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INTRODUCTIONS | James Valentini answered questions from CCSC President Aki Terasaki and Spectator Editor in Chief Samuel Roth before taking questions from students. He hit on Core class sizes, Tetris, Moody-Adams' resignation, and CULPA, among other things.

Dean Valentini issues fundraising challenge at town hall

BY SAMMY ROTH
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

James Valentini wants CC seniors to make a pledge—to donate one percent of their income to the College in the three years after they graduate.

Columbia College's interim dean introduced the “3, 2, 1” fundraising challenge at an event sponsored by Spectator and Columbia College Student Council, during which he addressed about 60 students and took questions. Valentini also discussed issues ranging from the sudden resignation of his

predecessor, philosophy professor Michele Moody-Adams, to his views on course evaluations and the Core Curriculum.

“I was expecting honest dialogue,” town hall attendee Jasmine Senior, CC '12 and CCSC VP of Student Life, said. “And I think we actually got that.”

Valentini was asked by two students to explain the changes that prompted Moody-Adams to resign last month. Valentini reiterated that he does not know why Moody-Adams cited, in her resignation letter, concerns that University restructuring would financially and academically

harm Columbia College.

“Nothing that's important to us is at risk,” Valentini said. “I can't speak to Dean Moody-Adams' perceptions or understandings.”

Valentini said he has not spoken to Moody-Adams since her resignation, adding that he cannot explain why that is. He also acknowledged that the lack of information surrounding her resignation is frustrating, saying that administrators who do know the details might be bound to silence by an agreement likely made in the wake of Moody-Adams' departure.

“I'm not going to be able to say anything to you that's going to completely allay your concerns,” he said.

Town hall attendee Kevin Zhai, CC '12 and CCSC VP of Finance, said that he would have liked more details about the resignation, but that overall, he was convinced of Valentini's “general competence” as dean.

“I think he was as open and honest as he could be given his position. That said, did I receive all the answers? No, but I'm generally satisfied,” Zhai said.

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18 reported injured after building collapses

BY FINN VIGELAND,
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JILLIAN KUMAGAI
Columbia Daily Spectator

Part of an old brick building collapsed on top of its scaffolding and a bus Tuesday morning, injuring 18 and turning a Harlem corner into a scene of chaos.

The building, at West 125th Street and Frederick Douglass Boulevard, fell onto a Bx15 bus at 9:26 a.m.

The articulated bus was headed westbound on 125th Street when rubble flew through the windows of the second car, according to news reports. Although 11 people were transported to local hospitals, the

injuries were all minor, FDNY spokesman Jim Long said. Nobody was reported missing.

“Thank God I wasn't on that bus.”

—Denise Beckham,
Harlem resident and
regular commuter

The New York City Department of Buildings is expected to issue violations against both Disano Demolition, the construction company, and the building owner today.

The building filed the permit for demolition in April and began installing scaffolding and a sidewalk shed in June.

A complaint lodged against the site on Sept. 7 claimed that bricks from the ongoing demolition were falling onto the sidewalk. But when the site was inspected, there was no violation warranted, according to the complaint filed with the DOB.

The building, which was built around 1900, was once home to the offices for a photo development lab, a drycleaner, and a manufacturing company but has been vacant since 2005, according to DOB records.

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BUSY INTERSECTION | Police officers barricaded the corner of 125th Street and Frederick Douglass Boulevard after a building unexpectedly collapsed onto a westbound BX15 bus, injuring 18.

Iran rescinds CIRCA's dinner invite

SIPA students will still attend event with Ahmadinejad

BY KARLA JIMENEZ
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Members of the Columbia International Relations Council and Association will not be attending a dinner with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Wednesday after the invitation was rescinded by the Iranian mission to the United Nations.

The change of plans followed a week and a half of extensive media attention on the dinner plans, including an erroneous Fox News report that University President Lee Bollinger would be attending the dinner and other incorrect reports stating that the University was hosting the event. Students had also organized an on-campus protest for noon on Wednesday, called Just Say No to Ahma(dinner)jad.

CIRCA members said that they were informed by the mission on Monday that its students were no longer invited to the dinner in the wake of the media firestorm.

But other students will still be attending the dinner, which will take place as scheduled on Wednesday. Ahmadinejad has previously held private dinners with students, diplomats, professors, and others, and representatives from Yale and New York University have attended in the past. CIRCA members said that even though their invitation had been revoked, students from Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs would still be attending.

Over the summer, members of the group were told that they might be able to take 15 students to dinner with the head of state, whose views on Israel, human rights, and homosexuality have drawn sharp criticism. Ahmadinejad is in town to attend the annual United Nations General Assembly.

CIRCA member Rich Medina, CC '13, who had planned to attend the dinner, said that he was never going to the event because he supported Ahmadinejad's views but rather as a chance to talk to a world leader. And despite the outcry, Medina said he would have liked “to engage on that level with someone who is such a hot topic in international affairs,” adding that it would have been a rare opportunity for dialogue.

“This would have been an interesting academic experience,” he said.

In the last two weeks, CIRCA members and the University were subjected to a barrage of criticism from conservative columnists and groups like the Zionist Organization of America. Club members said that they have received dozens of hostile emails, and at one point last week the club decided not to comment further in order to protect its members' personal safety.

Last week, the University issued a statement denying any involvement with the dinner.

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Kosovo's president speaks at World Leaders Forum

BY JILLIAN KUMAGAI
Columbia Daily Spectator

Atifete Jahjaga, the 36-year-old president of Kosovo, made one of her first major addresses to an American audience on Tuesday night in Low Rotunda.

Her speech, the second installation in Columbia's World Leaders Forum, focused on the road ahead for her young country but first revisited tragedies of the recent past.

“In mid-1999, we inherited a country destroyed,” Jahjaga said. “We had thousands of civilian deaths and the legacy of ethnic hostilities. Recovery was not easy. It took a lot of help and a great deal of patience. The emerging democracies have much to learn from our experience.”

Kosovo declared its independence in 2008, but the country is still struggling to attain recognition from the international community, enforce rule of law, and dole out post-conflict justice following campaigns of ethnic cleansing throughout the 1990s.

Gordon N. Bardos, Assistant Director of Columbia's Harriman Institute for Russian, Eurasian, and Eastern European Studies, said that Jahjaga's words would interest anyone thinking about the problems of nation building.

“Kosovo is one of the most

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FILE PHOTO

FAMILIAR FACE | Ahmadinejad spoke on campus in 2007 at the World Leaders Forum, amid a flurry of media attention.

NEWS BRIEF

Engineering School reclaims “SEAS” as official acronym

It's official: SEAS is back. In a quick turnaround, SEAS spokesperson Margaret Kelly said that Columbia Engineering would drop the abbreviation of CE in favor of its previous acronym, SEAS.

The transition to CE happened in June, when Student Affairs and the engineering school began referring to the school as CE in campus newsletters and orientation packets—though University officials never explicitly confirmed the change.

“Following a number of rounds of discussion with senior staff and exchanges with students and alumni, the dean has decided that the preferred acronym for our School ... should be SEAS,” Kelly wrote in an

email to Engineering senior staff members.

SEAS has been named and renamed since its founding as the School of Mines in 1864. It was changed from The School of Engineering to The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science in 1997.

Kelly specified that the term Columbia Engineering would still be used in written documents for clarity but continued that SEAS more accurately represents the school and its official name.

“In all communications from the School, there must be, somewhere on the first page, recognition that The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science is the official name of the School,” Kelly said.

—Abby Mitchell

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Tear down that Wall!

Rallying New Yorkers confront Wall Street.

Edging on Evolution

Walker Harrison points out Columbia's unnoticed social experiment.



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A match made in Manhattan

Migrating from Georgia to Morningside is a dream come true for Erin Falk—and after her game-winning performance on Sunday, Lions soccer is happy to have her.

EVENTS

Health Law Colloquium

An interdisciplinary gathering welcoming students and faculty from across the University who are interested in health law and policy.

701 Jerome Greene Hall, 2 p.m.

Tech Talk: Moving the Classroom into the Cloud

A conversation with Jeff Moreski, the senior manager of technical staff at VMware. Davis Auditorium, Schapiro CEPSPR, 6-7 p.m.

WEATHER

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EVERYBODY CLEAN UP | A young girl looks on as maintenance workers clear out rubble from the neighborhood building that unexpectedly collapsed on Tuesday morning.

Collapsed building had been skedded for demolition

COLLAPSE from front page

It was part of the Brownfield Cleanup Program, an environmental initiative by the state to redevelop and reuse contaminated properties, according to the Remedial Action Work Plan filed last month. Suspect fuel oils were present underground in the northern and southern portions of the site.

A four-story, 20,000-square foot commercial building is scheduled to be developed there.

The buildings immediately neighboring the site partially collapsed after the first building went down. On Tuesday afternoon, a large Bobcat cleared away bricks and 125th Street was barricaded off.

As the city cleaned up the debris, onlookers were shaken.

Sheila Dzagali, a student at the Harlem Renaissance High School, said. "It's incredible. What if other buildings could collapse?"

"You never know when you walk out of your house if you're going to make it back," Denise Beckham, who lives in Harlem, said. A regular on the Bx15, she added, "Thank God I wasn't on that bus."

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Tearing down Wall Street

BY VIRGILIO URBINA LAZARDI

Events that truly inspire me are few and far in between. As both a Columbia student and a disillusioned Venezuelan, I tend to assume a mantra of pessimism when taking a close look at the seemingly irreparable state of humanity.

However, over the weekend, I had the fortune to be part of an event that nudged a warm smile onto my often resigned face. Though overblown by its various organizers as a potential “Tahrir Square” of New York, the Wall Street occupation of September 17 was an uplifting attempt at finding, agreeing upon, and offering a much-needed alternative to the status quo. Meeting in Bowling Green Park at noon, hundreds of concerned citizens proceeded later to settle in Zuccotti Park in downtown Manhattan. The center of Wall Street itself, as well as the Chase Manhattan Plaza, had been barricaded by the New York Police Department in advance. Amidst the boisterous camp, puzzled passersby watched as loud processions waved red flags, colorful signs, and megaphones with vigor. Practicing true democratic principles, grizzled veterans, suffering transients, unemployed students, and even young children all took turns in general assemblies telling their stories, putting forth ideas, and listening to each other’s proposals. One circle in particular greatly resembled my Lit Hum class—only ten times more lively. Chants in the streets echoed from skyscraper to skyscraper, gradually building to a harmonious cacophony of solidarity, outrage, and conviction.

The truth is, the neoclassical orthodoxy that has reigned supreme in the field of economics has failed, according to all indicators—from the widening chasm of income inequality throughout the globe to the military turmoil that continues to devastate large segments of our earth largely for moneyed interests; from spiraling health care and educational costs even in the “developed”

Columbia spawns supermen

The third annual World MRSA Day, an event geared towards raising awareness about methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, will be held on October 1st at the Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Ill. MRSA is a bacterium that claims more American lives yearly than AIDS due to its fierce resistance to many antibiotics. How did such a heinous strain of bacteria come to be? Through medicine, actually. While the discovery of antibiotics in the 20th century killed many types of bacteria and saved countless lives, it also set off what is called an “evolutionary arms race,” a biological principle whereby any bacteria able to withstand an initial antidote adapts to become stronger. Naturally, we respond with a more potent medicine, and the ensuing back and forth eventually creates a “superbug,” such as MRSA, which is impervious to most antibiotics.

Perhaps this consequence is a pitfall of medical technology. Has our relentless pursuit of more powerful remedies not only produced problematic ailments, but also slowed natural selection? Could it be that we are accidentally creating a world where evolution is stagnant in humans but accelerated in bacteria? To counter this troublesome trend, maybe we should invest in a trial society where, in order to return to our survival-of-the-fittest roots, we put the subjects’ bodies through rigorous tests of durability. It may sound counterproductive, but the specimen capable of enduring the harshest, unhealthiest conditions would of course be stronger than the one that relies on state-of-the-art medical care.

Fear not, scientists, for that exact experiment is currently ongoing at Columbia University, albeit unintentionally. To the casual observer it quickly becomes apparent that a large percentage of the male population at this esteemed institution has no regard whatsoever for its collective physical well-being. As a result, optimal tests of resilience that can serve as research into this superbug crisis are born.

What has given rise to this treacherous, yet self-imposed state? It starts with nutrition, and poor nutrition at that. Columbia Dining obviously supplies excellent food service, but for many without dining plans, finding a structured diet is unlikely. Far too often subjects give in to the aromatic temptations of Koronet’s or Five Guys or especially the halal carts, whose Napoleonic surrounding of the main quad coupled with their



WALKER HARRISON
Tough Guise

world to the continued degradation of natural ecosystems. In the feverish, relentless drive to achieve a three percent annual gross domestic product, politicians and supranational organizations, influenced by the global elite, have placed GDP and its select few owners on an untouchable pedestal at the expense of all else. Already the sensationalist media is belatedly bleating about the “Lost Decade” when, in reality, median wages in the United States have been stagnant for decades and job security has been repeatedly eroded for the sake of “labor flexibility.” What is particularly frustrating for activists is that even in this false “recovery” from crisis in the United States, political action appears to be utterly futile. No long-winded deliberations in Washington, by two parties hardly representative of the laboring and unemployed, seem able to shake the deep entrenchment of Wall Street. In prestigious institutions like ours, Hayek and Friedman’s flawed models of market perfection continue to be presented as the only serious ones, leaving subjects like systemic instability out of the question.

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Detractors will undoubtedly point to the event’s lack of organization or its diminutive 500- to 1,000-man turnout as evidence of its insignificance. They have altogether missed the purpose of the protest. Like the majority of people there, I had no starry-eyed illusions that my shrill screams of “the people united, will never be defeated” would tax the rich, restore the strength of labor unions, or imprison the executive board of Goldman Sachs. Yet as a first-year, I could not have asked for a better introduction to the city than this afternoon of “rage.” For as I marched down Broadway, punching my fist in the air in defiance, cheering new arrivals, waving at the cameras

impressive but suspect ability to provide five kinds of meat from a single cooler creates a huge draw. To make matters worse, our dietary intake proportions are dangerously lopsided: while fruits and vegetables exist only in still life paintings from Art Hum slides, the average male gets 800 percent of his daily protein recommendation, supplemented by shakes, bars, and more shakes. Such unbalanced ratios, only barely functional when augmented with caffeine at every meal to serve as human motor oil, make it impossible to maintain peak health.

Not that a balanced diet would make a difference anyway, considering the jarring lack of sleep that appears to be universal on the Columbia campus. Students seem to be under the impression that taking four naps a day makes up for staying up until 2:30 every night streaming Entourage episodes or stumbling home on Saturday at sunrise. Thus, the advised ten hours of sleep daily for teenagers is unfortunately closer to the weekly regimen for many Columbians as they try to juggle academic, athletic, and social responsibilities.

To top it all off, we require our immune systems, reduced to shambles at this point, to ward off sickness and infection under the most trying of circumstances. Indeed, making out with the entire field hockey team over the course of two weekends while using primarily Febreze and Axe to clean our bodies and possessions definitely puts the white blood cells to the test. And, as is often the case, when our germ-fighting defenses fail, men usually forego trips to Columbia Health Services or St. Luke’s Hospital, both closer to campus than Mel’s but far less popular, in favor of the homemade remedy of Advil, Luden’s cough drops, and Natural Ice.

The final glorious result of this enclosed system here at Columbia will be twofold. Firstly, the students who survive this health obstacle course will be of the highest level of Darwinian fitness, advancing human evolution in Morningside Heights at a rate far faster than the rest of the world. Essentially, we will have created an army of Six Million Dollar Men, able to maintain their health against any and all odds. Secondly, we will have constructed the equivalent of an evolutionary détente, as the weaker students will be so withered after their four years that a mere fleabite would be entirely sufficient to knock them out, let alone some dreadful bacterium, making the existence of the latter entirely unnecessary. So take the initiative! Continue to eat poorly, sleep rarely, and be generally unhealthy! With any luck we’ll create a society of supermen—where the superbug is utterly superfluous.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Saving Facebook

Earlier this month, Barnard held a career fair that was flooded with employers and students, and on Friday, Columbia is holding a career fair of its own. Seniors and conscientious underclassmen will be navigating booths and creating first impressions, shuffling resumes into the hands of potential bosses and doing whatever they can to get that follow-up phone call. As a generation growing up with computers practically in our cribs, we now have to use social networking sites and Internet history to our advantage in the frenzied job search, tailoring ourselves to resemble whatever is most attractive in our industries. These sites, which were once primarily social, are now a set of personal marketing tools. But at what cost?

With social networking sites evolving into such complex mechanisms for self-promotion, we’ve in many ways gotten the idea that we are commodities, and we corner our identities into a particular brand as we hand-select what interests, favorite movies, and photos appear next to our name on social networking sites. The question of privacy comes into play—we want to be authentic and open with our closer friends online, but we have to be careful about what potential employers, overprotective family members, and the general public all see when they look at our profiles. Some users don’t want to have their lives on display for the world, and they employ strict privacy settings or forego these sites altogether. Others make one false move online and suffer the consequences by being fired or overlooked for a job. Personal branding

of the media, cajoling the surly cops that followed our every step, and meeting other pensive members of the bottom 90 percent, I felt a sense of jubilation that only this sort of social activism can instill. Here was a great multitude that also saw the need of that seemingly impossible alternative.

I beseech you, Columbians, take heed of the impact that your voice and presence can create, and be aware of how much you can learn from free, unhampered discussion with complete strangers. Perhaps someday the chant “human need, not corporate greed” will ring in the halls of Congress, too.

The author is a Columbia College first-year. He is a member of Youth for Debate, the International Socialist Organization, and the New York Fencers Club.



THUTO DURKAC SOMO

Looking beyond the numbers

BY DANIEL COHEN

Homer. Plato. Aristotle. Dante. Goethe. Twain. Longfellow. These are just some of the names Columbians inevitably see when they look up to the sky every day on campus. For some, though, fulfilling all the relevant requirements while finding a way to wedge in a class of personal interest feels like trying to seesaw with an anvil. And I was thinking, following my second meeting with my adviser, how in the world am I supposed to grow familiar with those names throughout my college career if the requirements are so painstakingly carved out for the next four years?

As a freshman dreaming about the beauty and significance of biomedical engineering, most likely coupled with pre-medical requirements, I’ve caught on pretty fast that there’s more work than there is time for—that is, if you believe six courses a semester plus a summer term is not a free lunch. Granted, we engineers are required to put up 27 “non-technical” credits, which are largely compensated for by the required CC or LitHum course and Art or Music Humanities—not to mention the University Writing and Economics requirement. Besides, most SEAS students come armed with plenty of AP credits, and what with all the problem sets, these credits render the final requirement—“Three [any non-tech] courses of your own choosing”—a tough sell.

I reject the argument that Columbia engineers are distinguished by their discounted core requirement.

For the first time, we are told to make our own decisions, and it’s the most exhilarating yet terrifying set of decisions we’ve had to make. Meanwhile, for us proud SEAS students, the only decision we have to make is whether we want to build bridges, circuits, medical devices, etc., and we’re off. This is a bittersweet blessing. While it lends peace of mind and allows us to focus on what we should be doing to develop our skills, it also keeps us from making our own commitments to personal discovery, to our growth as people, and as citizens of the world. Engineering, as President Obama himself has said numerous times, is the most crucial human endeavor on the professional spectrum; America doesn’t need more lawyers or businessmen. What America needs now are world-class engineers to build and innovate. But as I was walking away from Le Marteleur outside of Mudd, I was conflicted by the feeling that I wasn’t getting an Ivy League education—I was simply amassing a technical background. Most engineers in America don’t graduate from SEAS. Most of them don’t even come from Ivy League institutions. Why is it that Columbia engineers should only be more distinguishable by their alma mater, and perhaps by an extra humanities class the next professional wasn’t subjected to?

I imagine graduation on the magnificent Low Plaza and the lawns, looking up at the names etched in stone and realizing that the difference between then and now in terms of what I’d know about these names is simply most of what I overheard as my peers bonded over grit and tears before finals that tested their knowledge of Western literature, culture, and society. Yes, I am taking philosophy this first semester. Yes, I am making my exit with 6 credits towards my non-technical requirements. While my roommate sits, reads, and grows wiser and more thoughtful, I grow more appreciative of the beauty of the sciences. Since I was a child I saw the great human achievement in fields like biomedical engineering—but as a young adult, I see the weight and meaning of the education that Columbia affords to those students who may not heed President Obama’s call. I reject the idea that we need to ask Columbians to choose between their jobs and their education. I reject the argument that Columbia engineers are distinguished all that much by their discounted core requirement. What I came for in Columbia, versus CalTech or MIT or anywhere else, was a wholesome, wise education—one where engineers are grown as world-class citizens, not textbooks. And I truly believe that an institution such as this can help its engineers embody alumnus Herman Wouk’s words, that “the best things of all human history and thought were inside the rectangle.”

The author is a first-year in the School of Engineering and Applied sciences.

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16 Enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, say

17 "Title role in the 2009 Tony winner for Best Musical"

19 Drop off briefly

20 Shoe with a swoosh logo

21 Tex-Mex snack

22 M-16, e.g.

24 "Advantage of some military goggles"

26 Bottlenecks

30 Not hard to grasp

31 Plaza Hotel imp

32 Write quickly

33 Sports car roof option

36 SkyMiles airline

37 Make, as a sandwich

38 Ethiopia's Selassie

39 Like flannel and fleece

40 Creepy-crawly

41 Tired Asian temple

42 Butterfly's perch

44 Noble headpiece

45 "Freetown is its capital"

48 Response to a dare

49 ... razor

50 Actor Morales

54 Film buff's channel

55 "That's exactly how I feel" ... or what each starred clue's first word can do?

58 Stat for Ryan Howard

59 Having the knack

60 Tough leather

61 Subj. that helps people assimilate

62 Niggling things

63 "Enough already!"

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34 Ye ... Shoppe

35 Bog fuel

37 Big name in online poker

38 March ... Carroll character

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43 USC athlete

44 Cold weather wear

45 Give the creeps

46 Sonnet line

47 Maritime birds

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Columbia waiting for the pieces to fall into place

SHARF, from back page

game to put the 2011 season into perspective?

The first thing to take away from this is to remind yourself that this was its first game, and the team suffered a defensive setback when senior cornerback A.J. Maddox went down with an injury. Teams are expected to be a little bit rusty in their first game of the season, but a seasoned quarterback like Brackett should have played better.

For whatever reason, things seemed off with Brackett, and he just wasn't himself in the passing game. In the second half, he took a number of hits in the backfield and that may have shot his confidence a little, but again, he's not a freshman, so that can't be it.

After the game, there was little explanation from Brackett as to what went wrong, except that he admitted that he "messed up." Why he messed up is still unclear, and we cannot know for certain if this trend will continue for Brackett and the team, or if they can put this loss behind them and come out strong against Albany on Saturday.

Playing at home this weekend should ease the process, but if the Lions hope to have any chance at winning the Ivy League Championship this season, they'd better get themselves into winning shape—and quick—because league play starts next weekend at Princeton.

This is a team that has enough talent to win the league, but it needs to figure out a way to play tough throughout the entire game.

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FRENCHIE FRUSTRATIONS | Senior midfielder Francois Anderson led the Lions in shots against Delaware, but failed to find the back of the net.

Lions aim to convert shots to goals

MEN'S SOCCER, from back page

"We actually had a meeting about that, because I think the big thing we were trying to focus on was possession earlier in the year—and we got too good at it, we were too comfortable keeping the ball," he said. "We were still getting shots off because of individual ability—Naj [Najem], Henning [Sauerbier], Francois [Anderson], and Kofi [Agyapong]—but we need to start pressing more, taking chances, and trying to be dangerous."

The Light Blue hosts Monmouth on Thursday and will be looking to find a way to rediscover the scoring touch.

"The big thing we were trying to focus on was possession earlier in the year—and we got... too comfortable keeping the ball."

—Will Stamatis, junior forward

"We need to start slotting balls through on the run, turning the back four," Stamatis added. "I think it's great to have those [shot] numbers, but the attackers haven't scored a goal in four games now. I don't really look at the stats that much after the games—but I think the main focus now is making the possession dangerous, taking some chances. That's what we need to try and do, and we'll be looking to do that on Thursday."

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FIELD HOCKEY

After a resounding victory, the Light Blue looks to continue success against a strong Quinnipiac squad

More than just a commanding win, the Columbia field hockey team's 3-1 victory against Brown on Saturday was a huge morale-booster for a team that has struggled to compete consistently for all 70 minutes of a match this season.

The Lions (2-3) are hoping for another strong offensive performance tonight, when they take on Quinnipiac at 6:30 p.m. in front of a home crowd at the Columbia Field Hockey Venue.

The Bobcats (5-2), coming off a nail-biting 4-3 win against Harvard on Sunday, are averaging 3.29 goals per game. According to Lions' head coach Marybeth Freeman, Quinnipiac is strong both physically and technically and will utilize its speed in the front field.

"We're going to stick to what we do well, especially the finer details in terms of tactics," Freeman said. "We know what their tendencies are and we know what we need to focus on to beat them."

Columbia leads the all-time series against Quinnipiac 4-2, and the Light Blue hopes to tack on another win. Essential to achieving that will be a strong defense, headed by junior goalie Christie O'Hara, ranked eighth among Division I goalies with 8.60 saves per game.

—Steven Lau



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Columbia's football team works in mysterious ways. Last year it began the season with a loss, and things looked hopeless. Then it took three straight games. After that little win streak, the team only managed one more, finishing with a mediocre 4-6 record.

This season has had a very similar beginning. Columbia even lost in a similar fashion to Fordham. My goal is to take you through this game and see if this year will wind up like last year (and many other years of Columbia football), or if the team can rise up from the ashes.

This loss wasn't heartbreaking because Columbia was down by seven with one chance for a miracle play with the clock winding down—it was heartbreaking because, after so much hype and excitement surrounding this season, the Lions were still the same old Lions.

What can we take from this game to put the 2011 season into perspective?

At the beginning of the game, the season looked quite promising. The Lions deferred at the coin toss, giving their defense a chance to show what they're made of. They forced a three and out.

Once the offense took the field, things started to unravel a little. Nobody seemed themselves out there, with the exception of veteran receivers senior Mike Stephens and senior Kurt Williams, who were able to spread the field and get open.

Junior quarterback Sean Brackett's performance was the most puzzling of all. Here's a quarterback who was hyped up by many as a potential Ivy League Offensive Player of the Year candidate, and he's throwing the ball at open receivers' feet.

Yet on the ground—at times—Brackett still showed signs of the Brackett from a year ago: a quick, powerful runner who's unafraid to take a hit from anyone.

The perfect example of this juxtaposition of poor passing and solid running came in the second quarter, with the Lions making a charge, with the potential to go up by two scores.

Here's the scenario: with about nine minutes remaining in the second quarter, the Lions were up 7-0 after a touchdown pass by Brackett. As the Rams attempted a field goal, something happened that should have permanently shifted the momentum in the favor of the Light Blue. Junior Josh Martin blocked a 41-yard attempt by Fordham's kicker Patrick Murray and gave the offense an opportunity to go up by two scores.

Brackett began to lead the offense on a charge, using efficient plays that simultaneously advanced the team down the field and ate up a huge chunk of clock. The highlight of the drive was the 32-yard reception by Stephens, which advanced the ball to the Fordham 23.

From there, it was the Brackett show. Whether it was the play-calling or Brackett's decision, he began to take it at the opposing defense, and it was working. The junior began rushing for gains of up 12 yards until it became second and goal at the six.

This play may have set the tone for what was about to happen, two downs later. With 5:10 remaining in the second quarter, Brackett dropped back, and dropped back, and dropped back, until he was sacked by senior Nick Womack for a loss of seven yards. Now that it was third and long, the guy had to throw, right? Since he had been throwing at receivers' feet all game, the play call was for a run, and it worked, to an extent. Brackett was tackled two yards short of the touchdown, and the coaches had a choice to make. The decision to pass proved costly, as Brackett was picked off by Womack, who proceeded to run the ball 100 yards the other way for a score.

What does this set of circumstances mean for the bigger picture this season? What can we take from this drive and the remainder of the



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STARTING, A FRESH | In her third game in the starting lineup, freshman midfielder Erin Falk lifted the Light Blue over Long Island on Sunday with a late goal.

On new turf, freshman continues to pursue goals

Falk's initial anxieties have yielded to a sense of excitement and optimism

BY MIA PARK
Columbia Daily Spectator

Exuberant with liveliness, Erin Falk was there, dressed in a Columbia soccer zip-up and carrying a big bag of books needed for the day. The soccer rookie from Duluth, Georgia was just getting used to the still-unfamiliar vibes of New York City and Columbia.

"I still haven't explored much of the city. The campus looks so regal. I love that Butler has fifteen hundred million rooms and each one is awesome-looking," she said. "There were people playing Quidditch on the lawn the other day. There are so many interesting things going on all the time."

Coming to Morningside Heights has been on Falk's mind far before her copy of the "Iliad" arrived at her door.

"I've always loved this school. Since I'm from the South, there were a lot of soccer schools that would have been an option, but I always wanted to come here. I came here once before—it was the winter and there was light all over the trees. It was the most beautiful thing I have ever seen," she said.

Though she may be new to the city, Falk does not seem to feel awkward in her new uniform. Last Sunday afternoon, she nailed her first goal against

Long Island, which ultimately led the team to its second consecutive victory.

"It was really, really awesome. I don't think scoring a goal ever felt that good. Coming to a new team with new girls—I was worried about it. But contributing to the team felt very good," she said.

As a member of the Georgia State Olympic Development Program team, Falk tallied 41 goals over the first three seasons in high school. She also played for the Region III ODP team in 2008, in the Norcross Fury club team, and at the Tahuichi Soccer Academy in Bolivia, where she held the MVP title of Tahuichi camp in 2010. This particular experience in Bolivia seems to have nurtured not only her physical skills but her mental aptitude as well.

"[The camp's] whole theme is taking kids off the street who are at very high risk, drugs and prostitution, and use soccer as the means to dissuade them from their habits. The greatest thing I got from it was this culture of passion. They literally have nothing but soccer. It's very inspiring to see that soccer is the only thing they have. Sometimes [the sports] get convoluted when there are leagues and clubs and trophies, but they just did it. It was their life."

Her passion for soccer seems to last beyond the boundaries of the soccer field. "I have no leisure time," she said. "I have a lot of homework every night,

like reading six chapters of 'Iliad,'" she said. "But since I love the feeling of being completely done. I like to finish everything before I go to sleep, completely prepared."

"There were people playing Quidditch on the lawn the other day. There are so many interesting things going on all the time."

—Erin Falk, freshman midfielder

She even extends her playing time outside of organized competition.

"When I do have time, I just play indoor or pick-up soccer. It's my favorite type of soccer," she said. "You get to be creative and have fun. It's always a pick-up game that you leave the field with best memories."

But just as much as she seems to finally feel comfortable wearing the Light Blue uniform, Falk had a rough transition to the new field on which she now stands.

"Yes, [the transition] had a lot of hardship. I was really homesick for the first couple of days, no, couple of weeks," she said. "Since I was on the same club team for a long time, it was hard adjusting—you always worry about how much playing time you will get and how you're going fit into the team. I had so many things to worry about, like a new city, new friends, new team, new everything. It was definitely hard."

But her struggle is finally paying off, as she has found a new niche within the soccer community, which she describes as "very welcoming."

Other than soccer, there is one other topic that makes this young player's eyes sparkle with enthusiasm—her ultimate goal beyond the soccer field, even beyond the college gates.

"I want to work for Doctors Without Borders. I am planning to major in Biology as a pre-med. When I was young, I remember, I was on a plane, sitting next to this awesome woman who worked for Doctors Without Borders. She was willing to talk to a six year old about her work," she said. "I was inspired. It may be cliché, but nevertheless it sounded worthwhile. Since then, I have always wanted to be a doctor in a third-world country, helping the impoverished by using skill for the greater goods. That's my goal. That's my goal in life."

Plagued by scoring drought, Lions shooting for productive possession

BY MRINAL MOHANKA
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Senior captain Mike Mazzullo hit a rasping drive that cannoned off the post when the Lions took on the Rams last week. Less than 20 minutes later, sophomore David Najem saw Fordham goalie Ryan Meara pull off a top-class save to deny the Light Blue. Both these instances highlight a recent problem for the Columbia men's soccer team (3-3-1)—the Lions are struggling to score but not for want of trying. Far from it, they have consistently outplayed their opponents, with the 5-1 mauling by New Mexico being the only exception thus far.

The goals seem to have dried up recently, with the Lions not having scored in any of their last three contests. In 14 halves of regulation soccer played in this campaign, the Light Blue has outshot its opposition on a remarkable 10 occasions. (The Lions have only outshot their opponents once in five periods of overtime—but they have a 2-1-2 overtime record.)



However, they have only managed to score three times in those 10 halves. Those shots have not been taken out of desperation, though. The Light Blue has worked the ball around well, and the players have been in good positions.

Senior Francois Anderson scored one of those three goals when he gave the Lions the lead against Sacred Heart. The attacker points to a shift away from the basics as the reason for the Light Blue's recent drought in front of goal.

"Offensively I think we've gotten away from our fundamentals—the strikers just getting in behind and getting shots on target, the attacking midfielders doing the same, and the wide players getting down the line and getting balls in or making runs in," he said.

A return to the basics that served the Lions well in their 3-0 start to the campaign is the need of the hour according to the Jamaican.

"Those worked for us in the first few games, and we haven't done that in the last few games," Anderson continued. "So we're just trying to implement that again—going back to the fundamentals. Even coach is saying that we have established our ball possession, now it's time

to be more effective."

The Light Blue is doing well possessing the ball, but it needs to be more effective going forward in the attacking third of the field.

Junior forward Will Stamatis, who has three goals to his name already this

season with two overtime winners, feels the Lions' emphasis on possession play has played some part in the goal drought, but the individual talent of his teammates has helped to reconcile that to an extent.

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