

BC workers oppose wage freeze, benefits cuts

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With four days left until their temporary contract expires, Barnard clerical workers believe that the college is trying to shortchange them in contract negotiations.

According to members of United Auto Workers Local 2110, which represents those employees, Barnard administrators have proposed freezing wages for three years, reducing retirement benefits, increasing employees’ pension contributions, decreasing health care coverage, and putting stricter limits on sick leave, flexible hours, and leaves of absences.

Approximately 175 members of Local 2110 work at Barnard, mostly as administrative assistants, academic assistants, or access attendants, who control entry into residence halls. Sharon Walls, a union officer who has worked at Barnard since 1984, called the proposed wage freeze “a slap in the face.”

“We’ve got members ... who’ve worked here for 15 years. That shows dedication to the college,” said Walls, who works in Barnard’s Purchasing Department. “We help keep Barnard the way it is.”

The union’s contract officially expired on June 30, but a temporary extension is set to last until Monday, Sept. 24. Maida Rosenstein, the president of Local 2110, said that while the union has been trying to negotiate a new contract since May, Barnard only recently started to negotiate seriously.

“When students and faculty are not around over the summer, they don’t feel any pressure to bargain at all,” Rosenstein said. “They did virtually nothing over the summer, even though we made ourselves available for bargaining.”

Members of Local 2110 at Columbia and Teachers College came close to striking in April over similar issues, although Barnard employees currently have no plans to strike. They can keep working as negotiations continue, and Barnard Chief Operating Officer Gregory Brown noted that the college’s last agreement with the union was reached 10 months after its contract expired.

“What we are working towards is a contract that is grounded and fair, both for the College and its employees, who are vital members of our campus community,” Brown said in an email. “Specifically, the College is seeking a contract that is updated to reflect present circumstances, and maintains consistency across different employee groups.”

Barnard has made several controversial cost-cutting moves over the last year, including charging full-time tuition to part-time students, announcing plans to close the college’s swimming pool, and implementing a voluntary retirement program for professors and administrators. The college ran an operating deficit of \$2.5 million two years ago.

While administrators have offered clerical workers some concessions, including proposals to increase funding for child care and provide tax subsidies for same-sex couples, “they still haven’t taken the benefits cut off the table at all, and that’s the most serious thing,” Rosenstein said.

She added that salaries for Local 2110 employees at Barnard

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TAKING A STAND | Pamela Phillips, a member of the union’s negotiating team, said the proposed three-year pay freeze is too severe.

Four sororities competing to open chapters at Columbia

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The four sororities competing for two spots at Columbia began making their cases to the Panhellenic Council last week.

Representatives from Alpha Omicron Pi, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Zeta Tau Alpha made presentations to the council and other sorority members. Standing in front of colorful PowerPoint

presentations and blasting music—all four organizations’ soundtracks included Katy Perry’s “Firework” and Kelly Clarkson’s “Stronger”—they described their organizations’ histories and philanthropy, discussing how they would fit into the Columbia community.

Members of Columbia’s four existing sororities will vote on their two choices at the end of the month, and the winners will be notified Oct. 1.

The first new sorority will

be formed next semester, and the second one will be formed in the spring of 2015. Alexandra Swift, CC ’15, said that right now, there “aren’t a lot of options” for students who want to join sororities.

“Having more options can’t be bad,” she said.

But while some students have expressed excitement about the prospect of new sororities, others, like Kainee Aguilar, CC ’15, are more hesitant. Aguilar said that the expansion of sororities

and fraternities on campus—a new fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, is also in the works—is “not necessary,” although she added that students involved in Greek life seem to benefit from it.

“Everyone can find a place in it,” she said. “It’s not a bad thing.”

Panhellenic Council’s decision to bring two new sororities to campus comes at a time

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Panelists debate future of U.S. education reform

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What is the future of education reform in the United States? Prominent education specialists gathered at Teachers College on Wednesday night to debate the question, focusing on how public policy can improve schools by targeting community issues instead of schools themselves.

The event, “Beyond the Schoolhouse Doors: Bringing Non-School Factors into Education Policy,” was organized by TC’s Department of Education Policy and Social Analysis and moderated by EPSA Chair Jeffrey Henig. Panelists advised education policymakers to focus on community issues such as poverty, health care, unemployment, and residential segregation.

“We really have created a system where, if you’re in an

at-risk community with high poverty, the cycle continues in such a way that it’s extremely difficult to break,” said panelist William Tate, chair of the education department at Washington University in St. Louis.

Panelist Michael Rebell, a TC professor and executive director of the Campaign for Educational Equity, expressed support for “comprehensive educational opportunities, such as health services, extensive early childhood services, summer and extended day programs.”

“With No Child Left Behind, the idea is all kids can achieve at higher levels,” Rebell said. “Implicit on that is that you have to give them the resources to do so.”

TC President Susan Fuhrman called education reform “an old topic at Teachers College,” but one that has recently re-emerged due to new research on

the subject. TC sociology and education professor Aaron Pallas, who was not one of the panelists, said after the event that researchers will continue to seek viable solutions for educational disparities in America, keeping in mind that social issues impact education.

“In the long run, there will be a recognition that combining the resources for schooling with spending on other services for youth will have a synergistic effect,” he said. “The rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer, educationally. This is something that does cry out for creative solutions.”

But while the panelists extensively discussed evidence that non-school factors play a crucial role in student achievement, they touched only briefly on how to solve educational problems in

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EDUCATE | The panel was hosted by TC’s Department of Education Policy and Social Analysis.

University to offer online classes

Pilot program includes 2 massive open online courses

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At 3 a.m. on Wednesday, Columbia opened registration for its first two massive open online courses.

The University is offering the two courses—Financial Engineering and Risk Management, and Natural Language Processing—through Coursera, an online education platform founded by Stanford University professors Daphne Koller and Andrew Ng last year. It’s Columbia’s first major venture into the online education market in a decade.

“We’re doing a pilot program in the MOOC stage—massive open online course—and the idea there is to see ... the potential of the MOOC stage for education,” said Sree Sreenivasan, who was appointed Columbia’s first chief digital officer in July. “What I’m trying to do in my position is to help see what’s working, try new things, and to expand and enhance what we’ve already done and built at Columbia.”

Sreenivasan said that several Columbia schools, including the School of Continuing Education,

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Jackson looks to get locals involved in redistricting

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City Council member Robert Jackson told Washington Heights residents to get involved in the city redistricting process Wednesday night, at a community forum attended by several politicians who might replace him on the council.

Jackson, who has criticized the city redistricting commission’s first draft of new council district lines, told a room of about 30 community members and local politicians that it’s important to make sure that “the minority population is not negatively impacted” by the redistricting. He and his staff also emphasized the importance of his partnership with

fellow northern Manhattan City Council member Ydanis Rodriguez, saying that the neighborhood benefits from being split into two council districts. Jackson represents Morningside Heights, West Harlem, and parts of Upper Manhattan.

“The more voices you have at City Hall to say, ‘This is not acceptable,’ the better off you are,” said Johanna Garcia, Jackson’s director of budget and legislative affairs.

Zead Ramadan, a former chair of Community Board 12, said that the lines proposed by the City Council would take political influence away from northern Manhattan by putting most of it into one district.

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Two online courses enroll 6,000 on first day

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the School of Engineering and Applied Science, the School of Journalism, and Teachers College, have had assorted online education offerings for years. But this is the first time Columbia is offering courses that are free and open to anyone in the world with Internet access.

Both courses will begin on Feb. 11, 2013, and run for 10 weeks. According to descriptions on Coursera's website, the workload for each course will be eight to 10 hours per week. Industrial engineering and operations research professors Garud Iyengar and Martin Haugh will teach Financial Engineering and Risk Management, and computer science professor Michael Collins will teach Natural Language Processing.

"The plan is to give people a broad introduction into the method of financial engineering and risk management and option pricing for portfolio optimization ... and also a healthy degree of skepticism," Haugh said of his course. "Obviously, these models have come under a lot of criticism in the last few years ... so we hope to address some of these issues as well." Thirty-three schools—including

the California Institute of Technology, Duke University, and Princeton University—currently offer or are planning to offer classes on Coursera. The more than one million people who have enrolled in the site's courses are expected to pay attention during video lectures interspersed with interactive exercises and complete homework assignments in between lectures.

Kyle Rego, SEAS '13, called Columbia's new online courses a "fantastic opportunity," noting that he planned to enroll in Natural Language Processing.

"If I didn't have the opportunity to go to Columbia ... I would definitely take a course," he said. "I could easily see other people wanting to."

"For free, this is amazing," he added.

However, Ben Rashkovich, CC '15, said that the whole concept of online education is "on an uneven keel," as it benefits some academic disciplines more than it does others.

"I feel like it will impact the sciences and math much more than writing or literature," he said.

Sreenivasan said that the long-term goal of creating massive open online courses is "to enhance the undergraduate as well as graduate experience at Columbia." He said

there are three groups of people that the University hopes to reach through Coursera: students who live on campus, students who don't live on campus or who are studying abroad, and people not affiliated with Columbia.

"It's obviously very experimental," Haugh said. "All the universities who are doing this are exploring this platform to some extent, trying to figure out just how much teaching can be done via these platforms and to see whether or not they'll be viable in the long run."

Rego said that it's "awesome but kind of scary" to think about online classes in the long term.

"If it gets popular enough, it could really alter the educational landscape, such that a lot of kids might decide to take online classes as opposed to going to private colleges and having a lot of debt through loans," he said.

Sreenivasan noted that he is still exploring options for pilot courses and that more may be added for the spring. More than 6,000 students had enrolled in the first two courses by Wednesday evening.

"It's very exciting," Haugh said. "I think there's a chance for us to reach a lot of people this way."

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Barnard workers say proposed cuts too severe

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are lower than salaries for Local 2110 employees at Columbia and Teachers College.

"People don't make a lot of money here," Rosenstein said. "What makes Barnard a place people like to work at is this kind of ... existing agreement that people here will work for less money because of the mission of the college and the benefit packages that exist." Pamela Phillips, a full-time

administrative assistant at Barnard's Center for Research on Women and a member of the union's negotiating team, said that the proposed wage freeze is too severe.

"If we don't get an increase in wages, that'll add an extra burden to my already burdensome financial" situation, Phillips said.

Walls said that many of Barnard's clerical workers are struggling to pay their rent, adding that she has a daughter

enrolled at Lincoln University.

"I have to help her pay tuition, so it's very difficult. And I'm not the only parent who has a child in college right now," Walls said.

"We have to fight for these things," she added. "There is a corporate mentality here. There's nothing wrong with that, but do it in a humanistic way."

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Panelists seek solutions to education disparities

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practice. Neighborhood resident Shelly-Ann Bennett said that while the panelists talked about several impediments to education reform, they didn't say what people who don't work for think tanks can do to help.

"It was a very interesting seminar, but it lacked in talking about solutions," she said. "There wasn't a lot about what we can do."

Doctoral student and TC Student Senate President Vikash Reddy, on the other hand, said he was pleased to see researchers presenting their findings to the general public.

"There's this notion that after you publish your research, that's it," he said. "But in reality, it has become part of the dialogue and discussion for reform."

The panelists also broached the issue of political will and the upcoming presidential election. Rebell, a member of the Department of Education's Equity and Excellence Commission, seemed optimistic about the possibility of a more holistic education agenda in Washington.

"You do get conservatives and liberals coming together to move in this direction," he



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SOLUTIONS ON THE HORIZON? | The panelists discussed whether education reform is politically feasible in the United States.

said. "People are seeing this not as a cost increase, but a cost saver. They're seeing the advantages of consolidating and engaging various government agencies."

Panelist Greg Duncan, who co-wrote the book "Whither Opportunity?: Growing Inequality, Schools, and Children's Life Chances," presented data showing that the

U.S. has fallen from first to 19th among Organisation for Economic Co-operating and Development member countries in high school graduation rate.

"This issue really threatens fundamental American values," he said. "Will the U.S. be a leading economic power in 25 years? Will children who work hard do better than their parents?"

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Jackson: Two council reps a boon to northern Manhattan

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"We lose so much power uptown," Ramadan said. "The center of gravity is going to shift down to western Harlem. And that's not a bad thing—they're great neighbors and all that, but we lose a lot of voice."

"Because right now, we have two council members who also share the land area pretty equally, so when they advocate for millions of dollars of resources, they're bringing it to our community," he added. "And I think that's the tragedy. We lose a tremendous funding source."

In the audience Wednesday night was community leader Cheryl Pahaham, one of two candidates for the City Council seat currently held by Jackson, who is term-limited and running for Manhattan borough president. Other attendees

included northern Manhattan Democratic District Leader Mark Levine, who has formed an exploratory committee to consider a possible bid, and legendary Washington Heights politician Maria Luna, who has indicated that she might run too.

"What it is that we need is to make sure that those that get elected deliver to our community," Luna said to the crowd. "It's really the quality of the elected officials that we should be concerned about."

Jackson said that most local residents don't know how much they can do to influence the redistricting, making it important "to hold forums to give them the opportunity." He encouraged the forum's attendees to submit their own redistricting proposals and to testify at the city's public hearings.

"They can email, they can

write, they can give testimony, they can go online and manipulate the lines themselves," Jackson said after the event. "At least then people can't say, 'I don't know.' They know that I informed them."

Frank Hess, a special assistant to State Assembly member Herman Farrell, said that he thinks some locals will get involved in the redistricting process as a result of the forum.

"It allows them to see what the process is, but then the question becomes, 'How can they affect it?'" Hess said. "And that I can't answer."

Luna, though, said that the new district lines are not the most important issue at hand. "Truth is that this is one city, one people," Luna said. "Whoever wins has to be able to do the best for all of us. The lines are invisible."

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FOUR SORORITIES, TWO SPOTS

KKΓ Kappa Kappa Gamma

Founded: 1870
Motto: "Tradition of Leadership"
Symbol: Key, fleur de lys, owl
Philanthropy: Reading is Fundamental
How they say they'll fit into the Columbia community:

- Full-time adviser for two years
- Promotion through social media
- Coordinated chapter support
- Possibility of a "big sister" chapter from Harvard
- Values and initiatives that fit "well into the ALPHA Standards"

ΓΦΒ Gamma Phi Beta

Founded: 1874
Motto: "To inspire the highest type of womanhood"
Symbol: Crescent moon
Philanthropy: Camp Fire USA, Girls Guides of USA, Girls on the Run
How they say they'll fit into the Columbia community:

- Will provide consultants and "special consultants," including recruitment consultants
- Alumni will fill the role of "big sisters"
- Also used to have a chapter at Barnard

ΑΟΠ Alpha Omicron Pi

Founded: 1897
Motto: "Women Enriched Through Lifelong Friendship"
Symbol: Jacqueminot rose
Philanthropy: Arthritis research
How they say they'll fit into the Columbia community:

- Sorority was founded at Barnard and wants to re-establish its Alpha Chapter here
- Chapter consultant on site for the initial academic year
- Colonization team of international and local volunteers
- Network development specialist assigned to colony for specialized support

ZTA Zeta Tau Alpha

Founded: 1898
Motto: "Seek the Noblest"
Symbol: White violet
Philanthropy: Breast cancer education and awareness
How they say they'll fit into the Columbia community:

- Will provide chapter consultant
- Director for new chapter will conduct an individual evaluation of Columbia to tailor the organization to the school

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Sorority membership currently at all-time high

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when the number of women joining sororities is at an all-time high. According to Panhellenic Association President Samantha Goldfarb, CC '14, the average chapter size this semester is 124 students, and last semester, nearly 400 students registered for the recruitment process—about 225 of whom ended up joining a sorority.

Goldfarb said in an email that the "organizations we currently have are not fulfilling the needs of every woman desiring to join."

"It is our hope that eventually our community can provide a Greek home to any woman who

seeks it," she said.

Sorority members who attended the presentations seemed mostly concerned with how the prospective sororities would fit into Columbia's Greek community, especially considering the unique relationship between Columbia and Barnard. Representatives from Alpha Omicron Pi emphasized the organization's roots at Barnard College, where it was founded, and Gamma Phi Beta members noted that they also used to have a Barnard chapter.

Additionally, the four sororities described how they would smoothly integrate into Columbia. The Panhellenic Council is planning to bring

additional chapter consultants to campus and to conduct focus groups and individual evaluations to determine how the new sororities would fit into the Columbia community.

During the presentations, alumni from other universities also talked about how the four sororities enriched their college years.

"It is clear that there is a significant population of women in the University looking for the community and opportunities which come from being affiliated with a Greek organization," Goldfarb said.

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Club sports criticize space allocation process

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lot of other club sports at other colleges and universities aren't allowed to use varsity fields."

The need to share varsity fields comes partially from the constraints from Columbia College's position as a formerly single-sex school.

"Columbia did not go co-ed until 1983, so really these facilities were built for one gender," Athletic Director M. Dianne Murphy said in a recent interview. "And so now all of a sudden, you have a small number of men's varsity sports and then, with no new facilities being built, we also added women's sports. We've got lots of people trying to do lots of things in our facilities, so we're obviously very crammed."

Developing new facilities and resources for sports isn't easy, given the University's location.

"Obviously, all clubs wish they had more practice space, but it's just the nature of the beast that is living in New York City," Jines said. "We don't have all the

facility space that can be solely allocated to one club."

For some club athletes, the schedule at Baker Field isn't exactly clear. One of junior Savannah Wood's duties as match-secretary of the women's rugby team is to submit the recreation space request to Jines, but she isn't sure who or what ultimately dictates allocating the space.

"Brian's great, and I don't think it's up to him who gets what," Wood said. "I think it's higher in athletics or something like that. But it's really difficult for us to have consistent field space and the resources that we need to practice and play at the level that we want to be playing at."

Still, many club athletes at Baker Field laud Jines for a tremendous job in scheduling club practices, while blaming the hierarchy of the athletic department.

"I feel like maybe at Columbia, in terms of its larger pre-bureaucracy, poses the greatest challenge for club sport," Mike

Escobar, president of the men's lacrosse team, said. "But I think that the club sports office really does a good job of doing what it can for the club sports in the greater Columbia bureaucracy."

But what really might be missing from the process is communication between all the parties involved.

"I think both the University and the women's rugby team could benefit from a meeting where we discuss the issues we both face in terms of the field space allocation, among other things," van Ogtrop said. "I feel the lack of communication about these issues is a hindrance to our progress as a team, and having an opportunity to discuss our concerns with the people who make the final decisions may go a long way towards helping us understand the university's decisions."

"Until we open the lines of communication, we'll likely continue to feel that our concerns are being ignored, even if that isn't anyone's intent," she added.

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Crimson's scandal restricts Ivy League's progress

LAU from back page

Sure, basketball season is still seven weeks away (yes, I'm counting). And sure, other sports, like football, have players who have been implicated in the scandal as well.

But compared to Harvard's other athletic programs, Crimson basketball has taken the biggest blow.

With Casey and Curry gone, Harvard's basketball team returns only one of its starters, since forward Keith Wright and guard Laurent Rivard graduated in May.

Some people have said the absence of the co-captains may not signal doom for the Crimson, given that head coach Tommy Amaker has depth on the bench and plenty of time to prepare for the season.

But having witnessed Harvard's reliance on Casey's dominating presence in the frontcourt, I respectfully disagree. Without Casey—the team's leading scorer last year—under the basket, and without Curry on the perimeter, Amaker has a lot of offensive restructuring to do before conference play begins in early 2013.

And to make matters worse for Amaker, he is losing student support. The New York Times reported on Tuesday that many Harvard students

have lost pride in Crimson athletics—pride that was at a climax in March when the basketball team made the NCAA tournament.

So as a Lions fan, why am I not more excited about this?

Well, contrary to what some may think, the possible downfall of Tommy Amaker's Crimson basketball program is not a definite positive for the Light Blue. Thanks to recent events, Columbia might (emphasis on the might) have a better shot at taking down last year's conference champs. That said, the trajectory of Ivy League sports—for better or worse—is in many ways tied to Harvard's success. A major theme of my discussions last year with Lions' head coach Kyle Smith was the recent rise of Ivy teams as serious competitors in men's basketball.

Harvard's achievements last season—finishing with a record of 26-5, being ranked as a top-25 team during the season, making the tournament for the first time since 1946—brought publicity to a conference that has had limited success in recent decades. And just as importantly, it excited a student body that had previously paid little attention to the team.

If Ivy teams want to be taken seriously on the national stage, then Ivy universities—Columbia included—must take

their own athletics programs seriously. Part of that means fostering a culture that supports athletics. As evidenced in Tuesday's New York Times article, the Harvard cheating scandal has done the opposite.

"Some people were pretty excited about the upcoming basketball season," Trevor Nash, a Harvard sophomore, told the New York Times. "Not as much anymore."

When it comes down to it, the effect of Harvard's cheating scandal on the Ivy League as a whole—both because of the possibility that Harvard may be less competitive on the courts and because of negative reactions to what many perceive as a cheating scandal revolving primarily around athletes—makes it hard to really be excited about the mess into which Harvard has gotten itself.

It would be easy to expect Harvard's sports teams to be the only ones that suffer from this situation.

But in truth, this scandal has the potential to affect Ivy League sports as a whole, and how seriously the rest of the nation takes us.

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Harlem restaurants team up with farmers to bring in fresh ingredients

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Morningside foodies already know that Harlem holds plenty of delicious restaurants. Thanks to the rise of local, farm-to-table restaurants in the neighborhood, dining in Harlem is becoming politically rewarding, too.

This trend was on display at Tuesday’s Savor the Season—Uptown tasting event, put on by winner of Bravo’s Top Chef Masters Marcus Samuelsson and CEO of Harvest Home Farmer’s Market Maritza Wellington-Owens. The event showcased 10 top restaurants north of 110th Street.

The food was delicious. Especially memorable were the perfectly tender beef brisket sliders from Dinosaur Bar-B-Que and the chilled summer vegetable ragu with teff noodles from Samuelsson’s restaurant Red Rooster, which is often credited with jump-starting Harlem fine dining. For dessert, Levain Bakery’s double chocolate cranberry cookies, moist and dense, hit the spot.

But the event was about more than just good eating in Harlem—the festivities also served as Harvest Home’s first fundraising event. Harvest Home is a nonprofit that organizes 17 different farmers markets and hosts cooking demonstrations in low-income neighborhoods around New York, including Harlem.

Savona Bailey-McClain, the executive director of the West Harlem Art Fund and a consultant for the event, described the interconnectedness of the Harlem food scene.

“They’re trying to connect farmers to neighborhoods, to restaurants, so this is the first professional food tasting event to show that Harlem

has great restaurants. Many of the restaurants sourced from the farmers that are connected to Harvest Home,” Bailey-McClain said.

Lack of access to healthy food is a serious issue in low-income neighborhoods throughout the U.S. Many farmers markets and specialty markets are expensive and tend to cater to high-income shoppers.

Harvest Home is different. All of its markets are in low-income neighborhoods and cater to recipients of government assistance. According to Wellington-Owens, shoppers can pay with food stamps, electronic benefit transfer (a similar program), and youth bucks—two-dollar coupons redeemable at Harvest Home farmers markets. Youth bucks are part of an initiative started by Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer to promote healthy eating among children.

The markets and restaurants also bring in new jobs. “It is very important that we began to attract restaurants to West Harlem because not only do we have an opportunity to have, you know, good food selections and variety ... but it also helps us economically,” said Rev. Georgette Morgan-Thomas, chair of Community Board 9. “Restaurants provide employment opportunities that don’t necessarily require individuals having secondary degrees.”

Morgan-Thomas emphasized the importance of producing local jobs. “It gives us an opportunity to have individuals in our community employed right near where they live, and so it increases our economic base,” she said.

Visiting a Harlem restaurant, then, can mean supporting local farms, nutrition, and jobs—and giving Morningside taste buds respite from Morningside tastes. Not bad for a 10-block walk.

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UPTOWN EATS | Savor the Season highlighted Harlem’s flourishing restaurant and market scene.



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GOOD WORKS | The exhibit displays the works of a dozen local artists, including the curators.

‘Small Works’ packs a wide variety of upper Manhattan art into local show

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Upper Manhattan, including Harlem and Washington Heights, has always had a vibrant art scene. Some of its newest developments have found a home at Columbia’s Russ Berrie Medical Science Pavilion (by the 168th Street stop on the 1 train). The exhibit, called “The Small Works Show,” features work from 12 contemporary upper Manhattan artists.

Curators Brian Hubble and Dionis Ortiz, who have included their own artwork in the show, wanted to focus on the exposure of multiple different artists from their area. What resulted is a show composed of one “small work” (around 14 inches by 14 inches) from each artist. “These are artists I’ve come across from Harlem, from the neighborhood, really,” Ortiz said.

Ortiz is a Harlem native, and his experiences growing up are the source of inspiration for most of his work. “I have seen Harlem go through a lot of changes,” he said. These changes are what got him interested in the “issues of identity” that came with the shift from deterioration to development in his neighborhood.

Other artists in the show come from varied backgrounds. Gloria Adams grew up in rural

Western Pennsylvania. The change from a homogenous upbringing to a diverse, highly educated community at Oberlin College inspired her to examine social location and cultural background through animal imagery. After college, Adams lived in Baltimore, Queens, the Bronx, and Brooklyn, before finally moving to Harlem.

“It is definitely the best place I’ve lived in terms of the art world. I found a community here that I hadn’t before,” she said. Through organizations like Harlem Arts Alliance and the Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance, a new generation of Harlem artists can interact, form connections, and create together.

The works line a path through the Russ Berrie Pavilion’s lobby, a space that handles all of the traffic coming in and out of the building. “People will usually stop a minute on their way through,” said Tony Brown, a security guard for the Pavilion. “The variety makes a difference because then you get a lot of different people liking things for a lot of different reasons.”

One visitor favorite, he said, is an untitled piece by Stefen Reed that uses handmade paper, found materials, and photography all in one. It depicts a young girl holding her knees to her chest, and at only 8 inches by 9 inches, it is the smallest piece in the show. The mixed media piece is an example of the diverse set of artwork found in a show of painters, print makers, and collage artists.

“That’s the thing that I think is so great about the show. Everyone really brings a very unique perspective in their practice ... whether it’s working with fabric or painting ... technical painters, collage artists,” Ortiz said. “It gives a little bit of everything.”

The show will be open until October 6, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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‘Peptimist’ writer Anouar Benmalek discusses identity at Maison Française

BY OLIVIA LU
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Anouar Benmalek, a writer, poet, and mathematician, has endured public condemnation and self-imposed exile for his controversial work. But in a lecture at Maison Française on Monday night, he re-visualized his place as a writer in the Arab world amid his struggles against such persecution, describing himself as a “peptimist”—a portmanteau of “pessimist” and “optimist.”

Benmalek is perhaps best known for his book “Ô Maria,” which was seen as critical of Islam. In the wake of its 2006 release, Benmalek faced an immediate backlash from media outlets throughout the Middle East, who compared him unfavorably to Salman Rushdie and Pope Benedict XVI.

“I took it badly, more especially when some of my ‘friends’ didn’t hesitate to blame me to have endangered my family by making such a book by pure selfishness of a writer,” Benmalek said. “Somebody even suggested to me without shame to write a new novel where I would explain my regrets to have written ‘Ô Maria,’ putting my error on the account of a momentary ‘blindness.’”

Benmalek refused to admit to such “blindness,” instead writing another novel, “Abduction,” about the violence of the National Liberation Front during the Algerian war of independence. Despite his love of Algeria, Benmalek said he finds it necessary to reveal the truth, however cruel, about the crimes committed by Algerians rather than bury it in the

past. “Societies as those of Algeria are captive of lies: lies of the past, lies of the present which knit, the seconds helping the firsts, lies of the future,” he said.

Despite Benmalek’s seeming pessimism, his convictions are grounded in hope. Noting that the Arab world’s “aspiration to a democratic life is not yet a natural reflex,” Benmalek believes that “it is because we have a high idea of the Arab world ... that we claim that its citizens have to require and to implement for themselves the same moral and political standards they demand from the democratic countries.”

As an Arab writer who loves the Arab world and yet rejects what he calls a “culture of death” perpetuated by an aggressive minority, Benmalek has resided in France since 1992, according to Bookforum. Benmalek concludes that ethnicity is insufficient to encapsulate his identity as a writer.

Coming from a mix of Swiss, Mauritanian, Bavarian, Algerian, and Moroccan ancestry, Benmalek refuses the label of the Algerian writer, which “tries to imprison [him] in national, linguistic, and religious constraints ... in a manner of a police anthropometric,” he said. “For me, the answer is very simple: it is being simultaneously Arab and non-Arab. I claim to be an Arab when someone believes that they are insulting me for being one. I refuse to be an Arab when, for so-called ‘good’ reasons, someone wants to suck me into a xenophobic ‘Arabness’ that would cut me and distance me ontologically from others.”

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Building community with public spaces

Columbia is filled with students who decided that they wanted to attend an urban school well-known for its lack of traditional college spirit. But even for those of us who sought this college experience, our school's lack of community can feel a little gloomy at times.

The alienation that many students feel from the school community is in large part caused by public spaces that are not very intimate, nurturing, or friendly.

“But Columbia has such a great campus,” non-Columbians often tell me.

I don't buy that. There is something very majestic about our campus' impressive buildings and their neat, rectangular layout. Often, though, it feels more like a fortress than a community, filled with austere academic buildings and “open spaces” that are cordoned off by fences and landscaping. As an individual, you're a speck on an urban plaza, constrained by criss-crossing geometric paths. And forget using the fields!

Of course, much of what people mean when praising Columbia's campus is that we are lucky to have a campus at all. Indeed, we are. Columbia may have more of a community feel than a school scattered across Greenwich Village, but not by much.

The campus we have fosters only the slightest sense of community. Low Steps, for example, serve as a cherished space that students are naturally drawn toward. Not during the late fall, winter, or early spring, though. And of course a certain degree of community feeling is unavoidable when 8,000 undergraduates are sandwiched between Morningside and Riverside Parks. Nevertheless, close quarters and a set of steps hardly bind students to each other or to the institution in a meaningful way.

It gets worse inside. The most social buildings on campus are Butler Library and the dining halls. Lerner Hall, which is



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Atomized to the Core

supposed to be a hub of student life, is a building devoted exclusively to business and chores: meeting your adviser, picking up a package, or buying books early in the semester. The social interactions that do occur in Lerner rarely encourage students to interact with new people: lunch is pre-arranged with a friend and the club meeting is normally all business. Very little about the building encourages people to linger and socialize.

When students return to the residence halls, the problem deepens. Most students go until their senior year before they have a welcoming space that isn't their bedroom. Common rooms and study lounges are sterile and uncomfortable. By the time people are moving into suites their senior (or maybe junior) year, the moments where real community building is possible have passed. By that point, most of us have resigned ourselves to Columbia as an atomized community, and are just relieved to have a space to share with our close friends for the last few semesters.

Better thought-out public spaces are the easiest way that the University can promote community building among undergraduates. I don't think we should undo the work of McKim, Mead & White, but our indoor public spaces and dormitory common areas are salvageable.

Two potential solutions come to mind. First, more funding needs to be dedicated to improving the public spaces that already exist. At present, many of the common rooms, on-campus cafes, and study spaces are uninviting and institutionalized. Second, since many of the most popular places—Joe Coffee in the Northwest Corner Building and Brad's in the Journalism School—are independently owned establishments; we should bring more such places on campus. Inviting businesses like these would be a far better use of concession space than many of the current university run establishments. Café 212, in particular, is known for its burnt coffee and uninviting atmosphere. Spaces that naturally cause students to linger, relax, and get to know one another

Voting on America's next 40 years

BY RYAN MORGAN

“Are you registered to vote?” I asked as the young woman inside the apartment leaned out of the tattered screen door. “Why should I? It ain't like they do nothing for me,” she tersely replied before she slammed the door in my face and the deadbolt clicked into place.

I was left alone on the porch. I paused as I turned to face the vast sprawl of the housing project. I had spent my summer in places like this reaching out to would-be voters—trying, sometimes with utter desperation, simply to convince them to register. While there were some very enthusiastic reactions to my efforts, the sound of closing doors was far more familiar than the scratching of a pen on registration forms. Unfortunately, the situation is not all that different here at Columbia.

Columbia students may not be quite as apathetic as their peers outside the academic acropolis of Morningside Heights, but they are not going to exert themselves to get registered or to request an absentee ballot. At the recent activities fair, I even encountered a student who brushed away a palm card for TurboVote, a free service that streamlines the process. The student said, “I'm not that into politics.” It's mind-boggling, really. Voting is not about being “into” politics.

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The United States is a nation whose short history is fraught with stories of the oft-bloody struggle for suffrage—a right that has become synonymous with citizenship. It's a narrative that our own Columbian forefathers—from John Jay and Alexander Hamilton, to Eric Holder and Barack Obama—have dedicated their lives to advancing. What's happened to our activist ethos? Perhaps we have grown up spoiled. After all, most of us were born long after legislation outlawed the last barriers to universal suffrage. It's just a theory.

It's time for young Americans to take up the mantle of our parents' and grandparents' generations once again.

But one thing is clear, whatever the reason: It's time for young Americans to take up the mantle of our parents' and grandparents' generations once again. It is now more than ever that our vote will make a difference. The election of 2012 will be remembered as one of the great turning points of the 21st century.

In 2012 you will not just be voting for another president or the senator from your home state, you will be voting for a policy direction that will affect you for most of your life. That had better sound terrifying, because it is. At stake this year is the balance of that all-too-often overlooked branch of the federal government—the Supreme Court. With four justices over age 70 eyeing the greener pastures of retirement, the people we elect to represent us this year will be the ones who will be choosing and confirming their replacements.

The replacement of as many as four justices represents an unprecedented potential to shift national policy. The Supreme Court is the final authority on constitutional issues—its nine justices decide whether corporations are people, if women are given the right to choose what happens to their own bodies, and if everyone deserves the same basic rights regardless of race, gender, or sexual orientation.

What happens in the Supreme Court is forever, as far as we are concerned. Justices serve lifetime terms—terms that can last 30 or 40 years. By the time the justices choose during the next four years are no longer on the court, our own generation will be retiring.

This is what's at stake in 2012. If we are to ever reclaim our citizenship and restore our activist legacy as Columbia students, we must act like citizens and vote. If we do not, we will run the risk of surrendering our futures to the whims of older Americans who may not live long enough to see the full consequences of what happens this year. With a vast array of resources like TurboVote (seriously, just Google it) at the disposal of Columbia students, it should be an easy decision to get registered and vote. It's our turn to make sure our voices are heard. This election really is the fight of our lives.

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Understanding ourselves

I was really struggling with wording the opening paragraph of this column for a while—the rest was written, but I just couldn't figure out how to properly frame the introduction. This malaise happens to me often. I stare blankly at my computer screen at an essay I'm halfway through writing, or my eyes blur out of focus over the paper I'm reading for class. Either I procrastinate or my mind wanders, but either way, I have the same existential crisis: What the hell am I doing with my life?

Generally I get over myself and realize it isn't the time for soul searching, but in times like this, when I'm attempting to be introspective to the point where I can produce 1,000 words at least somewhat worth reading, I have to subject myself to this mental questioning. This time, I went for a walk and realized that I was having, in an absurdly ironic twist, the same exact problem I had talked about in the column I was trying to introduce, and then laughed at how ridiculous this introduction was going to sound. I'm going to stop now since this is mostly for my own entertainment, although hopefully the preceding nonsense will make sense by the end of the column.

So much of our lives is shaped and defined by our interactions with social circles, close friendships, family, professional relationships, and endless random people that we rarely devote sufficient thought and reflection to ourselves. Still, when we grow, we grow foremost internally, because only within the confines of our own minds can we constantly question, reevaluate, and realize ourselves, our principles, our core values and beliefs, and the basis of our motivations and desires and proclivities.

When I came to college I really had no understanding of myself, and mostly just operated the way I thought I was supposed to without really asking myself why. I was motivated, made strong relationships with people, and achieved and pushed myself to the best of my ability. I never really understood why I cared about achievement, or why I was attracted to certain types of people and certain areas of knowledge or even certain types of books, music, movies, and TV shows. I interacted with the world and myself on a much more superficial level. I swear the Committee on the Core isn't paying me to say this (they're just promising me the Music Hum section of my choice next semester), but Contemporary Civilization entirely changed my perspective on how to deal with myself, and in turn, on how to deal with the world around me in all its absurdity.

The CC curriculum introduces us to a branch of writing concerned with figuring out every aspect of the human experience, from spirituality to social and political structures to arts and culture to straight metaphysical mental masturbation. From Plato to Machiavelli to Nietzsche to Marx, the thinkers of CC try to explain why humans function the way we do. For me, the type of philosophy in CC—not too academic, but perfectly deep and accessible—was revelatory.



LEO
SCHWARTZ

Rational- izing the Irrational

would help us remember Columbia as a lot more than a collection of buildings.

Building a community should be important. While the idea of “community building” can seem sort of silly, the absence of a strong sense of camaraderie on campus is a real problem. For some this is not an important issue, but for most, I think, it diminishes the undergraduate experience. Worse is the possibility that other students are left disenfranchised, alienated, and alone.

I always tell people that Columbia is remarkable for how little it demands of you as a community. With no overarching driver of social life and few social establishments that the full spectrum of Columbia students frequent, Columbia can provide a high level of anonymity. Many find this liberating, but others find it a disappointment. Personally, I fluctuate between the two. These feelings of social atomization are expressed in the frequent gripes of students on the opinion pages of this newspaper and in the comments on Bwog.

The current state of our community allows too many students to fall between the cracks and prevents the creation of an environment that I think many Columbians would enjoy. Most of us are on our way to becoming New Yorkers. This in practice means that anything with a whiff of organized “community building”—floor pizza, parties in the “Party Space,” or even most club events—will at a baseline be greeted with resignation, and at worst with scorn.

Efforts at community building are best accomplished in a neutral way that casually allows the interactions on which relationships are built. While not a cure-all, dedicating more money and thought to improving our public spaces is the most concrete step the University can take to foster the sense of community many of us desire.

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Academic writing is too dry and literature too allegorical. The writers in CC were much more explicit about putting into words what I had always thought in a hazy, distant sort of sense, but was never smart enough to ever fully conceptualize.

I used to feel so isolated in my problems—which I suppose is just a condition of being a teenager—but I felt so strongly that what I was going through, I was going through alone. As a result, I couldn't possibly begin to truly understand myself, because the questions I would have to ask would be too insanely massive to address alone, so I just didn't ask them.

I realized from the texts that everyone has had the same emotions, desires, fears, existential crises, and questions that I have been having since as long as I can remember, and more importantly, that people have been coming up with ways of explaining and dealing with them since as far back we can go.

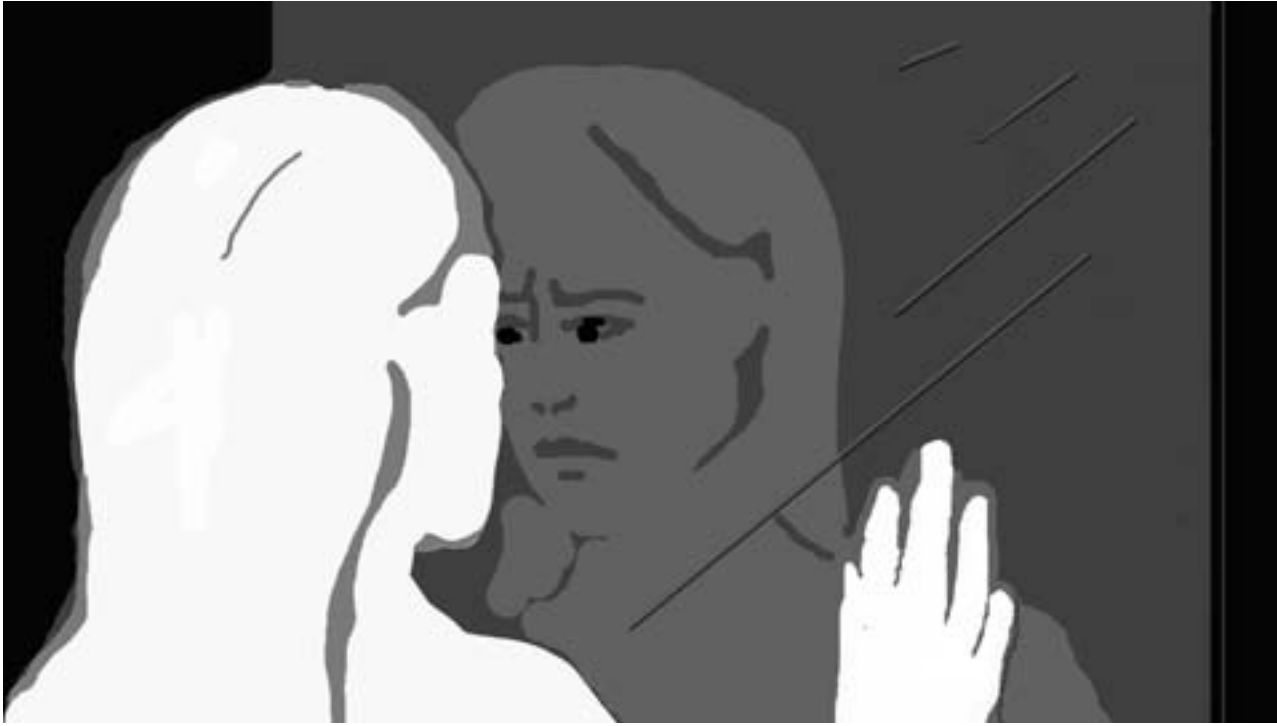
I look around on the subway now and I continue to be surrounded by strangers, but I realize that everyone is struggling through the same problems with me—dysfunctional family problems, stress and self-doubt, and shitty days—and that everyone is trying to figure themselves out. As individuals, it's easy to feel that we're the center of the universe, because to ourselves, we are. And it's hard to accept that the depth of everyone's experience is just as deep as our own. I remind myself of this as much as I can, because rather than feeling insignificant for the redundancy of my experience, I find shared experience relaxing.

In these moments, I also understand that everybody has entirely different ways of interpreting the world. The main issue with this column is that I'm tackling self-realization in an entirely esoteric manner, because I've come to understand, in a sickeningly meta sense, that this is the way I tackle the world and myself—through over (pseudo-)intellectualizing and endless questioning and analyzing.

The truth is, though, that everyone has entirely different paths toward self-realization, and even completely different definitions of self-realization itself. One of the reasons Columbia is such an amazing place for me is seeing how everybody finds that understanding. The paths to self-realization are limitless—the arts, theoretical physics, human interaction, sports, exploration, family, religious spirituality, psychonautics. Everyone has a different way of finding himself.

I constantly have those moments of intense doubt, usually inconveniently in the middle of doing work, where I stop and come back to the same question: What the hell am I doing with my life? Taking the time for these questions and realizing what gives us true fulfillment may be as cliché as you can get, but few of us actually take the time to understand ourselves enough to even know what self-fulfillment means. Following through is even rarer. In this environment we live in, we're constantly told what our goals and conception of happiness should be. Sometimes it's better to look inward first, and sometimes, taking the time to not silence our inner dialogue even helps write columns.

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Harvard's scandal hurts Ivy Sports

When I hear people say that Harvard students are stuck up, pompous, and self-important, I get it. Really, I do. "Harvard is the best at many things." Last spring, one of the Harvard Crimson's bloggers used that sentence to open a column that had the sole purpose of bragging about Harvard athletics being better than the Light Blue.

STEVEN LAU

Guest Column

So believe me, I get it. But the truth is that I've found little enjoyment and no cathartic relief in seeing the Harvard cheating scandal unfold over the last few weeks. On Aug. 30, Harvard administrators announced that the school was investigating nearly half of the students in a spring 2012 government class for allegedly cheating on the take-home final.

Every major media outlet has scrambled to find out which varsity athletes are among the 125 students being investigated for cheating on the exam. Some of the most shocking news came from Sports Illustrated, which last week reported that the men's basketball team's senior co-captains, forward Kyle Casey and point guard Brandyn Curry, withdrew from school for the 2012-2013 academic school year.

Both Casey and Curry are implicated in the scandal, which has prompted the two players to take a leave of absence for the current year so that they can return for the 2013-2014 season. If they had remained in school and been found guilty of cheating, both could have lost their last year of eligibility.

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FIGHTING FOR SPACE | Columbia's women's rugby club team has struggled to find practice space, and they have criticized the University's space allocation process.

Club sports criticize admins' handling of space issues

BY LAURA ALLEN
Spectator Staff Writer

With the many varsity and club sports at Columbia, sometimes finding practice space can be an issue. This was no more evident than last week, when one club team was left in the dark—literally.

A new policy that prohibited clubs' use of Baker Field during the first week of the fall semester left members of the women's rugby squad with limited time to practice. With many varsity and club teams sharing the space, the policy signifies a larger problem regarding resources and recognition to

some club players.

"We have to book our own practice space way ahead of time, and even then, sometimes it gets messed up because of football games," women's rugby president junior Sophie Lieberman said. "And we have to share with the lacrosse team for an hour a week out of our four hours. We don't have our own field, so during our preseason, the football team wouldn't let us go on their fields even though we were supposed to have it."

But when the women's rugby team was finally able to get up to the tip of Manhattan to practice, the conditions were

less than ideal, as unlike Motel 6, Facilities hadn't left the lights on for them.

"Turning on the lights is often an issue," women's rugby coach Jodie van Ogtrop said in an email. "Most recently it occurred when we didn't have lights for our Thursday practice last week, and therefore we couldn't do the type of contact that the coaching staff had intended to do, so we lost another two hours of quality practice time before our first Ivy League game."

According to Lieberman, the team called the club sports office that night and the office didn't know what to do.

Yet for other club teams, the allocation and efficiency of resources is not an issue. Senior Josh Tobin, president of both the Club Sports Governing Board and men's rugby team, said the lights weren't on for his squad's practice either, but the problem was easily remedied.

"It's happened a couple of times. Usually, it's just kind of a simple administrative oversight and it usually gets worked out in time for practice to start," Tobin said, adding that the lights were turned on within seven minutes after he made a phone call to Director of Intramural and Club Sports

Brian Jines.

Jines is charged with scheduling practice space for all club teams. The process begins when teams submit a recreation space request at the end of each semester and Jines assigns each team slots at the beginning of the following term.

"The spaces that we do have obviously need to be shared by clubs, but I feel that the amount of times they normally want to practice are accommodated," Jines said. "I think they understand that they are privileged to be able to utilize the space that they're able to use. A

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As Ivy play nears, Yale continues success

BY RACHEL TURNER
Spectator Staff Writer

In the last week of women's soccer games before Ivy play begins, Brown and Yale dominated their opponents, while Cornell was still unable to get its first win. Elsewhere, Penn and Princeton had mixed results competing in West Coast tournaments, while Harvard and Dartmouth continued their solid starts to the season.

AROUND THE LEAGUE



FILE PHOTO

WISE BEYOND HER YEARS | Harvard freshman forward Lauren Varela scored in the Crimson's 3-0 win versus Quinnipiac.

with a goal in the last seconds of the first half. Dartmouth kept up its pressure in the second half, keeping New Hampshire without a shot and scoring two more goals for a 3-0 victory. Dartmouth then traveled to play Fordham on Sunday, and scored three second-half goals to secure a 3-0 win.

HARVARD

It was a mixed week for Harvard, with a shutout victory over Quinnipiac but a tough loss against nationally ranked Boston College. Harvard controlled the game by dominating the shot count 13-2 against Quinnipiac on Wednesday. One goal in the first half and two in the second brought Harvard to a 3-0 shutout victory. Harvard then took on Boston College at home on Saturday and lost big, 8-1. Harvard tied up the game quickly after an early goal by the Eagles, but Boston College went on to score seven unanswered goals in the rout.

PENN

The Quakers traveled to the West Coast this week, playing Berkeley and Sacramento State. Penn played well at Berkeley, but was unable to overcome a first-half goal by the 15th-ranked Golden Bears. With 10 minutes left, Penn almost tied up the game, but could not capitalize on a scoring chance in the 1-0 defeat. Sunday's game at Sacramento State started out rough for the Quakers, who were behind 0-2 at halftime. However, Penn came back with two goals in the last 15 minutes of the game to force overtime. Freshman Erin

Mikolai scored the game winner in overtime, giving the Quakers a 3-2 victory.

PRINCETON

Princeton also headed west this week to compete in the UCLA Soccer Classic. Princeton opened the tournament on Friday with a game against tournament host and No. 3-ranked UCLA. The Tigers were manhandled from start to finish as UCLA outshot them 26-5. UCLA had a 6-0 lead at the half and added a final goal in the second half to seal the Tigers' 7-0 loss. Princeton then played a more competitive game with UC Irvine and even took the lead on senior Jen Hoy's sixth goal of the season. Irvine scored twice in the last five minutes of the game, though, and beat Princeton 2-1.

YALE

The Bulldogs had a great week, with three games and three wins. Hosting Saint Peter's on Tuesday, Yale triumphed 8-1, with goals coming from seven different players. The Bulldogs were absolutely on fire in the start of the second half, scoring three goals in six minutes to take a 6-0 lead. Yale scored an early goal against Iona on Friday but failed to take advantage of numerous other scoring chances, causing the game to go into overtime after a late goal by Iona. In overtime, Yale senior Kristen Forster scored early to secure the 2-1 victory. The Bulldogs concluded their weekend with a 1-0 defeat of Central Connecticut State.

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