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Hungarian Prime Minister Gordon Bajnai speaks

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"What is genocide? There were war criminals and violence, but genocide would open a very difficult discussion. The genocide was on all sides."

—President of Serbia Boris Tadic

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LEADERS | Serbian President Boris Tadic faced tough questions from students during Tuesday's World Leaders Forum session.

Dodge is sight for Barnard Class Day

BY CARLY SILVER
Spectator Staff Writer

Barnard Class Day: a day graduates will be able to collect their diplomas, and then hit the treadmills?

Due to space constraints from the Diana construction, as well as changes in other undergraduate commencement dates, Barnard's Class Day will be held in Columbia's Levien Gym, which is within Dodge Fitness Center. The change was announced at a recent Class of 2010 meeting.

If Class Day were to be held on Barnard's campus, there would be "closer to three tickets per graduate ... instead of four in Dodge," said Katie Palillo, BC '10, president of Barnard's Student Government Association.

"Logistically speaking, if we were to have commencement on our campus, the number of tickets ... would be greatly reduced."

The move to Dodge is intended to accommodate as many guests as possible, giving students four tickets each.

Barnard's Class Day has not been on its own campus for several years. For the past few years, the ceremony has been held on the South Lawn.

Dodge was the rain location three years ago for commencement exercises and proved satisfactory, Barnard administrators said.

"In the very beginning of the plans for The Diana Center, there were blueprints drawn up for the area surrounding the building that would allow Barnard to have its ceremony on our campus," said Palillo. However, due to the sloping walkway to Milbank Hall and the lack of space, that plan was abandoned. "Many students viewed the ceremony on South Lawn as a temporary situation, which in fact it was

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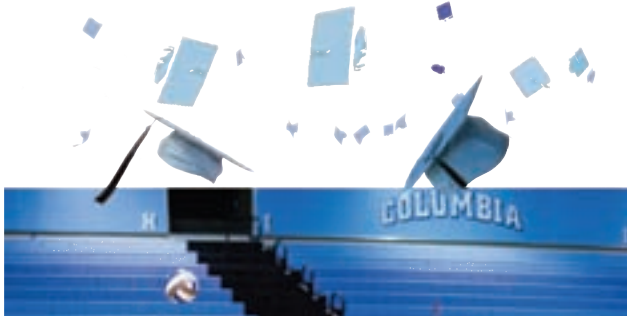


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Resolute Paterson addresses CUMC

BY AARON KIERSH
Spectator Staff Writer

New York Governor David Paterson's political prospects seem to worsen with each passing day.

Only 29 percent of the state's voters view him favorably, according to a recent Siena poll. Just before Paterson, CC '77, met with President Barack Obama, CC '83, near Albany on Monday, reports surfaced that the White House had been urging him not to stand for re-election in 2010.

But this controversy did not stop Paterson from appearing at the Columbia University Medical Center in Washington Heights Tuesday to herald the arrival of \$600 million in federal stimulus money intended for medical research projects across New York State.

Speaking before an audience of about 50 at the Julius and Armand Hammer Health Sciences Center on West 168th Street, Paterson—New York's first African-American governor—was flanked onstage by 13 local officeholders, public health officials, and beneficiaries of the aforementioned federal grants. State Assemblyman Daniel O'Donnel, a democrat who represents Morningside Heights, and Columbia University Executive Vice President for Research David Hirsch were among those assembled.

"Not only are we trying to encourage medical research, we are



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GOVERNOR DAVID PATERSON

trying to develop a new economy and put people back to work during a difficult moment," said Paterson, a Democrat who has presided over a severe recession and crippling fiscal shortfalls since replacing Eliot Spitzer in 2008.

With New York City's unemployment rate topping 10 percent and the state budget deficit reaching \$2.1 billion, Paterson—who used to represent the Columbia campus and West Harlem in the State Senate—has become the nation's most unpopular governor. Indeed, he is perceived by many in the Democratic Party as such a liability that the White House, determined to protect Democratic legislators in the state, sent him

emissaries suggesting he stand down and allow someone else—perhaps New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo—to take up the Democratic banner next year.

Paterson sidestepped the issue when pressed.

"I understand the president's concern and I understand concern of staff members at the White House," he said. "If you look at it from their perspective, they haven't exactly been able to govern in the way other administrations have, where you would have, theoretically, a period in which the new administration is allowed to pass the needed pieces of legislation."

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Tadic: pragmatism over ideals

At World Leaders Forum, President Tadic ignites controversy over unresolved questions in Serbia

BY GABRIELA HEMPFLING
Columbia Daily Spectator

President of Serbia Boris Tadic opened his Tuesday evening address with the words of former American President Woodrow Wilson: "Democracy is not so much a form of government as a set of principles."

But in a statement that characterized the tone of the evening, he later conceded, "One can talk about principles, but first one must solve some problems."

So began Tuesday's World Leaders Forum session in Low Memorial Library's rotunda, where Tadic highlighted the controversial question Serbia now faces: Can the country's

fledgling democracy thrive if the accepted democratic principles are foregone for practicality?

The Democratic Party toppled the previous regime in 2000 with the Bulldozer Revolution and under Tadic has recently raised Serbia's average salary from 44 to 440 Euros. Still, the scars of the past remain. The disputed secession of Kosovo as well as the conflict with Bosnia and Croatia present immediate and unresolved issues.

In his speech, Tadic rarely touched on past strife except to emphasize Kosovo's violation of the Serbian Constitution and the UN charter with its secession. To him, an ethnically motivated secession could be the end

of nationalism not only in the region, but in the world. At any mention of the future borders of the Baltic peninsula, Tadic repeated his mantra on the issue, "No Partitions."

Tadic spoke about the future of the region. In chronological order, he stated his actions are to apologize, to find a sustainable solution, to kindle respect, and to be integrated into the EU. With the coming of the Obama administration, Tadic is especially optimistic concerning Serbia's future international relations.

As the question and answer session neared, several Columbia students sat at the edge of their seats,

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HOT DIGGITY DOG



Aaron Rosales / Staff photographer

TASTI OR NOT? | Replacing the Tasti D-Lite that stood last semester in the upper corner of Ferris Booth Commons in Alfred Lerner Hall, the new hot dog vending machine is dividing confused Columbia University students looking for a convenient and quick bite to eat on campus. See story page 3.

Professors protest Massad's tenure

BY ALIX PIANIN
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Fourteen Columbia professors protested the tenure of Middle East and Asian Language and Cultures professor Joseph Massad in a July letter, and plans may be in the works for the unhappy faculty members to take up the matter in person with newly-minted Provost Claude Steele.

Of the professors who signed the letter, most were faculty members from University graduate institutions, although a few were from the undergraduate Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science. Several professors who signed the letter were contacted, but were either unavailable or declined to comment.

Massad was reportedly granted tenure this summer. Though his research has generally been well-received, the choice set off sparks in the blogosphere, since Massad faced allegations of intimidating Jewish students several years back. Massad's first bid for tenure in 2007 was reportedly turned down, though it appears he was tenured this summer in an unusual second round of reviews. He had been out of the country on leave for much of the past year.

The letter dates back to July 23, and appears to be a direct reaction to an op-ed piece printed in the New York Post this summer. Jacob Gershman published an article condemning the confirmation of Massad's tenure bid—a decision he and other sources claimed was a done deal, though the University continues to decline to comment on the matter.

The note, addressed to Steele, and copied to University President Lee Bollinger, claims that Massad's tenure approval—after his previous bid was reportedly denied—violated University procedural policy. The professors wrote they doubted the evidence of "substantial scholarly growth" that is required of faculty seeking tenure after being previously denied. They also said that Massad was in violation of the University's Code of Academic Freedom and Tenure, which states that "full time officers of instruction in some grades of appointment are limited to a maximum of eight counted years of full-time continuous service, unless they are granted tenure."

Massad, they point out, was appointed to the Columbia

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Thai leader hopeful for his country

BY ALIX PIANIN
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

While a student at Oxford, current Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva never once made a trip across the Atlantic to Columbia.

Even so, the University still impacted his undergraduate years, in the form of works by economics professor Joseph Stiglitz. In a story that comes full circle, Stiglitz moderated the Prime Minister's talk Tuesday afternoon on democracy and economy in Thailand.

In his speech for Columbia's World Leaders Forum program, Vejjajiva looked past the current economic crisis and political unrest as he laid out plans for Thailand's future post-recovery. While he realizes he has a long road ahead before completely stabilizing Thailand, looking toward political and economic goals is the only way to properly implement lasting improvements and change.

University President Lee Bollinger joined Stiglitz in introducing the prime minister, who spoke to a packed house of students and faculty, and seemed hopeful about Thailand's stabilization while acknowledging its rocky political history.

Vejjajiva said his government was working hard toward political reconciliation in the sometimes-fragmented country as well as effectively jump-starting the economy.

But despite Thailand's political difficulties—the country, he said, has had 18 constitutions and went through four prime ministers just last year—he stressed that it would be wrong to characterize these ongoing problems as a failure of democracy. In fact, Vejjajiva believed that learning to adapt to a more sustainable democracy was the way of Thailand's future,

and perhaps the only way it would survive in the long run.

Stiglitz, who said he has been watching the economic development of Thailand for 42 years, noted how unusual it was to find a prime minister so well-educated in economics, and who could understand the backbone of sound economic policies.

"I don't think there are many political leaders who have had to suffer through my papers," Stiglitz joked.

Vejjajiva fielded audience questions, where he conceded that the Thai government has a lot of work left to do in terms of winning the trust of some constituents and keeping civil unrest under control in various regions. A Cambodian student asked Vejjajiva to explain the reasoning behind his actions in the deadly Cambodia-Thailand temple dispute, an ongoing border disagreement about territory around the Preah Vihear temple.

"We've actually had fighting, we've actually had casualties, we've actually had death," Vejjajiva said, expressing a desire to "return to days when the two people on the either side can benefit from this world heritage."

Thailand has been in the news lately as the aging Thai monarch continues to be hospitalized with a fever. When asked what would happen if the country needed to move onto a successor, Vejjajiva said that, while the line of succession is very clearly cut, he expected the monarchy to continue to rule as an institution above partisan politics regardless of who is instated.

Still, Vejjajiva was commended as forward-thinking by his peers, who were impressed by his strategy of looking "post-crisis."

"If one doesn't have a vision of where one wants to go, you're obviously not going to get there," Stiglitz said.

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Profs to discuss Massad with Provost

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faculty in 1999, and his initial tenure review took place in 2007. Whether it was his seventh or eighth year as a faculty member, under the rules, Massad's last year on staff should have been in the '07-'08 academic year without an option to extend his employment, even if he was on leave during that extension. Faculty were also unhappy with reports that there were may have been irregularities in the tenure process—details lifted from the Post article—though they acknowledge that the veracity of these allegations is unclear. "In the electronic era, secrecy is difficult, and it may never have been easy," the letter reads. "Certainly, the Trustees charged with endorsing the tenure decision were entitled to truthful and responsive answers to their questions about the process." "If the irregularities we enumerate above occurred but are not unique to this case, we are even more concerned because then they are part of a series of precedents that may return to haunt us in the years to come," the professors added.

Faculty seeking tenure submit a portfolio of work for review amongst the committee, and in the rare case that a member comes up for a second round of review, the tenure candidate must demonstrate evidence of "substantial scholarly growth"—presumably submitting a new work of research, such as a new book. It is unknown what works Massad submitted for either his first or second tenure bid. It has been speculated that his 2007 book "Desiring Arabs" about sexuality in the Arab world, was included in the materials for his second tenure review. The letter, though, pointed to a statement made by Massad in 2005 to an ad hoc committee, where he spoke of his extensive work in sexuality and queer theory, as

well as his upcoming book—presumably "Desiring Arabs." The letters' authors argued that the book, or some version of it, had to have been included in the first round of sealed materials. They also said they could not find any obvious record of any significant research past that book on either the Columbia Web page of his publications or on his Wikipedia page since 2007.

Prior to "Desiring Arabs," Massad put out two other works—"Colonial Effects" published in 2001, and "The Persistence of the Palestinian Question" in 2006. It is possible that these may have been included in the materials submitted for Massad's first tenure review, and that work from his research with sexuality was less comprehensive or complete than the full "Desiring Arabs" book—that is, if this were the primary work submitted for a second round of tenure review, as has been speculated. The progression from what may have been a preliminary manuscript to the full book may have been the evidence of scholarly growth that the committee sought. "Desiring Arabs" won the 2008 Lionel Trilling Award, which is decided by Columbia students.

Steele responded in a letter dated September 10, where he said he would welcome the opportunity to meet with the professors. Though he admitted that he still needed to learn about Columbia's tenure system works, he added, "while we should have high expectations of candidates, they should be evaluated upon the basis of academic criteria without consideration to their political opinions, nor should we allow personal preferences and biases to influence our decisions."

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M'ville unclear about construction

BY MAGGIE ASTOR
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When Columbia needed approvals from the city and state for its Manhattanville campus expansion plan, the University's public relations work in the 17-acre swath of West Harlem entailed the hiring of political consulting firm Bill Lynch Associates. In turn, the firm reached out to local politicians, business owners, and residents to court their support.

Now that all approvals are in place—in May, the state gave the green light to the University's General Project Plan—both the means and ends of Columbia's PR work and community outreach have changed.

The sides are set, with opponents of the expansion resolute, and University energy turned to keeping residents and business owners abreast of construction developments.

Public affairs and facilities officials produce a monthly newsletter on the broad status of construction, as well as a biweekly newsletter detailing upcoming work and the expected impact on residents and businesses. These updates are emailed to local officials and posted both around the neighborhood and online.

In addition, University spokesperson Victoria Benitez said, Columbia real estate officials meet quarterly with the executive committee of Community Board 9.

"The university's office of government and community affairs has long served as a point of contact and engagement with local citizens and

organizations, and regularly provides Manhattanville-related updates to the local community board and relevant committees," Benitez wrote in an e-mail.

But not all community members are satisfied.

Vicky Gholson, a member of CB9 and the West Harlem Local Development Corporation, noted that when a University official made a presentation to the CB9 Housing and Land Use Committee earlier this month, he stated that construction work on Broadway between 125th and 129th streets would begin that night, "which doesn't really fully comply with transparency on what's being done."

CB9 chair Pat Jones did not respond to calls for comment.

Ramon Diaz—who owns Floridita Tapas Bar & Restaurant, located on the affected portion of Broadway—said he was informed of the impending construction when two Columbia officials, Jennifer Colon and Marcelo Velez, visited his restaurant the Thursday before Labor Day weekend. The work was scheduled to begin that week, but was postponed because Con Edison had not obtained the necessary permits. It began instead this Monday evening, as the sidewalk on the west side of Broadway between 125th and 129th was dug up and workers began to relocate a gas line.

Gholson said CB9 was not informed of the construction until the day it was scheduled to begin—their initial notification came from Diaz. "Columbia clearly could have done a much better job in fore-

warning," Jones said on the evening construction was scheduled to begin but was postponed.

Diaz claims the work—which involves a barrier along Broadway, the suspension of parking spaces on Broadway and 129th Street, and the temporary closing of 129th Street—will unfairly affect his business, and says he wasn't given enough time to contest it. He added Tuesday night that since construction started at the beginning of the week, business has been down 40 percent.

"We have kept Mr. Diaz informed of the upcoming construction in advance of any work being performed in the vicinity of Floridita Restaurant," Benitez wrote. "Notably, most major work activities near Floridita will be limited to the late evening hours—from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Friday, normal business days—to minimize impacts during the restaurant's operating hours. ... We have worked hard to ensure that Mr. Diaz is both fully informed of these developments and that they do not affect Floridita's business, which we hope continues to thrive."

For her part, Gholson said the type of outreach she would like to see from Columbia would be on more substantive issues than simply when and where construction will occur.

"Let us have some substantive conversations where we tweak the expansion designs," Gholson said. "To me, that would be constructive and diplomatic."

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BC '10 to exercise opinions on gym grad

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and is. What mollified students was the luxury of not having a ticket system."

When commencement was held on South Lawn, students were able to invite an unlimited amount of guests. But current construction would mean guests seated on a sloping hill hundreds of yards away from where the speaker would be, according to Palillo.

For guest overflow, friends and relatives will have access to the event space in the Diana, which holds nearly five hundred people; LeFrak Gymnasium; and 202 Altschul Hall, which will provide live simulcasts.

As the Spectator reported in May, the Jewish holiday of Shavuot conflicted with Columbia College's

original commencement date, and the date was changed.

"For the past two years that Barnard's ceremony has been on South Lawn, the University commencement has been [on] the Wednesday," said Palillo. "Barnard always tries to be on [that] Monday." This holiday obstacle led to "having less time to schedule everyone's commencement ceremonies," added Palillo, so Barnard's commencement was put inside Dodge so it could keep its date of Monday, May 17. The only alternative to the Monday date would be the last day of finals.

Students had mixed reactions to the change. Cari Hecklen, BC '10, said she expected Class Day to be on Barnard's Lehman Lawn—near the Diana—and that

she had no idea about the move to Dodge. Though, "ultimately, it is an administrative decision," she acknowledged.

Daphne Larose, BC '10, said she disliked that students and student representatives, including Palillo and senior class president Chelsea Zimmerman, BC '10, were kept in the dark. "It's upsetting because ... I have always believed Barnard to be very much students-first," she said.

Despite protests, Senior Class Dean Aaron Schneider wrote in an email to seniors that the decision is "necessarily firm and final at this point."

A forum about the issue will be held on Sept. 24 in 202 Altschul from 6-7 p.m.

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Paterson addresses Med Center

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But despite his reluctance to discuss rumors of hardball politicking, the emerging soap-opera narrative involving Obama, Paterson, and Cuomo has ignited a national frenzy. Mark Halperin of Time Magazine featured Paterson's Columbia appearance as the lead story on his personal blog for

much of yesterday. The New York Times editorial page knocked the Obama administration for intervening in local politics. And Karl Rove, a political adviser to former President George W. Bush, also derided the White House's handling of the situation.

Amid this chaos, Paterson has tried to remain focused on the state deficit and vows to run next year.

"Clearly I'm running for reelection," he said, but declined to promise victory, saying that he is "not a psychic."

The governor did receive one bit of good news on Tuesday, as the State Court of Appeals validated his appointment of Richard Ravitch, CC '55, to the office of lieutenant governor.

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CORRECTION

In an article that ran in the Tuesday 22 issue of the Spectator, Juli Weiner was identified as CC '10. She is in fact BC '10. In the same article James Downie's name was misspelled. Additionally, Bwog began in 2006, not 2005 as reported. Spectator regrets the error.

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Smells like home

BY NEIL FITZPATRICK

My name is Neil FitzPatrick and I'm from New Jersey. I know that's important, because it's the first thing anyone asked me as a first-year at Columbia. Not "So what's your take on this Iraq business?" or "How do you feel about peanut M&M's?" (I fully support them), but "Where are you from?" The weird thing was, the conversation usually ended there. For everyone else—Texans, Oregonians (yes, I looked it up), Koreans—there was always a follow up question: "Oh cool, but why don't you have an accent?" "Is that the one at the top or is that Washington?" "How do you say 'penis' in Korean?" The best I ever got was a blunt "ew" from a mildly intoxicated Horace Mann Alum.

As a second year, the same holds true. My roommate is from Athens. All he has to do is say "Greece" and look mildly foreign, and the conversation takes care of itself. The truth is that being from New Jersey—particularly at Columbia—is just not that interesting. I am not, to borrow a line, a beautiful and unique snowflake.

But it's not just that there are a lot of other kids from the Garden State at Columbia. Jersey gets a bad rap. That drunk Upper East Side snob was just being honest. The usual criticisms about my home state sound something like this: it smells, it's one big garbage dump, it's one big factory, it's one big factory that runs on the garbage from the one big garbage dump, it's full of guidos (muscle t's, hair gel, fake tans, Escalades, not necessarily Italian) all the politicians are



corrupt, two thirds of the state is highway, there's nothing to do, it's full of Jersey girls, we're all illiterate, etc., etc.

And actually, a lot of that is true. We do have a considerable number of guidos, most Jersey girls do, in fact, come from New Jersey, and we can tell where our fellow citizens live by what exit they are off of one of the state's two major highways.

Also interesting, the following is a real AP news story from this summer: "An investigation into the sale of black-market kidneys and fake Gucci handbags evolved into a sweeping probe of political corruption in New Jersey, ensnaring more than 40 people Thursday, including three mayors, two state lawmakers and several rabbis." Yes. Human kidneys. And those weren't small town mayors, either. The chief executives of Hoboken and Secaucus were among those arrested.

My point here, despite what it may seem, is not to further damage the already-delicate reputation of my homeland. Bon Jovi has done enough. But it's also not exactly to defend it. I do not intend to go off about real bagels, good pizza, boardwalks, and diners (although all of those things are very, very dear to my heart). Nor am I going to tell you about the suburbs, beaches, and farmland that make up a large portion of the state. I won't even take the easy way out and just take pot shots at Long Island (but seriously. Talk about God-awful places.) Instead, I'm going to do my best to explain why it's the organ-trading holy men and greased-up walking clichés that give me, and so many of my fellow residents, deep-seeded Jersey pride.

First of all, let's turn to the NFL. New York has three football teams (Giants, Jets, Bills, for those playing along at home). New Jersey has none. No complaint there. After all, the entirety of New England has to share one team. But things get a bit weird when one considers that two of those New York teams—the Jets and the Giants—have their home stadium in New Jersey. Imagine if the Florida Marlins played in Georgia, or the Arizona Cardinals in New Mexico. How long do you think Georgia and New Mexico would wait before petitioning for a name change?

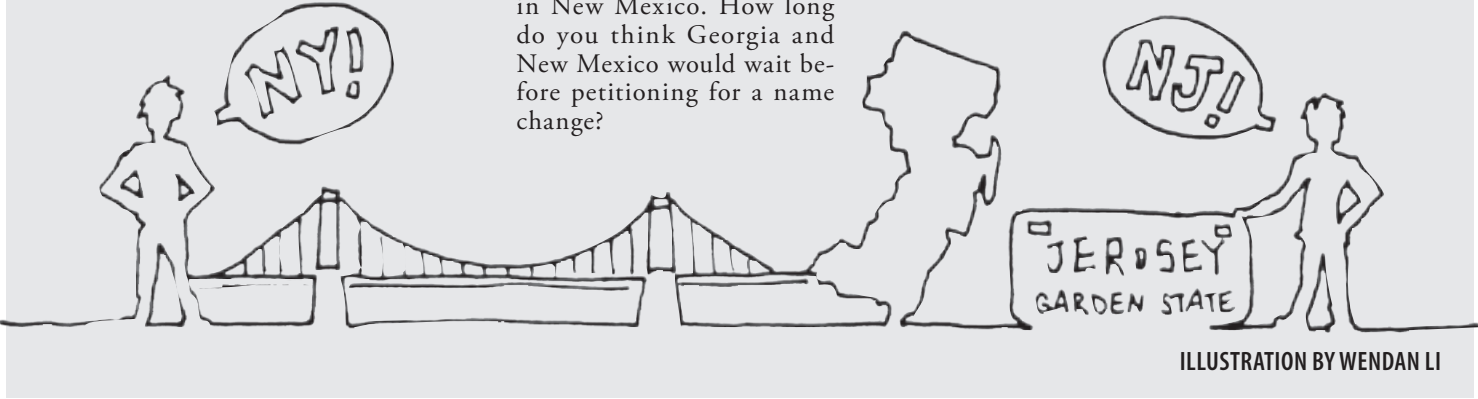


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A small group of committed people

BY PHILLIP DUPREE

The world is not the place we believe it to be. This is a lesson I had to learn the hard way, and have to continuously relearn, as I attempt to work toward making the world the place I know it could be. Regardless of our various economic backgrounds, all Columbians are incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity to attend this institution. Here, we can live and learn while all our basic necessities are provided. When I was young, I believed, in my naïveté, that this was how everyone in the world lived—not necessarily indulging their every whim, but well taken care of. It was not until an ethics class in high school that I learned the truth: my classmates and I were part of an educated elite, while the vast majority of the world still languished in poverty. It was, and still is, a shocking lesson to learn.

Why is it that I devote time to social justice? Quite frankly, I believe that we are all extraordinary lucky to live lives not for want of basic necessities. We just as easily could have been born into the slums of India or into modern day slavery in Southeast Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, or even the streets of New York. We have all worked hard to get where we are today—that is true. But when nothing more than luck truly separates us from the people on the other side of the world laboring in rock quarries and begging on the streets, how is it right for us to ignore them? It could just as easily have been us, and if it were, I would desperately want people

working to improve my hereditary condition of poverty. For this reason I feel the need to work towards evening out the standards of living in the world. And that is exactly what my friends and I, as well as thousands of other modern-day abolitionists around New York City, are doing this week.

This week, from Sept. 20-27, is officially Freedom Week in New York City. Several abolitionist groups are hosting events at Columbia, including a benefit concert with Braddigan from Dispatch and a theatrical performance on the issue. It all culminates in a walk around Lincoln Center organized by the non-profit organization Stop Child Trafficking Now, to raise awareness on a mass scale about modern day slavery.

So how did a group of Columbia University students get involved in such a movement? Just nine months ago, if someone had asked me if slavery still existed, I probably would have told them "no."

It all started with a documentary called "Call + Response," just released and played in an independent cinema down in Tribeca last fall. Now, my friends and I were no strangers to the massive discrepancies between the haves and the have-nots in our world when we hit the one line that snowy December evening. We were all in different clubs that worked on social justice issues, but even when you know the facts, it is still all too easy for the urgency of the poverty and injustice in other parts of the world to just fade away from the forefront in the wake of friends, midterms, and life in general. Every so often, even activists need to hear a call to action. Needless to say, that is the least of what we experienced in the theater that night.

Quite simply, we learned that slavery is not dead. Far from it, it is one of the largest illicit markets in the world today, second only to weapons trafficking. Modern day slavery exists all over the world, from children kidnapped

Now consider that both Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty are actually in New Jersey. That's right. Your great-grandfather who came to the land of opportunity with seven dollars in his pocket and a dream? He landed first in New Jersey.

Of course both of these facts are well known, at least in the tri-state area. Movements to correct them have come and gone. But they still remain the best examples of my larger point: New Jersey is the runt of the pack. Or, if you prefer, Meg from "Family Guy." It's unloved, unnoticed, smelly, sort of ugly, and quietly determined to escape itself (okay that last part might be my invention, but you get my point). The constant insults, the lack of credit, and our ever-present flaws all give us our identity. They are the reason we keep turning out Bruce Springsteens and John Stewarts. As the lead singer of an acclaimed Jersey punk band recently pointed out, we actually almost made "Born to Run," a ballad about escaping New Jersey, the state song. But even Bruce, who has made his mark by writing albums about fleeing home, still loves (and lives in) Jersey. The fact is, we love all the garbage and smells and corruption and jibes because, as cliché as it is, they have only made us stronger. They've made us stronger and given us a Napoleon complex. It's a dangerous combination. So go ahead, keep them coming. And watch your back, Long Island.

The author is a Columbia College sophomore. He is an associate editorial page editor.

West Side Stories is a feature that uses the personal essay to showcase the diverse backgrounds of members of the Columbia and Morningside Heights community. It takes an intimate look at the journeys that have led individuals to this school and city. By drawing upon stories of family, culture, childhood, past travels and adventures, the essays seek to illuminate how people's experiences both influence their relationships to the community and shape the opinions they hold.

Staff Editorial

Better late than never

Until recently, Native American studies has been a field that has garnered little interest at Columbia. But things have changed: The Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race is aiming to create a Native American studies major or concentration by 2010. The development of this field at Columbia is an exciting opportunity for both the University and its students to take leadership in an often-neglected field. To ensure the success of this program, CSER should work to create a curriculum that offers a wide variety of classes. Then, in order to allow students of every concentration an opportunity to partake in this opportunity, the Office of the Core Curriculum should approve these new classes for the recently updated Global Core requirement.

The approved Major Cultures course list, which applies to the classes of 2010 and 2011 and is currently being phased out, exemplifies the lack of attention to Native American studies in the past. While a wide variety of African and Asian Civilization courses were offered through Major Cultures, the Native American Civilization category boasted a laughable three courses. Fortunately, Columbia is work-

ing to remedy this. Spurred on by student interest, the offices of the Vice Provost for Diversity as well as the CSER are working to hire new faculty and create more Native American studies courses. The program they envision will be particularly innovative because it will focus on the urban nature of contemporary Native American life and will also take an interdisciplinary approach to Native American studies. Students will be far more likely to declare a major or concentration if they feel that there will be plenty of courses and interesting options available to them.

The University's efforts to improve Native American studies as well as its planned creation of a new major or concentration are commendable. Students would benefit from including Native American studies in their coursework, through either the Global Core requirement or electives. The Class of 2013 should also keep Native American studies in mind when selecting a major or concentration.

We applaud the CSER for taking this important first step in promoting scholarship on this crucial field of study, and we look forward to further progress toward hopefully making Columbia a leader in Native American studies.

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It cost me nearly \$800, more than I had spent on books in four semesters combined at Columbia. In my first class, I mentioned the cost as an aside to the girl sitting to my left. "Just wait until you try to sell them back," she laughed. "You'll be lucky to get \$30."

Buying the newest editions of most textbooks makes no sense, except to help out struggling publishers and professors. In high school, the school districts supplied textbooks for free; students rented the book for a semester, returning it at the end when the material had been learned. In college, students have somehow evolved into cash cows, expected by professors to cough up nearly a grand a semester for books.

When I first came to Columbia, I spent some time trying to get textbooks on the cheap. It was no secret that international editions of books worth hundreds of dollars sell for nothing on the Internet, or that PDFs of various books can be pirated like popular music. By borrowing the newest edition of textbooks from libraries or friends, I was able to find the problems I needed for homework, while using older, international, or electronic editions of the books to grab content.

But my system was exasperating and

morally ambiguous. Running between libraries and calling friends at all hours of the night clawed at my nerves. Taking books from the internet felt like stealing. What I saved in cash I lost in sanity. This semester, I decided to try using Amazon and the Columbia University Bookstore. I got my books, but emptied my wallet in the process.

If Columbia, like any public high school, purchased required textbooks for its classes and lent them to students, it might protect the students from the high costs of new-edition textbooks. Even if that were too much, students could still cut costs by knowing which books they would need far ahead of time, as discovered by a University of Michigan task force. With enough prior knowledge, they could shop smartly using online resources. Last spring, this idea was addressed by the Student Senate, which passed a resolution requiring professors to inform students ahead of time about

which textbooks and editions would be required. Still, nothing much has been done to act on that resolution. Most students still wait for classes to start to find out which books they must buy. As books do not change that often from semester to semester, it might be wise to compile a database of textbooks from past years. In addition, students would benefit if professors posted required books to a public list a few weeks before the start of classes.

A good textbook rental system would also help. Senator Chuck Schumer offered such a system in his Affordable Books for College Act in 2005, which was later added to the Higher Education Opportunity Act in 2008. Columbia, however, does not take part in Schumer's Course Material Rental Pilot Program, which would help students save hundreds by renting books. Students who want to rent books must now look towards websites

like Chegg.com, which charge a bundle without leaving the student any equity. If a good rental system were set up at Columbia, either by taking part in Senator Schumer's pilot program or by working to create a good peer-to-peer system, it would greatly help the students at Columbia.

We need to change the way Columbia students deal with textbooks. With the help of the tech community and the administration, certain simple systems like a database of textbooks from past classes and a peer-to-peer rental network could be put in place, helping students take control of their education.

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ready to present Tadic with tough questions. The recurring issues remained Serbia's past relations with other former Yugoslavs and the current policies of the democratic regime.

When asked about the past Serbian's genocide of other ethnic groups in the region, Tadic responded, "What is genocide? There were war criminals and violence,

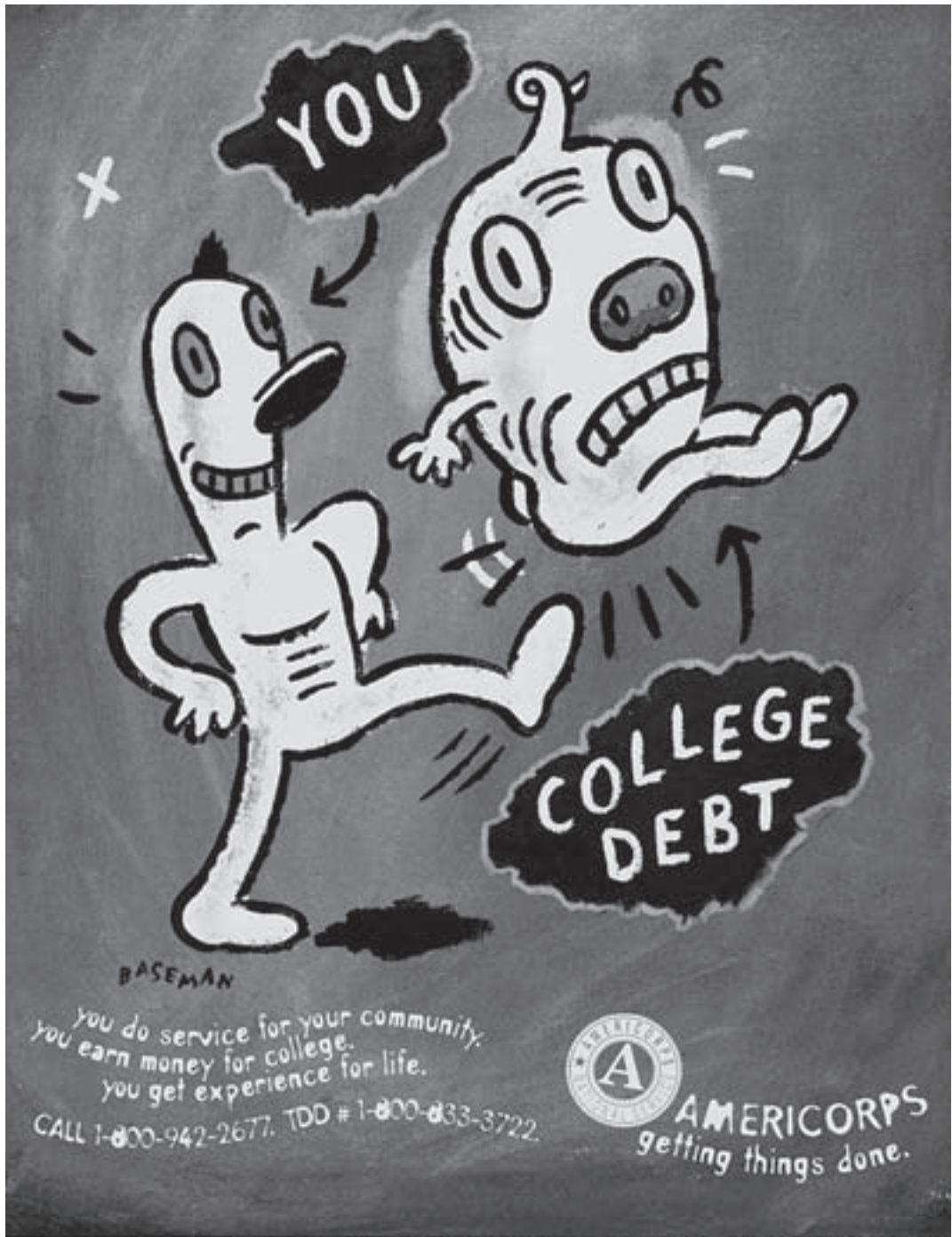
but genocide would open a very difficult discussion. The genocide was on all sides."

A Serbian graduate student asked about the recent power bestowed on the Serbian government to easily shut down news organizations. This was the question that prompted Tadic to reconsider his earlier reliance on Wilson's words, saying that, in practice, real problems come first before principles. He responded similarly

when pressed about regulations on demonstration.

That Tadic's pragmatism makes him incompatible with the widespread democratic ideals he preaches attracted the ire of many present. As was noted toward the end, 80 percent of EU countries disagree with Tadic's position on Kosovo, and most democratic press groups frowned upon easy government regulation of the press and demonstrations.

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The Columbia field hockey team looks to continue its winning ways when it takes on Fairfield tonight. After dropping their first two games of the season, the Lions picked up their level of play to win the next two contests, bringing their overall record to 2-2 (1-0 Ivy).

The Light Blue's most recent victory came Saturday in its Ivy League opener against Brown. The Lions relied heavily on their defense as they outscored the Bears 2-0, outshot them 22-3, and held a 15-5 advantage in corners.

Senior back Catherine Campbell scored both of Columbia's goals off of corners. Freshman goalkeeper Christine O'Hara recorded her first collegiate shutout and made one save.

Campbell's two goals give her the most of any Lion so far this season. According to head coach Jana Woolley, this even offensive attack has been a major team goal.

"This year so far it has been a very balanced team effort," Woolley said in an e-mail. "We are running in seven forwards right now, and as a result of that they are all contributing which is great"

Fairfield (3-4) doesn't have the same momentum coming into tonight's matchup. The Stags fell in their last contest to Drexel by a score of 5-1. They have been inconsistent so far this season, never stringing together back-to-back victories.

Fairfield's lone goal against Drexel came off the stick of senior forward Molly Byrnes just under seven

minutes into the game. The early score gave the Stags their only lead, as the Dragons responded with two goals in the first half and three more in the second.

The Drexel defense managed to quiet Fairfield's leading scorer, sophomore forward Marit Westernberg. Westernberg has eight points on four goals on the season.

The Lions will also have to watch out for junior midfielder Anne Nieuwenhuis, who is second in scoring with seven points, three goals, and an assist.

The Light Blue holds the advantage between the posts, as Stag goalkeeper Caitlin O'Donnell has allowed an average of 3.24 goals per game, while O'Hara has only yielded 2.19.

The Lions have played the Stags for three seasons in a row and have come away with a victory each time. Last season, Columbia won 3-2 thanks to goals by Campbell, current junior midfielder Julia Garrison, and current sophomore midfielder/forward Maggie O'Connor.

"Fairfield is a great team and will be a tough match up for us," Woolley said on Tuesday. "The past few years have been a battle until the end, and I expect that tomorrow will be the same. For us, tomorrow we will need to work really hard on our press to come up with intercepts. And, connecting on set pieces for us will be big."

The game is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Columbia Field Hockey Venue.

Norries no longer the only Wilson in town

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often finish with a victory. In 2008, they won two of four matches that went to five games, and in 2007 they only took one of their matches to five. The team was shutout 16 times in 2007, improved to only nine last year and, as of today, has only been shutout in a single game. I don't know about you, but I think I smell a turn-around.

And, that is exactly what I want to see. I want to see the league's (and likely the nation's) shortest outside hitter, 5' 6" sophomore Cindy Chen, crush a ball and break some unsuspecting player's nose. She hits that hard. I want to see Ellie Thomas, the only senior who has truly played four years with the team, get her first Ivy win since freshman year against Brown.

Just like newcomers resuscitated the football team three years ago, the volleyball team is getting revitalized by the immediate contributions of some spunky, talented freshmen this season. First-year setter Kelsey Musselman has been a breath of fresh air for the front-row players, and she's a springboard for Megan Gaughn and Erin Longinotti, Columbia's set of powerful freshman outside hitters.

However, just like for the football team of yesteryear, those fresh, young players come at a price—they don't have the years of experience or extra practice and can still occasionally play like "scared freshmen." Bad passes and ever-so-slightly-off blocks result in easy points for Columbia's opponents. So, too, does miscommunication. I've watched more than one game in which the ball has literally just dropped in the middle of the court with six Light Blue women staring at it because nobody committed to the ball.

But I think they've got momentum—they are turning this program around. This weekend, they'll see if they can extend their home winning streak to five games versus Cornell. Yeah, it's at the same time as the football game. For some reason that happens a lot. And yeah, the Athletic Department does a much better job convincing people to show up to football games than they do to volleyball games. They'd probably even admit that it's intentional.

But hey, you'll get to watch another team that has been struggling to find a victorious identity through a coaching and recruiting transition with a guy named Coach Wilson. As for my predictions? I'm optimistic. Cautiously optimistic.

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If football can do it, then so can volleyball



LISA LEWIS
THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID

There's a lot of talk right now that the Columbia football team is having something of an about-face this season. I'm not sure I'm buying the hype just yet. Despite the score, the first game was far closer than it ap-

peared. To Columbia's credit, they managed to score every time they got into the red zone—a stat that would make any team envious. However, the longest drive that Columbia had to sustain to score was 51 yards—barely more than halfway down the field. Between the three interceptions and the new freshman who can punt, Columbia got a lot of opportunities to have a short field.

Can they control the field position game in the future as well as they did this weekend? Time will tell. I sure hope so. I'm cautiously optimistic (because being truly optimistic is the kiss of death for any Columbia fan).

Despite the great front-page coverage of the football team's first road win in a while, there's another team that I believe is having quite the turn-around of its own, without much in the way of fanfare.

Have you heard of that other Coach Wilson? He and his players ought to be making headlines in this paper, too.

When I first looked at the stats for the Columbia volleyball team for this season, I couldn't help but think that it looked awfully similar to last year's nonconference results. Nonconference opponents can run the gamut in terms of strength and difficulty, and looking around the league, we've got the easier set of nonconference teams. Our 7-4 record looks stronger than others because we're not playing Arizona State, Wyoming, or Colorado as our warmup to Ivy League matches like some of our conference rivals. And it looks like our nonconference record is shaping up to be about the same as it was last year.

However, after getting into the gym and watching my share of volleyball games lately, I've had a change of heart. I don't think that this is going to be just another season of Ivy League disappointment for the players, coach, and community. If nothing else, this team looks like it is learning how to fight for its wins.

For one, the Lions have yet to lose a match that goes to five games. That is an epic change.

Last year, if they managed to wrestle it out into five games, Columbia didn't



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BACK ON TRACK | Sophomore forward Marrisa Shultz led the Lions to their third win of the season.

Early power surge lifts Lions over Blue Devils

BY SARAH SOMMER
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

After a winless weekend, the Columbia women's soccer team bounced back with an offensive tour de force on Tuesday night. The Lions overtook Central Connecticut State by a 3-2 score to notch their third win of the season.

Columbia (3-3-1) initially struggled to find a rhythm on the attack, committing five offside offenses in the first 30 minutes of play.

"In the first half, it was kind of tough to break that pattern of getting into offsides," senior midfielder Sophie Reiser said. "But also, being able to push forward and have that attacking mindset is what got us those three goals, so we were able to correct for it."

Central Connecticut State (2-5-1) struck in the 34th minute when junior midfielder Beth Lloyd scored her first goal of the year giving the Blue Devils a 1-0 lead. Eight minutes later, junior forward Kelly Hostetler answered with a tally for Columbia.

The Lions jumped out to a 3-1 lead in the second half, as Reiser and sophomore forward Marissa Schultz teamed up for two goals. Schultz scored in the 48th and 50th minutes, netting her second goal after she and Reiser both had shots blocked.

SEASON PREVIEW: DARTMOUTH FOOTBALL

Dartmouth continues year-old quest to snap 11-game losing streak

BY CHRISTOPHER BROWN
Spectator Senior Staff Writer

Coming off its first winless season in over a century, the Dartmouth football team hopes to climb out of the Ivy League basement in 2009 despite pre-season projections that have the Big Green finishing in last place.

Dartmouth's fortunes ride on the shoulders of senior quarterback Alex Jenny. After starting 21 games in his first three seasons in Hanover, he will again be called upon to provide veteran leadership for the team. Although he passed for over 1,300 yards in 2008, Jenny threw just five touchdowns, the same number he threw in 2007, when he had only 484 passing yards. Greater consistency in Jenny's passing game could lead to more continuity and scoring opportunities for the Big Green offense.

Dartmouth head coach Buddy Teevens feels that the key for Jenny is "to play within himself" and not feel the need "to make all the plays" for the offense. Teevens admitted his team has a tendency to turn the ball over by forcing passing plays that are not readily available.

Junior wide receiver Tim McManus will be Jenny's primary target in 2009. Last year he led the team with 60 catches for 637 yards and 3 touchdowns, earning an honorable mention all-Ivy selection.

In order to take pressure off the passing game, the Big Green need a significant improvement in the team's running game. No current player on Dartmouth's roster gained over 100 rushing yards in a game last season, but Teevens expressed some optimism about Nick Schwieger. "He's a talented young man, we saw opportunities with him last year," said Teevens. Unfortunately, he was injured midway through the season. Junior T.J. Cameron, along with seniors Matthew

Dornak and Rob Mitchelson, could also see some action at tailback this season.

Sophomore cornerback Shawn Abuhoff returns to the Dartmouth secondary after a solid rookie season. He had 23 tackles and three interceptions for 18 yards in 2008, and he began the 2009 season by blocking a point after attempt against Colgate and returning it for a touchback.

On special teams, sophomore Foley Schmidt returns as the team's leading kicker. He converted 9 of 13 field goals and all 12 of his extra point attempts for 39 points in 2008. Abuhoff also contributed with nine kick returns for 277 yards and a touchdown last year.

While Dartmouth opened the season with a 34-15 loss to Colgate last Saturday, Teevens has seen a marked improvement in his team's attitude since 2008 and hopes that this mental adjustment makes a difference on the field. He also credits players for spending more time in the weight room in the offseason, observing that "they're a little ahead [compared to last year], by size, by strength, by speed."

Teevens also pointed out that his roster was filled with underclassmen last year, putting them in a difficult position to succeed right away. "We played 32 freshmen and sophomores last year," he said. "The bad thing about that is having to play that many inexperienced kids. The good news, however, is that those freshmen and sophomores become sophomores and juniors with invaluable experience."

Assistant coach Chris Wilkerson noted in Tuesday's league teleconference that his team is in a rebuilding mode. "We're still developing," he said.

Dartmouth will travel to Durham, N.H. this Saturday to face New Hampshire, an in-state rival. The Big Green's first Ivy League game will be against Pennat home on Oct. 3.

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OFFENSE



Tim McManus # 2

DEFENSE



Shawn Abuhoff # 8

HEAD COACH



Buddy Teevens

All-Ivy selection Tim McManus will be quarterback Alex Jenny's wide receiver of choice after his dominant 2008 campaign. Following a breakout freshman year, cornerback Shawn Abuhoff will be a crucial component of the Big Green's defense.

2008 STATS

Record 0-10 (0-7)

Scoring 11.0 PPG

Scoring Defense 31.9 PPG

Total Offense 214.3 YPG

Total Defense 430.0 YPG

Passing Offense 187.1 YPG

Run Offense 27.1 YPG

Passing Defense 205.3 YPG

Run Defense 224.7 YPG

SCHEDULE

Sept. 19 vs. Colgate, L 34-15

Sept. 26 at New Hampshire

Oct. 3 vs. Pennsylvania

Oct. 10 at Yale

Oct. 17 at Holy Cross

Oct. 24 vs. Columbia

Oct. 31 at Harvard

Nov. 7 vs. Cornell

Nov. 14 at Brown

Nov. 21 vs. Princeton

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