, if it wanted to. But he added that it had no reason to do so, and had even stopped supplying statistical information to the U.S. News several years ago.


“Honestly, Barnard shouldn’t even care,” Reback said. “Rankings are meaningless with regards to the quality of education,” he said.

Alessandra Rago, BC ’13, said that if anything, her educational experience at Barnard has improved over the last few years.

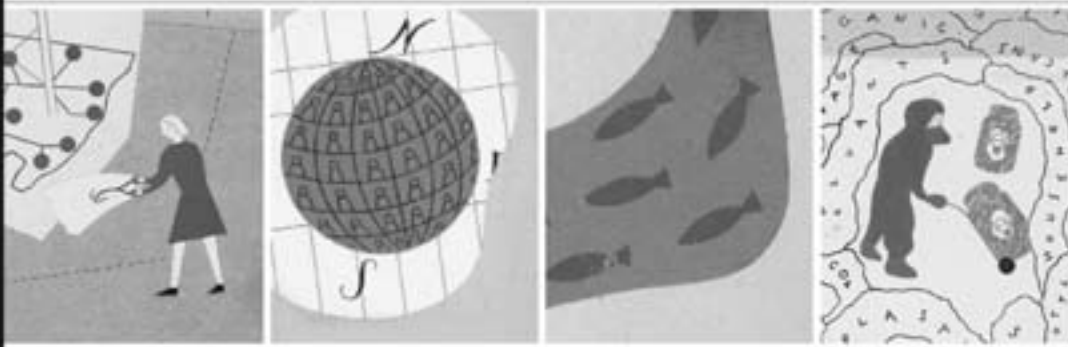
“The worth of a school is more than a ranking,” Rego said. “It’s what you get out of it.”

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Light Blue must stay aware of Fordham’s star running back

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Back in 2008, Darryl Whiting was called off the sidelines and thrown into his first college game as a mere freshman. Though his coach would later admit that it was “probably a mistake that we played him,” by the end of the season, the rookie running back had gotten to play in one other game, rushing for a total of 44 yards.

These days, no one makes a mistake when they put Whiting on the field. He is now a 6-foot-3 senior weighing 235 pounds and unquestionably Fordham’s top running back. For the last two years, he’s been the Rams’ top rusher, carrying the the ball 681 yards in 2009 and 771 in 2010.

Often, football players don’t get significant playing time until their junior or senior year, but Whiting was hard to keep off the field.

“He still had a very good running back in front of him as a sophomore and a junior,” said head football coach Tom Masella. “But it was just too hard to keep him on the bench last year.”

Over the years, Whiting has developed into an incredibly strong running back who looks to be a big threat for Columbia when the Lions take on the Rams this weekend.

“When he came in here, he had a lot of ability but it wasn’t refined, and certainly along the way he’s probably put on 35 pounds,” Masella said. “He’s gotten stronger, he’s gotten bigger, and he’s learned the game of football.”

With Whiting’s size, experience, and determination, Lions head coach Norries Wilson will spend a lot of time

planning defensive coverages around the running back.

When the two teams met last year, Whiting had 11 carries totaling 44 yards, which was still second-best after Rams’ senior quarterback Xavier Martin.

Whiting also scored one of his eight touchdowns on the season against the Light Blue in what would eventually turn out to be the game-winning play, putting Fordham up 16-9 with five minutes left on the clock.

This year, Whiting should be the big man on the field representing the Rams—and he’s prepared. Part of his plans for the season involve one-upping himself once more. He wants to not only lead the team in rushing once again, but also to pick up more yardage than in either of the last two years.

“Last year I was coming off surgery,” Whiting said. “So when I came back, I was kind of having minor injuries like hamstring pulls ... but this year my lower body is much healthier.”

Even with the injury, Whiting has been a real contribution to Fordham’s offense.

“He has been an outstanding player for us down the stretch last year,” Coach Masella said. “He played as well as any running back around, so Whiting is a big part of our offense and we hope he’ll continue to be a big part of our offense. ... He’s come a long way from four years ago but he’s going to carry a load for us.”

If Whiting is truly recovered and up to the task of a full, healthy season, he has the potential to be an explosive force on the field against the Lions as well as the rest of Fordham’s opponents this season.



COURTESY OF FORDHAM ATHLETICS

FIGHTING WHITING | Fordham senior running back Darryl Whiting scored the game winning touchdown in last year’s Liberty Cup.

Men’s golf opens season with tournament on Long Island

BY JOSH SHENKAR
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The Columbia University men’s golf team will begin their season this weekend at the McLaughlin Tournament at the Bethpage Red golf course in Farmingdale, New York. After a second-place finish last year at the Ivy League Championship, the team will enter the season with high expectations even after the graduation of star player Clark Granum.

“I am more excited to see how we function as a group than how we finish.”

—Rich Mueller, men’s golf coach

However, the team does acquire the talent of highly regarded freshman

Brandon Jowers from Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Jowers has had a tremendous amateur career and was described as “very talented” by men’s golf coach Rich Mueller. Jowers joins a competitive race for the starting lineup that coach Mueller said he won’t be surprised to see change often.

“They are a different team this year, there is a competitive spirit within this year’s team that is different, not better or worse, than last year’s team,” Mueller said.

In the tournament, Columbia will be competing against tournament hosts and Big East power St. John’s as well as fellow Ivy League competitors Princeton and Harvard. Although the tournament opens the season, Mueller emphasized the importance of the team’s cohesiveness rather than the final result. “To me this weekend is about us. I am more excited to see how we function a group than how we finish,” he said.

The McLaughlin Tournament will be held on Friday, September 16th and Saturday, September 17th, and will start at 8 a.m.

Lions host Columbia Invitational, look to get back on track

BY ROBERT WREN GORDON
Spectator Staff Writer

This weekend, the Lions will play their first home games as they host the Binghamton Bearcats, Iowa Hawkeyes, St. Francis Terriers, and St. John’s Red Storm in the 2011 edition of the Columbia Invitational, to be held today and tomorrow at Levien Gymnasium.

The Light Blue (3-3) heads into this tournament on the tail end of back-to-back losses last Saturday, including a close 3-2 loss to Boston College in Saturday’s last game. The team looks to get back on track at home this weekend, starting off with Binghamton today at noon.

Binghamton (6-6) comes into the tournament riding a four-match winning streak. After failing to win a single game during the month of August, the Bearcats were able to turn around and have a near-perfect September. So far, their only loss this month came in a 3-0 shutout against UConn on Sept. 3. Since then, Binghamton has dominated its opponents, dropping only four sets in its last four matches. Last weekend, the Bearcats stole the show at the Rutgers Invitational, defeating the hosts 3-1 in a match that featured four different players registering double-digit kills.

The Hawkeyes (6-3) are also riding high on a streak of victories after impressive play last weekend as they hosted Chicago State, Loyola, and Oakland in the Iowa Invitational. Iowa only dropped two sets last weekend as

it swept its opponents. The Hawkeyes effort last Friday against Chicago State was lead by senior Tiffany Nilges and freshman Erin Leppke, each of whom recorded eight kills in their shutout of Chicago State. Nilges, who was named the tournament MVP, would go on to lead Iowa to victory against Loyola and Oakland on Saturday.

Unlike Binghamton and Iowa, St. Francis (N.Y.) has been pressed for success this season as the Terriers have an overall record of 1-10 on the season and are currently in the midst of a three-game losing streak after being swept at the Providence Tournament last weekend. The Terriers’ only win of the season came against Saint Peter’s on September 6.

St. John’s (7-6) comes into the tournament after going only 1-1 last weekend at the Rose Hill Classic in the Bronx and losing this week to LIU in Brooklyn. Following last Sunday’s loss to Colorado, the Red Storm was able to finish the day with a victory, beating Fordham in Sunday’s second match. Senior co-captains Darlene Ramdin and Brunna Kronbauer led St. John’s effort on Sunday recording 36 and 33 kills respectively.

In order to win this weekend, the Light Blue will once again need offensive threats junior Megan Gaughn and senior Cindy Chen, who lead the team with 66 and 48 kills, respectively, to step up. On the defensive end, the team will rely on sophomore Charlee Dyroff and Chen, who lead the team with 98 and 80 digs, respectively.

THE SLATE



VOLLEYBALL
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Columbia Invitational
Levien Gymnasium
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Take a step back

BY CECILIA REYES

With furrowed brows and a pencil at the ready, I perused the “Iliad” while dining in Ferris Booth. I had ordered and devoured a salad as quickly as I could—it had too much Italian dressing—and exchanged a few comments while standing in line about how awful John Jay elevators are. Sitting outside, I thought of the scarce thirty minutes separating me from my next class and I cursed the hierarchical registration process that had left me the least convenient sections. As I turned the pages of my worn-down book, my thoughts perched atop the mountain of homework growing by my bed, and...

“I don’t know about you, but I waited four years to be here.” Suddenly, the words of a girl sitting nearby penetrated dense descriptions of Maegros’ ancestry and easily tickled my curiosity. I fixated my eyes on my book, unconvincingly pretending to read, and listened.

“There was a fear that it wouldn’t be everything you ever wanted, you know, but when you step outside, eat here and sleep here, it is.”

I wrinkled my nose. Of course, my immediate reaction was to discard these comments as shortsighted and childish—a longing for a college ideal that doesn’t exist and lulls the insecure into believing there is only one experience worth having. Orientation nights come to mind, as they were often reduced to a misguided search for the place to be, quickly followed by incipient understanding that there was none. After the disappointments reality had accorded me already, I found it much too easy to reject this girl’s proclaimed self-fulfillment. Columbia could not possibly be “everything,” and anyone who thought otherwise could only be lacking maturity and introspection.

Yet, there was something undeniably admirable about this stranger’s words: They were genuine. Behind my wall of self-assurance, it was time I accepted that when it comes to finding a niche in this dynamic place, one extreme is no better than the other. Approaching college life with rosy-colored plans or apathetic retreats is equally pointless: One of them moves in circles and the other does not move at all. In this case, I will be the first to admit, I was doing the retreating, resigning myself dramatically to the burden of realism.

Then again, let’s just be honest. It’s absurd to act like jaded experts when the class of 2015 has been inside this oasis of stunning buildings and whispered history for only three weeks. Amidst odd feelings of transience, we still wake up with a few certainties at hand: We are at Columbia University in the City of New York, and we are not exactly sure why. Naturally then, the appeal behind registering for eight classes, scoffing at calculus homework and whining that Frontiers of Science is pointless—even though we have attended a total of three classes—becomes apparent. In a practice we blindly trust, indulging in complaints about administrative processes—the few in which we have engaged—gives us a shaky common ground. Whether they are honest or not, whines about quotidian life appear to bring us closer to the life of a Columbia student.

But we didn’t come here to be just a Columbia student. The anonymity surrounding the title negates the academic curiosity of the student body and rejects the opportunities this school has in store for us. Amidst the frenzy to find dinner partners and raise our hand in class first, we are forgetting a certainty more useful than the last. We arrived here as individuals—with the help of many along the way—and the ultimate goal is to exit as (will I dare?) better-rounded ones.

So next time you feel the allure of claiming Columbia has turned out to be tragically subpar, take a step back and rediscover where you are. After all, even John Jay elevators eventually arrive on time.

The author is a Columbia College first-year.



CECILIA REYES

Living the lesson

BY DAVID SABLE

I arranged for BIOT 4180 to take their final exam on a survey site on the web. Half the class sat in front of me in Hamilton Hall; the rest took the exam wherever they wanted—dorm room, Starbucks, London. I activated the page at 4:00 and planned to close it two hours later. Not too pressured but not too easy. Every student had my email address and cell phone number if a technical problem arose.

I watched as the site tabulated the responses. The exam grew harder as it progressed but the percentage of correct answers stayed well above 90. As they had through the entire semester, my students exceeded my expectations.

The delivery log from my first night as an attending obstetrician lists two vaginal deliveries and a cesarean for a footling breech early in the evening, followed by my outcome code: HMHB—healthy mother and healthy baby. My role was to supervise the residents and the midwives. I remember thinking about the on-call room and sleep.

“Doctor Sable—in here. A shoulder.” Sleep would have to wait.

The room was old-fashioned, not one of those “birthing rooms” with flowered curtains and a foldout sofa. No, this was a real operating room. Thankfully. The shoulder was a young woman, first baby, pushing and breathing. The baby’s head was out.

And the baby was stuck.

At 4:45 the survey site instant messaged that it would terminate the exam in five minutes. A countdown clock appeared. I linked to technical support and typed “survey termination.” Technical support recommended I upgrade to “Pro” level for longer duration surveys in the future.

My phone rang. A little red circle appeared at the upper right hand corner of my computer mailbox: 2 messages. The countdown clock showed reached four minutes. The red circle showed 12 messages.

BIOT 4180 had 65 students.

Every oral board exam in ob/gyn includes a shoulder dystocia case, and every obstetrician can recite the steps: extend the episiotomy, press on the abdomen above the

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pubic bone, have the mother flex her hips and pull back on her legs, pass a hand along the baby’s back and press the front shoulder to an oblique angle, rotate the posterior arm in front of the baby’s chest and out.

Break the baby’s collarbone.

I muted the phone, googled “screen capture mac,” and email-blasted “Plan B coming.” I text-searched my hard drive for the words “final exam.”

A gown found my arms. Gloves found my hands. The apprentice midwife stepped aside and nodded. The baby was blue. I figured I had ninety seconds.

I extended. I pressed: nothing.

Seventy-five seconds.

She flexed. She pulled: nothing.

Sixty seconds.

I felt the back and rotated the shoulder, gently bringing the upper arm along to avoid fracturing it, just like the textbooks say.

Nothing.

Thirty seconds.

The countdown clock read “0:25” by the time I had compared the draft copy of the final with what I had put on the survey site, updated it, cut, pasted, formatted it into an email (“Plan B as promised”) and hit “send.”

I unmuted the phone.

I had never broken a collarbone, had never seen a doctor break a collarbone. I was one maneuver away from learning the hard way.

I felt for the posterior arm and gently passed it in front of the baby’s chest. The arm popped out. The back shoulder slid forward. The front shoulder slid under the pubic arch and the body landed in my hands. Blue face turned pink and the baby cried.

HMHB. Healthy mother. Healthy baby.

Sixty-five completed exam emails arrived, all completed within a time-adjusted two hours. My students, as usual, exceeded my expectations. I could only hope that I had met theirs.

The author is a retired obstetrician-gynecologist. He teaches “Entrepreneurship in Biotechnology” in the Biological Sciences department.

Gone with the wind

After it was announced on Sept. 2 that James Valentini would become the newest Dean of Columbia College, I remember feeling a mix of emotions. First off, I was proud, considering I was privileged to have Dean Valentini as a first year student in general chemistry, and I am confident the college will be in excellent hands under his caring direction. At the same time, I remember feeling restive, for in Dean Valentini’s first email to students, he stated that among students “is the desire for transparency in decision-making, and communication of information about the decision process.” After reading this, I wondered where the transparency was, since the University has been painstakingly silent about the Dean Moody-Adams fiasco.

Dean Moody-Adams’s resignation in many ways is reminiscent of Dean Austin Quigley’s temporary firing in 1997. According to a New York Times article, Dean Quigley was fired after he dissented with the University over the direction of the College. Quigley was quickly reinstated, though, after outcry from the student body. Later, in 2008, Dean Quigley sent an email of resignation saying: “deciding when to move on from a position of responsibility is always a challenge,” and he gave no specifics except that he would continue to teach. But recent events make me think that maybe Quigley’s ultimate departure was not as self-motivated as I first thought. Is it possible Quigley left to avoid having to compromise his duties as Dean? In her email to alumni, Moody-Adams mentioned that new structural changes would “compromise the College’s academic quality and financial health.” I feel that changes large enough to force out a two-year dean merit discussion of the college’s future academic life.

Although many may say it is premature, and even unfair, to speculate on Moody’s sudden departure, I say why not? Columbia is a place of intellectual discourse. Even Professor Valentini should agree, for he says in his email to students that “the best way to have good ideas is to have many ideas.” So, let us then entertain a few speculations.

The first has to deal with President Bollinger’s email on why Moody-Adams had to leave immediately. President Bollinger said he found it in the best interest of the College for Moody-Adams to resign immediately so “that an interim dean could be appointed and in place by the beginning of the academic year.” Would it not make more sense to let Moody-Adams finish her year as dean, while simultaneously searching for a new one? This could both avoid scandal and give the University enough time to adjust to a transition. My speculation is that Moody-Adams could have finished the academic year as Dean, but after her acerbic email to alumni became public, the University found it in its best interest to remove Moody-Adams without hesitation. There would

have been too much conflict—or worse, student support—if she stayed and her specific objections became known. By disposing of Dean Moody-Adams prior to 2012, the University avoided uncomfortable conflicts.

Another very interesting idea resurfaced as I read a New York Times article linking the June resignation of Provost Claude Steele with that of Dean Moody-Adams. The departures may be unrelated, but it is very interesting that the resignation announcements were fewer than three months apart. Is it possible the two resigned for similar reasons? A third speculation was brought up by Sarah Darville in her Spectator news article (“Consultants’ budget, structure recommendations at core of Moody-Adams’ resignation,” Aug. 23, 2011). Darville writes that clashes between Dean Moody-Adams and the University sprang up over a report by McKinsey & Company. The report, according to sources, hoped to align the College more closely with the School of Arts and Sciences and to “cut costs in certain areas by placing more decision-making power within the larger Arts and Sciences umbrella.” Cutting costs of the college would aid the University in its expansionist plans for Harlem and would require ever more donations from alumni. Could this have been the tipping point for Moody-Adams’ resignation? This theory is an interesting one and we will have to wait for the McKinsey report to see if Moody-Adams’s concerns warrant scrutiny.

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Unfortunately for Moody-Adams and the student body as a whole, resistance over the Dean’s tenure will not be as strong as it was for Dean Quigley. This is the because Moody-Adams was here for only two years, and her departure took place long before the upperclassmen arrived back to protest. In order to make our voices heard, the students of the College will need to rally for the principles our former dean conveyed in her email of resignation. We need to let the University know that the dean may be gone with the wind, but that the student body did not sit idly by and watch her blow away.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

A little advice

Each year around this time, as seniors panic that they won’t graduate and wide-eyed first-years flounder in an ocean of class choices, we realize the inadequacy of one office that could actually play a helpful role in our lives: advising.

Take a look at the vision as posted on the Center for Student Advising website. It reads, “We will be a trusted and indispensable source of knowledge and support for all students and a widely emulated model of advising excellence across the nation and around the globe.” Columbia advising may sound warm and invaluable from this description, but for the average Columbian, it lands wide of the mark. Advisors are meant to inform students of their options and provide experience and knowledge in answer to the questions that students bring. Yet all too often advisors understand little more than the student does about a department, and they end up searching Google for answers—something we know well how to do—while their advisees wait in front of their desks.

Many advisors are not available when students need them, which sometimes forces students to wait a month before a

session, and others aren’t responsive to emails. Moreover, some students are forced to change advisors at an alarming rate, causing some undergraduates to have a handful of different counselors in only a four-year span. These scenarios make it virtually impossible for a student to build a relationship with his advisor. How is this the kind of support that the Center for Student Advising promises to give?

Across the board, Columbia students are paying too much money to receive the kind of counsel that they currently do. And while Columbia depicts itself as a small enough school to allow students to interact with professors and not be lost amid the crowd, the reality is that students are left to fend for themselves when it comes to selecting their schedules and thinking about the trajectory of their education.

There are of course exceptions, and students at Columbia who have had a positive experience with advising. Some advisors have proven to be accommodating and helpful—sources of knowledge for their students. And we are grateful for them. For the advisors who aren’t ideal, much of the problem is outside of their control as they have busy schedules and dozens of students to assist, meaning it’s the administration that must bear the burden of improving the Center for Student Advising.

One school at Columbia that benefits from its small student population and an all-around better advising system is Barnard College. Barnard students are required to see their advisors four times a year, and in general they receive guidance from professors who are actually knowledgeable about their departments. This accountability keeps students on track to complete their required courses, as well as provides an extra layer of care to keep students from feeling lost and neglected. Columbia would do well to learn from the liberal arts school across the street, adjusting its system to ensure that its advisors are also accessible and informative.

As a result of the lack of advising that they receive, undergraduates have learned to survive college on their own or seek help from professors or peers. And maybe it isn’t a horrible thing for students to have to navigate college on their own. After all, as adults we won’t have anyone to hold our hand and guide us in our every decision. But why have a costly program if it’s rarely doing any good? If Columbia decided to abolish the program tomorrow it’s unlikely it would have an impact on the lives of most students. It is high time for Columbia to realize that it should either make a real difference in the advising of its students, or stop giving out empty promises and end the program altogether.

Finally at home, Columbia hopes to start scoring

BY MOLLY TOW
Spectator Staff Writer

A return home often presents a struggling team with a good opportunity to change the momentum in a positive direction. For the Columbia women's soccer team, who is yet to score a goal this season, its first games of the season as host could be the fresh start it needs to get back on track. For their home opener, the Lions (0-4) will host Iona (1-4-2) on Friday and Long Island University (LIU) (2-4) on Sunday.

Last weekend did not yield optimal results for Columbia. Despite its persistence and creation of opportunities, the Light Blue dropped both of its golden coast games—it lost by a score of 0-1 to both San Diego State and Cal State Fullerton. Over the two games, the Lions recorded 15 shots, 10 corner kicks, and 20 saves. Columbia may have been outmatched in its past two games, but the score didn't show it thanks to senior goalkeeper and co-captain Lillian Klein's solid denial of opponents. Klein was recently recognized for her success, as she was named to the Ivy League Honor Roll on Monday.

Head coach Kevin McCarthy has a positive feeling about the upcoming games, as the Light Blue already looks much improved from the beginning of the season.

"I'm encouraged by a number of things," McCarthy said. "One, the quality of our training session last night, it was excellent. There was a high level of intensity and focus and a level of unity and connectedness in terms of our defending and runs both with the ball and without the ball. Also the spirit of the team - it seems strong. I am eager to take it day by day, but also to keep moving forward."

Columbia will open the weekend against Iona, who the Lions have defeated six out of their last seven matchups. The Gaels' last game ended in a 0-0 draw against Seton Hall, as both teams were held scoreless for the full 110



FILE PHOTO
ON A ROLL | Senior goalkeeper and co-captain Lillian Klein was named to the Ivy League Honor Roll this week.

minutes. The teams were very evenly matched. Each recorded 20 shots for the day, 11 of which were on frame. Although the Lions have been victorious in most earlier meetings against the Gaels, McCarthy expects them to have new life this year.

"Iona has a new coach and there's level of energy in that team that I haven't seen in years past," he said. "They've played a pretty good schedule and have competed pretty well in each game."

Long Island, like the Lions, conceded a goal in the final minutes of its last game, as it suffered a 0-1 loss to Hartford this past Sunday. Also similar to Columbia, the Blackbirds had a good opportunity to score the game-winner, but turned the ball over and put Hartford in perfect position to go on the offensive. LIU had two chances to score after the goal, but the seconds ticked down too quickly for the Blackbirds to level the contest. The defeat ended an 11-game winning streak that Long Island held at its home field, so team morale may be low. However, Columbia and LIU have a history of physical, hard-fought matches—last season's game yielded 47 fouls and five yellow cards.

"LIU is an excellent team, very well coached, and is always one of the hardest teams to play," McCarthy said. "They already beat Harvard this year."

2011 has yielded tough outcomes for the Lions thus far, but it has prepared them for an even tougher road ahead.

"We have been faced with a lot of difficult and stressful playing situations and we'll persevere," McCarthy continued. "That was the intention in scheduling two Top-25 teams, a Big East and a Big West team on the road, and knowing that we're going to find out a lot and benefit moving forward."

Light Blue fans will be hoping that McCarthy's insight will hold true in the coming days. Kick-off against Iona is set for 7 p.m. on Friday, September 16. Sunday's game against Long Island will commence at 1 p.m.

Taking down Fordham will be no easy task for CU

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something physical to play for, others—including senior defensive back Ross Morand—insist that it is important because they must begin the season strong, and not because there is a trophy involved.

"It's something we get excited about," Morand said. "But when all is said and done, this is our season opener and that says enough about how important this game is to us."

Morand joins Brackett as one of the team's four co-captains—senior offensive lineman Bob Hauschildt and fifth year senior Mike Stephens are the other two.

The Rams began the season with a crushing 35-3 defeat at the hands of the Connecticut Huskies, but players and coaches know not to take too much from that game, as the Huskies are the defending Big East champions, one of the toughest football conferences in the country.

"They showed a lot of heart out there against a very, very good UConn team, so we're definitely not taking these guys lightly," Hauschildt said.

Last season, the Light Blue opened the season up against the Rams at home in a sloppy contest in which they gave up

thirteen straight points en route to a 16-9 loss.

One of the keys to this game will be the defense's ability to handle the speed screens, which will come in tandem with a big, brutish back in senior Darryl Whiting. Head coach Norries Wilson believes that if they put the pressure on him early, they may be able to hurt his confidence.

"We've got to make it so he doesn't want to carry the ball," Wilson said. "Get him to run east and west instead of north and south, so he's not using his power to his advantage, we've got to get him strung out."

The Lions will also be dealing with a talented young quarterback, of whom there is very little film. Freshman Peter Maetzold will be playing in only his second game at Fordham, but Wilson says he and the team have watched the UConn game, and they're not taking him lightly.

Wilson summed up a number of additional aspects of Fordham's play that figure to be key factors on Saturday.

"They're big across the board on both sides of the line, they can change field position with their punter, they do a really good job covering kicks," Wilson said. "We're going to have to be able to block their front, we've got to be

able to protect the passer. We've got to be able to stop their speed pass game; the guy gets the ball out of his hand pretty fast."

Both the offensive and defensive lines of Columbia will have their hands full in trying to impose their will throughout the game, but an offensive line anchored by Hauschildt and senior Jeff Adams should ensure that Brackett has ample time to look for open receivers.

Adams and Hauschildt will be looking to aid the Light Blue running attack. Establishing the run early will be essential if they hope to unleash Brackett's full arsenal.

"We always come into every game looking to run the ball," Adams said. "That's the number one priority because run sets up everything else. Play action, drop-back passes, whatever you want to do, run sets up everything, so that's the goal of every game — to run the ball really well."

Junior Nick Gerst figures to be the everyday running back as the season goes on, but coach Wilson is being conservative with him because he recently tweaked his leg in practice. With Gerst not at full strength, the duties will be split between sophomore Marcorous Garrett and senior David Chao.

One of the biggest issues last

season was playing consistently through four quarters. Wilson has been trying to help the players with this, but when it comes down to it, it's up to them.

"At some point, they've got to go out there and get it done," Wilson said. "There has to be a level of responsibility on their part. We've got to put players out there that we know can finish and in the game—we've got to keep urging them and tell them they've got to finish this football game."

The players are aware of this, and are putting it upon themselves to go out there and win.

"They are a team that doesn't make too many mistakes," Morand said. "That means that mentally, we have to be perfectly sound. We know the potential that we have. Like I said before, this is about us. Every week, it's going to be about us and the attitude that we bring to the field."

If the team can stay mentally tough throughout the game, there is a good chance they will return to Morningside Heights with the Liberty Cup.

Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. tomorrow, Sept. 17 at Fordham's Jack Coffey Field in the Bronx. Two fan busses will be departing from the 116th gates at 10:30 and noon, respectively.

In overtime, Lions victims of controversial decision

BY MRINAL MOHANKA
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

The old adage "all good things come to an end" rang true last night for the Light Blue (3-2-1) as the Columbia men's soccer team suffered their first overtime defeat since 2009. Fordham (3-2) scored a highly controversial golden goal seconds before the end of the first additional period to end the Lions' perfect record at Columbia Soccer Stadium for 2011.

With only six seconds remaining in the first period of overtime, fans were witness to bizarre circumstances. John McHugh whipped in a Fordham corner which Columbia goalkeeper Alex Aurricchio gathered. However, as Aurricchio was landing after his aerial motion to make the catch, he brought the ball in towards his body. The linesman on the far side started to flag, and a discussion with the referee led to the award of the match-winning goal for Fordham, as Aurricchio was deemed to have entered the goal with the ball. The rules state that the whole of the ball must be across the entirety of the line, and the Lions were furious, but their protests fell on deaf ears. McHugh was credited with the winner.

"It's obviously a tough way to lose," Lions senior captain Mike Mazzullo said. "The lesson for us, as they say, is that the first five and last five minutes in sports are the most important. That's where we need to improve. Our first and second half performance was good, and we need to convert that into 110 minutes."

The subway series was, as is normal, a fiery encounter between the Rams and the Lions, with the visitors having the better of the opening exchanges. However, the Lions defense of Ronnie Shaban, Brendan O'Hearn, Jesse Vella, and Quentin Grigsby stood firm to keep the match goalless. (Shaban is a sports columnist for Spectator.) It was around the 20 minute mark before the Lions



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OVER THE EDGE | Goalkeeper Alex Aurricchio was controversially ruled to have crossed the line.

threatened, and they almost took the lead in the 23rd minute through Mazzullo. The midfielder, who went to high school in the Rams' part of New York at Fordham Prep, drilled a shot from outside the box onto the right-hand post. The rebound fell to sophomore attacker Henning Sauerbier, but he was unable to beat Ryan Meara in the Fordham goal.

Meara, an All-American contender, was called into action again in the 41st minute when sophomore midfielder David Najem managed to turn inside the box and get a shot away despite being surrounded by a crowd of players. A tremendous save by the Fordham goalkeeper sent the teams in level at the break, though the Lions led the shot count 4-2.

The second half was more of the Lions' offense, but both

sides remained unable to score. Sauerbier and junior forward Will Stamatis, who has scored the game winner in both previous contests at Baker Field this season, both had chances but were unable to convert. The Light Blue almost took the lead at the death, but junior defender O'Hearn saw his header flash wide with under three minutes of regulation time left. Chances were far and few in overtime, and the Lions ended the contest with an 8-5 lead in shots, but the controversial goal condemned them to defeat.

Columbia will be back in action on Sunday when it travels to Delaware to take on the University of Delaware Blue Hens (3-0-1), who are yet to taste defeat this season. The Blue Hens go into the clash having triumphed 5-3 at Navy, prior to which they recorded wins against Canisius

and Massachusetts either side of a 3-3 draw against Seton Hall. The Lions have happy memories of the encounter against Delaware last year, as they blanked the Blue Hens 3-0—the Light Blue's biggest win since 2004. Stamatis and Sauerbier were both on the scoresheet that day, and the Lions' third goal came from Nick Ayers, who has since transferred.

Mazzullo highlighted the Light Blue's plans till gameday rolls around.

"We need to build on our second half against Fordham," Mazzullo said. "We're going to look at the tape and see what we did right and what we did wrong and take it from there. A loss is a loss and we just have to put it behind us and prepare for the next game."

Kick-off against the Blue Hens is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 18th at 3:30 p.m.

Playing Division I-A football opponents does not fit Ivy League's profile

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guys got shellacked.

Not one of these FCS schools scored a touchdown. Between the six games, they scored a grand total of 12 points, while their FBS brethren lit up the scoreboard for a staggering 172 points.

Charleston Southern, another FCS entry who went up against a big-time FBS powerhouse, did its division proud by putting up double digits against Florida State. Unfortunately for the Buccaneers, the Seminoles still came away with a 62-10 win.

The point here is not to bash FCS schools. I picked my games selectively—FCS teams like Maine nearly beat Big East power Pittsburgh in a 35-29 nail biter. Some FCS schools have had success playing against

the big boys, the best example being Appalachian State's 34-32 shocker in 2007 in the Big House against Michigan, one of the true blue bloods of the college gridiron.

In fact, since 1978 a Division I-AA or FCS team has come out the victor 338 times in inter-divisional matchups. The problem is FBS teams have taken home the 'W' 1,740 times, or nearly 82 per cent of the time. It's obvious these games are mismatches, and they're meant to be.

Oftentimes the William & Marys and the Charleston Southern of the world literally get paid by FBS schools for paying them an early-season visit. These early games act as tune-ups for SEC and Big Ten schools preparing for conference matchups later in the year, and serve as one more

home game to bring in revenue from tickets, merchandise, parking, and everything else (a quick aside: as a UVA football fan, I have dreaded these FCS-FBS matchups ever since William & Mary handed the 'Hoos an opening season loss at their own place two years ago).

And so while there are exceptions to the rule, the key here is that these games are not intended to be competitive matchups. No one in the LSU locker room was circling the Northwestern St. game on the calendar, and for good reason—the Bayou Bengals won 49-3.

A brief skim through Columbia's past schedule shows the Lions have avoided these types of contests for years, if not decades. Other Ivy League schools seems to be on the same page—if memory serves, no Ancient Eight institution

has faced a FBS squad in at least 10 years.

While the athletics department confirmed there is no official Ivy League rule prohibiting these kinds of games, it seems common sense has reigned supreme.

I have no doubt many of our football players would disagree. They want to play the best, and for good reason. They're competitive. As a men's soccer player who relishes going to play Big East and ACC schools, I'm being a little bit of a hypocrite here. But there's an important difference. While fully funded Division I men's soccer teams get 9.9 scholarships to spread over a roster of 25-plus guys, FBS football teams receive 85 full scholarships. FCS schools have 63 scholarships to offer recruits. As part of one of its

founding rules, the Ivy League does not allow teams any scholarships—in any sport—to lure talented high schoolers.

That's 85 scholarships that UConn has that Columbia doesn't. The playing field is just much more uneven when it comes to football. Add in television contracts for FBS football teams—members of the newly expanded Pac-12 have been reported to receive \$24 million annually from the conference's TV deal—making things even more lopsided.

Far from being a bad thing, though, this is just one more reason Columbia, Penn, and Princeton are wise to stay away from Notre Dame, Penn State, and Ohio State. It may be fun to play against the big names, but if our athletic teams are representing the world-class institution that Columbia is,

why subject ourselves to those kinds of odds?

Go on YouTube and look up Oregon's football locker room. It's palatial. It's futuristic. And it has very little to do with the idea of a well-rounded student-athlete that collegiate sports were founded on. The Ivy League has fought hard to hold onto that balance between competitive athletics and vigorous academics, and as my colleague Benjamin Spener wrote earlier this week, largely succeeded in doing so. Ivy League schools have refused to be consumed by their football programs the way places like Texas and Oklahoma are.

That doesn't mean our boys can't play—if you don't believe me, check out Sean Brackett and Co. this Saturday. I'm just happy they're playing a fellow FCS competitor.

PIXBOX

week #1

- 1: Columbia at Fordham (-3.5)
- 2: Georgetown at Yale (-14.5)
- 3: Harvard at Holy Cross (pk)
- 4: Lafayette at Penn (-21.5)
- 5: Lehigh at Princeton (+21.5)
- 6: Oklahoma at Florida State (+3.5)
- 7: San Diego Chargers at New England Patriots (-7.5)
- 8: Chelsea at Manchester United (-0.5)



Zach Glubiak (0-0)

Roar Lion
New Haven
Sports Guy
Roar Leopard
Meow Tiger
Sooners
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SIR ALEX

The Bolts, UVA football, and my pixbox: all undefeated.

Yes I do have an entire sports forecasting company at my disposal.

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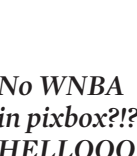
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John Nash
Boomer
Billy Volek
Chelsea Lately

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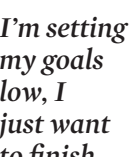
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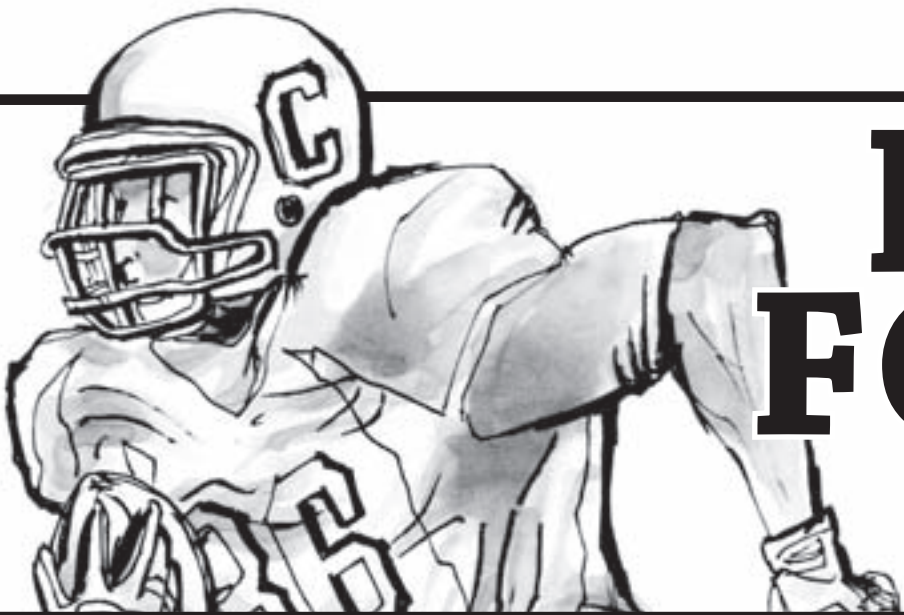
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Superchargers
Man U



Ryan Young (0-0)



FRIDAY FOURTH DOWN

KEYS TO THE GAME

1

Supporting Brackett

Brackett proved himself to be a weapon both with his arms and legs last season, but after losing his favorite target, Andrew Kennedy, the passing game may become more challenging, and the Lions need to find a go-to running back to take some of the burden off of Brackett.

2

Stop the run

Running the ball leads to success in the Ivy League, and the Lions struggled last season when they were not able to control the clock. It will be especially tough to stop the Rams' potent running back, Darryl Whiting, who Fordham will probably heavily rely on to take pressure of its rookie quarterback.

3

Open up strong

Playing the full 60 minutes was a problem last year, as Columbia often faced big early deficits. With both teams amped up for this Liberty Cup, the Lions must make sure they match Fordham's intensity in the first quarter so Columbia can play its style of football for the duration of the game.

2010 BY THE NUMBERS

POINTS PER GAME

COLUMBIA	22.2
FORDHAM	21.3

YARDS GAINED PER GAME

COLUMBIA	361.2
FORDHAM	383.5

OPPONENTS POINTS PER GAME

COLUMBIA	22.8
FORDHAM	24.5

YARDS ALLOWED PER GAME

COLUMBIA	357.9
FORDHAM	368.6

KEY MATCHUPS

Sean Brackett

Peter Maetzold

Brackett displayed his potential last year, when he was named to the All-Ivy first team. Once again the Lions' offense will revolve around his efficient passing and rushing attack. The freshman Maetzold is making just his second collegiate start and he will look to improve after a presentable performance against powerhouse UConn.



Jeff Adams

Jonathan Sheridan

In addition to taking on leadership roles, both of these seniors will anchor their respective offensive lines in 2011. Adams is concerned with trying to prevent Brackett from taking big hits and helping him and his running backs find room to run free. Sheridan will try and protect the Rams' vulnerable rookie quarterback.



STARTING LINEUPS

COLUMBIA									
		MARCORUS GARRETT #23/RB							
		NICO PAPAS #41/FB							
		HAMILTON GARNER #88/TE							
		SEAN BRACKETT #10/QB							
		JEFF ADAMS #76/LT		ALEC KOSMINSKAS #60/LG		JIMMY YUKEVICH #70/RG		SCOTT WARD #68/RT	
		KURT WILLIAMS #08/WR		BOB HAUSCHILD #63/C		MIKE STEPHENS #01/WR			
		BRIAN DEVEAU #02/CB		CHRIS GROTH #61/DT		WELLS CHILDRESS #79/NT		BEN POPECK #94/DE	
		RYAN MURPHY #04/LB		ZACH OLINGER #55/LB		NICK MISTRETA #57/LB		JOSH MARTIN #95/LB	
		A.J. MADDOX #05/FS		NEIL SCHUSTER #38/SS					

FORDHAM									
		DARRYL WHITING #05/RB							
		CARLTON KOONCE #30/RB							
		DAN LIGHT #84/TE							
		PETER MAETZOLD #06/QB							
		THOMAS FISHER #75/LT		CONNOR HARTIGAN #52/LG		STEVEN TAPIA #78/RG		ROBERT KUBACKI #68/RT	
		AARON MAYS #81/WR		JONATHAN SHERIDAN #69/C		BLAKE WAYNE #16/WR			
		IAN WILLIAMS #32/CB		JOHN LASURE #74/NG		PATRICK MCGEE #93/T		KHARY POWELL #11/CB	
		ANDY OKNOKWO #96/DE							
		NICK WOMACK #47/OLB		MIKE MARTIN #55/LB		JAKE RODRIQUES #45/LB		ANDRE DELAIRE #09/OLB	
		KEVIN CARTER #42/SS		BRENDAN MELANOPHY #27/FS					

BROWN VS. STONY BROOK

Brown opens up its season against Stony Brook. The Bears led the Ivy League in passing offense at 244.3 ypg and passing defense, limiting opponents to just 180.0 ypg. The Seawolves started the season 0-2 with 31-24 (OT) and 35-7 losses to FBS schools UTEP and Buffalo, respectively. Brown head coach Phil Estes is a career 9-4 in season-opening games. This will be the first time in history that the Bears will open the season with three straight night games.

GEORGETOWN VS. YALE

Georgetown beat Davidson, 40-16, and Lafayette 14-13 to open the season undefeated. However, the Bulldogs have had the upper hand in the past four years against the Hoyas, outscoring them 146-66 in four victories. Georgetown's junior quarterback, Isaiah Kempf, is a very dangerous threat on his feet, and should give the Yale pass rush fits as he scurries by them downfield.

HARVARD VS. HOLY CROSS

Harvard opens up its season on the road against in-state rival Holy Cross, which lost to UMass 24-16 in week one, but defeated Colgate 37-7 last weekend. In their last game, Crusaders senior quarterback Ryan Taggart accounted for 237 yards of total offense and three touchdowns to lead Holy Cross to the victory. In its 137-year history, Harvard is an impressive 112-23-2 in season openers, but they will be very evenly matched against the Crusaders.

COLGATE VS. DARTMOUTH

The Big Green open up play at home against Colgate, which won 37-34 in overtime against Albany two weeks ago, but was slaughtered 37-7 at the hands of Holy Cross last week. Coming off their first winning season in 13 years, the Big Green certainly look to pick things up where they left off. Holy Cross senior quarterback Ryan Taggart will have his hands full in the pocket with the Big Green defensive line, which boasts an entire slate of experienced seniors rushing the passer.

LAFAYETTE VS. PENN

The defending champion Pennsylvania Quakers begin the season on home turf hosting local rival Lafayette this Saturday. After winning the conference last year the Quakers will be looking to defend their title this year against top contenders Harvard, Yale, and Brown, who all came in second place last year.

LEHIGH VS. PRINCETON

The Princeton Lions, who split the lowest preseason ranking with Cornell in the 2011 Ivy League preseason poll, look to erase all memories of 2010's failed campaign as they open at home against Lehigh this Saturday. Princeton is 3-7 in opening games dating back to 2001. Despite their overall opening record, the Tigers are 7-3 in home openers during the same time frame.

BUCKNELL VS. CORNELL

Cornell coach Kent Austin looks to begin his second year under the helm as the Big Red faces Bucknell in what will be Cornell's Homecoming game this Saturday. After being picked to tie for last in the conference with Princeton, the Big Red are hoping to get back on track this season under the leadership of 2010 Ivy League Rookie of the Year quarterback Jeff Matthews.

GAMEDAY

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No need to challenge football's best

This weekend, those willing to take the trip up to the Bronx will witness the tenth installment of the Liberty Cup between Columbia and Fordham. Before you do, know this: Fordham has already taken the field this season, two weeks ago against reigning Big East champ UConn. Even though you could argue this gives the Rams an advantage in real game experience going into the weekend, I'm here to argue that it's not worth the price they paid—a humiliating 35-3 undressing at the hands of the Huskies—and that the Lions have been wise to avoid these types of games.

A little background. Among many others, Fordham, Northwestern State, William & Mary, UAB, North Carolina Central, and Western Kentucky all faced off in similarly one-sided contests in the past two weeks. Like Columbia, these schools all play in the Football Championship Series, formerly Division I-AA. Their opponents were all Football Bowl Series participants, formerly Division I-A (think USC, Notre Dame, and Alabama). The result: the big boys went to town, and the little



ZACH GLUBIAK

Boom goes the Dynamite



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FILE PHOTO

LEADING THE WAY | Senior offensive lineman Jeff Adams, #76, will try to free up space to run for the Lions' offense against Fordham in tomorrow's Liberty Cup.

Football season opens with tenth annual Liberty Cup

BY JEREMIAH SHARF
Spectator Staff Writer

After a roller coaster season that left the Light Blue wanting much more, the team is set to begin a new season this Saturday at Fordham (0-1) with the 10th annual Liberty Cup. 2011 saw a number

of key players depart—namely linebacker Alex Gross and tight end Andrew Kennedy—but the Lions have players lined up, anxious of their opportunity to contribute to what could be a promising season for the Lions. With all the excitement of the offseason, the players are anxious to get on the field.

“I know these guys are excited to start hitting someone other than their own colored jerseys for the first time in how many months,” junior quarterback Sean Brackett said.

Brackett, one of four co-captains, must play a key role this season if the Lions hope to see any sort of success.

This week's game against Fordham holds extra significance considering its origins and the fact that it comes shortly after the 10th anniversary of 9/11. While some players admit that they look forward to this game because there is

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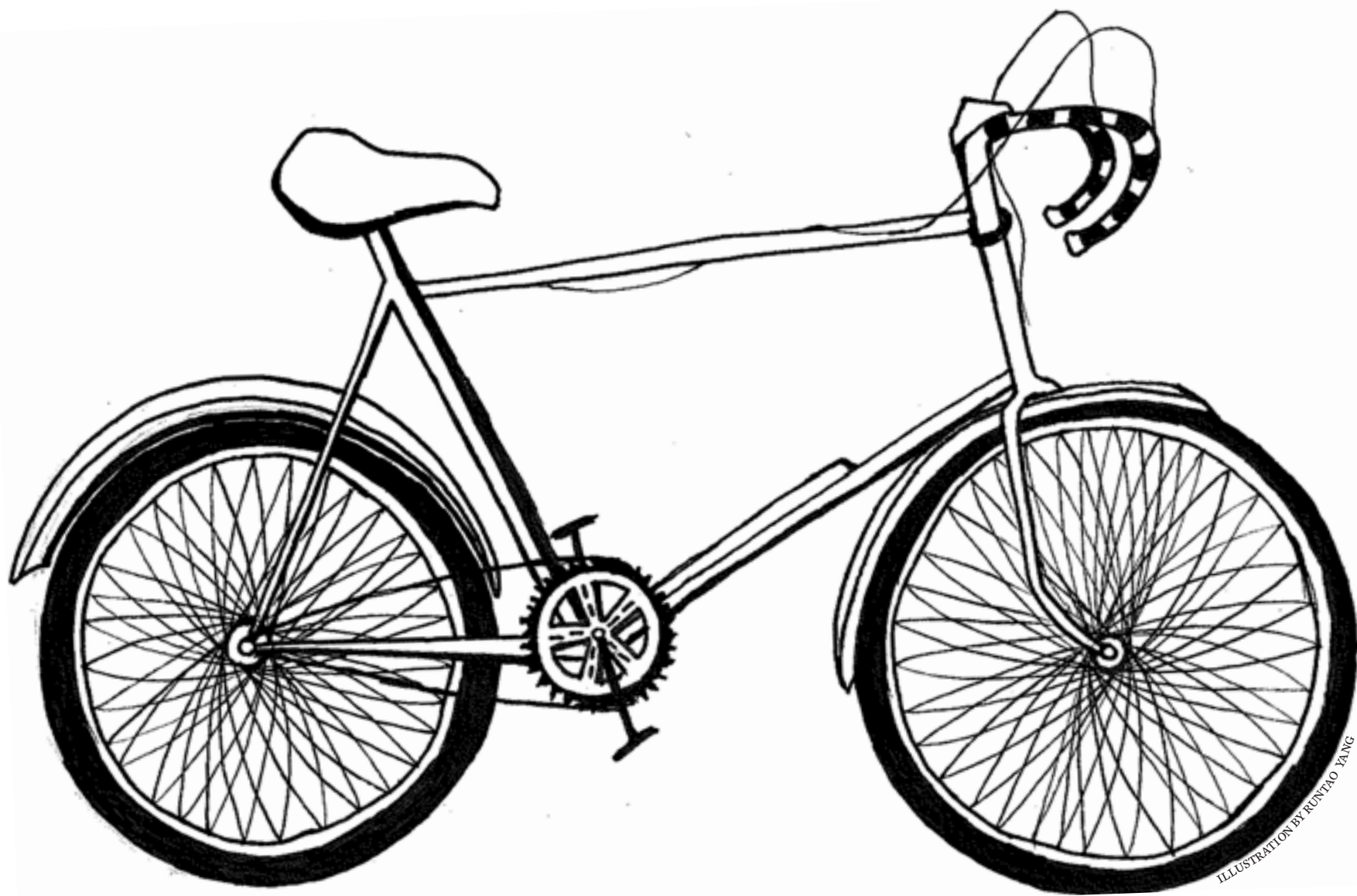


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Taking on New York on two wheels

CENTRAL PARK BIKE TOUR

Who: Despite its name, Central Park Bike Tours organizes tours throughout New York City, including in Central Park, Brooklyn, and Harlem. Located near Central Park South, Central Park Bike Tours provides a bus-style guided experience—albeit with fewer fumes and more pedaling.

What: Along with their specific location tours, the company offers private and specialized tours—like the Photo tour, where guides take pictures of patrons at famous landmarks.

How Much: Prices vary between \$49 and \$75 for most tours while the Photo tour is \$375 per couple. Rentals without tours start at \$14 per bike per hour or \$40 for an all-day bike rental. All cycling options include bicycle, helmet, and lock in the price.

BIKE THE BIG APPLE

Who: Bike the Big Apple is a private tour company that specializes in unique rides, highlighting aspects of the city that can be best enjoyed by cyclists. The company's goal is to immerse attendees in the fabric of New York rather than just show them the most famous landmarks.

What: Standard tours range from quint-essential New York—The Brooklyn Bridge and Skyline at Twilight Tour—to local hot-spots, like the tour Secret Streets: From High Finance to Hidden Chinatown. Bike the Big Apple also offers seasonal special event tours. Upcoming special event tours include the Haunted Halloween Tour.

How Much: All tours are priced between \$80 and \$95 and include a bike and helmet. \$10 discounts are given to those who provide their own rides.

BIKE NEW YORK

Who: A nonprofit organization that encourages safe bicycling practices, Bike New York sponsors classes and tours for bikers of all ages and skill levels. The organization's TD Bank Five Boro Bike Tour is the largest cycling event in the U.S. Last year's tour consisted of over 30,000 participants who pedaled 42 miles throughout the city.

What: Bike New York presents free weekly educational classes on maintenance, commuting, traffic skills, and Bicycling 101. Locations vary, but some are close to campus at bike shops in Harlem and on the Upper West Side.

How Much: Classes, fitness tours, and sightseeing rides are all free. Bike New York doesn't provide bike rentals. Their preferred rental shop, Bike and Roll, sets prices at \$8 to \$20 per hour or \$25 to \$109 per day, helmet included.

—Maricela Gonzalez

BY ALLISON MALECHA
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

My first was a pink tricycle with sparkly tinsel spewing out the handles—more princess than practical. Following that, I was the scared kid who kept my training wheels on long after my parents said it was OK to take them off. I was not born a hard-core bike rider. But years after getting over my fear of balancing on two wheels, bike riding has become one of my most enjoyable pastimes—and can be for any student. It can also be a viable (and cheap) form of transportation—as proven by any delivery man with plastic, smiley-faced bags slung from his handles—if one with risks.

“New York ought to be one of the world's great cities for bicycles—because of its flatness, because of its density—and you know, it's getting more bike racks, it's not polluted,” professor Kenneth T. Jackson, who teaches the course History of the City of New York, said.

Jackson remains wary about biking amid traffic, which is why he chose to make his class' on-campus infamous ride at night. “I think bicycling is healthy. It's better for the environment. It's got all sorts of advantages for other people and for yourself,” Jackson said, before qualifying, “I still think it's a little dangerous. You know, people open doors on you.” For the midnight bike tour, all of Jackson's riders wear helmets and white T-shirts. Students do heed his safety cues, but needless to say, accidents do happen. “I had a young woman who went over her handlebars ... in Lower Manhattan and landed on her face and had seven stitches on her chin,” Jackson said with a wince—but ultimately, he continued, “You can't let fear ruin your life.”

Louise McCune, CC '13, who's kept a bike since her first year, spoke in a similar strain. “Of course you have to be hyper-vigilant with all the cars around, but even usually when there is not a bike lane, there is plenty of room for you on the street,” she said.

McCune is strictly a practical biker. “I never really bike just to bike,” she said. “It's more of a transportation device. You really save absurd amounts of money by not using the subway.”

Her \$130 bike was a Craigslist find, and she rode to the end of the Q line to get it. “It actually probably was a stolen bike, but I travelled all that way,” McCune said, adding that since she didn't spend too much on it, she doesn't mind having to keep it outside of Ruggles.

And just because McCune doesn't ever “bike to bike” doesn't mean she doesn't enjoy riding. “It's one of the most fun things to do in this city. Your bikeless friends will think you are really bad-ass for riding in New York City, even though it's way less of a challenge than I had assumed,” she said. Rachel Turner, CC '13, who bikes twice a day from campus to Plimpton, said, “It's nice to bike places, because you get to see ... the things between subway stops that you usually miss.”

Nobody knows this better than Jackson, who has led the midnight ride for 37 years. “I started it just as an easy way to see Manhattan,” Jackson said.

“Part of history is feeling the past. ... Studying the history of a senator or something like that, you know, he's dead. With a city you can still experience, because the streets and the buildings ... have ghosts,” Jackson said. He later added, “I've had dozens of students write me over the years that that was the single strongest experience they had in their four years.”

Those looking to take their own bike tour of New York can simplify things à la Jackson by planning their route and looking at landmarks online ahead of time, then appreciating them while biking past without having to stop.

Times Square, along with the Brooklyn Bridge and Brooklyn Heights, is a staple of Jackson's route, but McCune strongly recommends avoiding it and Penn Station during the day. She prefers the greenway near West Side Highway. Though biking is a great way to see the city, a roster of landmarks isn't needed to make a bike route enjoyable.

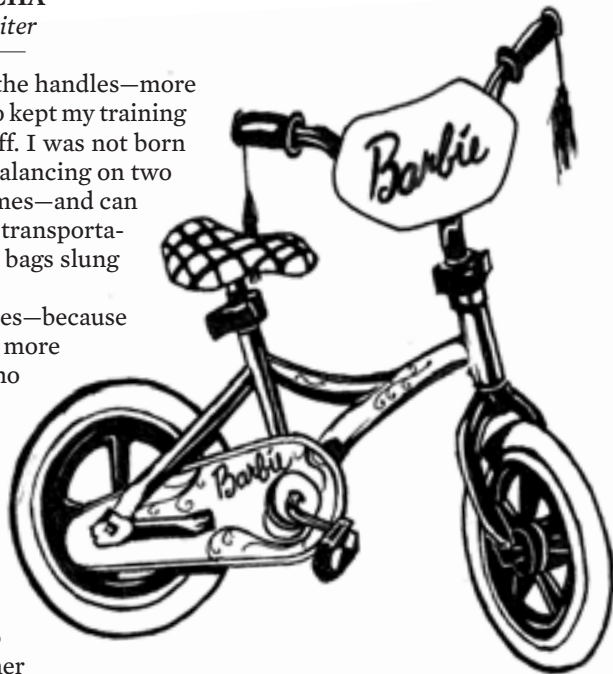
My boyfriend used to call me a nerd for loving to bike—probably partially out of bitterness from the time I missed half of one of his football games because I was wheeling down Riverside's majestic paths instead.

That was until early last June, when said boyfriend and I found ourselves at Columbus Circle with an hour and a half to kill. An array of bike renters spread out before us. “Well nerd, want to rent bikes?” he asked.

So we did, and as he raced ahead (showing me that football muscles apparently come in handy for more than football), I wasn't the only one smiling. Self-made wind whipping your hair back, legs burning on the uphill, effortless speeding on the downhill—you feel like you're doing something, but without having to work at it. You feel refreshed.

As we came around the bend leaving the north side of the park that day, misty rain started to sputter over us out of the grey sky. At first we raced ahead as fast as my little legs could carry me—through the 90s, the 80s. It started to rain harder. Rolling down the slick pavement of a big hill, water spurring in our faces, we just started to laugh. We were already as wet as we were going to get. We knew we might as well enjoy it.

There are speed-bikers who do it for the work out and practical bikers, like McCune and Turner, who do it to save money. And then there are the leisurely bikers, the scenic bikers, who do it to let go and enjoy the city on a nice day. There's no saying you can't be all three. That's the thing about biking—you can do it as you like.



Best of

Upcoming concerts

Everyone plays in New York. This is a good thing for music fans, but it can also be overwhelming—there’s at least one show worth seeing every night of every week. But are they worth the schlep downtown (or further) to attend? Are they worth skipping a meal or two to afford the tickets? For these upcoming shows, the answer is yes. —BY JOE BUCCIERO

Chris Brown with T-Pain

The public may still see reason not to support Chris Brown. Regardless, students should brave the hike to Nassau Coliseum (1255 Hempstead Turnpike, Uniondale) to see Brown’s opener, T-Pain. Though he hasn’t been burning up the charts as much lately, T-Pain might be this generation’s most influential auto-tuner. He has a well-stocked canon of infectious hits sure to fill his opening slot at 7 p.m. on Sept. 30. Kelly Rowland and Tyga will also appear. Tickets range from \$75 to \$750.

tUnE-yArDs

Using loops of her (extremely powerful) voice, Merrill Garbus—a.k.a. tUnE-yArDs—creates music that’s both precise and messy, accessible and weird. Her current backing band includes a bassist and saxophone section, which allows her to flesh out the songs from her recent album “w h o k i l l” perfectly. Garbus is one of the most dynamic performers working today, and her music is some of the year’s most acclaimed. She will be at Le Poisson Rouge (158 Bleecker St., between Thompson Street and LaGuardia Place), Sept. 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20.



Swans

Swans’ current live show runs upwards of two-and-a-half hours. They claim to be the loudest band in the world. Band leader Michael Gira has physically assaulted showgoers on more than one occasion. But even if Swans’ shows aren’t exactly fun, they’re what many reviewers call “religious experiences.” The band is powerful, focused, and expressive in ways most modern, jaded artists never are. Swans is one-of-a-kind, and will be at the Music Hall of Williamsburg (66 N. 6th St., between Kent and Wythe avenues) on Sept. 27 and 28 at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$30.

Neon Marshmallow Music Festival

This festival first touched down in Chicago last year and makes its New York debut this fall. It will showcase some of experimental music’s biggest acts, including Rhys Chatham, Tim Hecker, and Grouper, as well several promising lesser-known acts. People looking to get their groove on should definitely keep their distance, but those looking for forward-thinking music should catch one (or more) of these shows at Brooklyn’s Public Assembly (70 N. 6th St., between Kent and Wythe avenues). Passes are \$60 for all three days or \$25 for one day of the Oct. 14 to 16 festival. Ticket-buyers must be 21+.

Veteran journalist Hunter-Gault shares personal account of breaking barriers

BY LEERON HOORY
Columbia Daily Spectator

Charlayne Hunter-Gault has a life-long career in both reporting the news and making it. On Wednesday, Sept. 14, in Barnard Hall, Hunter-Gault gave a talk titled “From Closed Doors to Open Roads: A Journalist’s Journey” as part of the Athena Center for Leadership Studies’ Power Talks series.

An award-winning veteran in journalism for over 40 years, Hunter-Gault is also one of the pioneers of the Civil Rights Movement. She published a memoir “In My Place,” fashioned around her experience as the first African-American woman to attend the University of Georgia.

“I don’t think I ever regarded being a first as an end in itself, because it was just one more step I was taking for my goal,” Hunter-Gault said. From the early age of 12, she was determined to become a journalist. This determination eventually led Hunter-Gault to positions as Newsweek’s national correspondent, the New York Times’ Harlem bureau chief, and NPR’s chief correspondent in Africa.

Looking back, Hunter-Gault commented that the community in which she grew up gave her the strength to fight in the face of later career challenges. “They didn’t have the power to give us first-class citizenship, but they gave us a first-class sense of ourselves.” The powerful women in her life armored her with courage and confidence that she would use outside her hometown of Due West, South Carolina.

Her current work aims to give African media outlets a voice to tell their story in its entirety. Critical of the way American media continually portrays Africa in a helpless and hopeless light, her goal is to help strengthen the African media so that they can get the training and tools in order to tell the story “like it is.” She is currently a correspondent for NPR, where she seeks to instill the highest ethical standards and professional practices in African journalism.

Speaking intimately with the audience, Hunter-Gault told personal stories of her career



COURTESY OF ATHENA CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP STUDIES

PAPER VET | The Athena Center for Leadership Studies invited Charlayne Hunter-Gault to speak the night of Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Barnard Hall in a discussion titled “From Closed Doors to Open Roads: A Journalist’s Journey.” It was part of The Athena Center’s Power Talks ongoing series.

as a journalist and her international travels. As a global journalist, Hunter-Gault has been witness to numerous tragic and traumatic events. Yet what shines through in her tale is not oppression but rather an extraordinarily optimistic view of the

events of today. After 40 years in the industry, she is still overflowing with passion for her subject.

Hunter-Gault envisions journalism as a means to inform the public, rather than to present opinions. “I do think that even as we might be

passionate about something, we as journalists have an obligation to be fair and balanced,” she said.

“That’s our role, really, to provide the public with what we used to say in Newsweek—with news that can be used.”

Avoiding a potential stalker at The Heights, or any other bar, takes only a few precautions

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arms and yell loudly, “Oh my god! Looks like my friend needs me! Deuces!” If they are not in sight, most likely because they are talking to the athletic gods of their dreams, it’s time for tip #3.

3) When you start talking about your respective interests, and he feigns that the stars are aligned and you like exactly the same things, whatever you do, do not half-heartedly agree to any plans. In your mind, you’re blowing it off. In his, you just accepted the ring.

4) When he asks for your number, do not give it away thinking it’s no big deal. He will find you, and somehow he will find your email address, too. Which is another tip, do not give him your email address—he’s not afraid to use it.

And if you decided to disregard everything said above and find yourself drowning in texts,

missed calls, emails, and even video Facebook posts—

5) Nip. It. Early. I’m serious. Buck up, text him a nice message that claims you are currently in a relationship, apologizes for the misunderstanding, and affirms that you had a good time but considering said relationship status, cannot pursue it any further. A smiley lessens the blow. Or a “lol.” A “lol” makes everything okay.

But remember, be nice. You don’t want Mr. Perseverance to find out your UNI and dorm. Next thing you know, he’ll go all every-breath-you-take-Sting-style on you.

Elle Roche is a Columbia College sophomore who intends to major in English and Comparative Literature. Getting Down Uptown runs alternate Fridays.

David Kehr’s series at BAMcinématek includes films by Hitchcock and Brooks

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Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 6:50 and 9:30 p.m. Kehr hailed it the best film of 1976 for its “remarkable richness and remarkable economy. Not a single detail ... is placed without significance.” “Family Plot” stars Barbara Harris and Bruce Dern as a con-artist couple who, motivated by a \$10,000 reward, go on a search for a missing boy. Though classified as a fairly standard Hitchcockian thriller by most, Kehr dubs it a “light comedy” and says that despite being two hours long “it has the feel of a miniature.”

As enticing as these neglected films may be to auteurs, the highlights of the series are more widely-acclaimed. Art house masters Kenji Mizoguchi and Manoel de Oliveira will each be acknowledged. The former’s family melodrama “Story of Late Chrysanthemums” (1939) will screen this Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 and 9:15 p.m., and the

latter’s experiment “Francisca” (1981) will screen Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m.

For the opening night of the series, Albert Brooks’ “Lost in America” (1985), will show at 6:50 and 9:15 p.m. “On the short list of today’s formally inventive American filmmakers, Albert Brooks belongs right at the top,” Kehr writes. “There really isn’t anyone else in the Hollywood end of the art who’s conducting the same kinds of experiments with visual presentation and narrative structure ... and who’s set for himself the goal of creating a genuinely new kind of comic rhetoric.” The movie, about an ad executive who sets off on a road trip with his wife after losing his job, mixes profundity with comedy, much like the best selections of film criticism.

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COURTESY OF ANNETTE KAHN

DO THE WAVE | Dancers perform a piece choreographed by Ori Flomin for The Barnard Project, which collaborates with NYLA's Dance Theater Workshop.

New York Live Arts takes center stage with start of first season

BY GARNET HENDERSON
Spectator Staff Writer

As this fall brings the start of a new school year for students, it also marks the beginning of a new era for a downtown dance institution.

One of the major news items in the New York dance world last spring was the merger between Chelsea performance venue Dance Theater Workshop and the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company. Together, these two organizations have formed a new entity called New York Live Arts.

To celebrate the merger and kick off its inaugural performance season, NYLA will present the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company in a program entitled “Body Against Body.” Running from Sept. 16 to 25, “Body Against Body” is a collection of various pieces from the 1970s, 80s, and 90s. The program will explore the avant-garde beginnings of choreographer Bill T. Jones and the late Arnie Zane, his longtime partner and collaborator.

There is little precedent for this type of merger between dance organizations, so NYLA's

premiere season will be closely scrutinized. DTW, originally founded in 1965, was much more than just a performance venue. It was an important resource for artists, providing support through commissions, travel subsidies, and low-cost rehearsal space. The organization helped nurture many prominent performance artists—including Whoopi Goldberg.

DTW also collaborated yearly with the Barnard Department of Dance to produce The Barnard Project. This program allows Columbia and Barnard students the opportunity to work with professional choreographers for an entire semester, and present the finished product on a world-class stage. Luckily for dancers on campus, this program will continue, and rehearsals for this year's installation have already begun.

NYLA has stated that the support and development of rising artists will remain a top priority. The new organization is housed in what was DTW's building, a state-of-the-art space in Chelsea including a theater, administrative offices, and rehearsal space. Although NYLA is primarily a

presenting and producing organization, the Bill T. Jones company will continue to tour and perform on its own. NYLA will present performances by many other artists, not just the Bill T. Jones company, and its upcoming offerings look similar to DTW lineups of the past.

Little is known about how exactly NYLA will function, and “Body Against Body” appears to be an attempt to forge a connection between the histories of DTW and the Bill T. Jones company. The program includes several pieces that premiered at DTW, and focuses on experiment works—DTW having been known for its support of the unusual and innovative.

Some of these works have not been seen in New York since their premieres, making “Body Against Body” a rare opportunity. Audience members at NYLA will also be taking part in dance history. Tickets are \$32 in advance, but \$15 the night of Sept. 20. The performances will take place in the Bessie Schonberg Theater at NYLA (219 W. 19th St., between Seventh and Eighth avenues).

The Heights can be fertile territory for more than spilled margaritas

Spotting: The Heights. I'm sure most students are aware of the high-caliber nature of this fine dining locale. It's your go-to. It's your all-in-one binge—think chicken quesadillas and more chicken quesadillas, then think late-night Happy Hour margaritas. And it can be your home away from home.

However, and this is for the of-age Lionesses out there, what some of you may not know is that you may be in danger of acquiring a potential stalker. This can happen just about anywhere you go in New York City, of course. But, from what I've heard (and seen), at The Heights there's an approximate ratio of eight Columbia University students to three general admission customers. How does this pan out? One of two ways: 1) you get there, chat it up, meet the basketball player of your dreams, and start thinking about what you're going to chronicle in your diary and/or blog (including the entries of Mrs. [Fill in the Blank] to try out the last name), or 2) you get there, attempt to meet the basketball player of your dreams, finally buck up the courage to walk over there, are about to reach his table and suddenly a large obstacle in the shape of a 34-year-old Wall Street nerd in a suit with a blond fro and horn-rimmed glasses detains you for the rest of the night. Unfortunately, the odds of avoiding unwanted attention are not 50/50. Instead, they are more along the lines of 10/90. Luckily, I've got some tips as to how to avoid making this Wall Street cock-block your next stalker.



ELLE ROCHE

Getting Down Uptown

Whatever you do, do not halfheartedly agree to any plans. In your mind, you're blowing it off. In his, you just accepted the ring.

1) Keep the margarita count to a solid three. Each time you down another passion-fruit or what have you, you're more inclined to allow Big Bird to keep pawing your leg—a sign that would be interpreted as confirmed interest.
2) Look around frantically for your so-called friends—it's dubious if they actually are your friends, considering that they've allowed you to get to this point—so you can flail your

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Jenny Saville explores flesh and color in new exhibition ‘Continuum’

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overlapping more pronounced mother-child images.

One wall of the exhibit has two floor-to-ceiling drawings with what looks like the same image in different mediums. But, upon closer look, one of the pieces features a foot tearing through an infant's stomach. Stare even longer and Saville's use of fleshy oil paints allows the viewer to see similar images in completely different ways.

“I've found new ways to use scale,” Saville said. “I used to just make everything big, and now I'm working with that variation a lot. I've also embraced older art with a lot more confidence.”

“Continuum” offers a startling gallery experience that may make women reconsider child-rearing. Even though that may not have been (and probably wasn't) Saville's intention, it's an eye-opener into the colors of motherhood. But since the exhibit isn't very extensive, viewers don't leave feeling completely overwhelmed by the boldness of Saville's perspective.

“The colors aren't different from past bodies of work, but the introduction of children is important.”

—Jenny Saville, artist

The 79th Street east-bound bus can take Columbians from the 1 train to the Gagosian Gallery's entrance (or at least two blocks away from it). Whether they are interested in pregnancy or not, visitors who are fascinated by color, the human experience, and the ways these themes collide will find Saville's new exhibition a worthwhile experience.

Flipside Guide Art reviews are evaluated for: concept, originality, execution, curation, student relatability to the artwork, exhibition price, and accessibility.

WTC Memorial designer Arad reflects on how ‘We Remember’ Sept. 11

BY SOFIA FLORES
Columbia Daily Spectator

As the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11 rolled around this past week, the bleakness was almost palpable as the city reflected on the events of that day.

On Wednesday, Sept. 14, Michael Arad, designer and architect of the World Trade Center Memorial at Ground Zero, gave a lecture in Wood Auditorium in Avery Hall about the design and construction of the site. Titled “How Do We Remember,” the lecture explained how the design of the memorial will help the people of New York and of the world mourn their loved ones. Arad expressed his hope that the memorial will inject life into a section of New York City that suffered a devastating loss 10 years ago.

Arad started off the discussion with a small quip about Columbia being “one of the only schools that [he] wasn't accepted to.” The auditorium echoed with laughter, but then the atmosphere quickly took on a darker, more somber note as Arad described that Tuesday morning when he saw United Airlines Flight 175 fly into the South Tower. He started designing spaces as a way to cope with the events of Sept. 11, and from one of those preliminary designs came the idea for the World Trade Center Memorial.

His winning design, which was picked from a pool of 5,201 entries, opened to the families of the victims on Sunday, Sept. 11 and to the general public on Sept. 12, and is called “Reflecting Absence.” It consists of two large square reflecting pools 30 feet below street level, each bordered by waterfalls and by bronze panels which display the names of all of the victims. The eight-acre site is filled with swamp white oak trees—the first row of which delineates the exact footprints of both of the towers. In this way, visitors will be standing where the towers once stood when approaching the pools.

Arad discussed some of the design hurdles that he and his team needed to overcome—such as deciding how best to arrange the names of the victims and how to let the water fall into the pools. One of the points that Arad emphasized throughout his lecture was that as long as the



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REMEMBERING 9/11 | Michael Arad, designer of the recently opened World Trade Center Memorial, spoke at Wood Auditorium in Avery Hall on Sept. 14 in a talk called “How Do We Remember.”

idea of the design—the concept of the space—is defined, it is easy to accommodate for adjustments. Though the site underwent many changes even through the construction, those changes served to distill Arad's concept and hone in on what his message is.

Arad expressed his hopes that the memorial will serve as a versatile space for the city. He said it could be a space for “fun and frivolity one minute, and for a memorial service the

next.” The concept is for the memorial to be a place of contemplation and remembrance but also a place for social gatherings, where compassion can truly be seen.

As the designer finished his speech, he noted that on the day of the memorial dedication, he was overwhelmed by the emotions of all of the visitors, and how they each personalized the names of their loved ones. He said, “We're only setting the stage for what's to come.”

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‘Continuum’

Painter Jenny Saville magnifies images of infancy and motherhood on Madison Avenue Gagosian Gallery’s walls

BY CYDNEY HEDGPETH
Spectator Staff Writer

Blood-red lips, subtle gray eyes, and fleshy pregnant bellies create a powerful union on Jenny Saville’s canvases. The world-renowned painter from Cambridge has returned to The Gagosian Gallery’s Madison Avenue outpost with her new exhibition “Continuum.” Saville’s exhibit opened Sept. 15 and will run until Oct. 22.

Saville is known for her use of bold contours, multi-colored flesh, and enlarged body features for her human subjects. Her thick, hot bursts of pinks and reds bring new meaning to the word “flesh.”

“The colors aren’t different from past bodies of work, but the introduction of children is important,” Saville said. “Also, in this series, I’ve embraced drawing in a new way. I’m a bit more confident.”

“Continuum” brings forth this distinctly Saville style while also introducing startling images of pregnancy and infancy in graphite and bursts of gray. There is a sullenness in this body of work—something that hints at a perverseness in motherhood and child-rearing.

The exhibit is on both the fourth and sixth floors of the museum, each with two rooms filled with Saville’s extremely large pieces of art.

Walking through the exhibit’s entrance on the Gagosian’s fourth floor, viewers are met by incredibly embellished toes and bellies. These fantastically proportioned body parts contrast smaller, more subtle faces and limbs. In sixth-floor drawings, charcoal lines are scattered collectively across the canvas,

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‘When Movies Mattered: Dave Kehr Selects’

BAMcinématek screens the New York Times film critic’s short list of overlooked movies from the ’30s to the ’80s starting Friday, Sept. 16

BY JOSEPH POMP
Spectator Staff Writer

Beginning Friday, Sept. 16, acclaimed critic Dave Kehr, best known to New Yorkers for his weekly DVD reviews in the New York Times, takes over BAMcinématek (30 Lafayette Ave., at Ashland Place, Fort Greene) for a two-week series of some of his favorite “most overlooked films.” Titled “When Movies Mattered: Dave Kehr Selects,” this eclectic smorgasbord of a series is culled from the list of films Kehr discusses in depth in his new—and first—book of criticism, “When Movies Mattered: Reviews from a Transformative Decade.”

The book begins with an autobiographical introduction in which Kehr leads the reader from his self-proclaimed “auteurist adolescence”—fundamentally shaped by Columbia alumnus and professor emeritus Andrew Sarris’ legendary book “The American Cinema”—to his movie-obsessed years as an undergraduate at the University of Chicago to his tenure as film critic for the Chicago Reader, and later, the Chicago Tribune.

Kehr then delves into the strange historical context of reviewing new releases for those papers in the ’70s and ’80s. His first few years

as a critic, he explains, “overlapped with the late stages of the transition from classical to postclassical Hollywood, which at the time felt more like a collapse into chaos than progress toward a new paradigm.” These were the years when Francis Ford Coppola, Steven Spielberg, and Martin Scorsese were blowing up, leaving the former titans of Hollywood in the dust. Kehr was one of the only people around who seemed to care much about the late work of fading legends such as Alfred Hitchcock.

Perhaps Kehr’s sustained devotion of these final films will win them some new fans this week in Brooklyn. On Monday, Sept. 19, BAM will present “The Human Factor” (1979), the last film directed by Otto Preminger (“Laura,” “Anatomy of a Murder”). Based on a Grahame Greene novel, this suspense picture about a British intelligence officer who gets embroiled in a leak to the Soviets will screen at 4:30, 6:50, and 9:30 p.m. Kehr will be there in person for a Q&A after the 6:50 p.m. show. “Through its fierce repression of emotion, ‘The Human Factor’ emerges as Preminger’s most passionate film,” Kehr writes.

Hitchcock’s last film, “Family Plot” (1976), will screen on

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COURTESY OF BAMCINÉMATEK/PHOTOFILES

KEHR CARES | Otto Preminger’s 1979 masterpiece “The Human Factor” (still from the movie shown above) is one of the six films playing in BAMcinématek’s series “When Movies Matter: Dave Keh Selects,” which begins Friday, Sept. 16 and ends Wednesday, Sept. 28.



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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT | Donald Nally conducts an ensemble of 16 vocalists and two percussionists in a rehearsal for Miller Theatre’s “Nine Rivers,” a performance spread over three nights.

‘Nine Rivers Part I’

Part I of Miller Theatre’s season-opening, three-part cycle keeps student and other attendees at the edge of their seats

BY EMILY OSTERTAG
Spectator Staff Writer

Miller Theatre was nearly overflowing on Wednesday, Sept. 14, as it opened its 2011-2012 season with Part I of the U.S. premiere of Scottish composer James Dillon’s epic “Nine Rivers.” Parts II and III will be performed on Friday, Sept. 16 and Saturday, Sept. 17, respectively.

Part I, entitled “Leukosis,” which refers to the stage of whitening in the transformation of matter, is itself divided into four pieces: “East 11th St, NY 10003,” “L’ECRAN parfum,” “Viriditas,” and “La femme invisible.” Each piece began immediately after the last ended, totaling just over an hour for the full performance. (Dillon’s original intention was for the entire cycle to be played all on one night, not three. The work as a whole is meant to contain many themes, including differing conceptions of musical time.)

Though the concert may have been short, it lacked nothing in monumental qualities. “East 11th St, NY 10003” was performed

entirely by the percussion ensemble “red fish blue fish,” with Nathan Davis playing additional percussion and Steven Schick conducting. The piece began with a soft clang of a gong, leading to a low rumbling which eventually culminated in a huge cacophony of percussive sound—one was reminded of the sounds of a New York City street. Though it felt like a very gradual buildup, the ending was exciting.

“L’ECRAN parfum” added strings to the mix, with six violins from the International Contemporary Ensemble playing different variations of a tremolo. At certain points, one or two violins would come in with a quick measure of what sounded like a melody but would quickly be usurped by the tremolo and percussion again. It was almost as if every musician had a different notion of the musical meter, none of which lined up until silence suddenly marked the end.

In the only piece conducted by Donald Nally, the vocal ensemble The Crossing sung “Viriditas”—the longest of the four works in Part I. Again, different ideas of time were evident. If there were any lyrics to the song, they were nearly impossible to understand. Rather, it

sounded like many people talking all at once, beginning and ending at different times. There were several impressive solos, yet it was often difficult to even tell which vocalist each was coming from, as the singers were hidden behind their music stands under low light.

The concert ended with the shorter “La femme invisible,” for which the wind players of the International Contemporary Ensemble joined in. As this piece began, red light began to appear behind the players. The light foreshadowed Part II of the cycle, “Iosis,” which represents the reddening stage in the transformation of matter. “La femme invisible” ended on a very short and abrupt note, leaving quite the cliffhanger for Friday’s concert. Yet, the long applause after Wednesday’s performance proved that even on its own, “Leukosis” provided one vibrant evening.

Flipside Guide Music reviews are evaluated for: performance, quality of production, crowd atmosphere, accessibility, ticket price, and student friendliness.

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MUSIC

BK Indie Music Festival

622 Degraw St., at Fourth Avenue, Friday, Sept. 16 to Sunday, Sept. 18, various times, three-day pass is \$55

Mosey on down to Littlefield, Brooklyn and see some of New York’s best independent musicians rock two stages over the course of three days at this sixth annual event.

STYLE

Fryespotted

Union Square between East 14th and 15th streets, Saturday, Sept. 17, noon to 2 p.m., free

Known for its timeless, high-quality leather boots, Frye Company is throwing a launch party in celebration of its youth-oriented Frye Campus Zip Boot—the best dressed will get a free pair to take home.

FOOD&DRINK

Festival of San Gennaro

Grand Street, between Mulberry and Mott streets, Saturday, Sept. 17th, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., free

This legendary Italian festival-to-beat-all-festivals is in recognition of the patron saint of Naples’ 85th birthday. Though the celebration lasts all week, 100,000 slices of Ferrara Bakery cake will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

BOOKS

BK Book Festival

Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon St., at Court Street, Sunday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., free

Call it intellectual procrastination and head to Brooklyn where more than 250 authors, including Joyce Carol Oates, Jennifer Egan, and John Sayles, will discuss their works this weekend.

THIRD AND LONG

For Norries Wilson,
it's now or never



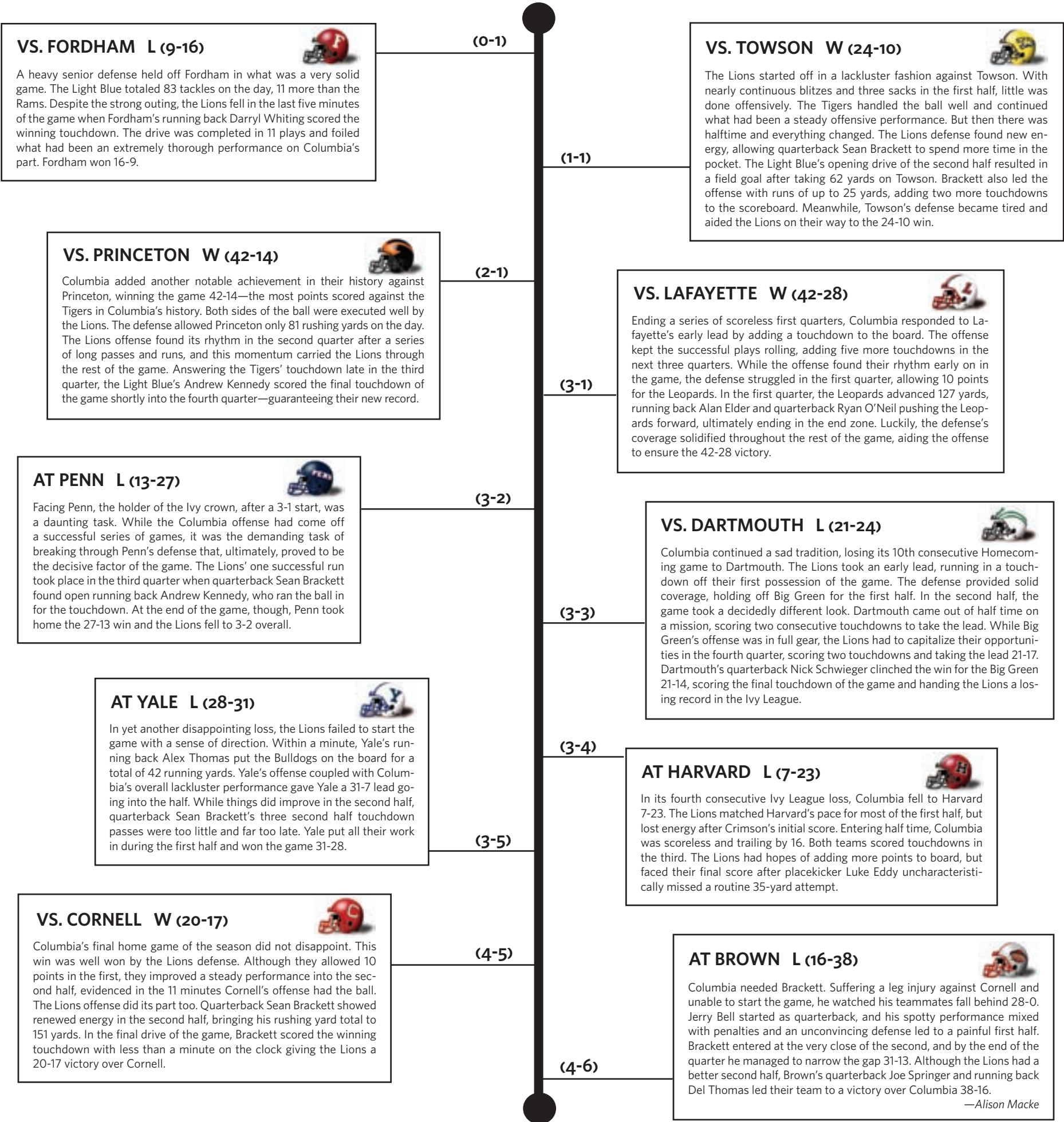
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Feast or famine

The 2010 season left the 4-6 Lions hungry to prove they can finally meet expectations



SEYI ADEBAYO

With the recent improvement in the quality of the Ivy League quarterback, the role of linemen has become increasingly crucial. Junior Seyi Adebayo is one of those all-important linemen.

Set to begin his third season with the Lions, Adebayo appears primed and ready for a big season. Adebayo will be sharing time at nose tackle with sophomore transfer Wells Childress. Last season, the junior played in nine out of the 10 games, recording 11 tackles and one fumble recovery. Adebayo believes that the experience of the defense will be key in the Lions pursuit of the Ivy League title.

"I feel like this is probably one of the best defensive groups we've had as far as depth goes," Adebayo said. "Everybody has a little bit of playing experience and then on top of that we have a little bit of youth as well."

The combination of veterans, like Adebayo, and newcomers, like Childress, will inject a new life into a defense that was solid but inconsistent last season. Adebayo has also noticed that this group of defensive players is close, which is an important factor in defensive communication and unity.

"I think this is definitely the most

close-knit we've ever been as far as, there really aren't a whole bunch of groups—we're actually a team this year," Adebayo said. "Everybody knows everybody and everybody's friends."

This camaraderie will be essential if Adebayo and his teammates hope to attack opponents' quarterbacks with a vengeance.

**NICK MISTRETTA**

The departure of linebacker Alex Gross will certainly be the most significant loss for the Lions' defense, and probably for the entire team. His 124 total tackles were far more than any player on the team. In fact, that is more than double the amount of tackles recorded



by Neil Schuster, who had the second highest total for the Light Blue.

Despite this gaping hole that would appear to be left by the loss of Gross, the defense is not worried. Part of the reason is the veteran group of linebackers who will be coming in to try and fill Gross' shoes.

Senior Nick Mistretta will start at linebacker this season, and will be key in the attempt to fill those enormous shoes. Mistretta believes that he, along with a team of veteran linebackers, will have what it takes to minimize the damage caused by the absence of Gross.

"I think Alex Gross is hard to replace with one individual player," Mistretta said. "We have a lot of guys that have played a lot of time for the past couple of years since they were even freshman."

Sophomore Zach Olinger and juniors Ryan Murphy and Josh Martin figure to join Mistretta as the starting linebackers. Those four will join the rest of the defense in trying to find a way to make up for the physical and emotional presence that Alex Gross had in the middle of the field last season.

STEPPING UP:

Key losses on both sides of the ball leave big shoes to be filled

ROSS MORAND

Senior defensive back Ross Morand was named a captain by his teammates because of his strong leadership skills and his will to win. It just so happens that the Ohio native has tremendous talent on top of that, and will be one of the leaders on the Light Blue defense. That said, the Lions' secondary took a huge blow with the graduations of Adam Mehrer and Calvin Otis. Despite these two crucial losses, the defense has done a solid job of rallying around Morand and the other veterans in order to find cohesion amongst the secondary. The senior mentioned that it took some adjustment early on, but once they got to camp things began to click for the defense.

"Collectively, we are uniting as one," Morand said. "In camp, we have done a very good job of that."

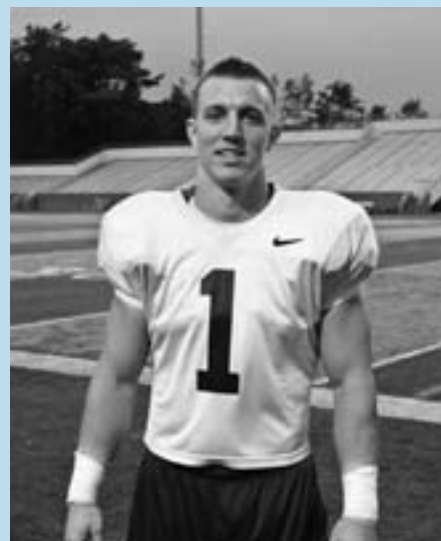
Mehrer and Otis were second and seventh on the team in tackles respectively, so it is not expected that Morand will make up all of those tackles. The team understands that with the departure of such dynamic players, the load has to be spread out evenly. The 2009 season was Morand's best, playing in all 10 games and recording four interceptions. Those four interceptions were good enough for third place in the Ivy League. With another full season under his belt, Morand will look to bounce back from an off 2010 season. He will be starting at cornerback this



season, on the opposite side of the field of junior Brian DeVeau. Senior safeties A.J. Maddox and Neil Schuster complete the veteran defensive back unit. This veteran unit presents a now-or-never sentiment for the defense, and Morand feels like this is their time.

"Obviously everyone is going to do their individual role, but between coaches and players I think we have meshed really well," he said. "We're ready to go this year."

The defense has joined together to create one succinct unit, thanks in large part to Morand.

**MIKE STEPHENS**

Going into last season, everybody had high expectations for senior Mike Stephens, who was set to begin his fourth and final year. Now, one year later, Stephens needs to forget what happened in that first game and look forward to a new season. Last year's Liberty Cup game against Fordham saw Stephens go down with a devastating arm injury that would sideline him for the remainder of the campaign. Although an injury is never a good thing, this particular injury gave Stephens another year of eligibility, allowing him to contribute to a team that has adopted a win-now mentality. Questions about the strength of the arm will

soon be answered, but for now Stephens assures that the arm is better than ever.

"I feel a hundred percent," Stephens said. "I was out of the cast basically for the last two or three games in the season but there was nothing I could do about it. My arm's a hundred percent. So no worries at all. It doesn't make me nervous or anything when I fall or anything like that."

This statement of reassurance from Stephens is a good sign for a Columbia football program that graduated its most dynamic players this past year. Graduated tight end Andrew Kennedy's 50 catches from a season ago will not completely be made up by the return of Stephens, but his return will certainly soften the blow. As a captain of the team, Stephens' experience should help other receivers make the move into a contributing role.

Coach Wilson also believes that Stephens will be back at peak form.

"Mike Stephens played a lot of ball here, unfortunately he got hurt at the beginning of the year last year," Wilson said. "But he's come back in good shape and he understands what we're doing offensively."

That understanding of the offense will make things a lot easier for Sean Brackett, who will certainly benefit from the addition of Stephens to his arsenal. Whether it will be his contributions on offense, special teams, or as a co-captain, Stephens is sure to have a significant impact on the Lions' offensive production this season.

—Jeremiah Sharf

For Norries Wilson, on-field results must come now

After another disappointing season in '10, the sixth-year coach likely has one more shot to live up to expectations

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When Norries Wilson arrived in Morningside Heights, there was a lot of work to be done.

In taking over as the Patricia and Shepard Alexander Head Coach of Football in 2006, Wilson accepted the task of trying to turn around a football program that hadn't had a winning season since 1996 and hadn't won a single league game the previous year.

It was clear from the beginning that Columbia wouldn't put up with a coach that couldn't produce adequate results. Wilson's predecessor, Bob Shoop, spent three years as head coach without having a winning season. In his last campaign before being fired, Shoop coached the Lions to a 2-8 record, without a single win in the Ivy League.

Wilson's sixth season opens tomorrow against Fordham, and his numbers aren't notably different from Shoop's. Wilson's best season on record at Columbia was his first, with a 5-5 overall record. But even that year, the Lions finished just 2-5 in the Ancient Eight.

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—Alex Gross, CC '10
All-Ivy linebacker

The highest the Light Blue has climbed the Ivy standings under Wilson's direction is a fourth-place finish in 2009 with a 3-4 league record. And the Lions have yet to finish over .500 in the league or a regular season.

This fact hasn't gone unnoticed by Wilson, though, and he is of course making adjustments each game. However, he is realistic.

“It's easy to say our goal is to be league champ,” Wilson said. “And that is our goal, to be league champs. We understand there's some steps involved and that we've got to get this team into the top half of the league. We've got to get this team a winning season, and a winning season in the league.”

Wilson came to Columbia with a full background of experience in football. Wilson was a player in college himself, an offensive lineman for the University of Minnesota. He went on to hold several assistant coaching positions, and eventually worked his way up to the offensive coordinator position at the University of Connecticut. There, he helped the Huskies win the Motor City Bowl in 2004, the same year he was a finalist for the award for the best assistant coach in the country. Additionally, three of the players he coached that season later signed contracts with the NFL.

So far, Wilson's achievements at Columbia have held less statistical value. If you look beyond the numbers though, you can see that Wilson has helped shape the foundation of a football team that has the potential to shake up the league.

The way Wilson describes it, when he got here, the Light Blue football team was more like a group of misfits than a respectable sports program.

“At our first winter workout, there weren't two guys that were dressed the same,” he said. “I kind of thought that was an issue. So we made sure we got clothes. If you're not even going to look like a team, it's going to be hard to play like a team.”

However, when it comes to making changes like synchronizing practice uniforms, it's hard for an outsider to really see that much has changed.

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understood by the players and coaches.”

In addition to helping shape up the physical appearance of the team, Wilson helped expand and develop the group.

“The one thing we had to change was attrition to the program,” he said. “My first spring we had 59 guys. Spring of 2010, we had 90 guys. Spring of 2011, we had 84 guys. The assistant coaches have done a better job recruiting kids that are going to come here and stick it out and understand the value of finishing what you started.”

In addition to having a team full of players willing to put their heart and soul into the game and commit to a sport for four straight years, there's also a strategic component to having a big roster.

“When we lose a guy in a football game we have a body to plug in there instead of reaching back and grabbing a kid that just came here and just took his first Lit Hum course,” he said.

Wilson took the field two years ago, the 2009 season, for the first time with a roster full of players he had recruited himself. Finally, instead of training players scouted by his predecessor, he got to build a starting lineup filled with only men he had hand selected to be on his field, a group of players he had groomed from their first Lit Hum class all the way through their senior seminars. The Light Blue still struggled in the league, finishing 3-4, but it was in fact the best finish the team has seen since Wilson's arrival.

Last year however, the Lions slipped back into their typical rhythm, finishing 4-6 overall and 2-5 in the league. For players and coaches alike, a successful season this time around is very needed.

For the players, a winning campaign would be a huge morale boost. Not only would the season itself be a success, but they would have also earned themselves a position in the top half of the league, commanding respect and better recruits for the future to keep the trend going.

When it comes to achieving this goal, Wilson is brutally honest about the team's performance.

“I'm not a guy that's going to say, ‘Well, we should have won.’ We didn't win.”

Instead, he looks forward to where they failed. Most often, it's a failure to play all 60 minutes of a game.

“We've got to play consistent and finish football games,” he said. “When we get somebody down we've got to keep them down and we've got to be able to say ‘okay we're down, we need to drive, we've got to go win this football game’. And that's going to get us over the hump.”

With Wilson planning on attacking the critical failing component of the Light Blue's play, a huge mountain lies up ahead for Columbia. To have even a chance at succeeding, Wilson will certainly need the respect and determination of his team.

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him,” said senior safety Neil Schuster. “His authority, it kind of rules over all. Which in the end, especially in the heat of the game, is very important to me. I know that he's in charge, that he's confident in himself, and his decisions, so that way I'm confident in him.”

Schuster isn't the only Lion with faith in Wilson as a coach. Several other players also expressed their respect for the confidence, authority, and good attitude of the man in charge. They know how much he's done for this team and they know what he needs them to do to help him turn around this program.

All that's left to be seen is whether all the talk will yield results. If it can, we may witness a redemption of Wilson's career as a coach and that of Columbia football as a respectable program. If not, history might soon repeat itself.

TIMELINE

1988	Finishes playing career as an offensive lineman for the University of Minnesota
2002	Promoted to offensive coordinator of the University of Connecticut
2005	Becomes Columbia's 18th head coach and the first African-American head football coach in the Ivy League
2006	In his first year, Lions do not win a conference game, finishing with a 2-8 overall record
2009	Wilson leads Columbia to a fourth-place finish in the Ivy League with a 3-4 record, its best league finish and highest win total in six years
2010	Lions post four or more wins in consecutive seasons for the first time since 1997-98

HOW DOES NORRIES STACK UP?

	Norries Wilson	Bob Shoop	Ray Tellier	Larry McElreavy	Jim Garrett
Years	2006-present (5 seasons)	2003-2005 (3 seasons)	1989-2002 (14 seasons)	1986-1988 (3 seasons)	1985 (1 season)
Ivy winning %	0.257	0.190	0.286	0.095	0.000
Overall winning %	0.320	0.233	0.307	0.067	0.000



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AT PRINCETON
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VS. PENN
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AT DARTMOUTH
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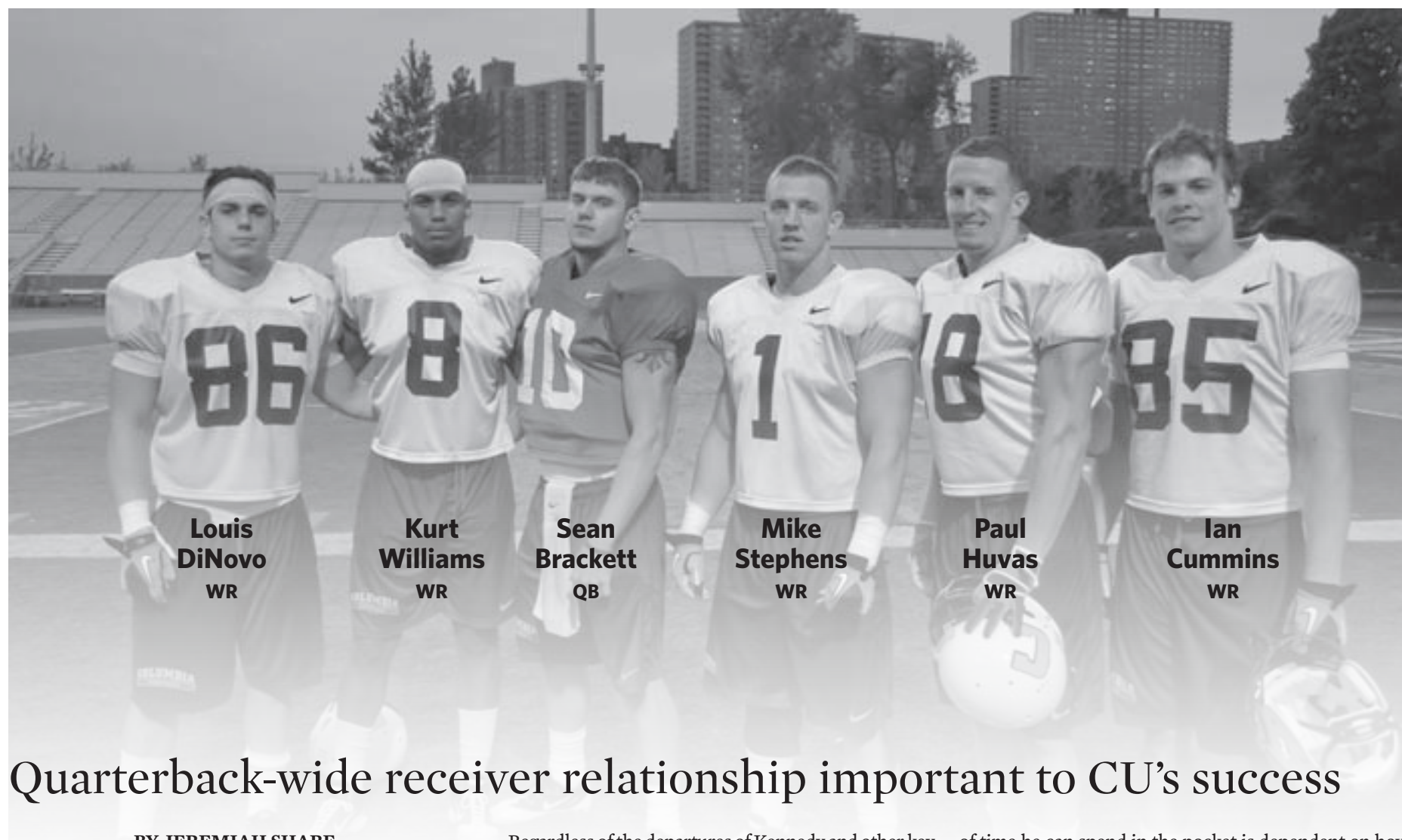
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Quarterback-wide receiver relationship important to CU's success

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The focal point of any great offense is always the quarterback. There is not a position in any other sport—let alone football—that has as much of an impact as the quarterback. The closest comparison is to the president of the United States. Yes, the three branches of the government all have equal power, but there is not a single person in any of the other two branches that has as much power as the president.

Think of junior Sean Brackett as Columbia football's president. Set to begin his third year under center and his first as one of the teams' co-captains, Brackett will be without a doubt one of the top quarterbacks in the league.

Just as the president requires a number of advisors in order to accomplish his goals, so too does Brackett, only these advisors come in the form of his receiving corps. Together, these receivers create a group of guys Brackett can trust to come through in moments when he needs them.

This core group of receivers consists of fifth year senior Mike Stephens, junior Ian Cummins, and seniors Paul Huvás, and Kurt Williams. Senior Mark Muston, who was expected to be a key contributor, is out all year with an injury. Each will look to contribute to a passing offense that figures to be one of the top aerial assaults in the conference.

The group did lose a number of key players, including irreplaceable tight end Andrew Kennedy. The players and coach acknowledge that his nine touchdowns and 50 catches last season will be impossible to replace with one player, but they are all willing to step up their individual play in order to soften the blow.

Regardless of the departures of Kennedy and other key players, Brackett and his new core of receivers are ready to begin the new season.

"Everything is going really well right now. We're clicking as an offense, as a whole team, so it's really exciting to get the year started," Brackett said.

Communication between the receivers will be key, and with the help of a veteran offensive line, Brackett should be able to find his targets.

Last season, Brackett was not only one of best quarterbacks in the league, but he was also the most exciting. Always a threat to run, he can keep offenses guessing even when there are no running backs in the backfield. The junior signal caller led the team in rushing yards, as well as attempts. However, Brackett's tendency to try and fight for the extra yard wound up hurting the team, as he was forced to leave the second to last game of the season prematurely.

The goal for the offense this year, according to head coach Norries Wilson, is to balance the running and passing game. Coach Wilson also stressed the team's desire to limit the hits on their prized quarterback.

"He's a tough kid," Wilson said. "He's got to find a way to get down on the ground and not take hits he doesn't have to take."

That being said, the quarterback draw was a key component of the Lions' offense last season, and Wilson says Brackett has freedom to run the ball so long as he stays smart about it. While he amassed 699 rushing yards last season, he also accumulated 183 in the negative direction. Brackett can keep the positives the same while lowering the negatives through patience in the pocket.

The veteran receivers will play a key role in limiting the hits Brackett will take as well, because the amount

of time he can spend in the pocket is dependent on how quickly they can get open.

An important factor, according to Stephens, will be the fact that the group has such a high number of returning players.

"Our retention rate's good, and we have a lot of guys who have stayed with the program, so they don't necessarily have to be thrown in the fire right away," Stephens said.

Despite this, Wilson believes it is imperative that the new tight ends step up right away.

"First thing, guys have got to get open, guys have got to step up and play," Wilson said. "Andrew played a lot here and had a great senior season."

The tight end group got much less playing time last season, since they played behind Kennedy. As a result, they have gotten much less experience than the key receivers.

Brackett will not be the only leader on the offensive end. Stephens and senior offensive tackle Bob Hauschildt will help out as co-captains on the same side of the ball. Hauschildt will be playing center this season, so the fact they are each playing the role of leader both on and off the field should help with communication.

As a quarterback and a captain, Brackett feels extra responsibility for his team's performance.

"Being quarterback, I've always felt some sort of responsibility, but it was good to feel that my teammates look at me in that way," Brackett said. "I feel like I'm held accountable even more now, so I'm just looking forward to helping my team out, and lead us to everything we need to do."

With quarterbacks expected to reign supreme in the Ivy League this year, Columbia football should feel pretty confident with their man in charge and his group of strong-willed receivers.



BROWN

The 2011 season promises to be an exciting one in Providence. With a 5-2 conference record last year (6-4 overall), the Bears tied with Yale and Harvard for the second-best record in the Ivy League. Despite all this success, the Bears could have done better, and struggled to maintain consistency during a roller-coaster season. The team floundered after an impressive 29-14 drubbing of Harvard, falling to Rhode Island 27-24 in overtime and going .500 for the rest of the season. This year, led by quarterback and captain Kyle year-Caballero and a star-studded cast of 10 other returning All-Ivy players, the Bears appear to be capable of potentially unseating two-time defending champion Penn. A key determining factor for Brown, especially on offense, is whether Newhall-Caballero will be effective in his return from an injury that sidelined the 2009 First-Team All-Ivy quarterback for all but parts of two games last season.

AROUND THE LEAGUE



MEDIA POLL:

1. Penn	129 (12)	5. Dartmouth	73
2. Harvard	118 (2)	6. Columbia	35
3. Yale	95 (1)	7. Cornell	31
4. Brown	90 (2)	7. Princeton	31

The 2011 Ivy League football media poll surveyed 17 media members. First-place votes in parentheses.



CORNELL

In generous terms, the Big Red's 2010 season can be described as embarrassing, even for Cornell. The youngest Ivy posted a 1-6 Ivy record, and went 2-8 overall. Cornell failed to score double digits in almost half of its games, and lost by an average of 15 points. There were a few scattered bright spots, as four players were given All-Ivy honors. Unanimous 2010 Rookie of the Year Jeff Mathews will be under center again for the Big Red. He set numerous school rookie records last year, passing for 1,723 yards and seven touchdowns, and should continue to impress the few fans that remain. Tailback Grant Gellantly was also impressive last season, rushing for 437 yards and averaging 4.6 yards per carry. However, with a defense that was unable to hold a single opponent under 20 points all of last season, the burden placed on the offense is large, and a comeback from a forgettable season is unlikely.



DARTMOUTH

The Big Green went 3-4 in the Ivies and posted a historic 6-4 overall record, which marked the first time in 13 years that Hanover saw a winning team. After leading the league with an average of 125.9 yards per game and tying a school record with 14 rushing touchdowns, running back Nick Schwieger became a co-winner of the Bushnell Cup last season, which is awarded annually to the most valuable player in the Ivy League. The Big Green even managed to put up a fight against Penn, the eventual champions, hanging around for four quarters before letting the game slip away in overtime. Besides Schwieger, Dartmouth boasts returning first-team selections Tim McManus, a star wide receiver, and cornerback/return specialist Shawn Abuhoff. As a return man, Abuhoff was named a third-team All-American by sportswriter Phil Steele, and a first-team All-American by The Sports Network/Fathead.com. With a talented core of players, the Big Green are poised to impress this season.



HARVARD

Since winning back-to-back titles in 2007 and 2008, the Crimson, along with the rest of the Ivy League, have been forced to watch Penn run away with two titles in 2009 and 2010. Harvard posted a respectable season last year, putting up a 5-2 conference record and going 7-3 overall, good enough to tie for second with Yale and Brown. Running back Gino Gordon was a cowinner of the Bushnell Cup, while safety Colin Zych was first-team All-Ivy. However, with Gordon and Zych gone, Harvard's hopes hinge upon superstar defensive tackle Josue Ortiz. Ortiz won numerous honors last year after he led the Ivy League in sacks with 7.5 and in tackles for a loss with 13.5. Due in large part to Ortiz, both Phil Steele and the Sports Network predict a championship season for Harvard. While they face stiff competition from Brown and Penn, the Crimson seems to be in a strong position to reclaim the league title.



PENN

When the Quakers open their season against Lafayette this Saturday, they will begin their chase for a third straight league title, a feat that hasn't been accomplished since Dartmouth won three in a row from 1990-1992. Penn enters the campaign riding a 15-game conference winning streak, including a 7-0 conference record last season (9-1 overall). All-Ivy first-team selections quarterback Billy Ragone and linebacker Zach Heller lead a talented Quaker team that won by an average margin of more than two touchdowns. However, only one member of last year's All-Ivy offense returns this year, leaving the Quakers with a very inexperienced front five. In addition, five of Penn's nine All-Ivy First-Team selections graduated last year. The Quakers' conference winning streak is the third longest in Ivy history and they could break the record of 20 straight wins set in 2001-2004 by an older generation of Penn athletes.



PRINCETON

Coaching legend Vince Lombardi is often quoted as saying "we didn't lose the game; we just ran out of time." Princeton ran out of time a lot last year, finishing 0-7 within the Ivy League and 1-9 overall, good enough for sole possession of last place. Princeton's lone victory in 2010 did not come easily as it barely managed to defeat Lafayette 36-33 in double overtime, losing the rest of its games by an average of 19 points. Among the Tigers' most painful defeats was a 42-14 thrashing at the hands of the Lions, continuing a trend that started in 2009 when the Light Blue beat the cellar-dwellers from New Jersey 38-0. Princeton may get a slight boost next season from three-star offensive line recruit Jack Woodall and two-star wide receiver Matt Costello, last year's ESPN Boston Mr. Football. However, general indications suggest another disappointing year for the Tigers.



YALE

After falling in "The Game" 28-21 to the Crimson last November, the Bulldogs were relegated to a three-way tie with Harvard and Brown for second place. Yale posted a respectable 5-2 conference record last season, going 7-3 overall. Ten Bulldogs received All-Ivy honors in 2010, led by a trio of defensive first-team selections, two of whom have since graduated. The Sporting News ranked the Bulldogs third behind Penn and Harvard, but a talented albeit somewhat unbalanced Dartmouth team could push for Yale's preseason spot. The Bulldogs have some talented players, most notably linebacker and captain Jordan Haynes, who was the team co-MVP last season. On offense, quarterback Patrick Witt, a former backup for the Nebraska Cornhuskers, is in position to break numerous team records and is currently the most accurate passer in Bulldog history.

—Eli Schultz

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