

At global summit day 2, a focus on undergrads

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Undergraduate engagement was the focus of the second day of the Global Center directors' summit, with students and administrators discussing ways to get more undergraduates involved with the centers.

The 20 undergraduate students who traveled this summer to Europe and Asia in Columbia's new Global Scholars programs presented their studies at a conference on Tuesday night, while administrators emphasized experiential learning as the most promising new model of global education during a lunch earlier in the day.

University President Lee Bollinger provided the opening remarks for the conference, titled "Engaging the World: The First Undergraduate Global Scholars Report Back."

"It's a really important moment for the University," he said. "This is the return of the pioneers who have gone out and, as global scholars, have set a pattern for what we hope will be a much broader educational experience."

Throughout the summit, a theme has been the value of educating students outside of the lecture hall.

"We need to have new opportunities for students to engage with the world in diverse settings," Madeleine Zelin, acting director of the East Asian National Resource Center, said. "What excited me as a teacher was this combination of rigorous research that it provided these students with and the opportunity to engage in a different type of learning."

Earlier in the day, Michael Pippenger, dean of undergraduate global programs, asked the Global Center directors to think about a new model of undergraduate education in which "the students are the practitioners as well as the learners."

"It's not enough anymore to provide international education programs that don't have those kinds of [practical] mechanisms built into them," Pippenger said.

In 2013, the Nairobi and Istanbul global centers will begin two of these kinds of "hands-on" programs, as Pippenger put it. In the Kenyan program—"Columbia's first semester-long science program," Pippenger said—students will conduct sustainable development research, while in Turkey, participants will be part of a mapping and architecture program.

But even as Columbia continues to launch new global programs, administrators recognize that those programs are still inaccessible to many undergraduates. History professor Victoria de Grazia, the former director of the Paris Global Center, debated whether shorter or longer programs abroad would appeal more to busy students.

A shorter stay "is a form of educated tourism," she said, while, after a long trip, "one comes away with very important questions that will drive you."

"I think if you go and stay and get in, it makes a potential difference in how you'll live your life," de Grazia said.

Another problem that Columbia students face is fulfilling the Core Curriculum while making time to study abroad, de Grazia said.

"Students have a very full courseload," de Grazia said. The one semester-plus program in Paris allows students to spend a

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GETTING CARDED | Aria Sharma, BC '15, shows her ID card to a security guard at the Barnard gates on Tuesday night.

Taystee to bridge new to Manhattanville's industrial past

BY EMMA CHENG
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With plans to redevelop the Taystee Bakery complex into a modern commercial center in the works, concerns about preservation have stirred community interest in the history of the site.

Last year, when Janus Property was chosen by the city to develop the site at 125th and 126th streets between Amsterdam and Morningside avenues, Janus President Scott Metzner asked Walter South, chair of the landmarks and preservation

committee of Community Board 9, about its history.

South asked industrial historian Mary Habstritt to investigate, and her search set off a chain of discoveries about the giant complex, once a thriving part of what made the Manhattanville neighborhood the industrial heart of northern Manhattan.

The building, nestled in a nook just east of Columbia's Manhattanville campus, is made of stone, which is unusual for factories because of its flammability, Habstritt said. The steel beams still in place appear to be

original, she noted.

"There are also other nice, little details, such as the metal cornice and the laurel leaf design impressed into it on the storefront," she said.

The original site belonged to the Cushman family and was part of the bustling West Harlem industrial scene of the late 1800s and early 1900s. Horatio Benzil Cushman established the family's New York City bakeries in 1854, specializing in pies, and the family would go on to dominate the baking and distribution industry in New York for over a century.

"There were lots and lots of branches within the Cushman family," Habstritt said—so many that it made research on the Manhattanville location difficult.

Cushman & Sons was one of the four main bakery companies in New York City in the 1920s, according to a Wall Street Journal article from 1923. After a series of mergers, Cushman & Sons became the American Bakeries empire, which owned the Taystee brand of white loaf bread.

"Taystee was a product brand

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Sharpton, panel urge Apollo audience to register to vote

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Music made way for politics at the historic Apollo Theater Monday night, as a panel of African-American intellectuals tried to impress one message upon the audience: Voting is the best chance Harlem has to change the political landscape.

Before the event, attendees gathered in a line stretching down the block as volunteers asked them, one by one, if they were registered to vote.

The panel, called Vote Like Your Life Depends On It, debated voting rights, education, and other issues dominating the presidential election. Georgetown professor Michael Eric Dyson opened the forum with an impassioned argument against the recent enactment of voter fraud legislation in several states, which many believe will disenfranchise thousands of

minority voters.

Panelist Judith Browne Dianis, codirector of the civil rights group Advancement Project, called the voter-identification laws "the most widespread voting rollback in a century because we turned out in record numbers in 2008."

"At the end of the day, black folks have been targeted," Browne Dianis said. "I knew of plenty of folks in Harlem who didn't have ID because they didn't need it. They got on a train, what did you need an ID for?"

At least five states, with the recent addition of Pennsylvania, require photo ID before voting. In March, the Justice Department struck down a law requiring photo ID in Texas, citing the disproportionate burden it would place on minority voters.

Diana Coleman, director of community engagement at the NYC Urban League, encouraged

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GET OUT THE VOTE | The Rev. Al Sharpton (center) urged Harlemites on Monday not to be dissuaded by voter ID laws.



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OPEN SEAT | Cheryl Pahaham is hoping to avoid running in a "popularity contest" for City Council.

Pahaham looks to build base for Council bid

BY CHRIS MEYER
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Cheryl Pahaham wants to meet you.

In a race that a number of local political heavyweights may soon enter, Pahaham has wasted no time in beginning her campaign to fill Robert Jackson's City Council seat. And without a previously established support network in the greater 7th District, Pahaham is working to build a base.

"Local races can sometimes be like popularity contests, so whoever has the biggest club and throws the most parties is often going to win," said Pahaham, an Inwood resident and former vice

chair of the local community board. "Politics is very local. It's an insider's club."

Her proactive approach has made her one of only two candidates to have officially declared their candidacy for the office. Although a number of prominent local politicians, including Democratic District Leader Mark Levine and former Democratic district leaders April Tyler and Maria Luna, have publicly voiced interest in running for the seat being vacated by the term-limited Jackson, Pahaham's only opponent to file with the Campaign Finance Board is Mark Otto, an assistant principal at a midtown school and a newcomer to the political scene.

In fact, Pahaham says the race's lack of a clear frontrunner, combined with the experience

she gained while serving on Community Board 12, was a major factor in her decision to run.

"If there was a strong, positive candidate who was at the forefront at the beginning, I don't think I would be here," Pahaham said. "I would be supporting that candidate."

A native of Danbury, Conn., Pahaham describes local politics as a test of one's ability to earn the trust of local constituents, but she's not worried about being perceived as an outsider.

"Winning elections is not just about who you are," she said. "It's about how you connect with voters and how you convince people in your district that you really care and you're going to fight for them. So it's about being a really good campaigner."

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Not in the numbers

Rankings aren't enough to represent our college experience.

A right, a privilege

Columbia students ought to take the initiative to register as voters.



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A passion on the field, and off, in Africa

Former Columbia soccer player Nora Dooley, CC '12, spent her first post-graduate summer in Africa with Grassroot Soccer, combating the HIV epidemic.

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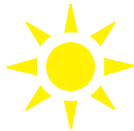
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Powerhouse bakery thrived at redevelopment site for decades

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name for the white bread the company made, like Wonder Bread today,” Habstritt said.

The Taystee Bakery in Manhattanville was just one part of the rapidly growing business. The site shows up as early as 1911 on insurance maps, Habstritt said, and a 1908 building application to the city confirms that it was built around that time.

The complex began as a simple two-story brick and stone building that housed a bakery, a stable, and carriage rooms, but with the company’s relentless expansion, the complex underwent many renovations, including the addition of more floors and extra garage space in 1916, before it became the five-building complex it remains today.

With the opening of the first underground subway in 1904, “Manhattanville was opened up for businesses,” Habstritt said. “It provided a whole new market for home delivery and food businesses like the Cushmans.”

But after decades of baking, the Manhattanville branch of American Bakeries permanently shut off its ovens in the 1970s.

“By the 1960s, there was a lot of shifting around as increasingly large conglomerates came to own brands like Taystee,” Habstritt said, speculating about why the factory was shut down. “During World War II, people changed how they got their food, going to

supermarkets instead.”

The New York Times reported in 1998 that the city had planned to tear down the vacant complex before Janus proposed to convert it into loft-style apartments—a development project that was going to be called the Factory at Harlem Green.

The property ended up going to Citarella in 1999, but the gourmet supermarket was evicted a decade later, in part because it failed to fulfill any of the developments it had promised to make.

The proposal, which is currently awaiting approval by the City Council, was originally called Create @ Harlem Green, but the developers recently changed its name to the Taystee Building. The redevelopment project will turn the complex into commercial space for small businesses.

Brad Taylor, vice-chair of CB9, said he hopes Manhattanville’s industrial history is preserved in the redevelopment of the site, which Metzner called a “preservationist” project.

The historic Bernheimer and Schwartz Brewery, located just north of the Taystee Bakery complex on Amsterdam Avenue between 126th and 128th streets, is the only brewery left in Manhattan. “One of the parts of the Harlem Green project is putting a brewery back into Harlem,” Taylor said, “so I would extremely like to see the building as the brewery was seen before.”

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GATEWAY TO THE PAST | The locked door to the Taystee Bakery Complex will soon open to a large development project.

New policy requires IDs to enter Barnard at night

ID from front page

“I think it’s a good idea just so we don’t get weird people coming onto our campus, especially after the incident with the impostor,” Kimberly Hong, BC ’15, said.

Sally Phillips, BC ’15, said she hopes checking for IDs will make the campus safer, but “never felt like there were weirdos on campus before.”

Pennetti said that “in recent years, there have been reports of thefts and other petty crimes both on campus and throughout the surrounding neighborhood. We are hopeful the new policy will

provide a more secure environment for our campus community.”

Besides students, the policy allows guests of students to enter campus after 11 p.m. if they are with a Barnard student who is hosting them.

“It didn’t seem like such an imposition,”Ferrari said. “I think it will prevent campus from being less safe.”

Public Safety checked for CUIDs at the Barnard gates last fall during the Occupy Wall Street movement as well, but the monitoring only lasted a few weeks. Of Barnard’s buildings, Lehman Hall, Hewitt Dining Hall, residence halls, and the

Barnard Weight Room require IDs for entrance, but access to the Diana Center and Altschul Hall is unrestricted.

No public announcement was made regarding the policy’s implementation, but a sign is posted at the kiosk by the Barnard gates that notifies people entering campus after 11 p.m. to present their ID.

“We expect this to be a lasting change,” Pennetti said. “While we don’t anticipate any other significant changes at this time, we always seek to improve upon our campus safety measures.”

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Admins discuss improving global student experience

GLOBAL from front page

semester and a summer at the center, often for internships or extra research, so that they still spend a substantial time abroad without missing a significant period of their schooling in Morningside Heights. “We adapted it to the Columbia curriculum,” she said.

Columbia College Dean of Academic Affairs Kathryn Yatrakis said at the lunch, “We do have a Core Curriculum, but that’s not necessarily what stops students from going abroad. And I want to say that, and I’m going to say it again and again, because if we focus on that, it’s not going to get us very far.”

Funding also remains a concern, especially because Columbia does not provide financial aid for the summer programs.

“If we want to up the participation of undergraduates in an educational experience abroad, summer is a good time if we can find the funding,” Paul LeClerc, director of the Paris center, said, adding that he thought many alumni would be interested in providing funds.

During a panel discussion, students who participated in Global Scholars programs reflected on the research that they pursued abroad.

Cassandra Nozil, CC ’13, researched large-scale three-dimensional printing for use in

emergency architecture in Paris, which enables digitized objects to be “printed” into the real world by fusing together thin layers of material.

Nozil said that the most common reaction she received from her peers when asked about her experience with the program was: “Why didn’t I apply?”

“I didn’t know exactly what I was getting myself into—I just knew it was compatible with my architecture program, and I could study abroad with it,” she said. “It’s something you will never regret, and you learn so much from it.”

Nozil plans to bring the work of Enrico Dini, who created an environmentally friendly 3-D printer, to North America in hopes of bolstering sustainable housing solutions.

Other scholars talked about how jarring experiencing a new culture was at first.

Connie Cheng, BC ’13, analogized her first moments in Asia as being “thrown into a watery abyss,” but said that she had “a net to catch her.”

Former Global Centers vice president Ken Prewitt called the research of the scholars “remarkable,” and urged the students to share their experiences with their classmates.

“It turns out that the local is universal, and the global has got to be contextualized,” he said. “A lot of experiential learning can happen in a few weeks if things are well put together.”

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AROUND THE GLOBE | University President Lee Bollinger gave the keynote at the second day of the Global Center summit.

Looking for an edge, Pahaham enters Council race early

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Despite her relative lack of experience, Pahaham believes her background still gives her a unique insight into city politics, as well as the notoriously difficult craft of political campaigning. In addition to serving on the community board, Pahaham also worked as chief municipal financial analyst in the state comptroller’s office, where she helped audit city agencies and worked on the office’s strategic plan.

While she cited mass transit and environmental protection as major issues about which she is passionate, Pahaham said there is not a singular issue that will define her campaign or the race itself.

“I have a broad knowledge of policy, and I see connections in a lot of different areas of policy that can help my constituents,” Pahaham said. “It isn’t just education, it isn’t just social services, or transportation, or health, or the environment. It’s all those things.”

Most recently, Pahaham has been vocal in her opposition to the redistricting plans for the 2013 election cycle. Under the city redistricting plan, her home would fall outside of the 7th District and she could face a more difficult election process.

“There is something disturbing about people who are now in office making decisions that have a long term impact in the future,” she said. “They are basically choosing candidates.”

Unlike her potential rivals, who have held off on declaring their candidacies because the district boundaries are still in flux, Pahaham has decided to enter the race before the process is complete.

“I’ve worked hard to be a part of things here,” Pahaham said. “The longer you wait, the harder it gets.”

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Cornell continues to dominate, Penn still winless

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against Missouri State in the second overtime off an assist from sophomore midfielder Colin Heffron. The Big Green will continue play on Saturday against the University of Massachusetts.

HARVARD

The Crimson had a winless weekend, losing in a 6-0 shutout to the University of Connecticut on Friday. The opposing team scored three goals in each half, led by junior forward Mamadou Diouf. Harvard was unable to respond to the Huskies' offense, but did receive three yellow cards within the second half. The Crimson is currently second to last in the Ivy division, with only one win and one tie this season. They will take on Cal Poly in the 2012 Nike Central Coast Challenge on Friday.

PENN

Despite playing another two games over the weekend, the Quakers remain winless in the 2012 season. This past weekend they fell 5-3 in the second half

to Villanova. Sophomore midfielder and forward Mariano Gonzalez scored his first goal of the season with an assist from sophomore midfielder and forward Duke Lacroix. Lacroix went on to score his own unassisted goal shortly thereafter, but it was not enough to hold off the potent Villanova offense late in the match when the Wildcats scored three unanswered goals. Penn had no luck against No. 12 Georgetown either, once again failing to match the playing level of the opposition in the second half. Georgetown senior forward and midfielder Andy Riemer ripped through the Quaker defense, scoring a hat trick for the Hoyas, and denying the Quakers' bid for their first win of 2012. The Quakers fell 3-1. Penn next plays Fairleigh Dickinson on Friday.

PRINCETON

The Tigers went .500 this weekend, starting off with a 1-0 loss to Georgetown before turning their three-game losing streak around by securing a win against Villanova. Freshman

forward Thomas Sanner scored his first goal of the season in the opening half with an assist from sophomore forward Cameron Porter, scoring the lone goal Princeton needed to defeat Villanova on Sunday. The Tigers will play the Rider University Broncos on Friday.

YALE

The Bulldogs improved their record this weekend, notching their first and second wins of the season against Quinnipiac (1-0) and Sacred Heart (2-0), respectively. The winning goal in the first match was scored by junior forward and midfielder Scott Armbrust with an assist from freshman forward Avery Schwartz. Yale pulled its winning streak to two against Sacred Heart in another shutout victory. The Bulldogs started with a goal from junior forward and midfielder Jenner Fox, and they quickly ensured their win with an assist from Ambrust and a goal by junior forward and midfielder Peter Jacobson. Yale plays Fordham on Friday.

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Lions place in top 10 at 2 tourneys

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This week, four members of the Columbia women's golf team traveled to nearby Eisenhower Park to compete in the St. John's Women's Intercollegiate on the individual level. After Monday's successful round, sophomore Joanna Henry headed into Tuesday's round tied for 10th place. Despite the ominous weather, the tournament went on as planned. Henry finished the final round and led Columbia with a cumulative score of 156, still holding the 10th position. Freshman Spenser Krut maintained her level of play from Monday and finished the day with a final score of 163, sharing 27th place. Senior Ashley Zambito improved from Monday to Tuesday, closing with a 174. Sophomore Maria Lu scored an 89 both days with a final score of 178.

Meanwhile, five members of the team represented Columbia at the Murray State Drake Creek Invitational. They finished Tuesday's third round in fourth place with a team score of 922. After three rounds of play, junior Michelle Piyapattra led Columbia with a score of 226. Freshmen Monique Ishikawa and Lilette Mocio scored 231 and 234, respectively. Junior Jane Dongalso finished with a 234 after three rounds, and sophomore Elizabeth Combs closed with a score of 235.

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Exercise outside before the cold arrives, Dodge is here to stay

QUAN from back page

artificial light. Lack of ventilation on the second-level weight room also traps an unpleasant, musty, body odor smell. No matter how many calories you're burning or how much muscle you're building, doing it in Dodge is depressing. While working out is supposed to make you feel better, Dodge just brings my mood down—which is why I head outside.

While the weather is still warm, I'd recommend exercising outdoors where the air is fresher and the scenery is nicer. Although the city may feel like a concrete jungle, there are plenty of places to get in a good workout.

For the runners who usually hole themselves up in Dodge, try going for a jog in Riverside Park. For the first mile heading downtown, the park is like a European garden, with a middle path bordered by two rows of trees and lamp posts. Then, down a hill and under the bridge, the road continues right along the Hudson River all the way to the southern tip of Manhattan.

The water's breeze is especially refreshing. Passing and being passed by fellow runners, joggers, walkers, and bikers also helps motivate you to keep persisting through your workout. Riverside Park and Central Park are right at your fingertips—don't forget to use them.

Basketball players who normally have to deal with sharing the Blue Gym or being kicked out of Levien should head to the courts at Riverside Park. The summer sun has

weakened by now, so you shouldn't end up baking on the blacktop. There are also plenty of courts available at any given time, so games of pick-up don't always have to be as crowded as they are in Dodge.

If you're looking for a leg-strengthening exercise, head to the steps on the edge of Morningside Park. Do a set stadium workout and your legs will probably be dying after 20 grueling minutes. To those heading down the steps you'll look really intense, and those who are also going up will be huffing and puffing with you all the way to the top.

Once you overcome your fear of falling down the steps and begin looking for something a bit more challenging, try hopping along on one leg for each flight of stairs, or do squat jumps up to the top. A couple of workouts on these stairs are sure to give you strong legs, and you can enjoy the view of Harlem.

Finding a suitable outdoor substitute for arm strengthening exercises is more of a challenge. I've heard about rock climbing in Central Park and free kayaking on the Hudson River. If you explore around a bit, I'm sure you'll find many outdoor workouts readily available for you to enjoy.

Either way, with autumn fast approaching, take advantage of being outside before winter pushes us all back into Dodge, or into a lazy hibernation. Go out and play!

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Passion on, off field extends to Africa for Dooley

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very contagious," women's soccer head coach Kevin McCarthy said. "We discussed some of the many possibilities she had for her post-grad career. Not surprisingly she wanted to do service while also continuing to follow her passion, and I think she found a wonderful way to do that."

After initially hearing about the program through a high school classmate who volunteered at Grassroot Soccer's Zambia location, Dooley immediately felt a connection to the program. "I did a ton of research on their website, and I fell in love. I thought, 'How can I not be doing this? It [the program] is working with youth through the power of soccer to fight this crazy epidemic and combining my desire to work with people with my number one passion in life,'" Dooley said.

While some American college graduates might struggle to adjust to a city where 47 percent of the population cites Afrikaans as its first language and where, as she said, she is the only blonde-haired, blue-eyed girl in the bunch, Dooley dove right into her work in Kimberley. "My first weekend we had an HCT, which is an

HIV Counseling and Testing Tournament, which is one day where we have teams come and play against each other, and in between games we shuttle the fans to an HIV testing station to get tested," she said. "We have food and prizes, and it's a really fun day."

Dooley now spends most of her time coaching girls between the ages of 12 and 18 in a program called 'Skillz Street', which teaches the girls soccer skills in daily practices at Kimberley schools alongside the HIV-education curriculum.

"The best experience has been with the children we coach in classes," Dooley said. "The teenage girls that we do Skillz Street with are really fun and so energetic. I love to dance for fun, and there is so much dancing here before every practice." Dooley has even started her own blog, Dooley Noted, to document her day-to-day experiences with the girls.

Upon considering the legacy of service within the women's soccer program, it's clear that Dooley was in an environment where she could develop a passion for helping others. In 2010, the Columbia Community Service Board awarded the Virginia Xanthos Award to the women's soccer program for its

involvement with The Friends of Jaclyn Foundation, which lends support and friendship to children with pediatric brain tumors. The team also actively supports the work of former teammates Erica Woda, CC '04 and founder of the youth sports mentoring program Level the Field, and Bailey Schroeder, CC '08, who founded the nonprofit organization SocialPakt.

Dooley may one day start a nonprofit of her own, possibly with former Light Blue teammate Lindsay Mushett, CC '12. "Our senior spring break we went to Haiti to work with kids with physical disabilities, and we played soccer with them, which was a really cool experience," Dooley said. "And since then we have joked about starting our own nonprofit one day, but it has kind of been a serious joke."

For now, though, Dooley plans to continue her involvement with community service after her year in South Africa.

"Whether it's staying with Grassroots Soccer, which I would love to do, or going to Haiti," Dooley said, "I think the only thing I am sure of is that I want to work with sports to help people that have not had the same opportunities that I had growing up in the States."

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

ZACH OLINGER



FILE PHOTO

OLINGER ON THE MOVE | Columbia junior linebacker Zach Olinger earned Ivy League and Eastern College Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Week honors after notching 10 total tackles, one forced fumble, one interception, and one sack in the Light Blue's 10-9 win over Marist on Saturday.

Apollo panel: voter ID laws ‘widespread rollback’

APOLLO from front page

New Yorkers to register correctly and not fall victim to disenfranchisement. Some Harlem residents don't take the initiative to register, she said, because "they don't think their own vote counts."

Browne Dianis emphasized the importance of local elections, calling for political accountability in Harlem that extends far beyond Election Day to "the day after, the election of the school board members and prosecutors."

"People think that local elections don't matter, but we have the most at stake, and we don't act like it," panelist Keli Goff, a political analyst and author, said.

Instead, Dyson said, voters' interests, from education to local businesses, will not be taken care of unless all residents embrace

the political process. "Because of that suspicion of civil engagement, we are taking the hit for our communities," he said.

The key to solving that suspicion, Dyson said, will be dispelling the spirit of anti-intellectualism that he believes is rampant in the African-American community. He noted that he was often mocked for focusing on his studies as a teenager.

The Rev. Al Sharpton emphasized the need to invest in schools and teachers as a city and a community instead of relying on outside privatized companies.

"In Harlem, right here round the corner they're closing public schools," he said. "We need to get the private sector out of the lives of our kids."

The panel was well-received, but some audience members

wondered how much the panel's suggestions would impact the community in the face of the impending election.


"They dodged the questions for their betterment," Shana Pendleton, a Harlem resident, said. "Voting's important, but they opted for a short-term solution. All the questions seemed to be answered by voting."

Laura Clark, another resident, said that while there may be greater issues at stake locally, the importance of the election cannot be forgotten in a neighborhood that was so inspired by the election of President Barack Obama, CC '83.

"The only effect that events like this have are awareness and helping people understand politics," she said.

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Lectures are a luxury

BY JIAQI LIU

Since shopping week is over, I have finally accepted the fact that what I have now is my finalized schedule. I like to think that I have put a lot of thought into my schedule and that I’ve made the right choices, but that’s not something anyone can say with certainty. As of now I thoroughly enjoy all my classes and even look forward to going to them each day, but realistically I know that as the semester progresses, my attendance in lectures is going to decrease.

While attendance in lectures is highly recommended and supposedly beneficial to your education, there is also no denying that—realistically—your grade depends primarily on how well you do on assignments, projects, papers, and exams. As such, sometimes I have no choice but to sacrifice the one hour and 15 minute lecture in order to complete an assignment or study for an exam.

I’ve learned in my time here that attendance in class does not necessarily mean you’ll do well in the class or even that you’ll learn anything. In an ideal world, regularly attending class and paying attention would lead to understanding of course material. However, we do not have that guarantee. Therefore, the strategy becomes to only attend mandatory classes—lectures become optional.

What’s in a number?

I’ll admit it. When U.S. News & World Report issued its annual rankings of colleges and universities, I couldn’t help but smile at the fact that Columbia had held its number four slot, right behind three other Ivy League schools known together as HYP. And although none of my friends really talked about it at length, everyone seemed to know about its release, whether it was through Spec, Bwog, or friends on campus.

I’ll come out and say it: Rankings aren’t everything. Experts in education will argue that rankings only touch upon the superficial aspects of our universities. And they’re right. But for whatever reason, it seems like a validation of my experience here at Columbia.

For Columbians, there doesn’t seem to be any question as to why our school would be ranked in the top five. The Core Curriculum, the vibrant New York City environment, and the diverse array of student opinions make Columbia a top school for many of us. It is thanks to these reasons that I’ve developed into the person I am today.

However, as many know, that is not what the rankings measure. Instead, they choose to focus on how much alumni donate back to the school and how much professors make. These factors are important, but they miss the mark and don’t take note of what is really important in determining what makes a college or university great.



RYAN CHO

Let’s Be Real

If a lecture is interesting and connects well to the assignments, then it makes sense to attend the class. However, if a lecture is confusing or boring and seems to lead nowhere, then I would rather skip the class and use that same time to read the textbook or study the material on my own.

Last semester I hardly ever missed my history lecture. Our professor was really good at presenting the material and connecting events to various themes. On the other hand, I rarely showed up to my math class even though it was a much smaller class. I tried going for a month and it just didn’t work out. I could not understand what my professor was saying and could never understand what was written on the board. Furthermore, the weekly problem sets hardly tied in to the lecture and I felt that exam questions just came out of nowhere.

Since this was a 9 a.m. class, I just slept in every day instead of attending class. But that time slot comes out of somewhere. By not intending to go to my 9 a.m. class each day, I was able to stay up later and work on homework assignments. I still kept up with the class by reading the textbook, working on the assignments, and occasionally doing extra problems.

I ended up doing much better, grade-wise, in my math class than I did in my history class. Even if this was due to my engineering background, my experiences do show that you do not need to attend class to do well or even to learn the material. I wish I had the time to go to my math class regularly and had gotten to know my professor better, but I simply did not have the time to spare.

Especially because much of this information is self-reported, I actually worry that these rankings may put undue pressure on administrators and school officials to focus on aspects that help the rankings, but don’t really help students at all. Some have argued that Dean Peña-Mora was a victim of this pressure, increasing class sizes and fundraising across the country at the expense of the quality of education at the engineering school.

I would be lying, though, if I said rankings don’t help to form biases toward our schools and help to guide our decisions. It’s in our everyday behavior. We Yelp for five-star restaurants, look for gold nuggets on CULPA, and look at ratings for movies on Rotten Tomatoes. We want to be sure that we’re getting the best we possibly can. Yet how many times have we gone to the “best” movie, which was raved about in reviews and by our friends, only to find it a complete dud? Unfortunately, too many in my experience.

Even if rankings are important, Columbia seems to catch a wide array of them. During my time at Columbia, we’ve been ranked as the most stressful school by Newsweek, and at the same time, also ranked ninth in the schools with the happiest freshmen, according to the researchers at the Center of College Affordability and Productivity (who seemingly have never lived in New York). Is it possible that we could have both the most stressed and happiest freshmen? I’d think not.

Rankings try to aggregate quantitative information and also try to quantify the things that can’t best be described in numbers. They help people believe that there is a scientific backing behind them, helping to confirm and demonstrate that this university is undoubtedly better than

Simply put, attending lectures is a luxury that we cannot always afford. When you have an assignment due for your 4:10 p.m. class that you have yet to finish, would it make sense to give up one or two hours before that class to attend a lecture for another class that doesn’t have an assignment due that day?

It is, in fact, difficult for one to measure the amount of learning that actually occurs in class. In the past, some classes that I’ve really looked forward to when I registered for them ended up being some of those classes where you just force yourself through the material for a grade without truly learning anything. But I’ve also had the experience where I’ve done very poorly in a required class but came out of it with some applicable knowledge that would hopefully help me in life. Maybe the approach should be to learn the material however you can, whether that be by attending class regularly and doing all the readings or by skipping class and teaching yourself the material.

I truly wish I had the time to go to all of my classes every week, yet it never works out. It doesn’t matter whether I plan ahead or not—something always goes wrong. There is too much to do and not enough time at Columbia. Unfortunately, our lectures must get the short end of the stick, because when you need to buy an hour or two, the easiest way to get it is to skip class.

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another (I mean, look, it’s in the numbers!).

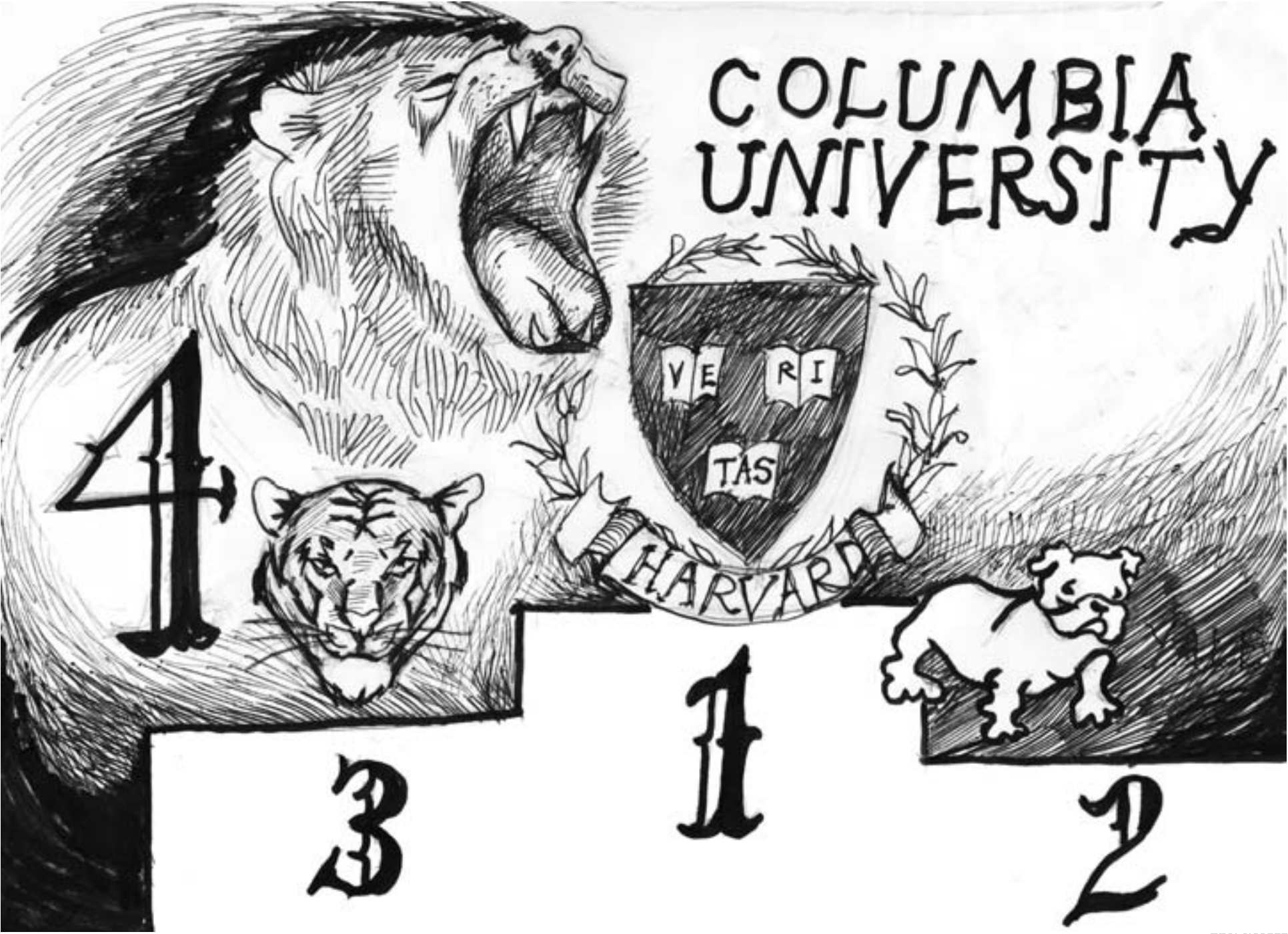
But the key word there is “try.” Rankings try to use metrics that just don’t apply or exist. You simply can’t quantify watching a movie marathon on the weekend with your friends in Carman, or eating a slice of Koronet’s pizza at 3 a.m. after a night out. And you shouldn’t. These are experiences that have no numerical value, no matter how hard statisticians might try to spin them. Yet how much more do they mean to us? These are the events that we will sometimes remember more than the reading that was assigned in seminar one week.

So, alas, we must move beyond the numbers. It’ll take time, but we must understand that the only ranking college can have is the one you assign, one that forgets about the cost of living, attrition rate, and graduation rate, and one that focuses on your own personal experience.

Professor Andrew Delbanco perhaps says it best when he references one of his students trying to explain what college did for him in his newest book “College”: “Columbia ... taught me how to enjoy life.” It almost sounds too simple, too vague. But perhaps complicating the definition has muddled what really matters in a college education. Perhaps the best part about that student’s statement is the fact that “enjoyment” remains vague—it is something unique that each of us has to define on our own.

In the end, what rankings show us is a nicely statistically regressed number. And it’s just that: a number.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Activating the student body

Columbia has a long history of student activism. From the campus furor in 1968 to our Election Day break—a result of students’ petitions for time to participate in the political process—Columbia students have always been aware and engaged with the current political landscape.

We saw this in 2008: When Barack Obama and John McCain held a debate in Lerner Hall, campus was abuzz with political discourse. On election night, campus gathered to watch the returns on Low Plaza. Whether Democrat or Republican, socialist or tea partyer, Columbia students cared about the

2008 election.

Few can deny that there is a different feeling this time around. With the election less than 50 days away, we see respective groups mobilizing and individuals arguing, but see very little of the constructive political dialogue that found its way onto campus four years ago. Times have changed and so has the political landscape.

But Columbia students should recognize the constructive and unifying power that grassroots student activism can have on this campus. We hope that this community can capitalize on all the resources being brought to campus this fall and rediscover the political dialogue present in 2008.

While Columbia may not be hosting an Obama-Romney debate this year, we applaud administrators, faculty, student leaders, and student groups for the steps they have taken to generate political activism on campus. At press time, over 850 students had taken advantage of the TurboVote voter registration system, which was brought to campus

by the combined efforts of the student councils, the Office of Residential Programs, the Columbia University College Democrats, the Columbia University College Republicans, and the Columbia Political Union.

We are encouraged to see partisan groups work together to further participation in the democratic process. When students on campus use the election to bring out a livelier civic spirit in the general student body, everyone wins.

We go to one of the most influential universities in the world. Many of us hope to make a difference in the future of this country (and many other countries). It makes sense for us to be politically aware and engaged. Indeed, some (like Thomas Jefferson) might even argue that it is our duty, as future members of the educated citizenry, to be involved in this election and make our voices heard.

If you haven’t registered to vote, you can do so at columbia.turbovote.org.

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17 Leader for whom Houston's airport is named
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47 Not a good thing to be at the wheel
49 Pro Football Hall of Famer nicknamed "Crazylegs"
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56 Speaker with a .345 career batting average
57 Stallion feature
58 TV series that first aired 9/23/1962 whose family shares first names with 17-, 24-, 34- and 49-Across
61 Henry VIII's fourth
62 Verdi slave
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2 Chop chopper
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4 Snod's affections
5 Avoid, as an issue
6 Like many Mammians, by birth
7 Clear blue
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32 "Modern Family" network

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Dodge Dodge, enjoy summer while it lasts

At the beginning of the school year, Dodge Fitness Center seems to be overflowing with students diligently observing their new workout routines. Newcomers, consciously trying to avoid the freshman 15, tentatively roam the three fitness levels by the Blue Gym, getting a feel for the land.

Meanwhile, returners transition smoothly from machine to machine, slightly annoyed by the new year's crowds, and trainers laugh among themselves, knowing full well that half of these people will be gone by the month's end. Once classes, club activities, and the excitement of New York City fully set in, few find the motivation or energy to keep going back to the gym. And who can blame them? Dodge does not offer the most welcoming atmosphere for grueling workouts.

Having a campus in the middle of New York City entails an endless fight for space, which is why most of our playing fields are all the way up at Baker. While Dodge does lend everyone on campus greater convenience, the fitness center is, let's face it, far from ideal.

There are many areas where Dodge could use some renovations—the archaic squash courts should be resized, the worn flooring of the Blue Gym could be redone, and more space should be made available to give each coach a legitimate office. However, the fundamental problem with Dodge is that it's an underground windowless dungeon.

Whether in ecstasy or in pain, you're constantly huffing and puffing stale air under the fluorescent

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KATIE QUAN

In the Zone



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JUST DO-O IT | Former CU soccer athlete Nora Dooley, CC '12, joined with Grassroots Soccer to combat HIV in Africa.

Dooley takes soccer passion across globe

BY CAROLINE BOWMAN
Spectator Staff Writer

While most recent Columbia graduates were starting their young professional lives in an office building this summer, Nora Dooley, CC '12, was learning how to drive a stick shift on the left side of the road in Kimberley, South Africa. Dooley, a former member of the Columbia women's soccer team, travelled to South Africa to use her knowledge of and passion for soccer to take on a much bigger opponent than she had ever faced in college: the HIV epidemic in Africa.

Dooley's partner in her challenge is Grassroot Soccer, a nonprofit organization whose goal, is to "use the power of soccer to educate, inspire and mobilize communities to stop the spread of HIV" by implementing a dual soccer and HIV education program for African youths. Grassroot Soccer was originally founded in 2002 by Zimbabwean professional soccer players who witnessed firsthand the devastation of HIV through the loss of their teammates to the epidemic. The program has since expanded to include flagship sites in South Africa and Zambia.

Dooley, like many college seniors,

considered several options in deciding her post-graduation path. "I realized that I was going into my senior year, and I needed to figure out what route I wanted to take in life, whether I was going to be traveling or getting a job in the States, and Grassroot Soccer popped right into my mind," she said.

Her former head coach said her dedication was not surprising. "Nora was one of our most passionate players. She had a great love for the game and brought that every day in practice and to all of our matches, and it was

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In men's soccer, Cornell remains undefeated, 5-0

BY MATISSE WOODRUFF
Columbia Daily Spectator

BROWN

This week, the Bears took on Boston University and defeated the Terriers 1-0. Freshman defender Tim Whalen scored the winning header off a free kick against Boston. Brown continued its winning streak, beating out the Lehigh Mountain Hawks in another 1-0 victory.

The game-winning goal was scored by senior forward Bobby Belair. The Bears currently have only one loss. On Friday, they will take on the University of Washington in Seattle.

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Cornell defeated Wofford this weekend, keeping its winning streak intact and remaining undefeated thus far in the season with five victories. Wofford scored in the first half, but Cornell sophomore midfielder Connor Goepel tied the match in the 66th minute. Twenty minutes later, the game-winning goal was scored by junior forward Daniel Haber, who has scored the most goals in the 2012 Ivy League season so far. The Big Red will take on Binghamton tonight.

DARTMOUTH

The Big Green continued its recent trend of inconsistent results with a 2-3 loss to New Mexico, followed by a 1-0 victory against Missouri State. Sophomore forward Alex Adelabu scored both goals against New Mexico. Although the Big Green was tied at the end of the first half, the team was overtaken six minutes into the beginning of the second half. Despite the mixed results for Dartmouth, sophomore Adelabu continued his scoring streak by notching the game-winning goal

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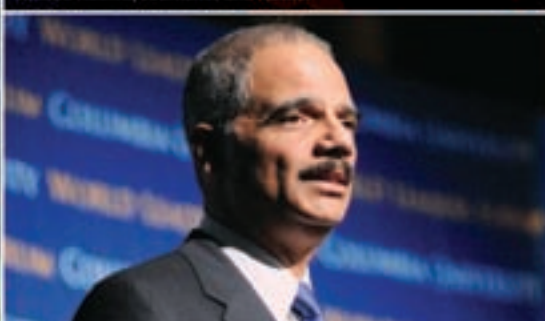
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